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**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** June 23, 2017  
**To:** Churchill County School District Board of Trustees  
**From:** Phyllis Dowd, Director of Business Services  
**Re:** School Discretionary Budget Increase

At the May 24, 2017 Board Meeting, a motion was approved to increase the school site discretionary budgets for 2017-18 by 7% contingent upon anticipated funding. That funding has since been confirmed and is for more than anticipated.

The 7% increase was budgeted at \$31,564. To increase that to 10% would be an additional \$13,190 for a total site budget increase of \$45,754.

**SITE BUDGET ALLOCATIONS**

School	2017 Per Pupil	2017 Count	Current Total	% of Total	7% Increase			10% Increase		
					7%	Total	Increase	10%	Total	Increase
NORTHSIDE	80	180	14,400	3.2%	86	15,480	1,080	88	15,840	1,440
EC BEST	105	485	50,925	11.3%	112	54,320	3,395	116	56,260	5,335
LAHONTAN	105	510	53,550	11.9%	112	57,120	3,570	116	59,160	5,610
NUMA	105	484	50,820	11.3%	112	54,208	3,388	116	56,144	5,324
CCMS	113	692	78,196	17.4%	121	83,732	5,536	124	85,808	7,612
CCHS	208	973	202,384	44.9%	223	216,979	14,595	229	222,817	20,433
<b>Total</b>			<u>450,275</u>	<u>100.0%</u>		<u>481,839</u>	<u>31,564</u>		<u>496,029</u>	<u>45,754</u>

**Notes:**

Based on 2016-17 enrollment.

**Net Increase 13,190**

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## Opportunity Scholarship Program Information Requested during Teleconference

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Tue, Jun 27, 2017 at 2:54 PM

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Here is a link to information related to the Opportunity Scholarship Program.

[http://www.doe.nv.gov/Private\\_Schools/Nevada\\_Choice\\_Scholarship\\_Program/](http://www.doe.nv.gov/Private_Schools/Nevada_Choice_Scholarship_Program/)

Special thanks to Jessica for providing this link and information. Below is the basic detail. A copy of the approved Scholarship Organization list is attached for your reference.

AB 165 provides a means for taxpayers to contribute funds to Scholarship Organizations in lieu of paying all or part of the excise tax currently mandated by the Nevada Department of Taxation. Scholarship Organizations must demonstrate compliance with Section 5 of this bill and be approved by the Nevada Department of Education.

The Nevada Department of Taxation must respond to the Scholarship Organization's application to accept said funds and authorize or deny this transaction. If the transaction is approved the Scholarship Organization must notify the taxpayer of the approval as well as the amount of credit approved. The taxpayer must make the donation within 30 days or forfeit the right to provide the funds and to received credit which as authorized by the Nevada Department of Taxation.

The Nevada Department of Education is responsible for determining the maximum amount of scholarship funding any one student may receive based on the Consumer Price Index. In 2015-2016 the funding provided on behalf of any one student could not exceed \$7,755.00. The maximum funding for 2016-2017 is \$7,763.00.

Scholarship Organizations may expend up to 5% of the money received to pay its administrative expenses. Schools receiving scholarship grants must maintain a record of academic progress in a manner prescribed by the Nevada Department of Education so that the Department is able to aggregate and report this information.

The Nevada Department of Education shall collect from each Scholarship Organization a report detailing the name and address of said organization, the number of donations/gifts/grants/ received, the total dollar amount of these donations/gifts/grants received, the number of pupils who for whom grants were made, the dollar amount received, the name and address of the school, the number of grant recipients at that school and the

total dollar amount of grants provided to students at the school.

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# Registered Scholarship Grant Organizations

Please note: ALL SGOs serve the entire State of Nevada

## **Dinosaurs & Roses**

Dinosaurs & Roses 702-736-7787

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## **AAA Scholarship Foundation**

AAA Scholarships 888-707-2465

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## **America's Scholarship Konnection**

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# Final \$1.6 million piece falls into place for WCSD's \$800 million 2017-2018 budget

Sam Gross, Reno Gazette-Journal 7:17 p.m. PT June 27, 2017



(Photo: RGJ file)

With the approval of a final \$1.6 million dollar revision, the Washoe County School District has balanced its approximately \$800 million budget for the 2017-18 school year.

This revision fills a \$6.6 million shortfall discovered at the close of the 2017 Legislative session caused by flat enrollment rates and more growth in local wealth, meaning less per-pupil funding than the district had originally anticipated.

The \$1.6 million, plus a \$5 million last-minute emergency appropriation from the state, fills the surprise budgetary gap.

"We're grateful that we're at least in a position that we think we're going to land OK," said WCSD Board of Trustees president Angie Taylor. While there are a few variables in the budget still left to be determined, Taylor said the board is happy they were able to balance the budget, again, without much detrimental impact to students.

The district had already resolved a \$40 million structural deficit and submitted a balanced budget to the Nevada Department of Taxation in late May. That deficit was closed through cuts, freezing open positions and offering buyouts to teachers who had worked in WCSD for over 15 years.

## STORY FROM THE MOTLEY FOOL

### 87% of Americans are ignoring this warning

(<https://www.usatoday.com/story/sponsor-story/motley-fool/2017/05/25/87-americans-ignoring-warning/102095988/>)

The \$1.6 million used to balance the budget was pulled out of a \$7.87 million contingency budget set aside in case WCSD has to pay back its portion of property tax revenue owed by the state to residents of Incline Village. The Nevada Supreme Court ruled that the county had unfairly assessed lakeside property based on the quality of the view, substantially hiking property taxes.

The county is on the hook for \$40 million and may ask WCSD to repay its portion of those taxes in order to settle up. However, the amount WCSD would owe or even if the district will have to pay is still being decided in court.

While the \$1.6 million from the unresolved property tax lawsuit budget officially balances next year's budget, the district does expect to find other offsets that can potentially contribute to the 2017-18 funds. Categorical programs like special education were given budgetary increases at the 2017 Legislature but have yet to have their funds appropriated to specific districts; WCSD is hoping this means funding increases in the coming year.

That, combined with possible savings from the 2016-17 budget could provide the bump necessary to return the \$1.6 million in funds to its original budget. Or, at least the district hopes.

"We're hopeful that through a combination of several things we'll get that balance, said Tom Ciesynski, WCSD's chief financial officer. "When you're working with a budget of this magnitude things can happen; you can find things and sometimes things come in better than estimated."

If funding doesn't increase like the district expects, it might have to go back to the drawing board and see what else it can squeeze out of the budget.

"That's the worst case scenario; that we have to cut something else," Ciesynski said, adding that the district is optimistic it won't have to resort to that.

WCSD will begin to address the 2018-2019 budget and the district's underlying structural deficit at a special meeting of the board in August.

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