

# DRIVER EDUCATION MANDATE WAIVER HEARING



1. Explanation of waiver request
2. Hearing – Public/employee comment
3. Discussion of waiver
4. Board action on the waiver

# Driver Ed Hearing (cont.)

- Illinois School Code: 105 ILCS5/27-24.3 “... the drivers education course offered in its schools shall consist of at least 30 hours of classroom instruction and, subject to modification as hereinafter allowed at least 6 hours of practice driving in a car having dual operating controls under direct individual instruction.
- Requested Waiver/Modification – 105 ILCS5/27-24.3 “The state board may allow 20 hours of practice driving in a simulator system in lieu of 3 hours of instruction in a dual control car.”

# Driver Ed Hearing (cont.)

- Justification: Fulfilling the intent of the driver education mandate in a more safe, efficient and innovative manner and improving the performance of our student drivers.
- The District fully intends to continue the high-quality driver education program, but in a more effective way by allowing students to utilize simulation hours in lieu of three hours of direct behind-the-wheel with an instructor. For every one hour of behind-the-wheel driving with an instructor, simulation will provide four hours of integrated, interactive practice time.
- Specific simulation hours will prepare the basic beginning driver to practice safe driving habits before actually being placed in an urban street environment.
- The waiver will allow a more effective delivery of instruction by providing direct behind-the-wheel supervision and guided simulation practices.

# Driver Ed Hearing (cont.)



- In order to improve students' performance, Doron's Simulator System Interaction (DSSI) will be implemented. The DSSI reinforces personal driver/driving responsibility.
- The program dramatically demonstrates the effects of speed, grade, load, various adverse roadway and weather conditions. It allows for variable adjustment of these factors to heighten the realism of the instruction.



# District 205 Board Meeting

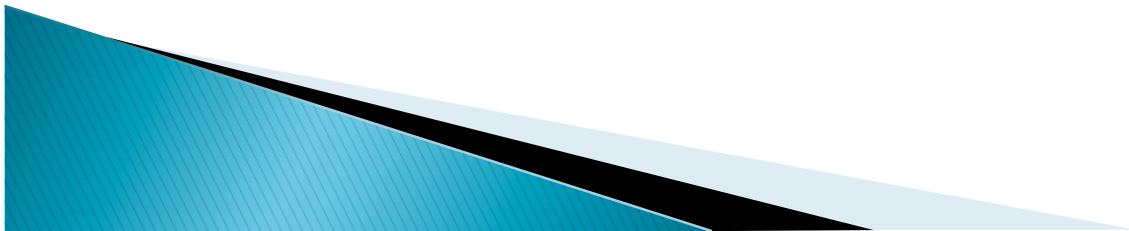
**December 8, 2010**

Serving All or Portions of the Following Communities:

Blue Island \* Burnham \* Calumet City \* Dixmoor\* Dolton \* East Hazel Crest\* Harvey \*  
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Thornton



# OPEN SESSION



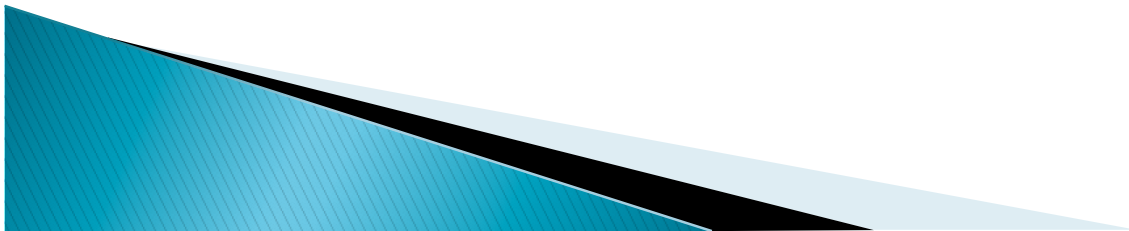
# Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

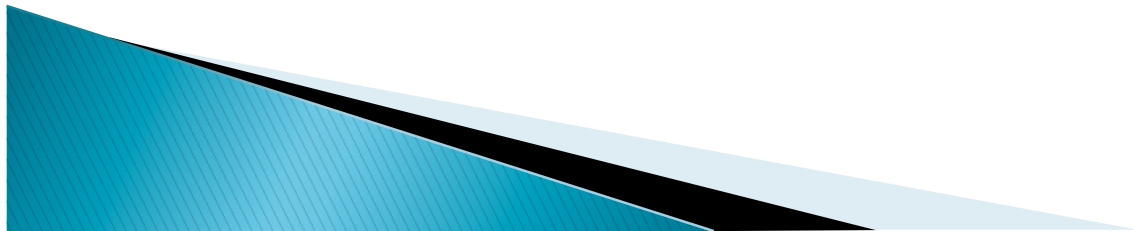


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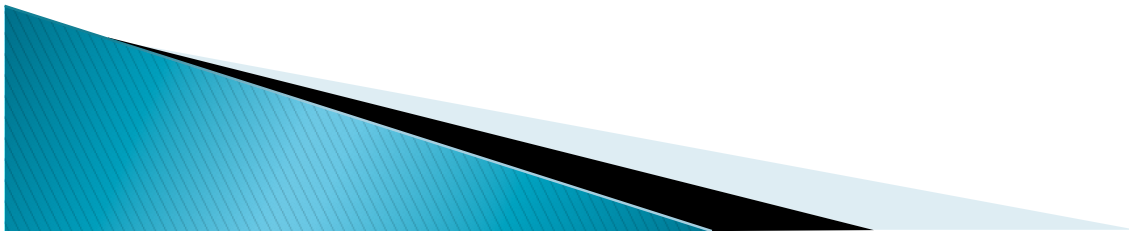


# EXECUTIVE SESSION

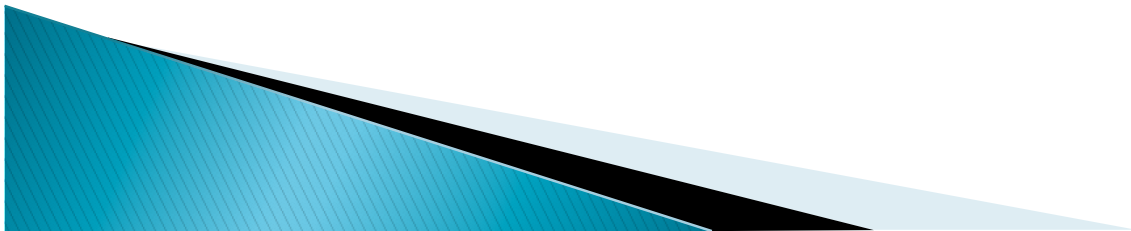


## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE or EXEC SESSION

- Report from Curriculum Committee (None)
- Report from Finance Committee (Markham TIF, Thornton Window Project, 2010 Tax Levy)
- Report from Policy Committee (Driver Ed Waiver, Food Allergy Management Program Policy 7:185)

