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#### REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable 4-0 (In favor Council Members Burroughs, Fisher, Olson, and Watson)

Absent: Council Member Oriadha

The Education and Work Force Development (EWD) Committee convened on October 23, 2023, to consider the Board of Education's Financial Review #1, transmitted on September 25, 2023, which the Board of Education had previously approved on September 21, 2023. The Board of Education's Financial Review #1 seeks approval for an FY 2024 operating budget increase (\$2,308,634) resulting from a settlement offer awarded in the nationwide Juul Labs, Inc., Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation. This increase is intended to fund programmatic services for students as permitted by the award. Total revenue and expenditures for the Board's revised operating budget increased to \$2,813,515,115.

Arian Albear, Legislative Budget and Policy Analyst presented the report on the Board of Education's FY24 Financial Review #1. The School System planned to allocate the entire \$2.3 million received from litigation settlement, which falls under the revenue category associated with Board Sources, into the restricted funding allocated for Student Health expenditures. A budget explanation organized by specific activities was transmitted by the School System and subsequently sent to the Council Members for their review.

Dr. Elizabeth Faison, Associate Superintendent of Student Services, and Mr. Darrell Haley, Grants and Restricted Programs Supervisor, attended the committee work session to provide additional information and respond to the Council Members' questions.

Council Members primarily focused their discussion on the following topics: inquiring about solutions to address truancy, providing support for students reentering the school system, requesting demographic and truancy-related data, seeking district-specific truancy rates, and expressing the desire to collaborate on hosting an education forum for parents in the district to share this information.

The Education and Work Force Development Committee voted favorably 4-0 on the Board of Education's Financial Review #1.