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The last discussion regarding the budget for 2015-16 ended with an open item regarding the approval of the preliminary budget. Following further research and discussion with our solicitor, the administration recommends the formal approval of the proposed preliminary budget on January 19, 2015, with approval of the preliminary budget on February 9, 2015.

This is a change in our past practice, however as mentioned, following additional research, this is recommended as the appropriate path.

The proposed preliminary budget will be presented on the PDE Form 2028 as prescribed on January 19th for this approval. The information used to generate this form will not change from that presented on the January 12th, unless board directed is received by administration.

The attached budget development timeline has been revised to reflect this recommendation.

State College Area School District
2015-16 Budget Development

Key dates in the budget process based on PDE published filing requirements.

January 12

- Discussion of State High financing plan including the debt service for the first borrowing to be included in the 2015-2016 budget.
- Budget discussion as needed including any revision to the average taxpayer impact based on the financing plan.

January 19

- Special meeting of the board review, discuss and approve the proposed preliminary budget. Public display of preliminary budget to be recommended for board approval at the February 9 board meeting.

January 26

- Opportunity for further discussion of the preliminary budget including financing options.

February 9

- Presentation of preliminary budget for board approval (PDE deadline February 18).
- Presentation of referendum exception calculation for board discussion.

February 23

- Presentation of referendum exceptions for board approval (PDE deadline March 5).

March 23

- Further budget development discussion following release of governor's proposed budget.

March 25

- PDE deadline to rule on school district request for referendum exception.

April 27

- Presentation of district proposed final budget for 2015-2016.

May 4

- Presentation of district proposed final budget for 2015-2016 for board approval (deadline May 29).

May 18

- Public display of final budget to be recommended for board approval at the June 8 board meeting.

June 1

- Public hearing for district final budget for 2015-2016.

June 8

- Presentation of district final budget for 2015-2016 (deadline June 30).
 - General Fund Approval Resolution
 - Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution
 - Annual Tax Levy Resolution