



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL ITEM

TOPIC: Budget 2022 Update

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APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: APRIL 27, 2021

INFORMATIONAL REPORT:

Human Resources Dept. /C&I Dept.:

Middle School staffing meetings will be scheduled based on principal's request to meet. Staff is working on high school staffing numbers based on next year's expected enrollment.

87th Legislative Activity:

The House Appropriations Committee met on Monday, April 12th, to pass its version of the state budget, which includes full funding for public education under HB 3. The House's version is nearly identical to the version that passed the Senate last week in terms of the budgeted amounts for public education.

However, many important questions regarding the use of federal stimulus dollars and other school funding items remain unanswered. One key difference between the two chambers' budgets is the House's inclusion of a rider prohibiting the state from using federal stimulus dollars to supplant state aid. The Senate did not include similar language in its version of the budget.

The budget is now scheduled to go to the full House for its approval on April 22nd. More clarification on questions regarding the federal stimulus dollars will hopefully follow the conference committee process which begins closer to the end of session in May.

Comptroller's Office:

Staff met with Martin Villarreal of the Webb County Appraisal District (WCAD) on April 13, 2021 to review the District's preliminary values. The District is expecting that tax values will decrease about 10% due to the decrease in minerals of over 30%. WCAD will be sending us our official preliminary values by the end of April. Staff will use this information to start projecting tax revenue for both our Operation budget and our Debt service budget.