

## **Funding mechanisms for the West Lafayette Community School Corporation**

The funding mechanisms for public schools in Indiana have evolved significantly over the last 10 - 15 years. Here is a basic outline of the major sources that fund the West Lafayette School Corporation, their funding mechanisms, and their general purposes. Budgets are advertised annually and then final approval is given by the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF).

### **Education Fund**

This is the largest single source of revenue for public schools in Indiana. The sole continuing source of revenue for the Education Fund is called State Tuition Support. These dollars come from appropriations from the Indiana General Assembly and are paid on a student per-capita basis. The allotted amount per student varies based on demographic and socioeconomic factors between school corporations. These funds are appropriated from state revenue sources such as sales and income taxes. Due to insufficient funds from state support to cover all instructional expense, it is necessary to transfer funds from the Referendum Fund to the Education Fund, to cover the shortfall.

Appropriations in the Education Fund pay for classroom-related expenses such as teacher salaries and benefits, classroom supplies, school-level administration, and professional development.

### **Operations Fund**

The revenues in the Operations Fund are generated mostly from local property taxes. A smaller amount comes from local excise taxes. The revenues in this fund are subject to both a maximum levy and property tax caps (which is a revenue reduction). In order to balance this budget a transfer of funds from either the Referendum Fund or Education Fund is necessary.

The Operations Fund is appropriated for expenses such as corporation-level administration, utility costs, maintenance, transportation, bus replacement, and custodial needs. The Operations Fund is earmarked for expenses not directly related to classroom instruction but which are essential for the day-to-day operations of the schools.

### **Operating Referendum Fund**

Approved by the voters of the West Lafayette School Corporation, the Operating Referendum Fund safeguards and supplements the revenues in the Education and Operations Funds and allows the school corporation to maintain and expand educational programming beyond what might otherwise be possible within the limitations of the other revenue sources. The ballot measure adopted by the voters sets the maximum levy rate of the Referendum Fund.

### **Debt Service Fund**

The Debt Service Fund is also a property-tax funded source that is allocated for the repayment of short and long-term debt incurred for building renovation and construction and technology infrastructure improvements. Like the Operations Fund, the Debt Service Fund is subject to property tax caps. Long term debt requires an approval process determined by Indiana Code and the Department of Local Government Finance. The final tax rate is approved by the DLGF.

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### **Rainy Day Fund**

The Rainy Day Fund does not have a regular source of revenue, but may receipt funds from irregular or one-time revenue sources. Its cash reserves can be allocated for irregular or unexpected expenses that the school corporation may incur from time to time.

For more information on the budgets, receipts, and expenditures for these funds, please see the Annual Financial report, also on our website.

**Receipts Comparisons  
Calendar Year 2019**

Receipt Accounts	2019 Approved Budget Receipts	2019 Actual Receipts
<b><u>EDUCATION FUND</u></b>		
1000 Local Sources	\$ 919,000	\$ 695,102
2000 Intermediate Sources		
3000 State Sources	14,474,000	14,730,818
4000 Federal Sources		
5000 Other Financing Sources	2,500,000	1,608,217
6000 Other Items		
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 17,893,000	\$ 17,034,137
<b><u>REFERENDUM FUND</u></b>		
1000 Local Sources	\$ 5,190,685	\$ 5,355,838
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 5,190,685	\$ 5,355,838
<b><u>DEBT SERVICE FUND</u></b>		
1000 Local Sources	\$ 5,952,143	\$ 5,074,845
2000 Intermediate Sources		235
3000 State Sources		
4000 Federal Sources		
5000 Other Financing Sources		500,000
6000 Other Items		
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 5,952,143	\$ 5,575,080
<b><u>RETIREMENT/SEVERANCE BOND</u></b>		
<b><u>FUND DEBT SERVICE FUND</u></b>		
1000 Local Sources	\$	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	\$
<b><u>OPERATIONS FUND</u></b>		
1000 Local Sources	\$ 3,586,732	\$ 3,330,080
2000 Intermediate Sources		235
3000 State Sources	4,115,000	1,420,250
4000 Federal Sources		
5000 Other Financing Sources		3,354,025
6000 Other Items		
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 7,701,732	\$ 8,104,590
Receipt Accounts	2019 Approved Budget Receipts	2019 Actual Receipts
<b><u>EXEMPT DEBT SERVICE FUND</u></b>		
1000 Local Sources	\$	\$
2000 Intermediate Sources		
3000 State Sources		
4000 Federal Sources		

5000 Other Financing Sources 6000 Other Items		
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	\$
<b>RAINY DAY FUND</b>		
1000 Local Sources	\$	\$ 500,000
3000 State Sources		
4000 Federal Sources		
5000 Other Financing Sources		56,000
6000 Other Items		
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	\$ 556,000
<b>SELF-INSURANCE FUND</b>		
1000 Local Sources	\$	\$
3000 State Sources		
4000 Federal Sources		
5000 Other Financing Sources		
6000 Other Items		
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	\$
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	\$	\$ 36,737,560
		\$ 36,625,645

