

# **INTERACTIVE FINANCIAL PORTAL (OPENGOV)**

The Lafayette Parish School System has collaborated with OpenGov to provide an open data and financial transparency portal to our community. This portal provides easy access to financial information for the school district; the same sourced financial information that is being presented to our School Board and reported to the State of Louisiana's Legislative Audit Division. The OpenGov portal provides the opportunity to view, filter, and analyze the revenues and expenditures for our school district. Graphs and related transaction details offer the community an opportunity to become more familiar with the District's financial data and drill down to see the areas of specific interest. The portal is designed to enhance the transparency of our district's financial reporting while providing the community with an opportunity to become more familiar with our operations.

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We invite you to explore our new OpenGov site at, <a href="https://www.LafayetteCheckbook.com">www.LafayetteCheckbook.com</a>

# Questions? Call, 521-7020

OpenGov is a transparency website that displays financial data for governmental agencies in an interactive graphical format.

### OpenGov How-To-Guide

- The title of the report that you are viewing is at the top left corner. Use the scroll bar on the left-hand side to see a list of common or favorite **Views** on the report that you are viewing.
- Select **Filters** on the left-hand side to display key menus.
- Use the **Show** drop-down to select the data that is of most interest to you.
- The **Broken Down By** drop-down can be used to specify the category you would like the data in your chart or graph organized by.
- Select the **Filtered By** option to view the data filters. The data filters show the hierarchical relationships of Funds, Cost Centers, Locations and Expense Types. The title of the graph you are viewing can be found at the top along with the account type selector. Use the filter to select exactly which data included, or excluded, for the graph or chart.
- Use the **Search** function within each filter to specify exact information desired.

- Hover over any area of the graph to see the actual or budgeted amounts for that period. Or, scroll down to see a table with detailed information below the graph. Select the preferred type of graph or chart from one of the five options included at the top right.
- The **Summary Table** below the bar chart provides the financial information that is reflected in the bar chart.
- The Transactions tab is the "virtual checkbook" where user can explore detail on specific
  transactions of the school district, depending on the filters chosen. Online viewing facilitates
  review of 1,000 records. Select Download drop-down to download and review all records.

#### **KEY FINANCIAL REPORTS ON OPEN GOV**

General Fund Revenues (Fund 01, Excluding Cost Center 01585)

General Fund Expenditures (Fund 01, Excluding Cost Center 01585)

This fund is the chief operating fund of the school district. It is used to account for all financial resources of the school district except for those required to be accounted for in another fund. A district may have only one general fund.

2002 ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund Revenues (Fund 15)

2002 ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund Expenditures (Fund 15)

The purpose of this fund is to account for the collection of a one-half cent sales tax dedicated to paying the costs of salaries and related benefits of classroom teachers.

Group Self Insurance Fund Revenues (Cost Center 01585)

Group Self Insurance Fund Expenditures (Cost Center 01585)

Group Self Insurance Fund Insurance Department Cost Center within General Fund that is used to account for school district's Self Insured Group Health Plan.

Special Revenues Fund Revenues (Fund 20)

Special Revenues Fund Expenditures (Fund 20)

The purpose of this fund is to account for local, state and federal programs that provide supplemental education programs for high-risk children, vocational students, teacher training, and other instructional education.

Consolidated Direct Federal Fund Revenues (Fund 25)

Consolidated Direct Federal Expenditures (Fund 25)

These federal funds support academic achievement by planning and implementation of small, safe, and successful learning environments.

Consolidated Adult Education Revenues (Fund 30)

Consolidated Adult Education Expenditures (Fund 30)

The purpose of this fund is to account for federal, state, or local programs for adult, young adult, and early childhood education. These sources are utilized to provide instruction to adults working toward high school diplomas, to provide counseling to potential high school dropouts, to provide instruction in vocational education to children with disabilities, and to provide continuing education courses.

### Consolidated Other Federal Fund Revenues (Fund 35)

## Consolidated Other Federal Expenditures (Fund 35)

The purpose of this fund is to account for federal funds used to break the cycle of poverty and illiteracy by integrating early childhood education, adult education, parenting education, safe, supportive and healthy school environments, and parent and child interactive activities to ensure high risk children have equal opportunity.

Consolidated Special Education Revenues (Fund 40)

#### Consolidated Special Education Expenditures (Fund 40)

The purpose of this fund is to account for several federal and state programs restricted to exceptional children with disabilities.

Sales Tax Revenue Bonds Fund Revenues (Fund 41)

#### Sales Tax Revenue Bonds Sinking Fund Expenditures (Fund 41)

The purpose of this fund is to accumulate funds for payment of two remaining bond issues. The bonds were issued by the School Board for the purpose of constructing and acquiring capital improvements, including the acquisition of land for building sites and playgrounds, purchasing, erecting and improving school buildings and related facilities, acquiring necessary equipment and furnishings, and refunding previous bond issues to take advantage of a better interest rate market.

