

A discussion last week with two teachers meeting for coffee ...





I didn't know the way schools are funded has changed.

Yes it has. Schools used to be funded by Average Daily Attendance plus Categorical Grants. Now, we use a system called **Local Control Funding Formula**. (LCFF)



The California Department of Ed. now sends funds directly to individual districts. Every district gets a BASE amount of money based on 2007-08 funding levels. On top of that districts are allotted more money for unduplicated students. These are students who qualify for free or reduced lunches, are in foster care, or are EL students.



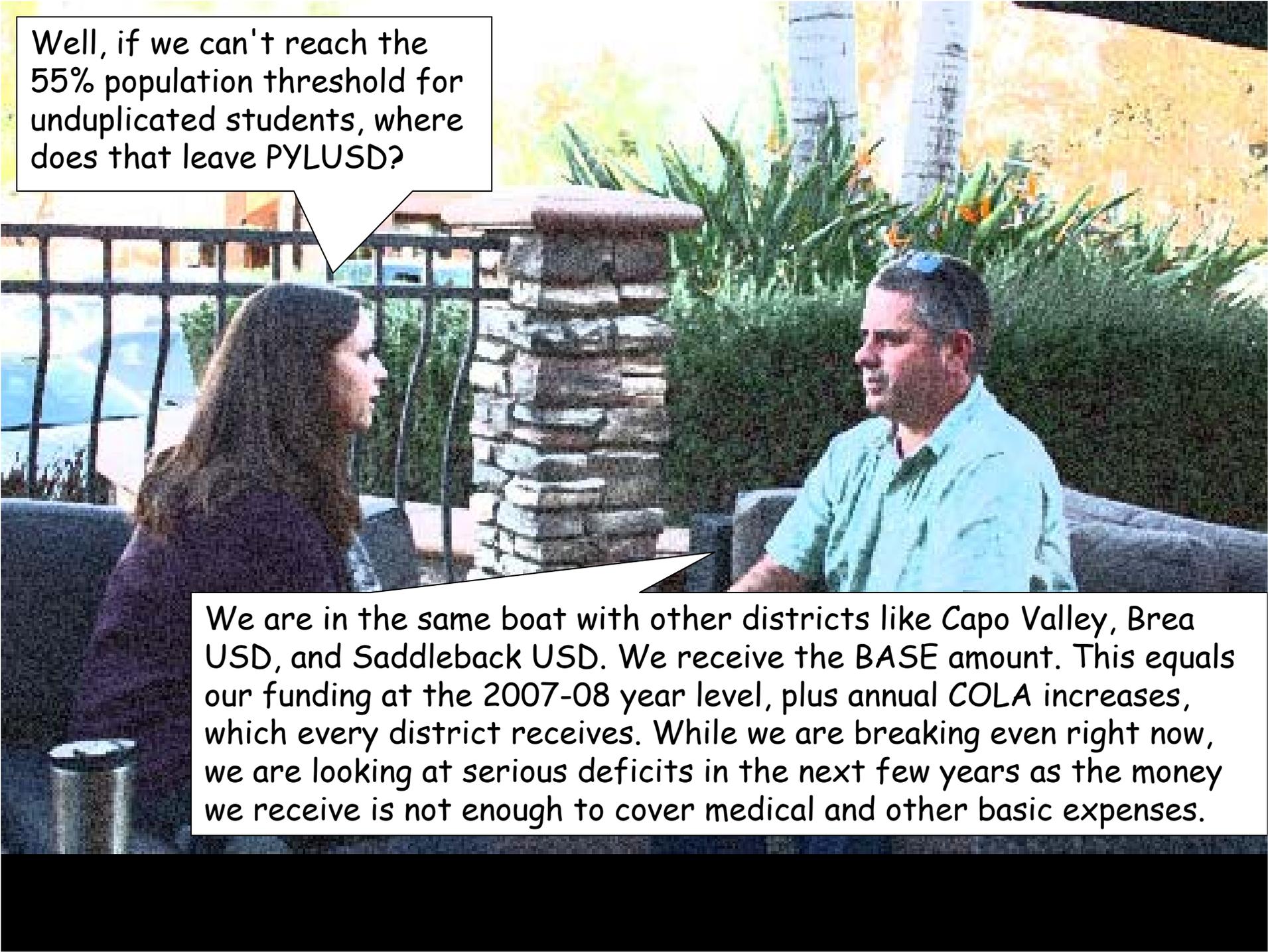
Districts have to reach a 55% population level before they can receive an increase in money beyond the base allotment. This is a real advantage for districts with those types of students. Here at PYLUSD we're under 40% with no population change in sight or increase in funding beyond the base.



