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To: The Members of the Litchfield School District and Dr. Jette
From: Doug Totten, Business Administrator
Subject: BA Operational and Financial Update for the September 6, 2023 School Board Meeting

LMS Renovations

- July Invoice $329,203.50
    - To be paid by both the municipal lease and appropriated funds.

Financial Reports

The goal of these reports is to ensure that transparency exists and that all people can make informed decisions.

- FY24: Google sheet that organizes expenditures and revenue reports by month, breakdown of fiscal year spending in the capital projects fund, end of month cash balances, and balances in reserve and trust funds.
- New for FY24
    - Transfers Tab: Will be updated for each school board meeting.
    - The summary reports now include health and dental information. This would therefore show all expenses.

DOE25 and MS-25

- Report is tied to our audited numbers for FY23.
- At the board meeting I will have signature pages that board members are asked to sign.

State Adequate Education Aid

Change One

- The state has made immediate changes to adequacy aid. This has resulted in an increase in adequacy aid. State Informational Sheet.

Fiscal Year	Adequacy	Hold Harmless / Stabilization Grant	Adequacy (Total)	Adequacy (from SWEPT)	Adequacy (from State)
FY24 Acutal	$5,508,503	$2,051,760	$7,560,263	$1,985,321	$5,574,942
FY24 (Estimate)	$5,178,839	$2,167,003	$7,345,842	$1,985,321	$5,360,521
FY23*	$5,203,296	$2,167,003	$7,370,299	$1,418,072	$5,952,227
FY22	$5,507,711	$2,167,003	$7,674,714	$1,939,191	$5,735,523
FY21**	$6,053,903	$2,167,003	$8,220,906	$1,918,196	$6,302,710
FY20	$5,390,363	$2,167,003	$7,557,366	$2,005,996	$5,551,370
FY19	$5,168,635	$1,906,963	$7,075,598	$1,918,836	$5,156,762

*FY23: State raised $263 million instead of $363 this year. Tax cut. One time. In a normal year, SWEPT would have been $1,959,937

**FY21: Adequacy from state includes $659,432 in Fiscal Capacity Disparity Aid

- For Litchfield, this results in an increase of:
    - $214,421 in state aid from the projected amount.
        - Of this, $189,739 may be appropriated (as it is linked with state aid using the old adequacy formula with current data).

Litchfield has two options for what it does with the additional $189,739:

- Option 1: Increase appropriations for the FY24 budget by $189,739. This would be accomplished through a special meeting under RSA 197:3-a.
    - Timing involved with this option. Would need a meeting in early October so that tax rate setting would not be delayed.
    - Occurs with consultation with Budget Committee
    - Simple majority of those present
- Option 2: Apply the revenue as a credit during local tax rate settings. If we do nothing, this would be the default.

Change Two

- The hold harmless grant is scheduled to start phasing out by 20 percent every other year starting in FY 2026. The hold harmless grant is linked to the stabilization grant that originated in 2012.
    - FY26 would therefore have a hold harmless grant of $1,641,408 which is a reduction of $410,352.

Bus Practice

- We continue to provide a limited service to three after school programs that are located shortly over the Litchfield line in Hudson. This practice was originally established to help Litchfield

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parents who needed after school supervision for their elementary children. This has solely been for GMS bus routes as they are also the last route of the day.