

RIVERSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT 96

3340 S. Harlem Ave. Riverside, IL 60546

708-447-5007

708-447-3252 fax

www.district96.org



To: Dr. Martha Ryan-Toye, Superintendent

From: James Fitton, Director of Finance and Operations/CSBO

Date: June 18, 2025

Subj: Transportation Fund Balance Transfer

This transfer from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund is a strategic move to ensure proper fund management and fiscal stability. By reallocating \$600,000, the district will access restricted funds in the Working Cash Fund while preventing the Transportation Fund from ending FY25 with a negative balance. Additionally, this transfer will boost the Transportation Fund's ending balance to approximately 47% of projected expenditures, providing a six-month buffer to cover upcoming expenses.

In Illinois, the Working Cash Fund is designated to receive property tax receipts but cannot be used for expenditures. It functions as a cash flow reserve, which can be permanently transferred to other funds as needed. This transfer aligns with best practices for maintaining fiscal health and preparing for upcoming obligations.

The Transportation Fund's FY21 ending balance exceeded ten times its expenditures, raising concerns about excessive reserves and potential tax levy protests under Illinois regulations. Beginning in FY22, efforts were undertaken to reduce this excessive balance by transferring nearly \$3 million to the Capital Projects Fund and significantly reducing the annual levy. These measures successfully decreased the ending fund balance to 43% by the end of FY24. During this period, expenditures increased from \$284,000 to \$522,000, accelerating the reduction of the fund balance and creating a potential negative balance at the end of FY25.

To address the current shortfall (of approximately \$103,000) in FY25 expenditures, this transfer will bolster the Transportation Fund's balance, ensuring sufficient resources are available and maintaining compliance with fiscal standards. The attached resolution authorizes this abatement, supporting a prudent financial strategy to cover upcoming expenses and uphold fiscal responsibility.

FY	Revenue				Expenditures Total	Change		End Fund Bal	FB%
	Prop Tax	Invest Inc	State Claim	Total		Rev-Exp	Transfers		
FY17								(3,705,117)	
FY18	2,888,909	31,055	390,555	3,310,519	678,499	2,632,020	0	(1,073,097)	-158%
FY19	1,947,501	36,178	380,803	2,364,482	705,615	1,658,867	0	585,770	83%
FY20	2,003,890	66,512	388,599	2,459,001	589,902	1,869,099	0	2,454,869	416%
FY21	1,359,931	28,362	354,348	1,742,641	375,441	1,367,200	0	3,822,069	1018%
FY22	586,389	3,376	283,692	873,457	747,579	125,878	(2,899,807)	1,048,140	140%
FY23	233,237	14,793	414,616	662,646	790,535	(127,889)	0	920,251	116%
FY24	3,673	34,855	417,896	456,424	963,305	(506,881)	0	413,370	43%
FY25	5,332	14,463	522,376	542,171	1,058,191	(516,019)	600,000	497,351	47%