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	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Estimate	FY 2008 Approved	FY 2009 Approved
PROGRAM BUDGET				
Phoenix Day School for the Deaf	7,742,700	10,948,300	10,907,300	10,648,500
Preschool/Outreach Programs	4,205,800	5,968,600	5,616,800	5,639,700
Regional Cooperatives	2,460,500	1,849,400	1,939,200	1,859,000
Tucson Campus	16,105,900	16,311,500	17,864,700	17,229,500
AGENCY TOTAL	30,514,900	35,077,800	36,328,000	35,376,700
OPERATING BUDGET				
Full Time Equivalent Positions	587.2	587.2	587.2	587.2
Personal Services	19,103,900	21,934,400	22,576,100	21,934,400
Employee Related Expenditures	6,370,900	7,849,000	8,477,400	7,827,000
Professional and Outside Services	681,700	663,400	663,400	663,400
Travel - In State	22,300	60,300	60,300	60,300
Travel - Out of State	6,200	3,500	3,500	3,500
Other Operating Expenditures	4,003,600	3,036,100	3,035,500	2,890,500
Food	124,800	128,000	128,000	128,000
Equipment	201,500	553,100	253,100	253,100
OPERATING SUBTOTAL	30,514,900	34,227,800	35,197,300	33,760,200^{1/}
SPECIAL LINE ITEMS				
School Bus Replacement	0	850,000	630,000	738,000
Voucher Fund Adjustment	0	0	500,700 ^{2/}	878,500 ^{2/}
AGENCY TOTAL	30,514,900	35,077,800	36,328,000	35,376,700
FUND SOURCES				
General Fund	16,766,400	21,260,900	22,010,400	20,681,300
Other Appropriated Funds				
Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Fund	12,831,000	13,816,900	14,317,600 ^{3/}	14,695,400 ^{3/}
Telecommunications Excise Tax Fund	917,500	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds	13,748,500	13,816,900	14,317,600	14,695,400
SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds	30,514,900	35,077,800	36,328,000	35,376,700
Other Non-Appropriated Funds				
Other Non-Appropriated Funds	16,558,400	21,116,900	21,116,900	21,116,900
Federal Funds	2,792,600	2,756,300	2,406,200	2,406,200
TOTAL - ALL SOURCES	49,865,900	58,951,000	59,851,100	58,899,800

AGENCY DESCRIPTION — The Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (ASDB) provides comprehensive educational programs for sensory impaired students from birth to age 22. ASDB has 2 main campuses, a day school in Phoenix and a residential campus in Tucson, as well as a diagnostic center in Tucson, satellite preschools in the Tucson and Phoenix Metropolitan areas, and 5 regional offices from which cooperative programs with school districts are operated. ASDB also serves infants and toddlers throughout the state. ASDB serves approximately 2,258 children: 532 students in the K-12 programs (260 in Tucson and 272 in Phoenix), 176 children in preschools, 319 infant/toddlers in regional areas, and 1,231 children through the 5 existing regional cooperatives.

^{1/} General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Program.
^{2/} Before the expenditure of any monies in the Voucher Fund Adjustment line item in FY 2008 and FY 2009, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee shall review the intended use of the funds. (General Appropriation Act footnote)
^{3/} Before the expenditure of any Arizona Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Fund monies in excess of \$14,317,600 in FY 2008 and \$14,695,400 in FY 2009, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee shall review the intended use of the funds. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2008
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Approved
• % of parents rating overall quality of services as “good” or “excellent” based on annual survey	94	92	93	95
• % of students in grade 5 meeting or exceeding state academic standards in:				
-- reading	24	16	24	28
-- writing	47	19	19	25
-- math	19	16	26	30
Comments: In FY 2004, students were allowed to take out-of-level tests. Beginning in FY 2005, out-of-level testing was not allowed. For that reason, FY 2004 data is not comparable with data in subsequent years. Performance increased slightly in FY 2006.				
• % of students in high school meeting or exceeding state academic standards in:				
-- reading	29	17	20	25
-- writing	39	21	20	25
-- math	7	17	16	20
Comments: In FY 2004, students were allowed to take out-of-level tests. Beginning in FY 2005, out-of-level testing was not allowed. For that reason, FY 2004 data is not comparable with data in subsequent years. Performance increased slightly in FY 2006.				

