Regular Meeting
Monday, September 15, 2025 6:00 PM
Kramer Education Center
2410 16th Street, Suite A
Columbus, NE 68601

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

I.

II. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD

III. EXCUSE BOARD MEMBERS

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. MEETING COMPLIANCE

V.A. DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

V.B. OPEN MEETINGS ACT

V.B.1. President ensures all can hear proceedings

V.C. PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

VII.A. Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda

VII.B. Meeting Minutes

VII.C. Finance Reports

VII.D. Staffing Reports

VII.E. Professional Travel

VIII. FOUNDATION REPORT

IX. DIRECTOR & SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS OR UPDATES

IX.A. Director of Teaching and Learning

IX.B. Director of Special Education

IX.C. Assistant Director for Student Services

IX.D. Director of Human Resources

IX.E. Director of Operations

IX.F. Superintendent

X. MONTHLY REVIEW OF POLICIES

XI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XII. ACTION ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING

XII.A. 2025-2026 Budget Approval

XII.B. Resolution to set the property tax request

XII.C. School Fundraising Applications

XII.D. Surplus Requests

XII.E. First Reading of Policy 706.03 Bidding Procedures

XII.F. First Reading of Policy 706.01 Purchasing Procedures

XIII. BOARD REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

XIV. BOARD SHARING

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XVI. ADJOURN

Committee As A Whole
Monday, August 11, 2025 5:45 PM Central

Kramer Education Center
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Candace Becher:	Present
Michael Jeffryes:	Present
Doug Molczyk:	Present
Theresa Seipel:	Present
Douglas Willoughby:	Present
Marv Zoucha:	Present

Present: 6.

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V.A. District Mission Statement

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VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. BUILDING OR DISTRICT PRESENTATION

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

VIII.A. Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda
There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

VIII.B. Meeting Minutes

VIII.C. Finance Reports

Jason Schapmann, Director of Human Resources and Fiscal Support gave an overview of the financial reports. The auditors did some preliminary work to get the audit underway.

VIII.D. Staffing Reports

Mr. Schapmann shared information about Associated Staffing and their help with trying to find paras for CPS.

VIII.E. Professional Travel

Motion to approve the consent agenda Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Douglas Willoughby.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

IX. FOUNDATION REPORT

The Superintendent recommends that the board approve the Foundation Report, as submitted.
Passed with a motion by Marv Zoucha and a second by Theresa Seipel.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Total contribution for July $40,265.19; FY 2025 total is $211,026.92.

X. DIRECTOR & SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS OR UPDATES

X.A. Director of Teaching and Learning

Teresa Hausmann, Director of Teaching and Learning, shared information on the staff support and curriculum work that was completed for the 2024-2025 school year. Goals for the upcoming year include continuing to build strong relationships with staff, implementation of OpenSciEd curriculum and beginning the math pilot for K-5 classrooms. Mrs. Hausmann will be assisting with the implementation of the FrogStreet curriculum at preschool. This year will also consist of 4DX training for staff.

X.B. Director of Special Education

Jason Harris, Director of Special Education, shared good news on the recent NDE compliance report on CPS Special Education Programs. He shared the criteria, adding that hiring needed staff and the involvement of the principals were assets in the higher compliance score.

X.C. Assistant Director for Student Services

Sara Colford, Assistant Director of Student Services, said she is updating procedures for enrollment and in-district transfers. Writing grants for the After School Program. She said that the program closes at 5:30 PM this year. She is also spending time with staff to work on student chronic absenteeism.

X.D. Director of Human Resources

X.E. Director of Operations

Leonard Kwapnioski, Director of Building/Grounds and Technology, said most of the safety projects are finished. The digital radio system will be implemented soon for improved communication.

X.F. Superintendent

Dr. Kay shared information on the 4DX training and the district's "WIG" goal, which is to improve student achievement by 5%.

XI. MONTHLY REVIEW OF POLICIES

XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XII.A. Fundraising Applications

Motion to approve fundraisers Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Candace Becher.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

XII.B. Surplus Requests

Motion to approve surplus items Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Douglas Willoughby.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

XIII. ACTION ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING

XIII.A. Resolution To Access Property Tax Authority

Motion to approve an increase to the school district's property tax request authority by up to an additional five percent, or other maximum amount as permitted by law, above the base growth. percentage. Passed with a motion by Douglas Willoughby and a second by Doug Molczyk.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

XIII.B. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action with regard to selecting the Construction Management at Risk method of construction delivery for a potential new grade 4-5 intermediate school facility project under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act.

MOTION by _____ that the Board of Education for this School District should and does hereby select the Construction Management at Risk construction delivery method pursuant to the Nebraska Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act and Board policy for a potential new grade 4-5 intermediate school facility project, generally to consist of an approximately 90,000 to 100,000 square foot building including general and specialty classrooms, office, gymnasium, kitchen and associated support spaces; and hereby delegates to and directs the Board President, Superintendent of Schools, or designee of either, along with selected legal counsel, to initiate and carry out all actions necessary to comply with the requirements of the Act, including but not limited to the development and issuance of a Request for Proposals for the position of Construction Management at Risk for the project; provided that letters of interest shall not be required. Board member _____ seconded the MOTION. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following Board members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Motion:

_____. The following Board members voted against the same:
_____. The following Board members were absent or not voting:
_____. The above Motion, having been consented to by two-thirds (2/3rds) or more of the members of the Board of Education of this School District, was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Law. DATED this 11th day of August 2025. PLATTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 71-0001, a/k/a COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY:
_____ President, Board of Education ATTEST:
_____ Secretary Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Candace Becher.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

XIII.C. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action with regard to adopting the Construction Management at Risk selection criteria and the evaluation point values for a potential new grade 4-5 intermediate school facility project.

MOTION by _____ that the Board of Education for this School District should and does hereby adopt and approve the Construction Manager at Risk selection criteria and evaluation weights for a potential new grade 4-5 intermediate school facility project as follows: No. Selection Criteria Maximum Point Value 1 The financial resources of the construction manager to complete the project 2.5 2 The ability of the proposed personnel of the construction manager to perform 20 3 The character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience, and efficiency of the construction manager 20 4 The quality of performance on previous projects 20 5 The ability of the construction manager to perform within the time specified 10 6 The ability and resources of the construction manager to recruit qualified contractors for the Project 10 7 The construction manager's proposed efforts schedule and fee for the Project 15 8 The previous and existing compliance of the construction manager with laws relating to the contract 2.5 TOTAL (Not more than 100). 100 Board member _____ seconded the MOTION. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following Board members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Motion:
_____. The following Board members voted against the same:
_____. The following Board members were absent or not voting:
_____. The above Motion having been consented to by a majority of the members of the Board of Education this School District, was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Law. DATED this 11th day of August 2025. PLATTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 71-0001, a/k/a COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY:
_____ President, Board of Education ATTEST:
_____ Secretary Passed with a motion by Doug

Molczyk and a second by Marv Zoucha.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

XIII.D. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action with regard to appointing members to the Construction Management at Risk selection committee for a potential new grade 4-5 intermediate school facility project.

MOTION by _____ that the Board of Education for this School District should and does hereby appoint the following persons to the Construction Manager at Risk Selection Committee to evaluate the proposals received from firms in response to the Request for Proposals for a potential new grade 4-5 intermediate school facility project: (a) Member(s) of the School District's Board of Education: â€˜ â€˜ â€˜ (b) Member(s) of the School District's administration or staff: â€˜ Chester Kay, Superintendent of Schools â€˜ Leonard Kwapnioski, Director of Operations (c) The School District's architect or engineer: â€˜ Jeff Chadwick, Clark & Enersen, or designee (d) Any person(s) having special expertise relevant to selection of a construction manager under the Nebraska Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act who is not employed by the School District, and who shall not be employed by or have a financial or other interest in a construction manager who has or may have a proposal being evaluated: â€˜ (e) A resident(s) of the territory served by the School District, other than an individual included in (a) through (d) above, who is not employed by the School District, and who shall not be employed by or have a financial or other interest in a construction manager who has or may have a proposal being evaluated: â€˜ Board member _____ seconded the MOTION. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following Board members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Motion: _____. The following Board members voted against the same: _____. The following Board members were absent or not voting: _____. The above Motion having been consented to by a majority of the members of the Board of Education this School District, was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Law. DATED this 11th day of August 2025. PLATTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 71-0001, a/k/a COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY: _____ President, Board of Education ATTEST: _____ Secretary Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Douglas Willoughby.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Dr, Kay discussed the resolution. He said the use of a construction manager at risk only goes into effect if the bond is passed.

