

The Board Brief

This edition of *The Board Brief* is a summary of the information presented at the Board of Education's FY 2019 Budget Work Session on March 13, 2018.

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Information

Board Begins FY 2019 Budget Discussions

Chief Financial Officer Ron Collier presented Board members with a preview of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 General Fund Budget on Tuesday, March 13. Numbers presented on Tuesday are merely estimates as the District begins planning for the next school year. To view the full presentation, [click here](#).

Various items are being considered in the development of the FY 2019 General Fund Budget. Mr. Collier presented these considerations to the Board for feedback and to gain a better picture of the Board's funding priorities for 2018-2019.

Included as considerations in the budget preview:

- Rising TRS Pension cost
- Rising healthcare cost
- Increased cost of student transportation
- Increased legal cost
- Declining pool of qualified teachers
 - Historic Macon Home Ownership Incentive Program
 - Referral bonus program for new teachers
- Math/social studies textbook adoptions
- Contract extension for high school counselors – 5 additional days

Excluded in the budget preview:

- Senior citizen property tax exemption
- Reduction in property tax millage rate
- Reduction in QBE equalization earnings
- Budget impact of overall safety concerns
- Evaluating/reviewing coaching supplements

Other factors considered in the budget preview:

- Declining student (FTE) population
- District Millage Rate at its apex (19.814)
- Outsourcing opportunities

The next Board of Education work session to discuss the FY 2019 General Fund Budget will be April 17 at 6 p.m. The work session will take place in the Board Room at 484 Mulberry Street in Macon.