



**October 19**

**2020**

## **REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Finance Committee met on Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 1:30 PM via the Blue Jeans Video Conferencing Tool.

The public viewed the meeting via Video Conference.

### **ATTENDEES**

#### Finance Committee Members

Chairperson Eve Bolton, Melanie Bates, Ben Lindy

#### Administrators

Laura Mitchell, Superintendent; Jennifer Wagner, Treasurer/CFO; Vera Brooks, Director of Early Childhood; Jerron Gray, Principal, Withrow High School; Dan Hoying, General Counsel; Loren Johnson, Director of Transportation;

#### Cincinnati Preschool Promise

Chara Jackson, Executive Director  
Hector Polanco, Finance Director

#### CPS Government Liaisons

Eric Kearney, CEO, Kearney and Kearney  
George Glover, Co-Managing Director, Focused  
Capital Solutions

#### Cincinnati Tennis Foundation

Matt Dektas, Executive Director  
Nikki Cioffi, COO  
Devon Ross, Community Tennis Director

#### Community Members/Parents/Students

Melissa Taylor, Columbia Township, Administrator  
Dr. Jenny Kilgore, Ohio State Board of Education

### **Governmental Liaison Report on Particular and Immediate Legislative Topics**

Mr. Kearney reported that the legislature is not meeting on a regular basis due to the election season. He provided the Committee with the following information that is contained in his September 2020 Legislative Report.

A copy of the full report is available in the Board office and upon request.

#### Focus of Work

- \* Execute against CPS 2020 Government Relations Strategy
- \* Meet with Superintendent Laura Mitchell regarding CPS priorities
- \* Create and cultivate strategic relationships
- \* Local Delegation Meeting
- \* Statehouse Update

#### Of Note

Scheduling meeting with Senator Teresa Fedor on SB 358

Mr. Kearney reported that he will be meeting with Senator Teresa Fedor to talk about the Bill in reference to changes to the school calendar.

House Session — November 10, 2020  
Senate Session — October 20, 2020 (If Needed)

CPS, Loren Michael Johnson, Provide Testimony

**S.B. 350 (Brenner)** To prohibit school districts from providing vouchers for public transportation to students enrolled in grades kindergarten through eight for the 2020-2021 school year. Education Committee. 3rd Hearing on September 23, 2020. CPS testimony is found in the link above. Opposed by OSBA, BASA, and OASBO.

Mr. Kearney stated that his focus is on the school calendar and vouchers for public transportation.

Mr. Glover reported that he has met with Speaker Cupp and Senator Blessing regarding SB350. He will also get Mr. Cupp's insight on HB305 which creates a new school finance system.

Chairperson Bolton inquired about when simulations would be available from ODE? *Simulation* allows schools to aggregate data by funding component, grade level, individual student and district of residency. It assists community schools in determining the amount of funds the school generates per student record

### **Withrow Tennis Facility - Cincinnati Tennis Foundation**

Matthew Dektas, Executive Director, Nikki Cioffi, COO, and Devon Ross, Community Tennis Director, updated the Committee on the following information contained in their presentation.

The Cincinnati Tennis Foundation was founded in 2015, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to using tennis as a vehicle to positively impact lives. They have 150 volunteers and staff who have tirelessly worked to deliver tennis, character and education programs to various populations throughout Cincinnati.

In 2020, the Cincinnati Tennis Foundation was voted the U. S. Tennis Association Midwest Community Tennis Association of the Year. Their mission is to: "Use tennis as a vehicle to positively impact lives."

Their goal is to create an urban central location to be able to deliver tennis and education programs to youth and serve as an overall Tennis Community and Outreach Center.

The following programs, although with challenges, are currently being offered.

- Inner City Tennis
- Wheelchair Tennis
- School Tennis
- Performance Scholarships
- Community Tennis
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- Community Tennis

The 101 year old Withrow High School was voted the most beautiful high school in Ohio and is listed in Architectural Digest's list of America's most beautiful high schools. In the past five years, both the Cincinnati Bengals and the Reds Community Fund have provided major field renovations on campus.

The current tennis area of eight outdoor courts is in need of an overhaul. The surface is run down and there are major cracks throughout all of them. It will be a wonderful addition to match the beauty of the overall campus and nestle the courts along Wasson Way, the exciting Community Trail that connects Withrow to the rest of the city.

The Cincinnati Tennis Foundation is partnering with Cincinnati Public Schools, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, and the USTA to build an 8-court indoor and 8-court outdoor facility at the Withrow High School site.

The project is dedicated to preserving and celebrating the Cincinnati Tennis Community and its legacy.

Community spaces for after-school tutoring, fellowship, and nutritious snacks will be an important part of the design. In keeping with the CTF mission, every CPS student will have free access to introductory tennis.

