


Date: August 20, 2019  
To: Board of Directors  
From: Rosalind Medina, Chief Financial Officer   
Subject: July 2019 Unaudited Financial Report

This report provides a summary of the general fund financial operations through June 30, 2019. Enrollment information also includes the official state count through the month of June 2019 and the projected annual average full-time equivalent (FTE) students for the year.

**Table 1** displays a comparison of summary financial data through the period ending July 31 for fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19.

**Table 1**

General Fund Comparison for the fiscal period ended	July 31, 2018	July 31, 2019	Variance Higher/(lower)
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 34,036,362	\$ 32,969,307	\$ (1,067,056)
Revenue	373,239,233	416,002,225	42,762,992
Other Financing Sources	37,824	116,697	78,873
<b>Total Resources Available</b>	<b>407,313,419</b>	<b>449,088,228</b>	<b>41,774,809</b>
Expenditures	384,885,887	419,588,405	34,702,518
Other Financing Uses-Transfers Out	-	2,000,000	2,000,000
<b>Total Use of Resources</b>	<b>384,885,887</b>	<b>421,588,405</b>	<b>36,702,518</b>
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 22,427,532	\$ 27,499,823	\$ 5,072,290

## **REVENUES**

- General fund revenues and other financing sources as of July 31, 2019 were \$416,118,921. This was \$42,841,865 (+11.5%) more than this time last year.

### **Highlights:**

- **Local tax** revenues consist of tax receipts from the educational programs and operations levies. In February 2018, Tacoma voters approved a levy that would allow the district to collect \$72 million a year, although under the state's new formula, the district will only be allowed to collect \$43 million a year. Local tax revenues decreased \$23,160,460 (-27.4%) compared to this time last year and represent calendar year collections. This variance reflects the legislative changes in local voter-approved levy capacity which currently only allows the district to collect \$1.50 per \$1,000 of district property values.
- **Local non-tax** revenue consists of student lunch receipts, sales from vocational programs, tuition for summer school, interest earned from the investment of available cash, and several other small sources.

Revenue in this category increased \$456,104 (+6.9%) compared to this time last year. This variance is the result of the following:

- \$584,742 increase in investment earnings
- \$244,596 increase insurance recoveries
- \$168,415 decrease in gifts, grants and donations
- \$90,050 decrease in procurement card rebates
- \$76,969 decrease from tuition based preschool revenue
- The remaining difference is due to smaller variances in several other programs

- **State general purpose** revenue comes from two sources – Apportionment and Local Effort Assistance (LEA). Apportionment is the revenue received through a state funding formula that is based on the average number of students enrolled which drives the number of staff allocated to the district. Starting in the 2018-19 school year, the formula also includes a supplemental regionalization factor which is based on local housing cost factors. LEA is revenue provided by the state to equalize local levy rates for districts with a proportionally lower assessed valuation tax base. The state calculates a statewide average levy rate and if, when compared with the statewide rate, the local district's levy rate is higher, the state provides LEA funds to the district to help reduce the local tax burden on taxpayers. In addition to these two sources, the Legislature has included a one-time hold-harmless provision of \$12 million to the Tacoma district for the 2018-19 school year. Tacoma qualified for this provision because local tax revenue, under the new funding structure, is less than what the district would have received under prior formulas.

Revenue in this category increased \$50,019,168 (+26.2%) compared to this time last year. This variance was the result of the following:

- Total apportionment revenue increased \$55,764,656 from last year at this time, due to increases in school and district generated entitlement as well as the inclusion of the district's \$12 million one-time hold-harmless provision.
- LEA decreased \$5,745,514 from this time last year
- The remaining difference is due to smaller variances in several other programs

- **State special purpose** revenue consists of funding for the following programs: Special Education, Learning Assistance Program (LAP), Remann Hall, Transitional Bilingual, Child Nutrition Services, Student Transportation, Special & Pilot Programs, as well as various other small instructional programs.

