



March 25, 2015 meeting

Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

Serving 3,274 students living in portions of Tinley Park, Mokena, and Frankfort

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Board of Education hears update on Senate Bill 1, the new school funding reform legislation

At the March 25 meeting, members of the Board were updated on Senate Bill 1, school funding reform legislation that replaces Senate Bill 16. This proposed legislation creates a single funding formula that is intended to provide greater funding for districts with greater financial need.

The Illinois State Board of Education has provided two financial impact models of the current version of Senate Bill 1. The first year, full year impact on Summit Hill shows a significant loss of state support for the District, ranging from \$1.37 million to \$1.69 million. This translates to a loss of between \$448 and \$515 per student.



District 161 funding sources

Local taxpayers - 87.4%
State - 9.7%
Federal - 2.8%

Senate Bill 1/Amendment 1: if the bill passes, the rules change

Current funding formula

2013-14

General State Aid at
\$6,119 Foundation Level
(89% proration)

**State funding =
\$984.53 per student
(\$3.2M)**

2014-15

General State Aid at
\$6,119 Foundation Level
89% proration +
2.15 percent cut
approved by
IL House & Senate

2015-16

Addition of \$92 M for adequacy

General State Aid reset to
\$4,878 Foundation Level

**LOSS of state funding:
\$515.02 per student**

State funding = \$1.53M
(\$1.68M loss)*

*If funded, the hold harmless
provision in the first year will limit
the loss to 25% of prior year's funding

State funding = \$2.4M
(\$805,834 loss)

2015-16

Addition of \$92 M for adequacy
+ \$500M from Gov's budget

General State Aid reset to
\$5,060 Foundation Level

**LOSS of state funding:
\$448.42 per student**

State funding = \$1.75M
(\$1.46M loss)*

*If funded, the hold harmless
provision in the first year will limit
the loss to 25% of prior year's funding

State funding = \$2.4M
(\$805,834 loss)

The models
presented by
ISBE are
premised on
additional
money.
There is no
provision
in the model
to back out
the money
to create
a "flat" model
for illustration
purposes.

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Projection of state funding for Summit Hill
based on \$500 million in new funding
for K-12 schools, with an additional
\$92 million for adequacy calculations
and a hold harmless phase in.

PROJECTED STATE FUNDING SB 1/Amendment 1

FY 2013-14.....\$3,223,338 (base year)
FY 2015-16.....\$2,417,503
FY 2016-17.....\$1,755,210
FY 2017-18.....\$1,685,000
FY 2018-19.....\$1,617,600
(based on three-year hold harmless provision)

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The models, which are located at www.isbe.net, are based on FY 2013-14 funding from the state. Both models include additional financial resources being added to state funding. One model adds \$92 million in additional funds to support adequacy in funding across the state. (ISBE defines adequacy as a level of funding sufficient for a high quality education.) The other model adds \$92 million for adequacy and another \$500 million in funding for K-12 education, which is the number presented in the governor's new budget.

The model with additional money for adequacy shows the District would receive \$1.53 million in state support, compared to \$3.2 million in FY 2013-14. That is a loss of \$1.68 million in the first year. Those numbers do not take into account a hold harmless provision, which limits the District's reduction in the first year. When the hold harmless provision, limiting the reduction to 25% of the prior year's funding, is calculated, the District would receive \$2.4 million and would suffer a loss of

\$805,834. The hold harmless is based on a three-year phase-in, which means less financial protection for Summit Hill each year (by 25% each year).

The other model, which includes money to support adequacy and additional money for the foundation level, shows \$1.75 million in funding for Summit Hill. That is a loss of \$1.46 million compared to FY 2013-14. In that model, the hold harmless calculation would also protect the District the first year, limiting the loss to \$805,834.

In personnel matters, the Board

- approved the employment of Susan Fox as a .5 speech pathologist;
- approved the employment of Karly Powers as a paraprofessional;
- approved the employment of Kim Koran as a clerk; and
- accepted the resignations of John Wade and Mary Lake.

In other matters, the Board

- extended the employment contract for Barb Rains, Frances Boss, Dean Gerdes, Laura Goebel, Jason Isdonas, Kathryn Klein, Bridget Nolan, Daniel Pierson, Michael Ruffalo, John Snipes, and Dana Wright through June 30, 2016;
- approved modification of the terms of administrative contracts;
- offered 22 teachers second-year probationary contracts, 18 teachers third-year probationary contracts, four teachers fourth-year probationary contracts, and five teachers tenure contracts for the 2015-2016 school year;
- approved the non-retention of nine probationary teachers;
- approved the contract extension with Bill's Lawn Maintenance & Landscape; and
- heard a preview of the April 2, 2015 teacher in-service.