

3.2 Budget

A budget will be developed and approved for each fiscal year, which extends from October 1st to September 30th of the following year. Preparation, presentation, submission, and approval of the budget will be undertaken and completed as provided for in state law and regulations. Budgets will be “balanced” such that the expenditures set forth in the budget for the fiscal year will not exceed revenues and any cash balance requirements set forth by law. Budget amendments will be prepared in accordance with instructions from the Alabama State Dept of Education for approval by the Board.

The Superintendent or CSFO will inform the Board, before the Board votes on a budget or budget amendment, if the approval of the budget or budget amendment will prevent the establishment or maintenance of a one-month’s operating balance reserve fund equal to one-twelfth of the general fund expenditures and outgoing transfers for the proposed budget or amendment.

The Board’s goal is to maintain a one and one-half months (i.e., 45 days) operating balance reserve fund equal to one and one-half twelfths of the general fund expenditures and outgoing transfers in the current Board-approved budget. However, that goal is not intended to supplant the reserve fund balance requirements set forth by law.

[Reference: ALA. CODE §16-13-140, et seq. (1975)]