Well Mike, what I am hearing you say is that the District might not have enough funding going forward. Why would the State make that kind of decision?



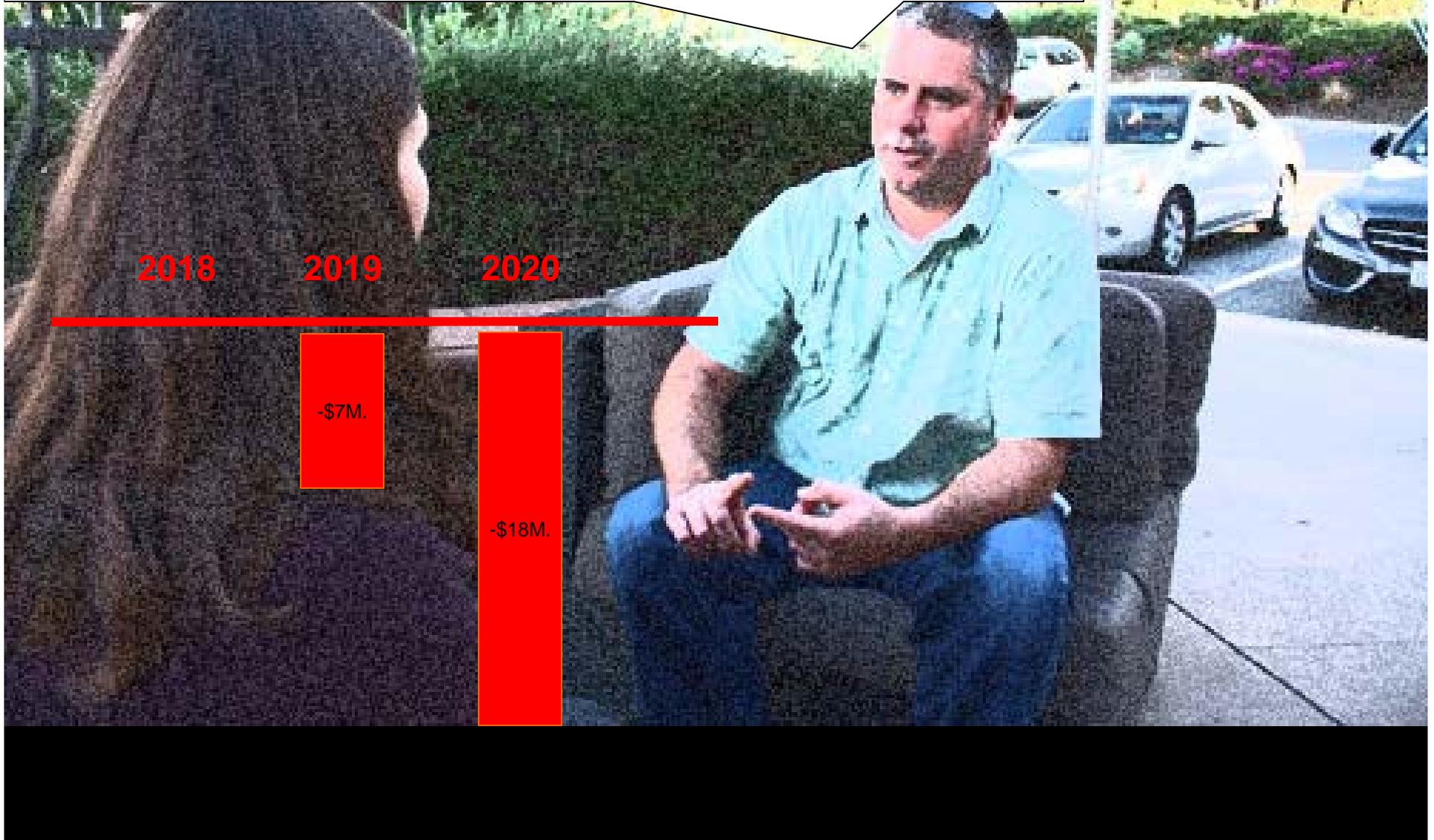
Governor Brown has three goals in mind. One, he wants to give more financial control to local communities regarding their educational priorities. Two, the governor wants to grant increased resources to the neediest students. And three, he wants to use market incentives to induce good teachers to move to the neediest districts.

