

# Legislative Report FY 2021 Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) Annual Report



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## IOWA CODE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING SAVE REPORTING

This report regarding the Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) fund and any remaining funds is provided per the following requirements from Iowa Code.

### **256.9 (19) Duties of director.**

The department shall compile the financial information related to chapters 423E and 423F from the certified annual reports of each school district received pursuant to section 291.10, subsection 2, and shall submit the information to the general assembly in an annual report each February 1.

### **291.10 (1) Reports by secretary.**

The school district shall file an annual report with the director of the department of education on forms prepared for that purpose.

### **291.10 (2) Reports by secretary.**

The annual report shall include the financial information required in section 423F.5, subsection 1, as related to monies received under chapter 423E or 423F, as applicable, for each budget year.

### **423F.5 (1) Contents of financial audit.**

A school district shall include as part of its financial audit for the budget year beginning July 1, 2007, and for each subsequent budget year the amount received during the year pursuant to chapter 423E or this chapter, as applicable. In addition, the financial audit shall include the amount of bond levies, physical plant and equipment levy, and public educational and recreational levy reduced as a result of the money received under chapter 423E or this chapter, as applicable. The amount of the reductions shall be stated in terms of dollars and cents per one thousand dollars of valuation and in total amount of property tax dollars. Also included shall be an accounting of the amount of money received which were spent for infrastructure purposes pursuant to chapter 423E or this chapter, as applicable.

These funds are intended to be used solely for school infrastructure purposes or property tax relief.

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## DISTRICT-LEVEL DATA

District-by-district data related to the annual report to the legislature will be posted to the [Secure an Advance Vision for Education \(SAVE\)](#) page of the Iowa Department of Education's website once available. These data are from two sources: the districts' Certified Annual Report (CAR) and the districts' Facilities, Elections, and Sales Tax (FEST) submissions. The FY21 FEST submission process was impacted by technical issues with the reporting application.

## SAVE ANNUAL REPORT – FEBRUARY 2022

Due to rounding, numbers presented throughout this document may not add up precisely to the totals provided and percentages may not precisely reflect the absolute figures.

### FY21 SALES TAX FINANCIAL INFORMATION – FUND 33

#### BALANCES

	FY20	FY21	Difference	Growth/ Decline
School Districts Submitting Information	327	327	NA	0%
Beginning Balance	\$775,803,219	\$821,894,087	\$46,090,868	6%
Ending Balance	\$821,894,087	\$903,665,263	\$81,771,176	10%

#### REVENUES

	FY20	FY21	Difference	Growth/ Decline
Total Revenues and Transfers	\$800,562,215	\$918,211,116	\$117,648,901	15%
Sales Tax Revenues	\$506,796,812	\$489,445,506	-\$17,351,306	-3%
Other Local Revenues	\$16,940,713	\$12,976,626	-\$3,964,087	-23%
Other State Revenues	\$157,075	\$205,378	\$48,303	31%
Federal Revenues	\$1,030,961	\$1,404,755	\$373,794	36%
Sale of Long-Term Debt	\$251,365,494	\$308,314,773	\$56,949,279	23%
Transfer from Other Funds	\$8,877,642	\$71,684,350	\$62,806,708	710%
Other Revenue	\$15,393,519	\$34,179,730	\$18,786,211	122%

## EXPENDITURES

	FY20	FY21	Difference	Growth/ Decline
Total Expenditures and Transfers	<b>\$754,471,347</b>	<b>\$836,439,940</b>	<b>\$81,968,593</b>	<b>11%</b>
School Infrastructure Construction	\$221,464,199	\$262,602,843	<b>\$41,138,644</b>	<b>19%</b>
Land Purchased	\$10,386,399	\$5,359,093	<b>-\$5,027,306</b>	<b>-48%</b>
Buildings Purchased	\$3,009,311	\$1,636,933	<b>-\$1,372,378</b>	<b>-46%</b>
Equipment	\$72,261,080	\$59,318,422	<b>-\$12,942,658</b>	<b>-18%</b>
Other	\$74,744,922	\$94,154,745	<b>\$19,409,823</b>	<b>26%</b>
Transfers to the Debt Service Fund	\$313,910,590	\$331,817,292	<b>\$17,906,702</b>	<b>6%</b>
Transfers to Other Funds	\$58,694,847	\$81,550,612	<b>\$22,855,765</b>	<b>39%</b>

“Other” expenditures refer to issuance costs and debt-related costs, purchased professional and technical services such as architectural and legal, salaries and benefits related to project costs, construction services, building construction supplies, equipment, and purchased property services.

