2026-2027 Budget Development Principles and Guidelines

1	The budget should be developed to support the District's goals and objectives for academic achievement while maintaining a strong focus on fiscal responsibility.
2	Funding priority will be given to services/programs that improve the students' academic achievement and effective district operations. Changes/increases in funding over the 2025-2026 budget must be justified by state and federal standards and mandates, enrollment, health/safety issues, and district/building goals.
3	During the budget development process, the administration will place particular emphasis on cost control, improving staffing and program efficiencies, and finding alternative funding sources.
4	The budget process will include input from internal and external stakeholders from the beginning of the process.
5	The Board will consider additional funding for improved facilities to meet enrollment shifts between buildings, meet educational program needs, meet state and federal standards and mandates, health/safety issues, district building goals and approved long range plans.
6	A comprehensive informational campaign will be conducted to ensure the community's awareness of the proposed budget.