

FISCAL MANAGEMENT GOALS

The quantity and quality of learning programs are related to the funding provided and the effective, efficient management of those funds. It follows that the district's purposes can best be achieved through prudent fiscal management.

Due to resource limitations, there is sometimes a temptation to operate so that fiscal concerns overshadow the educational program. Recognizing this, it is essential that the Board take specific action to make certain that education remains central and that fiscal management contributes to the educational program. This concept is incorporated into Board operations and into all aspects of District management and operation.

As trustees of the community's investment in the facilities, materials and operational funds, the Board has a fiduciary responsibility to ensure that the investment is protected and used wisely. Competent personnel and efficient procedures are essential for sound management of fiscal affairs. The Board expects that the Superintendent and Treasurer keep it informed through both oral and written reports on the fiscal management of the district.

With the cooperation of the Treasurer and assistance from other designated personnel, the Superintendent is expected to develop an efficient and effective procedure for fiscal accounting, purchasing, and the protection of plant, grounds, materials, and equipment through prudent and economical operation, maintenance, and insurance.

The Board seeks to achieve the following goals to:

1. Engage in thorough advance planning, with staff and community involvement, in order to develop budgets and to guide expenditures to achieve the greatest educational returns for the dollars expended;
2. Establish levels of funding which provide high quality education for the district's students;
3. Use the best available techniques for budget development and management;
4. Provide timely and appropriate information to all staff with fiscal management responsibilities; and
5. Establish effective procedures for accounting, reporting, business, purchasing and delivery, payroll, payment of vendors and contractors, and all other areas of fiscal management.

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