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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.