The Community Program is designed to:

- Deliver tennis to more kids (40,000 with CPS). Every elementary child in CPS will have access to a free introductory tennis instruction.
- Become the wheelchair tennis center of the Midwest – build regular wheelchair programming and tournaments.
- Establish a fully funded pathway – kids can gain scholarships for the Cincinnati Tennis and Education Academy. This program will offer an educational program designed by Xavier University faculty, world-class tennis training, and nutritious snacks.
- Create a mentorship program with local college teams.

The following are development costs:

Land	N/C CPS Donation
Building Construction:	12,750,000
• Indoor Courts	
• Outdoor Courts	
• Building Structure	
Architectural Planning:	200,000
Legal/Accounting:	100,000
Year 1 Operations:	<u>905,000</u>
Total Costs:	\$13,955,000

CTF’s plan is to donate the building back to CPS and have a long-term management contract in place to help improve the site and the community.

A copy of the full presentation that contains information about annual operating at stabilization is available upon request and in the Board office.

The facility would be available for CPS students as well as outlying communities. Elementary to high school students would have access to the campus.

Committee member Lindy asked Principal Jerron Gray the following three questions:

(1) Does the tennis program fit or does not fit with Withrow’s school vision?

Mr. Gray advised that he wants to be known as a high school of business where students can manage the facility. He also stated that classrooms would be in the facility and that he is working with the Lindner Family Tennis Center, a tennis facility in Mason, Ohio. It is the home of the Western & Southern Open.

Mr. Gray advised that the facility will be similar to the Reds Youth Academy in Roselawn and he’d like to give kids opportunities to experience the sport.

(2) At what level are parents and family interested in the project?

Mr. Gray stated that he believes when the opportunity is presented, the students will come.

(3) If the space is not used for this, how else would it be used?

Mr. Gray stated that the older baseball diamond on the campus would fill the space, as well as an old tennis court that has been on campus for many years. This would also be a great opportunity to enhance the campus with the new Wasson Way pathway, and share the space with Hyde Park and Oakley communities.

**ACTION:** The Finance Committee will recommend moving forward with the initiative after various conversations and processes have been discussed with the full Board and the Administration.

**ACTION:** Mr. Lindy advised to get the perspective of Withrow parents about the courts.

Chairperson Bolton inquired if the tennis courts would negatively impact the Ron Oester Field. Ron Oester, a former Withrow High School legend who was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds, had a field named after him at the school site. The CTF stated that the Oester field would not be impacted.

Ms. Bolton did advise that there would be an impact on future expansion of Withrow. Robin Brandon advised that future expansion would be impacted and the ball field has been infrequently used by the Cincinnati Recreation Commission and they do not have a problem in letting go of it.

Chairperson Bolton advised to keep in mind the District's Baseball Youth Academy is used by other districts, and there needs to be a way to get CPS students there to experience it. The CTF would need to reassure the Board that the Tennis Education Center is a District-wide effort that would benefit CPS students.

Ms. Cioffi reported that CTF would raise the funds to build the facility and then donate the property back to the District. The CTF would like to have the facility built and the program up and running by 2022. The CTF would like the Board to discuss their offer and make any recommendations before CTF begins fundraising.

**ACTION:** The Finance Committee agreed to "share" this proposal with the Board in order to have the Board receive adequate and timely information.

After discussions with the Superintendent and Treasurer, the Finance Committee and CTF will meet in November to discuss the Board's recommendations.

A copy of the full report is available in the Board office and upon request.

### **Cincinnati Preschool Promise / Cincinnati Public Schools Preschool Finances**

Cincinnati Preschool Promise/ Cincinnati Public Schools Preschool

Mr. Polanco updated the Committee on CPP's following *budget considerations* that are contained in his report.

## **Tuition Assistance**

- Factors that increase Community Provider costs
  - Shifts in student-teacher ratios increase costs
  - COVID-19 health and safety measures-supplies, labor, restart stock
  - Decrease Up to 25 percent of PFCC support from State due to economic problems
  - Increase of income-eligible parents and those receiving only CPP funds for Preschool
- Additional students from programs that no longer operate

## **Quality Improvement**

- QI Assistant as contractor for COVID-19 related consulting including transition of curriculum to blended or remote learning models, staff training on health and safety protocols, additional/new assessments, parent involvement and engagement

## **Cost of Quality (Wage Subsidies)**

- Staff Support Fund for Quality Improvement Providers needed for stabilization and retention of staff
- TPG Funds increased to support expanded recruitment and retention needed

## **Budget Review and Public Hearing in August**

Note: The budget review and public hearing will be rescheduled to when CPS conducts its Budget Hearing to allow the public to ask questions.

