



FY 2023 Recommended Budget Budget Question

Board Question #: 20

BUDGET QUESTION: Is the \$4.6 million shown as “Other Local Revenue” for the School Food Service Fund on page 37 of the County’s summary budget document part of the local transfer? Can those funds be used to reduce the Schools’ budget gap?

RESPONDING DEPARTMENT/OFFICE: Budget & Grants

RESPONSE: No, the \$4.6 million is not part of the \$132.3 million local transfer from the County. The \$132.3 million local transfer is made to the School Operating Fund (not to the School Food Service Fund) and is shown at the top of page 36 in the County’s summary budget document. See the line labeled “Transfers In.” That’s the County transfer to the Schools.

The \$4.6 million in the “Other Local Revenue” line item in the School Food Service Fund is revenue generated from the sale of student breakfasts, lunches, and a la carte items. None of the revenue supporting the School Food Service Fund comes from the County transfer. The revenue within the fund is specifically to pay for food service costs, and cannot be used to reduce the Schools’ budget gap per federal rules and modern accounting practices.

ESTIMATE OF STAFF TIME SPENT ON RESPONSE: 10 minutes