



# Draper Notes

September 8, 2015

## **Final 2015.2016 Budget Not Available for Public Review**

As of 9:30 a.m. on September 8, 2015, the final 2015.2016 School Board of DeSoto County Budget is not posted for public review on the district website. This budget is schedule for final board approval at 5:01 p.m. on September 8, 2015.

When the superintendent's office was contacted on September 2, 2015, assurances were given that the budget would be posted that same day. The only item posted was a blank agenda with no attachments or budget information.

The superintendent (Gary) is required by law to present a balanced budget to the school board. Reasonable time must be given to the public for review of this budget as with any other agenda item at any other meeting. In addition, the date of September 8, 2015, was selected by the board for final adoption of this budget several months ago. According to Florida Sunshine Law the public has a right to review this budget prior to adoption.

The right of the public to have reasonable time to review the final 2015.2016 School Board of DeSoto County Budget has certainly passed. The taxpayers of this county deserve better.