

Consider the Increase of Discretionary Education Funds for Board Members

Policy Reference: *Board Governance*, GC-10, "Governance Cost," pp. 19.

Background Information:

Effective with the 2020-21 fiscal year, each Board member will have an \$8,000 annual education fund available for special projects related to education. All funds shall be allocated beginning each fiscal year from July 1 to the first Board meeting in June of the following year. The spending of those funds must be approved by the full Board. The funds do not roll over to the next cycle. The funds are taken out of un-designated reserves. If there are no un-designated reserves available, these funds will not be allocated.

Purpose:

At the May 19, 2025, Finance Committee meeting, a motion was approved to increase the annual education fund to \$12,000 for each Board member. This item would be added to the next Board agenda for the consideration of the entire Board. Mr. Jones suggested that the funds could be allocated on a per-pupil basis in future years.

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Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board amend CG-10 "Governance Cost" to increase the annual education funds available for special projects to \$12,000 for each Board member.

Estimated Project Cost:

The cost is expected to be a \$48,000 increase.

Recurring	X	Non-recurring
Funding Sources:	Unassigned General Fund	- Fund Balance