

Full Day Kindergarten 2012&2013

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Full Day Kindergarten Grant

- **State grant that is funded by the General Assembly when they create a new two year budget.**
- **MSD Washington Township receives partial funding for FDK from the grant.**
- **In December 2010, MSDWT received \$1,030 for each of our FDK students.**

State Announcement - FDK

- Based on the state announcement, citizens were left with the impression that Indiana could now have FDK for every student and that school districts would be given enough money to pay for FDK. **THIS IS NOT ACCURATE**
- What is now being said is that the “FDK Grant is fully funded.”

What Does That Mean?

- The FDK Grant has been an appropriation in the state budget of \$58.5 million for each of the last two years. In December 2010, MSDWT received \$1,030 for each FDK student we have. (\$360,000)
- $\$58.5 \text{ million} / \$1,030 = 56,796$ students enrolled in FDK in Indiana for the 2010-2011 year.
- The state estimates there are a total of 78,000 kindergarten students in Indiana (FDK & 1/2 time)

State Definition of “Fully Funding the Grant”

- 1) The \$1,030 is increased by 2% = \$1,050
- 2) $\$1,050 \times 78,000 \text{ K-students} = \81.9 million
- 3) \$81.9 million will be the new appropriation for each of the next two years.
- 4) An increase in funding of \$23.4 million each year. ($\$58.5 \text{ mil} + \$23.4 \text{ mil} = \$81.9 \text{ mil}$)
- FDK Funding – an increase of \$20 per student.

What Does That Mean to MSDWT?

- **MSDWT should receive no less than \$1,050 for each FDK student we report to DOE in September as part of our ADM (enrollment).**
- **We could get a little more if there are less than 78,000 FDK students reported across the state.**

MSDWT FDK Fees

- Our FDK cost, calculated according the DOE and using the state approved Form 515, came out to \$3,318.

• MSDWT Cost of FDK	\$3,318
• Less: FDK State Grant	<u>\$1,030</u>
• Unfunded Difference	\$2,288

MSDWT has established a FDK fee of \$2,250 plus a \$100 nonrefundable application fee, total of \$2,350.

True Meaning of Fully Funded FDK

- If FDK were truly “fully funded” every kindergarten student would be counted in the funding formula the same way as students in grades 1-12.
- It’s estimated that the state would need an additional \$120 - \$150 million dollars in the school funding formula to accomplish this.

SUMMARY:

- We are pleased the state has increased the FDK Grant.
- Our cost for FDK far exceeds the amount we have received or could expect to receive from the new grant.
- Our FDK fee should remain in place and continue at the same amount for 2011-2012.

Questions?