

# New in 2020! Budget Services for Governance Teams

One of the most important functions of a school board is school budget and finance. When school divisions are preparing their budgets, it is important for all members of the Governance Team to understand the budget process, know the school board's role in the process and know how to communicate budget requests to their local appropriating body.

VSBA offers two types of trainings for school board members that takes an in-depth look at the school budgeting process. The trainings will be led by one of the top experts in the state on school board budgets, Dr. Michael Thornton.

- **Half-Day Group Training Session**

In this half day group session, board members will learn their role in the budget process and how the budget relates to the board's mission and vision for the school system.

Major topics covered during this session include:

- History of School Finance
- Overview of the BEP
- Local Revenue and Federal Funds
- Budget Process
- How to Reach a Budget Document
- Factors Affecting a Budget
- Building Support for the Budget

Attendees for this session will be from multiple school divisions across Virginia. Full or partial Governance Teams may attend. The half-day session is held at the VSBA Offices in Charlottesville.

- **Full Day Personalized Training Session**

A consultant will work with your Governance to review your school board budgeting process. Discussion will include techniques to present the school board budget to your local appropriating body as well as any specific budget challenges related to your school division. This training session is scheduled based on your calendar and what works best for all members of your team.

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