#### Consolidated School District #1 Fund Revenues (Fund 42)

### Consolidated School District #1 Fund Expenditures (Fund 42)

The purpose of this fund is to accumulate funds for the payment of debt financed by a special property tax on property within the territorial limits of the Consolidated School District No. 1 (Lafayette Parish). In the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2009 all outstanding debt service obligations of this district were fulfilled and the special property tax is no longer being assessed. Activity in this fund for the current fiscal year represents minor property tax collections from previous years due to audit activity, audit fees for the previous year's audit and interest income. This fund will continue to be maintained to preserve proper segregation of the remaining assets pending any potential new debt approved by the voters to be issued within this district.

USDA Sinking Fund – Southside High School Revenues (Fund 43)

USDA Sinking Fund – Southside High School Expenditures (Fund 43)

The purpose of this fund is to accumulate and maintain funds at level required by bond sale requirements.

Self-Funded Construction Fund Revenues (Fund 45)

#### Self-Funded Construction Fund Expenditures (Fund 45)

To account for the portion of the proceeds of the 1% sales tax deposited on a monthly basis and dedicated to the purchase of capital improvements and equipment purchases in excess of \$25,000.

### Other Debt Service Fund Revenues (Fund 49)

### Other Debt Service Fund Expenditures (Fund 49)

The purpose of this fund is to account for debt service expenditures that are not directly related to bond issues. Such debt includes certificated of indebtedness, qualified zone academy bonds (QZAB), limited tax bonds and qualified school construction bonds (QSCB). This debt usually has shorter terms and does not require a reserve fund or specific identification of resourced used to pay the debt.

#### Federal Title I Fund Revenues (Fund 50: ESSA)

### Federal Title I Fund Expenditures (Fund 50: ESSA)

The purpose of this fund is to account for Title 1 of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 which provides funds for supplementary instruction with emphasis on reading and math. The federal funds for Title 1 are allocated and administered by the State for at-risk students.

#### Consolidated Other State Fund Revenues (Fund 55)

#### Consolidated Other State Expenditures (Fund 55)

The purpose of the fund is to account for State Programs which provide adult education, remediation, summer programs, and educational programs for high risk students.

### Other Direct Federal Fund Revenues (Fund 57)

### Other Direct Federal Expenditures (Fund 57)

The purpose of this fund is to account for seven magnet schools in the district. It encourages diversity, increases test scores and reduces discipline problems. These funds also support six Gear-Up schools that aim to enhance academic performance, raise educational expectations, and increase the rate of high school graduates.

#### 2016 Construction Fund Revenues (Fund 58)

### 2016 Construction Fund Expenditures (Fund 58)

To account for expenditures related to various potential construction projects that will be reimbursed by the issuance of debt. The type and timing of the debt issuance has yet to be officially determined.

### Southside High Construction Fund Revenues (Fund 59)

#### Southside High Construction Fund Expenditures (Fund 59)

The purpose of this fund is to account for construction costs of Southside High School.

## Child Development Fund Revenues (Fund 60)

Child Development Fund Expenditures (Fund 60)

The purpose of this fund is to account for federal funds used in the Headstart, LA-4, and child care programs. Headstart funds provide a quality early childhood education for three- and four-year-old children meeting federal poverty guidelines. LA-4 funds provide a quality pre-school education for ever four-year-old child qualifying for free/reduced lunch. Child care funds provide quality, safe child care for students thirteen and under who qualify for free/reduced lunches.

## Federal Titles I – VI Fund Revenues (Fund 65)

## Federal Titles I – VI Fund Expenditures (Fund 65)

The purpose of this fund is to account for federal funds received under Title II, III, and MSP of the Improving No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001. These funds are used for various purposes including, but not limited to, staff development, drug education, innovative educational programs, and the purchase of computers for classrooms. Some of the funds are also used to support non-public schools.

### School Food Services Revenues (Fund 70)

## School Food Services Expenditures (Fund 70)

The purpose of this fund is to account for the provision of meals to school children, including the breakfast and lunch programs. All activities necessary to provide such meals are accounted for in this fund including, but not limited to, administration, operations, and maintenance.

## Capital Improvements Funds Revenues (Fund 80)

## Capital Improvements Funds Expenditures (Fund 080)

To account for the portion of the proceeds of the 1% sales tax deposited on a monthly basis and dedicated to the purchase of capital improvements and equipment purchases in excess of \$25,000.

#### Sales Tax Fund Revenues (Fund 88)

## Sales Tax Fund Expenditures (Fund 88)

The purpose of this fund is to account for the collection and distribution of sales and use taxes collected by the School Board on its own behalf and on the behalf of the Lafayette Parish Government and other taxing authorities within Lafayette Parish.