

State of the District



Banta Elementary School District
Presented by Dan Moore, Superintendent

Overview:

- Finances
- Unification
- Mitigation
- Building Structures / New Construction
- River Islands Charters
- Banta Elementary School Challenges

Finances:

- Ending Balance is good
- Planning for the future with growth in one area while declining in another
- Majority of District Office support staff is funded through the district Charter and River Islands Mitigation
- More information later in this board meeting from Interim CBO Douglas Crancer

Unification

- We are on track to achieve unification by July 1, 2021
- Consultants Bill Huyett and Art Hand will update us later in this board meeting
- Tracy Unified SD is working closely with us and we believe we are on track to accomplish this goal
- According to our attorney, Addison Covert, we believe that in the November 2020 election, only two current board members need to run for reelection. In November 2020, we will create two new board positions bringing the board to a five-member board
- We also believe that there is no need to create area board member districts at this time due to the ongoing growth in the River Island Development (ongoing research)

Mitigation

- We are almost finished on our proposed updated K-8 mitigation agreement
- Consultant Bill Huyett will be presenting the 2nd updated revision later tonight
- We should have a final agreement ready for the board at the October meeting
- When we formally become a unified district, we will need to sign an additional agreement with River Islands Development to build the high school

Building Structures / New Construction

- Maintenance Director Daniel Velazquez addressed current ongoing maintenance in his presentation
- Later tonight, consultant Art Hand will update the board on new construction
- We are on track with the STEAM expansion
- We are in the developing stages re River Islands school #2
- Even though we are not a fully unified district yet, we are moving forward in the design of the high school

River Islands Charters

- We have an outline on how the Charter at River Islands would operate
- One Charter Management Organization (CMO), with several charters
- If the mitigation is agreed to, the CMO would oversee three K-8 schools and one High School. For the remainder of the schools to be under the CMO, the Board would have to take action at that time
- We are planning for a July 1, 2020 creation of the CMO
- The CMO would be chartered by the Banta District, but have a separate Board. Two BESD Board members would be on the Charter Board. BESD would have oversight responsibilities.

Banta Elementary School Challenges

- Even though the District is solvent and there is growth in the River Islands area, Banta Elementary school is still struggling with declining enrollment
- It is important to note that each school (Charter and non-charter), must generate enough funds to sustain that school's staffing and operations
- The growth in the River Islands area has no impact on the Banta Elementary declining issue.

Banta Elementary School declining enrollment is due to several factors:

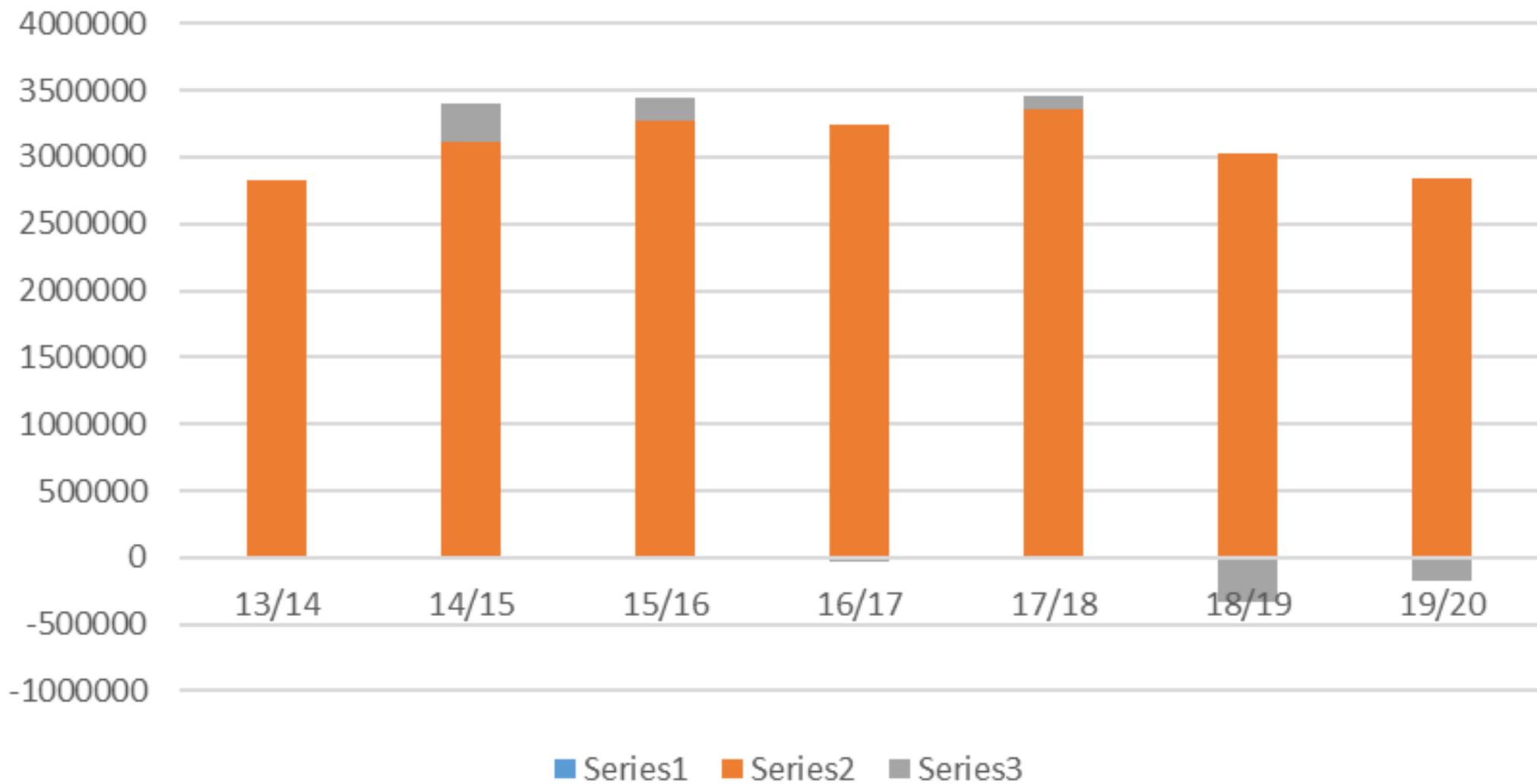
- The closing of several dairy farms in the area, and the farm workers moving out of the district
- No new housing growth in the BE school boundaries
- Tracy Unified School District is rejecting most inter-district transfers. Currently we have approximately 157 out of district students with a total enrollment of 316.
- We anticipate losing 15 students per year (\$135,000 per year total)

