

**School Board Meeting/Workshop Date:**

**May 29, 2011**

**Subject:**

**Preliminary 2012-13 General Fund Budget**

**Presenter:**

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**SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:**

Report only

**DESCRIPTION:**

Over the past several years, this report has basically been a review of the budget forecast projection for the next year. The final budget was then presented for approval at the last board meeting in June. Last year, we proposed a slight change to the process. We are proposing to make the workshop in June be the date for presenting our first look at the actual budget projection for the upcoming year rather than the last meeting in May. This allows the board to have a first and then a final reading on the budget proposal.

We are doing this for several reasons. By statute, the legislature has to be done in May unless the governor calls a special session. By moving our date back, we are better able to incorporate the changes that are made by the legislature into the next year's budget before the board is asked to act on the budget adoption. Secondly, by presenting the actual proposed budget at the workshop in June rather than the forecast, the board has several weeks to review the budget proposal rather than several days as it comes out with the board packet for the last board meeting in June. Additionally, it allows us to have more accurate staffing numbers for special education and our title grants due to having a little more time to get entitlements and adjust the upcoming budget projection based on those new entitlements.

A quick recap of the budget parameters for next year's budget is as follows:

- Enrollment projections based on November 2011 report with minor adjustments
- \$379 referendum renewed in 2011; no new referendum dollars
- Maintain 2009-10 approved staffing ratios
- 2.0 FTE special education staffing contingency covered by third party billing revenue
- 4.3 FTE Superintendent Contingency staffing to address staffing issues
- Salary and benefit changes based on settlements in place and market conditions for non-settled contracts
- Non-Salary, Non-Benefits Costs are estimated to increase at 0-5% for all years
- Integration program and budget revenue as stipulated in current law and joint powers agreement
- STEM Grant expires in 2011-12

- Continued cost containment initiatives such as joint purchasing agreements, energy use reduction, paper reduction, insurance contracts, and other operational efficiencies
- OPEB contributions to begin in 2012-13
- General Ed revenue formula allowance moves to \$5,224 for 2012-13 per statute
- New Literacy Aid to begin in 2012-13
- Federal Ed Jobs bill expires after 2011-12
- Capital designation to be spent in 2011-12
- Tax Sheltered Annuity match contributions starting in 2012-13 for teachers

We are still working with Human Resources, Special Education and Teaching and Learning to get the staffing finalized for next year and also nail down our revenue projections. As indicated earlier, we will present the first review of the general fund budget at the June 11 workshop.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

None