Questions and Notes Related to Possible Budget Amendments

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Wright Uniforms

- What would be the cost to provide all Wright staff with 3 shirts/tops, 2 pair of pants or skirts, and one sweater or fleece in compliance with the uniform policy and the Handbook requirement that "In the event that any employee shall be required as a condition of his/her employment to wear any particular kind of uniform or other special clothing...clothing....shall be furnished by the District"?
- What would be the cost to provide all Wright students with 3 shirts/tops, 2 pair of pants or skirts, and one sweater or fleece in compliance with the uniform policy?

Class Size

- What would be the costs and the additional FTE required to achieve each of the following class size caps:
 - AGR schools, K-2, leave as is (soft cap at 20, hard cap at 22).
 - Non-AGR schools, K-2, soft cap at 22, hard cap at 23.
 - AGR schools 3-5, soft cap at 23, hard cap at 24.
 - Non-AGR schools, 3-5, hard cap at 25.
 - MS, English and Math, soft cap at 27, hard cap at 29.
 - HS, English and Math soft cap at 30, hard cap at 32.
- Note: My understanding is that initial allocations are done based on the soft cap and projected enrollments, but that additional staff allocations are not done unless the hard cap number is exceeded. This may not be exactly how it works, and any corrections would be appreciated.

Other Topics

- BEP Staffing and Implementation (including PBIS, Social Emotional Learning, Security...)
 - The May discussions of the BEP and answers to some of the questions on Priority Actions may lead to a proposed amendment. I continue to see a need to have more consistent professional supports and educational services available for students who have been removed from classes (suspensions, and less lengthy removals).
- Title I
 - The current Title I school Budget Allocations use Direct Certification and shift about \$120,000 from K-5 to Middle Schools. Some of my Priority Action questions address district level Title I spending. Upon receipt of answers to those questions, I may want to work with staff to develop an alternate plan.
- Line Item Issues
 - I will be setting up an appointment to meet with Mike on some line item questions (like the shift of Salary Savings budgeting between Fund 10 and Fund 27, the budgeting for Substitutes...I don't have the whole list yet). My guess is Mike's explanations will satisfy my curiosity and concerns, but if they don't, I may make some requests or amendments.