

5 Transfers for School Safety

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

11 The District may transfer state or local revenue from any budgeted or non-budgeted fund, other
12 than the debt service fund or retirement fund, to its building reserve fund in an amount no to
13 exceed the school district’s estimated cost of improvements to school and student safety and
14 security.

16 The transfer of such funds can be for:

- 17 • Planning for improvements to and maintenance of school and student safety, including
18 but not limited to the cost of services provided by architects, engineers, school resource
19 officers, counselors, and other staff or consultants assisting with improvements to school
20 and student safety and security;
- 21 • Programs to support school and student safety and security, including but not limited to
22 active shooter training, threat assessments and restorative justice;
- 23 • Installing or updating locking mechanisms and ingress and egress systems at public
24 school access points, including but not limited to systems for exterior egress doors and
25 interior passageways and rooms, using contemporary technologies;
- 26 • Installing or updating bullet-resistant windows and barriers; and
- 27 • Installing or updating emergency response systems using contemporary technologies.

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

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

38 Cross Reference:

39 Policy 7121 Budget Adjustments

41 Legal References:

42 §20-9-236, MCA Transfer of Funds – Improvements to School Safety and Security
43 §20-9-503, MCA Budgeting, Tax Levy, and Use of Building Reserve Fund

45 Policy History:

46 Adopted on: December 16, 2019