

## **Legislative Exemption Talking Points - 2022 State Legislative Session**

### **Overview**

District 191 Board of Education is seeking a legislative exemption related to the sale of one or more properties, which are no longer being used due to decreased enrollment.

The exemption would allow any proceeds of the sale beyond what's required to pay off the building's existing debt to be transferred to the district's unassigned general fund and used for programming expenses, instead of only for capital expenditures.

The board has discussed the potential uses for any proceeds.

The primary purpose for this exemption would be for the board to be able to use the funds in the way that best meets our local needs; it puts control in the local community through the school board.

That will most likely mean using the funding for more than one purpose, but on programming aligned with the district's community-driven priorities, for example:

- our PreK through grade 12 Pathways model, which is designed to support each student in finding their passion and preparing them for success after graduation
- early literacy programming, which is foundational to our core work

The exemption also means the district can respond to a need it doesn't know about at this time, such as capital improvement due to enrollment changes.