

May 22, 2023

To:Dr. Josh Swanson, SuperintendentFrom:The Business OfficeRe:2023-24 Adopted Budget

Attached you will find the 2023-24 Draft Budget for your review. We appreciate the collaboration with you and the School Board which created the budget assumptions that were foundational to the development of this year's budget.

The budget includes the assumptions that the school board approved in March 2023. The state has provided an update of the 2023 Omnibus Education Bill. This Draft Budget does not include any adjustments.

The district has received over \$16 million in COVID federal relief grants. Fiscal Year 2023-24 will be the last year the district will have significant funding available from these grants. We expect to spend \$3 million in fiscal year 2022-23 and the remaining \$3 million in fiscal year 2023-24 with all funds to be fully spent by September 2024.

This budget shows fund balance at 13.0% of annual expenditures, and up about \$1,000,000 over the prior year, while the 5-year projected forecast shows deficit spending starting in fiscal year 2024-25 and continuing through 2027-28, while still maintaining a fund balance percentage above 9.0% over the next 5 years.

A few of the highlights include:

- Reduced class size targets in grades 2, 5 and 6
- Free breakfast and lunch for all students
- Free transportation for all students

Below are some pages to focus on in the document:

- Page 1 Projected fund balances in all funds
- Pages 3-15 Provides an executive summary of the budget

We appreciate the continued collaboration with you and the School Board in providing for the fiscal health of Eden Prairie Schools.