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Fwd: Tentative Budget Information - 2023-24

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Good afternoon, Julie

Happy spring!

I did a quick search on the district website for the complete tentative budget information for 2023-24 that was voted on at the last board meeting. It's still not available on the BHPS district website.

Unfortunately, at the last board meeting on March 13, 2023, there were no handouts of your budget presentation nor the complete budget information that board members were discussing made available to the public.

As many in attendance at the meeting complained, it was difficult to follow along with the board members' discussion on the **\$62,901,053 budget**.

In response to a resident question on when the complete budget will be available to the public, you responded depending on how the weather is the next day you would be happy to post the 105 pages <https://youtu.be/WXaid6sdR-k?t=8752> Timestamp **2:55:57**.

It's bright and sunny today and I am hoping the tentative budget has been submitted to the county superintendent by now. So, can you please upload the complete tentative budget to the district website?

@Board members - How was it ok for the board and administration not to provide any information on the tentative budget prior to the board meeting? There were NO printouts of the presentation Ms. Kot was giving, the colors on the presentation made it really hard to see the numbers. Is this how you envision equitable access to the information within the community?

In the future, I would hope we have a budget presented at the board meeting in which there is a handout of the budget available at the meeting as it used to be done, and at which the presentation contains some comparative figures such as prior year values and does not merely recite the purpose of each line.

[@Joy Young](#) - I would hope you would fulfill your campaign promise of clear communication by ensuring the budget documents are available to the public.

[@Angela](#) - It's clear from your actions that the only minor change from last year's budget process was that board members received the budget information 72 hours earlier but you clearly did NOT fulfill the commitment to have a public finance committee meeting to review the budget before the vote. I am hoping as the board president you would at least ensure the complete budget information is made available on the district website ASAP.

Thank you,
Sai Bhargavi