XIII.E. Second and Final Reading of Policy 410.04 Certificated Employee Unpaid Leave

The superintendent recommends that the board approve the Second and Final Reading of Policy 410.04 Certificated Employee Unpaid Leave, as submitted. Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Candace Becher.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

XIV. BOARD REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

XV. BOARD SHARING

Board sharing saved for next week.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issue Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Douglas Willoughby.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0
The Board exited executive session at the request of the Board President at 7:25 pm.

XVII. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Marv Zoucha and a second by Michael Jeffryes.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified Secretary for the School District No. 1 of Columbus, Nebraska, certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular School Board meeting of Monday, August 11, 2025.

_____ _____

President Secretary

Committee on American Civics Meeting
Monday, August 18, 2025 5:30 PM Central

Kramer Education Center
2410 16th Street, Suite A
Columbus, NE 68601

Candace Becher:	Absent
Michael Jeffryes:	Present
Doug Molczyk:	Absent
Theresa Seipel:	Present
Douglas Willoughby:	Absent
Marv Zoucha:	Present

Present: 3, Absent: 3.

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IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. NOTICE OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

V.A. President ensures all can hear proceedings

VI. COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN CIVICS MEETIN

Teresa Hausmann, Director of Teaching and Learning, said that CPS District meets the four requirements. The committee is required to hold two meetings per year. This is the first one, the next meeting will include teachers coming forward with evidence. Mrs. Hausmann also shared that all the curriculum standards are met.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Marv Zoucha.
Candace Becher: Absent, Doug Molczyk: Absent, Douglas Willoughby: Absent, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 3
The meeting adjourned at 5:39.

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_____ _____

President Secretary

Hearing
Monday, August 11, 2025 5:30 PM Central

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Candace Becher:	Present
Michael Jeffryes:	Present
Doug Molczyk:	Present
Theresa Seipel:	Present
Douglas Willoughby:	Present
Marv Zoucha:	Present

Present: 6.

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VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

VII.A. Resolution To Access Property Tax Authority

Jason Schapmann, Director of Human Resources and Fiscal Support reported at the hearing. Mr. Schapmann presented the 25-26 budget and requested the board access the full amount of property tax authority under state statute. The projected increase in tax asking is $0 for the General Fund and 2.6% overall in tax asking for funds covered under the Property Tax Authority.

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Candace Becher and a second by Marv Zoucha.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

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President Secretary

Regular Meeting
Monday, August 18, 2025 5:45 PM Central

Kramer Education Center
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Candace Becher:	Present
Michael Jeffryes:	Present
Doug Molczyk:	Present
Theresa Seipel:	Present
Douglas Willoughby:	Present
Marv Zoucha:	Present

Present: 6.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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V. Meeting Compliance

V.A. District Mission Statement

V.B. Open Meetings Act

Dr. Kay outlined that all board members are present legally, representing a quorum, and may vote. Board policies 204.08 and 204.09 establish that a majority of the votes cast determines if a motion passes or fails. The board follows Robert's Rules of Order.

V.C. Publication of Meeting Notice

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. RECOGNITIONS BY BOARD

The Board of Education recognized 2025 State Boys Golf Qualifiers Keaton Barnes and Bryce Brown, 2025 State Girls Tennis Medalists Alyn Estrada and Maria Oliva-Rumbaut, 2025 Nebraska USA Person of the Year Mr. Brian Brownlow CHS Assistant Wrestling Coach, Mr. Adam Whitmore who was named Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year, and Ashley De La Cruz Martin a CHS student who used her CPR skills learned in the Health Pathways Courses to save a person's life over the summer.

VIII. HEARINGS

VIII.A. Student Fees Policy 504.18, Regulation 504.18R1, and Exhibit 504.18E1

The hearing was opened at 6:10 pm. Policies reviewed, and public comment was permitted. The hearing was closed at 6:20 pm.

VIII.B. Bullying Prevention Policy 504.20

The hearing was opened at 6:20 pm. Policies reviewed, and public comment was permitted. The hearing was closed at 6:30 pm.

VIII.C. Parent and Family Involvement Policy 1005.03, 1005.03R1 and Parental Relation Goals Policy 1005.02
The hearing was opened at 6:30 pm. Policies reviewed, and public comment was permitted. The hearing was closed at 6:40 pm.

VIII.D. Multicultural Education
The hearing was opened at 6:40 pm. Policies reviewed, and public comment was permitted. The hearing was closed at 6:50 pm.

VIII.E. Cell Phones and Other Electronic Communication Devices, Policy 504.11
The hearing was opened 6:50 pm. Policy reviewed. In discussion of this policy, it was stated that parents have been very supportive. Dave Hiebner, CHS Principal, shared the same plan that was in place last year. This year this is in statute and staff are contractually obligated to uphold the legislation. Phones are not allowed in instructional settings. This applies to staff as well. It must be modeled by adults. The hearing was closed at 7:00 pm.

VIII.F. Student Conduct Policy 504.03

The hearing was opened at 7:00 pm. Policies reviewed, and public comment was permitted. The hearing was closed at 7:10 pm.

VIII.G. Compulsory Attendance Policy 503.01

The hearing was opened at 7:10 pm. Policies reviewed, and public comment was permitted. The hearing was closed at 7:20 pm.

IX. BUILDING OR DISTRICT PRESENTATION

X. CONSENT AGENDA
Motion to approve the consent agenda Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Marv Zoucha.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0
Motion to approve the consent agenda Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Marv Zoucha.
Candace Becher: Abstain (With Conflict), Doug Molczyk: Abstain (With Conflict), Douglas Willoughby: Abstain (With Conflict), Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 3

X.A. Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda
There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

X.B. Finance Reports

X.C. Staffing Reports

X.D. Professional Travel

XI. MONTHLY REVIEW OF POLICIES

XI.A. Discuss and approve board policies, exhibits, and updates, discussed during hearings held 8.18.25

XII. ACTION ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING

XII.A. Surplus Request
Motion to approve the surplus request. Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Michael Jeffryes.
Candace Becher: Abstain (With Conflict), Doug Molczyk: Abstain (With Conflict), Douglas Willoughby: Abstain (With Conflict), Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 3

XII.B. Fundraising Application
Motion to approve the Fundraising Application. Passed with a motion by Marv Zoucha and a second by Michael Jeffryes.
Candace Becher: Abstain (With Conflict), Doug Molczyk: Abstain (With Conflict), Douglas Willoughby: Abstain (With Conflict), Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 3

XII.C. Approve the bid to conduct a traffic study for CPS
Motion to approve Benesch to conduct a traffic study for CPS. Passed with a motion by Marv Zoucha and a second by Michael Jeffryes.
Candace Becher: Abstain (With Conflict), Doug Molczyk: Abstain (With Conflict), Douglas Willoughby: Abstain (With Conflict), Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 3
Dr. Kay talked about the traffic study. We received 2 bids, with Benesch winning. He explained the process for choosing. Dr. also shared the timeline.

