



Draper Notes

January 25, 2016

Resolution States School District Has No Instructional Material Needs

Attached is a Categorical Flexible Spending Resolution that Gary is recommending to the school board for approval on January 26, 2016. The superintendent is certifying that all instructional materials purchases have been completed for the 2015.2016 school year. If approved by the school board, \$90,000 of instructional materials' money will be transferred to the general fund.

It is difficult to believe that no teacher in this school district has any instructional material needs. This is, however, what the superintendent is certifying. Hopefully, the school board will ask questions before approving this resolution. Our teachers and students deserve instructional materials before these funds are used to increase the general fund.

Categorical Flexible Spending Resolution

RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 1011.62(6)(b), FLORIDA STATUTES, PROVIDING THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD THE AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE FLEXIBILITY TO EXPEND FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THE FUNDS RECEIVED FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION, SAFE SCHOOLS, SUPPLEMENTAL ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION, RESEARCH-BASED READING INSTRUCTION AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS. THESE FUNDS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED TO MAINTAIN ACADEMIC CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION AS SPECIFIED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.

WHEREAS, section 1011.62(6)(b), Florida Statutes, provides flexibility to expend selected categorical funds and approve an amendment to the school district's 2015-16 operating budget; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of DeSoto County has approved necessary budget amendments to balance the 2015-16 budget; and

WHEREAS, the school board finds and declares that the funds received from the above-referenced specific state appropriations are urgently needed to maintain board-specified academic classroom instruction.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. The school board hereby approves using student transportation funds in the amount of \$ 0.
2. The school board hereby approves using safe school funds in the amount of \$ 0.
3. The school board hereby approves using supplemental academic instruction funds in the amount of \$ 0 and certifies that the required additional hours of instruction have been provided for students in designated low-performing elementary schools (if applicable).
4. The school board hereby approves using research-based reading instruction funds in the amount of \$ 0 and certifies that the required additional hours of instruction have been provided for students in designated low-performing elementary schools (if applicable). An amendment describing the changes that the district is making to its reading plan will be submitted to the Florida Department of Education.
5. The school board hereby approves using instructional materials funds in the amount of \$ 90,000.00 and certifies that all instructional material purchases necessary to provide updated materials that are aligned with applicable state standards and course descriptions and that meet statutory requirements of content and learning have been completed for the fiscal year.

Total amount of Categorical Flexibility Funds: \$90,000.00

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF DESOTO

I, Dr. Karyn Gary, superintendent of schools and ex-officio secretary of the District School Board of DeSoto County, Florida, do hereby certify that the above is a true and complete copy of a resolution passed and adopted by the District School Board of DeSoto County, Florida, January 26, 2016.

Signature of Superintendent of Schools

January 26, 2016

Date of Signature