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Currently, 1,028 students are enrolled. Herrera reported that MA has open seats and a waitlist of 196. The

waitlist consists of families which have submitted a letter of intent. These families will not necessarily leave their current schools. In the event that the seats are filled, remaining students will be selected by a lottery. Interviews are ongoing.

Board President Matthew Clawson said he had heard that the new school would open with only a ninth-grade class and not ninth and tenth as anticipated. Herrera confirmed that there were not enough students to support two classes.

Herrera said that MA is making the best decisions possible under the unprecedented circumstances and appreciates the support of the district.

2020-21 preliminary budget discussion

State law requires that the district approve and submit a budget by the end

of June. Due to the extended closure and fluid conditions at the state and federal levels, this year's budget will be more challenging than before.

Executive Director of Financial Services David Crews provided the board with a draft budget.

Among the new features of this year's revenue are a number of contributions allowed by recent legislation. The Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) passed by the federal government on March 27 serves to cover such contingencies as paid sick leave, insurance coverage of virus testing, and nutritional support. The state received \$121 million from this act, and the district is likely to receive a projected \$228,000. This money





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