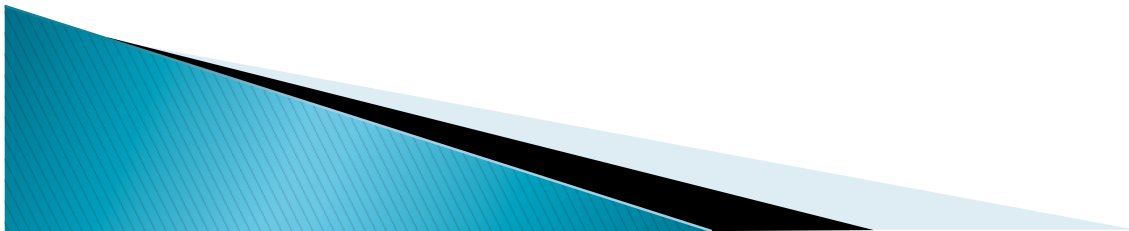


# PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



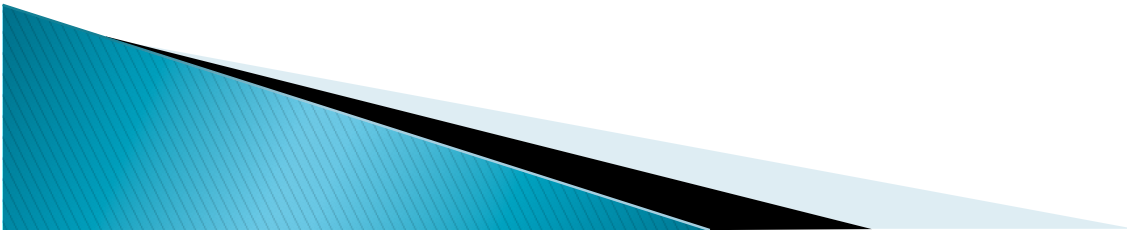
# Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of November 3, 2010
- Approval of District 205 Bills
- Approval of ECHO Bills
- Personnel: Approval of Resignations, Releases, Leave of Absence and Employment



# FOIA

Mr. Gress







# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

- District 205 has responded to ten Freedom of Information Act requests since the last board meeting. A response was mailed/emailed within five business days.

# Communications

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## COMMUNITY AWARENESS



Mr. Jerry B. Doss

# COMMUNICATIONS

## Synergy Brass Quintet

- ◎ World renowned youth brass performing group.
- ◎ Provided clinics and community performance for all District 205 instrumental music students
  - ◎ High Schools and middle schools
- ◎ Held a community music performance, free of charge to students and open parents and community members
- ◎ Performances and services underwritten by the District 205 Academic Enrichment Foundation



# COMMUNICATIONS

## AT&T Partnership

- ◎ Partnering with **Academic Enrichment Foundation** to provide cultural activities for District 205 Students through the United Nations Summer Leadership Academy.
- ◎ AT&T Foundation will donate \$50,000 to District 205 Enrichment Foundation.
- ◎ Foundation also developing partnership in career training program for fiber optics and telecommunications.



# COMMUNICATIONS

## **Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) Partnership**

- ② IIT is working with District administration to provide college and career opportunities for District 205 students in engineering, medicine, science and technology.
- ② Developing pilot program- Pathways to College, that will provide mentoring, counseling and financial aide to qualifying students to attend the Illinois Institute of Technology.

# CONGRATULATIONS 2010 DOLTON BEARS



During the Thanksgiving Holiday, the Dolton Bears Football and Cheerleading program won first place in the National Football and Cheerleading Competition held in Daytona Beach, Florida.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## December

⦿ Dec. 11 - ACT Test

⦿ Dec. 22 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Grades Due

⦿ End of Quarter 2

⦿ End of Semester 1

• Dec. 23 – SAT Registration Deadline for Jan. 22

• Dec. 23 – Jan. 5 – Christmas Break (*NO SCHOOL*)





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## January

☉ Jan. 3 – District 205 Facilities Re-Open

☉ Jan. 6 – Late Start

☉ Beginning of Quarter 3

☉ Beginning of Semester 2

- Jan. 7 – ACT Registration Deadline for Feb. 12
- Jan. 12 – Board of Education Meeting(*Thornton H.S.*)





# COMMUNICATIONS

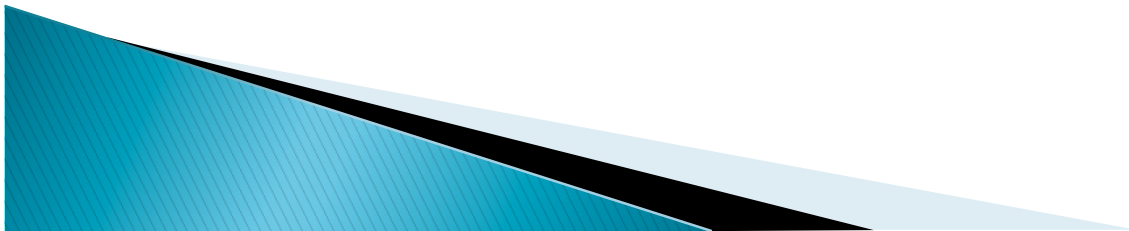
Happy and Peaceful Holiday Season

The Thornton Township High School District 205  
Board of Education, Administration, Faculty and  
Staff wishes everyone a happy and peaceful  
Holiday and New Year.

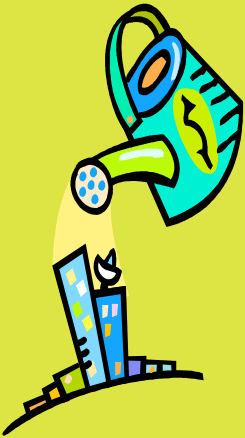
# UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ▶ Recommended Approval of Extension of the City of Markham's Tax Increment Financing District No. 3 (TIF No. 3) through 2029 (Policy Section 4:10)

Mr. Gress  
(Approval needed) ( 2 minutes)



# MARKHAM TIF



- ◎ The City of Markham has requested that District 205 support an extension of the City of Markham's Tax Increment Financing District No. 3 (TIF No. 3) through 2029.
- ◎ Mayor Webb, the city attorney and the city TIF consultant attended the Finance Committee meeting on November 30 to answer questions. Mayor Webb stated that there are three businesses interested in moving into the development area, but will not do so without the additional years added to the TIF.
- ◎ The committee requested that the City rebate tax money received after the original expiration of the TIF back to District 205 for all property that has seen development during the first 16 years of the TIF. Mayor Webb agreed to this request.



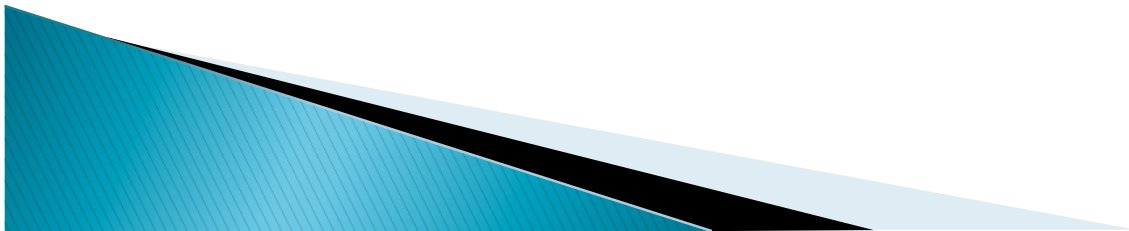
# MARKHAM TIF (CONT.)

