Good afternoon TEAM Colleton:

District administrators provided the final draft of the FY 2019-2020 budget to the Colleton County School Board during a special called board meeting on August 8.

This final draft was balanced through Colleton County Council agreeing to a three mil increase to the general operating millage rate during a July 30 meeting.

The proposed $46,138,074 budget includes:

- $1,177,873 to meet a legislative mandate to raise base teacher salary to $35,000 and provide 4% salary increase and step to certified staff, nurses, occupational therapists, and physical therapists.
- $438,413 to fund salary step increases for classified staff members.
- $192,095 to create 5 teaching positions to reduce classroom sizes in K-6.
- $579,085 in savings through the reduction of 7.5 certified positions and 8 classified positions.
- $40,000 to expand mental health counseling support.

For a detailed summary of the budget draft, please examine the power point presentation posted at colletonsd.org.

Board members will take final action on this proposed budget on August 27. The meeting will be held in the boardroom of the Colleton Annex Learning Center at 6 p.m.