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SUBJECT: FY22 Independent Local School Foundations Commitment | Changes to Operation

Chair Brim-Edwards requested information about school foundations who have a commitment letter on file for the FY22. I am providing that information below, with additional context.

Back in January 2021, we informed local school foundation leaders and school administrators that we were making changes to PPS School Foundations procedures.

Historically, there have been around eight independent school foundations that operate as independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations: Ainsworth, Bridlemile, Chapman, Cleveland, Duniway, Forest Park, Lincoln, West Sylvan.

Prior to this school year, these Independent School Foundations made financial commitments to schools to expense FTE staffing decisions at their schools, but did not have to submit payment until the end of the school year.

We have now shifted the timeline for when Independent School Foundations Pay the District (fundraise for the following school year and pay the District by August, rather than reimbursing the District at the end of the school year). This change becomes effective Aug. 1, 2022 for FY23.

Why did we make this change?

- We understand that current practices of how we use foundation dollars may allow us to maximize resources and potentially fund other school-level RESJ strategies. However, we need to create more consistency and transparency in our practices in order to reduce inequities across the district.
- We need to increase our transparency with the community about what funds are raised for and how they are actually spent.
- We cannot mix funds in the back-end due to reporting requirements.
- This change will decrease liability for the district since the district will be able to have the funds before those costs are incurred by the district.

FY 22 Commitment Letters (Final)

School	FY22 Commitment from Independent Foundations (\$)	FY22 Budget Available (After 1/3 Contribution to PPS Parent Fund) (\$)
Ainsworth	147,924.63	101,950
Bridlemile	212,000	144,667
Chapman	93,000	65,333
Cleveland	90,000	63,333

Duniway	355,000	240,000
Forest Park	111,000	77,333
Lincoln	250,000	170,000
West Sylvan	42,234.25	31,490
Total	1,301,158.88	894,1060