## COMPARISON OF TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO TOTAL REVENUES

Fiscal Year	Expenditures as a Percentage of Revenues
2020	94.2%
2021	91.1%

## FY21 REVENUE BOND INFORMATION

### SAVE Balances and Revenue Bonds

	FY20	FY21	Difference	Growth/ Decline
Non-spendable Fund Balance	\$872,280	\$960,275	\$87,995	10%
Restricted Fund Balance (for Revenue Bond Reserve)	\$54,188,179	\$82,089,946	\$27,901,767	51%
Other Restricted Balance	\$829,603,302	\$878,145,695	\$48,542,393	6%
Unassigned Fund Balance	-\$62,769,674	-\$57,530,653	\$5,239,021	8%
Revenue Bonds Outstanding	\$1,780,875,173	\$1,878,818,536	\$97,943,363	5%

### Definitions for Revenue Bonds Information

**Non-spendable Fund Balance** – The non-spendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. This may include the long-term amount of loans and receivables, as well as property acquired for resale and the corpus (principal) of a permanent fund.

**Restricted Fund Balance** – The restricted fund balance classification should be reported when legally enforceable constraints placed on the use of resources are either (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

**Unassigned Fund Balance** – The unassigned fund balance classification is used to report the residual amount for all *other* governmental funds after non-spendable, restricted, and committed balances have been identified, if the residual amount is negative.

## SAVE REPORTING

### REVENUE PURPOSE STATEMENT (RPS) SUMMARY

	FY20		FY21	
	School Districts	Percentage	School Districts	Percentage
School districts that indicated RPS expires 2029	197	60%	137	42%
School districts that indicated RPS expires before 2029	23	7%	19	6%
School districts that indicated RPS expires after 2029	103	31%	171	52%
School districts that did not indicate the RPS expiration date	6	2%	0	0%
School Infrastructure Purposes	322	98%	325	99%
Property Tax Relief	280	86%	282	86%
Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) Purposes	305	93%	303	93%
Public Education and Recreation Levy (PERL) Purposes	119	36%	144	44%
Share with other entities under a 28E agreement	68	21%	38	17%

**LEVY INFORMATION**

<b>Did the district reduce levies as a result of the money received under Chapter 423E or 423F in the following funds?</b>	<b>FY20</b>	<b>FY21</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Growth/Decline</b>
<b>Debt Service Levy</b>				
Number of school districts that indicated "yes"	36	19	-17	-47%
Amount of property tax reduction	\$8,795,745	\$7,174,711	-\$1,621,034	-18%
<b>PPEL</b>				
Number of school districts that indicated "yes"	31	8	-23	-74%
Amount of property tax reduction	\$5,853,356	\$1,557,991	-\$4,295,365	-73%
<b>PERL</b>				
Number of school districts that indicated "yes"	15	1	-14	-93%
Amount of property tax reduction	\$40,102	\$19,427	-\$20,675	-52%

**MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

	<b>FY20</b>	<b>FY21</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Growth/Decline</b>
Number of school districts that issued revenue bonds through Chapter 423F	124	143	19	15%
Amount of sales tax used to pay revenue bonds during FY21	\$128,866,671	\$145,230,063	\$16,363,392	13%
Number of school districts that indicated if local option sales and services tax SAVE were not available, the district would have increased property taxes through a bond referendum, voter-approved PPEL, regular PPEL, and/or PERL	221	224	3	1%