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FY 2023 Final Budget

Overview

- Financial plan for 2022-2023
- Enrollment has been certified based on the unit count
- District has been operating under a preliminary budget
- CFOC reviewed the budget on January 31st

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Executive Summary

We have experienced a third straight year of declining enrollment, our biggest revenue driver. In addition, the inflationary pressures impacting every sector of the economy are driving expenses up.

This combination of factors has grown the budget and pushed us into a level of deficit spending faster than anticipated. Thankfully, we are still utilizing ESSER COVID relief funds, helping to limit the amount of local reserves needed.

Staff shortages, coupled with increased student needs, both academically and social-emotionally, leave few options for spending reductions without serious consequences.

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Revenue

- State revenue is up from FY 22 but discretionary revenue declined by over 10% from FY 22 and 9% from the Preliminary budget.
    - Notable bright spot- State Safety and Security funds were reinstated.
- Local revenue is increasing 18% over FY 22. This is a by product of adding funds from our reserves to balance the budget rather than growth in actual revenue. Some restricted budgets are being intentionally spent down due to excess cash balances, leading to a reduction in restricted reserve funds.
- Federal revenue has increased over FY 22 but hasn't changed significantly since the Preliminary budget.
- Total revenue has increased by 8% over FY 2022.

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Expenditures

- Discretionary budgets were held constant or decreased wherever feasible. This was not possible in many cases due to inflationary pressures or increased needs. Most of the increases in these budgets are to maintain historical service levels, not to increase or enhance services.

- Restricted budgets are being maximized to preserve local operating funds. This includes:
  - utilizing many restricted state allocations in our budget reduction plan.
  - Securing grants that align with existing programs to assist in meeting student needs.
  - Comprehensive review of position management processes to ensure that all available units, grants and funds are being utilized as fully as possible.

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Detailed Budgets

Nutrition - Meals served are higher than anticipated by still below pre-COVID levels. Steep price increases in food and other supplies are exacerbated by the expiration of USDA waivers that allowed for enhanced reimbursement. Nutrition is expecting to operate in a deficit this year. District funds will be used to ensure that program and staff cuts are avoided.

Transportation - A large State investment in driver pay and other formula enhancements are driving the increased budget along with inflation in fuel and parts. The local contribution is projected to be slightly lower than last year.

Leach - The overall budget is down slightly over FY 22, mainly due to an adjusted estimate for Transportation costs. Funds for the construction of the new Leach school are reflected but not included in the total budget due to their one-time nature.

State Reduction Plan

$1,213,155.04	Division II All Other Costs
$40,489.00	Driver Education funds
$112,832.10	Professional Development funds
$254,311.00	Technology block grant funds
$156,484.00	Div. II Vocational funds
$2,331.78	CPR Instruction
$1,000.00	Transportation Supplies
$19,062.00	Child Safety Awareness
$51,281.00	Division II Occ. Vocational for Leach
$1,850,945.92	**Total**

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Other Information

- ESSER and One-time funding supplement
- Detail of local property tax receipts
- Enrollment Information
- Position Entitlement report

Questions?

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