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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- SF 160 passed a little over a week ago. This bill requires schools to offer a full-time, in-person option if parents select it. The Algona Community School District has offered this option since the start of the school year. A family can still continue to utilize a remote option if that is what works best for them.
- SF 130 also advanced from the Senate, this would allow temporarily for a school board member to receive compensation in excess of \$6,000 for employment as a substitute teacher, food service worker, or a bus driver. Many districts have been faced with staffing problems due to quarantine and school board members have been stepping in to help. Current law prohibits them from receiving more than \$6,000 in any given year.
- SF 159 seeks to offer help to parents whose children are enrolled in the 34 schools who are determined to be failing by a standard of either the state or federal government. The current proposal is limited to students entering Kindergarten in the current school year.
- The legislator has not committed toward a SSA (State Supplemental Aid) amount yet. State Supplemental Aid grew an average of 3.27% from 2000-2010, but in the last 10 years has grown an average of less than 2% (last year was 2.3%). Governor Reynolds proposed a 2.5% increase in her proposed budget for FY22.

BUDGET

- Mary Beth and I have started to develop and work on the certified budget for FY22. In March I will give a financial update to include the proposed budget that we will approve in our April Board Meeting. Last year we approved a tax rate of \$10.69 and we are hopeful that we will be within a few pennies of that again this year.

HIRING PROCESS

- Administration have been working very hard in the hiring process. We will have recommendations for 1st Grade, High School Science, 4th Grade, Elementary Art, and High School TAG later in the meeting. We have also conducted first round interview screens with 7 candidates for our Director of Teaching and Learning positions and we will have finalists onsite for interviews on Friday, February 12.

VACCINE

- We had around 165 staff members who signed up to receive the vaccine. Around 34 staff members were able to reserve a time slot for the vaccine, Kossuth County did receive an additional allotment that will allow most (maybe all) of staff members who wanted to receive the vaccine to do so.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

- The Statement of Revenues and Expenditures compares our total revenue YTD vs. last year. Our Revenues are up a little over \$200,000 from last year and \$746,498 above our expenditures YTD (boxes highlighted in yellow).
 - Revenue Dashboard (2nd attachment) shows that we have receiving 49% of our revenues to date as well as what those sources of revenue are.
 - Finally our General Fund Report, this report is projecting our expenses for the year to be \$17,624,944 and Revenues to be \$18,343,855.