XII.D. Safety and Security Committee Approval
Motion to approve the Safety and Security Committee for 2025-2026. Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Marv Zoucha.
Candace Becher: Abstain (With Conflict), Doug Molczyk: Abstain (With Conflict), Douglas Willoughby: Abstain (With Conflict), Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 3

XIII. BOARD REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

XIV. BOARD SHARING

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session 6:52 to discuss legal implications of current property Passed with a motion by Michael Jeffryes and a second by Theresa Seipel.
Candace Becher: Abstain (With Conflict), Doug Molczyk: Abstain (With Conflict), Douglas Willoughby: Abstain (With Conflict), Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 3
Exited Executive Session I @ 7:20 PM
Motion to Enter Executive Session II for Personnel Issue @ 7:21 PM Mike Jeffryes, Marv Zoucha, Pass 3-0
Exited Executive Session II @ 7:35 PM

XVI. ADJOURN
Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Marv Zoucha and a second by Theresa Seipel.
Candace Becher: Abstain (With Conflict), Doug Molczyk: Abstain (With Conflict), Douglas Willoughby: Abstain (With Conflict), Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 3

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President Secretary

Columbus Public Schools
Summary of Cash Balances
August 31, 2025

8	DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING BALANCE	MONTH TO DATE RECEIPTS	MONTH TO DATE EXPENDITURES	END OF MONTH BALANCE	YTD BALANCE PRIOR YEAR
General Fund	Attachment M4a			$ 6,026,059.18		
	Attachment M5 (prior Bd Mtg)			$ 511,304.31		
	Innerfund Loan to reimburse Admin Activity					
	Transfer to GP ICS Savings		$ (2,000,000.00)			
	Transfer from GP ICS Savings		$ 5,000,000.00			
	Receipts GP checking		$ 739,596.16			
	GENERNAL FUND - GREAT PLAINS STATE BANK	$ 9,488,138.84	$ 3,739,596.16	$ 6,537,363.49	$ 6,690,371.51	$ 6,898,792.49
	Transfer to GP Checking		$ (5,000,000.00)			
	Transfer from GP Checking		$ 2,000,000.00			
	Interest		$ 8,881.28			
	GEN FUND - GP ICS SAVINGS	$ 8,046,962.38	$ (2,991,118.72)	$ -	$ 5,055,843.66	
	General Fund - Cash Balance				**$ 11,746,215.17**	
Depr Fund						
	School District # 1 Gen Fund			$ 3,196.00		
	Receipts		$ 2,622,650.00			
	Interest		$ 3,052.97			
	DEPRECIATION - GREAT PLAINS STATE BANK	$ 912,076.47	$ 2,625,702.97	$ 3,196.00	$ 3,534,583.44	$ 1,645,603.80
Temporary Funds -GF						
	PAYROLL - PINNACLE BANK	$ 300,359.90	$ 3,436,637.67	$ 3,520,207.27	$ 216,790.30	$ 192,903.17
	HSA/FSA - PINNACLE BANK	$ 73,423.74	$ 13,958.77	$ 18,488.27	$ 68,894.24	$ 56,457.30
Activities						
	Administration	$ 720,062.06	$ 17,004.71	$ 40,505.97	$ 696,560.80	$ 442,894.32
	Middle School	$ 134,349.99	$ 46,239.10	$ 1,323.68	$ 179,265.41	$ 171,522.08
	High School	$ 652,310.11	$ 23,468.16	$ 34,564.91	$ 641,213.36	$ 618,023.09
	ACTIVITY FUNDS - COLUMBUS BANK	$ 1,506,722.16	$ 86,711.97	$ 76,394.56	$ 1,517,039.57	$ 1,232,439.49
Nutrition Fund						
	Attachment M6			$ 67,714.27		
	Interest Income		$ 218.77			
	State Reimbursement		$ 35,235.11			
	Rct to Expenditures		$ -			
	Student/ Staff meals/ alacarte sales		$ 109,827.50			
	NSF checks		$ (65.00)			
	NUTRITION FUND - CORNERSTONE BANK	$ 49,800.09	$ 145,216.38	$ 67,714.27	$ 127,302.20	$ 333,747.20
Bond Fund						
				$ -		
	Platte County Treasurer		$ 75,189.17			
	Butler County Treasurer		$ 56.30			
	Polk County Treasurer					
	Investment Gain		$ 13,266.26			
	BOND FUND - FNB	$ 3,714,986.42	$ 88,511.73	$ -	$ 3,803,498.15	$ 3,466,031.70
Building Fund						
	Receipts		$ 19,798.60			
	BLDG FUND - BANK OF THE VALLEY	$ 685,050.57	$ 19,798.60	$ -	$ 704,849.17	$ 308,459.91
12- Student Fees Fund						
	Receipts		$0.23			
	STUDENT FEES FUND - ONE UNITED FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	$13,240.33	$0.23	$0.00	$ 13,240.56	

Columbus Public Schools
General Fund Revenue Detail
August 31, 2025

Account Number	Description	Budget	Month to Date	Year to Date	Balance	Percent
01.1.01100.000.000	Property Taxes	($26,625,735.00)	($236,016.49)	($21,002,647.97)	($5,623,087.03)	78.88%
01.1.01115.000.000	Carline Taxes	($8,000.00)	$0.00	($16,019.35)	$8,019.35	200.24%
01.1.01120.000.000	Public Power District Sales Ta	($850,000.00)	$0.00	$0.00	($850,000.00)	0.00%
01.1.01125.000.000	Motor Vehicle Taxes	($2,345,000.00)	($206,294.13)	($2,425,734.82)	$80,734.82	103.44%
01.1.01323.000.000	Tuition, SpEd School Age	($3,250.00)	$0.00	$0.00	($3,250.00)	0.00%
01.1.01510.000.000	Interest on Investments	($15,000.00)	($22,810.69)	($226,297.77)	$211,297.77	1508.65%
01.1.01801.000.000	CASP/Parent Fees	($35,000.00)	$0.00	($66,465.00)	$31,465.00	189.90%
01.1.01911.000.000	Local License Fees	($25,000.00)	$0.00	($3,735.00)	($21,265.00)	14.94%
01.1.01925.000.000	Grants from Private Sources	$0.00	$0.00	($1,750.00)	$1,750.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.01960.000.000	Grants from Other Local Gov't	$0.00	$0.00	($625.00)	$625.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.01990.000.000	Miscellaneous Local Receipts	($20,000.00)	$0.00	$0.00	($20,000.00)	0.00%
01.1.02110.000.000	County Fines & License Fees	($150,000.00)	($17,090.60)	($217,952.30)	$67,952.30	145.30%
01.1.02230.000.000	Technology Services	$0.00	$0.00	($477.80)	$477.80	#DIV/0!
01.1.03110.000.000	State Aid	($16,417,109.00)	$0.00	($16,417,109.00)	$0.00	100.00%
01.1.03120.000.000	SpEd Receipts from the State	($5,508,698.00)	$0.00	($6,298,731.00)	$790,033.00	114.34%
01.1.03130.000.000	Homestead Exemption	$0.00	($197,486.12)	($1,189,751.53)	$1,189,751.53	#DIV/0!
01.1.03131.000.000	Property Tax Credit	$0.00	$0.00	($8,505,024.73)	$8,505,024.73	#DIV/0!
01.1.03180.000.000	Pro-Rate Motor Vehicle	($18,000.00)	($15,091.84)	($69,659.28)	$51,659.28	387.00%
01.1.03300.000.000	In Lieu of Taxes	$0.00	$0.00	($44,904.53)	$44,904.53	#DIV/0!
01.1.03301.000.000	After School Program	$0.00	$0.00	($3,396.73)	$3,396.73	#DIV/0!
01.1.03400.000.000	State Apportionment	($500,000.00)	$0.00	($1,581,893.90)	$1,081,893.90	316.38%
01.1.03535.000.000	High Ability Learners Allocati	($25,599.00)	$0.00	($21,682.00)	($3,917.00)	84.70%
01.1.03540.000.000	State Early Childhood Grant	($150,000.00)	$0.00	($258,368.00)	$108,368.00	172.25%
01.1.03541.000.000	Early Childhood Endowment Gran	($164,500.00)	$0.00	($153,417.00)	($11,083.00)	93.26%
01.1.03590.000.000	Opportunity Grant	$0.00	($2,350.00)	($7,188.80)	$7,188.80	#DIV/0!
01.1.03599.000.000	Education Quest College Access	$0.00	$0.00	($18,469.09)	$18,469.09	#DIV/0!
01.1.04505.000.000	ESSA Title I Receipts	($781,419.00)	$0.00	($1,139,116.00)	$357,697.00	145.78%
01.1.04509.000.000	ESSA Title II Receipts	($140,788.00)	$0.00	($199,305.00)	$58,517.00	141.56%
01.1.04510.000.000	ESSA Title IV SSAE Grant	($38,872.00)	$0.00	$0.00	($38,872.00)	0.00%
01.1.04516.000.000	IDEA Preschool Enrollment/Pove	($25,237.00)	$0.00	($25,203.00)	($34.00)	99.87%
01.1.04518.000.000	IDEA Enrollment/Poverty Grant	($1,013,657.00)	$0.00	($897,931.00)	($115,726.00)	88.58%
01.1.04521.000.000	IDEA Proportionate Share	($124,753.00)	$0.00	($129,582.00)	$4,829.00	103.87%
01.1.04525.000.000	Carl Perkins Grants	($53,095.00)	$0.00	($32,326.00)	($20,769.00)	60.88%
01.1.04527.000.000	ESSA Title III LEP Grant	($96,829.00)	$0.00	($176,765.00)	$79,936.00	182.55%
01.1.04528.000.000	ESSA Title III Immigrant	($25,169.00)	$0.00	($23,421.00)	($1,748.00)	93.05%
01.1.04531.000.000	ESSA Title IV Part B 21st Cent	($157,550.00)	$0.00	($211,620.00)	$54,070.00	134.32%
01.1.04708.000.000	Medicaid in Public Schools/DS	($45,988.00)	($29,827.33)	($99,742.25)	$53,754.25	216.89%
01.1.04709.000.000	Medicaid in Public Schools/MAC	$0.00	($12,883.55)	($47,615.95)	$47,615.95	#DIV/0!
01.1.04969.000.000	ESSA Title IV SSAE Grant	$0.00	$0.00	($73,883.00)	$73,883.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.04988.000.000	ESSER - ELO/ASP	$0.00	$0.00	($274,017.00)	$274,017.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.04994.000.000	HYC Grant (6994)	($14,230.00)	$0.00	($14,053.00)	($177.00)	98.76%
01.1.05301.000.000	Insurance Claims	$0.00	$0.00	($50,866.00)	$50,866.00	#DIV/0!
		($55,378,478.00)	($739,850.75)	($61,926,746.80)	$6,548,268.80	111.82%
	Transfers		($3,000,000.00)			
	ReimbursementsRefunds		($9,813.22)			
	Interest -other accounts		$10,067.81			
	Total Revenue		**($3,739,596.16)**			

