

Executive Summary  
2011-2012 Overview and Highlights

June 20, 2011

Raymore-Peculiar School District  
Board of Education  
21005 S. School Road  
Peculiar, MO 64078

Dear Board of Education:

Re: Budget Message

The following budget represents the financial plan of the Raymore-Peculiar School District for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. It is based on the anticipated revenues and expenditures to educate an estimated weighted average daily attendance of 5566.3754 students. The budget provides the framework by which resources are allocated to accomplish the policies, goals and objectives of the Raymore-Peculiar School District.

The budget development process includes: planning, preparation, adoption, implementation, and evaluation. The development of the district's budget involves many staff members throughout the district. Board of Education members, administrators, building principals, directors, teachers, and support staff had many opportunities to provide input into the budget planning.

The preparation of the budget involves analyzing projected revenues and anticipating expenditures for the next school year. This budget is developed with the most recent information available to the school district administration. As is always the case, anticipated revenues and expenditures are estimated projections based on this information. This budget is intended to serve as a guide for formulating financial policy and direction of financial operations for the Raymore-Peculiar School District. Budget revisions, including Federal Title and IDEA allocations, will be made during the budget year to reflect changes in programs and decisions of the administration of the school district. Revenue budget revisions will be made during the year to reflect final state funding revenues and district local property tax collections. Final assessed valuation totals and the actual tax levy will be known and set in August 2011.

The Raymore-Peculiar School District's proposed budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year projects total revenues of \$56,242,204 and total expenditures of \$77,934,584. From an operating perspective the district is anticipating total revenue of \$49,946,232 and operating expenditures of \$51,135,030. Operating funds include the general fund, teachers fund and the capital projects fund (non-bond issue funds). A transfer of \$1,000,000 from the general fund to the capital projects fund is planned. A transfer of \$851,010 from the general fund to the teacher fund is planned.

## **Expenditure Major Items**

In 2011-2012, the district's increased curriculum budget dollars are being used to purchase the following: \$80,000 Pre K-2 Pathways to Reading, \$275,000 K-4 Good Habits Great Readers, \$115,000 K-12 Accuity assessment program, \$40,000 Fountas and Pinnell Reading Intervention kits, \$10,000 Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment, \$10,000 Enhancements to the Intermediate (5-6) McGraw-Hill literacy program, \$15,000 Build Your Own Curriculum K-12 curriculum revision program. This is a total of \$545,000. Additional costs for replacement texts, other smaller textbook adoptions/revisions, and replacing consumables are a part of the on-going curriculum budget.

The budget includes capital project funds targeted to make improvements to several district facilities. These funds will improve parking lot asphalt and concrete throughout the district. These dollars will continue to implement access control (keyless building entry) at two elementary sites, Creekmoor and Shull Elementary, as well as the Administrative Services Center. American with Disability Act (ADA) upgrades are scheduled for the Ray-Pec High School North building and flooring upgrades will occur in various locations within district buildings. Kitchen equipment upgrades have been built into the capital project budget and will be purchased if the Child Nutrition department revenues exceed expenditures to cover these item. The gym floor maintenance rotation will be continued at the school sites. Funds are included in the capital projects budget for the implementation of technology improvements such as Tyler Pulse, E-readers, and full Citrix implementation. The capital project budget will also continue to support the current district lease payments.

Expenditures are also included for Board of Education approved staffing plans for 2011-2012 including funds for higher retirement contributions as required by state law. Certified retirement for 2011-2012 is 14.50% and classified retirement is 6.86%. The base teacher's salary is budgeted at \$34,100. The total increased budget for salaries and benefits district wide, including new positions is \$782,973.

## **Debt Service Fund**

The debt service fund includes the accounts necessary to pay the amount of current interest, fees and principal on bond issues. The district has outstanding bond issues for the 2002, 2005 and 2008 issues. The district also has a 2007 refunding bond issue for a portion of the 2002 issue and a closing in June 2011 for a 2011 refunding issue for a portion of the 2002 issue. Total principal payments and interest payments for 2011-2012 are scheduled for \$26,759,154.

## **Revenue Major Items**

Four revenue sources account for 85% of the Districts operating revenue. These sources are property tax revenue, basic state aid via the foundation formula, classroom trust fund (gaming revenue), and state Proposition C (sales taxes). The declining economy continues to

have a large impact on property tax revenue. The district is projecting a 1% decrease in assessed valuation for our District. When property is assessed at lower values, we receive less revenue from property taxes.

The district administration has considered many options to increase revenues and decrease expenditures including asking schools and departments to reduce their spending and implementing a budget reduction process. It has been our objective to search for solutions that allow us to keep our focus on student learning while reducing costs in other areas at this time. As district fund balances decline we will be looking at additional revenue avenues as well as what programs and expenses can be further reduced or eliminated as the district makes additional expenditure cuts in the budget.

Board of Education action is required on or before June 30, 2011, to adopt an annual budget for the Raymore-Peculiar School District. When officially adopted by the Board of Education, the budget becomes one of the most important documents in our school district. The district preliminary audit is scheduled for June 22, 2011 with the final audit for the fiscal year scheduled for September 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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