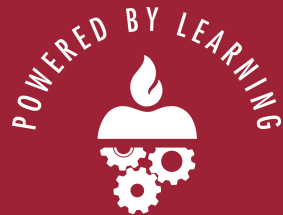


Advocacy Update

Board Meeting
January 12, 2021





2021



PLANO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Legislative Priorities

Pre-Session: ACCOUNTABILITY

PISD Position:

Advocate for local control of assessment of student learning for the 20-21 school year.

- Allow districts to use local assessments such as MAP testing to assess student growth/learning gaps
- Allow districts local control to use STAAR or MAP or other assessment but do not require STAAR
- Do NOT use A-F ratings for the 20-21 school year
- Apply for all necessary waivers from federal and state governments (similar to last spring)

Pre-Session: HOLD HARMLESS

PISD Position:

Advocate for continuation of Hold Harmless through the end of the 20-21 school year to maintain programs and staffing through pandemic.

Current Implications:

- 2,045 students below projected enrollment
 - ◆ Represents \$10,000,000 in funding for second semester
 - ◆ 4% of annual budget
 - ◆ \$10,000,000

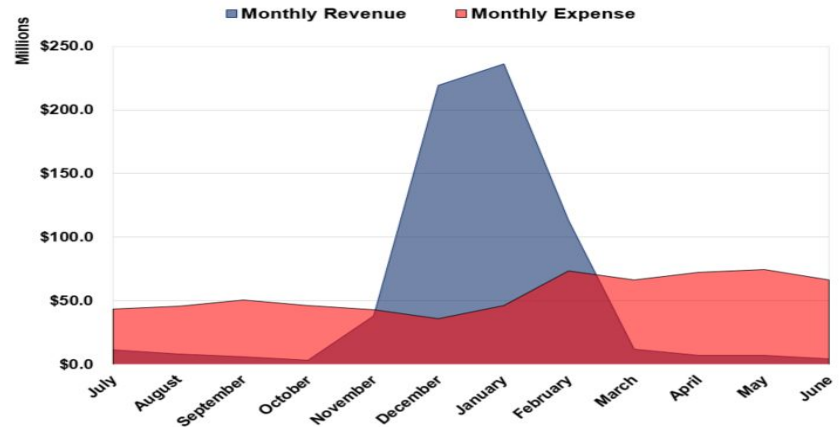
Rationale:

Continuation will allow school district to plan for reductions through attrition and budget processes to avoid reduction in force or program/service cuts during middle of this school year.

Priority One - School Finance & Fund Balance

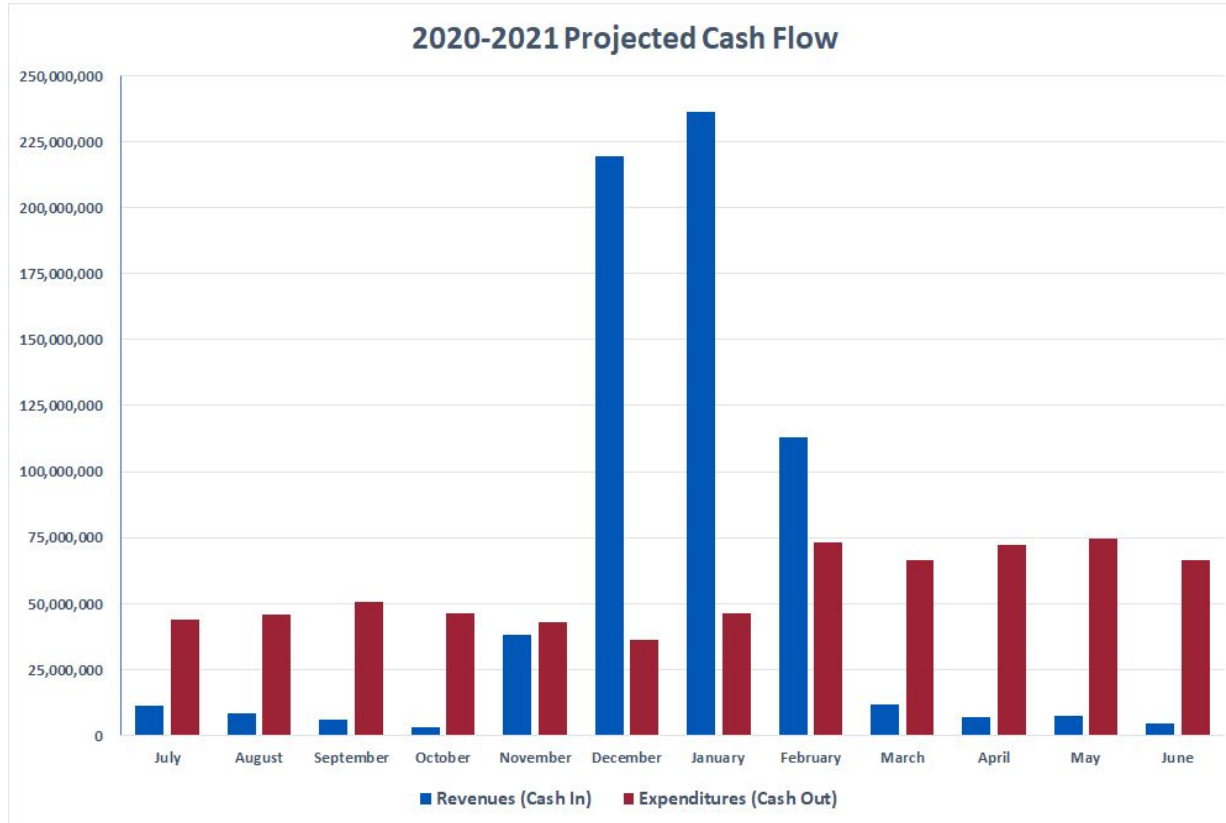
Oppose any access to or use of school district fund balances by the state, including any use of district fund balances to offset state financial obligations or any consideration of school district fund balances as part of any funding formula or any component thereof.

- COVID Cost Coverage
- Cash Flow to Our District
- Catastrophic Loss/Insurance Premiums & Deductibles
- Bond Ratings
- FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) Ratings
- Taxpayer Transparency—It's the “new” Taxpency Issue



Negative cash flow from July to November (\$162,079,795)

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District Fund Balance: **\$ 249,459,000**

(equals 6 months of operating excluding Recapture)

Assigned Fund Balance (\$6,741,000)

(Roll over P.O.'s, inventory)

Available Fund Balance on FYE 6/30/19 \$242,718,000

Annual Operating Use of Fund Balance:

Amount Needed to Cash Flow Year \$ 162,000,000

*Future assigned and committed fund balances for COVID costs/Hold Harmless loss, technology, school buses, facilities.

Fund Balance has allowed Plano ISD to maintain:

- Confidence of taxpayers through
 - ◆ Top bond ratings and ability to pay off debt at lowest rates
- Employee confidence
 - ◆ To give competitive pay raises and ability to make payroll without taking loans
- Pay large insurance deductibles (i.e., hail damage, storms)
- Pay for COVID expenses
- Complete long-term projects/support programs not included in bond elections to meet student and district needs
- MAINTAIN LOCAL CONTROL OF SCHOOL BOARD AND LOCAL COMMUNITY

- Board Advocacy Updates



January 12 - Session Begins

PLANO ISD PROUD