**Expenditures Comparisons**  
**Calendar Year 2019**

Expenditure Accounts	2019 Approved Budget Expenditures	2019 Actual Expenditures
<b>EDUCATION FUND</b>		
11000 Instruction/Regular Programs	9,140,500	8,111,012
12000 Instruction/Special Programs	1,295,600	1,184,517
13000 Instruction/Adult/Continuing Education		
14000 Instruction/Summer School	87,800	54,520
15000 Enrichment Programs	2,500	1,965
16000 Remediation	4,800	-
17000 Payments to Governmental Units in State	720,000	743,652
21000 Support Services/Pupils	923,150	516,329
22000 Support Services/Instruction	519,350	920,608
23000 Support Services/General Administration		
24000 Support Services/School Administration	1,732,300	1,643,622
25000 Central Services		
26000 Operation & Maintenance of Plant Svcs.		
27000 Student Transportation		
30000 Operation of Non-instructional Svcs.		1,015
40000 Facility Acquisition and Construction		
50000 Debt Services		
60000 Non-programmed Charges		1,400,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 14,426,000	\$ 14,577,240
<b>REFERENDUM FUND</b>		

11000 Instruction/Regular Programs	\$	3,061,650	\$	2,863,817
12000 Instruction/Special Programs		273,050		342,964
13000 Instruction/Adult/Continuing Education				
14000 Instruction/Summer School				
15000 Enrichment Programs				
16000 Remediation Programs				
17000 Payments to Governmental Units in State				
21000 Support Services/Pupils		67,800		321,378
22000 Support Services/Instruction				
23000 Support Services/General Administration				
24000 Support Services/School Administration		331,200		340,409
25000 Central Services		520,000		-
26000 Operation & Maintenance of Plant Srvc.				
27000 Student Transportation		112,050		141,698
30000 Operation of Non-instructional Srvc.		618,400		550,913
40000 Facility Acquisition and Construction				
50000 Debt Services				
60000 Non-programmed Charges		2,500,000		1,400,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,484,150</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,961,179</b>
<b>Expenditure Accounts</b>		<b>2019 Approved Budget Expenditures</b>		<b>2019 Actual Expenditures</b>
<b><u>DEBT SERVICE FUND</u></b>				
25000 Central Services	\$		\$	
50000 Debt Services		5,997,154		5,413,997
60000 Non-programmed Charges		18,015		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,015,169</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,413,997</b>
<b><u>RETIREMENT/SEVERANCE BOND</u></b>				
<b><u>FUND DEBT SERVICE FUND</u></b>				
25000 Central Services	\$		\$	
50000 Debt Services				
60000 Non-programmed Charges				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>\$</b>	
<b><u>OPERATIONS FUND</u></b>				
17300 Area Vocational School (Participating Share)	\$		\$	
22000 Support instruction		811,500		383,378
23000 Support Services/General Administration		750,500		696,864
25000 Central Services		528,800		439,720
26000 Operation and Maintenance of Plant Srvc		3,674,800		3,200,745
27000 Student Transportation		1,284,000		773,229
31000 Food service		113,500		94,346
40000 Facility Acquisition and Construction		1,622,123		615,591
50000 Debt Services				
60000 Non-programmed Charges				56,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,785,223</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,259,873</b>
<b><u>EXEMPT DEBT SERVICE FUND</u></b>				
25000 Central Services				

50000 Debt Services		
60000 Non-programmed Charges		
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	\$
<b>Expenditure Accounts</b>	<b>2019 Approved Budget Expenditures</b>	<b>2019 Actual Expenditures</b>
<b><u>REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT FUND</u></b>		
25000 Central Services	\$ 252,221	\$ 156,942
26000 Operation & Maintenance of Plant Services	20,000	-
40000 Facility Acquisition and Construction	948,613	-
60000 Non-programmed Charges	109,166	500,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 1,330,000	\$ 656,942
<b><u>SELF-INSURANCE FUND</u></b>		
11000 Instruction/Regular Programs	\$	\$
12000 Instruction/Special Programs		
13000 Instruction/Adult/Continuing Education		
14000 Instruction/Summer School		
15000 Enrichment Programs		
16000 Remediation		
17000 Payments to Governmental Units in State		
21000 Support Services/Pupils		
22000 Support Services/Instruction		
23000 Support Services/General Administration		
24000 Support Services/School Administration		
25000 Central Services		
26000 Operation & Maintenance of Plant Svcs.		
27000 Student Transportation		
30000 Operation of Non-instructional Svcs.		
40000 Facility Acquisition and Construction		
60000 Non-programmed Charges		
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	\$
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	\$ 38,040,542	\$ 32,869,231

**Assessed Valuation and Tax Rates**  
**Calendar Years 2019 and 2020**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Assessed Valuation</b>	<b>933,608,405</b>	<b>967,851,887</b>
<b>Tax Rate - Education Fund</b>	<b>N/A*</b>	<b>N/A*</b>
<b>Tax Rate - Referendum Fund</b>	<b>0.37</b>	<b>0.37</b>
<b>Tax Rate - Debt Service Fund</b>	<b>0.5375</b>	<b>0.5375</b>
<b>Tax Rate - Retirement/Severance Bond Debt Service Fund</b>		
<b>Tax Rate - Operations Fund</b>	<b>0.3687</b>	<b>0.3687</b>
<b>Tax Rate - Exempt Debt Service Fund</b>		
<b>Tax Rate-</b>		
<b>Tax Rate-</b>		

**Statement of Indebtedness**  
**Calendar Year 2019**

Indebtedness	Principal Outstanding
Temporary Loans	\$
School Bonds	270,000
Emergency Loans	
School Bus Loans	
Holding Company - Public and Private	75,745,000
Veterans' Memorial Loans	
Common School Loans	1,381,887
Indiana Bond Bank/Anticipated Notes	
Retirement/Severance Bond Debt	
Bank Loans or DLGF Approved Debt	
Qualified School Construction Bonds (ARRA)	
Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (ARRA)	
Other:	
Other:	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$77,396,827</b>
<b>Outstanding Encumbrances - All Funds</b> (Include purchase orders, vendor contracts, letters of commitment, leases)	-