

Memo

To: ICS School Board

From: Patrick Phillips, Superintendent of Schools

Date: March 9, 2017

Re: Overview of Modifications to the Proposed 2017-18 Budget

Since the budget workshop conducted on Tuesday, February 28, Heather, Sally, and I have continued to incorporate changes to the proposed budget based on our continuing review of programming needs, as well as projected revenues and expenditures. It was our collective impression that the board was comfortable with a bottom line budget (as indicated on page 12, line 22, impact on taxes) that comes in under 3%. This is a rough target that we have attempted to include in our recent adjustments to the budget. **I know the material below is rather dense. However, Heather and I will go over all the modification below at the budget workshop at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14.**

Below, then, is a summary of modifications that we have made since our February 28 budget workshop:

- The new salary scale, which has now been ratified by the teachers association, has been used to calculate the total salaries for elementary, secondary, special education, and guidance. (pp. 1, 2, 3, and 5)
- The salary amounts in the above categories have been adjusted according the most recent staff assignments, which have changed due to instructional program needs. (pp. 1, 2, 3, and 5)
- We have added \$10,000 to employee health insurance budget amount to include actual updated plan choices. (pp. 1 and 2)
- Contracted services lines in several categories have been reduced based on recent conversations, and are now set to emphasize in-house expertise. However, we also needed to add funds to support Ryan Martin's work in the orchard this summer, along with funds to support several students who work in the garden in the summer. (pp. 1, and 2)
- We have included some additional money for mathematics and reading tutoring, and moved some funds from special education to regular instruction. Heather will explain the rationale. (pp. 1, and 2)
- Special education budget amounts have been reduced from \$60,000 to \$54,000 reflecting the bottom-up review our special education staff have conducted on service delivery options. (p. 3)
- Region 8 assessment has been adjusted slightly based on their latest communication. (p. 4)
- Extra-curricular and co-curricular budgeted amounts have been adjusted to include the recommendations of the Stipend Review Committee. (p. 4)
- Additional funds have been added to support the 180 contract for Jess Woods. (p. 5)
- The contracted services line that includes Broadreach services has been consolidated into one line instead of two. Does not reflect an increase over last year. (p. 3 and 5)
- Seasonal custodial budgeted amount has been decreased by \$2,000 to reflect current staffing expectations. (p. 10)
- After discussion with the auditor, we have increased the fund balance contribution under revenues from \$73,000 to \$75,000. (p. 12)
- We have reduced the contribution to the capital reserve account from \$12,000 to \$10,000. (p. 12)