



YOU'RE INVITED!

Public schools need public input!

YOUR INVOLVEMENT IS IMPORTANT
AS WE BEGIN TO PREPARE THE



2021-2022 BUDGET

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE ON EDUCATIONAL BILLS

Thursday, March 4, 2021, 5:30 PM at the District Office Building, 1100 4th St. South.

You are invited to join the GFPS Administration and Board of Trustees in an update from your LOCAL LEGISLATORS regarding the education bills that have been considered thus far in the Montana Legislature. This is during the transmittal break so it is a perfect time to review so the Board can begin to make budgetary decisions for the 2021-2022 school year. COME JOIN THE CONVERSATION! This meeting will be broadcast on Facebook LIVE. As a resource, please review these webpages for background information, ["School Budgeting 101"](#), ["This is Great Falls Public Schools"](#).

BOARD BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 5:30 PM at the District Office Building, 1100 4th St. South.

The Board Budget Committee, made up of Trustees, Kim Skornogoski (Budget Committee Chair), Jan Cahill and Mark Finnicum, will review revenue and expense projections as well as public input to formulate a recommendation to the full Board. They will consider options such as running an operational levy, a technology levy, a safety levy (depending on legislative action) or no levy.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, March 22, 2021, 5:30 PM at the District Office Building, 1100 4th St. South.

Along with the regular agenda, the Board will consider the recommendations of the Board Budget Committee and take action to prepare for the 2021-2022 budget. In order to run a May levy election, the Trustees are required to set an amount, if any, at this meeting. Public comment will be on the agenda.



COMMITTEE INFORMATION



BOARD BUDGET

COMMITTEE MEMBERS



KIM SKORNOGOSKI
Committee Chair



JAN CAHILL
Committee Member and Board Chair



MARK FINNICUM
Committee Member

GOAL

STRATEGIC PLAN

Provide prudent stewardship and accountability of public resources to best support educational opportunity and student success.

The Board is committed to directing District resources to providing educational opportunity through both an instructional core and comprehensive programming while maximizing operational efficiency and public accountability within a sustainable budget. The District must recognize a need for a 21st Century learning environment, changing student population with a more diverse needs, uncertain revenue streams and escalating costs.

END GAME

A balanced GENERAL FUND budget for the 2021-2022 school year that provides high quality educational opportunity while maximizing operational efficiency and public accountability.

REMINDERS:

- **GENERAL FUND:** The General Fund Budget finances the instructional costs of the District along with general maintenance and operational costs. It does not include grant monies nor federal allocations.
- General Fund is NOT the bond levy proceeds!
- Budget limits are established per MCA 20-9-308.
- **VOTING REQUIREMENTS:** Voter approval is necessary for a district to increase Over-BASE taxes from the prior year. (MCA 20-9-308 and 20-9-353).