

FY 2023 Budget Questions & Answers
Finance Committee

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Non General	The FY23 budget seems to include free FDK in some instances (like using the KED and FDK revolving \$) but not others (i.e. School Choice and ESSR III funds). Is this correct? If so, when will these updates be made so we can get the full picture?	Agree that this blended the two scenarios and has been rectified on the updated projection .
Non General	In the "Fin Com Revolv Accts Proj" file, there isn't a projection for the Gr 3-5 Instr Music Fees, Grey Ghost Academy or SSPA. Why? Can these be updated?	<p>1.) Gr 3 - 5 Instr Music Fees projected rev/exp added.</p> <p>2.) The Grey Ghost Academy is defunct. The monies will be transferred to WA's Student Activity Account.</p> <p>3.) SSPA was left unchanged as it is projected that the model for the program will change and it will no longer operate as a program of the school. Please see the question below re School Building Usage for additional information.</p>
Non General	In the "Fin Com Revolv Accts Proj" file, there is a new acct called "Music Lessons". What is this?	Begun in Oct. 2018, was a program whereby parents paid for private music lessons outside of school hours. Parents paid slightly more than instructor earned to give the program some operating costs (i.e. printing flyers), hence the balance in the account. Covid ended the program; hope is to possibly resurrect in FY23.

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Non General	School Building Usage revolving account - the revenue and expenses jumped quite a bit for FY23 compared to past years. Why?	A proposed change in the model for the SSPA program was the driver for this change (would no longer be a school program and therefore would pay facilities usage).
Non General	The Miscellaneous revolving fund - what is this for? The expenses and revenue seem to vary widely from year to year.	This is referred to as the in-and-out account, meant for short term deposits and expenses. An example - a student recently participated in an activity for which they had the financial responsibility but the district was required to be the registrant. The student's monies went into this account, and this is the account to which the cost was expensed.
Non General	Why would any Grant 240 funding (even a small amount) be used for salaries? Does this cause funding from the grant to be used for retirement benefits?	As noted previously, the majority of the offsets were carried over from the FY22 budget to maintain stability in budgeting. It is true that using grant monies for professional salaries costs an additional 9% for MTRS. Whether that is actually the implemented plan for Grant 240 FY23 remains an open question.

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