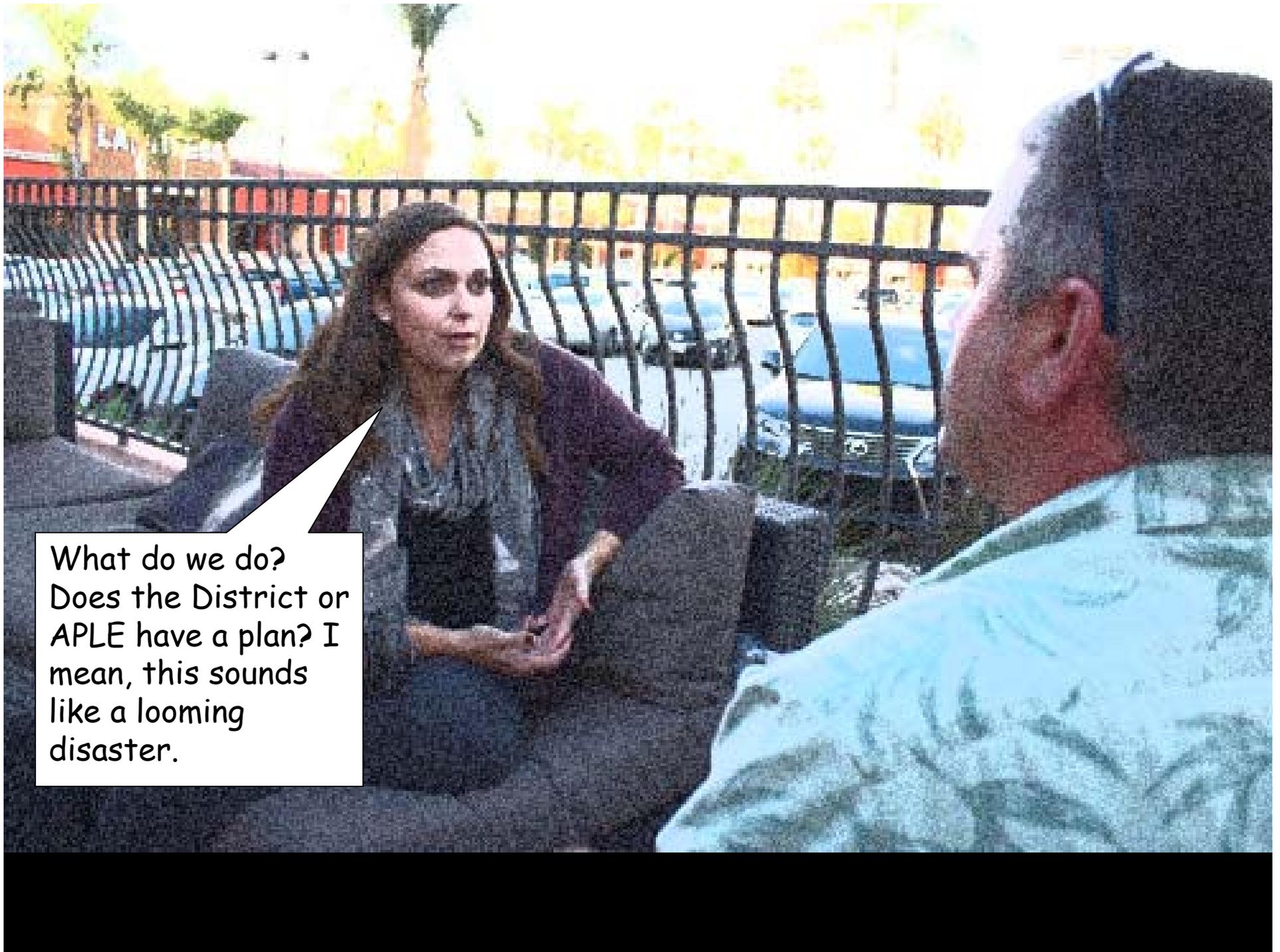


Well, if we can't reach the 55% population threshold for unduplicated students, where does that leave PYLUSD?

We are in the same boat with other districts like Capo Valley, Brea USD, and Saddleback USD. We receive the BASE amount. This equals our funding at the 2007-08 year level, plus annual COLA increases, which every district receives. While we are breaking even right now, we are looking at serious deficits in the next few years as the money we receive is not enough to cover medical and other basic expenses.

We will break even this year but in 2018-19 we are looking at a \$7 million deficit - and that is with the passage of Proposition 55. And the next, a \$18 million dollar deficit. There aren't enough furlough days in the school year to make up that amount, if the law still allowed for furlough days.





