

### Program Budget Comparison

The following table summarizes the total proposed budget by year, type of expenditure, and source of funding.

Program Budget Comparison								
Budget Item	Base Fiscal 2014	Approp. Fiscal 2015	Budget Fiscal 2016	Budget Fiscal 2017	Biennium Fiscal 14-15	Biennium Fiscal 16-17	Biennium Change	Biennium % Change
FTE	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	0.00	0.00 %
Personal Services	4,011,495	4,228,028	4,323,298	4,312,464	8,239,523	8,635,762	396,239	4.81 %
Operating Expenses	217,052	271,759	233,914	210,036	488,811	443,950	(44,861)	(9.18)%
Equipment & Intangible Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$4,228,547</b>	<b>\$4,499,787</b>	<b>\$4,557,212</b>	<b>\$4,522,500</b>	<b>\$8,728,334</b>	<b>\$9,079,712</b>	<b>\$351,378</b>	<b>4.03 %</b>
General Fund	3,925,613	4,190,747	4,254,278	4,219,566	8,116,360	8,473,844	357,484	4.40 %
State/Other Special Rev. Funds	255,680	260,280	255,680	255,680	515,960	511,360	(4,600)	(0.89)%
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	47,254	48,760	47,254	47,254	96,014	94,508	(1,506)	(1.57)%
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$4,228,547</b>	<b>\$4,499,787</b>	<b>\$4,557,212</b>	<b>\$4,522,500</b>	<b>\$8,728,334</b>	<b>\$9,079,712</b>	<b>\$351,378</b>	<b>4.03 %</b>

### Program Description

The Education Program provides an education for children with hearing and/or sight loss that prevents them from receiving a quality education in their local schools. The Education Program serves visually and hearing-impaired children who remain in their local school districts by providing deaf/blind educational support services to the students' local schools. The program also offers "mainstream" programs for on-campus students in a joint effort with the Great Falls public school system. Additionally, pursuant to 20-8-102(3), MCA, the school is charged with the responsibility of tracking a child identified as hearing or visually impaired from the time of impairment identification through the child's exit from intervention or educational services.

### Program Highlights

Education Program Major Budget Highlights	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General fund present law increase due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statewide personal services present law adjustments</li> <li>Executive request for upgrades to the lending library</li> <li>Compensation for staff that sponsor extracurricular activities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

### Program Discussion -

The following highlights the differences between the FY 2015 appropriations as shown in the main table to the FY 2015 legislative appropriations used for purposes of the budget base, by program.

FY 2015 Appropriation Transactions - School for the Deaf & Blind						
Program	Legislative Appropriation	Legislative Approps OTO	House Adjustment	Operating Plan	Program Transfers	Total Executive Implementation
04 EDUCATION	\$4,502,035	\$25,000		(\$26,938)		\$4,499,787
04 EDUCATION				26,938		
Agency Total	\$4,502,035	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,499,787

Differences between FY 2015 legislative base and FY 2015 appropriation are due to:

- The agency transferred \$26,938 of operating appropriation to personal services to fund additional FTE
- The agency transferred \$27,248 of personal services appropriation from education to the general services program to fund additional FTE

Actual FY 2014 expenditures differ from FY 2015 legislative appropriation;

- Personal services higher in the legislative base year due to unused personal services appropriation in FY 2014
- Operating expense is below the legislative base due to operating expense transferred to personal services

## Funding

The following table shows proposed program funding by source from all sources of authority.

School For the Deaf & Blind, 04-Education Funding by Source of Authority						
Funds	HB2	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds	
01100 General Fund	8,473,844	0	0	8,473,844	93.33 %	
02050 School Trust Interest/Income	489,400	0	0	489,400	95.71 %	
02243 Medicaid Reimbursements	21,960	0	0	21,960	4.29 %	
<b>State Special Total</b>	<b>\$511,360</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$511,360</b>	<b>5.63 %</b>	
03012 E.C.I.A. Chapter I	94,508	0	0	94,508	100.00 %	
<b>Federal Special Total</b>	<b>\$94,508</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$94,508</b>	<b>1.04 %</b>	
<b>Proprietary Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>	
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$9,079,712</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$9,079,712</b>		

Outreach Program is funded almost entirely with general fund. The Residential Education Program is funded primarily with general fund, with additional funding from the school's trust lands, Medicaid reimbursement for services provided to students who qualify for Medicaid, and federal funds designated for the assistance of state and local educational agencies to meet the special educational needs of educationally deprived children.

## Budget Summary by Category

The following summarizes the total budget utilizing the FY 2015 Legislative base, present law adjustments, and new proposals.

