FPP Financial Transparency Sub-Committee

Consideration for Revenue Reporting

at FPP Committee on February 27, 2015

**Statute:** C.R.S. 22-44-105 (4) (d), *The Financial Policies and Procedures Advisory Committee shall consider and make a recommendation to the State Board of Education concerning whether the standard chart of accounts should include the reporting of revenues received at all levels, including public revenues received from private gifts, grants, and donations, and if so, how the reporting of revenues would be included in the standard chart of accounts*.

**Discussion Points:**

1. HB14-1292 requires that the financial reporting system used for all Colorado school districts be based on a standard chart of accounts that makes school-to-school and school district-to-district comparisons more accurate and meaningful.
2. In addition, the idea was raised that identifying resources available to each school from private sources will provide more clarity and comparability to the layperson.
3. School districts currently have the flexibility to code revenues at either the district level or to a school when appropriate, such as school fees, local grants and private donations.
4. HB14-1292 mandates the creation of a financial transparency website with data from all Colorado school districts, the CSI and BOCES.
5. Disclosing school-level revenues on the new financial transparency website can be accomplished via a filter to allow the user to drill-down into revenues tied to each school’s unique “school code identifier” which is part of the district’s annual financial data pipeline submission.

**Recommendation:**

1. Because the existing chart of accounts allows for reporting of revenues at the individual school site level, where appropriate, no change is required to the chart of accounts.