Revenue in this category increased \$14,670,731 (+25.4%) compared to this time last year. This variance was the result of the following:

- \$8,227,987 increase in Special Education revenue due to an increase of 180 resident FTE as well as an increase in the district's Basic Education Allocation (BEA) rate
- \$3,066,527 increase in transportation operations revenue due to the compensation increase with the passage of E2SSB 6362
- \$2,628,539 increase in Learning Assistance Program (LAP) and LAP – High Poverty due to the Certificated Instructional Staff (CIS) salary increases
- \$863,393 increase in transitional bilingual revenue due to the CIS salary increases
- The remaining difference is due to smaller variances in several other programs

- **Federal special purpose** revenue consists of funding for the following programs: Special Education Federal Flow Through, Perkins Vocational Education, Title 1 – Disadvantaged, School Improvement, Head Start, Limited English Proficiency, Indian Education, federal reimbursement for student meals, as well as several other instructional programs. Revenues in this category are on a reimbursement basis. Therefore, the fluctuation in this category is often due to the timing of reporting expenditures and the processing of reimbursements by the funding agency. Program managers are given expenditure authority only for the approved amount of the grant awards; so variances should not have a negative impact on the district’s basic education budget.

Revenue in this category increased \$597,854 (+1.9%) compared to this time last year. This variance was the result of the following:

- \$1,228,162 increase in supplemental Special Education funding
  - \$585,874 increase in federally funded school improvement grant revenue, including Title II and Title IV
  - \$545,195 decrease in funding to bridge the gap between low-income and at-risk students and other students (Title 1)
  - \$520,695 decrease in USDA commodities
  - \$266,912 decrease in free & reduced meal reimbursement
  - \$122,914 increase in Head Start funding
  - The remaining variance is due to smaller variances in several other programs
- **Revenue – Other Districts** are reimbursements for services rendered to students from other school districts.

Revenues in this category increased \$269,388 (+23.9%) compared to this time last year. This variance was the result of the following:

- \$269,388 increase in revenue from other districts for Special Education services for non-resident FTE. This variance was due to an increase of 8 FTE students in the Special Education program where facilities and/or staff are not available in their resident district to provide the required services.

Revenue from various sources and the increases or decreases from this time last year are shown in **Table 2**.

**Table 2**

Revenue Source	<u>Revenue and Other Financing Sources Comparison by Year</u>					
	Through July 2018	Percent of Total	Through July 2019	Percent of Total	Variance higher/(lower)	
Local Taxes	\$ 84,502,058	22.64%	\$ 61,341,598	14.74%	\$ (23,160,460)	
Local Non-Tax	6,638,035	1.78%	7,094,139	1.70%	456,104	
State, General Purpose	190,920,692	51.15%	240,939,860	57.90%	50,019,168	
State, Special Purpose	57,739,634	15.47%	72,410,365	17.40%	14,670,731	
Federal, General Purpose	303,922	0.08%	288,720	0.07%	(15,202)	
Federal, Special Purpose	30,824,095	8.26%	31,421,949	7.55%	597,854	
Revenue - Other Districts	1,129,330	0.30%	1,398,718	0.34%	269,388	
Revenue - Other Agencies	1,181,468	0.32%	1,106,876	0.27%	(74,592)	
Revenue - Other Financing	37,824	0.01%	116,697	0.03%	78,873	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 373,277,057</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 416,118,921</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 42,841,865</b>	

**EXPENDITURES**

- General fund expenditures through July 31, 2019 were \$421,588,405; this was \$36,702,518 (+9.5%) more than this time last year.

**Highlights:**

- **Certificated salaries** consist of compensation including, but not limited to, regular salaries, substitutes, extended contracts, extra work for extra pay and training for employees holding an educational certificate, (e.g., teachers, principals, librarians, etc.).

Expenditures in this category increased \$21,591,049 (+12.4%) from this time last year. This variance was the result of the following:

- \$24,176,544 increase in regular salaries due to increase of 9 FTE compared to this time last year as well as negotiated salary increases, including a +14.4% increase for teachers
- \$2,601,588 decrease in optional day wages due to the new Tacoma Education Association (TEA) agreement with the district which reformatted budgeted optional days into base salary calculation and professional development
- The remaining difference is due to smaller variances in several other programs

- **Classified salaries** consist of compensation costs for employees who do not hold an educational certificate (e.g., secretarial, technical, custodial, etc.) including but not limited to regular salaries, staff development, training and extra work for extra pay.