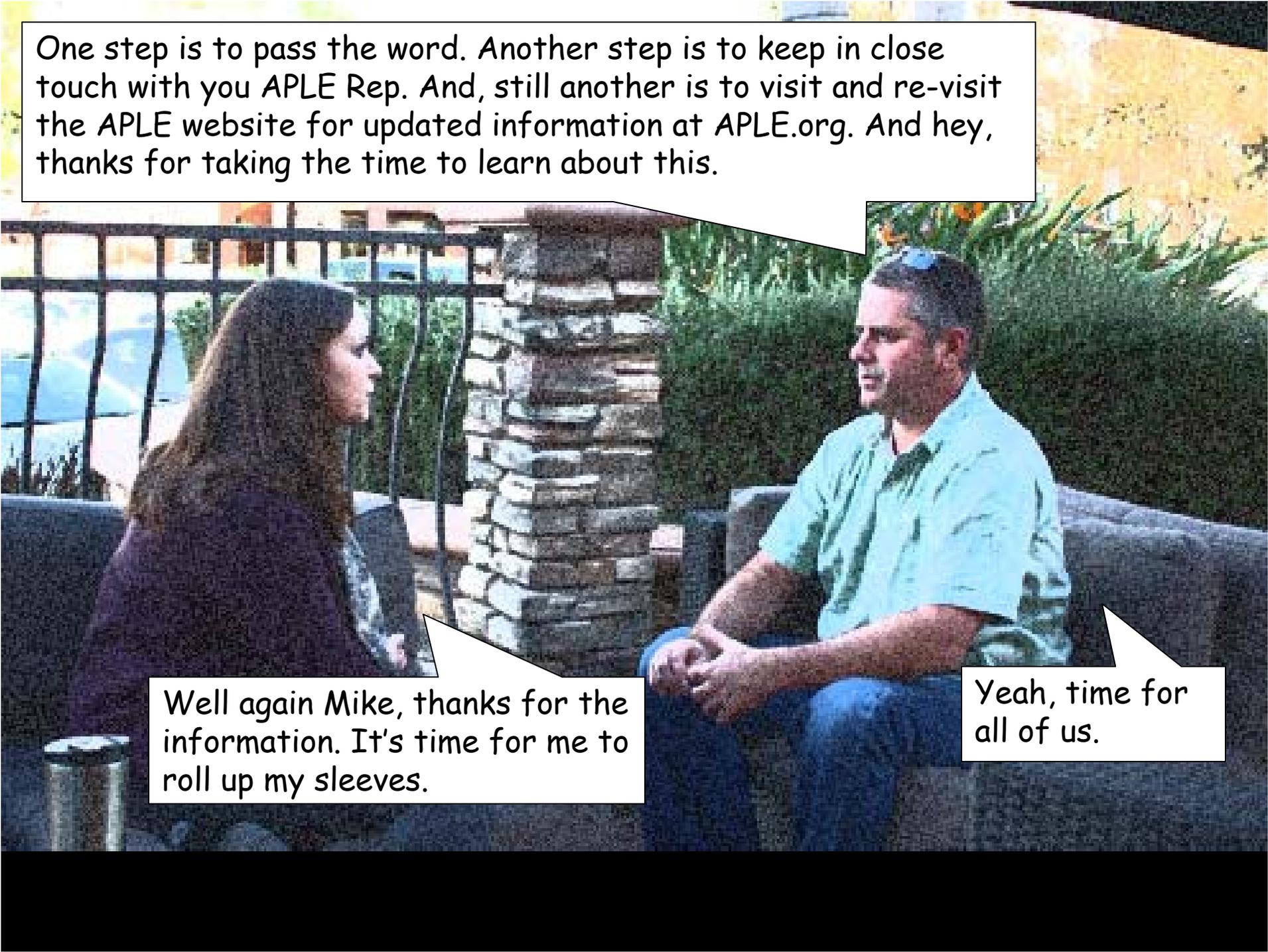
What do we do?
Does the District or
APLE have a plan? I
mean, this sounds
like a looming
disaster.

The District is quite aware. We are talking with them. At the same time, this is an "All hands on deck" situation. We are going to ask EVERY APLE member to write a state senator and assemblymen, to make phone calls, to help us raise the awareness of this problem to the Governor's Office.





Thanks for the information Mike. How can I keep up on this and know what I can do?



One step is to pass the word. Another step is to keep in close touch with you APLE Rep. And, still another is to visit and re-visit the APLE website for updated information at APLE.org. And hey, thanks for taking the time to learn about this.

Well again Mike, thanks for the information. It's time for me to roll up my sleeves.

Yeah, time for all of us.