

Executive Summary

Long-Range Financial Analysis and Planning

- 1. The District is in Fine Operational Financial Condition Right Now
- 2. There are ways the district could operate with less impact on the annual General Fund Budget. There is limited evidence of <u>Long-Range</u> Financial Analysis and Planning related to:
 - a) Equipment and Classroom furniture Needs and Timeline
 - b) Technology Needs and Timeline
 - c) Vehicle Needs and Timeline
 - d) Bus Purchasing Methods and Timeline
 - e) The real potential for the loss of significant PILOT(s)
- 3. There are long term threats to the district's financial stability, particularly in Revenues:
 - a) If the district Loses the PILOT(s), there will be SEVERE damage to the District's Ability to Operate (*In 2021-22 the PILOT(s) represented 28% of all district Revenues*)
 - b) Beware of State Fiscal Funding Cliff 2024-25
 - c) The New Federal Funding Grant (CRSSA and ARPA) streams will have a Fiscal Cliff 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27.
 - d) State Aid: Foundation Aid will increase over 10% until Save Harmless Status and then the rate of increase will Diminish; expense driven aid continues in current law (Note building aid will diminish after 3 years).
 - e) Tax Cap Limitations as Debt service increases then decreases over the next 6 years
- 4. Expense threats include:
 - a) General Inflation for utilities, fuel, buses, vehicles, equipment, supplies and materials and their general availability including technology.
 - b) The escalation of costs of labor contracts and the availability and competition for labor
 - c) Potential escalations in pension costs (ERS and TRS)
 - d) The escalation in the cost of Capital Construction
- 5. There is a concern for the Long-Range Financial Health of the district.
 - a) With proper analysis and planning greater efficiencies and economies of scale can be achieved.
 - b) With greater analysis and planning a strategic approach can be in place to minimize expense threats on the general fund budget and residents.

I would like the opportunity to demonstrate to the Board of Education how I arrived at my conclusions in greater detail using the district's finances and address any concerns or questions they may have during my comprehensive and detailed report.