## **Key Points to Consider: FY21 Draft Budget (CPP Community Provider only)**

### **Tuition Assistance**

- Covered For Potential
  - +100 Avg. Monthly Student Enrollment vs FY20 Actuals or,
  - PFCC reduction of 25% or,
  - 65% increase in “CPP-only” funded students
  - +3% For Annual Increase In Cost Of Educational Quality

### **Quality Improvement**

- Coaching Expansion 3-5 STAR + Contract Restructure

### **Cost of Quality (Wage Subsidies)**

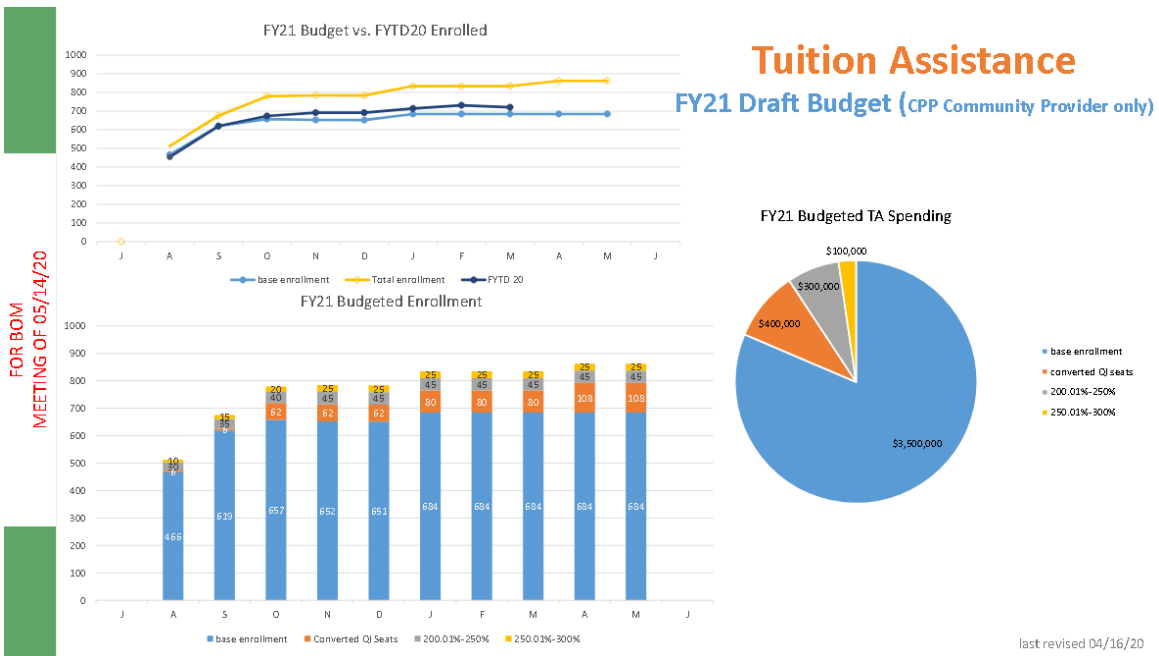
- Staff Support Fund Pilot for 0-2 STAR
- 100% Increase TPG \$/teacher/yr To Support Recruitment And Retention
- Increased Teacher Enrollment in TPG

### **COVID-19 Restart**

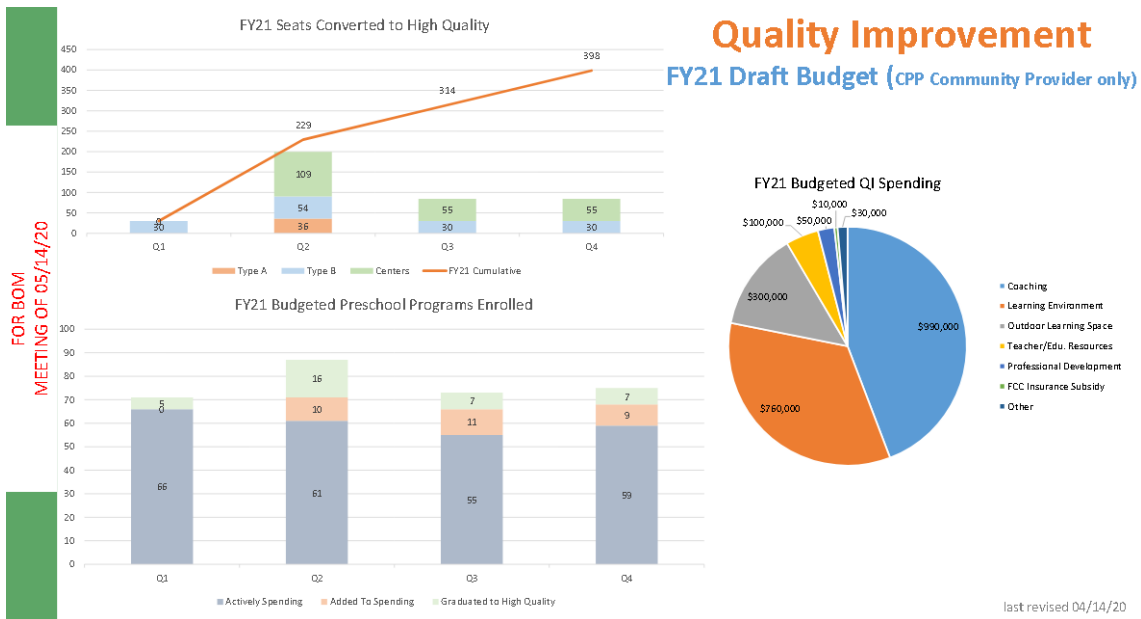
- \$500k Contingency for Post COVID-19 Restart (New for FY21)

Mr. Polanco updated the Committee on the following chart that contains data about tuition assistance for students and the budget throughout the year. He reported on the groups of students and how many students CPP anticipates having in each group.