Check Number	Vendor	Amount
20500	SCHOOL DISTRICT #1-PAYROLL	$3,390,438.47
20501	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	$196.71
20502	CAPITAL ONE/WALMART	$90.30
20503	COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACTIVITY	$889.84
20504	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	$2,404.63
20505	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	$1,721.86
20506	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	$529.30
20507	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	$195.35
20508	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	$654.81
20509	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	$463.98
20510	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	$335.65
20511	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	$359.36
20512	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	$74.06
20513	JACKSON SERVICES INC.	$200.99
20514	ONE SOURCE	$1,585.95
20515	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	$111.92
20516	SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 DEPRECIATION	$2,622,650.00
20517	LEGACY 23 APARTMENTS	$1,495.00
20518	LEGACY 23 APARTMENTS	$1,701.00
		$6,026,099.18
	Void CK # 20497 previously reported	-($40.00)
	Total Expenditures	$6,026,059.18

Columbus Public Schools
Nutrition Fund Expenditures
August 2025

Check Number	Payee	Amount
3362	ADVANCED FIRE & SAFETY	$330.00
3363	COLUMBUS ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	$50.00
3364	GOEBEL, JENNIFER	$380.85
3365	PITNEY BOWES - RESERVE ACCOUNT	$49.10
3366	VERIZON WIRELESS	$32.88
3367	ADVANCED FIRE & SAFETY	$258.36
3368	ARNOLD, SHELBY	$44.35
3369	ELLIOTT, HEIDI	$26.80
3370	MERCHANT SERVICES	$169.06
3371	SCHOOL DISTRICT #1-PAYROLL	$44,698.84
3372	5 STAR PUMPING SEPTIC SERVICES	$1,300.00
3373	COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACTIVITY	$20.00
3374	ESU #7	$104.68
3375	LUNCHTIME SOLUTIONS, INC	$20,249.35
	Total Fund Expenditures	$67,714.27

Columbus Public Schools
Summary of Cash Balances - QCPUF
August 31, 2025

	M9_QCPF Aug 2025 Summary of Cash Balances						
M9	DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING BALANCE	MONTH TO DATE RECEIPTS	MONTH TO DATE EXPENDITURES	END OF MONTH BALANCE	YTD BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	
	BCDM ARCHITECTS			$ 3,277.98			
	BLUECOR CONSTRUCTION			$ 207,590.99			
	CLARK & ENERSEN			$ 6,925.65			
	KUCERA PAINTING, INC			$ 4,977.00			
	NEBRASKA DOOR & WINDOW LLC			$ 54,799.58			
	SCHIEFFER SIGNS			$ 1,820.00			
	SCHOOL DISTRICT # 1 GEN FUND			$ 1,091.09			
QCPUF	T-C CEILINGS INC			$ 6,250.00			
	Receipts						
	Transfers						
	Interest		$ 13,567.17				
	QCPUF OPERATING -- COLUMBUS BANK	**$3,695,130.05**	**$ 13,567.17**	**$ 286,732.29**	**$ 3,421,964.93**		
	BOK Financial						
	Transfers						
	Receipts		$ 14,331.48				
	Interest		$ 2,209.80				
	QCPUF BOND-- COLUMUBUS BANK	**$ 599,488.55**	**$ 16,541.28**	**$ -**	**$ 616,029.83**		
	*Totals are the Operating and ICS Savings combined for each account						

Check Number	Vendor	Amount
20519	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	$848.25
20520	CAPITAL ONE/WALMART	$71.41
20521	HY-VEE FOOD STORES	$62.91
20522	SUPER SAVER	$445.59
20523	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	$75.80
20524	CAPITAL ONE/WALMART	$139.65
20525	HY-VEE FOOD STORES	$137.64
20526	ASSOCIATED STAFFING, INC	$15,177.30
20527	BLAZERWORKS, LLC	$18,465.00
20528	CITY OF COLUMBUS WATER & SANITATION DEPA	$4,551.79
20529	FACTS EDUCATION SOLUTIONS, LLC	$1,249.00
20530	HOMETOWN LEASING	$6,749.98
20531	HOMETOWN LEASING	$178.67
20532	JACKSON SERVICES INC.	$105.21
20533	LOUP POWER DISTRICT	$80.35
20534	LOUP POWER DISTRICT	$34.21
20535	LOUP POWER DISTRICT	$84,073.97
20536	NASB ALICAP	$540,449.97
20537	NSCTA (NEB,SPEECH,COMMUNICATION,THEATRE)	$540.00
20538	PERRY, GUTHERY, HAASE, & GESSFORD, P.C.	$2,082.00
20539	PINNACLE BANK OMAHA	$165.00
20540	THRYV	$27.10
20541	WOODRIVER ENERGY LLC	$1,641.26
20542	ASSOCIATED STAFFING, INC	$13,720.33
20543	LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR	$127.37
20544	ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	$159.36
20545	ASSOCIATED STAFFING, INC	$11,170.39
20546	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	$3,041.53
20547	CAPITAL ONE/WALMART	$662.71
20548	HY-VEE FOOD STORES	$618.00
20549	SUPER SAVER	$921.44
20550	APPTEGY, INC	$15,350.00
20551	ASB CLASSROOM LLC	$299.00
20552	BOSWELL, ETHAN	$81.14
20553	BRAINPOP LLC	$3,270.00
20554	CITY OF COLUMBUS-TRANSFER STATION	$17.94
20555	CODECOMBAT	$2,070.00
20556	COLUMBUS SCHOOL LUNCH FUND-CHS	$560.57
20557	COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	$498.18
20558	CONSONUS MUSIC INSTITUTE LLC	$527.00
20559	CPS FOUNDATION	$58,960.00
20560	FATHER FLANAGAN'S BOYS' HOME	$30,420.00
20561	Foltz, Jessica M	$99.15
20562	Guerra Barrios, Yorlenis I	$34.94
20563	ID WHOLESALER	$1,129.98

