

The Board Brief

This edition of *The Board Brief* is a summary of the actions taken at the Board of Education's Called Board Meeting on May 23, 2017.

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Actions Taken

Board Gives Tentative Approval of FY 2018 Budget

On Tuesday, May 23, Board members approved the tentative Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Superintendent's Recommended Budget. To view the full presentation, [click here](#).

Some of the goals of the FY 2018 Budget included providing additional support to elementary schools to handle discipline and behavior issues, lowering class sizes, and bringing salaries in line with surrounding and comparable districts. Some highlights of the budget are listed below.

- 2 percent one-time performance incentive bonus based upon system goals
- TRS rate increase (14.27 percent to 16.81 percent)
- Classified employees state health insurance rate increase beginning January 2018
- 31 additional teachers to allow for class size reduction throughout the district
- 2 Executive Directors to supervise principals
- 4 Behavior Interventionists
- 1 RTI Coordinator for Behavior to provide additional support to elementary schools in handling disciplinary and behavioral issues
- 22 Medical Technicians (Med Techs) to administer medicine and keep medical records for elementary schools
- 8 PBIS Paraprofessionals for ISS support (to ensure each elementary school has a full-time ISS support)
- 12 Certified Teachers for Middle and High School ISS
- ThinkCERCA reading and writing initiative for middle schools
- District Management Group (DMG) consulting services for Program for Exceptional Children
- School Administration Manager (SAM) Innovation Project for 13 additional schools
- Center for Educational Leadership – professional development services
- Salary Review of all Classified Personnel to bring the District's salaries in line with surrounding and comparable districts

Public hearings on the FY 2018 Superintendent's Recommended Budget are scheduled for Tuesdays, June 6 and June 13. Both will begin at 6 p.m. and will take place in the Board Room at 484 Mulberry Street.

Final approval of the FY 2018 Superintendent's Recommended Budget is scheduled for Thursday, June 15. All meeting dates are subject to change based on Board actions.

District to Purchase Laptops for First Phase of Refresh of Employee Workstations

On Tuesday, May 23, Board members authorized the District to issue a purchase order to Dell for the refresh of 500 Dell teacher workstations, or laptops. This purchase is part of a continuous plan to provide District teachers and administrators with computers that are performing at an ideal level. For more information, [click here](#).

Technology Items Purchased with Northeast SIG Funding

On Tuesday, May 23, Board members authorized the District to issue a purchase order to Dell for 210 laptops and 7 computer carts for Northeast High School. Funding for the purchase will come from Northeast High School's School Improvement Grant (SIG). For more information, [click here](#).