

BUDGET

The Governing Board accepts responsibility for adopting a sound budget for each fiscal year which is aligned with the district's vision, goals, and priorities. The district budget shall guide administrative decisions and actions throughout the year and shall serve as a tool for monitoring the fiscal health of the district.

The district budget shall show a complete plan and itemized statement of all proposed expenditures and all estimated revenues for the following fiscal year, together with a comparison of revenues and expenditures for the current fiscal year. The budget shall also include the appropriations limit and the total annual appropriations.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish an annual budget development process and calendar in accordance with the single budget adoption process described in Education Code 42127.

The Superintendent shall oversee the preparation of a proposed district budget for approval by the Board and shall involve appropriate staff at all levels in the development of budget projections.

The Board encourages public input in the budget development process and shall hold public hearings and meetings in accordance with law.

The Superintendent or designee may appoint a budget advisory committee composed of members of the community and staff. The committee shall provide recommendations to the Superintendent during the budget development process. Duties of the committee shall be clearly defined and communicated to all members.

In order to provide guidance in the development of the budget, the Board shall annually review its vision and goals to ensure that budget priorities are consistent with district needs and goals. The Board also shall establish budget assumptions or parameters which may take into consideration the stability of funding sources, enrollment trends, legal requirements and constraints, anticipated increases and/or decreases in the cost of services and supplies, use of one-time resources, categorical program requirements, scheduled salary increases, and any other factors necessary to ensure that the budget is a realistic plan for district revenues and expenditures.

The Board shall establish and maintain a general fund reserve for economic uncertainty that meets or exceeds the requirements of 5 CCR 15443.

Prior to adopting the budget, the Board shall review documentation to ensure that the proposed budget meets the criteria and standards review required by the State Board of Education.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district budget is clearly presented and effectively communicated to the Board, staff, and public. He/she may adapt or supplement the state-required budget format as necessary for these purposes.

Whenever revenues and expenditures change significantly throughout the year, the Superintendent or designee shall recommend budget amendments to ensure accurate projections of the district's net ending balance. When final figures for the prior-year budget are available, this information shall be used as soon as possible to update the current-year budget's beginning balance and projected revenues and expenditures. In addition, budget amendments shall be submitted for Board approval when the state budget is adopted, collective bargaining agreements are accepted, district income declines, increased revenues or unanticipated savings are made available to the district, program proposals are significantly different from those approved during budget adoption, and/or other significant changes occur that impact budget projections.

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