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TO: Board of Education

Dr. Albert G. Roberts, Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Therese M. O'Neill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations

RE: Authority to Prepare Annual Budget

DATE: January 24, 2012

While it is not mandated by School Code nor District Board policy, nor previously, up through adoption of the fiscal year 2009 budget, a District 97 past practice, to formally direct the Superintendent of Schools to begin preparation of the next fiscal year budget, "best practices" as well as legal counsel support the effort to have the Board of Education, each January, authorize the Superintendent to commence construction of the next fiscal year's budget.

With that in mind, attached is a simple, practical Board resolution authorizing the Superintendent of Schools to commence preparation of the 2012-13 annual budget. This will return to the Board for formal approval at the February 14, 2012 meeting.

Attachments