

ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTED

May 7, 2021

Avril Pinder, County Manager
County of Buncombe
200 College Street, Suite 300
Asheville, NC. 28801

Dear Ms. Pinder,

Please know that the Board of Education and I continue to appreciate the excellent working relationship -- and value the good will - that exists between the County of Buncombe Commissioners and staff and the Buncombe County Board of Education and employees.

It is reassuring, especially in our current challenging economic environment and unprecedented times with the COVID-19 pandemic, to know that the County of Buncombe recognizes educational funding as a priority and respects the return on investment that Buncombe County Schools provides to our community.

For the upcoming 2021-2022 fiscal year, we are asking for a \$5,841,845 total increase above the 2020-21 level of the County's current expense appropriation of \$69,485,821 to make a new total of \$75,327,666 for Buncombe County Schools. When the matching funds for Asheville City Schools are added in, the additional increase needed becomes \$6,903,622, which will be split between the Buncombe County Schools and Asheville City Schools on approximately an 84.62%/15.38% basis based on the information on projected enrollment currently available.

The items for which we are requesting new Current Expense funding from the Commissioners are:

- \$2,059,701 = Certified Pay Increase – Step plus 5%
- \$1,655,439 = Non-Certified Pay Increase – Step plus 3%
- \$1,865,594 = Retirement Rate Increases – From 21.68% to 24.37%
- \$ 182,957 = Health Insurance Increase – From \$6326/year to \$6580/year
- \$ 78,154 = Board Member Compensation Increase

The total amount of these items is \$5,841,845.

In addition, we are requesting a continuation of the special appropriation (PRC 068/069) to Buncombe County Schools of \$276,116 for the Community High School that serves both districts, as well as a capital outlay appropriation based upon the current estimate of dedicated sales tax receipts and prorated between Buncombe County Schools and Asheville City Schools according to ADM.

State Statutes require that school districts submit a request for the county appropriation each year no later than May 15th. This requirement has always been problematical inasmuch as insufficient information exists at this time of year to produce a detailed budget for the ensuing fiscal year. At present, the Governor's proposed budget is the only version of the budget available. Among the items of crucial information that are not yet available are the General Assembly's action on salary and/or benefit increases, actual federal grant awards and carry-over, and final funding formulas for State funds.

Request to Commissioners

The proto-type budget resolution presented below is an estimate of purpose totals by fund for year 2021-22. These totals represent the budget based on the best data available at this time.

The draft budget also maintains the local supplement schedule shown below.

My staff and I would be happy to provide any additional information that you would find helpful in evaluating this request.

2021-22 Certified/Licensed Local Supplement Scale

Years on License	Rate
0-4	8.50%
5-9	9.50%
10-14	10.50%
15-19	11.50%
20-24	12.50%
25-29	13.50%
30+	16.00%

Non-certified/non-licensed local supplement rate is 10.77%.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tony Baldwin, Superintendent

Enclosures

CC: Members of the Buncombe County Board of Education

Request to Commissioners

**BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22
BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

SECTION 1 - The following amounts are estimated to be available to support operation of the school administrative unit in the **State Public School Fund** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Purpose	Description	Initial Budget
5000	Instructional Services	\$139,717,506
6000	System-wide Support Services	\$19,175,620
7000	Ancillary Services	\$389,306
8000	Non-Programmed Charges	\$0
TOTAL		\$159,282,432

SECTION 2 - The following revenues estimated to be available for the **State Public School Fund** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Funding Source	Description	Initial Budget
3100	State Public School Fund Revenue	\$159,282,432
TOTAL		\$159,282,432

SECTION 3 - The following amounts are estimated to be available to support operation of the school administrative unit in the **Local Current Expense** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Purpose	Description	Initial Budget
5000	Instructional Services	\$48,511,582
6000	System-wide Support Services	\$23,089,069
7000	Ancillary Services	\$14,006
8000	Non-Programmed Charges	\$7,241,009
TOTAL		\$78,855,666

SECTION 4 - The following revenues are estimated to be available to the **Local Current Expense** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Funding Source	Description	Initial Budget
3200	State Revenue	\$42,000
	Local other than County	
4120-4800	Appropriation	\$486,000
4110	County Appropriation	\$75,327,666.00
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE		\$75,855,666
4900	Fund Balance/Stabilizing Funds	\$3,000,000
TOTAL		\$78,855,666

SECTION 5 - The following amounts are estimated to be available to support operation of the school administrative unit in the **Federal Grants Fund** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Federal Grants Fund - Fund 3

