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SCHOOL BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE — MARCH 2021

Meeting. The School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) met on March 16, 2021, and acted on the following items.

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

Dropout/Dropout Prevention Program. The SBRC approved Modified Supplemental Amounts (MSAs) in the amount of \$136.1 million for school district programs relating to at-risk students, alternative programs and alternative schools, and returning dropout and dropout prevention programs for FY 2022. Two school districts (North Iowa and South O'Brien) were late in filing applications for the program and appeared before the SBRC during the same meeting to individually request MSAs for their respective programs.

SBRC Rules Adoption. The SBRC adopted amendments to [289 IAC 6](#), which allows the SBRC to grant an MSA for at-risk programs when a school district submits the request after the January 15 deadline but before March 1.

Transportation Assistance. The SBRC approved \$13,580 in transportation assistance to eight school districts on an equitable basis. Funding comes from the sale of education license plates.

COVID-19 Transfer Requests. The SBRC approved \$44,598 in a COVID-19 related general fund transfer to the student activity fund for the Council Bluffs Community School District due to an interrupted revenue stream caused by the pandemic.

Hazard Abatements. The SBRC approved MSAs for hazard abatement for the following school districts for FY 2021:

- Eagle Grove — \$56,186
- Iowa City — \$657,069
- Clear Creek Amana — \$129,754
- Waterloo (includes FY 2020) — \$133,670

Clear Creek Amana Community School District. The SBRC approved an MSA for the school district in the amount of \$490,529 for the initial staffing of a new elementary school building.

Linn-Mar Community School District. The SBRC approved an MSA for the school district in the amount of \$1.9 million for the initial staffing costs related to opening two new school buildings.

Waterloo Community School District. The SBRC approved an MSA for the school district in the amount of \$1.0 million for the startup costs associated with the Waterloo Career Center, a career technical education center.

North Iowa Community School District. The SBRC approved an MSA in the amount of \$118,360 for the school district's at-risk program.

South O'Brien Community School District. The SBRC approved an MSA in the amount of \$206,801 for the school district's at-risk program.

Additional Information. Additional information regarding the meeting, including exhibits, is available upon request. The next SBRC meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2021.

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