

Due to recent social postings we feel it necessary to clarify a couple facts...

The District is not transferring monies out of the ED Fund so we don't have money to offer to our Teachers.

Taxpayers are not having their money misused. In fact, we are using the taxpayer's money to save them money.

The power bills on the FC campus were previously running at \$25,000-30,000 per month. This has been the case for many years. The Board had worked with the City of F.C. in determining the cause for such high usage. We agreed to have an energy consultant firm to do a complete audit of our old system. We were dealing with a 20-plus year old HVAC system/faulty switches and energy consuming boilers. We started discussion about the Energy Efficiency Project in fall of 2018, and we discussed whether to go out for bonds for the project or pay for it from fund reserves. We agreed that we preferred paying from fund reserves as we did not want to raise property taxes to pay for the project. Before we went out for bids on the project in spring 2019 we revisited the issue and agreed to pay for the project with most of the cost coming from Working Cash (about \$760,000 from WC), and the remainder from the Education Fund. We originally budgeted \$150,000 to come from the Education Fund, but will be transferring only \$110,000. This will pay our final 2 bills on the project and also allow us to pay the bill from the city for the sidewalks in front of John Street.

The District has done Ed Fund to Capital Projects transfers at least 3 times over the past 10-12 years, so this is not a new approach.

The union has had representation at every board meeting this year, and often in large numbers. We have discussed this Project openly and candidly during open sessions. The cost for this Project has been presented at the August 2019 budget presentation, or in information sent out in the Supt. Monthly Update. This plan is also printed at the bottom of the 2019-20 budget summary sheet which was printed and made available for employees at the Aug. 2019 staff breakfast and likewise throughout the community via the Supt Monthly Update.

The new HVAC System is already saving the taxpayers money!

There are some saying that the new system is not working.

With any new system there are adjustment periods. The process for completion ran behind schedule so all the testing and calibrating had to be done while School was in session. There were many adjustments and some additional repairs to make once the system was online, the building system is now functioning as it should be.

And our power bill from the City of FC is about half its normal rate this month.

The board will be getting monthly reports as to the payback of the project in order to track whether we meet the promised 4-year payback. We encourage any employee who is experiencing any issues in their work area to report this immediately to their Administrator so they can pass this on to our OM Supervisor.