

DIA –Fund Balances (GASB-54)

The Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School District (WLCSD) shall comply with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Definitions. Fund balance will be reported in governmental funds under the following five categories using the definitions provided by GASB Statement No. 54: Nonspendable Fund Balance, Restricted Fund Balance, Committed Fund Balance, Assigned Fund Balance and Unassigned Fund Balance.

The following fund type definitions will be used in reporting activity in governmental funds across the WLCSD: General Fund, Special Revenue Fund, Capital Project Fund and Permanent Fund. The WLCSD may or may not report all fund types in any given reporting period, based on actual activity.

The School Board, as the government's highest level of decision-making authority, may **commit** fund balance by a formal vote prior to the government's fiscal year-end for that fiscal year. Future modification or rescission of committed funds must likewise be accomplished by a formal vote of the School Board.

The School Board expressly delegates to the Superintendent, through the Business Administrator, the authority under this policy to **assign** funds for particular purposes.

The School Board will turn back any unassigned general fund balance at year-end to offset the next fiscal year's tax rate for the towns. Upon authorization by the Wilton-Lyndeborough School District, the school district may retain a total general fund year-end unassigned fund balance in an amount not to exceed 2.5 percent. Compliance with the provisions of this policy shall be reviewed as a part of the annual budget adoption process.

Legal Reference:

RSA 32, Municipal Budget Law

RSA 33, Municipal Finance Act

RSA 35, Capital Reserve Funds

RSA 198:5 School Money

Governmental Standard Board Statement 54 (GASB 54)

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