

Van Buren Local School Board  
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MAY 10, 2019

### Treasurer's Commentary – April 2019

During April, the Van Buren Local Schools general fund generated a net loss of \$514,129 and stands at a current net loss of \$576,060 compared to a fiscal year to date (FYTD) net gain of \$577,541 in fiscal year 2018 (FY18). True cash days are currently 119, down 63 days from the same period last year (182).

In the month of April, revenues of \$449,575 brought FYTD revenue to \$10,167,793, which is \$288,723 less than FYTD revenues of \$10,456,516 in FY18. The 2.8% decrease in revenues can be attributed to a \$161,888 refund received in FY18 from the Hancock County Auditor that was not received in FY19, as well as the expected \$109,333 decrease in first-half Tangible Personal Property (TPP) tax reimbursement. The District is expected to lose a little over \$200,000 per year in TPP reimbursements going forward. Tax revenues partially offset this variance, as they are up \$58,566 from FY18.

Total expenses for the month of \$963,704 brought FYTD expenses to \$10,743,853, which is \$864,878 greater than FYTD expenses of \$9,878,975 in FY18. Notable variances in expenses are as follows:

- **Salaries** expenses are \$5,251,422, which is \$426,348 greater than FYTD expenses in FY18. All budgeted salary increases for staff are now in effect and partially contributed to the increase in this expense. Additionally, the District added 1.5 FTEs to the custodial staff and a Director of Integration and Innovation position for FY19, as part of the District's strategic plan. This variance is expected to carry through the rest of the fiscal year.
- **Fringe Benefits** expenses are \$2,323,061, which is \$174,329 greater than FYTD levels in FY18. The District experienced a 9.5% premium increase that was determined for this plan year by the Hancock County Schools Consortium. Changes to insurance plans for the Hancock County schools were explored and considered by the Consortium in an attempt to alleviate this growth in premiums. The Consortium did agree on county-wide changes (including the addition of an HSA, High Deductible Health Plan) that should result in a decrease in premiums for next policy year. Additionally, increases in retirement plan contributions and Medicare expenses increase in accordance with salaries. This variance is expected to carry through the rest of the year.
- **Purchased Services** expenses are \$2,405,190, which is \$219,415 greater than FYTD levels in FY18. Moving costs for curriculum services from Battelle to Purchased Services from Other Expenditures accounts for \$8,000 of this variance. \$58,093 of this variance is increased transfers for Open Enrollment students leaving the District compared to FY18. Additionally, deductions from state foundation payments, including, Special Ed Pre-K, Orthopedic, Speech and Psych Health Services, Millstream and Special Ed Millstream, and Community School, is up \$117,743 compared to costs through April FY18. Alternative School fees are up

\$9,180 compared to FY18. It is important to note that many of these foundation deductions are tied to enrollment and IEPs; therefore, they are unavoidable, necessary services for those students.

- **Capital Outlay** expenses are \$119,489, which is \$60,166 greater than FYTD expenses in FY18. This variance is mostly due to payment for the two lifts outlined in a Bureau of Workers Compensation grant received by the District in FY18, at a cost of \$56,400. The purchase of these lifts is expected to save the District approximately \$11,000 annually in rental costs in FY19 and beyond, and \$40,000 of the expense was reimbursed by Ohio BWC. In addition, \$27,414 of this expense is the General Fund portion of the new Special Education bus purchase that was made to utilize one-time available federal funds. \$78,500 of that bus purchase was made with the federal funds. Without the effects of these two grant projects, Capital Outlay expenses would be 40% below FY18 levels.
- **Other Expenditures** are \$235,791, which is \$55,398 less than FYTD expenses in FY18. This variance is mostly due to a payment to Battelle of \$57,000 made in FY18 that was reclassified as a Purchased Service in FY19.

### **Treasurer's Items of Interest**

- Budget season is underway! While this is my favorite time of year, I expect it to be especially difficult to budget for next year, especially considering the surprises in foundation deductions we have seen in the current fiscal year. At this time last year, I did not expect such a rise in the need for specialized services, and that will be a primary focus during this upcoming budget. Additionally, there will be a new FY20-21 state biennium budget, which includes several assertions of additional funding from the Governor's office. However, I am skeptical that we will see any significant rise in state support.
- Myself and Superintendent Tim Myers are seeking passionate community members to serve on the District's Community Levy Committee. For details or to offer your assistance, please contact either Alex Binger, Treasurer, at 419-299-3863 x103 or Tim Myers, Superintendent, at 419-299-3578 x101.



