

FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: FINANCES

TITLE: BUDGET PREPARATION

ADOPTED: APRIL 18, 2007

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603. BUDGET PREPARATION	
1. Purpose SC 687	The Board considers preparation of an annual budget to be one of its most important responsibilities because the budget is the financial reflection of the district's educational plan. The budget shall be designed to carry out that plan in a thorough and efficient manner, to maintain the facilities, and to honor district obligations.
2. Authority	<p>The Board recognizes its obligation to the taxpayers to approve those expenses reasonably required to provide an educational program suitable to the needs and goals of this district and its students.</p> <p>The budget should be studied by each Board member during its preparation; but once adopted it is the district's budget and deserves the support of all members of the Board.</p>
3. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>In order to ensure adequate time for preparation and review of the proposed budget, the Board requests that the Business Manager, with the approval of the Superintendent, presents to the Board all available information associated with the budget in accordance with applicable law.</p> <p>In preparing the budget, the responsible administrator shall set general priorities for expenditures for current and proposed programs, which shall include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Staff. 2. Technology, equipment and supplies for programs. 3. Maintenance of facilities and equipment. 4. New staff necessary for improvement or expansion of programs. 5. New technology, equipment and supplies necessary for improvement or expansion of programs.

<p>School Code 433, 601, 687</p>	<p>When presented for Board review, the proposed budget shall contain the estimated revenue and expenditure in each financial category for the ensuing year, and an estimate of the amount of surplus anticipated at the end of the current school year, and upon request, an explanation of any item of expense proposed.</p>
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