

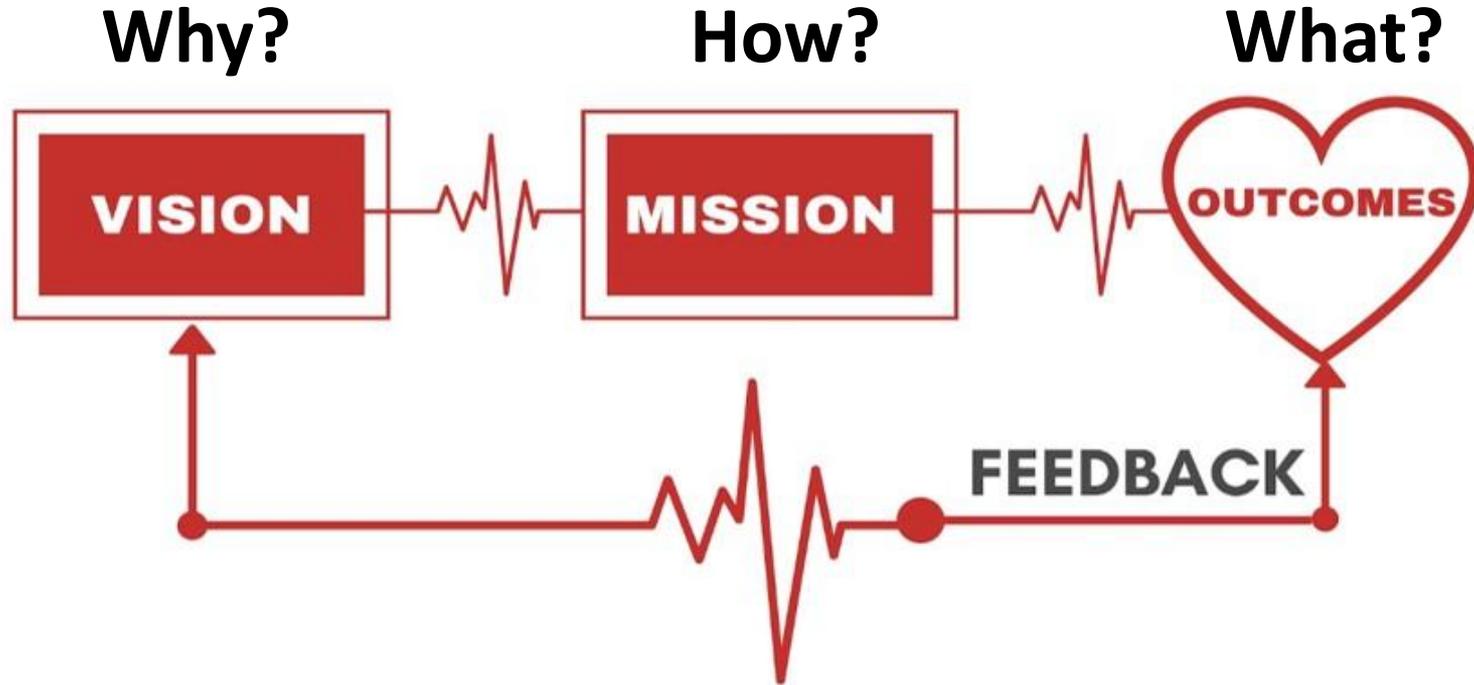
# Superintendent's Report

**Dr. Akil E. Ross, Sr.**  
**Superintendent**  
School District Five of Lexington and  
Richland Counties

**March 27, 2023**



# We Are a System



System – A group of units so combined as to **form a whole and to operate in unison**

Source: Merriam Webster Dictionary

**WE LOVE & GROW**  
**our students!**

# Our Mission

The mission of School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties, in partnership with our stakeholders, is to prepare all students to be college and career ready by providing a challenging curriculum in a safe, secure, diverse, and equitable learning environment focused on academic, social, and emotional growth and development.