Expenditures in this category increased \$3,898,566 (+6.0%) from this time last year. This variance was the result of the following:

- \$3,755,328 increase in in regular salaries due to negotiated salary increases, including a +14% increase for professional technical employees and +19% for office professionals and paraeducators
- \$189,504 increase in classified substitute salaries
- \$111,977 increase in classified overtime
- The remaining difference is due to smaller variances in several other programs

- **Employee benefits** consist of expenditures for the district's portion of employee benefits (e.g., retirement, social security, health insurance, etc.). This category increases or decreases in proportion to the number of staff, salaries and changes in benefit rates.

Expenditures in this category increased \$5,221,278 (+5.6%) compared to this time last year. This variance is a result of an increased rates for the 2018-19 school year.

- **Supplies and materials** consist of expenditures for supplies, instructional materials, and equipment costing less than \$5,000.

Expenditures in this category decreased \$1,925,861 (-12.2%) compared to this time last year. This variance was the result of the following:

- \$1,520,198 decrease in district-wide instructional technology from the purchase of HP notebooks, charging stations and laptop batteries made in 2017-18
- \$596,970 increase in textbooks, teaching materials & curriculum supplies purchased through the Curriculum & Instruction department
- \$573,807 decrease in miscellaneous teaching supplies, materials and equipment
- \$565,340 decrease in total district-wide food costs
- The remaining variance is due to smaller variances in several other programs

- **Contractual services** consist of expenditures for services rendered to the district under expressed or implied contracts, with the exception of travel.

Expenditures in this category increased \$6,575,089 (+19.4%) compared to this time last year. This variance was the result of the following:

- \$3,708,305 increase in general liability insurance due to an adjustment in how these payments are accounted for, in order to better align with GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles), as well as a significant cost in current insurance premiums
- \$1,173,421 increase in the transportation base rate
- \$1,141,743 increase in district-wide software licensing, including Infor, Kronos, iReady and Microsoft Office license renewals
- \$697,935 increase in district-wide contracted transportation including transportation provided for McKinney-Vento students
- \$216,236 increase in consultant fees including Microsoft strategic analytics and TransPar school bus optimization services
- \$174,774 decrease in fees paid to architects & engineers from a contracted facilities condition assessment performed last school year
- The remaining variance is due to smaller variances in several other programs

- **Local Mileage & Travel** consists of expenditures for local mileage and extended travel for both district staff and students.

Expenditures in this category decreased \$326,234 (-34.4%) compared to this time last year. This variance was the result of the following:

- \$427,897 decrease in district staff travel
- \$105,096 increase in student travel
- The remaining variance is due to smaller variances in several other programs

- **Capital Outlay** expenditures consist of payments for items costing more than \$5,000 each and are not consumable by nature.

Expenditures in this category decreased \$331,368 (-32.6%) compared to this time last year. This variance was the result of the following:

- \$270,460 decrease in non-barcoded equipment, including purchases made in 2017-18 for salt spreaders and four new Chevy trucks for Facilities, and three new Ford vehicles for Safety & Security
- \$108,587 decrease in building & grounds improvements including safety upgrades executed at IDEA last year
- The remaining variance is due to smaller variances in several other programs

➤ **Other Financing Uses** expenditures consists of operating transfers between funds.

Expenditures in this category increased \$2,000,000 compared to this time last year due to a transfer to the Transportation Vehicle Fund for the purchase of new school buses.

The levels of expenditures within various object categories and the increases or decreases from this time last year are shown in **Table 3**.

