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School Board Question 2: How will you balance budgetary constraints with improving the educational experience to keep families from leaving SFUSD?

During my school board tenure in 2022, I learned about the District's finances and determined that our budget problems were not due to insufficient funding but rather due to inefficient and wasteful spending.

SFUSD's expenditures have increased for decades while enrollment has dropped and academic results have worsened. School programs continue to be funded with no metrics in place to show if they are effective. Popular programs such as Spanish- and Mandarin-immersion are not being expanded. The district does not seem interested in attracting more families and increasing enrollment. Administrative programs, such as the payroll system, are implemented without being fully tested which then cause more money and human resources to be spent.

I will demand that the Superintendent and his staff evaluate every program and establish metrics to determine their effectiveness. Furthermore, SFUSD must embrace our parents and students as our customers and provide the services they desire in an efficient manner so that they will remain or become SFUSD families.