

March 22, 2021

To: Dr. Josh Swanson, Superintendent

From: The Business Office Re: Capital Budget

In keeping with the 2021-22 budget timeline, the capital outlay and building fund budgets are brought to the board for discussion in March and for approval in April. This timeline allows for adequate planning and implementation of projects needed for the 2021-22 school year. Most of larger projects included within the capital budget are spent during the summer months, so approval of this budget is needed earlier than the general operating budget in order to secure bids and quotes.

There are four budget areas within the capital outlay and building funds, mostly due to legal restrictions on the use of the designated revenue streams. Each budget area has its own revenue source and corresponding expenditures aligned to meet the Minnesota Department of Educations' guidelines on appropriate use. See the attached table which shows a breakdown of the budget areas, including the funding source along with a summary of the revenue, expenditures and fund balances for fiscal year 2022.

The expenditure budgets comprise of planned projects to be undertaken in the coming year. They represent the district administrations' recommendation of priority projects necessary to achieve the district's academic & facility goals for fiscal year 2022. The budget recommendation is a culmination of the input and prioritization process, which included site administrators, department administrators with direct oversight of the budget areas, and the superintendent's cabinet. Where applicable, the department of education has reviewed and given its approval of certain projects, including health & safety and long-term facility maintenance projects.

Category	Revenue/Funding Source	Expenditures
Capital Outlay & Building Funds		
Operating Capital	State funding formula (split between State Aid and Levy) per Adjusted Pupil Unit (APU) based upon building age and square footage	 Minor building and equipment repair and replacement Vehicle replacement cycle Cafeteria table replacements Classroom furniture Curriculum adoption needs, new course development Music instrument replacement Custodial, Grounds & Transportation equipment Annual snow removal, dome setup/takedown, inspections Cellphone tower revenue for allowing companies to lease space for their tower which we use the revenue to invest into activity department expenditures
	Lease levy	Costs for leased spaces as approved by the MDE
Long-Term Facility Maintenance (LTFM)	Proceeds from 2020 bond sale & annual levy	 MDE Approved Deferred Maintenance Projects such as: CMS updated running track and field CMS media center updates Playground equipment Flooring replacement Gym floor refinishing HS turf field replacements Roofing, paving, parking lot repairs Door/hardware replacement
Health & Safety (LTFM)	Annual levy for MDE health & safety related projects	 MDE Approved Projects such as: Program management staff Training (blood-borne pathogen, first aid, CPR, vaccine) Personal protective equipment Elevator, fire & other inspections Equipment, lighting, and hazard replacements/repairs Annual playground surface
Capital Projects Levy (Technology)	Voter approved annual levy	 Technology staff salary & benefits Student & staff devices (lease payments) Other technology equipment & peripherals Infrastructure needs (servers, wiring, switches, data lines) Software & licenses