



Notes of Interest

April Financial Report

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- Most collections have occurred by this point in the property tax calendar, and our collections reflect the strong increase in assessments over the 2015-16 school year. As is generally the case, our 4% assessment increase has resulted in an increase of property tax revenues of approximately \$16 million.
- Occupational taxes continue to outpace previous years as the economy remains strong.
- Local grants have increased significantly due to increased funding through the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation for Compassionate Schools and Kindergarten Camps.
- SEEK Program revenues continue 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.
- Interest income continues to be strong as both our cash balances and investments are benefitting from the rising interest rate environment.
- Site improvement expenses are significantly lower than last year. This decrease is a timing difference where more of these expenses have been shifted to later projects. Facilities received the same construction and renovation budget of \$55 million both years, in addition to \$4 million of flexible project budget in the plant operations & maintenance function and the various departmental budgets that assist with maintaining our facilities.

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- Since the main property tax collection period has ended for the year, the fund balance in General Fund has begun decreasing, as it will continue to do until the end of the fiscal year. This is part of the cyclical nature of JCPS finances.

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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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- 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.
- Construction Fund revenues vary widely each year based on the timing of our bond sales.

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- Community eligibility continues to cause our food sales to drop, which is offset by federal grants, as the USDA is reimbursing us for meals previously paid by students or their families. At the time of this report, March meal data was being reconciled and reviewed prior to invoicing the USDA for March. Once this revenue is received, federal grant revenues will show a small increase over FY16.