

Columbiana County Vocational School District  
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Financial Forecast  October 2018

**Description of the District**

The Columbiana County Vocational School District is organized under section 3311.88 of the Ohio Revised Code. The District provides vocational education for 9 school districts serving students throughout 501 square miles of eastern Ohio, including Columbiana County and portions of Mahoning and Jefferson Counties. The District fosters cooperative relationships with business and industry, professional organizations, participating school districts and other interested, concerned groups and organizations to consider, plan, and implement educational programs designed to meet the common needs and interests of students.

**General Assumptions**

A series of assumptions were developed in order to project the individual revenue and expense amounts presented. The assumptions are based upon the best information known at the time the projections were developed. Since many circumstances and conditions assumed in the projections are beyond the control of the district, projections lose some of their validity the further into the future we attempt to project.

**Revenue Assumptions**

**1.010 Property Tax**

***Approximately 30% of projected revenues***

The District collects a current expense levy with a voted rate of 2.80 mills and an effective rate of approximately 2.00 mills on real property. The effective rate is a result of the tax reduction factor in HB 920 that limits the amount a levy can generate to nearly the same level as originally approved by the voters. Projections include a small increase for new construction and a stable collection rate of 95%.

**1.020 Personal Property Tax**

***Approximately 6% of projected revenues***

HB 66 phased out tangible personal property tax on general business, telephone and telecommunications, and railroad property. There was no general tangible values left in the property base by Fiscal Year 2012, but the District will continue to collect personal property from public utilities.

**1.030 Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid**

*Approximately 43% of projected revenues*

The uncertain future of growth in State funding presents an ongoing challenge for long-range financial planning. The District receives two forms of unrestricted grants-in-aid from the State, which are the State Foundation and Casino Revenue.

Based on current enrollment, projections for 2019 through 2023 include no increase in State Foundation due to the district receiving transitional aid guarantee funding.

Casino Revenue averaged \$22,291 per year over the past five years. Projections include \$21,565 per year beginning in FY19.

**1.040 Restricted Grants-in Aid**

*Approximately 10% of projected revenues*

This category includes weighted funding for career-technical and economic disadvantaged. Based on current enrollment, funding for FY19 is projected to be \$16,385 greater than FY18. Projections include no additional increases for 2020 through 2023.

**1.050 Property Tax Allocation**

*Approximately 5% of projected revenues*

Included in this category are State reimbursements for homestead and rollback exemptions. Projections are based on the same assumptions as real estate tax revenue.

**1.060 All Other Revenues**

*Approximately 6% of projected revenues*

Open enrollment, Mini Grants, Rental of Property, and REAP monies are included under all other revenues.

Open Enrollment can fluctuate greatly from year to year. Based on current enrollment, projections include a decrease of \$178,734 in FY19 from FY18.

Actual			Projections				
FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
366,549	509,686	519,263	340,529	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000

**2.040 Operating Transfers-In**

In FY16, prior year grant advances of \$18,129 were returned to the General Fund.

## **2.050 Advances-In**

In FY17, the District discontinued the practice of advancing monies from the General Fund to special revenue funds.

## **2.080 All Other Financing Sources**

Included in this category are refunds from prior year expenditures.

## **Expenditure Assumptions**

### **3.010 Personal Services (Wages)**

*Approximately 48% of total projected expenditures and other financing uses*

Projections are based on expected increases in base wages and the anticipated effect of step increases. In FY16, a student services coordinator position was added, a secretarial position was eliminated, and a teaching position was eliminated. In FY19, a teaching position was eliminated and an administrative assistant position was reduced from 12 months to 10 months. Staffing levels are projected to remain unchanged from 2019 through 2023.

### **3.020 Employees' Retirement/Insurance Benefits**

*Approximately 19% of total projected expenditures and other financing uses*

This category includes board share of retirement (14% of wages), board share of Medicare, worker's compensation, insurance benefits, tuition reimbursement, and unemployment claims. Projections are based on forecasted wages and current employee benefit packages.

### **3.030 Purchased Services**

*Approximately 11% of total projected expenditures and other financing uses*

Expenses for utilities, property insurance, liability insurance, professional development, repair/maintenance of building, professional services, security services, etc. are included in this category.

### **3.040 Supplies and Materials**

*Approximately 9% of total projected expenditures and other financing uses*

This category includes expenses for instructional supplies, teaching aids, office supplies, textbooks, library books, newspapers, and periodicals.

### **3.050 Capital Outlay**

*Approximately 2% of total projected expenditures and other financing uses*

This category includes expenses for the acquisition of equipment.

#### **4.300 Other Objects**

*Approximately 2% of total projected expenditures and other financing uses*

This category includes professional dues/fees, audit fees, tax collection fees, and general bonds.

#### **5.010 Transfers – Out**

*Approximately 9% of total projected expenditures and other financing uses*

Annual transfers are made to Food Service and Permanent Improvement.

The district operates a free breakfast and lunch program for high school students. The program is funded through transfers from the general fund (32%), Federal meal reimbursements (54%), and adult/a la cart sales (14%).

Transfers to Permanent Improvement are earmarked for the acquisition of, or additions to, fixed assets having an estimated life or usefulness of five years or more. Included are expenditures for improvement of existing buildings and grounds; additions to buildings; construction of buildings; initial and additional equipment, furnishings and vehicles.

#### **5.020 Advances – Out**

Represents advances made to special revenue funds from the General Fund. The District discontinued the practice of advancing special revenue funds in FY17.

#### **15.010 Unreserved Fund Balance June 30**

The Unreserved Fund Balance is estimated to remain at about \$3 million throughout the forecasted years.