**Table 3**

<b><u>Expenditure and Other Financing Uses Comparison by Year</u></b>					
<b>Expenditure Objects</b>	<b>Through July 2018</b>	<b>Percent of Total</b>	<b>Through July 2019</b>	<b>Percent of Total</b>	<b>Variance higher/(lower)</b>
Certificated Salaries	\$ 174,366,596	45.30%	\$ 195,957,645	46.48%	\$ 21,591,049
Classified Salaries	65,336,576	16.98%	69,235,142	16.42%	3,898,566
Employee Benefits	93,596,614	24.32%	98,817,892	23.44%	5,221,278
Supplies and Materials	15,768,649	4.10%	13,842,788	3.28%	(1,925,861)
Contractual Services	33,853,061	8.80%	40,428,150	9.59%	6,575,089
Local Mileage & Travel	947,149	0.25%	620,915	0.15%	(326,234)
Capital Outlay	1,017,242	0.26%	685,874	0.16%	(331,368)
Other Financing Uses	-	0.00%	2,000,000	0.47%	2,000,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 384,885,887</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 421,588,405</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 36,702,518</b>

**FUND BALANCE**

Fund balance is the excess of assets of a governmental unit over its liabilities (i.e., beginning fund balance plus revenues, less expenditures and transfers, equals ending fund balance). In accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definition* are as follows: Nonspendable, Restricted, Committed, Assigned or Unassigned. Funds that are designated for a specific purpose are placed in fund balance accounts per the Board's Debt and Fiscal Management Policy 6015 and generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Debt and Fiscal Management Regulation targets the fund balance to be 5% of budgeted general fund revenues less other financing sources, and for the month of June, the district is at 5.91%. These fund balance accounts are structured to facilitate the prudent fiscal operation of the district. These accounts should remain at the designated levels unless there is substantial change in the district's operational requirements. The accounts are frequently reviewed in relation to board policies and GAAP requirements.



**Table 4** shows a comparison of fund balance as of July 31, 2018 and July 31, 2019. The fund balance fluctuates with both the receipt of revenues and the flow of expenditures. This yearly cycle of revenues and expenditures is considered when developing both projections for the current year and the budget for the upcoming year. The district has earmarked all available funds, not otherwise restricted, committed or assigned to be placed in the assigned to future operations category as a onetime source to help balance future operating budgets.

