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Subject: Update 2/15/19

Good afternoon,

It is hard to imagine that spring sports at our high schools are getting underway! By the time the students get to the playoffs, the weather will be warm, the gnats and flies will be bothersome and abundant, and exams will be just about over.

The Operating Budget work group met on Wednesday. We are trying to hold to our word about only requesting the continued projects from last year's budget – the salary scale adjustments, the funding for year 2 at MaST, and the state-mandated salary and benefits increases, but the unexpected, hurricane-induced loss of the 10-12 state teaching positions is troublesome. The ADM reduction will certainly impact our class sizes and it will be a phenomenal feat if we can maintain our high achievement levels with such a significant reduction. The work group will certainly seek the full Board's input on this facet of the budget. In addition to the cuts and the three proposed continuation items, it is obvious that the fund balance is low due to the state's reversion after the ADM adjustment. In past years, we have had some fund balance to apply to the next year's budget, but this year that amount is very low and it leaves us with a minimal fund balance, one projected to be around \$600,000.

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