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SCHOOL FUNDING: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

For the 2019-2020 GFPS Budget Setting Process
Jeff Gray, Board Budget Committee Chair and Board Vice-Chair

Board Budget Committee Members:
- Board Members Jeff Gray, Jan Cahill and Kim Skornogoski
- Staff: Superintendent Tammy Lacey and Director of Business Operations, Brian Patrick

**Strategic Plan Goal:** Provide prudent stewardship and accountability of public resources to best support educational opportunity and student success.

**Process Result:** A balanced GENERAL FUND budget for the 2019-2020 school year that provides high quality educational opportunity while maximizing operational efficiency and public accountability.
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE ON EDUCATIONAL BILLS**
Monday, March 4, 2019, 5:30 pm at the District Office Building, 1100 4th St. S.
You are invited to join the GFPS administration and Board of Trustees in an update from your LOCAL LEGISLATORS regarding the education bills that have been considered thus far in the 66th Montana Legislature. This is during the transmittal break so it is a perfect time to review so the Board can begin to make budgetary decisions for the 2019-2020 school year. Come join in the conversation!

**TOWNHALL MEETING**
Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 5:30 pm at the District Office Building, 1100 4th St. S.
You are invited to join Superintendent Lacey and the Board Budget Committee in a presentation regarding 2019-2020 revenue and expense projections and frequently asked questions. Participants can ask additional questions and provide input. In order to prepare for the meeting, you are invited to review these websites for background information: “School Budgeting “101”, “This is Great Falls Public Schools”

**BOARD BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**
Thursday, March 21, 2019, 1:00 pm at the District Office Building, 1100 4th St. S.
The Board Budget Committee, made up of Trustees Jeff Gray, Jan Cahill and Kim Skornogoski, will review revenue and expense projections as well as public input to formulate a recommendation to the full Board. They will consider options such as running an operational levy, a technology levy, a safety levy (depending on legislative action) or no levy. The public is invited to attend and public comment will be on the agenda.

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
Monday, March 25, 2019, 5:30 pm at the District Office Building, 1100 4th St. S.
Along with the regular agenda, the Board will consider the recommendations of the Board Budget Committee and take action to prepare for the 2019-2020 budget. In order to run a May levy election, the Trustees are required to set an amount, if any, at this meeting. Public comment will be on the agenda.
INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATORS

- Jan Cahill, Board Chair and Board Budget Committee Member

- Legislators:
  - Rep. Ed Buttrey
  - Rep. Jasmine Krotkov
  - Rep. Wendy McKamey (House Education Committee)
  - Rep. Casey Schreiner (House Education Committee)

- Senator Steve Fitzpatrick
- Senator Carlie Boland (Senate Ed. & Cultural Resources Committee)
- Senator Brian Hoven
- Senator Tom Jacobson
DISCUSSION OF EDUCATION BILLS

- Tammy Lacey, Superintendent
- Selected bills via the GFPS Strategic Plan
- Process:
  - Superintendent Lacey will briefly introduce the bill
  - Bill sponsor or co-sponsor, if here, will discuss
  - Legislators opposing the bill share their thoughts
  - Legislators supporting the bill share their thoughts
  - Audience questions at the end
HB 159: Funding Formula

Summary:
- .91% & 1.83% inflation on the current funding formula
- Restores Data for Achievement
- Expands Guaranteed Tax Base (GTB)
- Funds the Natural Resource Development (NRD) payment

Fiscal Note: $27,751,741 + $49,374,778 = $77,126,519

Bill Sponsor: Bruce Grubbs (R) with Anderson (R) and McKamey (R)

Status: Signed by the Governor

Voting: For...All GF Legislators

GFPS Impact: $388,946 additional State funding
HB 225: Funding Formula & PK ANB

- **Summary:**
  - .91% & 1.83% inflation on the current funding formula
  - Restores Data for Achievement
  - Expands Guaranteed Tax Base (GTB)
  - Funds the Natural Resource Development (NRD) payment
  - Provides .5 ANB funding for 4 year olds

- **Fiscal Note:** $37,125,553 + $62,162,700 = $99,288,253

- **Bill Sponsor:** Casey Schreiner (D)

- **Status:** Heard in House Education on Feb. 4; No Executive Action in Committee

- **GFPS Impact:** Without additional PK money, will need to reduce PK spending by $500K = 3 teachers/2 classrooms = 36 fewer PK students
HB 351: Funding for innovation

**Summary:**
- Incentivizes districts that pursue transformational/proficiency-based learning
  - Transformational Learning Aid Payment = 50% of Quality Educator $
  - (a) "Transformational learning" means a flexible system of pupil-centered learning that is designed to develop the full educational potential of each pupil that:
    - (i) is customized to address each pupil's strengths, needs, and interests;
    - (ii) includes continued focus on each pupil's proficiency over content; and
    - (iii) actively engages each pupil in determining what, how, when, and where each pupil learns.