**Table 4**

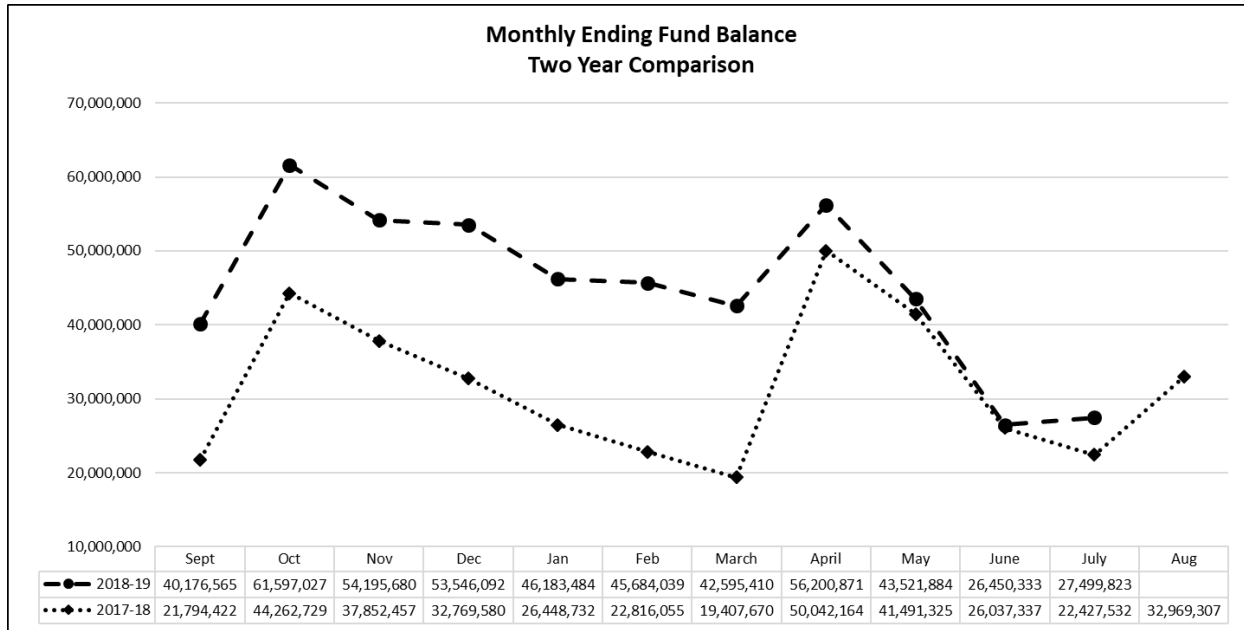
<b>Fund Balance Comparison by Year</b>					
<b>Fund Balance Descriptions for the fiscal period ended</b>	<b>July 2018</b>	<b>Percent of Revenue</b>	<b>July 2019</b>	<b>Percent of Revenue</b>	<b>Variance higher/(lower)</b>
Nonspendable - Inventory & Prepaid Items	\$ 4,294,404	1.03%	\$ 4,294,404	0.92%	\$ -
Committed to Debt and Fiscal Management	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-
Committed to Encumbrances	1,361,223	0.33%	213,631	0.05%	(1,147,592)
Committed to Contingencies	1,000,000	0.24%	1,000,000	0.22%	-
<b>Total Debt &amp; Fiscal Management Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 6,655,627</b>	<b>1.60%</b>	<b>\$ 5,508,035</b>	<b>1.18%</b>	<b>\$ (1,147,592)</b>
Restricted for Carryover	\$ 655,799	0.16%	\$ 1,060,151	0.23%	\$ 404,352
Restricted for Debt Service	425,906	0.10%	425,906	0.09%	-
Assigned to Carryover	1,459,648	0.35%	1,050,624	0.23%	(409,024)
Assigned to Curriculum & Instruction	2,938,537	0.71%	2,083,677	0.45%	(854,860)
Assigned to Future Operations	7,564,935	1.82%	7,600,551	1.63%	35,616
<b>Restricted or Assigned Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 13,044,825</b>	<b>3.14%</b>	<b>\$ 12,220,909</b>	<b>2.63%</b>	<b>\$ (823,917)</b>
<b>Total Nonspendable, Restricted, Committed and Assigned Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 19,700,452</b>	<b>4.75%</b>	<b>\$ 17,728,944</b>	<b>3.81%</b>	<b>\$ (1,971,509)</b>
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ (12,608,831)	-3.04%	\$ (6,016,416)	-1.29%	6,592,415
Unassigned for Minimum FB Policy	\$ 15,335,910	3.70%	\$ 15,787,294	3.40%	451,384
<b>Total Unassigned Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 2,727,080</b>	<b>0.66%</b>	<b>\$ 9,770,879</b>	<b>2.10%</b>	<b>\$ 6,592,415</b>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 22,427,532</b>	<b>5.40%</b>	<b>\$ 27,499,823</b>	<b>5.91%</b>	<b>\$ 5,072,291</b>
<b>Revenue less other financing</b>	<b>\$ 414,964,229 *</b>		<b>\$ 464,960,591 **</b>		

\*2017-18 total actual revenue less other financing sources as of August 31, 2018

\*\* 2018-19 budgeted revenue less other financing sources

**Table 5** shows a two-year history of the monthly ending fund balance. The ending fund balance will appropriately fluctuate based upon when certain revenues are received and expenses accrued. The fund balance typically increases in October and April when the district receives property tax revenue.

**Table 5**



**Cash Management**

In addition to the fund balance, another key performance indicator used to monitor the financial health of the district is cash on hand. The district uses cash to meet payroll and pay bills as they arise. Because revenue is not received on a regular schedule over the course of the year, the cash on hand balance will fluctuate as those expenditures occur. For the month of July, total cash on hand was \$47,389,047 and daily expenditures amounted to \$1,254,912 per day which when used in the formula [cash on hand / daily expenditures] equates to 37.76 days of cash on hand.

**Table 6** displays a comparison of cash on hand records through the period ending July for fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19.

