

Top 5- March 14, 2023

Proposed Budget

April 1, 2023 is the deadline for Jefferson Academy to submit its preliminary proposed budget for the school year 2023-24 to the district. We are pleased to approve a balanced budget that continues to be fiscally responsible while ensuring our focus and support remains on our greatest assets, our student body, our teachers, and our personnel that support our teachers. Our financial team at Jefferson Academy works tirelessly behind the scenes using sound budgeting principles and accounting to ensure that the school operates within its financial boundaries, a critical tenant to the success of a charter school. The budget will go through some additional review and updates as the State of Colorado's budget makes its way through the legislative process in April and as student body counts are finalized in October 2023. It goes without saying that the financial team at Jefferson Academy will be busy with all of this continued budgeting work. We are in good hands and are thankful to them for their continued dedication to our school's success!

2023-2024 Schedules Approved

The board approved the 2023-2024 schedules for all campuses. Thanks to the tireless work of the Elementary and Secondary Leaders to better align the schedules between campuses for our families with students at both. Spring conferences and other dates are now aligned. We also will continue to have late starts on the first Wednesday of the month since this time has been very valuable to our teachers and staff.

Spring Parent Survey

Please see your email for the links to the School Accountability Committee Spring Parent Survey. Your feedback helps the committee, board and school leaders identify what works and what needs to be improved. As in the past, the spring surveys include an expanded set of questions evaluating the school's administration, academic rigor, and extracurricular activities. Past survey feedback has resulted in:

- Traffic lights at both campuses
- Online registration
- Changes to the format of parent teacher conferences at the Secondary
- Increased offerings of after school and extracurricular activities
- Increased supervision and parking lot safety at the Elementary
- Online voting for Board of Directors openings
- Website updates and feature additions
- Zoom parent-teacher conferences

The survey will be open until **Sunday, April 2nd**. Thank you in advance for your participation!

Board Campus Visits

Members of the board visited Jefferson Academy Elementary and Secondary and Summit Academy's campuses in Westminster and Littleton during February and March. These visits give the board a chance to see the day-to-day operations and structures of each location as well as meet with the school leaders in-person. These visits continue to show us how much our staff, leaders, and students really shine and genuinely enjoy being part of JA.

Available Board Seats

Jefferson Academy Board of Directors elections are coming up in May. There are **two open positions** for the JA Board of Directors. Candidate letters will be accepted in either school office or via email to Michael Ennis at mennis@jajags.com through **Tuesday, April 18, 2023**. All letters will be published and delivered to the parent body by Campus Messenger, and posted on www.jajags.com.