- ◎ The Finance Committee decided to recommend the approval of the extension of the City of Markham TIF III and requested that Mayor Webb attend tonight's meeting to explain the TIF and why an extension is necessary to the community.
- ◎ On December 2 a request was made that a written agreement be provided by the City of Markham regarding the verbal agreement the District received from the Mayor.
- ◎ District 205 has contacted the Mayor's office and the city TIF consultant to request a written agreement, but nothing has been received to date.

# UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ▶ Recommended Approval of 2011–2016  
Driver's Education Modification of the Illinois  
School Code (policy Section 6:210)

Mr. Styrsky, Mr. Potacki and Mr. Gress  
(Approval needed) ( 2 minutes)



# DRIVER EDUCATION MODIFICATION

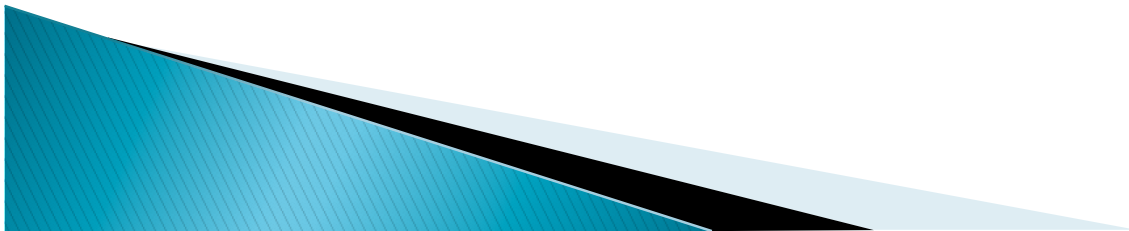


- During the November meeting the Board approved the submission of a waiver to request a reduction in the amount of behind the wheel hours for students participating in the driver education program.
- A hearing was held today at 5:30 p.m. after all the conditions set by the State of Illinois were met.
- The request for the reduction in hours is to allow the District to expand the driver education program from a two phase program to a three phase program. This will increase the content of instruction to students and better prepare them for driving.

# NEW BUSINESS

- Recommended Approval of Out-of-State Field Trip (Policy Section 6:240)

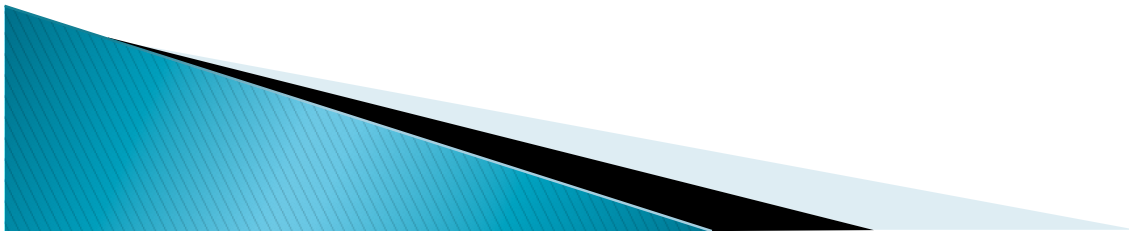
Mr. Ratliff  
(Approval needed) (2 minutes)



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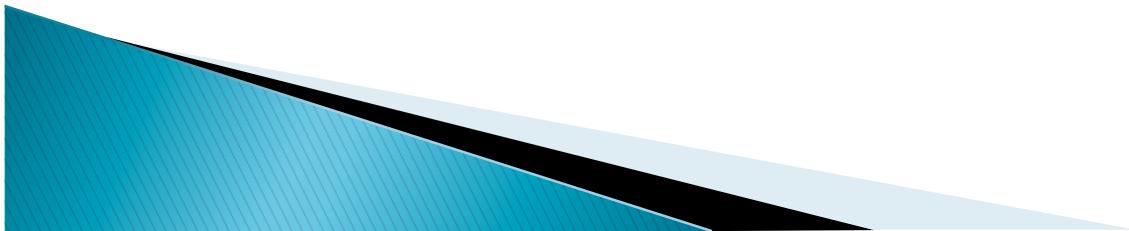




# NEW BUSINESS

- Recommended Approval of Food Allergy Management Program (Policy 7:185)

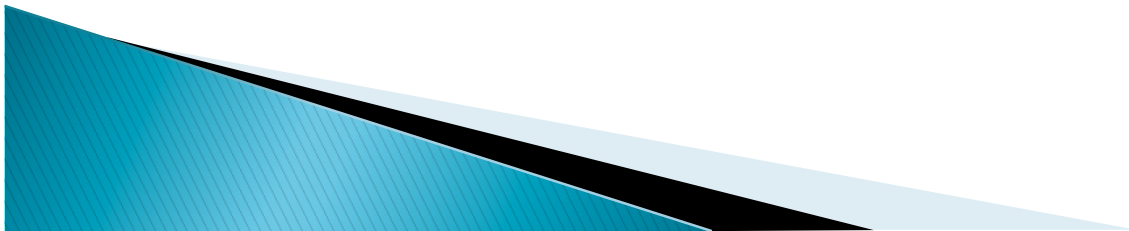
Dr. King, Mr. Banks, Dr. Lyke and Mrs. Habecker  
(Approval needed) (5 minutes)



# NEW BUSINESS

- ▶ Recommended Approval of Thornton Window Replacement Bid (Policy Section 4:60)

Mr. Gress  
(Approval needed) (2 minutes)





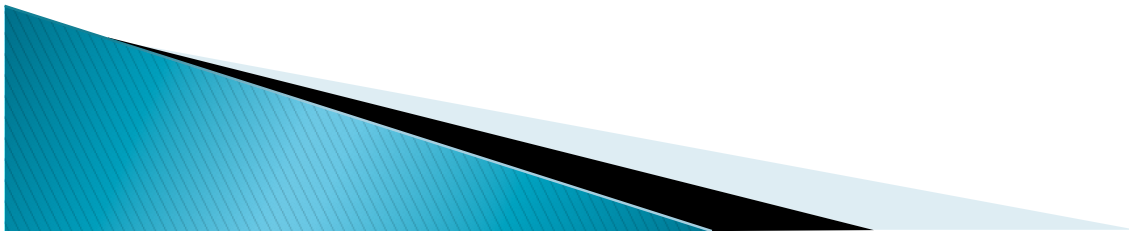
# THORNTON WINDOW REPLACEMENT

- ◎ On Wednesday, November 24 District 205 held a bid opening for Phase I and II window replacement at Thornton Township High School.
- ◎ Included in the specification were three alternates:
  - To increase the contractor warranty to two years.
  - To refinish the window sills on all windows being replaced
  - To refinish the window trim on all windows
- ◎ Five bids were received and the low bid was submitted by 3F Corporation.
- ◎ The Finance Committee is recommending that the contract be awarded to the lowest, qualified bidder, 3F Corporation, in the amount of \$2,863,200 which included all three alternates.