Operating Budget

The budget provides \$35,197,300 for the operating budget in FY 2008 and \$33,760,200 in FY 2009. These amounts consist of:

	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Fund	\$21,380,400	\$19,943,300
Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Fund	13,816,900	13,816,900

These amounts fund the following adjustments:

Statewide Adjustments

The budget provides an increase of \$1,168,500 from the General Fund in FY 2008 and a decrease of \$(218,100) in FY 2009 for statewide adjustments. *(Please the Statewide Adjustments section at the end of this Appropriations Report for details. The annualization of these adjustments for FY 2009 will be addressed in the 2008 budget process.)*

Funding Reallocation

The budget reallocates funding between the 4 programs in ASDB in FY 2008 and 2009. The table below displays the change in funding by program:

Program	General Fund	Schools for the Deaf and Blind Fund
Phoenix Day School for the Deaf	\$(21,500)	\$ (600,000)
Preschool/Outreach Programs	(25,000)	(801,900)
Regional Cooperatives	15,000	--
Tucson Campus	31,500	1,401,900
Total	\$ 0	\$ 0

The funding allocated to each program for FY 2007 was based on estimated expenditures. However, the FY 2008 and FY 2009 amounts more accurately reflect ASDB's actual and planned expenditures.

One-time Funding for Air Conditioners

The budget provides a decrease of \$(300,000) from the General Fund in FY 2008 and FY 2009 to reflect one-time funding provided for the installation of 3 air conditioners in dorms on the Tucson Campus.

Transportation Fuel

The budget provides an increase of \$50,500 from the General Fund in FY 2008 and FY 2009 for increases in the cost of gasoline and diesel fuel used in school buses.

Dorm Furniture

The budget provides a one-time increase of \$50,500 from the General Fund in FY 2008 to replace dorm furniture at the Tucson campus.

Assistive Technology Devices

The budget provides no change in funding in FY 2008 and FY 2009 for assistive technology devices. As part of the FY 2007 budget process, \$110,000 of assistive technology device funding was originally designated as one-time funding. The FY 2008 budget retains these monies as an ongoing appropriation. ASDB's FY 2008 and FY 2009 budgets include a total of \$253,100 from the General Fund for assistive technology devices. Assistive technology devices include: electronic dictionaries for visually impaired students, mobile classroom computer labs for visually disabled students, interactive whiteboards for hearing impaired students, and computer and software

upgrades for computers used by visually impaired students.

Foundation for Blind Children Preschool Program

The budget provides no change in funding in FY 2008 and FY 2009 for the preschool program at the Foundation for Blind Children.

Special Line Items

School Bus Replacement

The budget provides \$630,000 from the General Fund for the School Bus Replacement Special Line Item in FY 2008 and \$738,000 in FY 2009. These amounts fund the following adjustment:

Bus Replacement

The budget provides a decrease of \$(220,000) from the General Fund in FY 2008 and a decrease of \$(112,000) in FY 2009 for the replacement of school buses. ASDB plans to replace 7 gasoline buses in FY 2008 and 8 gasoline buses in FY 2009.

Monies in this line item are used for the purchase of new school buses. According to the School Facilities Board rules for ASDB, a gasoline powered bus should be replaced after 10 years or 150,000 miles.

Voucher Fund Adjustment

The budget provides \$500,700 from the Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Fund for the Voucher Fund Adjustment Special Line Item in FY 2008 and \$878,500 in FY 2009. These amounts fund the following adjustment:

Voucher Fund Increase

The budget provides an increase of \$500,700 from the Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Fund in FY 2008 and \$878,500 in FY 2009 for ASDB voucher funding. ASDB's actual voucher funding requirement for FY 2007 is expected to be \$(32,100) less than the appropriated amount due to lower-than-expected enrollment in prior years. This decrease will be more than offset in FY 2008, however, as ASDB's voucher funding from the Department of Education (ADE) is expected to increase by \$467,800 for enrollment growth and inflation funding and \$65,000 from State Trust Land revenues above the revised FY 2007 estimated requirement. In FY 2009, voucher funding from ADE is expected to increase by an additional \$372,800 for enrollment growth and inflation funding and \$5,000 from state trust land revenues above the revised FY 2008 estimated requirement for a total net increase of \$878,500. (See the "2% Inflation Adjustment" issue in the Department of Education budget for more information.)

A new footnote requires JLBC review prior to any monies being spent from the Voucher Fund Adjustment Special Line Item in FY 2008 and FY 2009.

Special education voucher monies in the ASDB Fund represent ASDB's reimbursement from the ADE for educational costs based on its enrollment. As with school districts, ASDB's ADE funding is determined by statutory formula. The included amounts are reflected within a Special Line Item to give ASDB flexibility in allocating the increased funding among its 4 programs. Once ASDB decides how to allocate these monies, the voucher funds would be distributed to regular line items.