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- I. POLICY: The annual development of the School budget should:
  - A. Support and align with the activities identified in the School Strategic Action Plan.
  - B. Be a collaborative process that involves stakeholder groups, including, for example, the Leadership Team, Department Heads, Grade Level Chairs and Ho`okāko`o.
  - C. Be informed by a Comprehensive Needs Analysis process that utilizes data, including prior year budget v. actual reports; student performance data, etc.
  - D. Align with specific funder requirements.
  - E. Align with the policies and procedures outlined in this document.
  - F. Generally be balanced with regards to projected income and expenses. In some cases, reserve funds may be used to balance the budget, as approved by Ho'okāko'o Board of Directors.
- II. PROCESS AND GENERAL TIMELINE

## November – January

- SCHOOL: Budget design begins with input from school stakeholder groups, including Department Heads, LAP, etc.
- Semester Buget v. Actual Report is used to inform the process.



## April

- SCHOOL: Budget is submitted to Ho'okāko'o by April 20th.
- HO'OKĀKO'O STAFF: Budget is reviewed and recommendations are made. Budget is adjusted to reflect recommendations.
- FINANCE/EDUCATION COMMITTEES: Budget is reviewed by Budget Committee. Budget is adjusted to reflect recommendations.



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• HO'OKĀKO'O BOARD: Budget is officially approved



## October

- SCHOOL: Budget is adjusted to reflect October 15 official enrollment (as needed).
- Adjustments are submitted to Ho'okāko'o for approval.

- III. BUDGET FORMAT: The budget should be submitted utilizing the Ho'okāko'o Budget Form and should clearly identify the following:
- 1. The explanation of how the proposed expense is linked to the School Strategic Plan (relate expenses to the goals identified in the strategic plan)
- 2. The explanations for how the expenses are calculated (i.e. \$2,000 of instructional supplies x 25 classrooms = \$50,000).
- 3. The number of FTE associated with Salaries/Fringe costs.
- 4. The clear identification of the funding source that will pay for the proposed expense. In general, the expenses should be charged to funding sources as follows:

Funding	Guidance	
State Per Pupil	Basic school operations: the costs that are needed to sustain the traditional operations of the school.	
State Facilities	Basic school operations: the facilities-related costs associated with sustaining the traditional school (i.e. custodial salaries/supplies or repair/maintenance costs, etc.)	
Ho'olako Like Funding	Innovations: the costs that are "value added" benefits of being a charter school. Examples may include:	
Federal Funds	Program Specific: the allowable and federally- approved expenses for the specific federal program.	
Reserve Funds	Reserves: the costs of all accrued liabilities + three (3) months worth of estimated payroll should remain untouched.  Excess Reserve Funds: expenses that are one-time costs or other innovative trials that cannot be supported by other funding sources.	

IV. BUDGET VARIANCES REQUESTS: The School will submit a Budget Variance Request for all variances exceeding \$10,000 and 5% of the approved budget line item. Ho'okāko'o will review and approve/deny the request and inform the School of the decision within fifteen (15) days of submission of the request.