Alex Binger

TREASURER/CFO

# VAN BUREN LOCAL SCHOOLS - FISCAL YEAR ANALYSIS

GENERAL FUND AS OF APRIL 30, 2019

	FY 19 ESTIMATED	FY 19 YTD ACTUAL	% OF TOTAL	FY 18 ACTUAL	FY 18 YTD ACTUAL	% OF TOTAL	% OF CHANGE FY 18 TO FY 19
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE		\$ 5,625,001			\$ 6,027,675		
GENERAL PROPERTY (REAL ESTATE) TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	\$ 6,106,985 \$ 440,188	\$ 6,207,367 \$ 637,536	101.6% 144.8%	\$ 6,285,925 \$ 500,412	\$ 6,285,925 \$ 500,412	100.0% 100.0%	-1.2% 27.4%
STATE FUNDING	\$ 1,283,710	\$ 1,033,662	80.5%	\$ 1,191,478	\$ 1,015,776	85.3%	1.8%
RESTRICTED GRANTS	\$ 11,131	\$ 13,142	118.1%	\$ 51,319	\$ 9,417	18.3%	39.6%
PROPERTY TAX ALLOCATION	\$ 1,787,021	\$ 1,172,249	65.6%	\$ 1,997,291	\$ 1,291,695	64.7%	-9.2%
OTHER REVENUES	\$ 1,426,329	\$ 1,103,837	77.4%	\$ 1,559,365	\$ 1,353,291	86.8%	-18.4%
TRANSFERS & ADVANCES IN	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0		
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 11,055,364</b>	<b>\$ 10,167,793</b>	<b>92.0%</b>	<b>\$ 11,585,790</b>	<b>\$ 10,456,516</b>	<b>90.3%</b>	<b>-2.8%</b>
SALARIES	\$ 6,668,502	\$ 5,251,422	78.7%	\$ 5,969,485	\$ 4,825,074	80.8%	8.8%
FRINGE BENEFITS	\$ 2,824,137	\$ 2,323,061	82.3%	\$ 2,528,884	\$ 2,148,732	85.0%	8.1%
PURCHASED SERVICES	\$ 2,582,505	\$ 2,405,190	93.1%	\$ 2,690,254	\$ 2,185,775	81.2%	10.0%
SUPPLIES	\$ 456,609	\$ 378,900	83.0%	\$ 414,379	\$ 348,882	84.2%	8.6%
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 75,000	\$ 119,489	159.3%	\$ 63,233	\$ 59,323	93.8%	101.4%
OTHER EXPENDITURES	\$ 266,204	\$ 235,791	88.6%	\$ 302,234	\$ 291,189	96.3%	-19.0%
TRANSFERS AND ADVANCES OUT	\$ 75,000	\$ 30,000	40.0%	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	100.0%	
FYTD EXPENDABLE	\$ 12,947,957	\$ 10,743,853		\$ 11,988,469	\$ 9,878,975		8.8%
LESS: PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCES	(\$ 406,202)						
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 12,541,755						
PERCENT EXPENDED AND ENCUMBERED			90.3%			84.7%	
REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(\$ 1,486,391)	(\$ 576,060)		(\$ 402,679)	\$ 577,541		
ENDING CASH BALANCE		\$ 5,048,941		\$ 5,624,996	\$ 6,605,216		
OUTSTANDING ENCUMBRANCES		\$ 950,867		\$ 406,202	\$ 613,372		
UNENCUMBERED CASH BALANCE		\$ 4,098,074		\$ 5,218,794	\$ 5,991,844		
TRUE CASH DAYS		119			182		

