



Items of Note:

- Property taxes (p. 1) are very close to where they will end for the year, with an increase of 4.2% over the prior year. Franchise taxes are grouped with other taxes, which also reflect a positive trend over the prior year. The increase in other taxes is largely due to an increase in franchise taxes, as shown on p. 3 where the other taxes are broken out in detail.
- Occupational taxes are down from the previous year. We have discussed this matter with the Revenue Commission who has traced the differences to correction of allocations made in an old accounting system replaced last fall. We continue to review this data in detail together with the Revenue Commission.
- We have discussed the decrease in SEEK revenues in depth in previous Notes of Interest. In some years, the state has a small surplus, which has been given to the school districts and referred to as “excess SEEK.” After the drastic reductions to the transportation portion of the SEEK formula, we are beginning to receive traditional excess SEEK payments, which are now being coded as an increase in our transportation reimbursement. Regardless of what it is being called, we will receive \$6.7 million of additional state support during this school year. Although we do not expect this to affect our expected revenues in future years, we appreciate the additional funds.
- Other state revenues (p. 1) are significantly higher as state-paid fringe benefit payments have increased drastically as the state attempts to fund the pensions.
- Other sources of revenues (p. 1) are significantly higher this year as we sold a new school building renovation bond in October, which was earlier than in previous years.
- Most expense categories (p. 1) are higher because the state is funding state-paid employee benefits (see other state revenues bullet above), such as health insurance and pensions, at higher levels than in previous years.
- General Fund transportation technical services (p. 6) are negative, which is consistent with previous years, due to reimbursements of grant program transportation costs.

Charts: 2018-19 is noticeably higher than comparison years due to higher on-behalf payments, earlier bond sale, and the increase in pension support by the state.

