

2018 Labor Relations

School Finance:
A Better Understanding

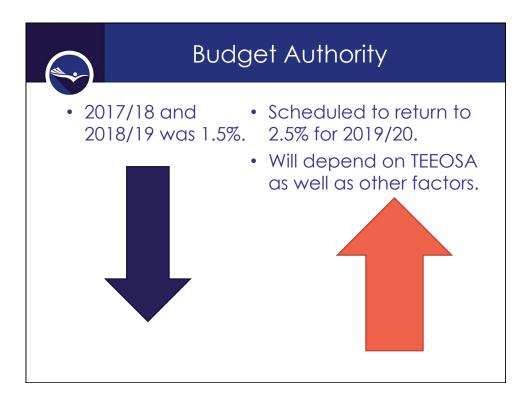
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Budget Caution



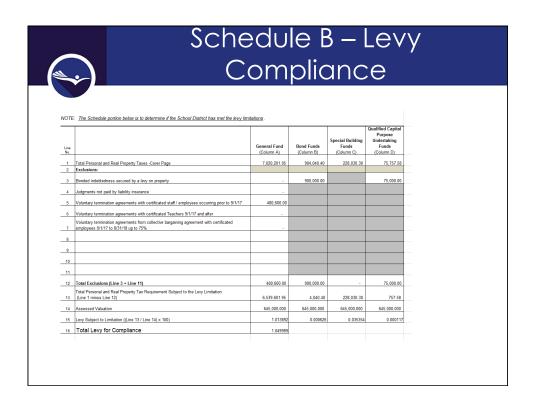
- 2017/18 Budget
- General Fund Worksheet
- 1200's included all SPED expenditures
- 2018/19 Budget
- SPED expenditures are included in the 2100's (OT,PT, Speech, etc.)
- Move SPED expenditures in the 2100's to the 1200's on the General Fund Worksheet or Budget Adopted and LC-2 will be incorrect.
- No change to the coding.

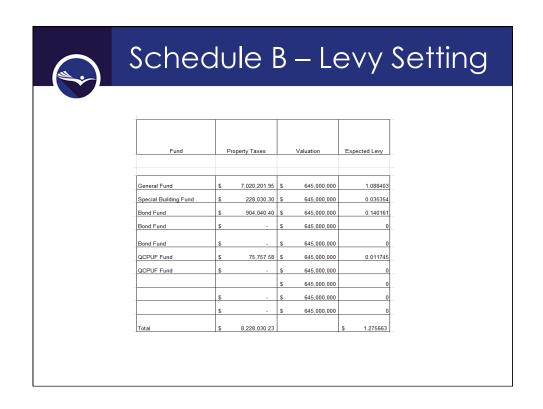


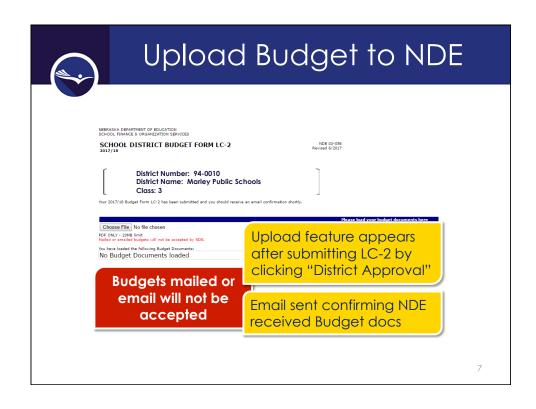


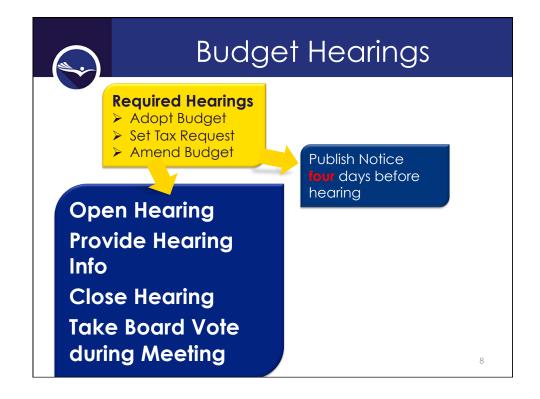
Special Hearing and Tax Request Resolution

- Must be filed with County Clerk on or before October 13
- · List the tax dollars requested in each fund
- Property tax requests final on Nov 5th.











