

5 Transfers for School Safety

7 It is the policy of the District to increase the flexibility and efficiency of the District’s resources  
8 by utilizing the provision of law allowing transfers of funds to improve school safety and  
9 security.

11 The District may transfer state or local revenue from any budgeted or non-budgeted fund, other  
12 than the debt service fund or retirement fund, to its building reserve fund in an amount not to  
13 exceed the District’s estimated cost of improvements to school and student safety and security.

15 The transfer of such funds can be for:

- 17 • Planning for improvements to and maintenance of school and student safety, including  
18 but not limited to the cost of services provided by architects, engineers, school resource  
19 officers, counselors, and other staff or consultants assisting with improvements to school  
20 and student safety and security.
- 21 • Programs and training for school employees, students, parents, and community members  
22 approved by the Trustees to support school and student safety and security, including but  
23 not limited to active shooter training, threat assessment practices outlined in Policy 8301  
24 and restorative justice.
- 25 • Installing or updating locking mechanisms and ingress and egress systems at public  
26 school access points, including but not limited to systems for exterior egress doors and  
27 interior passageways and rooms, using contemporary technologies.
- 28 • Installing or updating bullet-resistant windows and barriers; and
- 29 • Installing or updating emergency response systems using contemporary technologies.

31 Any transfers made under this policy and Montana law are not considered expenditures to be  
32 applied against budget authority. Any revenue transfers that are not encumbered for expenditures  
33 in compliance with the five reasons stated above, within two (2) full school fiscal years after the  
34 finds are transferred, must be transferred back to the originating fund from which the revenue  
35 was transferred.

37 If transfers of funds are made from a District fund supported by a non-voted levy, the District  
38 may not increase its non-voted levy for the purpose of restoring the transferred funds.

40 Cross Reference:

41 Policy 7121	Budget Adjustments
42 Policy 8301	District Safety

44 Legal References:

45 §20-9-236, MCA	Transfer of Funds – Improvements to School Safety and Security
46 §20-9-503, MCA	Budgeting, Tax Levy, and Use of Building Reserve Fund

47 Chapter 348 (2023) School Safety Teams

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49 Policy History:

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