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To: Board of Education  
From: District Accountability Committee  
Re: DAC Concerns for Proposed Budget for 2025-2026  
Date: April 15, 2025

Good afternoon, Board of Education,

On Feb 11, 2025, the District Accountability Committee received a presentation from Kara Drake on the 2025-2026 SY proposed budget. The following are our concerns with that proposed budget.

The DAC members then met on March 11, 2025 to discuss what they felt the district priorities should be for the upcoming school year. The following are our recommendations:

1. **Tier 1 Instruction:**
  - a. Keep the spotlight on high-quality classroom instruction to benefit all students.
  - b. Keep teachers in the classroom to the greatest extent possible.
2. **Individualized Support:**
  - a. Address diverse student needs, including ELS (English Learners), SPED (Special Education), and GT (Gifted and Talented).
3. **Family and Community Partnerships:**
  - a. Strengthen the role of school family liaisons to foster deeper connections.
  - b. Develop a robust volunteer program to tap into available resources effectively.
  - c. Ensure consistent communication between schools and families, like regular newsletters, to build trust and transparency.
  - d. Highlight and celebrate the achievements of our students across academics, extracurricular activities, and personal growth.

Thank you for the time you have dedicated to Summit School District as Board of Education members and thank you for considering these concerns as you continue to develop the budget for the next school year.

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