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SCHOOL BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE — MARCH 2020

Meeting. The School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) met on March 10, 2020, and acted on the following items.

Special Education Administrative Costs. The SBRC approved unique circumstances for select school districts to charge certain expenditures to the school districts' special education programs.

Dropout/Dropout Prevention Program. The SBRC approved Modified Supplemental Amounts (MSAs) in the amount of \$131.8 million for school district programs relating to at-risk students, alternative programs and alternative schools, and returning dropout and dropout prevention programs for FY 2021.

Hazard Abatements. The SBRC approved MSAs for hazard abatement for the following school districts for FY 2020:

- Union — \$73,285
- Waterloo — \$393,243
- West Des Moines — \$1,250
- Williamsburg — \$17,342
- Iowa City — \$401,282

Council Bluffs. The SBRC approved an MSA for the Council Bluffs school district of \$144,017 due to a substantial reduction in miscellaneous income from a change in federal grant funds attributable to poverty levels.

Iowa City. The SBRC approved an MSA in the amount of \$492,021 related to initial staffing costs for opening a new school building.

Des Moines. The SBRC approved an MSA in the amount of \$696,370 for FY 2021 and an equal negative amount in FY 2022 for circumstances involving missed supplementary weighting for concurrent enrollment.

Van Meter. The SBRC approved the use of an unexpended fund balance of \$167,996 for first-year startup costs of the district's Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program (SWVPP). The district is only using the State aid portion of unexpended fund balances, and the approval does not include any property tax implications.

Davenport. The SBRC accepted an updated progress report on the district's corrective action plan due to an FY 2019 negative unspent balance.

Ankeny. The SBRC approved an MSA in the amount of \$361,107 for startup costs of the district's Orbis program for FY 2019. The Orbis program is Ankeny's college and career readiness program.

Next Meeting. The next SBRC meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2020.

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