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The Board of Education formally accepted the donation of \$28,950.00 in Innovation Grants from the High School District 211 Foundation. Innovation Grants are intended to assist teachers and staff in developing ideas and best practices, and are awarded for innovative projects or programs that are not normally funded with the regular school budget, yet have a direct impact on student learning.

A complete listing of the 2015-2016 District 211 Foundation Innovation Grants awarded is available [here](#).

The Board of Education formally accepted the donation of \$40,000.00 from the High School District 211 Foundation to assist with the implementation of the



eight firms, and received proposals from four (4) firms including one unsolicited



deficit. The Transportation Fund is projected to end the year with a deficit of \$1.2 million due to the anticipated receipt of only three of four quarterly categorical payments from the State of Illinois. The restrictive funds will recognize the planned fund deficits in the Debt Service Fund (\$4.5 million), Capital Projects Fund (\$18 million), and Life Safety Fund (\$2.6 million).

All school districts in Illinois must submit a balanced budget or adopt a deficit reduction plan to balance the budget within three years. The District projects a budget surplus of \$100,000 in the aggregate of operating funds (Educational, Operations and Maintenance, Transportation, and Working Cash). This reflects the District's commitment to maintaining balanced budgets in accordance with the Illinois School Code and keeping expenditures at or below projected revenue.

The projected \$4.5 million budget deficit in the Debt Service Fund is due to a levy reduction plan that has been in place since 2007 and lease payments for iPad

\$900,000 of contingency funds spread over the four operating funds and reflected in the operating expenditure total.

Additional information is available [here](#)

At the September 17, 2015 Board meeting, a recommendation will be presented to purchase the Higgins Education Center using funds that are included in the District's annual budget for 2015-2016.

Additional information on the purchase of the Higgins Education Center is available [here](#).

Responsible for governing the school district, the Board of Education works on behalf of the entire community as one entity, with clarity of purpose and a clear direction. The Board operates as one single entity responsible for itself, its processes and contributions, while refusing to surrender to special interest or partisan political groups.

On April 30 and July



The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2015, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.

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