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The first week of October marks the beginning of Lawson Budget Group live user testing.

Budget groups combine budget dollars from multiple cost accounts and streamline up-front purchasing duties of schools and departments. For example, if a school needs to purchase supplies that cost \$103 and their budget for supplies is \$100, today Lawson will **not** release the requisition. Budget groups combine their supplies budget of \$100 with their professional development budget of \$500 for a total of \$600 and Lawson **will** release the requisition. Budget groups boast many benefits:

- Faster requisition release
- Quicker purchase order creation
- Sooner receipt of goods/services
- Fewer budget transfers
- More focus on students
- Time and money savings
- Higher level of customer service

Three schools and three departments will test budget groups in October and November. One school principal is so excited she asked, "What took so long?!" The primary purpose of user testing is to hone our training materials for use when we open up training and implementation to all schools and departments in January 2019. Full implementation will be complete by July 1, 2019.

Budget groups will extend to other funds except Instructional Materials and Capital as that funding comes with strings and is much less flexible. For the same reason, budget groups will only apply to certain grant funds.

Stay tuned for more budget group news as we receive feedback from user test sites!