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DATE: 10/23/25

AGENDA ITEM: Possible loss of headstart funding and financial impacts should the federal government shutdown continue beyond November 1st.

APPLICABLE STATUTE(S), REGULATION(S), BOARD POLICY/PROCEDURE(S):
BOE Policy 01.1

BACKGROUND: On October 17, superintendents received a letter from Wanda Thacker, Executive Director of the Big Sandy Community Action Program (BSACAP), notifying districts that the BSACAP Head Start programs are currently funded only through **October 31, 2025**. Due to the federal government shutdown, the Office of Head Start is unable to issue Notices of Award for FY26 funds.

If the shutdown continues beyond October 31, BSACAP will not have access to the funds needed to operate its Head Start delegate programs. Following a discussion with Tracy Jenkins from the BSACAP office, both the superintendent and finance director were informed that if the shutdown is not resolved by November 1 and the district continues to operate its Head Start program, the district **will not be reimbursed** for employee salaries, fringe benefits, or food service expenses related to student snacks and Head Start adult meals.

Continuing the program without federal reimbursement through December 31, 2025, would result in an estimated **cost to the general fund of approximately \$215,000** for salaries and fringe benefits, and a **loss to the food service program of approximately \$13,500** for student snacks and adult meals.

The district will continue to monitor the situation closely and will make further decisions based on updated information regarding the reinstatement of federal funding for this program.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT: estimated **cost to the general fund of approximately \$215,000** for salaries and fringe benefits, and a **loss to the food service program of approximately \$13,500** for student snacks and adult meals.

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