



# **WORK STUDY - 2015-16 BUDGET**

MARCH 17, 2015

# BUDGET CALENDAR

- Board policy DBG requires the School Board to adopt a budget calendar by November 1 each year.
- Key dates – District:
  - January 20 Budget work study
  - March 17 Budget work study ←
  - April 21 Preliminary budget
  - May 12 Tentative budget
  - June 2 Budget input
  - June 9 Public hearing
  - June 23 Final budget



# HOUSE W&M VERSION

| SOURCE                      | 2014-15    | 2015-16    | DIFFERENCE       |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------------------|
| Education Finance Act (EFA) | 50,407,674 | 53,278,646 | <b>2,870,972</b> |
| Fringe Benefits             | 26,368,125 | 26,414,714 | <b>46,589</b>    |
| Reading Coaches             | 1,160,505  | 1,160,505  | -                |
| Student Health & Fitness    | 185,203    | 182,163    | <b>-3,040</b>    |
| Professional Development    | 134,508    | 133,450    | <b>-1,058</b>    |
| At-Risk Student Learning    | 2,701,125  | 2,701,125  | -                |
| TSS/TSS Fringe              | 4,141,859  | 4,326,763  | <b>184,904</b>   |
| Reading                     | 107,275    | 106,388    | <b>-887</b>      |
| Aid to Districts            | 817,505    | 811,061    | <b>-6,444</b>    |
| Lottery (K-5 and 6-8)       | 841,841    | -          | <b>-841,841</b>  |
| Technology                  | 832,418    | 832,418    | -                |
| Total from above            |            |            | <b>2,249,195</b> |

# BUDGET INPUT

- Received/compiled budget input
- Estimated costs
- Considered attributes
- Remained mindful of limited resources as items prioritized
  - Must – no choice
  - Level 1 – highest priority
  - Level 2
  - Level 3 – lowest priority
- Matrix and narrative

# MUST ITEMS

- No discretion
- Items to be reflected in 2015-16:
  - Teacher step
  - Rise in employer retirement contribution rate
  - Anticipated increase in health insurance premiums
  - Charter schools
  - Other could be added as result of State budget process
- Current estimate of above items – \$3.5 million

# OTHER CHANGES – EXPENDITURES

- Budgets changes based on teacher and staffing allocations
- Absorb salaries from lottery into Fund 1(?)
- Elimination of hold-harmless funds at WSHS and RSMHS
- SC Energy loan paid off
- One-time expenditures slated to come off books
  - Athletics, supplies, 1% bonus
- Revised budget estimates
  - Energy, property/liability insurance, W/C, etc.

# LEVEL 1 PRIORITIES

- Requests given highest priority by Administration:
  - Step for non-teachers
  - Cost of living adjustment
  - Increase supplements
  - Additional funding for janitorial supplies
  - Creation of new HR position
  - Additional technology funding
  - Funding for adult education testing materials
  - Revising assistant principal formula at elementary schools



# LEVEL 1 PRIORITIES

- Continued:
  - Funding full-time attendance aide at middle schools
  - Funding for STEM/STEAM at Jackson & New Ellenton
  - Additional funding for substitutes (reimburse “local” accounts)
  - Estimated cost of level 1 – \$3.7 million
- Also consider cost-neutral items for 2015-16 as level 1:
  - Maintenance department plan for lawn maintenance
  - Technology department plan

# MAINTENANCE PROPOSAL

- Currently:
  - Inconsistencies
  - Some schools handle lawn care on own
  - Some contract via swap of unused custodial allocation
- Maintenance Dept “piloted” in 2014-15 at some schools
- Propose expanding district-wide
  - Schools that had contributed a portion of unused custodial allocation would continue
  - Schools that had not used unused custodial
  - Shift budget from schools to Maintenance Dept

# TECHNOLOGY PROPOSAL

- Currently:
  - Ed Tech utilizes purchased services budget to contract for various technology services
  - Believes is more efficient to have employees on staff
- Propose reducing purchased services budget to offset cost of creating/hiring three new positions for department
  - Network Coordinator
  - 2 Technology Specialists
  - Approximate \$219,000 reduction in purchased services budget, shifted to salary/fringe

# LEVELS 2 AND 3 PRIORITIES

- Level 2 and level 3
  - Not without merit, just not as high of priority in comparison
  - Many would require adding new positions (or additional days to existing positions)
  - Estimated cost of level 2 – \$3.0 million
  - Estimated cost of level 3 – \$12.2 million
- One-time items (likely)
  - Estimated cost – \$1.3 million (levels 1, 2 and 3)

# BUDGET OPTIONS

- State allocations – W&M budget
  - Estimate \$3.2 million additional (considering fringe benefits allocation from State will change)
- Act 388/Tier 3 allocation
  - Increase by \$682,790
- Operating millage/property tax
  - Revenue estimates will increase due to growth
  - Estimate 7 mills available
    - 15-16 cap not yet available; estimated
- Program reductions
- Fund balance

# NEXT STEPS

- Preliminary version of budget – April 21, 2015
- Will reflect “must” items
  - Teacher step
  - Retirement
  - Health
  - Charter schools
- Propose including step increase for non-teachers in preliminary version
- Evaluate inclusion of other budget requests
  - To be reflected in the tentative version of budget

# QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