How does declining enrollment affect BES?

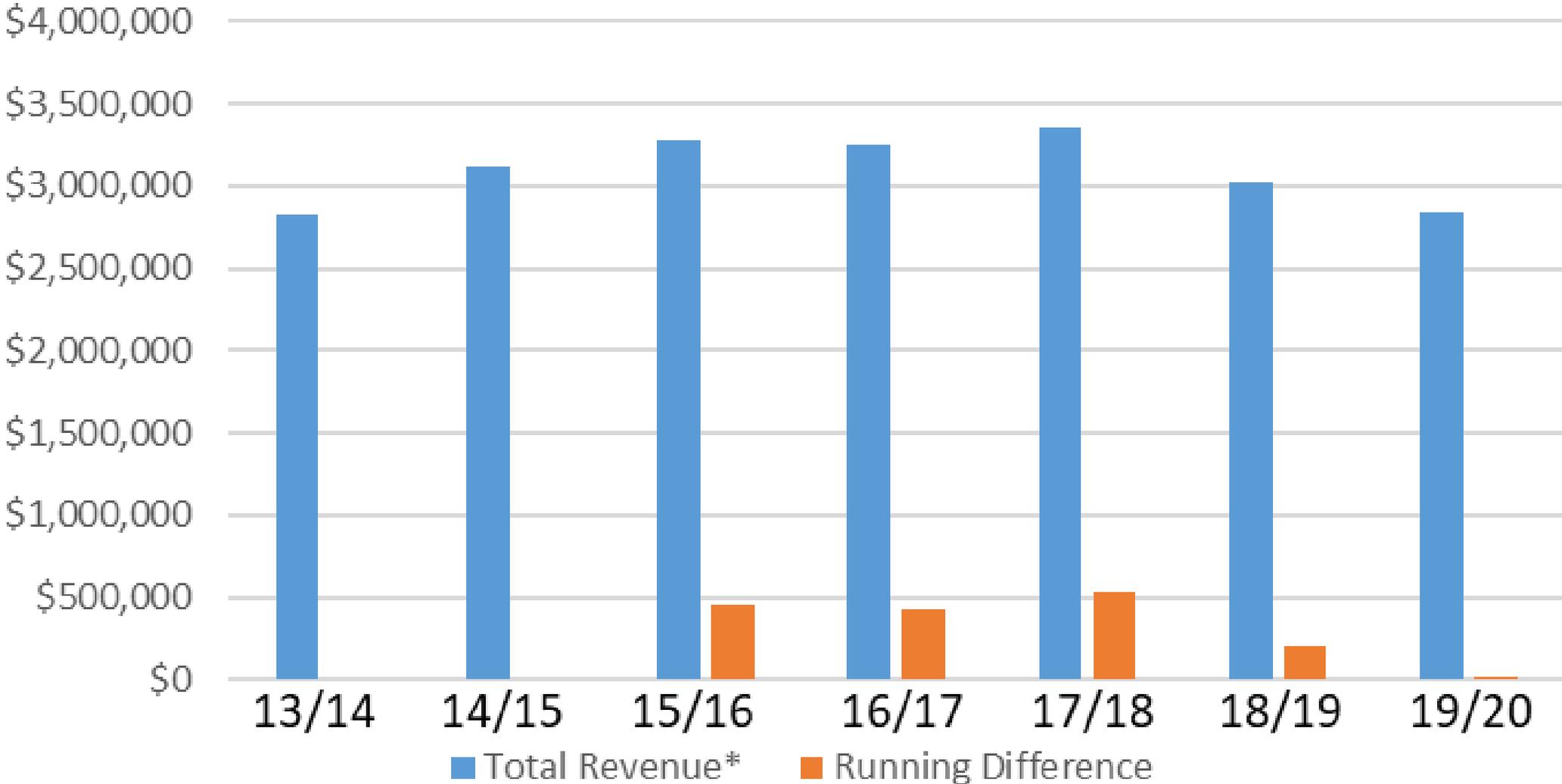
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- 15/16 364 \$3,276,000
- 16/17 361 \$3,249,000
- 17/16 373 \$3,357,000
- 18/19 336 \$3,024,000
- 19/20 316 \$2,844,000

