14 - Retirement Fund Budget

**PURPOSE:** This fund is used to pay the employer contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS), Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), unemployment insurance, social security (FICA), and Medicare for the following:

1. District employees whose salary and health-related benefits, if any, are paid from state or local funding sources;
2. Cooperative employees whose salary and health-related benefits, if any, are paid from the cooperative's interlocal agreement fund if the fund is supported solely from district's General Fund (01) and state special education allowable cost payments (or are paid from the Miscellaneous Programs Fund (15) with money received from the Medicaid program);
3. District employees whose salary and health-related benefits, if any, are paid from the district's School Food Services Fund (12);
4. District employees whose salary and health-related benefits, if any, are provided to the employee, and are paid from the district's Impact Aid Fund (26).

The Retirement fund CANNOT be used to pay:

1. Retirement incentives;
2. Any portion of a retirement fund contribution on behalf of an employee (only the employer's contributions may be paid from the Retirement fund); or
3. Any amount paid to an employee directly (only payments to TRS, PERS, FICA, and unemployment insurance carriers are allowable). *(§20-9-501, MCA)*

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:** The Retirement Fund (14) is supported by a county wide levy and does not require the district to notice or vote to levy in this fund.

**BUDGET & RESERVES Tab:**

1. Select and enter 0001 Adopted Budget. This fund is supported by a countywide retirement levy. To allow the county to accurately determine the levy, districts must submit a list of all employment positions and their salaries to the county superintendent when submitting the adopted budget. *(§20-9-132, MCA)*
2. Operating Reserve: An operating reserve of up to 20% of the adopted budget is permitted and recommended, as shortfalls can present significant problems to both the district and county.
3. If the county needs to recover from a negative balance, include the shortfall amount to the adopted budget.
4. This amount is calculated by the OPI and appears on the Budget Report for the Retirement Fund (14).

**REVENUES Tab:**

This fund is not supported by a district tax levy. The Retirement Fund (14) receives the following revenues:

1. Non-levy Revenues are entered by the district and should be ESTIMATED.
   - Non-levy revenue sources include: 1510, 1900, 9100, and 9710.
2. Fund Balance Reappropriated; *MAEFAIRS calculates*
3. County Wide Distribution 2240. *MAEFAIRS calculates*

**SUMMARY Tab:** No input required.

Verify the budget shown here.