

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

May 10, 2022

SUBJECT:

2022 – 2023 Budget Calendar – Proposed Revision

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The School Board adopted the 2022 – 2023 budget calendar at its October 26, 2021, meeting in accordance with Board Policy DBG *Adoption Process*. This policy requires adoption of a budget calendar by November 1 each year. Budget calendar revisions are allowed, as and if needed. The Second/Final Reading of the budget is currently scheduled for May 24, 2022.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The House version and Senate version of the State budget include significant differences that must be reconciled in the final State 2022 – 2023 budget. The most significant differences impacting school districts relate to the teacher pay scale and handling of the proposed funding plan revisions:

- The House version increases the State minimum teacher scale by \$4,000 and allocates current and new funding by the Governor's funding plan proposal.
- The Senate version increases the State minimum teacher scale by \$2,000 and allocates only new funding by the Governor's funding plan proposal. A "stake in the ground" approach would maintain funding through 2021 – 2022 at unchanged levels.

In both versions, school districts paying higher than the State teacher minimum have discretion over teacher scale increases. Those districts could choose not to increase.

The expectation has been that a conference committee consisting of six senators and representatives would work through budget version differences in early May, in advance of the scheduled May 12, 2022, close of the legislative session. However, recent rumors indicate that this conference committee might not meet until early-to-mid June. The Administration believe that delaying the Final Reading of our 2022 – 2023 budget to June 14, 2022, would provide additional time to track the State budget process.

RECOMMENDATION:

Delay the Second/Final Reading of the budget to June 14, 2022

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