



AHSD 25 PUBLIC HEARING

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR WAIVER OF ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Education of Arlington Heights School District #25 in the County of Cook, State of Illinois, that a public hearing has been scheduled for October 7, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dunton Administration Building, 1200 S Dunton, Arlington Heights, IL 60005.

A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING APPLICATION FOR WAIVER/MODIFICATION OF STATE SCHOOL BOARD CODE 105 ILCS 5/17-1.5 for limitation an administrative costs for school year 2021-2022 is scheduled to be on the agenda. At said hearing, testimony may be taken by staff and public.

Dated this 22nd day of September, 2021.

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Waiver of School Code 105 ILCS 5/17-1.5. Limitation of administrative costs

1. Arlington Heights School District 25 is seeking ISBE approval of a waiver of School Code mandate regarding the limitation on administrative costs per Section 105 ILCS 5/17-1.5 to allow the District to meet the intent of mandate in a more effective manner as circumstances related to the decreased 2020-21 expenditures causing us to exceed the cap were beyond the control of the District due to the COVID-19 pandemic. District 25 is ranked in the 4th quartile with administrative expenditures per pupil in the 25th percentile and below for all districts of the same type, as defined by the State Board of Education
2. The administrative cost cap increase is based upon comparing the 2021-22 budgeted amounts to the 2020-21 actual expenditures. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, many costs budgeted for in the administrative categories in 2020-21 were not actually spent. Had we spent all of our 2020-21 budgeted amounts, the administrative cost cap increase would be 3.5%. Specifically:

- A. Professional development (i.e. conferences, workshops, meetings) that was budgeted across these categories to occur in 2020-21 either did not occur or was held virtually with limited costs.

2020-21 Budget	2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Budget	% Chg 2020-21 Budget to 2021-22 Budget	% Increase 2020-21 Actual to 2021-22 Budget
\$37,080	\$ 9,133	\$37,080	0.0%	306.0%

- B. A special education coordinator left at the end of March 2021 and the position was unfilled for the rest of the year, so the 2020-21 actual costs are understated. Additionally, the District reorganized some administrative positions, ultimately decreasing Assistant Principal FTE by 0.3 and increasing special education coordinator FTE by 0.3. The special education coordinator position is covered under the function 2330 Special Area Administration Services.

2020-21 Budget	2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Budget	% Chg 2020-21 Budget to 2021-22 Budget	% Increase 2020-21 Actual to 2021-22 Budget
\$512,410	\$ 492,038	\$541,760	5.7%	10.1%

- C. The 2570 Internal Services function is where we record our maintenance agreement costs associated with our districtwide copier contract. The costs are based on the number of copies made. Similar to above, because of the COVID-10 pandemic and having in-person and remote learning throughout 2020-21, significantly less copies were made in 2020-21 than in a typical year.

2020-21 Budget	2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Budget	% Chg 2020-21 Budget to 2021-22 Budget	% Increase 2020-21 Actual to 2021-22 Budget
\$71,220	\$ 22,782	\$60,130	(15.6%)	163.9%

3. Section 105 ILCS 5/17-1.5 of the School Code establishes limitations on the growth of administrative expenditures in all school district having a population of less than 500,000. School district's budgeted expenditures can not increase more than 5% over their prior year actual administrative expenditures. The following functions are included under administrative expenditures: 2320 Executive Administration Services, 2330 Special Area Administration Services, 2490 Other Support Services – School Administration, 2510 Direction of Business Support Services, 2570 Internal Services, and 2610 Direction of Central Support Services
School districts with administrative expenditures per pupil in the 25th percentile and below for all districts of the same type, as defined by the State Board of Education, may waive the limitation imposed under this Section for any year following a public hearing and with the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the school board of the district.