He also reported that CPP only provides funding for students located in a three-, four- or five-star program and that the student must live in the District and that the school must be in the District.



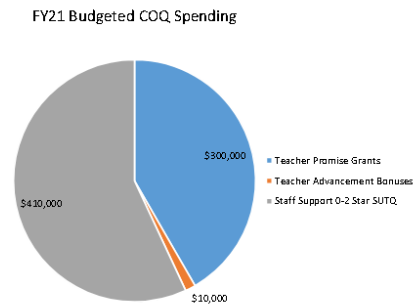
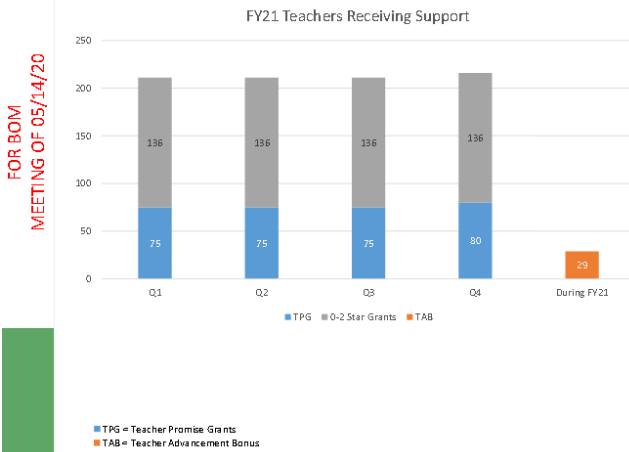
Mr. Polanco updated the Committee on the following chart that contains data about Quality Improvement for the number of programs for preschoolers who are enrolled in Quality Improvement, as well as the number of converted seats to high quality, in order to create more access. Funds received for Quality Improvement are meant to bring access around the District in-order for parents to enroll their children into preschool. CPP expects to have 400 new seats created by the end of the year.



Mr. Polanco updated the Committee on the following chart that contains data about the Cost of Quality. The data is for the number teachers who would receive Teacher Promise Grants and Staff Support Funds (SSF). SSF is a new pilot program that focuses on teachers who are in zero, one and two five star programs. These funds would be restrictive.

# Cost Of Quality

## FY21 Draft Budget (CPP Community Provider only)



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Mr. Polanco reported that CPP will be spending about \$1 million more this year than last year.

Mr. Polanco updated the Committee on the below data. The blue boxes represent underspend and the white boxes represent flat or underspend. He reported that the first three months of the year is about \$213 thousand in the underspend area.

