

SPS Budget Facts



- SPS is expecting a decrease in revenue of \$3.4 million in 2008-2009 due to a shortfall in property and sales taxes, investment income and other state, county and local revenue sources.
- In addition to the revenue shortfall, the district had a \$1.3 million deficit due to selected expenditures and budget modifications.
- Combining the deficit (\$1.3 million) with the revenue shortfall (\$3.4 million) brings the district's projected budget deficit to \$4.7 million for 2008-2009.
- To offset this deficit, SPS has identified \$4.2 million in budget reductions. Department budgets were swept of these funds March 19.
- Although every budget cut impacts the quality of our system in some way, all budget decisions have been and will be strategic with the intention of protecting the classroom as much as possible.
- While the SPS budget now includes a deficit of \$541,000, this deficit would still result in the district's fund balance remaining above 10 percent as required by board policy.
- The district anticipates receiving about \$11 million in federal stimulus funds July 1, 2009, which are earmarked for Special Education and Title I programs.
- Federal regulations require the district to use this money to supplement (increase) not supplant (replace) other funding. It would be considered supplanting if the answer to the following question is "yes": "Would this program or service be provided if the federal funds were not received?"
- It is still unknown how much other stimulus funding SPS may receive through "stabilization funds." The state legislature is currently debating how funds will be allocated. It is likely these dollars could be used for facility improvements and/or to "supplant" the district's budget in other ways.
- An additional \$1.5 million reduction in revenue is expected for 2009-2010.
- The school board will conduct a work session April 23 to begin developing next year's budget.
- Visit www.springfieldpublicschoolsno.org for up-to-date information on the budget development process.

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