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# Dublin City Schools Demonstrates Significant Progress on Financial Improvement Plan

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**DUBLIN (GA) – February 17, 2025** – Since early fall, Dublin City Schools has made substantial progress in addressing priorities outlined in its Financial Improvement Plan (FIP) with the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE), completing multiple major action items while advancing several additional initiatives designed to strengthen long-term fiscal stability and operational effectiveness.

Among the district's key accomplishments to date:

- Successfully secured approval and launched the State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP) repayment plan, with the first payment completed.
- Reconciled FY25 SHBP deductions and brought all payments current; FY26 reconciliation remains underway.
- Ensured all outstanding liabilities are recorded and reflected in district financial systems and projections.
- Completed Certified/Classified Personnel Information (CPI) submissions and data corrections in SmartFusion and Infinite Campus.
- Updated budgets for all federal grants and implemented required monthly drawdowns.
- Provided all requested documentation to auditors for the FY23 audit, now pending final signoff.
- Transitioned GaDOE financial consultants to district employment, reducing reliance on external staffing and strengthening internal capacity.

The district has also made meaningful progress on several additional FIP priorities that remain in active development, including:

- Finalizing the amended FY26 budget in SmartFusion for board approval.
- Completing all remaining bank reconciliations.
- Implementing the SmartFusion Capital Asset module.
- Expanding a sustainable financial staffing and training plan to support long-term self-sufficiency.
- Conducting a comprehensive review of district contracts for potential cost savings.
- Recruiting a permanent Chief Financial Officer and Superintendent to ensure stable financial leadership.
- Preparing personnel cost and operational projections for FY27.
- Responding to ongoing audit and accreditation requests.

Interim Superintendent Marcee Pool emphasized that the work reflects a unified commitment across the district and community.

“Our district, Board of Education, and staff continue to be vigilant in accomplishing every necessary step to reach financial solvency — not just for FY2028, but for the long-term future of Dublin City Schools,” Pool said. “We are grateful for the continued partnership and guidance of the Georgia Department of Education, and we remain fully committed to transparency throughout every phase of this process.”

Financial projections indicate the district remains on track to achieve full solvency by February 2028 upon completion of the SHBP repayment plan. In the interim, Dublin City Schools continues implementing cost-reduction strategies, strengthening internal financial systems, and planning for sustainable operations beyond the repayment period.

Dublin City Schools extends sincere appreciation to the Georgia Department of Education for its ongoing support and collaboration. The district remains committed to maintaining an open and transparent approach as it continues progressing toward long-term financial independence and organizational stability.

To read the complete report, and all other documents, go to: <https://www.dcsirish.com/departments/transparency>.

