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As we look ahead to the 2021-22 school year, we are committed to providing the best possible education for our students. We are excited to welcome back our students and staff, and we are committed to providing a safe and healthy learning environment.

Thank you for your dedication and hard work throughout this unprecedented year.

Steve Marshall
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The HSD formed a Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) to provide recommendations to the Board and Superintendent on district budget proposals and other issues related to the budget process.

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Evaluate school plans given their circumstances and the 2019-20 Board Members have taken steps to manage current and anticipated budget deficits. Here are five steps we’ve taken:

- The HSD formed a Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) to provide recommendations to the Board and Superintendent on district budget proposals and other issues related to the budget process.

- The district is currently looking for available grants. In fact, it very much resembles the HSD’s challenging financial position that the district was awarded a $100,000 grant for a new ADA-approved play structure at Hockinson Heights Elementary School.

- The district expects to receive CARES and FEMA federal funds to help offset the costs of PPE (personal protective equipment), sanitation, and other extraordinary costs due to COVID-19.

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