Check Number	Vendor	Amount
20564	JOHNSON, ARIA	$36.75
20565	KSB SCHOOL LAW	$5,034.40
20566	LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS	$1,182.75
20567	LIBRARYWORLD, INC	$540.00
20568	LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR	$1,955.00
20569	NACIA (NE ASSOC. FOR CURRICULUM INSTR.)	$1,000.00
20570	NCS PEARSON INC	$16,291.65
20571	NDE EARLY CHILDHOOD TRAINING	$20.00
20572	PRESENCELEARNING INC	$119,224.88
20573	U AND I SANITATION LLC	$2,235.00
20574	UBT - OMNIFY FSA	$355.00
20575	VALENTINOS OF COLUMBUS	$176.50
20576	VERIZON WIRELESS	$357.22
20577	YOUNG, GAVIN	$67.19
20578	ACE HARDWARE-COLUMBUS	$27.99
20579	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	$112.55
20580	AGiREPAIR, INC	$890.00
20581	ALBOUM TRANSLATION SERVICES	$298.49
20582	ARBOR SCIENTIFIC	$915.39
20583	ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY-COLUMBUS	$40.62
20584	AUGUSTINE-SCHULTE, ELIZABETH	$97.50
20585	AWARDS & ENGRAVING	$12.00
20586	BARNHILL PIANO SERVICE	$150.00
20587	BATES, LINDSEY	$207.48
20588	BELLER, MARC	$262.50
20589	BERAN, CHARLOTTE	$250.00
20590	BERTRAND, KATIE	$53.76
20591	BLASER, TASHA	$155.61
20592	BLAZERWORKS, LLC	$20,582.50
20593	BOMBERGER, KYLA	$80.08
20594	BOMGAARS	$333.10
20595	BOS, JENNY	$233.42
20596	BREZENSKI, KRISTIE	$200.00
20597	CAPITAL SANITARY SUPPLY	$2,901.49
20598	CARSTENS, BETH	$250.00
20599	CATTAU, MEGAN	$600.00
20600	CENTRAL COMM COLLEGE-COL	$3,223.00
20601	CHOHON, STACY	$262.50
20602	CLAY HILLS AG, LLC	$1,371.25
20603	CLINE WILLIAMS	$112.41
20604	COBLE, MELISSA	$167.58
20605	COFFEY, ALANNAH	$129.68
20606	COLUMBUS MUSIC	$591.04
20607	COMMONWEALTH ELECTRIC MIDWEST	$1,105.04
20608	CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CORPORATON	$566.98

Check Number	Vendor	Amount
20609	CPM EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM	$600.00
20610	DAVIS, AMANDA	$89.60
20611	DAYLIGHT DONUTS	$44.13
20612	DEMUTH, SANDI	$250.00
20613	DONOGHUE, TRACY	$287.28
20614	DUSH, REGINA	$143.64
20615	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	$13,439.12
20616	ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIP	$3,939.84
20617	ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING	$410.08
20618	EMPOWER CONSULTING INC	$2,463.75
20619	ENABLE MY CHILD LTD	$20,400.00
20620	ENGEL, SHELBY	$207.48
20621	ERICKSON, JILL	$157.50
20622	EVANS, LEWIS	$200.00
20623	FERGUSON, CHERYL	$400.00
20624	FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS, LLC	$250.43
20625	FOLLETT SOFTWARE LLC	$9,333.16
20626	FOLTZ, JANICE	$450.00
20627	FREEMAN, TYLER	$207.48
20628	GALLEY, SHANNON	$181.55
20629	GARCIA, SARAH AMY	$400.00
20630	GARCIA, YURI	$141.12
20631	GASSEN, LAURA	$200.00
20632	GO PHYSICAL THERAPY, LLC	$9,754.95
20633	GRAFE, TARA	$207.48
20634	GREAT PLAINS BUILDING SUPPLY CO.	$177.78
20635	GREGG YOUNG CHEVROLET GMC OF COLUMBUS	$381.77
20636	HALL, KARLA	$200.00
20637	HALLIGAN, BARB	$350.00
20638	HAMLING, ELIZABETH	$1,327.50
20639	HD SUPPLY	$955.20
20640	HENDRICKS, JENNIFER	$300.00
20641	HERLIN, REBECCA	$10.08
20642	HRON, HAYLEE	$200.00
20643	HUPP, KELSIE	$450.00
20644	IMAGE TECH & PRINTING	$148.80
20645	INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS	$5.60
20646	J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC	$52.80
20647	JARECKI, KAY	$207.48
20648	JARESKE, KELSEY	$181.55
20649	JENSEN, VALERIE	$241.50
20650	JONSON, AMANDA	$18.48
20651	KATHOL, AMY	$200.00
20652	KELLY, AMY	$250.00
20653	KLINK, LINDA	$150.00

Check Number	Vendor	Amount
20654	KOCH EXCAVATING CO.	$27.30
20655	KOHL, CHELSEY	$207.48
20656	KRACKE, SARAH	$172.50
20657	KREBER, CARRIE	$306.25
20658	KUSH, DENISE	$233.42
20659	LIFELINE AUDIO VIDEO TECHNOLOGIES	$510.00
20660	LRP PUBLICATIONS	$3,975.00
20661	LUNCHTIME SOLUTIONS, INC	$976.21
20662	MADDEN THERAPY LLC	$9,193.50
20663	MADEJ, MICHAEL	$230.00
20664	MARKING, LORI	$16.80
20665	MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	$42.50
20666	MCLAUGHLIN, STEPHANIE	$157.50
20667	MCPHILLIPS, BRIDGET	$14.70
20668	MEAD LUMBER COMPANY	$14.69
20669	MENARDS-COL	$2,750.75
20670	MGG TECHNOLOGIES, INC	$677.01
20671	MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES	$125.00
20672	MIDWEST AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER CO.	$2,550.00
20673	MOSYLE CORPORATION	$13,708.00
20674	MUELLER, PAM	$129.68
20675	MURPHY, DAWN	$1,015.00
20676	NATA (NE. ASSOC. OF TECHNOLOGY ADMIN)	$65.00
20677	NATIONAL ART & SCHOOL SUPPLY	$1,551.07
20678	NCSA	$100.00
20679	NEBRASKA SAFETY CENTER	$250.00
20680	NEBRASKA STATE BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION (	$200.00
20681	NOSWETT FENCING AND DECKS	$6,490.00
20682	NOYD, BECCA	$13.72
20683	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS-COL	$7.93
20684	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES	$240.00
20685	Olcott, Caitlin L	$127.68
20686	OLSEN, KATIE	$217.50
20687	OMAHA MUSIC THERAPY LLC	$2,025.00
20688	ONE SOURCE	$1,288.45
20689	PACZOSA, MEGAN	$207.48
20690	PEREZ, DOLORES	$42.84
20691	PLUNKETTS PEST CONTROL	$782.54
20692	POLICKY, WILLIAM	$306.25
20693	POSITIVE PHYSICS LLC	$399.00
20694	PRINTCO GRAPHICS, INC	$269.17
20695	PRZYMUS, LORI	$200.00
20696	QUIZLET	$68.38
20697	REARDON LAWN & GARDEN EQUIP.	$34.99
20698	RENAISSANCE	$7,268.00