| Years | Enrollment | Total Revenue* | Difference | Running Difference | High year v. Low year |
|-------|------------|----------------|------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 13/14 | 314 | \$2,826,000 | | | |
| 14/15 | 346 | \$3,114,000 | \$288,000 | | |
| 15/16 | 364 | \$3,276,000 | \$162,000 | \$450,000 | |
| 16/17 | 361 | \$3,249,000 | -\$27,000 | \$423,000 | |
| 17/18 | 373 | \$3,357,000 | \$108,000 | \$531,000 | |
| 18/19 | 336 | \$3,024,000 | -\$333,000 | \$198,000 | \$3,357,000 - \$2,844,000 |
| 19/20 | 316 | \$2,844,000 | -\$180,000 | \$18,000 | \$513,000 |

Using a simplified base number of \$9,000 per student

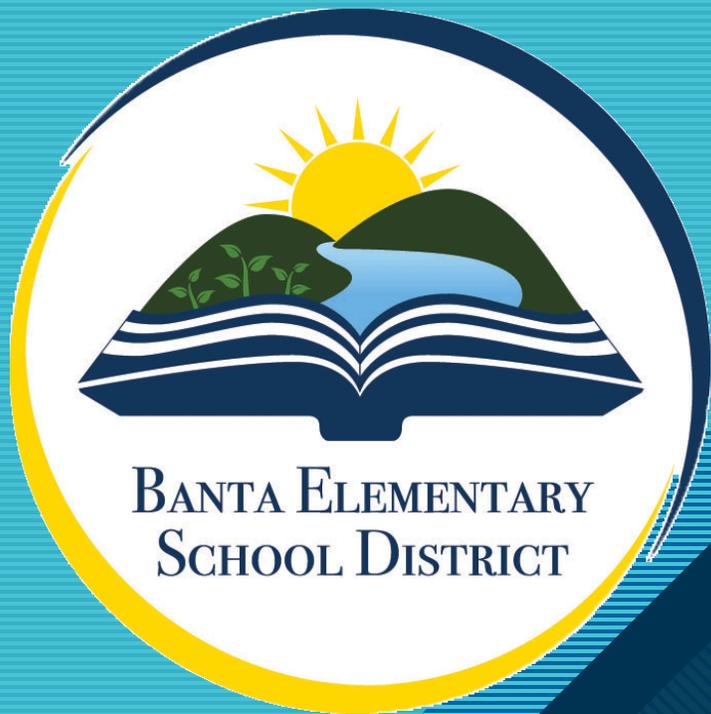


BES Funding



What can we do?

- Go back to our roots and embrace our history as a rural school that's in a farming community
- Rebranding the school as an “agriculture school” to honor our history
- Consider making hosting a Charter School at BES
- Working together, we can build Banta School and bring new life back to this great school with a rich heritage
- We'll need support from the School Board, teachers, support staff, parents, community and SJCOE to accomplish this dream



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Any questions?