

The Advisory Committee for the Recovery Plan met online on April 30, 2020. After introductions the Chief Recovery Officer (CRO) provided a review of the Scranton School District's calendar year budget which begins on January 1 and ends on December 31. The 5-year Recovery Plan's Fundamental Initiatives were reviewed.

ACHIEVE 01—Invest funds to replace curriculum and classroom technology

Curriculum is currently in process of being undated and will be completed by the end of this school year. Mathematics is one of the areas of curricular improvement.

Classroom technology has been expanded by the District's budget and will be enhanced by the recent award of the \$500,000 Equity Grant.

ACHIEVE 12--Expand the District's cyber school program

The District's cyber school programs has been expanded throughout the year to a total population of 300 students.

The District's cyber students use APEX for secondary programs.

Due to the recent school closure due to COVID-19 the Planned Course Instructional program has been expanded to include elementary students.

The ultimate goal is to become a one-to-one school district with each student having access to a technological device.

T01—Complete the implementation of the District's transportation management software and improve route efficiency

The District did complete the implementation of the District's transportation software; however, the interruption of schooling made the implementation impossible.

Any return-to-school transportation plans will need to meet all CDC and PA legal guidelines.

T03—Rebid transportation contracts for savings

The Red Top contract is due for rebid on June 2020.

The DeNaples contract is due for rebid on June 2022.

The District is currently working with both bus contractors to negotiate the terms and conditions of the 56 school days of service as per the guidelines of Act 13. Negotiations will continue to ensure compliance with Act 13. Any negotiations with bus contracts will be conducted between the School District's attorney and the companies.

T05—Increase transportation subsidy revenues

The Business Manager is currently reviewing the transportation formula and its subsidy payments to SSD. Upon return to school the goal will be to utilize the formula to maximize subsidy.

F02—Develop a multi-year capital plan

F03—Develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the utilization of facilities

F06—Develop and implement a comprehensive plan to reduce utilities spending

The District is working with consultants from PFM to develop a multi-year capital plan

Teams of Administrators are also working with PFM to examine the redesign of the District's facilities, academic programs, and capital needs.

Due to the uncertainty of the Pandemic and the date of return to schooling for the 2020-2021 year, teams of administrators are planning the redesign of the academic programs. The summer utilization of buildings is designed to reduce the cost of utilities.

R02—Raise real estate taxes annually to the Act 1 Index

Currently HB 2431 freezes property taxes at the 2019-2020 school year level.

If HB 2431 becomes law, the ability to raise real estate taxes to the Act 1 Index will not be possible.

R05—Develop payment in lieu of taxes agreements with tax exempt organizations to support District academic programs

The District will send a letter to request PILOT once the economy improves.

R07—Increase Medicaid ACCESS revenue to support special education programs

The District worked with PCG to review the District's current process for Medicaid ACCESS funding. The process in progress at this time meets the guidelines and successfully receives on time payments. This process will be reviewed frequently for compliance with the law.

An update on the Key Challenges for the SSD was presented by the Business Manager who discussed the current predictions by Pennsylvania School Business Officials (PASBO) for school district revenue losses due to COVID-19.