



COLORADO
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Accountability Committee Networking Series

Budgeting

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Introduction in Chat:

- Name
- School/District
- Role with Acc. Committee
- Spring Break Plans



- Meet Monthly August – May
- 2nd Tuesday of the month 5:30-6:30pm
- All invited (tell your peers!)
- Slides and recording posted here after each meeting
<https://www.cde.state.co.us/uip/sacdacnetworking>
- Agenda:
 - Topical introduction from CDE staff
 - School or district presentation
 - Breakout groups
- Let [Lisa](#) or [Darcy](#) know if you have a promising practice in one of the topic areas!

CDE Presentation



District Fund Allocation

- Some districts provide lump funds based on pupil counts and building characteristics - staffing and spending decisions are all made at the school level
- Some districts are directive with budgeting and provide a small discretionary budget for schools
- State Per Pupil Expenditure
- Grants
- Federal funding (Special Education, Title I, ESSER, CARES Act)
- Taxpayer initiatives
- Carryover
- Parent Teacher Association Fundraising



Potential Spending Areas - District and School Level



- **Transportation** - buses and drivers to transport students
- **Facilities** – to ensure students attend schools that are clean and well maintained
- **Energy** - the school is lit during the day, heated in the winter and cooled in the summer
- **Health and Safety** - the school nurse cares for the ill student, and security measures keep staff and students safe
- **Instruction** - students have a qualified teacher, teachers have instructional aides, and classrooms have supplies
- **Curriculum and Staff Development** - curriculum, training and instructional support to ensure teachers are able to provide students with necessary knowledge and skills
- **Food Services** - nutritious, affordable breakfast and lunch
- **Library Services** - the library and librarian/staff provide research assistance and resources
- **Counseling Services** - counselors for testing prep, college prep, drug/alcohol abuse programs, and supporting family needs in seeking outside counseling
- **School Leadership and Support** - principal, assistant principals and administrative support staff



DAC Budgeting



Statute: Recommending to its local school board priorities for spending school district moneys

What could this look like?

- Consulting or presentations from Chief Financial Officer
- DAC survey of SACs on spending priorities, DAC formal recommendation to Board (actual survey, DAC delegate, narrative)
- Working with local school board members on values and initiatives
- DAC Budget Subcommittee



Statute: Making recommendations to the principal on the school priorities for spending school moneys, including federal funds, where applicable

What could this look like?

- Review budget alignment to UIP or school vision and mission
 - Including student, staff, family surveys
 - Focus groups
 - UIP initiatives
 - Collaboration with PTA
- Values discussions (e.g., library updates more important than a third class added to second grade)
- Formal recommendations to district leadership or DAC



On average,
\$11,288 was spent
per student across the
state, for a total of
\$10.29 billion

Englewood School District

Clarice Fortunato

District Family, School, Community Liaison



- Process for DAC/SAC budget input
 - DAC/SAC Handbook-[here](#)
- Values approach vs. deficit approach
- Resources-[note catcher here](#), [mandates](#)



Breakout Groups



How is budget information shared in your committee? How is feedback gathered?



What information or guidance do committees need to make budget recommendations?

Invite your
peers!

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March 8th
Special Projects

[Resource Drive](#)