School Fund Review

- User's Manual When you are unsure what fund to use check the user's manual.
- Building Projects (Cannot use General Fund)
 - Bond Proceeds
 - FEMA/NEMA receipts
 - Donations
- Cooperative Fund
 - Teacher
 - Facilities shared with City
- Making the funds work for your situation.
 - Example: Roof, Track



Borrowing Funds

- Issue promissory notes
 - Up to 70% of districts unexpended balance of anticipated receipts for the current and following year.
 - Must be repaid within 2 years.
- Loans from financial institutions.
 - Up to 70% of districts unexpended balance of current levy.
 - Must be repaid within 1 year.
- Lease Purchase
 - 7 year max repayment period.
 - May be paid from Special Building or General Fund
 - Levy to repay will be counted towards the \$1.05 max levy.





District Audits

- Student membership/attendance must be audited by your independent auditors.
 - Template available for auditors.
- School District must have individual capable of overseeing financial statement preparation otherwise:
 - Must hire acct firm to prepare f/s that is different from the firm that audits the f/s.

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ESSA Resources to Review

- Review documents on 2018/19
 Financial Coding Information Page on FOS Webpage:
 - > Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
 - ➤ ESSA Function & Object Code Descriptions
 - ≥2016/17 Accounts Cross-Walked to 2018/19 Account Codes
 - ≥2018-19 ESSA Coding Structure



Allocating District Expenditures

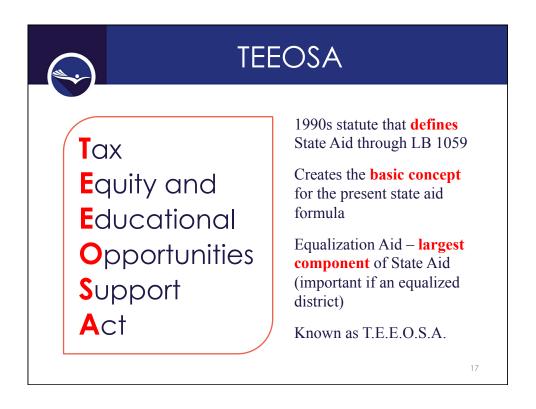
- Majority of expenditures must be allocated to the school level
 - ✓ Allocating salaries and benefits approximately 75% of total expenditures
- Examples of expenditures allocated to district level
 - ✓ Pupil Transportation
 - ✓ Office of Superintendent
 - ✓ School Nutrition Program

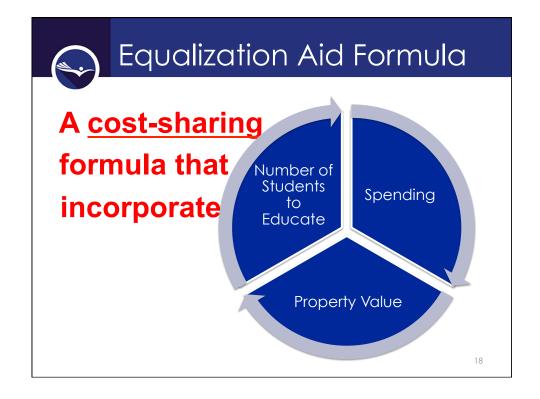


Reminders

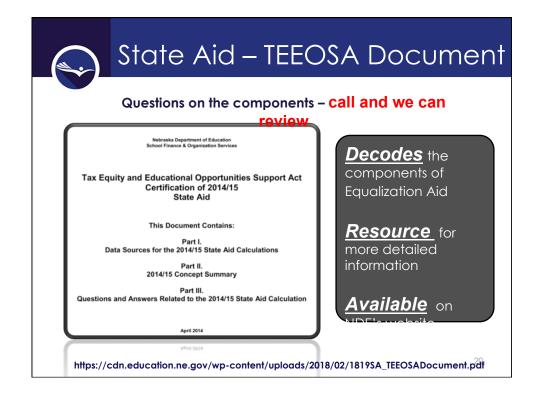
- District coding <u>must match</u> coding on the "1819ESSA AFR Master List."
- Codes used that do not appear on this list will not be recognized by NDE Financial Data System. Error message will be generated.
- Upload codes through ESSA File Upload Testing Website to confirm codes are correct.