FY21 BUDGET		CPP (Community Provider Only)												FY21 Budget	FCST FY20	FY20 Budget	FY21 Budget minus FCST FY20	FY21 Budget minus FY20 Budget
As of April 16, 2020		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun					
Tuition Assistance		\$0	\$146,950	\$386,662	\$445,952	\$449,079	\$448,511	\$477,444	\$477,444	\$477,444	\$493,329	\$493,329	\$0	\$4,296,144	\$3,567,348	\$4,430,887	\$728,796	-\$134,743
Quality Improvement		\$189,963	\$189,963	\$189,963	\$181,830	\$181,830	\$181,830	\$187,163	\$187,163	\$187,163	\$189,830	\$189,830	\$189,830	\$2,246,358	\$1,830,208	\$1,439,350	\$416,150	\$807,008
Cost of Quality (Wages)		\$25,000	\$25,000	\$27,600	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$27,600	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$27,600	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$435,600	\$718,400	\$128,185	\$669,400	\$590,215	\$149,000
Contingency For COVID-19 Restart													\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$450,000	\$0	\$0
<b>SUM OF PROGRAMS</b>		<b>\$214,963</b>	<b>\$361,913</b>	<b>\$604,225</b>	<b>\$652,782</b>	<b>\$655,908</b>	<b>\$657,941</b>	<b>\$689,607</b>	<b>\$689,607</b>	<b>\$692,207</b>	<b>\$708,159</b>	<b>\$708,159</b>	<b>\$1,125,430</b>	<b>\$7,760,902</b>	<b>\$5,575,741</b>	<b>\$6,939,637</b>	<b>\$2,185,161</b>	<b>\$821,265</b>
Data & Enrollment Systems, Evaluation		\$52,563	\$72,792	\$73,792	\$73,792	\$73,792	\$73,792	\$53,563	\$53,563	\$53,563	\$53,563	\$53,563	\$53,563	\$741,896	\$637,298	\$675,000	\$104,598	\$56,896
Communications & Outreach		\$41,163	\$27,013	\$16,813	\$7,463	\$6,113	\$9,613	\$19,063	\$25,813	\$38,478	\$31,938	\$33,888	\$39,988	\$296,246	\$177,406	\$214,872	\$118,840	\$81,373
M&A - General		\$10,483	\$2,783	\$2,783	\$2,783	\$2,783	\$2,533	\$2,783	\$2,783	\$2,783	\$2,783	\$2,783	\$8,403	\$142,100	\$65,648	\$140,900	\$76,452	\$1,200
M&A - Staff Related		\$67,684	\$67,684	\$67,684	\$67,684	\$67,684	\$67,684	\$67,684	\$67,684	\$67,684	\$67,684	\$67,684	\$67,684	\$812,206	\$629,057	\$774,672	\$102,349	\$37,534
M&A - Facilities		\$8,390	\$3,790	\$4,410	\$4,410	\$4,410	\$4,410	\$4,910	\$4,410	\$4,410	\$4,410	\$4,410	\$4,410	\$6,910	\$69,280	\$42,670	\$55,680	\$3,600
UWGC Admin		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,667	\$16,667	\$16,667	\$16,667	\$16,667	\$16,667	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
<b>SUM OF ADMINISTRATIVE</b>		<b>\$180,283</b>	<b>\$174,062</b>	<b>\$165,482</b>	<b>\$156,132</b>	<b>\$154,782</b>	<b>\$178,032</b>	<b>\$164,669</b>	<b>\$170,919</b>	<b>\$183,584</b>	<b>\$176,944</b>	<b>\$178,994</b>	<b>\$267,844</b>	<b>\$2,151,728</b>	<b>\$1,552,879</b>	<b>\$1,981,125</b>	<b>\$598,849</b>	<b>\$190,603</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$395,246</b>	<b>\$535,975</b>	<b>\$769,707</b>	<b>\$808,914</b>	<b>\$810,690</b>	<b>\$835,973</b>	<b>\$854,277</b>	<b>\$860,527</b>	<b>\$875,792</b>	<b>\$885,103</b>	<b>\$887,153</b>	<b>\$1,393,274</b>	<b>\$9,912,630</b>	<b>\$7,128,619</b>	<b>\$8,900,762</b>	<b>\$2,784,011</b>	<b>\$1,011,868</b>

**LEGEND**

Blue = Increase over comparison base

FY = Fiscal Year

FCST = Forecast

TA = Tuition Assistance

QI = Quality Improvement

COQ = Cost of Quality

TPG = Teacher Promise Grants

M&A = Management & Administrative

UWGC = The Red Way of Greater Choice

**Key Changes from FCST FY20**

1. TA = Increase in Enrollment ~100 students (\$500k) + 3% TA increase (\$125k)
2. QI = Increases due to 3-5 STAR Coaching (\$250k) + New Coaching Pricing (+\$150k)
3. COQ = Increases due to 0-2 STAR Staff Support Fund (+\$400k) + 2X TPG max/yr (\$100k) + additional TPG teachers (\$75k)
4. COVID-19 Restart Contingency (+\$450k)
5. Data & Enrollment Systems, Evaluation = Increases due to timing of COQ/Carne payment (+\$75k)
6. Communications & Outreach = Increases due to full-year of increased media and marketing materials (+\$75k)
7. M&A General = Increases due to Contingency (+\$50k)
8. M&A - Staff Related = Increase due to QI Assistant (+\$50k) + full year staffing (+\$50k) + QI support (+\$25k) + Prof. Dev. (+\$15k)
9. UWGC Admin Fees = increases due to 1/2 year of UWGC fee not yet waived (+\$100k)

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**Summary FY21 Actuals**

As of September 30, 2020

**CPP ONLY**

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Actuals FY21 YTD	Budget FY21 YTD	Budget minus Actuals FY21 YTD	Budget FY21
Tuition Assistance	\$138,128	\$224,294	\$241,723	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$604,145	\$533,611	-\$70,534	\$4,296,144
Quality Improvement	\$148,294	\$291,194	\$63,636	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$503,124	\$569,890	\$66,766	\$2,246,358
Cost of Quality (Wages)	\$0	\$200	\$24,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$24,200	\$77,600	\$53,400	\$718,400
Contingency	\$350	\$97.5	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,325	\$0	-\$1,325	\$500,000
<b>SUM OF PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$286,772</b>	<b>\$516,663</b>	<b>\$329,359</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,132,794</b>	<b>\$1,181,101</b>	<b>-\$48,307</b>	<b>\$7,760,902</b>
Data & Enrollment Systems, Evaluation	\$22,884	\$47,262	\$64,946	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$135,092	\$199,146	-\$64,054	\$741,896
Communications & Outreach	\$6,167	\$12,286	\$8,645	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$27,098	\$84,989	-\$57,891	\$296,246
M&A - General	\$8,372	\$12,731	\$6,168	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$27,271	\$16,050	-\$11,221	\$142,100
M&A - Staff Related	\$39,051	\$54,813	\$61,457	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$155,321	\$203,051	-\$47,730	\$912,206
M&A - Facilities	\$5,014	\$2,238	\$3,048	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,300	\$16,590	-\$6,290	\$59,280
UWGC Admin Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
<b>SUM OF ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>\$81,488</b>	<b>\$129,329</b>	<b>\$144,264</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$365,081</b>	<b>\$519,826</b>	<b>-\$154,745</b>	<b>\$2,151,728</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$368,260</b>	<b>\$645,992</b>	<b>\$473,623</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,487,875</b>	<b>\$1,700,927</b>	<b>-\$213,052</b>	<b>\$9,912,630</b>