Check Number	Vendor	Amount
20699	RIPKE, NICOLE	$290.00
20700	ROBERTSON, KATIE	$181.55
20701	ROSAS, AMANDA	$191.52
20702	RUTT'S HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, INC -	$13,019.81
20703	RUTT'S MECHANICAL SERVICES, INC	$67,827.00
20704	SASC, LLC	$32,426.24
20705	SCHIEFFER SIGNS	$76.00
20706	SECURLY, INC	$4,740.00
20707	SEESAW LEARNING, INC	$9,900.90
20708	SERVICEMASTER BY SHEVLIN	$58,868.20
20709	SETTLES, ERIN	$207.48
20710	SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	$692.30
20711	SOKOL, ANNIE	$200.00
20712	SPENCER, JULI	$600.00
20713	STAPLES	$16,117.18
20714	STAROSCIK, KRISTINE	$175.56
20715	STEMPEK, SHELLEY	$233.42
20716	STEMPEK, STACI	$207.48
20717	STRICKLIN, MADISON	$200.00
20718	STRONG, JENNIFER	$200.00
20719	SVEHLA, DEB	$250.00
20720	SVEHLA, KIM	$600.00
20721	SWANSON, ANGELA	$97.50
20722	TELLEZ, GAMALIEL	$167.58
20723	THE DBQ COMPANY	$1,600.00
20724	THE PHYSICS CLASSROOM, LLC	$288.00
20725	TIRE OUTLET INC	$20.00
20726	TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	$1,540.43
20727	TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	$25.77
20728	TWOREK, DANIEL	$207.48
20729	VECTOR NETWORKS, INC	$4,588.00
20730	VOSS LIGHTING	$79.40
20731	WACHAL, APRIL	$157.50
20732	WALLISH, MATTHEW	$60.00
20733	WEBER, JENNIFER	$1,540.00
20734	WEMHOFF, ASHLEY	$233.42
20735	WEMHOFF, TRICIA	$600.00
20736	WERTS, SHEENA	$427.50
20737	WRIGHT, ABBEY	$207.48
20738	ZIEMBA, COURTNEY	$95.76
20739	ZOUCHA, CHERYL	$172.50
	Total Expenditures	$1,354,219.77

Columbus Public Schools
Professional Travel Report for August 2025

Employee full Name	Job Start Date	Job End Date	Job Notes to Administrator
Jason Schapmann	2025-08-04	2025-08-04	Lincoln - Budget Workshop
Leonard Kwapnioski	2025-08-20	2025-08-20	NITC - meeting Lincoln
Jason Schapmann	2025-08-21	2025-08-21	NCSA Budget Work
Nicole Anderson	2025-08-22	2025-08-22	August NebSPRA meeting.
Jason Harris	2025-08-22	2025-08-22	NASES Mentor Meeting
Andrew Luebbe	2025-08-26	2025-08-27	Leadership Learning Rounds - ESU 7Data Meeting in Kearney at ESU 10All costs covered by ESU 7
Rebecca Sindelar	2025-08-26	2025-08-26	School psych classes at UNK
Valerie Wallin	2025-08-27	2025-08-27	I will be attending the UNL Obstacle Course event with the Leadership & Ethics students.
Angela Leifeld	2025-08-27	2025-08-27	attending field trip with Leadership class.
Kim Loeffelholz	2025-08-27	2025-08-27	attending field trip with Leadership class.
Jason Harris	2025-08-29	2025-08-29	NASES Region 3 Special Ed Directors Meeting in Norfolk, NE. Will leave after our Admin team meeting.

COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

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September 3, 2025

Mike Jeffryes
Board of Education
Columbus Public Schools

Dear President Jeffryes and Members of the Board:

The Foundation contributed the following items to Columbus Public Schools during the month of August. On behalf of the Board of Directors for the CPS Foundation and the officers of the thirteen umbrella organizations, we respectfully submit these items to the Board of Education for acceptance.

Foundation
$946.14 - Columbus After School Program
$1,933.47 - Para to Teacher Scholarship
$641.19 - Academic Hall of Fame
$1,500.00 - Judy Temme Scholarship

Band Boosters
$140.45 - Band Camp Snacks
$231.20 - Cheese/Hot Fudge Warmer
$450.34 - Drum Major Academy
$5,000.00 - Spring 2026 Band Trip

Centennial PAC
$157.00 - Vinyl Banner

The total contributions for the month of August was $10,999.79
The total contributions for the FY 2025 total is **$222,026.71**
**CPS Foundation's fiscal year is January 1 through December 31.*

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,

Nicole Anderson
Communication & Foundation Director

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Columbus Public Schools (71-0001-000) in Platte County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 15th day of September, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. o'clock at the Administration Building at 2410 16th St Ste A, Columbus, NE Room 171 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget and to consider amendments relative thereto. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk/Secretary during regular business hours. For more information on statewide receipts and expenditures, and to compare cost per pupil and performance to other school districts, go to: https://nep.education.ne.gov

FUNDS	Actual Disbursements & Transfers 2023-2024 (1)	Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers 2024-2025 (2)	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers 2025-2026 (3)	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (7)
General	$ 54,140,634.00	$ 56,818,658.00	$ 62,862,687.00	$ 12,869,086.00	$ 49,106,038.00	$ 26,894,682.00
Depreciation	$ 872,683.00	$ 506,722.00	$ 1,876,965.00		$ 1,876,965.00	
Employee Benefit	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
Contingency	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -	
Activities	$ 1,946,834.00	$ 1,220,803.00	$ 2,528,251.00	$ -	$ 2,528,251.00	
School Nutrition	$ 2,881,895.00	$ 3,006,372.00	$ 3,458,895.00	$ -	$ 3,458,895.00	
Bond	$ 3,612,102.00	$ 3,610,874.00	$ 3,632,472.00	$ 5,582,321.00	$ 5,582,321.00	$ 3,669,164.00
Special Building	$ 1,303,977.00	$ 1,766,728.00	$ 2,630,787.00		$ 703,208.00	$ 1,947,049.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	$ -	$ 3,341,540.00	$ 4,857,876.00	$ -	$ 4,006,696.00	$ 859,778.00
Cooperative	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
Student Fee	$ -	$ 12,640.00	$ 588,000.00	$ -	$ 588,000.00	
	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
TOTALS	$ 64,758,125.00	$ 70,284,337.00	$ 82,435,933.00	$ 18,451,407.00	$ 67,850,374.00	$ 33,370,673.00

	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
Breakdown of Property Tax	$ 3,669,164.00	$ 29,701,509.00	$ 33,370,673.00

Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 15th day of September, 2025 at 5:45 p.m. o'clock,at the Administration Building, 2410 16th St Ste A, Columbus, NE Room 171 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2024-2025	2025-2026	Change
Property Valuations	2,878,738,113	3,076,960,669	7%
Bond Valuation	2,834,808,815	3,032,786,714	7%

	2024-2025 Budget Information				***2025-2026 Budget Information***				
Fund	2024-2025 Operating Budget	2024-2025 Property Tax Request	2024 Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate (2023-2024 Request **Divided By** 2024 Valuation)	2025-2026 Operating Budget	2025-2026 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2025 Tax Rate	Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget
General Fund	56,820,227.00	26,894,682.00	0.934252	0.874066	62,862,687.00	26,894,682.00	0.874066	-6%	11%
Bond Fund(s) K - 12	3,631,823.00	3,668,508.00	0.127435	0.119225	3,632,472.00	3,669,164.00	0.120983	-5%	0%
Special Building Fund	1,683,279.00	1,085,859.00	0.037720	0.035290	2,630,787.00	1,947,049.00	0.063278	68%	56%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12	848,860.00	857,434.00	0.029785	0.027866	4,857,876.00	859,778.00	0.027942	-6%	472%
Total	62,984,189.00	32,506,483.00	1.129192	1.056447	73,983,822.00	33,370,673.00	1.086269	-4%	17%

Columbus Public Schools **Date:**

School Fundraising Application

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School: Centennial **Name:** Luebbe

Fund Raising Company (if applicable):

(School/Group Name), submits the following plans for its money-earning project, and requests permission to carry them out.