**Fiscal Note:** $2,066,302 + $3,156,236 = $5,222,538

**Bill Sponsor:** Wendy McKamey (R) with Anderson (R), Fitzpatrick (R)

**Status:** Passed 2nd Reading in the House; Re-referred to House Appropriations

**Voting:** Against...Lola Galloway (R)

**GFPS Impact:** With passage, funding for innovative programming
**HB 27...HB 638: Special Ed Funding**

- **HB 27 Summary:** Provides for inflationary increases applied to the special education funding component & additional funding for co-ops

- **Fiscal Note:** $2,501,268 + $3,570,369 = $6,071,637

- **Bill Sponsor:** Moffie Funk (D) by request of the Education Interim Committee

- **Status:** Tabled in House Appropriations

- **Voting:** House 2nd Reading...Against: Galloway (R) ; Absent: Buttrey (R)

- **HB 638 Summary:** Provides one-time-only funding for the Special Ed Allowable Costs with inflation applied for FY 20 and FY 21 and then places this new amount as the base for beginning funding for the next biennium.

- **Bill Sponsor:** Bedey (R) at request of the House Appropriations Committee

- **Fiscal Note:** Being requested.

- **Status:** Just assigned to the House Appropriations Committee. A hearing is yet to be scheduled.

- **GFPS Impact:** Increase in funding for special education would be most welcome.
HB 247: Infrastructure

- **Summary:** Allows districts to secure a loan (Board of Investments or others) for major maintenance with repayment via the Building Reserve permissive levy

- **Fiscal Note:** $0

- **Bill Sponsor:** Grubbs (R) with McKamey (R)

- **Status:** Passed House; Concurred; Senator Salomon (R) to carry

- **Voting:** House 3rd Reading...Against: Galloway (R)

- **GFPS Impact:** Provides flexibility for major maintenance
SB 92: School Safety Levy

- **Summary:** Clarifies permissible safety expenditures (adds SROs, counselor, threat assessments, restorative justice, active shooter training); allows safety expenditures from the Building Reserve Permissive Levy; allows trustees to run a Safety Levy.

- **Fiscal Note:** $0

- **Bill Sponsor:** Salomon (R)

- **Status:** Passed Senate; Heard in House Ed...waiting Exec Action
  - Not subject to transmittal “generally revise”

- **Voting:** Senate 3rd reading...All Yes

- **GFPS Impact:** Local tax dollars may be used for safety expenditures and can request for additional safety funds via a voted levy.
HB 218 & HB 387: CTE Funding

Summary:
- **HB 218**: Adds an additional $1m to the $2m which is currently funded (and included in HB 2) and adds $850,000 for middle school CTE
- **HB 387**: Provides for incentives for CTE innovation to include individualized pathways via CTE for students; provides funds for students to pay for equipment, fees, exams, etc.; provides funding for schools who innovate based on Adult Education funding
- Probably going to end up with a hybrid of each bill

Fiscal Note:
- **HB 218**: $1,850,000 + $1,850,000 = $3,700,000
- **HB 387**: $0 + $1,125,000 = $1,125,000

Bill Sponsors: Sue Vinton (R) with Anderson (R) and Llew Jones (R) with Hamlett (D) and McKamey (R)

Status:
- **HB 218**: Passed House 2nd reading; now in House Appropriations
- **HB 387**: Was heard in House Appropriations

Voting: House 2nd reading...For: All GF Representatives

GFPS Impact: CTE programming is a priority for GFPS.
Medicaid

- **GFPS Impact**: Students and families who are served under Medicaid expansion
- **Summary**: Representative Buttrey
Other Bills Related to Strategic Plan

- **HB 295**: Anderson (R) with Krotkov (D), Grants for Work Based Learning
- **SB 110**: McClafferty (D), Raise ANB age limit; Dead for this session
- **HB 235 & LC 2080**: Fern (D), Health Insurance Reform; Dead for this session
- **SB 297 & SB 298**: Brown (R), 50% voter turn-out for levies to pass; Tabled in Senate Education
Other Bills

Legislation

Law

Government

Justice

Court

Authority

Right

Compliance

Tribunal

Freedom

Knowledge

Integrity

Enforcement

Bill

Innocence

Education

Guilty

Legislative

Balance

Senate
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