**LEGEND**

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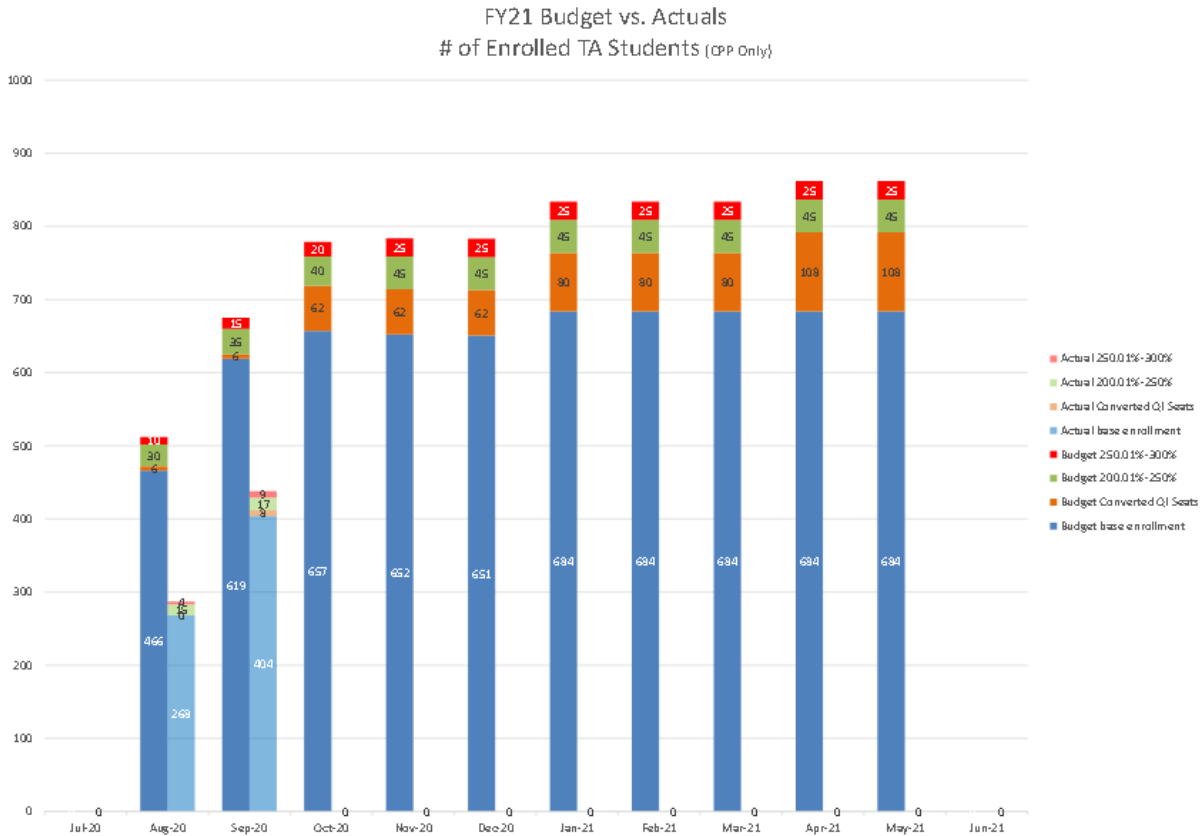
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**Key Differences in Budget minus Actuals FY21 YTD**

