

FLEXIBILITY AND EFFICIENCY

Transfers for School Safety

It is the policy of the District to increase the flexibility and efficiency of the District’s resources by utilizing the provision of law allowing transfers of funds to improve school safety and security.

The District may transfer state or local revenue from any budgeted or non-budgeted fund, other than the debt service fund or retirement fund, to its building reserve fund in an amount not to exceed the school district's estimated costs of improvements to school safety and security

The transfer of such funds can be for:

1. planning for improvements to school safety, including but not limited to the cost of services provided by architects, engineers, and other consultants;
2. installing or updating locking mechanisms and ingress and egress systems at public school access points, including but not limited to systems for exterior egress doors and interior passageways and rooms, using contemporary technologies;
3. installing or updating bullet-resistant windows and barriers; and
4. installing or updating emergency response systems using contemporary technologies.

Any transfers made under this policy and Montana law are not considered expenditures to be applied against budget authority. Any revenue transfers that are not encumbered for expenditures in compliance with the four reasons stated above, within 2 full school fiscal years after the funds are transferred, must be transferred back to the originating fund from which the revenue was transferred.

If transfers of funds are made from a District fund supported by a non-voted levy, the District may not increase its non-voted levy for the purpose of restoring the transferred funds.

Legal Reference:	20-9-503, MCA	Budgeting, tax levy, and use of building reserve fund.
	20-9-236, MCA	Transfer of funds – improvements to school safety and security

Policy History

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