



Board of Directors Meeting

November 13, 2008

Legislative Update

Item VI. A.

Recommended Action:	Information Only
Issue:	Legislative Update
Program:	Numerous
Budget Impact:	Varied

State Budget Process

The Governor's Office requested that all state agencies identify services that would be affected if budgets were reduced by 10 percent for FY 2009 – 2010. The Public Policy department is analyzing the potential reductions and the impact to programs in Pinellas County. The attached preliminary spreadsheet identifies reductions of concern for Children and Family programs, and the priority assigned by the respective state agency. The programs would be cut in descending order.

The following timeline sets the stage for the 2009 Regular Session:

November 21, 2008	General Revenue Estimating Conference
January, 2009	Governor's budget is released
February, 2009	Legislative Appropriations committees begin meeting
March 3, 2009	Regular Session begins
May 1, 2009	Last day of Regular Session

The Governor has indicated that he would not consider a Special Session until after the November Revenue Estimating Conference. Presently, the current FY 2008- 09 revenue shortfall is estimated at \$1.5 billion. When coupled with the use of non-recurring dollars to fund on-going programs, economists estimate the FY 2009-10 shortfall could range from \$1.6 billion to \$3.5 billion.