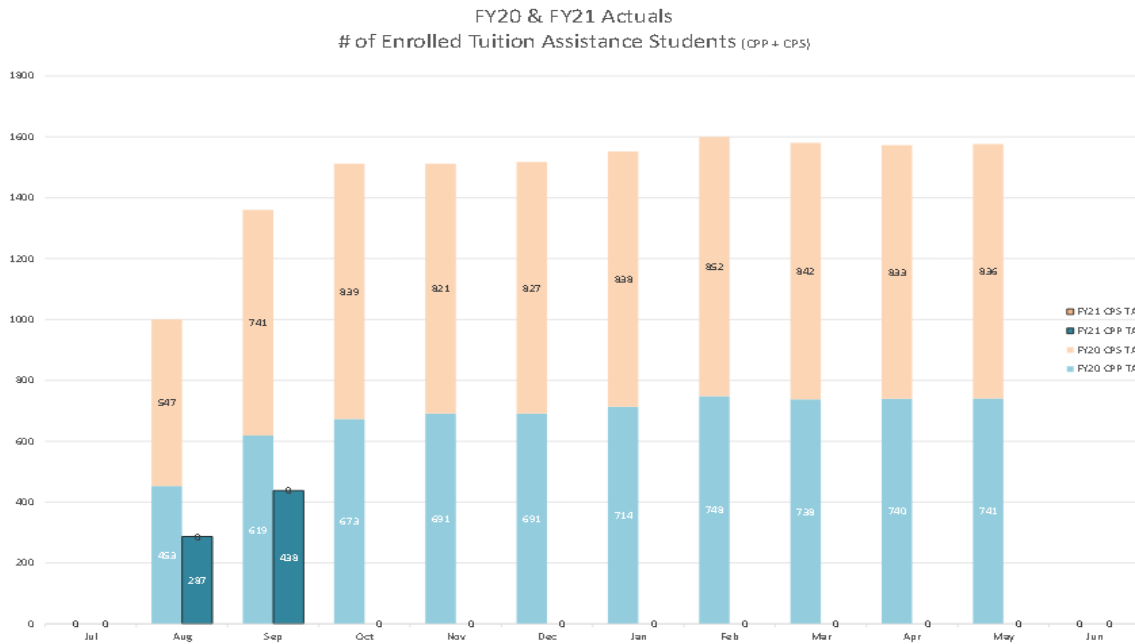
1. TA = ELS in July and Aug (-\$300k), TA lower by 230 students/mth & start 1 week later than FY20 (+\$250k)
2. QI = Learning environment (supplies, materials, equipment) front-loaded spend (-\$175k). Less Coaching (+\$130k) and Educational Tools (\$25k). No Outdoor Space Spending (+\$75k)
3. COQ = Missing accrual for one month (+\$25k)
4. Data & Enrollment Systems, Evaluation = timing of FY21 Evaluation contract signing (+\$40k)
5. Communications & Outreach = Lower TV, Bus, and Radio Advertising (+\$20k), Smaller P-Team (+\$20k), Timing of 3 Projects (+\$10k)

Mr. Polanco updated the Committee on the below FY21 vs. Actuals, # of Enrolled Tuition Assistance Students (CPP only)



Mr. Polanco updated the Committee on the below FY20 Budget and FY21 Actuals, # Enrolled Tuition Assistance Students (CPP)





Treasurer Wagner inquired about the reason for CPP’s changes to their Finance Committee Charter. Ms. Fischer stated that all of CPP’s committees needed to have an official charter and processes and procedures for governance.

Mr. Polanco provided background on how the charter was first created and that the key aspect was the composition and the group that would provide the total number of members. The groups are CPS, United Way, and Cincinnati Promise Forward. Each of those groups wanted to keep a balance in order to have an appropriate number for each group.

It was recommended to also add community members who were not a part of the three groups.

Mr. Polanco stated that the two main areas of discussion were expanding the committee and keeping a balance of voting and advice from the three entities.

Chairperson Bolton stated that CPS would have a targeted date of January 2021 for CPP’s Charter.

CPP will bring the finalized Charter to the District.

Ms. Bolton inquired about the community membership and suggested it may be problematic if that membership included providers. Mr. Polanco did say that that concern had been raised by others. Mr. Polanco agreed with Ms. Bolton that community representation would be general community members.

Treasurer Wagner informed Ms. Bolton that CPS’ Administration or the Board’s Finance Committee would not play a part in revising the Charter.

Ms. Wagner advised that CPP’s issue is expanding their group and not requiring CPP to meet every month, but to meet quarterly.

**Columbia Township Commercial Tax Increment Financing (TIF) –**

Melissa Taylor, Administrator for Columbia Township, was present to speak with the Committee about considering a residential TIF with the Board and to continue Columbia Township's partnership with the District on TIFs, along with the 35 percent school payment.

Ms. Taylor reported that she is seeking a third partnership with the district. She stated that CPS currently has two TIFs with Columbia Township, and currently a 35 percent payment on both TIFs.

Mr. Hoying informed the Committee that Ms. Taylor is presenting a project TIF to the Committee for a specific development project in Columbia Township related to the Porsche dealership.

Ms. Taylor stated that their levies are not covering the cost of services and they are now subsidizing their fire and police departments and relying on business revenues for their subsidies.

She stated that Plainville holds the greatest potential in the historic Madison Place neighborhood, and Madisonville's eastern neighbor.

She stated that the area is financially challenging due to properties being contaminated due to a gas station and an automotive dealership. Ms. Taylor informed the Committee that it's a challenge to bring in new business revenues due to property owners not being cooperative and a chronic problem with the properties being undervalued by the Auditor.

Ms. Taylor stated that buildings along the Plainville Corridor that have businesses in them are valued at \$100 to \$110 thousand, true market value.

