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2023-24 School Year Plan for Foundation Aid

The 2021-22 enacted state budget included language stating that, for the 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years, each school district receiving a foundation aid increase of more than ten percent or \$10,000,000 must post to the district website prior to July 1 of each school year a plan by school year of how the funds will be used to address student performance and need, including but not limited to:

- i. increasing graduation rates and eliminating the achievement gap;
- ii. reducing class sizes;
- iii. providing supports for students who are not meeting, or at risk of not meeting, state learning standards in core academic subject areas;
- iv. addressing student social-emotional health; and
- v. providing adequate resources to English language learners, students with disabilities, and students experiencing homelessness.

Included in the 2023-24 budget, utilizing additional foundation aid, the district was able to bring World Language to fifth grade. This now allows the district to have Word Language in grades three through 12. The district was able to retain all teachers, which will lead toward lower class sizes and/or improved student-teacher ratios. Academic intervention support was also maintained throughout all schools. The increase in foundation aid was discussed during multiple budget presentations, which always welcomed public comment. The increase in foundation aid was also discussed with the PTAs throughout the district and various community-based committees during the year.