



# FAQ's about District 186 Finances

## How far apart are Murpshysboro Education Association (MEA) and District 186 Board of Education (BOE) offers?

- **The MEA and the BOE offers are currently \$385,692 apart.**
- Some have claimed that the most recent offers are \$1.5 million apart, but simple math disproves this.
- In fact, using the districts actual proposal and numbers that were given to the MEA negotiating team it is easy to figure out that **our proposals are actually \$385,692 apart.**
- We know the district has the money to cover these costs without raising taxes.
- **District 186 currently has a surplus of more than \$3.5 million.**

### **Board Proposal**

Year 1: 2019-2020	Cost:	\$342,580
Year 2: 2020-2021	Cost:	\$351,682
Year 3: 2021-2022	Cost:	\$356,110
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$1,050,372</b>

## Will the teacher's offer truly put us in deficit spending?

- **The truth is neither the MEA offer nor the District's latest offer will put the district into deficit spending.**
- Still, the district has repeatedly claimed that its own offer will put the district into deficit spending, but **the district has a history of falsely predicting deficit spending.**
- Keep in mind a budget is a plan, not a reality. The same goes for deficit spending it's a forecast for the future NOT what actually happens.
- As you can see from the history of budgeted funds versus surplus, **District 186 continually forecasts deficit spending that never becomes reality** year, after year, after year.
- Again, **the district has surplus that continues to grow each year. Right now it is at \$3.5 million.**
- Also, during the past three years, because of Illinois' new evidenced based funding model, the General Assembly has added **\$1.99 million dollars in additional funds to District 186.**
- District 186 is likely to continue to see additional funds from lawmakers every year because of its designation as a Tier 1 school.

### **MEA Proposal**

Year 1: 2019-2020	Cost:	\$486,183
Year 2: 2020-2021	Cost:	\$464,715
Year 3: 2021-2022	Cost:	\$485,166
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$1,436,064</b>