State Aid Process



Calculated Twice Per Year

Recalculation or Respin - Second Calculation

- WHEN Fall 2018 for 2018/19 Recalculation
- Update the formula with more complete data
- Suppose to be an open ended formula

Calculate while the State funds

....make the formula fit the budget

Creates Prior Year Correction



2019/20 State Aid 2018/19 Prior Year Correction

Minus

2018/19 Recalculated State Aid 2018/19 Certified State Aid

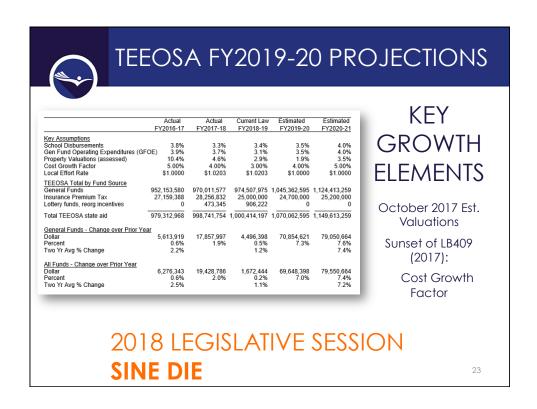
= Prior Year Correction on 2019/20 Certification

Example

AFR can be amended and captured in recalculation

....funding delayed for a year

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TEEOSA SCHOOL FUNDING LEGISLATIVE STUDY GROUP

- ADDRESS
- Property tax relief
- Stable/equitable funding for public schools
- SENATORS
- Groene Brewer Briese Friesen
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- Scheer Wayne
- OVER RELIANCE ON PROPERTY TAXES FACTORS
- Rapidly increasing property valuations
- · Changes to formula when revenues fell
- MEETINGS
- Learn about history and the current formula

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TEEOSA SCHOOL FUNDING LEGISLATIVE STUDY GROUP

TOPICS OF DICUSSION

- What is the interplay within TEEOSA between budget authority and actual spending reported in a district's Annual Financial Report (AFR) created under 79-2123?
- What factors play into the ability of some school districts (LPS or Kearney) to have additional tax dollars to afford higher pay scales, grow reserves and offer more services than an OPS, North Platte or Fremont?
- 3. Explain the three mechanisms available to school districts to grow their budget, which includes the 2.5% annual increase option allowed under 79-1023. What are the factors that a school must meet to utilize a different "Budget Growth" measurement other than the traditional 2.5%? (i.e. the 110% exception)
- 4. What is the historical growth rate in overall funding (all revenues including TEEOSA state aid, Special education, property taxes etc.) for public schools?

- 5. Explain how Allowances come into play with equalization aid and LERs. Can we put a number on the amount of allowances that are covered by local property taxes through the LER and how much is covered by equalization aid?
- 6. Does the allowable 5 cent additional max levy increase play any part in the growth of spending limits? Does it show up in their AFR and then incorporated into TEEOSA needs?

GOAL

Drafting a bill by December 1

- Provides property tax relief
- Adequately funding the state's public schools

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Upcoming Dates and Information

Recalculation of 2018/19 TEEOSA

- Amendments to the 2017/18 Annual Financial Report must be received by July 31, 2018
- Posted When Complete (last week in October or first week in November)

2019/20 State Aid Certification

- Data Collections opening Sept 1, 2018
- Due date is October 15th.
- Audit window closes on October 31st.
- · Complete collections you must apply for to receive

Membership Reporting (LB 1081 Enacted)

- Last Friday in September fall membership reporting changed
- K 12 & Pre-K fall school district membership reported at October 1
- ADVISER timeline



SPED Program Funding

- Three Sources of Funding
 - Federal IDEA Program
 - Does reimburse Below Age Five costs
 - 100% reimbursement rate
 - State School Age Program
 - Does not reimburse Below Age Five costs
 - 50.6% reimbursement rate for SY2016-17
 - Local Funds
 - Covers all remaining School Age and Below Age Five costs



Online Exempt School System



- Rule 13 Exempt students can register online.
- School districts can check enrollment status online.
 - Started/Working contact/ maybe
 - Submitted/pending review wait
 - Submitted/under review wait
 - Exempt Date Filing complete
 - Filing Incomplete School will be notified and follow up is appropriate



Twitter Feed

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- School finance related reminders
- Upcoming school finance due dates
- Legislative updates

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