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**Subject:** Update 12.14.18

Good afternoon,

We are getting close to the holidays and the students are definitely showing their excitement. I think I have attended a dozen concerts, programs, and luncheons lately, a sure sign that Christmas is just around the corner.

I met with Kathy Carswell, Julie Bernotski (asst. finance officer), Richie, and Blair on Wednesday to discuss next year's federal budget projections. The federal budget year runs from October 1 to September 30, clearly out of line with the state and local July to June fiscal years. This creates a challenge as we have to carry federal funds forward in July to be able to pay our federally funded employees through September. It is not complicated on the surface, but having the books show a carryover of federal funds looks wasteful when in fact, it is quite simply a misalignment of fiscal years. After going through the many federal allocations, it appears we are going to lose 3 federally-funded teaching positions for next school year. We have already learned that the state allocation will leave us with a 1.5 teaching position reduction. The total 4.5 teacher loss (or equivalent positions) will require us to tighten our belts even more. We cannot continue to increase class sizes. We will look for cuts at Central Services, Maintenance, Teacher Assistants, and every other area. There could be a teaching position or two available to cut due to class sizes, but the entire 4.5 positions cannot come from our teaching staff. There will be more to come on this as the budget year nears.

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