

# **EPS Budget Advisory Task Force (BATF)**

Meeting 1 Engagement Summary

*February 23, 2016*

**Charge:** The BATF is charged with making annual adjustment recommendations totaling \$500,000 to \$1 million, which equates to less than one percent of the district's annual general operating budget. The work of the BATF will inform administrative recommendations, for which 2016-17 adjustments will be presented to the School Board at its meeting on March 14.

## **ALIGNING BUDGET TO LEARNING**

### **LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION**

#### **BATF INSIGHTS**

- 85% of district functions are regulated by state or federal government
- Funding model does not work (annual 2.5% gap between revenues and expenditures)
- Funding projections, while conservative, are difficult long-term
- District needs to implement Next Gen initiatives from Strategic Plan
- With 80-85% of the budget tied up in personnel costs, it is difficult to make adjustments that don't impact staff
- Need to be creative in identifying revenue generator ideas
- Progress requires change to funding and programs
- Concern about how to manage the budget given limited control of growing revenues and the ability to control expenditures

#### **BATF QUESTIONS / INFORMATION NEEDED**

- What are the program descriptions and definitions?
- How is money being spent?
- How do we compare to other districts?
- What are the past BRRRG items?

## Budget Program Area Priorities

### **SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION**

(\*numbers denote frequency of group identification)

#### **DISTRICT-WIDE PROGRAM AREAS**

##### Least Acceptable for BRRRG

- Professional development / staff training (5)
- District administration (3)
- Technology & Media (3)
- Fund balance (2)
- Custodial services
- Substitutes Teachers / Staff

##### Most Acceptable for BRRRG

- Transportation / fleet costs (5)
- Substitutes Teachers / Staff (3)
- District support staff (2)
- District administration (2)
- Fund balance
- Technology & Media

#### **ELEMENTARY-SECONDARY SITE PROGRAM AREAS**

##### Least Acceptable for BRRRG

- Music and Art options (2)
- Counseling / Advising (3)
- Secondary class size (2)
- Elementary class size (2)
- Electives
- Elementary specialist offerings
- Intervention / GT
- Secondary electives
- School administration
- Support staff
- Tech support
- World language

##### Most Acceptable for BRRRG

- Student fees (4)
- Secondary electives (2)
- Secondary required courses (2)
- Athletics and activities options (increase fees)
- Classroom support staff
- Elementary specialist Offerings
- School administration
- Secondary class sizes
- Secondary classes / flex time

#### **ADDITIONAL OPTIONS TO CONSIDER**

- Consider moving elementary instrumental program to middle school
- Media specialists
- Technology purchases
- Reduce number of buses at EHS
- Corporate sponsors
- Consider other substitute models; leverage our technology
- Offer membership to the new Activity Center
- Consider student internships/vocational training
- Creative implementation of personalized learning
- Online options
- Close a building
- Have City take over ECC
- Misalign with state on funding, calendar
- Create an endowment (Ed Fund)
- District 287 staffing - can we cover within EPS instead?