# NEW BUSINESS

- ▶ Recommended Approval of 2010 Tax Levy  
(Policy Section 4:10)

Mr. Gress  
(Approval needed) (5 minutes)



# 2010 TAX LEVY

- The tentative levy is required to be on display for 20 days.
- The tentative levy has been available at each building and on the district website.
- We have not received any inquiries on the tentative levy.
- There have been no changes to the levy from the tentative levy put on display.

# 2010 TAX LEVY

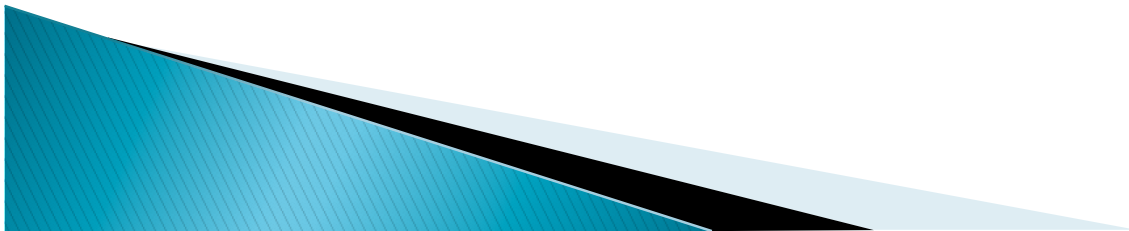
- The tax levy must be approved each year during the December meeting. The following numbers are the proposed amounts to be levied excluding the bond and interest levy which will be added by the Cook County Clerk.

• Educational Fund	\$35,717,825
• Operations & Maintenance	\$ 9,161,140
• Transportation	\$ 6,000,000
• Working Cash	\$ 832,830
• Municipal Retirement	\$ 600,000
• Social Security	\$ 600,000
• Life Safety	\$ 1,000
• Tort Immunity	\$ 500,000
• Special Education	\$ 6,662,645
• Leasing	\$ 1,000
• TOTAL LEVY	\$60,076,440

# NEW BUSINESS

- ▶ Presentation of 5-year Fiscal Projection  
(Policy Section 4:10)

Mr. Gress and Mr. Grossi  
(5 minutes)





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Inc.

# Thornton Township High School District Number 205

Financial Analysis  
December 8, 2010

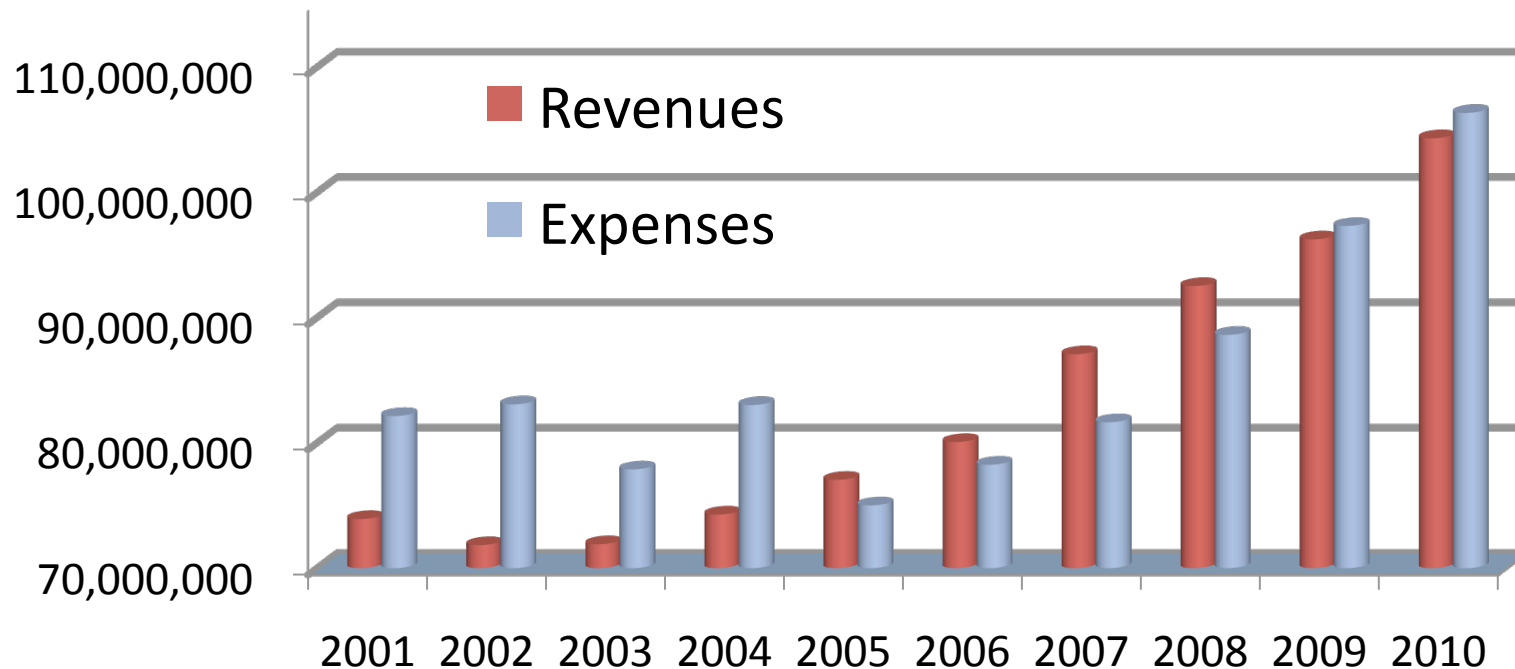


# Outline of Presentation

- Historical Financial Review (2001-2010)
- Financial Threats to District
- Financial Projections (2011-2015)
- Financial Plan (Options to Stabilize Finances)

