

Executive Summary – Budget FY’18

The School Board approved the FY’18 budget in the amount of \$39,133,767. This is an increase over the current year by \$1,219,017 or 3.22%. This is above the preliminary statewide budget increase of 2.52%. General education spending growth for the district increased to \$31,441,642, which is an increase of 3.82% or \$1,155,725. This is also higher than the estimated statewide average of 2.2%. The primary drivers for the overall increase are salaries and benefits, which represent 77.89% of the overall budget.

The proposed budget, if approved, results in per pupil spending of \$14,072, which is an increase from FY’17 per pupil spending of \$13,297 or 5.82%. The increase in per pupil spending is somewhat misleading due to the manner in which the Pre-K ADM was “trued up”. The estimation of the Pre-K students resulted in a per pupil spending decrease in FY’17, and the reconciliation artificially inflated the per pupil spending for FY’18.

The increase in spending on a per pupil basis results in a homestead tax increase of 3.74% or approximately 5.2 cents. This means the homestead education tax rate would increase from \$1.4114 to \$1.4642. For a homeowner with a house valued at \$250,000, this increase would represent a \$132 increase annually. This does not consider any aspect of income sensitivity. Approximately seventy percent (70%) of homeowners received a property adjustment in 2015.

General education spending increased by 3.43% or \$717,500. The increase can be directly attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits and the rising cost of Pre-K.

Special education increased by 4.64% or \$389,303 due to anticipated demand. Again, the majority of the increase can be attributed to employee compensation and benefits.

Support of education decreased by 2.16% or \$161,214. Spending in this area remains tightly controlled. As with the other areas, the most significant costs in the support of education category are employee compensation and benefits.

Below is a summary of the expenditures in each of the functional areas.

Function	2016-17	2017-18	Percent	Dollar
	Budget	Budget	Change	Change
Total General Education	\$20,888,478	\$21,605,978	3.43%	\$717,500
Total Special Education	\$8,396,452	\$8,785,755	4.64%	\$389,303
Total Support of Education	\$7,479,820	\$7,641,034	2.16%	\$161,214
Grants, Med., EPSDT, State Placed	\$1,150,000	\$1,101,000	-4.26%	(\$49,000)
Totals	\$37,914,750	\$39,133,767	3.22%	\$1,219,017