



FY 2017 Recommended Budget Budget Question

Board Question #: 43

BUDGET QUESTION: If we were to receive what the State and Federal government said we'd receive for State and Federal mandates, how much additional in revenue would be expected for FY 2017?

RESPONSE: Forty years ago, federal lawmakers, with the support of advocacy and family groups, revolutionized how public schools educate special needs kids by passing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Through IDEA, Congress committed to paying 40 percent of the average cost to educate a child with disabilities. However, that promise has not been fulfilled. Schedule A of the Annual School Report, shown below, reflects that in FY15 federal funds accounted for only 12 percent of total expenditures for special education. If federal funds had been at the 40 percent level as promised with the passage of IDEA, SCPS would have received approximately \$10 million more in FY15 alone.

SCHEDULE A Report of Federal, State, and Local Funds Expended for Special Education and Related Services Fiscal Year 2015				
Note: this data will NOT be used for MOE purposes and should correspond to the students that your division serves (not legally responsible for). Do not include capital expenditures				
FUND SOURCE	SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDITURES	RELATED SERVICES EXPENDITURES	FY 2015 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	TOTAL EXPENDITURES REPORTED BY DIVISION ON FY 2014 ASRFIN
FEDERAL FUNDS	3,468,410.71	951,522.26	4,419,932.97	4,351,968.70
STATE FUNDS	8,338,799.79	71,433.84	8,410,233.63	8,048,161.72
LOCAL FUNDS	13,502,990.93	9,499,911.04	23,002,901.97	21,336,078.67
GRAND TOTAL			35,833,068.57	33,736,209.09