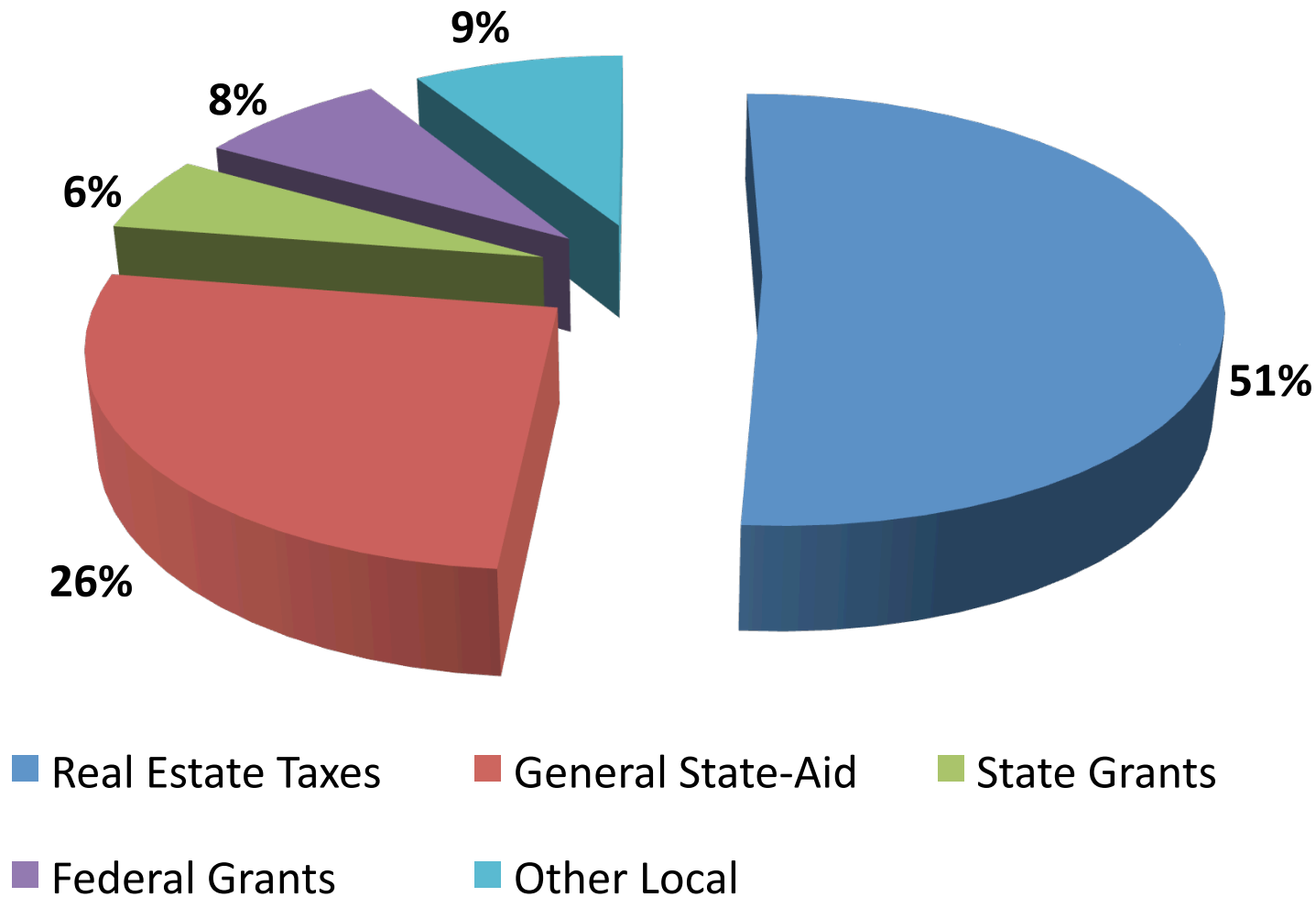
# Historical Financial Review

(Excludes Debt Service Fund and Major Capital Expenses)

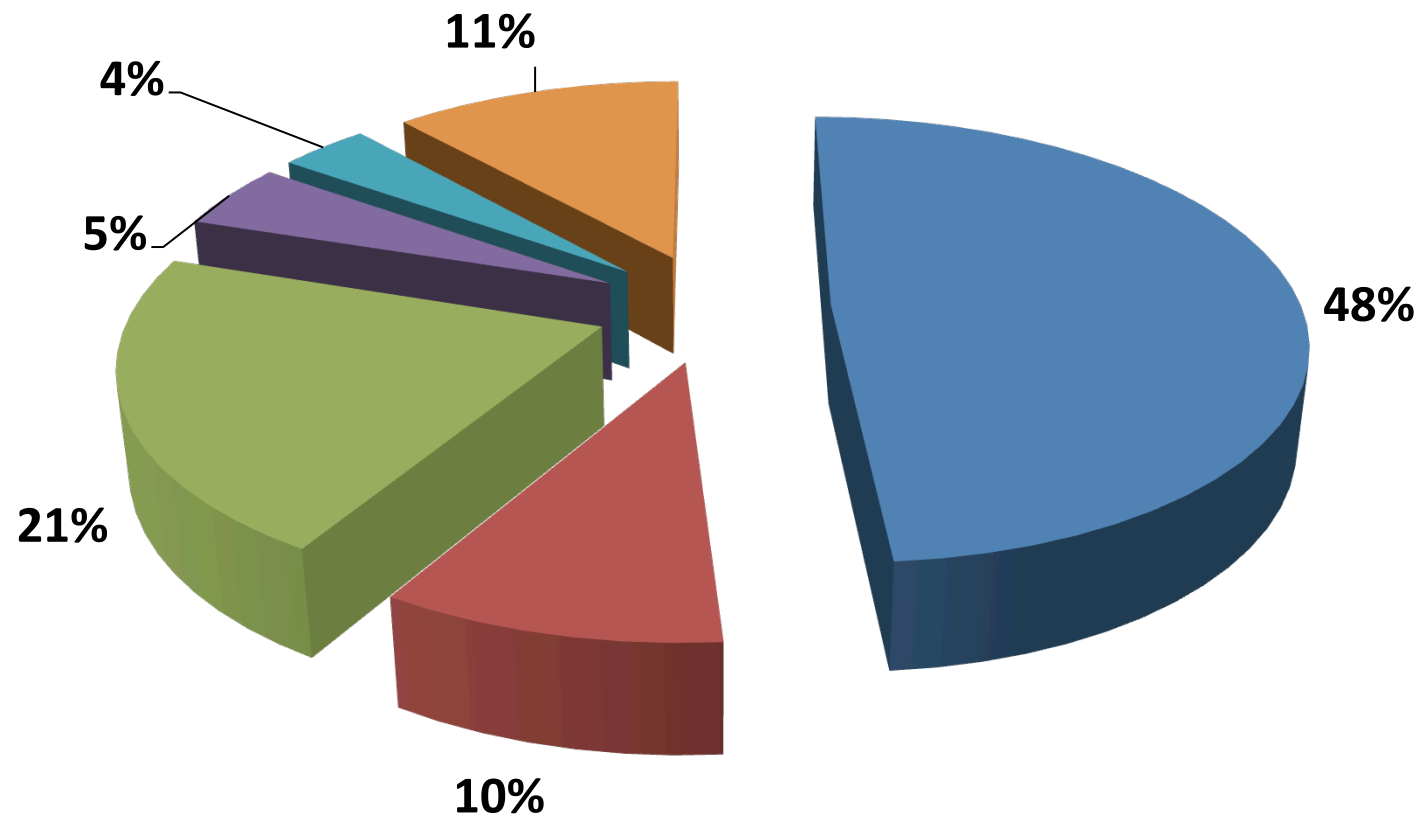


- The District incurred significant deficits from FY 2001 to FY 2004.
- The District realized surpluses from FY 2005 through FY 2008.
- The District again deficit spent in FY 2009 and 2010 due to delays in State revenues.

