



MEETING OF: April 25, 2017

TITLE: Budget Allocation Targets - Requested by Board Clerk Mark Stegeman and Board Member Rachael Sedgwick

ITEM #: 18

Information:

Study: X

Action: X

PURPOSE:

To mandate change in TUSD's functional budget allocation, after years of rhetorical promises of improvement that fail to materialize in the Auditor General's annual reports.

Recognizing the advanced state of the current budget process, the change proposed for the next year is limited, but this resolution is offered with the expectation that the Board will set stricter standards in future years.

The Auditor General's budget categories are often criticized, but in Arizona every district's budget allocation is measured by the same yardstick. Even meeting the proposed targets for 2016-2017 will leave TUSD with (by far) the lowest instructional spending percentage among Arizona's large districts, and an administrative spending percentage far above the average for Arizona's large districts.

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Board resolves:

The fiscal year 2017-2018 budget shall allocate at least 50% to Instruction at the most 10% to administration, as measured by the State Auditor General's office.

Staff's presentation of the budget to the Board shall compare budgeted numbers to actual spending in 2016-2017, to explain in detail how spending will be reallocated to achieve the targets. The presentation shall also explain the reasons for recent discrepancies between targets announced at the start of the fiscal year and actual allocations as reported by the Auditor General 1 1/2 years later, and why similar discrepancies will not cause slippage and failure to reach the Board's targets in 2016-2017.

BOARD POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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Legal Advisor Signature (if applicable)

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

<input type="checkbox"/>	District Budget
<input type="checkbox"/>	State/Federal Funds
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
<u>Budget Cost</u>	<u>Budget Code</u>

Budget Certification (for use by Office of Financial Services only):

Date _____

I certify that funds for this expenditure in the amount of \$ _____ are available and may be:

Authorized from current year budget _____

Authorized with School Board approval _____

Code: _____ Fund: _____

INITIATOR(S):

Board Clerk Mark Stegeman and Board Member Rachael Sedgwick			4-24-27
Name	Title	Date	

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