

Draft budget highlights for 2020-21 school years, last updated April 2020

We're getting direction from the state to think conservatively about our budget for the 2020-21 school year. Our funding is dependent on the strength of our economy and right now, there is a lot of uncertainty.

While we are proposing some modest new investments for 2020-21 school year, we will be ready to adjust as needed.

Proposed new investments

- **Teaching and Learning** (supported in part by some increased local, state and federal dollars)
 - Add an additional elementary Life Skills classroom (due to higher enrollment)
 - Add speech language pathologist, occupational therapist, psychologist intern, teacher of the deaf and audiologist (due to increased needs)
 - Continue to invest in paraeducator support to our classrooms
 - Add additional math intervention specialists (Title 1 supported schools)
 - Continue to invest in educational technology coaches to support our teachers
 - Continue elementary dean support

- **Safety, Security and Food**
 - Facility rental and community use supervision (funded through facility rental fees)
 - Add capacity to food services to support Central Kitchen (partially to replace an expiring grant)
 - Improved radio systems for schools and buses

The **COVID-19 pandemic** brings some additional costs, including food services and child care related expenses. We have been tasked by the state to focus on safety, food security for students, child care for essential workers in our community, and remote learning during our closure. We are committed to these areas of focus and we will continue to as long as necessary. Our closure also brings some savings, for example, travel and professional development costs.

We encourage our participation in our [annual budget survey](#), and we will continue to provide timely updates to our community on the 2020-21 school year budget.