# Breakdown of Revenues - 2010



# Breakdown of Expenses - 2010



Salaries

Purchased Services

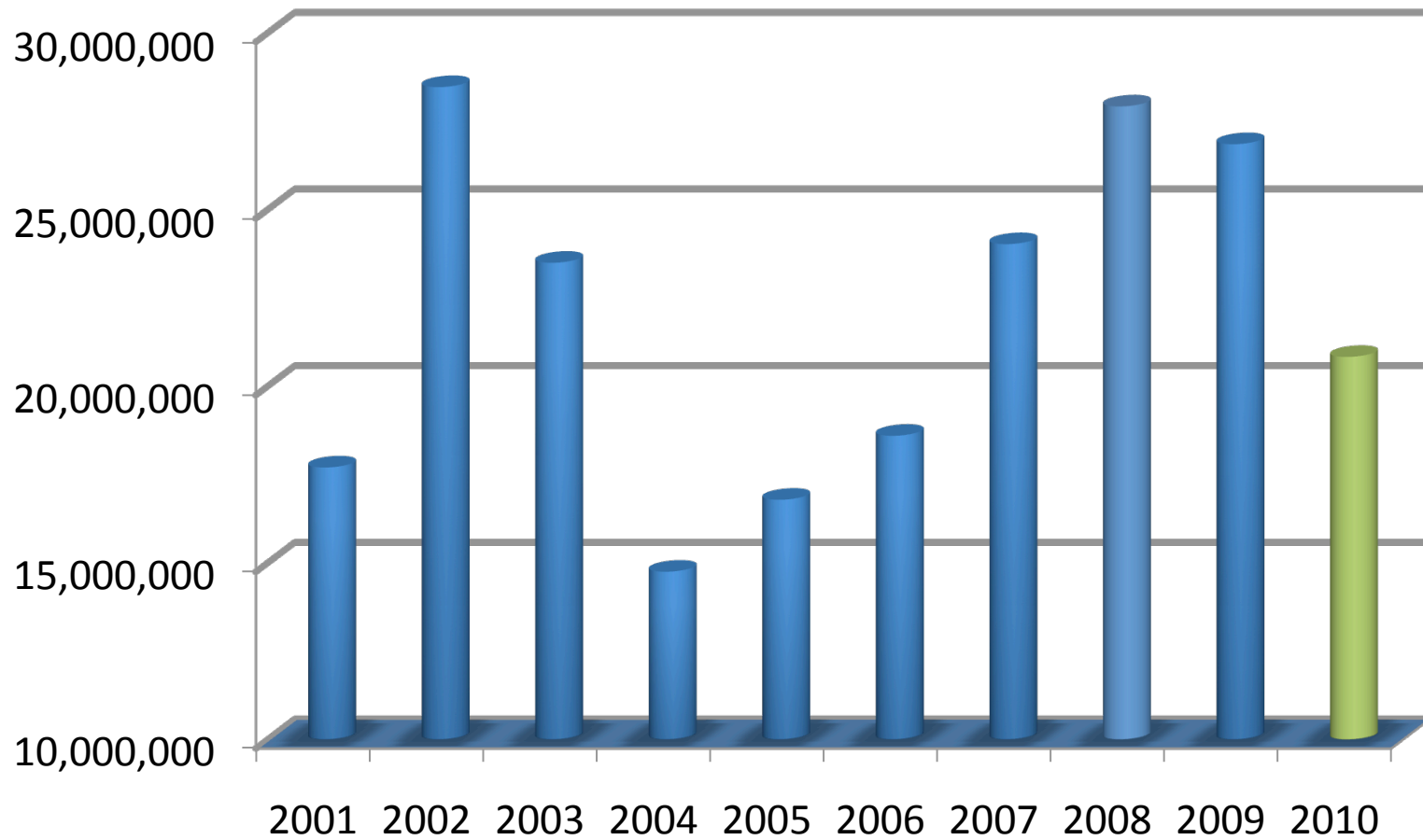
Major Capital

Benefits

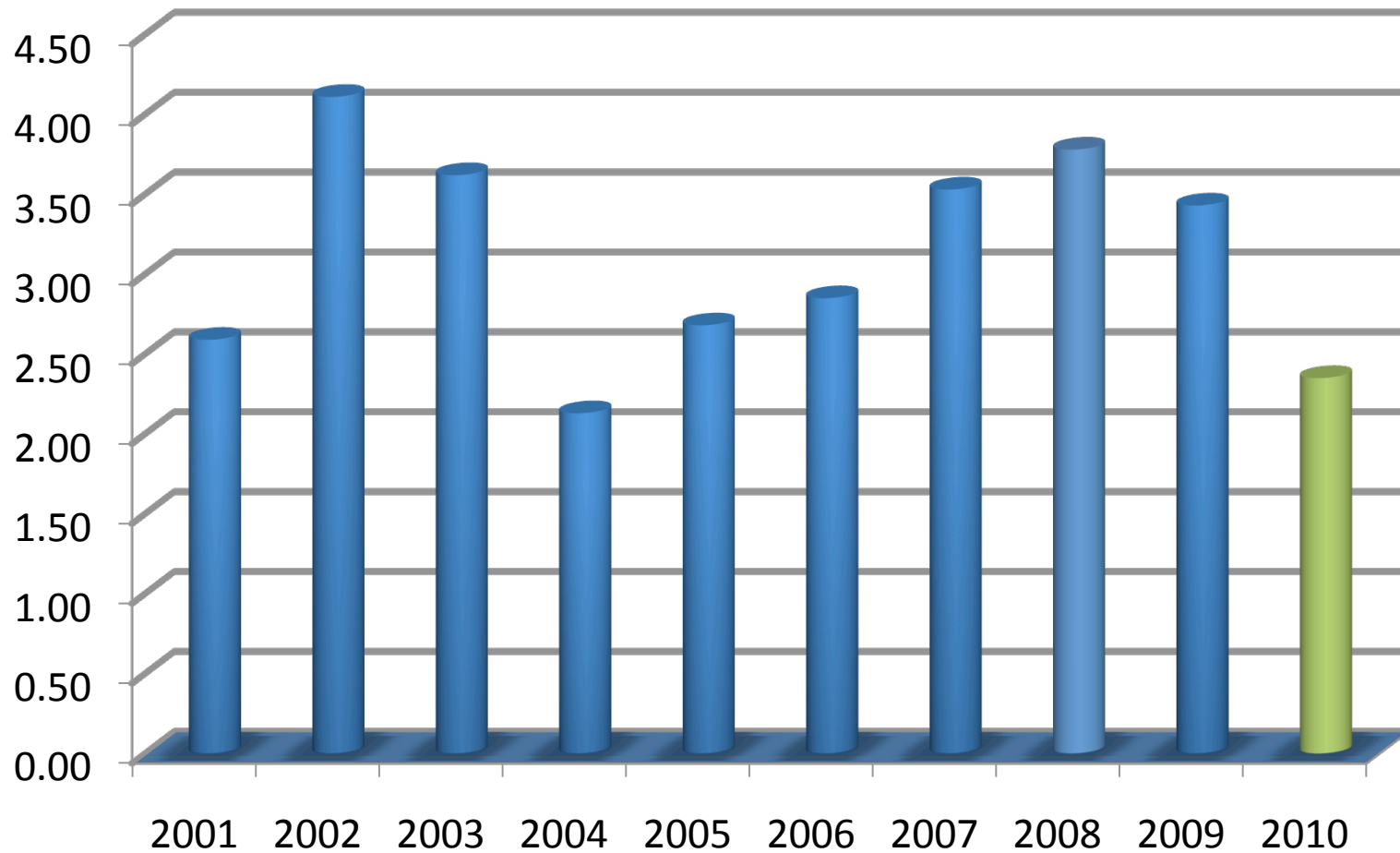
Supplies

Out of District Tuition

# Fund Balances



## Fund Balances – Months of Reserve



# The District's Financial Future: **The Perfect Storm?**



# Threats to State Revenue Growth **Impact of** **State Financial Crisis**

## **STATE'S ERODING FINANCIAL CONDITION**

- State funding has been delayed in excess of 200 days. On June 30, 2010, the State owed the District in excess of \$7 million. This puts a strain on fund balance reserves.
- The State has already begun reducing grant revenues. This trend is projected to continue.
- With the State having in excess of \$8 billion in unpaid obligations, it will be difficult to maintain the current funding levels. The State had to rely on \$1 billion in Federal aid in each of the past two years to make State-aid payments. This aid from Federal government no longer exists.



