What Do You Value?
SPPS Budget Engagement Meeting

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Saint Paul Public Schools: School District Budgeting 101

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In Saint Paul Public Schools, everyone has the same goal.

To...

● inspire our students think critically
● pursue their dreams and
● change the world
BUDGET 101

Who pays for everything?
Where does the money come from?
How is the money spent?
In theory, a balanced budget is very simple... the money coming in needs to equal the money going out.
What influences district budgets?

- Mandates from state or local government
- Local property taxes
- Enrollment numbers
- State and federal funding formulas
- Employee contract agreements
Where does the money come from?
The money from these sources comes with strings, or restrictions, on how SPPS spends the money.
How is the money spent?
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LONG-TERM COMMITMENTS/PROJECTS/DEBTS
- Food Service (3%)
- Community Service (3%)
- Building Construction (11%)
- Debt Service (5%)

General Fund (78%)

PAYS FOR THE CORE OF GENERAL EDUCATION K-12
What does GENERAL FUND pay for?

- Administration Support Services (8%)
- Student Programs & Services (76%)
- Maintenance Operations, Equipment & Other Fiscal Expense (16%)
American Rescue Plan (ARP)

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER)
What is ARP/ESSER?

Emergency relief dollars that were allocated to school districts to help districts provide services (nutrition, mental health support, academic support, facilities upgrades, etc.) during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.
Impact of ARP/ESSER ending in 2024

- The district currently has $114.2 million budgeted in FY24 for positions, services and programs using ESSER III (ARP) funds.

- These federal funds will expire in September 2024, and the district will no longer have access to this revenue stream.
The Challenge and Task for FY25 and Beyond

- Based on the FY24 budget (adopted by the Board of Education in June 2023) the district plans to deficit spend in FY24 by $34.4 million. Left unchecked, with inflation, this deficit would grow to $36.1 million in FY25.

- Therefore, based on current data, the district will have at least a $150.3 million budget shortfall for FY25.
Additional Information

- SPPS Budget Information: spps.org/budget
- SPPS ARP/ESSER: spps.org/arp