

Executive Summary – Budget FY’21

The School Board approved the FY’21 budget in the amount of \$44,626,828. This is an increase over the current year by \$2,037,659 or 4.78%. This is below the anticipated statewide education spending growth of 5.10%.

The proposed budget, if approved, results in per pupil spending of \$15,533, which is an increase from FY’20 per pupil spending of \$15,081 or 2.99%. This is we below the state’s projected per pupil spending increase of 5.53%. The increase in spending on a per pupil basis results in a homestead tax increase of 3.095% or approximately 4.8 cents. This means the homestead education tax rate would increase from \$1.5486 to \$1.5965. For a homeowner with a house valued at \$250,000, this increase would represent a \$119.83 increase annually. This does not consider any aspect of income sensitivity. Approximately seventy percent (70%) of homeowners received a property adjustment in 2018.

General education spending growth for the district increased to \$24,224,703, which is an increase of 4.36% or \$1,013,144. The primary drivers for the overall increase are salaries and benefits, which represent 77.34% of the overall budget.

Special education increased by 4.50% or \$452,581 due to anticipated demand. The majority of the increase can be attributed to employee compensation, benefits and tuition costs for out of district placements.

Support of education increased by 4.65% or \$381,334. The most significant cost driver in this area is student transportation.

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

Function	2019-20 Budget	2020-21 Budget	Percent Change	Dollar Change
Total General Education	\$23,211,559	\$24,224,703	4.36%	\$1,013,144
Total Special Education	\$10,046,783	\$10,499,364	4.50%	\$452,581
Total Support of Education	\$8,204,426	\$8,585,761	4.65%	\$381,334
Grants, Medicaid, etc.	\$1,126,400	\$1,317,000	16.92%	\$190,600
Totals	\$42,589,168	\$44,626,828	4.78%	\$2,037,659