# Threats to State Revenue Growth **Impact of State Financial Crisis**

## **DECREASING ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS**

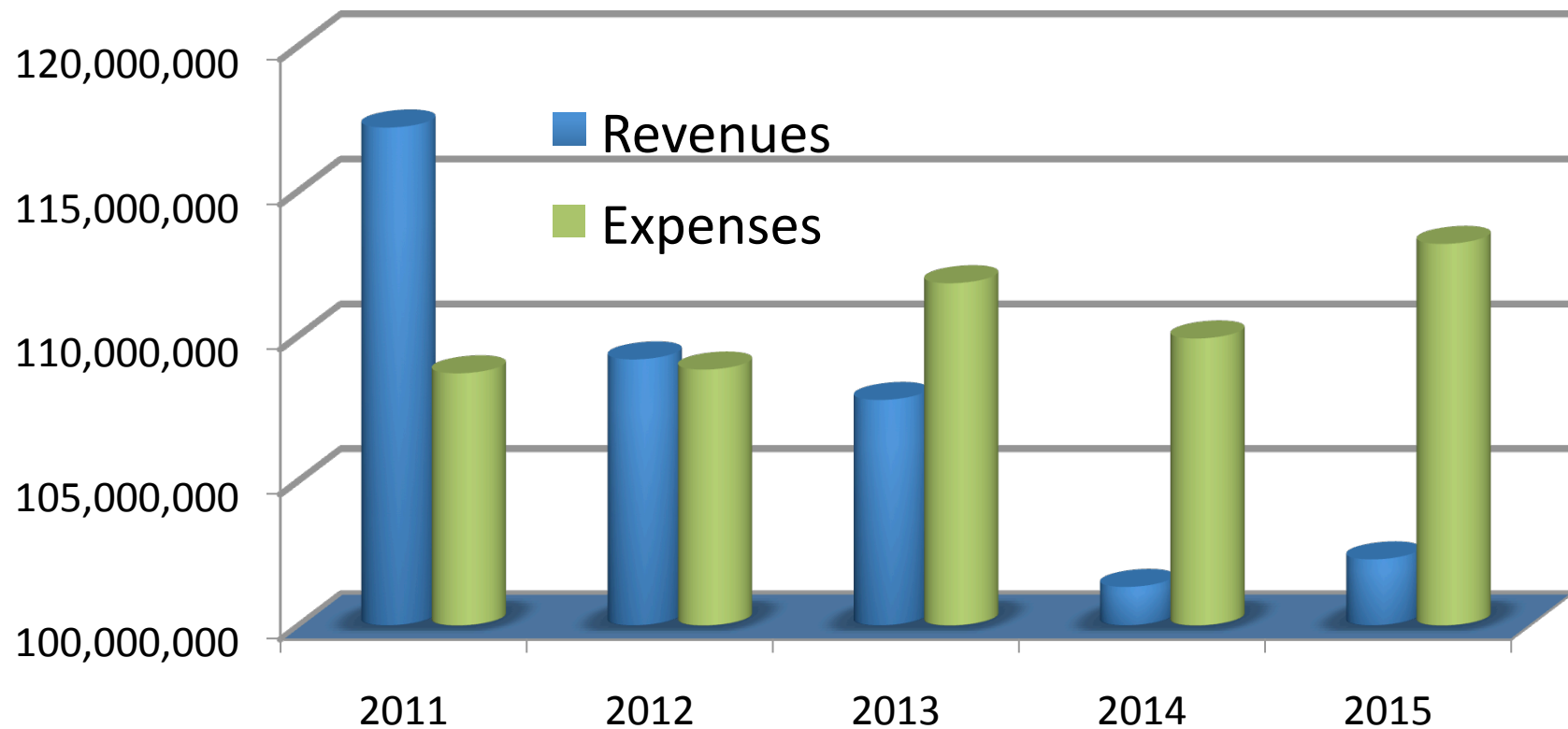
- Enrollment in the District is down over 400 students in the past twelve months. This trend is projected to continue.
- Since the District loses approximately \$6,000 in State funding for every student lost, State revenues are projected to decrease in excess of \$3 million annually due to enrollment decreases.

# Threats to Real Estate Tax Revenues **Impact of Economic Crisis**

- Tax collections have dropped from 92% to 89% over the past year primarily due to **foreclosures**. Each 1% drop results in a loss of revenues of approximately \$600,000.
- Many economists are projecting that the slow economy will cause **inflation to be near zero**. Since tax caps restrict the growth of real estate taxes to the level of inflation, there may be little natural growth in tax revenues.

