

The Board Brief

This edition of *The Board Brief* is a summary of the information discussed at the Board of Education's Work Session on April 19, 2016.

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Information Presented

Board Continues FY 2017 Budget Discussions

Superintendent Dr. Curtis L. Jones Jr. and Chief Financial Officer Ron Collier presented Board members with an updated preview of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 General Fund Budget on Tuesday, April 19. To view the budget presentation, [click here](#).

Dr. Jones highlighted several budget priorities for consideration, including:

- Step increase for certified staff (\$1.3 million);
- 13.5 additional teachers (music and art) to provide equity among elementary schools with specials and to allow teachers to have collaborative planning time (\$926,607);
- Salary increase for bus drivers to align their salaries with surrounding counties (\$300,000);
- District-wide reading intervention initiative for elementary schools (\$601,000);
- Summer school program for grades 3, 5 and 8 (\$500,000);
- 13 PBIS paraprofessionals for ISS support (\$334,826);
- 1 assistant principal (\$103,212); and
- 4 counselors (\$333,960).

The next Board of Education work session to discuss the FY 2017 General Fund Budget will be Tuesday, May 10, at 6 p.m. in the Board Room at 484 Mulberry Street in Macon.