



CONSIDERATIONS FOR DETERMINING CASH BALANCES

Levy funds such as Capital Outlay and Bond & Interest must be spent for that purpose. Can your school district operate at least one month if state aid is not paid on schedule?

Do you have enough cash in the special education or special education cooperative fund to operate until state aid is received on October 15???

If you have a high cash balance, do you have a plan to reduce it over a period of time (3-4 years)?

If you have a high cash balance in a particular fund, do not transfer more money into that fund until the balance is reasonable.

What was the lowest cash balance, in total and by fund, during the prior school year?

If you have to decide the amount of cash balance needed for your school district, remember that no two districts are alike.

If you have to have cash invested in financial institutions, is it properly secured under state law?

Do you know the fees you have authorized and what they are for?

Capital Outlay funds may be used for repair of buildings—not maintenance. Do you have money in funds that are no longer needed (i.e., driver training and no longer plan to offer driver education).

Did you run short of cash during the 2009-10 school year to meet your requirements. If yes, then you are likely short of cash balances.

Are you accumulating cash balances for a specific purpose (i.e., new math and/or reading series)?