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**BRIEFING SUMMARY**

**Date of Briefing to the Board: December 16, 2020**

**Topic: 2021-22 Budget Assumptions**

**Key Point of the Briefing:**

1. Provide adequate funding to maintain and improve the high quality education provided in grades PK-12. Major priorities include:
  - a. Raising overall mathematics achievement
  - b. Address potential learning loss
  - c. Expand intervention services
  - d. Adequately fund the Middlebrook capital improvement plan\*
2. Develop budget scenarios and plans that account for both a pandemic and post pandemic environment

<b>Pandemic Recovery Assumptions</b>
1. We will honor collective bargaining agreements.
2. We will comply with federal and state mandates.
3. Student enrollment will be higher than projected and include some families that have homeschooled or opted for private schools.
4. Custodial and other temporary staffing will revert to prepandemic model.
5. Custodial supply budget will more closely reflect prepandemic expenditures, but will account for items like additional hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes.
6. Schools will return to full capacity.
7. Special education litigation could impact budget.
8. Special education compensatory service costs could impact budget.
9. Ventilation systems are currently running at maximum. This may shorten the life span or necessitate significant repair costs.
10. Funding Middlebrook capital improvement plan will be prioritized
11. Professional learning activities will target only the highest priorities.
12. Consideration will be given to instructional program activities aimed at addressing learning loss.
13. Additional funding will be budgeted to address learning recovery.
14. Class size averages will be maintained at the low end of the range to support pandemic recovery efforts.
15. Some remote learning opportunities will persist.

\* Turner construction will be providing a quote to conduct a facility analysis.

**Action Requested of the Board of Education: Adopt proposed budget assumptions.**