

2016-17 Budget Q&A Tracker as of 3.4.16

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Title I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What were the "direct certification" poverty counts/percents at the district and school levels, district "poverty average" and Title I (\$) district grant for 2015-16? ● What are the projected of the above for 2016-17 being used to build the budget? ● What are the dollar amounts for each Title I school over the last two years, and the amounts being budgeted for 2016-17 (If I recall correctly the addition of secondary schools was transitioned using local funds to offset reallocations, please note those as appropriate)? 	<p><i>For 2015-16 Title I calculations, free and reduced lunch counts recorded on 2nd Friday were utilized. The district poverty average was 48.68% and schools ranged from 18.73% to 94.74%. The Title I grant award was \$6,655,247.</i></p> <p>Direct certification counts recorded on 2nd Friday were utilized for 2016-17 Title I calculations.</p> <p><i>The poverty average was 35.28%. Schools ranged from 7.85% to 100% poverty. The difference seen between the direct certification count average and the FR poverty average is due to the removal of students receiving meals at a reduced cost. Direct certification only includes students with free meal status. Important to note - utilizing different count information resulted in little if any changes to individual school level allocations. The overall award to the district is determined by census data, not school poverty counts.</i></p> <p>Title I school level budgets are calculated based off of a 4.85 million dollar allocation. This is a historical practice the district has followed since the actual grant award is unknown at the time of budgeting. DPI does not release district Title I grant awards until early summer. Any changes in TI school level allocations for 16-17 were due to changes in enrollment and the addition of one more Title I eligible school to the list. Also, the addition of secondary schools was not transitioned utilizing local funding. Instead, \$441,600 of carried over Title I funds were used to supplement the 4.85 million dollars targeted to the schools for the 14-15 school year. This was done as a</p>

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