



FY 2017 Recommended Budget Budget Question

Board Question #: 78

BUDGET QUESTION: What has been the historical increase in the Schools' budget?

RESPONSE: Please see the table below. The "Change in SOF" column shows the change in the School Operating Fund, regardless of funding source. This is the change in the Schools' overall operating expenditures. The "Change in Local Transfer" column shows how the County transfer to the Schools has changed each year. Recall that the Schools receive no federal or state funding for debt service. Consequently, 100% of debt service is paid by the County transfer. In years when there is a net decrease in debt service, local funding is freed to fund other expenditures within the School Operating Fund. So, when we factor in the changes in debt service and the change in local transfer, we arrive at the available local funding. See the rightmost column below.

FY	Change in SOF*	Change in Local Transfer	Change in Debt Service	Available Local Funds Resulting from Change in Transfer & Change in Debt Service
FY 2013	\$9,356,758	\$481,990 ¹	(\$2,097,504)	+\$2,579,494
FY 2014	(\$3,786,355)	(\$481,990)	(\$2,795,046)	+\$2,313,056
FY 2015	\$6,950,590	\$1,585,000	(\$2,724,787)	+\$4,309,787
FY 2016	\$2,769,867	\$17,408	\$318,698	(\$301,290)
FY 2017	\$7,108,150	\$2,674,627	\$2,706,627	(\$32,000)

*SOF = School Operating Fund

¹ The based transfer was equal to that budgeted in FY 2012. This \$481,990 was a one-time transfer of fund balance remaining from prior years' "hold backs." Recall that the "hold backs" were the amounts the County withheld from the Schools' appropriations until such time as we knew the projected revenue was actually available to transfer to them.