What is your school/group's money-earning plan?
Candy cane sales by Student Council

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?
$500 per year

How will this money be used?
Families in need are identifed and presents are purchased with parent permission

What are the proposed dates? December

Is this a recurring activity? ☐ Yes ■ No
(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.)

Are you selling tickets or a product? ☐ Tickets ■ Product ☐ Neither
(If you selected product, please specify the product that you are selling.)

Will members be identified by t-shirts, etc. while carrying out this project? ☐ Yes ☑ No

Have you checked with other schools to avoid any overlapping while working? ☑ Yes ☐ No

Is your product/service in direct conflict with that offered by local merchants? ☐ Yes ☑ No

Are any contracts to be signed? ☐ Yes ■ No **If yes, by whom?**

Has your school/group devised a budget plan to expend earnings? ☑ Yes ☐ No

Does the building principal give full approval for this plan? ☑ Yes ☐ No

Principal's Signature _____ **Date** 8/21/25

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Approved by _____ Date _____

Approved subject to the following conditions _____

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What is your school/group's money-earning plan?
Snack sales on Fridays by Student Council

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?
$500 per year

How will this money be used?
Special events (ex. Easter Egg hunt) and philanthropy (ex. Paws & Claws)

What are the proposed dates? Fridays

Is this a recurring activity? ■ Yes ☐ No
(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.)

Are you selling tickets or a product? ☐ Tickets ■ Product ☐ Neither
(If you selected product, please specify the product that you are selling.) Snacks

Will members be identified by t-shirts, etc. while carrying out this project? ☐ Yes ☑ No

Have you checked with other schools to avoid any overlapping while working? ☑ Yes ☐ No

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Fund Raising Company (if applicable):

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What is your school/group's money-earning plan?

Various Restaurant Night Fundraisers - ex. Runza, Godfather's, Sonic, Valentino's, DQ, etc. - PAC

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?

$200-400 per night - total of $1000+ for year

How will this money be used?

Recess equipment, family nights, school supplies, field trips, classroom supplies, etc.

What are the proposed dates? Spread throught out the year

Is this a recurring activity? ☐ Yes ■ No

(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.)

Are you selling tickets or a product? ☐ Tickets ☐ Product ■ Neither

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Will members be identified by t-shirts, etc. while carrying out this project? ☐ Yes ☑ No

Have you checked with other schools to avoid any overlapping while working? ☑ Yes ☐ No

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What is your school/group's money-earning plan?
Club's Choice Cookie Dough Fundraiser - PAC

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?
$10000-12000

How will this money be used?
Recess equipment, family nights, school supplies, field trips, classroom supplies, etc.

What are the proposed dates? February-March

Is this a recurring activity? ☐ Yes ■ No
(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.)

Are you selling tickets or a product? ☐ Tickets ■ Product ☐ Neither
(If you selected product, please specify the product that you are selling.)

Will members be identified by t-shirts, etc. while carrying out this project? ☐ Yes ☑ No

Have you checked with other schools to avoid any overlapping while working? ☑ Yes ☐ No

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Are any contracts to be signed? ☐ Yes ■ No **If yes, by whom?**

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Columbus Public Schools **Date**: 9/5/25

School Fundraising Application

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School: West Park Elementary **Name:** WP PTO

Fund Raising Company (if applicable):

What is your school/group's money-earning plan?
We will be selling West Park T-Shirts to students and staff

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?
$300

How will this money be used?
This money will be used to finance West Park PTO activities and update playground equipment

What are the proposed dates? September 22-29

Is this a recurring activity? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.)

Are you selling tickets or a product? ☐ Tickets ☒ Product ☐ Neither
(If you selected product, please specify the product that you are selling.) T-Shirts

Will members be identified by t-shirts, etc. while carrying out this project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you checked with other schools to avoid any overlapping while working? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Is your product/service in direct conflict with that offered by local merchants? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any contracts to be signed? ☐ Yes ☒ No **If yes, by whom?**

Has your school/group devised a budget plan to expend earnings? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does the building principal give full approval for this plan? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Principal's Signature Paula Lawrence **Date** 9/5/25

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GUIDES TO SCHOOL/GROUP FUND RAISING PROJECTS

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   Because of the district's good reputation, customers rarely question the quality or price of products we sell.

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Cross Reference: 506.07 Fund Raising Activities
506.50 School-Supporting Organizations

Exhibit
Approved: 09-17-12

Columbus Public Schools
Columbus, Nebraska

Columbus Public Schools **Date**: 9/5/25

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School: West Park Elementary **Name:** Paula Lawrence

Fund Raising Company (if applicable): Terrace Books—Blind Date With A Book

What is your school/group's money-earning plan?
Families will have an opportunity to buy books from Terrace Books. Profits for books purchased will be donated to the West Park PTO

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?
We estimate we will earn about $1000

How will this money be used?
This money will go toward the purchase of Playground Equipment

What are the proposed dates? A Saturday in December

Is this a recurring activity? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.)

Are you selling tickets or a product? ☐ Tickets ☒ Product ☐ Neither
(If you selected product, please specify the product that you are selling.) books

Will members be identified by t-shirts, etc. while carrying out this project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you checked with other schools to avoid any overlapping while working? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Is your product/service in direct conflict with that offered by local merchants? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any contracts to be signed? ☐ Yes ☒ No **If yes, by whom?**

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Does the building principal give full approval for this plan? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Principal's Signature Paula Lawrence **Date** 9/5/25

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School: West Park Elementary **Name:** Paula Lawrence

Fund Raising Company (if applicable): Scholastic Book Fair

What is your school/group's money-earning plan?
Families will have an opportunity to buy books at the Book Fair during Parent Teacher Conferences

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?
We will earn about $1000 in Scholastic Bucks

How will this money be used?
This money will be used to purchase books for the Library and Teacher Classrooms

What are the proposed dates? September 29th – October 2nd

Is this a recurring activity? ☒ Yes ☐ No
(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.) This Activity happens 1 time a year

Are you selling tickets or a product? ☐ Tickets ☒ Product ☐ Neither
(If you selected product, please specify the product that you are selling.) cookie dough and frozen food items, candles, wrapping paper

Will members be identified by t-shirts, etc. while carrying out this project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you checked with other schools to avoid any overlapping while working? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Is your product/service in direct conflict with that offered by local merchants? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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School: West Park Elementary **Name:** Paula Lawrence

Fund Raising Company (if applicable): N/A

What is your school/group's money-earning plan?
Pennies for Patients

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?
$500

How will this money be used?
We will donate this money to United Way for their Change Drive

What are the proposed dates? First Semester

Is this a recurring activity? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.)

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Does the building principal give full approval for this plan? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Principal's Signature Paula Lawrence **Date** 9/5/25

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Cross Reference: 506.07 Fund Raising Activities
506.50 School-Supporting Organizations

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Approved: 09-17-12

Columbus Public Schools
Columbus, Nebraska

Columbus Public Schools **Date**: 9/5/25

School Fundraising Application

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School: West Park Elementary **Name:** WP PTO

Fund Raising Company (if applicable): Club's Choice

What is your school/group's money-earning plan?
We will be selling food items and candles from Club's Choice Fundraising Company

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?
$5,000 - $6,000

How will this money be used?
This money will be used to finance West Park PTO activities and update playground equipment

What are the proposed dates? January 20th - February 3rd

Is this a recurring activity? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.)