Budget Summary by Category								
Budget Item	-----General Fund-----				-----Total Funds-----			
	Leg. Budget Fiscal 2016	Leg. Budget Fiscal 2017	Leg. Biennium Fiscal 16-17	Percent of Budget	Leg. Budget Fiscal 2016	Leg. Budget Fiscal 2017	Leg. Biennium Fiscal 16-17	Percent of Budget
2015 Budget	4,192,995	4,192,995	8,385,990	98.96 %	4,502,035	4,502,035	9,004,070	99.17 %
PL Adjustments	61,283	26,571	87,854	1.04 %	55,177	20,465	75,642	0.83 %
New Proposals	0	0	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0.00 %
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$4,254,278</b>	<b>\$4,219,566</b>	<b>\$8,473,844</b>		<b>\$4,557,212</b>	<b>\$4,522,500</b>	<b>\$9,079,712</b>	

## Present Law Adjustments -

The "Present Law Adjustments" table shows the changes from FY 2015 legislative appropriation to the budget proposed by the executive. PSPL adjusts all personal services. LGPL provides for adjustments to other expenditures such as operating

expenses. Each is discussed in the narrative that follows. Total funds in the Present Law Adjustments table do not include proprietary funds budgeted in House Bill 2.

Present Law Adjustments									
-----Fiscal 2016-----					-----Fiscal 2017-----				
FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 98 - LEG. Personal Services Present Law									
0.00	100,740	(4,354)	(1,426)	94,960	0.00	89,497	(4,046)	(1,325)	84,126
DP 99 - LEG. Present Law									
0.00	(39,457)	(246)	(80)	(39,783)	0.00	(62,926)	(554)	(181)	(63,661)
<b>Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments</b>									
<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$61,283</b>	<b>(\$4,600)</b>	<b>(\$1,506)</b>	<b>\$55,177</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$26,571</b>	<b>(\$4,600)</b>	<b>(\$1,506)</b>	<b>\$20,465</b>

#### DP 98 - LEG. Personal Services Present Law -

The following table outlines various components of the changes included in the PSPL adjustments.

Personal Services Present Law Adjustments					
FY 2016					
CP 98 PSPL Item	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
State Share Health Insurance	49.50	\$24,057	\$0	\$0	\$24,057
Executive Implementation of 2015 Pay Increase		72,729	-	-	72,729
Fully Fund 2015 Legislatively Authorized FTE		-	-	-	-
Other		3,954	(4,354)	(1,426)	(1,826)
<b>Personal Services Present Law Adjustments</b>	<b>49.50</b>	<b>\$100,740</b>	<b>(\$4,354)</b>	<b>(\$1,426)</b>	<b>\$94,960</b>
FY 2017					
CP 98 PSPL Item	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
State Share Health Insurance	49.50	\$24,057	\$0	\$0	\$24,057
Executive Implementation of 2015 Pay Increase		72,729	-	-	72,729
Fully Fund 2015 Legislatively Authorized FTE		-	-	-	-
Other		(7,289)	(4,046)	(1,325)	(12,660)
<b>Personal Services Present Law Adjustments</b>	<b>49.50</b>	<b>\$89,497</b>	<b>(\$4,046)</b>	<b>(\$1,325)</b>	<b>\$84,126</b>

#### DP 99 - LEG. Present Law -

Legislative Present Law Adjustments				
FY 2016				
CP 99 Item	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
SWPLA Inflation / Deflation	(\$91,395)	(\$246)	(\$80)	(\$91,721)
Upgrade Software Lending Library	25,000			25,000
Extra Curricular Compensation	26,938			26,938
Legislative Present Law Adjustments	(\$39,457)	(\$246)	(\$80)	(\$39,783)
FY 2017				
CP 99 Item	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
SWPLA Inflation / Deflation	(\$89,864)	(\$554)	(\$181)	(\$90,599)
Upgrade Software Lending Library	0			0
Extra Curricular Compensation	26,938			26,938
Legislative Present Law Adjustments	(\$62,926)	(\$554)	(\$181)	(\$63,661)

In addition to the state wide present law adjustments, the executive is requesting funding for:

Upgrade Software - Lending Library OTO: The school is requesting \$25,000 general fund in FY 2016 to replace and upgrade educational technology. Local school districts may borrow equipment from this library to improve blind and deaf student's access to information and instruction in the classroom.

Extra-Curricular Compensation OTO: MSDB requests \$26,938 general fund for each year of the 2017 biennium to pay zero-based extracurricular compensation to employees who sponsor after school activities.

**LFD  
COMMENT**

Extra-Curricular compensation for MSDB.

This appropriation has been made since the 2011 biennium. The appropriation must be requested each biennium, as it is zero based and therefore not part of the agency's base budget.

In FY2014, the school spent about \$13,000, or about 50%, of this appropriation on staff compensation for extracurricular activities. Extracurricular activities are driven, in part, by the age mix of the student body. From year to year, the age mix of the student body is variable, making it difficult to forecast this expense.

Should the legislature choose to approve this appropriation it may want to consider restricting the appropriation to its intended purpose.