

YCSD has been allocated \$2,503,938 from the federal Education Jobs Fund. The funds must be obligated by divisions by Sept. 30, 2012.

At Monday night's School Board work session, the Superintendent presented the following recommendations to the School Board regarding using a portion of the Jobs Fund dollars in FY11:

Superintendent Recommended Draft FY 11 Education Jobs Fund Allocations	Jobs Fund	Operating Fund
	Allocations	Adjustments
	(one-time costs)	(one-time costs)
<b>Operating expenditure reductions restored for FY11 only</b>		
Regular Ed classroom teachers - 4.41 FTE's	220,500	
Tuition reimbursement (same program as FY10) Jobs Fund eligible staff	35,000	
Tuition reimbursement (same program as FY10) all other staff		5,000
Textbooks, one-time supplant, restore in FY12	5,000	(5,000)
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>260,500</b>	-
<b>Other one-time costs</b>		
One-time payment of \$350 to Jobs Fund eligible full-time staff (permanent part-time staff are prorated and substitutes are excluded from payment)	628,000	
One-time payment of \$350 to all other full-time staff (permanent part-time staff are prorated and substitutes are excluded from payment)		50,000
Classroom Teacher 1 FTE - one-time supplant, restore in FY12 Operating Budget		
	50,000	(50,000)
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>678,000</b>	-
<b>Grand Total of Allocations for FY11</b>	<b>938,500</b>	-
<b>Total of Jobs Funds available</b>	<b>2,503,938</b>	
<b>Balance to carry over to FY12</b>	<b>1,565,438</b>	

The Superintendent sent the following information to staff members to provide additional details about his recommendations:

*“First, I recommended that the School Board expend \$220,500 to pay for approximately 4.5 regular education classroom teachers for the current school year. These teachers would help the school division meet the School Board-approved class size targets embedded in the strategic plan.*

*“Second, I recommended the Jobs Fund dollars be expended in a manner that allows the division to provide \$40,000 of tuition reimbursement to staff members this fiscal year. Recognizing that teachers and others are required to take particular courses for maintaining licensure, reinstatement of tuition reimbursement funds would be a positive step.*

*“Third, reflecting the fact that appropriate staff compensation is a high priority for board members and me, I recommended the Jobs Fund dollars support a one-time payment of \$350 prior to the end of 2010 to every full-time staff member. The payment to permanent part-time staff will be pro-rated based on their percentage of employment. Substitutes and temporary part-time staff are excluded from the one-time payment. Making a \$350 one-time payment would be valuable both practically and symbolically. With the reduction of 47 positions during the last two budget cycles and the loss of 12% of our state revenue, employees have had to assume additional responsibilities and/or do their jobs with fewer resources to support them. Furthermore, the pay plan has not been maintained for two years. Also, recognizing that the Jobs Fund dollars are one-time revenues, a one-time payment would avoid the division assuming obligations for which no identified resources exist.*

*“Fourth, I recommended that at least half of the Jobs Fund dollars be expended in FY12. Recognizing the uncertainty of revenue in FY12, it would be fiscally prudent to plan to use a significant portion of Jobs Fund dollars next year.*

*“The School Board members commented favorably on these recommendations. The School Board plans to take action regarding the teaching positions, tuition-reimbursement, and one-time payment at the School Board meeting later this month. I will update you again in the future regarding the Jobs Fund allocations.”*

The School Board will vote on the proposed expenditures at their October 25 regular board meeting.