

WASBO's

Money Talks

DPI-Palooza Episode

May 29, 2026



Conan

"Should we really be starting a new unit when it's this close to summer vacation?"

Our Panel

- We're not lobbyists or attorneys, just WASBO colleagues
- We share non-partisan, veteran perspectives on how to navigate the financial challenges present in your school district
- Opinions expressed are our own, not necessarily those of our employers (but we're usually right)



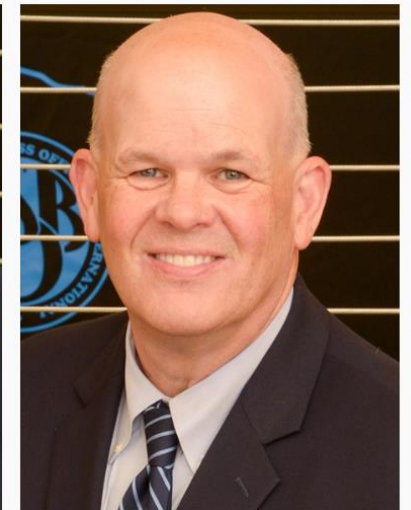
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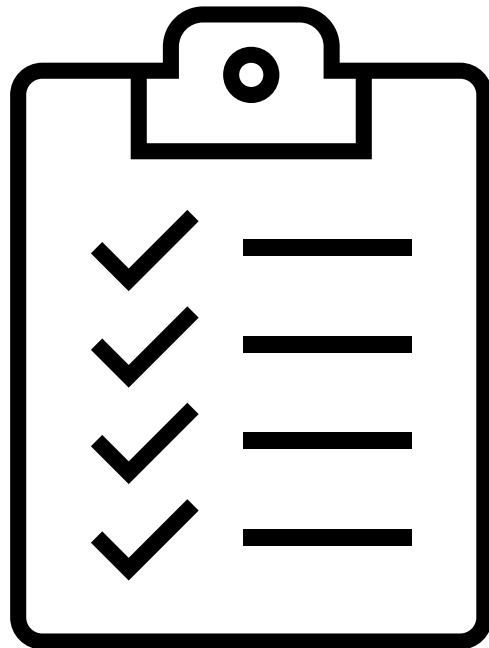


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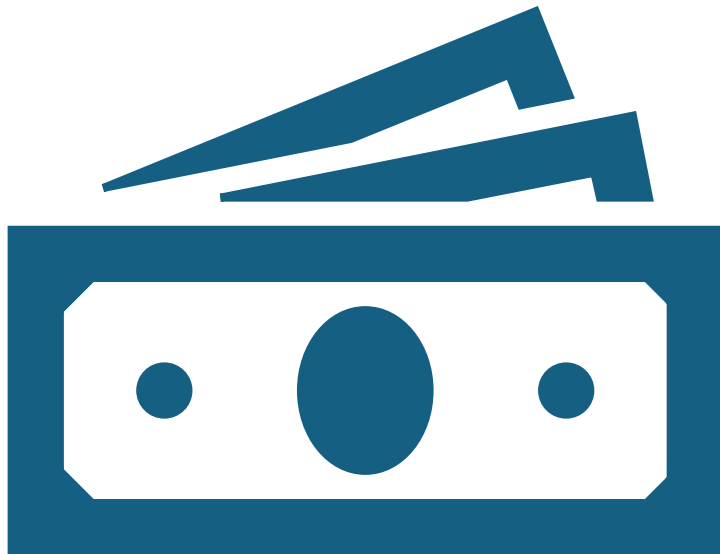
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Topics Sure to Kill Our Ratings:



- State Budget Surplus that Wasn't
- State Budget for 2025-27 in Review
- Sum Certain....to be a Problem
 - Special Ed Categorical Aid % 2025-26
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 - High-Cost SPED Reimbursement
- July 1 Equalization Aid Estimate (Beware!)
- DPI Wants Your Budget Updates or Else
- WASBO at DPI
- June To Do List



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Sum Certain...to be a Problem:



SPED Reimbursement This Year	Special Ed Categorical Aid % 2025-26 per the state budget (42%) but prorated by DPI (35%) but part of surplus deal (50%) which failed....so we end up at 38.3886%
SPED Reimbursement Next Year	Special Ed Categorical Aid % 2026-27 per the DPI (Department of Pete's Information) won't be 45% per budget. It will be prorated down to approximately 39%-40%.
SPED High Cost	High-Cost SPED Reimbursement for 2026-27: 90% of eligible costs prorated at 31%

July 1 Equalization Aid Estimate

No additional aid this year or next year per the state budget, with very predictable impact on local tax levies for fall 2026

July 1 Equalization Aid Estimate

Your budget updates
and validations are
critically important for
an accurate July 1 aid
estimate

WASBO at DPI

Professional
Standards for the
School Business
Official

A License
Alternative when
the #5008 SBO
doesn't fit

Your June To Do List

Grant Claims

OPEB actuarial study

Summer School

Many Others!

**See You Next Time:
Friday, June 26
Happy Weekend!**