**Table 6**

<b><u>Cash Balance Comparison by Year</u></b>				
	<b>July 2018</b>	<b>July 2019</b>	<b>Variance higher/(lower)</b>	
230 - Cash with Key Bank	\$ 632,273	\$ 704,369	\$ 72,096	
240 - Cash with Treasurer	3,022,102	1,270,019	(1,752,083)	
241 - Warrants Outstanding	(2,679,022)	(891,306)	1,787,716	
45x - Investments	40,145,000	46,305,965	6,160,965	
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>	<b>\$ 41,120,353</b>	<b>\$ 47,389,047</b>	<b>\$ 6,268,693</b>	
<b>Avg Daily Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,326,463</b>	<b>\$ 1,528,679</b>	<b>\$ 202,216</b>	
<b>Days Cash on Hand</b>	<b>36.32</b>	<b>37.76</b>	<b>1.44</b>	

**ENROLLMENT**

State funding for school districts is based on the annual average full-time equivalent (FTE) students enrolled in the district. FTE is calculated based on the number of classroom hours of instruction received.

The budgeted annual average FTE enrollment of 28,235 is based on the demographer's October projection including a 0.5% discount and a 3 year weighted average of October to year-end enrollment. Monthly budgeted enrollment is also based on a three year weighted average.

**Table 7** shows monthly budgeted, projected enrollment counts and actual counts through June 2019. The projected annual adjusted average is currently 3 FTE less than the budgeted average.

**Table 7**

<b>Budget vs. Projected Enrollment K-12 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Enrollment</b>				
	Month	Monthly Budget	Monthly Projected	Variance
	* Sep - 18	27,668	27,498	(170)
	* Oct - 18	27,659	27,723	64
	* Nov - 18	27,736	27,800	64
	* Dec - 18	27,716	27,805	89
	* Jan - 19	27,661	27,731	70
	* Feb - 19	27,561	27,490	(71)
	* Mar - 19	27,538	27,492	(46)
	* Apr - 19	27,397	27,418	21
	* May - 19	27,384	27,368	(16)
	* Jun - 19	27,282	27,284	2
<b>Average</b>		27,560	27,561	1
Running Start		268	290	22
TCC Fresh Start		176	172	(4)
Reengagement		147	147	0
Goodwill		32	30	(2)
Alternative Learning Experience		52	32	(20)
<b>Adjusted Average</b>		28,235	28,232	(3)

**Actual data through June 2019**

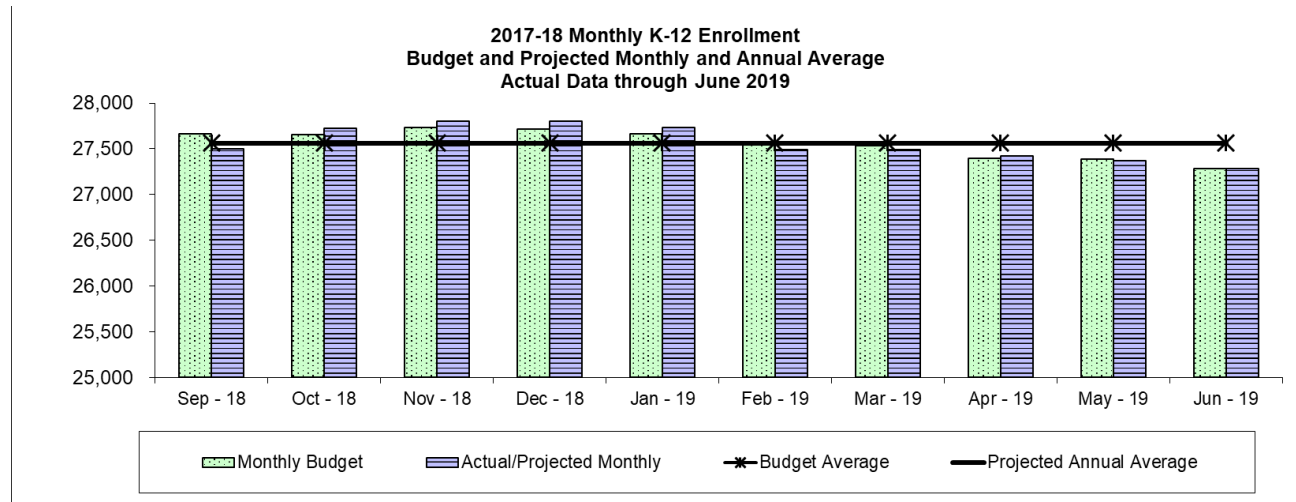
Every student enrolled is converted to a full-time equivalent (FTE) based on the number of instructional hours. A full-time equivalent student for grades 4-12 is 900 hours (i.e., 5 hours per day x 180 days) and grades 1-3 is 720 hours (i.e., 4 hours per day x 180 days), for .5 FTE (half day) kindergarten student is 360 hours (i.e., 2 hours per day x 180 days).

