

# Abraham Pierson School



**2014-2015 Budget Proposal**  
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# Foundation for Decision Making ...

- District Driving Forces and Unifying Principles
- District Foundation Skills and Competencies
- District Goals
- Abraham Pierson School Goals

# Our Mission

“The Mission of Abraham Pierson School is to foster thinking, creativity, and a love of learning that will motivate students to make the world a better place.”

Adopted 2012



# School Initiatives...

## **Develop literacy in core disciplines:**

- Identify common expectations and quality instructional approaches in Language Arts that are aligned with the Common Core State Standards.
- Develop a deeper understanding about Common Core State Standards Mathematical Practices

## **Embed the application of knowledge and skills in all learning experiences:**

- Increase levels of student engagement, technology integration, and cross curricular connections

# School Initiatives, continued...

## **Develop high quality performing teams:**

- Refine and articulate effective Student Assistance Team processes and procedures in reading, math, and behavior

## **Provide a safe environment and modern, flexible facilities that support the district's educational mission:**

- Implement recommendations for school safety and security practices
- Refine positive behavior support plan and crisis intervention and response strategies
- Expand opportunities for community involvement in the education of children at Pierson School

# Enrollment and Staffing

Year	Grade 4 Classes	Grade 4 Class Size	Grade 5 Classes	Grade 5 Class Size
13-14	7	@ 21	7	@ 22
14-15	8	@ 21	7	@ 21

# Proposed Increases in Operational Accounts

Account	Increase from 13-14	Rationale
Textbooks	\$4,003	<u>Envisions</u> Math and <u>Journeys</u> Language Arts textbooks for additional Grade 4 class.
Instructional Materials	\$11,971	Materials for additional Gr. 4 class Programmatic costs for Journeys LA Programmatic costs for Envisions Math Resources for Math and Reading Labs
Photocopying	\$1,494	Net cost to replace one copier
Remedial Materials, Postage, Staff Development and Training, Dues and Fees, Student Activities and Transportation	\$1,140	Reflects needs and current pricing

# Anticipated Decreases in Operational Accounts

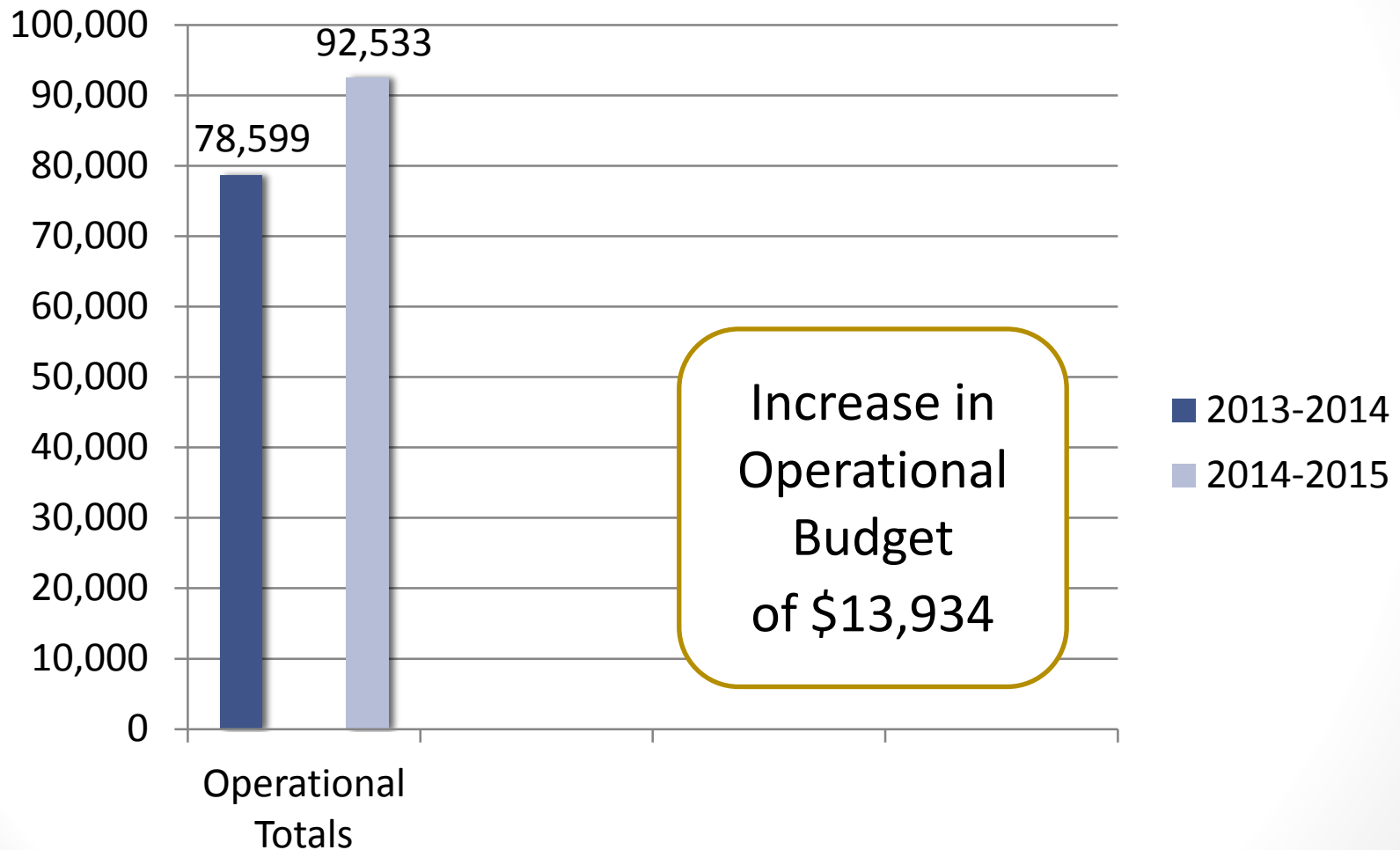
Account	Decrease from 13-14	Rationale
Printing and Publishing	\$1,000	In- house copying
Curriculum Implementation	\$2,400	No anticipated need for materials
Destiny Software, Software Maintenance Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,274	Reflects current pricing



# Summary of Proposed Changes

- Net increases in Operational Budget: \$ 18, 608
- Net decreases in Operational Budget: \$ - 4, 764
- Total increase in Operational Budget  
from 2013-2014 to 2014-2015 \$ 13, 934

# Comparison of Operational Budgets



# Enrichment Program

## **Pierson PM Enrichment Program:**

- ✓ three session model
- ✓ onsite, afterschool
- ✓ provides academic, cultural, physical, and social opportunities for students
- ✓ provides enrichment opportunities for students identified as TAG
- ✓ *includes the well-loved Pierson Spring Musical!*

# Tutorial Program ...

## **Pierson “Rise and Shine” Tutorial Program**

- ✓ For grades 4 and 5
- ✓ Six week model, three times a week
- ✓ Onsite, before school
- ✓ Additional support in math and reading
- ✓ Aligned with Common Core State Standards

# Implications for Personnel

- Additional fourth grade class
- Expanded need for math coaching and intervention
- Continued support for Enrichment Program
- Additional support for “Rise and Shine” morning tutorial program

# In Closing...

This proposed budget allows students at

**Abraham Pierson School** to:

- access a quality education that is aligned with Common Core State Standards and district expectations
- develop and use knowledge, skills, and dispositions of critical thinkers and problem solvers
- develop and use individual talents and abilities of creative, engaged learners

# Abraham Pierson School

*“Education is not preparation for life;  
Education is life itself.”*

John Dewey