Purpose	Description	Initial Budget
5000	Instructional Services	\$63,351,016
6000	System-wide Support Services	\$22,909,517
7000	Ancillary Services	\$43,625
8000	Non-Programmed Charges	\$5,447,398
TOTAL		\$91,751,556

SECTION 6 - The following revenues are estimated to be available to the **Federal Grants Fund** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Funding Source	Description	Initial Budget
3600	Federal Grants Allotted through NCDPI	\$91,751,556
TOTAL		\$91,751,556

SECTION 7 – The following amounts are estimated to be available to support operation of the school administrative unit in the **Capital Outlay Fund** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Capital Outlay Fund - Fund 4

Purpose	Description	Initial Budget
5000	Instructional Services	\$6,512,703
6000	System-wide Support Services	\$1,763,388
7000	Ancillary Services	\$140,000
8000	Non-Programmed Charges	\$486,000
9000	General Capital Projects	\$35,082,597
TOTAL		\$44,084,688

SECTION 8 – The following revenues are estimated to be available to the **Capital Outlay Fund** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Funding Source	Description	Initial Budget
3200	State - Other Funds	\$100,000
3400	NCDPI	\$1,864,314
4100-4800	Local Revenue	\$36,073,646
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE		\$38,037,960
4900	Other Financing Sources	\$6,046,729
TOTAL		\$44,084,688

SECTION 9 – In addition, authorization is hereby granted to continue both regular and building program projects uncompleted at June 30, 2021 per prior budget authorization.

SECTION 10 - - The following amounts are estimated to be available to support operation of the school administrative unit in the **Child Nutrition Fund** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Child Nutrition Fund - Fund 5

Purpose	Description	Initial Budget
7000	Ancillary Services	\$8,910,332
8000	Non-Programmed Charges	\$517,865
TOTAL		\$9,428,197

SECTION 11 - The following revenues are estimated to be available to the **Child Nutrition Fund** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Funding Source	Description	Initial Budget
3200	State Revenue	\$0
3800	Federal Revenue	\$7,315,863
4100-4800	Local Revenue	\$1,952,138
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE		\$9,268,001
4900	Other Financing Sources	\$160,196
TOTAL		\$9,428,197

SECTION 12 - - The following amounts are estimated to be available to support operation of the school administrative unit in the **Other Specific Revenue Fund** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Other Specific Revenue Fund - Fund 8

Purpose	Description	Initial Budget
5000	Instructional Services	\$2,226,190

6000	System-wide Support Services	\$1,026,751
7000	Ancillary Services	\$22,785
8000	Non-Programmed Charges	\$86,988
TOTAL		\$3,362,714

SECTION 13 - The following revenues are estimated to be available to the **Other Specific Revenue Fund** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Funding Source	Description	Initial Budget
3200	State - Not Allotted through NCDPI Federal - Not Allotted through	\$0
3700	NCDPI	\$1,090,964
4100-4800	Local Revenue	\$2,271,750
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE		\$3,362,714
4900	Other Financing Sources	\$0
TOTAL		\$3,362,714

SECTION 14 - Within the overall budget, all appropriations shall firstly be paid from revenues restricted as to use and secondly from general unrestricted revenues.


SECTION 15 - The Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to record all restricted revenue that was not expended for its intended purpose as either deferred revenue, restricted fund balance, committed fund balance or assigned fund balance (as appropriate) within the Financial Statements. The restricted revenue sources include, but are not limited to, Medicaid reimbursements, reimbursements for services rendered to exceptional children, grant advances, Enka Consolidated Special Tax District unexpended proceeds, and Pisgah Forest reserve payments.

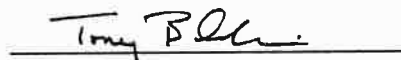
SECTION 16 - The Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to record all cash being invested for the individual schools as restricted cash upon the body of the Financial Statements so that the Board of Education's intent to keep these sums separate and apart can be clearly demonstrated. This action will also demonstrate the Board's intent that the Buncombe County Schools not draw upon these moneys to satisfy its overall cash flow needs.

SECTION 17 - The Superintendent is authorized to administer the budget as outlined in Section 501 of the adopted Buncombe County Public Schools Policy Manual.

SECTION 18 - Copies of the Budget Resolution shall be immediately furnished to the Superintendent and the Chief Financial Officer for direction in carrying out their duties.

READ AND APPROVED THIS SIXTH DAY OF MAY 2021 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING AN ESTIMATE OF THE ENTIRE BUDGET TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN SUPPORT OF OUR REQUESTS FOR BOTH A CURRENT EXPENSE AND A CAPITAL OUTLAY APPROPRIATION.


Chairman, Board of Education


Secretary