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Board adopts \$96.7 million budget

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Staff Writer

A \$96.7 million budget for the Grosse Pointe Public School System was approved during Monday's school board meeting.

The budget includes \$94.5 million in total revenue.

Approximately \$2.1 million will be used from the fund balance,

or savings, to make up the deficit, with an ending fund balance of \$11.6 million. The district considers a \$10 million fund balance the minimum it should have.

Two-thirds of the district's revenue comes from the state of Michigan. More than \$20 million is from local revenue and there is an additional \$6.9 million

from the federal government.

Instruction and instructional support account for 78.5 percent — or \$75.9 million — of the district's expenses.

The district was able to whittle down the deficit from \$6.5 million, board member Ahmed Ismail said.

"I feel very good with where we are, especially with the fund bal-

ance," said board member Colleen Worden.

Budget details:

Expenditures
Instructional services \$55,862,942
Instructional support services \$20,072,094
Non-instructional support services \$18,881,577
Community activities \$865,618

Other expenses \$2,746,000
Incoming transfers \$1,060,727
Total revenue \$1,526,398

Total Expenditures
\$96,742,958

Where the money comes from
Local sources \$20,329,200
State sources \$63,030,033
Federal sources \$6,940,757
Other local sources \$1,629,214

Fund balance
Revenue after expenditures (\$2,170,570)
Beginning fund balance \$13,799,784
Ending fund balance \$11,629,214



Giorgio Malkoun fist bumps Head of School Bart Bronk.

Knighthood

University Liggett School honored 70 graduates during commencement ceremonies Sunday, June 13.

The oldest independent co-educational day school in Michigan, Liggett offers a rigorous and innovative academic framework that allows students in every grade to find their passion and explore it in depth while developing creativity, critical thinking, teamwork and adaptability.



Valedictorian Trinity Lee addresses the crowd.



Elected class speaker Kaeleigh Harmon addresses her fellow graduates.



Keelin Dailey proudly carries her diploma.

Foundation for Public Education awarded Wilson grant

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education recently announced it is a recipient of a \$25,000 grant from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds at the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

The grant will provide resources to support students' journeys to recovery and promote community healing in the wake of the COVID-

19 pandemic. The GPFPE plans to dedicate the funds to its Social Emotional Encouragement and Development initiative, which will fund grants that support the social and emotional health of district students and teachers.

"The GPFPE is honored to have received this outstanding support from the Ralph C.

Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds, especially at this critical juncture for our school community as we reflect on the experiences of the past year and look to the next steps in our path forward," said Bob Bury, GPFPE board president. "We have worked hard to continue to support our public school district throughout the pandemic and all of its challenges, and are proud to

launch our SEED initiative to further support the needs of our students and teachers. The grant from the Legacy Funds will allow us to expand our reach and strengthen our response."

Endowed funds at the Community Foundation are designed to grow over time and provide funding in perpetuity for charitable causes according to a donor's

wishes. The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation established endowment funds at the Community Foundation to provide support to issue areas that were important to Wilson during his lifetime, among them the Grosse Pointe community.

"The GPFPE is unendingly grateful to Mr. Wilson and his family for their dedication to the Grosse Pointe com-

munity and their focus on sustaining support through an endowment," Bury said. "The GPFPE is pleased to also hold their endowment with the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan and recognizes the importance of endowment funds as part of our comprehensive support of the Grosse Pointe Public School System now and into the future."