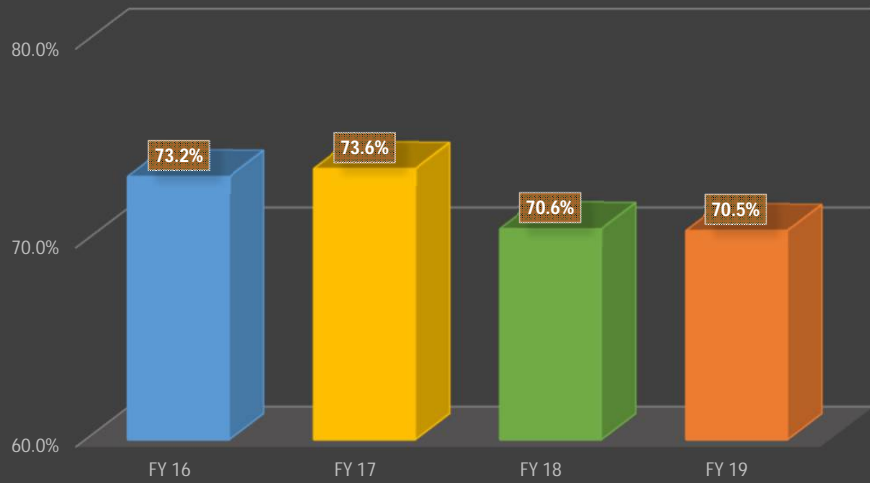


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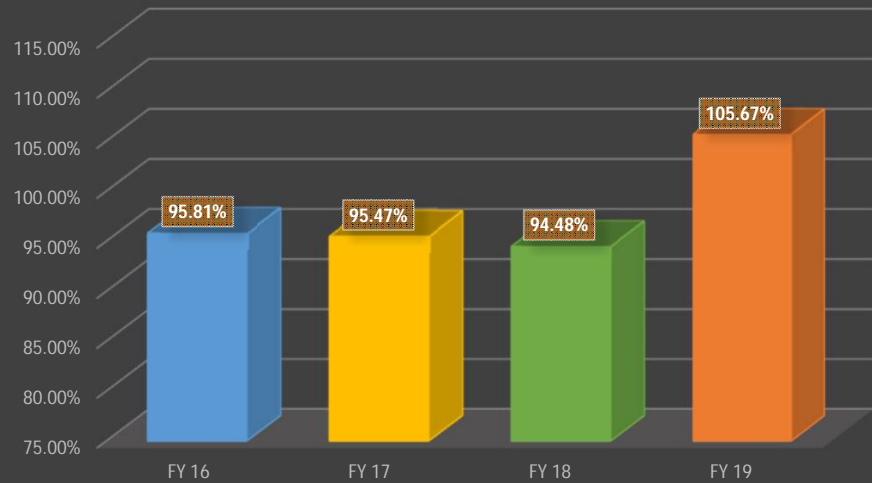
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FISCAL DATA - GENERAL FUND  
AS OF 04/30/2019

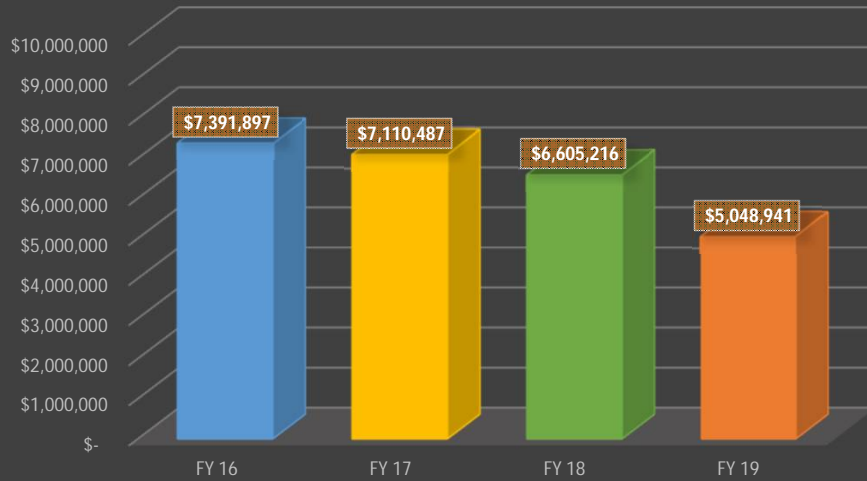
## SALARIES/FRINGES (%)



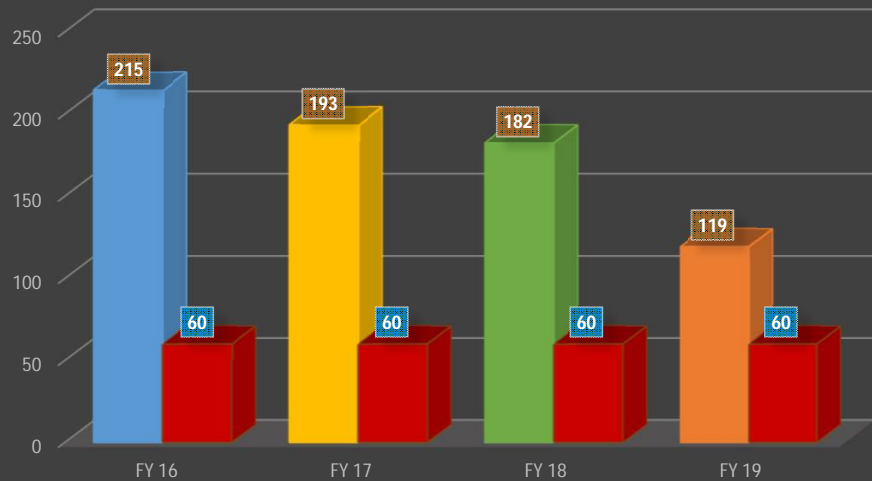
## % OF REVENUE EXPENDED



## CASH BALANCE (\$)



## TRUE CASH DAYS



# VAN BUREN LOCAL SCHOOLS True Cash Days

