



BUDGET MESSAGE TO THE MOREY COMMUNITY
APRIL 13, 2009

The Morey Public School Academy Board of Directors held a public Budget Work Session on Monday night, April 13, 2009. The purpose of this communication is to provide first-hand information on topics discussed by the Board. Please contact us by use of budget@moreypublicschool.com or by using the budget information link on the school web site, www.moreypublicschool.com.

Crucial to the Board's ability to achieve the legal requirement of a balanced budget is the responsibility of each faculty and staff member to accurately and positively communicate the educational program and services offered at the school. Parents, family, and friends are enlisted to join us to achieve 100% re-enrollment of current year students and to grow enrollment by at least 10%.

After reviewing the draft amended budget for 2008-09 (attached as separate link), the Board asked for the development of budget options that include the following:

- ◆ The Board faces the task of reducing expenditures by at least \$305,000 to achieve a State mandated balanced budget and a \$100,000 end of year fund balance in June 2010 toward the goal of an ongoing 10% end of year fund balance.
- ◆ Enrollment for budget purposes is projected at 238 students, which was the number of students at the winter 2009 count day.
- ◆ State foundation grant allocation (state aid) is estimated at the per pupil amount of \$7,317, or \$59 less than the current year, as predicted by Governor Granholm in her budget message.
- ◆ Grades PK-6 may become Montessori education. Montessori "houses" would be PK-K or PK and K, Grades 1-3, and Grades 4-6. Each classroom would be staffed by a full time highly qualified and Montessori trained

- teacher and a full time aide. Teachers will be offered Montessori training in the coming year.
- ◆ Grades 7-8 may be separated from high school grades 7-12 to operate as a middle school in 2009-2010 in transition toward Grades PK-8 becoming Montessori education in 2010-2011.
 - ◆ Grades 9-12 may operate as a standalone high school. With that in mind, our current student count of fifty-five (55) students only allows us to retain .5 full time equivalency rate. However, if our high school count increases to a minimum of seventy-five (75) students, each high school teacher would have a position equal to the 1.0 full time equivalent rate. Students will continue to attend a full day of school in which all required courses will still be offered.
 - ◆ High school teachers would be offered the opportunity to recruit students and build their respective teaching positions to 1.0 FTE when the 75 students enrollment standard is achieved for the fall (September) 2009 student count and sustained for the winter (February) 2010 student count. Planned, significant growth, approximating 10% plus, of high school enrollment will be expected after June 2010.
 - ◆ Busing through ICTC will be continued as a free service to parents and students.
 - ◆ Before and after school child care may be offered as a fee based, self-sufficient program. The Board asked Choice Schools to explore contracting for before and after school services with private child care vendors.
 - ◆ Instructional aides will be provided within the parameters of grants such as Special Education, GSRP (State Preschool Program), Section 31A (State at-risk funds), and Title IA (Federal at-risk funds), etc. plus for staffing other program areas designated as essential services by the Board.
 - ◆ The food service program must be operated as a self-sufficient program.

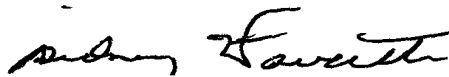
You are encouraged to seek direct information by use of e-mail or the bulletin board. The budget e-mail address is budget@moreypublicschool.com and the school web site is www.moreypublicschool.com, [Morey Budget Discussions](#) under Information Links. Your comments and suggestions will be shared with the Board for consideration in their budget deliberations.

We look forward to receiving your comments and suggestions. We have the opportunity to show other charter schools and school districts that the Morey experience exceeds anything available to students within our attendance region.

We appreciate your commitment to communicate only accurate information and to join us in our efforts to withstand tough economic times as the school who rose above the economy and served children and families best. We can be the safe haven needed by families, especially children.

Thank you!

Sincerely,



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