Are you selling tickets or a product? ☐ Tickets ☒ Product ☐ Neither
(If you selected product, please specify the product that you are selling.) T-Shirts

Will members be identified by t-shirts, etc. while carrying out this project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you checked with other schools to avoid any overlapping while working? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Is your product/service in direct conflict with that offered by local merchants? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any contracts to be signed? ☐ Yes ☒ No **If yes, by whom?**

Has your school/group devised a budget plan to expend earnings? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does the building principal give full approval for this plan? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Principal's Signature Paula Lawrence **Date** 9/5/25

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School: West Park Elementary **Name:** Paula Lawrence

Fund Raising Company (if applicable): N/A

What is your school/group's money-earning plan?
We will host a family night at a local restaurant once a month. The restaurant will donate a portion of the profit to our building

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?
$1000

How will this money be used?
This money will be used to finance West Park PTO activities and Student Awards

What are the proposed dates?
September 12th-Runza, October-Pizza Ranch, March-Runza
Remaining months still need to be scheduled

Is this a recurring activity? ☒ Yes ☐ No
(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.) I will send the exact dates once we have the restaurants booked

Are you selling tickets or a product? ☐ Tickets ☐ Product ☒ Neither
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Will members be identified by t-shirts, etc. while carrying out this project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Are any contracts to be signed? ☐ Yes ☒ No **If yes, by whom?**

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School: West Park Elementary **Name:** Wendi Petersen

Fund Raising Company (if applicable): N/A

WP Student Council, submits the following plans for collecting food donations for the Columbus Food Pantry

What is your school/group's money-earning plan?
Food Drive

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?
N/A

How will this money be used?
Food will be donated to the Food Pantry

What are the proposed dates? We will collect food either before Thanksgiving for first semester

Is this a recurring activity? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.)

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School: West Park Elementary **Name:** Wendi Petersen

Fund Raising Company (if applicable): N/A

What is your school/group's money-earning plan?
Holiday Treat Sales—Student Council will sell treats before the West Park Christmas Movie

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?
$100-$200

How will this money be used?
To fund Student Council activities

What are the proposed dates? Week of December 20th

Is this a recurring activity? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.)

Are you selling tickets or a product? ☐ Tickets ☐ Product ☒ Neither
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School: West Park Elementary **Name:** WP Student Council

Fund Raising Company (if applicable): N/A

What is your school/group's money-earning plan?
Student Council will sell scented pencils twice a month throughout the school year.

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?
$1000

How will this money be used?
Money is used for activities in school to support our students. We donate to places in our community, such as Holiday Spirit Coop or Paws and Claws, that students feel have a need.

What are the proposed dates? Twice a month throughout the year

Is this a recurring activity? ☒ Yes ☐ No
(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.)

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School Fundraising Application

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School: Lost Creek **Name:** Chelsea Konwinski
Emily Williams

Fund Raising Company (if applicable):

Lost Creek Student Council
(School/Group Name), submits the following plans for its money-earning project, and requests permission to carry them out.

What is your school/group's money-earning plan?

Selling Lost Creek T-shirts

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?

$400

How will this money be used?

Monies will be used to fund activities and prizes for Lost Creek students throughout the year.

What are the proposed dates?

Nov. 5 - Nov. 14, 2025

Is this a recurring activity? ☐ Yes ☒ No

(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.)

Are you selling tickets or a product? ☐ Tickets ☒ Product ☐ Neither

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T-shirts and long-sleeved shirts

Will members be identified by t-shirts, etc. while carrying out this project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you checked with other schools to avoid any overlapping while working? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Is your product/service in direct conflict with that offered by local merchants? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any contracts to be signed? ☐ Yes ☒ No **If yes, by whom?**

Has your school/group devised a budget plan to expend earnings? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does the building principal give full approval for this plan? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Principal's Signature _____ **Date** 9-8-25

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Date: September 9, 2025

School Fundraising Application

Please submit this application to the building principal **at least two weeks in advance** of the proposed date of your money-raising project. Please read the eight guides on page two. They will help you in answering the questions below.

School: _CMS_____ **Name: Celeste Ditter**

Fund Raising Company (if applicable): CMS Choir Service Project

(School/Group Name), submits the following plans for its money-earning project, and requests permission to carry them out.

What is your school/group's money-earning plan? With approved documentation by our administration and the CPS Foundation, we plan to have students collect money to donate to our two charitable causes, The Holiday Spirit Coop and Water Wells For Africa. All monies will first go to the local non-profit Holiday Spirit Coop. Any extra funds above and beyond their needs will be donated to help build our third water well in Africa. Students are encouraged to raise the money by doing chores and responsibilities for people in their lives and/or collect donations. Checks will be written to the CPS Foundation. Cash donations will receive a receipt, per request of the CPS Foundation. All monies raised will be documented and turned into the office each night with appropriate paperwork. The office will deliver the money and paperwork to the CPS Foundation. No money is kept for the CMS choir program. The entirety of funds earned are given to the two charities listed above.

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project? We will earn $0 for the CMS Choir Program. The service project collects approx. $5,000 - $13,000 each year and ALL proceeds will go to our two charities, Holiday Spirit Coop and Water Wells For Africa.

How will this money be used? We will first connect with our local charity Holiday Spirit Coop and purchase needs and gifts for families in our area who are in their program. The students and parents are included, helping with the purchasing of necessities and gifts for over 100 kids. Next, with the remaining money we will donate it to Water Wells For Africa, bringing clean water to others across the world.

What are the proposed dates? We will begin raising money and introduce the project on November 13 &14, 2025. We will give the students approximately 3 weeks to raise money. All donations will be collected no later than December 8, 2025.

Is this a recurring activity? ☐ Yes x No
(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.)

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Will members be identified by t-shirts, etc. while carrying out this project? ☐ Yes x No

Have you checked with other schools to avoid any overlapping while working? x Yes ☐ No

Is your product/service in direct conflict with that offered by local merchants? x Yes ☐ No

Are any contracts to be signed? ☐ Yes x No **If yes, by whom?**

Has your school/group devised a budget plan to expend earnings? x Yes ☐ No

Does the building principal give full approval for this plan? x Yes ☐ No

Principal's Signature _____ **Date** 9/8/2025

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DATE	8/21/25
BUILDING	Kramer
PROGRAM	Vision
PRINCIPAL/DIRECTOR SIGNATURE	Jason Harris

Description of materials to surplus:
Humanware Smartview 360 CCTV magnifier- approx 10 years old

IMAGE INSERTED (If available)	DESCRIPTION	HOW WILL ITEMS BE DISPOSED OF
To insert an image here, place your cursor in this box and select insert from the menu bar, then select image and choose the appropriate image.	Give a description and the reason the item is being declared surplus property.	Examples: trash, recycle, donated, etc. Items being moved to other CPS locations should not be declared surplus property.
	Video magnifer (CCTV), the camera	trash
	no longer works and is no longer	
	able to be repaired by the	
	manufacturer	

BIDDING PROCEDURES

The purchasing procedure of the school district shall not only ensure the best possible price for goods and services, but shall also operate efficiently and economically. The construction of facilities, which may exceed an expenditure of $136,000 shall be advertised and submitted for bid in the manner required by law. This limit does not apply to the acquisition of existing buildings, purchase of new sites or site expansions by the district. Other purchases or contractual services may be advertised and submitted for bid as directed by the board or when, in the opinion of the superintendent, the welfare of the district will be served. All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes, addressed to the board and plainly marked with the name of the bid and the time of the bid opening. Bids shall be opened and examined publicly.

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Cross Reference: 0706.01 Purchasing Procedures
NE Rev Statute §48-1503
NE Rev Statute §81-829.51
NE Rev Statute §73-106

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COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Columbus Nebraska

PURCHASING PROCEDURES

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Requests for equipment, materials, books, supplies, reimbursement claims and subsidiary accounts shall be made through the principal to the superintendent. No payment of a bill will be made without proper purchase documentation.

The superintendent shall have the authority to authorize purchases without competitive bids for goods and services costing under $40,000 without prior board approval. For goods and services costing more than $40,000 and less than $136,000, the superintendent shall receive quotes of the goods and services to be purchased prior to approval of the board. Competitive sealed bids are required for purchases, other than emergency purchases, for goods and services that cost $136,000 or more, including construction contracts and school buses.

When obtaining competitive bids**,** purchase will be made from the lowest responsible bidder based upon total cost considerations including, but not limited to, the cost of the goods and services being purchased, availability of service and/or repair, life cycle cost management, delivery date, the targeted small business procurement goal and other factors deemed relevant by the board.

Cross Reference: 0706.03 Bidding Procedures
NE Rev Statute §48-1503
NE Rev Statute §81-829.51
NE Rev Statute §73-106

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