Charter Petition Budget
Key Terms

**Budget** - A financial operation plan that includes an estimate of proposed expenditures for a given period and the proposed means of financing them.

**QBE** - Quality Basic Education.

**QBE Formula Earnings** - The state funds that schools earn based on the needs of the students and the experience and education of the teachers.

**Allotment Sheet** - A spreadsheet detailing an appropriation which may be expended during a specific period.

**Revenue** - Inflows of assets from an entity’s operations.

**Expenses** - Outflows or other using up of assets or incurrences of liabilities (or a combination of both) from delivering or producing goods, rendering services or carrying out other activities that constitute the entity's ongoing major or central operations.

**Fiscal Year** - A 12-month period to which the annual operating budget applies and at the end of which an LUA determines its financial position and the results of its operations. July 1 through June 30 is the fiscal year for Georgia LUAs.

**Fixed Costs** - Costs of providing goods or services that do not vary proportionately to the volume of goods or services provided (e.g., insurance and contributions to retirement systems).

**Net Surplus** - Total revenue-total expenses with a positive balance (total revenue>total expenses).

**Net Deficit** - Total revenue-total expenses with a negative balance (total revenue<total expenses).

**Contingency Fund** - Money set aside to cover operation losses in future fiscal years.