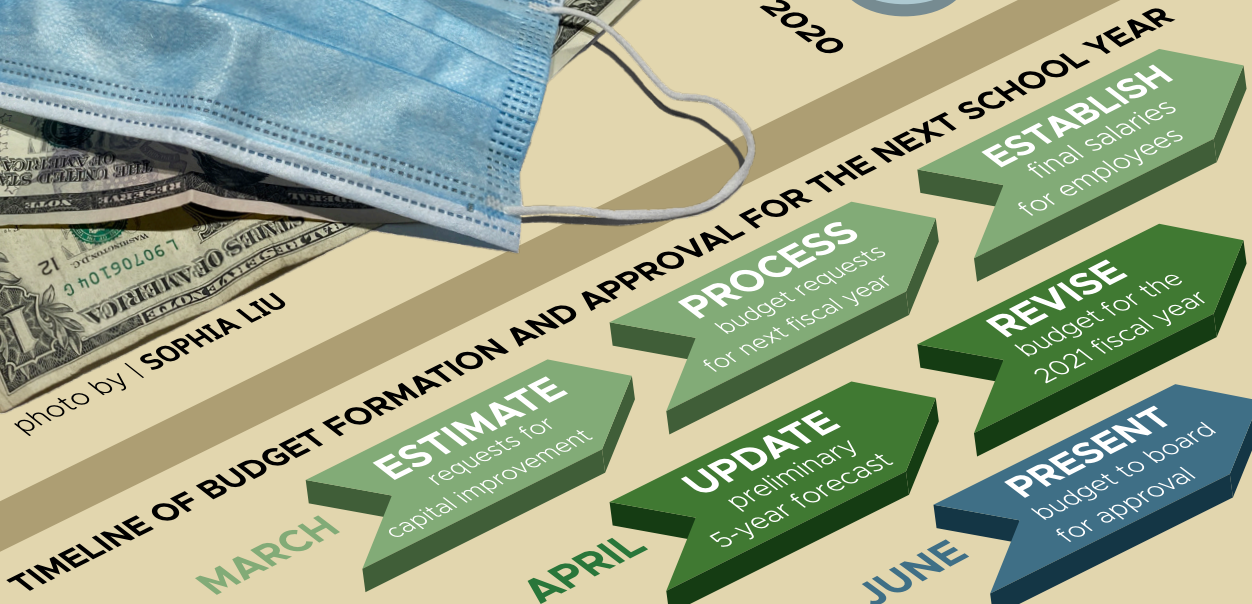


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PAYING FOR A PANDEMIC

A look into the effects of budget allocation on administration and employees

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With the unemployment rate reaching historical highs at a staggering 14.7% in April, the pandemic has caused the number of furloughs and layoffs to soar.

The furloughs and layoffs have also hit close to home. For example, located just 25 miles away, school bus providers were forced to lay off 127 bus drivers at the Northwest School District in Jefferson County, Mo.

At Ladue, the administration avoided furloughing or laying off any employees by readjusting the budget for the 2020-2021

fiscal year. Ladue also received several grants for COVID-19 relief.

To alleviate pandemic safety concerns, Ladue has elevated routine sanitation services, enforcing procedures for deep cleaning and installing plexiglass. Consequently, the custodial staff has seen an increase in hours and even number of workers. However, with budget modifications, Ladue avoided additional expenses from the supplemental cleaning services.

Let us take a closer look into how Ladue has calibrated budgetary affairs and its effects on employees such as the custodial staff. ☐