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# Notes of Interest

**November Financial Report** 

### **General Notes**

 November is when we start receiving property tax receipts each year. These are our largest revenue source and the bulk of these collections are received in November, December and January.

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- Property tax receipts began the tax collection period very strong. These strong collections
  continue with December's activity. The Property Valuation Assessor estimated an increase of
  4.23%, but receipts are up an additional 5% over that amount. We are tracking this to determine
  if payments are being made earlier or if other economic factors, such as new construction and
  home sales, are causing this effect.
- Occupational taxes continue to outpace previous years as the economy remains strong.
- SEEK Program revenues continues to demonstrate a decreasing trend, as our assessments growth increases more than the increase in base per pupil funding.
- Other state revenues and most expense categories showed a significant increase from the 2014-15 school year to the 2015-16 school year due to recording state-paid health insurance and teachers' retirement system employer match on a monthly basis, as recommended by the Kentucky Department of Education.
- Expenses are down in the current year compared to 2015-16 due to site improvement expenses, such as construction and renovation projects, being down \$20.5 million as Norton Commons Elementary and a number of additional major projects had been completed.

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• Transportation Professional/Technical Services are negative due to reimbursements from grants for direct transportation services provided to the grant programs, such as preschool.

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Capital Outlay receives its funding in two payments from the state in July and May each year.

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- Building Fund had \$7.3 million remaining unspent at the end of the 2015-16 year. These funds have already been included in the facilities and renovation allocation for the 2016-17 year.
- Building Fund receives most of its revenue each year as a required local effort (a percent of our property taxes), which we transfer in November when property tax receipts begin for the year.
   As assessments increase, the amount required to be received into Building Fund increases proportionately.