She stated that little investment is occurring along that corridor and the Porsche dealership is expanding and there is opportunity to put a TIF district in that area and capture the new increment from that project to use it for redevelopment.

Ms. Taylor advised that it is a wider area and the Porsche dealership is on the west side of Plainville and properties targeted for redevelopment are on the east side of Plainville. She stated that she needs to move money from the Porsche project to the other side of the road and that the majority of improvements are needed on the eastside.

The eastside is where she hopes to purchase property, remediate them and put them back on the market.

Mr. Hoying informed the Committee that in regards to General Counsel's review of the TIF, historically the review that has been done and Counsel given to the Board, the Board does not get involved in the propriety or impropriety of awarding TIFs to a certain district or certain project or CRA to a certain project.

CPS' review has been limited to whether or not CPS is being made whole as a part of the deal. He also stated that if the Finance Committee agrees with the TIF, they will then recommend moving the TIF to the full Board for recommendation of approval. The Board would need to review the TIF and make sure that the Board is made whole before their approval.

Ms. Taylor stated that language about the District being made whole would be in the agreement.

Ms. Taylor advised that she would like approval by the end of December 2020. She will work with Mr. Hoying and appropriate CPS Administration, and Columbia Township's attorney to repeat the partnership with the two TIFs currently with the District. She will take it to her trustees in November.

**ACTION:** The Finance Committee will reference the TIF request at the Board's October 19, 2020, Regular Business Meeting. If the Board approves based on the Administration's Recommendation, the Board will then take action at the October 28, 2020, Regular Business meeting.

**THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING IS FOR INFORMATION ONLY DUE TO THE LACK OF A QUORUM THAT OCCURED AT AT 3:00 PM DURING THE MEETING.**

### **Transportation**

Transportation Director Loren Johnson informed the Committee that he still has a few schools that need bus monitors and that all buses will have monitors the week of October 19, 2020.

He advised that bus vendors are at 7 percent to being 100 percent with GPS reporting. Parents will then have access to My Stop information, which will allow them to know when the buses are arriving.

Mr. Johnson reported that approximately 88 percent of the routes are arriving within 5 minutes of scheduled arrival times.

Mr. Johnson reported that processes and procedures are in place for enforcing the wearing of face masks.

Ms. Bolton advised Mr. Johnson to acknowledge the *2020 National School Bus Safety Week: October 19-23*. Mr. Johnson stated that he will be doing emergency evacuations for yellow bus services at the schools.

On an inquiry by the Chair regarding the State required T-1 Report, Mr. Johnson reported that the T-1 Report needs to be filed with that State on October 15, 2020.

The T-1 report is provided annually for the use of each city, local, exempted village, county board of developmental disabilities, community schools providing service under revised code 3314.091, and ESC in certifying to the Ohio Department of Education the actual number of pupils transported and total daily miles traveled. This data is then used for calculation of the pupil transportation payment pursuant to Section 3327.0212 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). OVERVIEW The data for this report shall be a 5-day average of pupils enrolled and regularly transported.

<https://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Finance-and-Funding/School-Transportation/School-Transportation-Finance/T-Report-Instructions-Worksheets/T1-instruction-FY19.pdf.aspx?lang=en-US>

Mr. Johnson reported that the form will be resubmitted due to numbers being low due to distance learning.

Ms. Bolton advised Mr. Johnson to monitor ridership for the two high schools that are being provided with yellow bus service, due to a difference between yellow bus and Metro service.

Mr. Johnson reported that any student assigned to a primary service of yellow bus and has extra-curricular athletic events and needs Metro service, bus cards are being provided to those students.

Mr. Johnson was questioned more specifically about the accuracy and timeliness of current and updated student addresses. There was some concern expressed about the updating and implementation still being a matter of paper and not being done electronically. Mr. Johnson reported that incorrect addresses and changes to addresses in Power School originate at the school location and that it takes 5-10 business days to communicate back out to the parent.

### **Budget Presentation**

Treasurer Wagner updated the Committee on the following areas contained in the FY21 Budget. She will do a presentation to the full Board at the October 19, 2020, Regular Business Meeting.

- a. Budget Presentation
- b. Ongoing Budget Adjustments
- c. Five Year Forecast Challenges
- d. Budget Assumptions
- e. Student Enrollment /Staffing
- f. Spending Categories
- g. CPS Staffing Changes
- h. Bridge to “New CPS”
- i. Budget Current Status - \$644M
- j. Closing the Gap
- k. Budget Breakdown
- l. Budget Spend by Operating Unit.

The Treasurer shared in Committee and will send electronically to the Finance Committee members a draft of the October 19, 2020, presentation and asked for feedback for improvements or additions.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM.

### **Finance Committee**

Eve Bolton, Chair  
Melanie Bates  
Ben Lindy

### **Staff Liaisons**

Jennifer Wagner, CFO/Treasurer  
Laura Mitchell, Superintendent