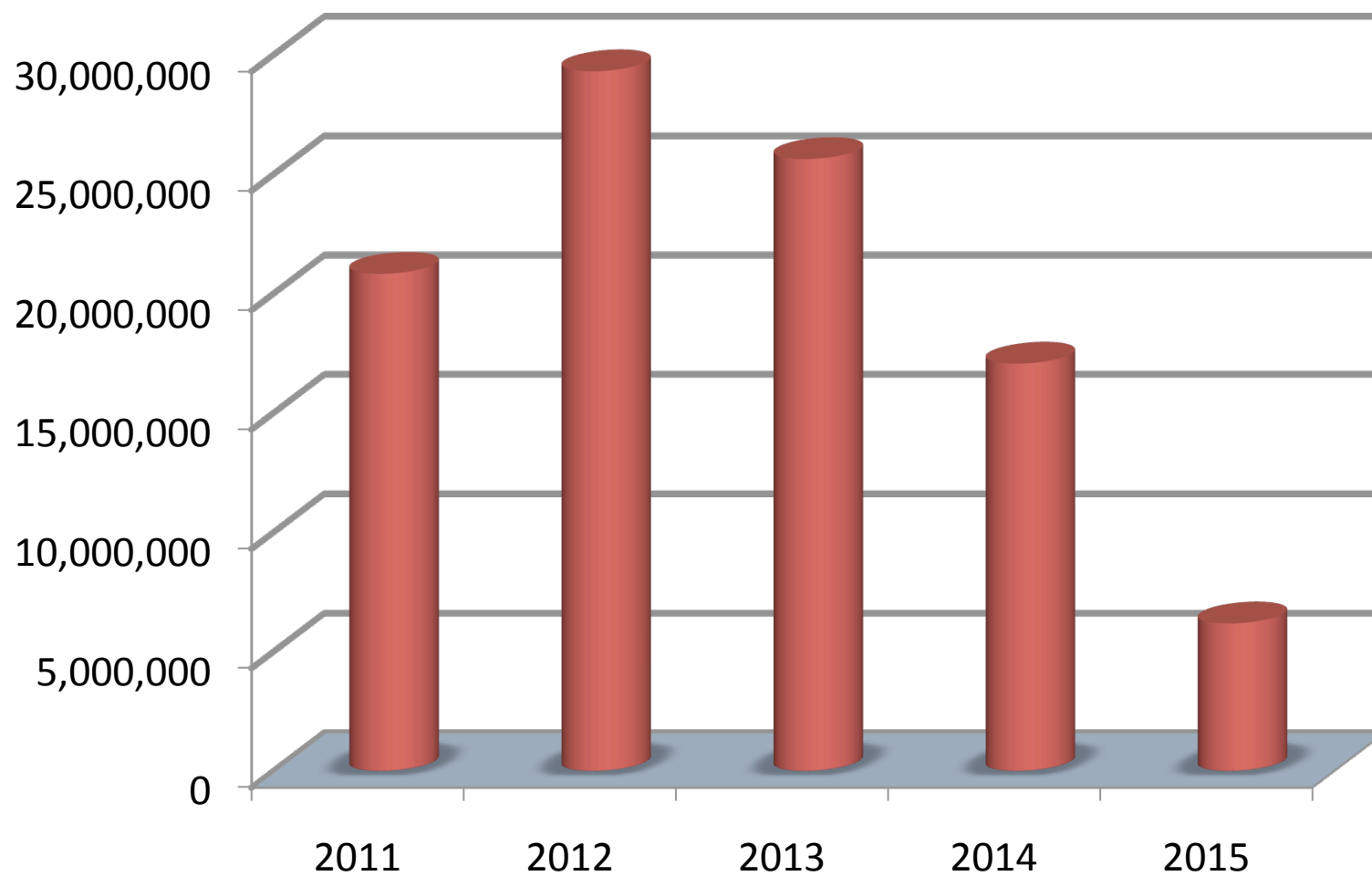
# Projected Financial Condition

(Based on no decrease to State Funding, 3% increase to salaries, 2% inflation, implementation of School Improvement Plan)



It is estimated that the District will receive \$13 million in non-reoccurring Federal grants in FY 2011, \$6.6 million in FY 2012 and \$6 million in FY 2013

# Projected Fund Balances



# Summary of Financial Projections

- Total revenues are projected to decrease significantly over the next five years. Expenditures are projected to increase at an average annual rate of under 1.5%.
- Fund balances are projected to decrease from \$20.8 million on June 30, 2010 (2.3 months of reserves) to \$6.2 million on June 30, 2015 (3 weeks of fund balance reserve).
- Deficits are projected to grow to over \$10 million annually by FY 2015.

# Financial Plan

## Options Available To Stabilize Financial Condition

- Examine all areas of operations for efficiencies
- Consider changing the class scheduling structure
- If enrollment drops, consider closing one of the buildings
- Consider changing the capital expenditure plan
- Enter in contractual agreements with the recognition that revenue growth may be negative over the next five years

# **Thornton Township High School District #205**

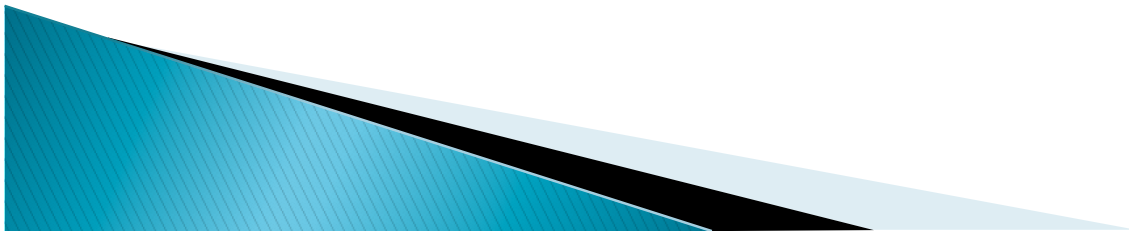
## **Questions and Comments**



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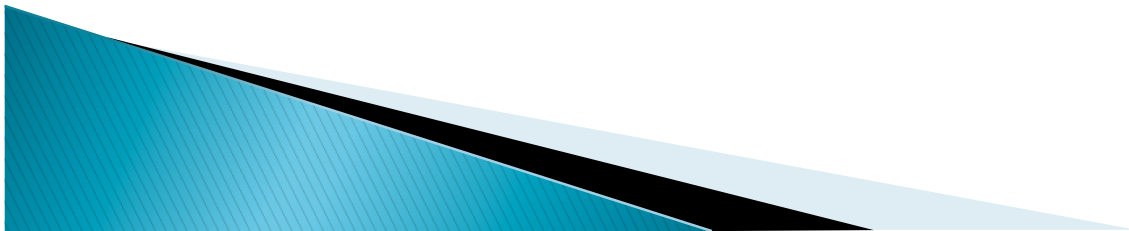
# Public Participation

- ▶ We now open the Public Participation section of our agenda. At this time, members of the community are invited to address the Board.
  - We ask that you state your name and town and that you limit your remarks to three minutes.
  - In addition, if your comments are of a critical nature about specific people, the Board requests that you present your comments during the personnel portion of the “Executive Session”.

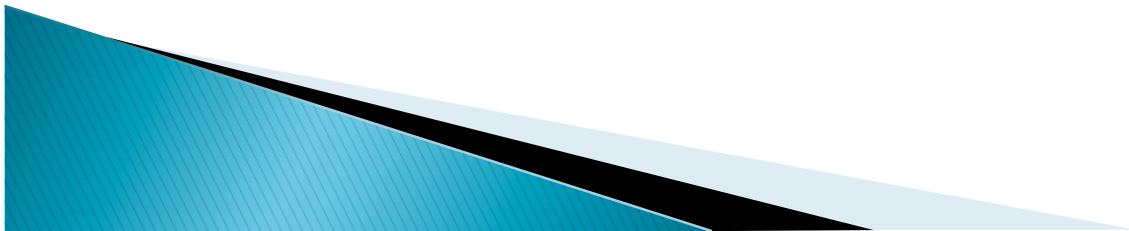




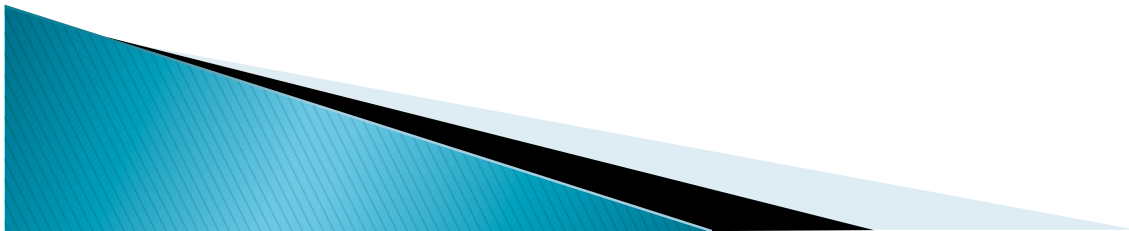
# Miscellaneous



# Superintendent's Report



# Student Discipline



# Adjournment

