

### **DETERMINATION OF BUDGET PRIORITIES**

After receiving guidance from the Board of Education, and with the assistance of the Assistant Superintendent for Business, the Superintendent of Schools shall prepare proposed budget priorities for the school district which strike a balance between an ideal educational program and the district's fiscal resources. In setting budget priorities, the following factors shall be considered:

1. the health and safety of pupils and employees;
2. items directly related to the educational needs and goals of the district. All segments of the district's programs are to be treated equitably within the available resources;
3. adequate staffing of programs and the salaries of employees;
4. maintenance of capital investment, equipment and facilities;
5. improvements in noninstructional items;
6. state and/or federal legal requirements for the funding of programs;
7. requirements and regulations of the State Education Department and the Commissioner of Education as well as other state agencies; and
8. fiscal and nonfiscal resources available.

Note: Policy added