

Budget Advisory Groups

School Board Charge

In the absence of local funding in the 2021 calendar year due to the rejection of the Renewal Levy for Educational Programs and Operations on both ballot measures 2021-2022 in 2020, our district will have to identify budget reductions of approximately \$2.5 million for the school year. The need for such reductions is further amplified by the fact that a levy has not yet been proposed or approved for the collection of a local levy to support operations during the 2022 calendar year.

Therefore, the school board is tasking the Lakewood School District administration to identify Budget Advisory groups consisting of community members, staff and administration to provide input and feedback on budget priorities and budget reductions in the following five areas of school district operations:

- Administration and Governance
- Facilities
- Activities and Athletics
- Teaching, Learning and Special Services
- Programs and Staffing

The process will include an orientation of school funding and budgeting, as well as a re-evaluation of budget priorities that is informed by budget reduction goals, projected revenues and expenditures, district strategic priorities, and legally mandated programs or expenditures. The budget advisory process will conclude by the end of March and provide recommendations to the administration and school board for the purpose of informing the development of the district budget and enacting cuts in preparation for the 2021-2022 school year.