

Honeywell Update- January 6, 2016

Good evening Highland Park. This is Dr. Taylor with the first of several messages I will share in the next three months about the budget planning process for the 2016-2017 school year.

I have begun to set the stage for wholesale program improvement in our district now that I have spent three months learning about our schools' needs. There is much work to be done in all areas, but my current need is to plan responsibly and prudently for the next fiscal year. Many of our reforms will be framed by the outcome of the strategic planning process you have been hearing so much about. Though the 2016-2017 budget will be developed before the culmination of this long range plan, forecasting next year's revenues and expenditures will still center on greatly elevating the quality of our school system while being framed by the outcomes of strategic planning. Subsequent budget years (2017-2018 and beyond) will be more effectively aligned to support the plan.

Production of the first draft of the 2016-2017 budget has already begun. The business administrator and I have met with each member of the district's leadership team to carefully vet proposed expenditures. I will elaborate on this phase of the process and talk about the school board's Finance and Facility Committee inspection of the first budget draft in my next Honeywell message that will be broadcast on January 20.

Until then, please have a good night and a great new year.

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