

Minutes of  
Florida School Finance Council / Florida Department of Education  
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1. 2023-24 State Board of Education Budget Request

FLDOE [Suzanne]:

- Proposals will be reviewed in August.
- Session starts in March.
- Ask will likely not slow down, so anticipated that the request will be for additional growth in \$/FTE.
- An alternate route for teaching certification will be discussed. Teacher focus.
- TSIA is viewed positively, possible additional investment next session. TSIA funds have a 50/50 split this year. 20-21 minimum salary increased by \$6,000 statewide average, estimated \$1,000 increase this year. Superintendents will be brought in front of the State Board early this year (before October 1).

2. Florida School Finance Council Budget Priorities & Recommendations – FY 2024

We need to have it ready by mid-July at the latest. Topics will include:

- Teacher & Support staff shortage:
  - a. Compression related to TSIA and \$15/hr
  - b. Retention over recruitment
  - c. Extension of DROP/elimination of having to sit out a year
- Security
  - a. Safe Schools allocation inadequate
  - b. Cost exceeds funding
  - c. Rising Sheriff department costs
- Recalibration
  - a. Effect on ESOL/SPED,
  - b. Inequitable funding for two students that cost the exact same to educate,
  - c. Reports provided by FDOE don't agree and are complicated
- FES Scholarships
  - a. Create a reserve (back of the bill next session) to cover potential FY2022-23 under-projection of FTE as many of these students were always going to be private school bound.
  - b. Get data sooner to plan better financially and have more accurate projections.
  - c. Understand who the students are and where they go.
- Funding cost increases due to inflation
  - a. Food service costs
  - b. Costs per student station
  - c. Gasoline, paper, and so many other major inflationary cost increases.

### 3. Florida Long-Range Financial Outlook

Revenues increasing, reserves are healthy, inflation is a huge factor.  
Possibly update cost per student station – EDR study using more regional index

### 4. Federal Stimulus Funds

- a. Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act
- b. Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation (CRRSA) Act
- c. American Rescue Plan (ARP)

Everyone appreciated the notice of funds being reverted.

### 5. Teacher Salary Increase Allocation//Base Funding//Categoricals//Vouchers

October 1 deadline. Attestation required by Superintendent. FDOE to provide template  
TSIA maintenance funds should be included in first payment

### 6. Family Empowerment Scholarships

- Funded on conference report using all categoricals except ESE guarantee. FES-UA is calculated using average of ESE guarantee (Level 2).
- Could reporting be centralized at FDOE? Districts aren't compensated for additional time required to enter kids who were never ours and never will be (private schools).
- Private schools have no financial or economic accountability. Proration is not passed to private schools.
- TSIA categorical is included in calculation of voucher amount so funds allocated to FES could be included in the TSIA report as expended
- Transportation - \$750 or District average expenditure using cost report. Paid to family.

### 7. Florida Education Finance Program Reserve Funds – 2022-2023

No reserve this year. Ask for one in FY23-24 retroactive to FY22-23 (back of the bill)

### 8. Florida's Minimum Wage – October 1, 2022

Some districts are putting into effect in July. Variety of options – in contract or MOU.

### 9. School Recognition

Separate line item funded outside FEFP

### 10. Property Tax Roll Discussion – Appropriated vs. July certification

Around 15% increase to tax roll statewide. RLE will plummet.

10. Student Counts – Projected for FY 2022-2023 and 2023-2024

Districts had a difficult time getting FDOE to allow for growth in FES.

11. Status of Collective Bargaining and Fund Balance

Districts presented status of bargaining and fund balance.

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