2018-19 is the twelfth school year full-day kindergarten has been available. Funding for the program was phased-in beginning with the schools with the highest poverty levels, (i.e., schools with the highest percentage of students qualifying for free and reduced lunch in the prior school year) and is now offered at all 35 elementary schools.

Students who participate for only part of the year or part of each day are calculated as a portion of an FTE. Any district may choose to serve students more hours per day or per year than the state definition of full-time equivalent. However, those students who attend classes more hours per day will not generate more than one FTE for funding purposes.

Student enrollment is typically highest in October, but for funding purposes, monthly enrollment is averaged for the year. The graph in **Table 8** shows the budget and actual monthly enrollment through June and the budgeted and projected average enrollment for the year. Although this graph only lists September through June, the figures include projected annual average counts through August 2019. This is done to include corrections to prior monthly reports and enrollment that falls outside of the traditional school year (e.g., Running Start, Summer School, etc.) in the annual average.

**Table 8**



**Table 9** displays the variances between actual and projected annual average FTE by individual grade level for 2017-18 and 2018-19, and the variance between projected and budgeted average FTE for 2018-19.

The projected average for 2018-19 enrollment varies from 2017-18 actual enrollment as follows (**Table 9, Column (D)**):

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Elementary schools (grades K-5) decreased by 384 FTE;  
Middle schools (grades 6-8) increased by 287 FTE;  
High schools (grades 9-12) increased by 22 FTE;  
Running Start (college level courses) increased by 5 FTE;  
TCC Fresh Start decreased by 3 FTE;  
Reengagement Center decreased by 6 FTE;  
Goodwill decreased by 7 FTE;  
ALE (Alternative Learning Experience) decreased by 18 FTE;

The combined variances results in an average decrease of 103 student FTE from the previous year.

**Table 9**

<b>K-12 Annual Average FTE Enrollment Two Year Comparison</b>					
	(A) 2017-18 Actual	(B) 2018-19 Budget	(C) 2018-19 Projected	(D) Variance (C)-(A)	(E) Variance (C)-(B)
Kindergarten	2,241	2,210	2,248	8	38
Grade 1	2,265	2,228	2,202	(63)	(26)
Grade 2	2,295	2,222	2,228	(67)	6
Grade 3	2,349	2,259	2,256	(92)	(3)
Grade 4	2,428	2,308	2,288	(141)	(20)
Grade 5	2,408	2,372	2,380	(28)	8
<b>Elementary</b>	<b>13,986</b>	<b>13,599</b>	<b>13,602</b>	<b>(384)</b>	<b>3</b>
Grade 6	2,208	2,248	2,346	137	97
Grade 7	2,040	2,183	2,188	148	5
Grade 8	2,047	2,023	2,049	2	26
<b>Middle School</b>	<b>6,296</b>	<b>6,455</b>	<b>6,582</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>127</b>
Grade 9	2,004	2,052	2,187	184	135
Grade 10	2,004	1,972	1,925	(80)	(48)
Grade 11	1,717	1,857	1,754	37	(103)
Grade 12	1,630	1,624	1,511	(119)	(113)
<b>High School</b>	<b>7,355</b>	<b>7,506</b>	<b>7,377</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>(129)</b>
Running Start	285	268	290	5	22
TCC Fresh Start **	175	176	172	(3)	(4)
Reengagement Center **	153	147	147	(6)	1
Goodwill **	36	32	30	(7)	(2)
Alternative Learning Experience	50	52	32	(18)	(21)
<b>Grand Total *</b>	<b>28,335</b>	<b>28,235</b>	<b>28,232</b>	<b>(103)</b>	<b>(3)</b>
Actual data through June 2019					

\*\* Open Doors - 1418 Programs

**CONCLUSION**

Fiscal operations and performance to budget are being closely monitored. The district administration continually reviews legislation and operations to make improvements for the benefit of the students, employees, and in stewardship of district assets.