# Strategic Plan Outcomes



**Objective:** Every student feels they are “loved” in our schools.

## **Performance Goal Area (1)**

School Climate

6 Strategies

## **Performance Goal Area (3)**

Teacher Administrator Quality

6 Strategies

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**Objective:** Every Student has demonstrated academic growth in our schools.

## **Performance Goal Area (2)**

Student Achievement

6 Strategies

## **Performance Goal Area (4)**

Gifted and Talented

8 Strategies

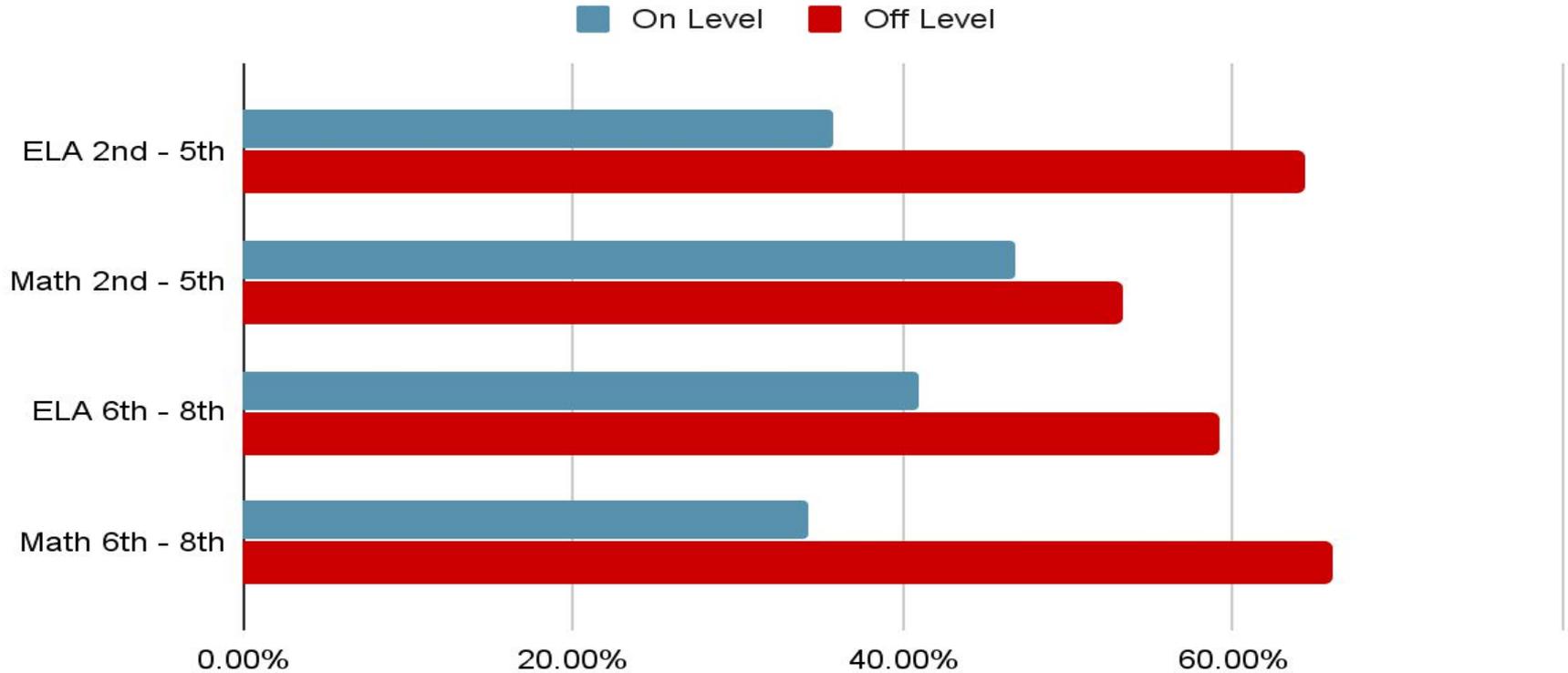
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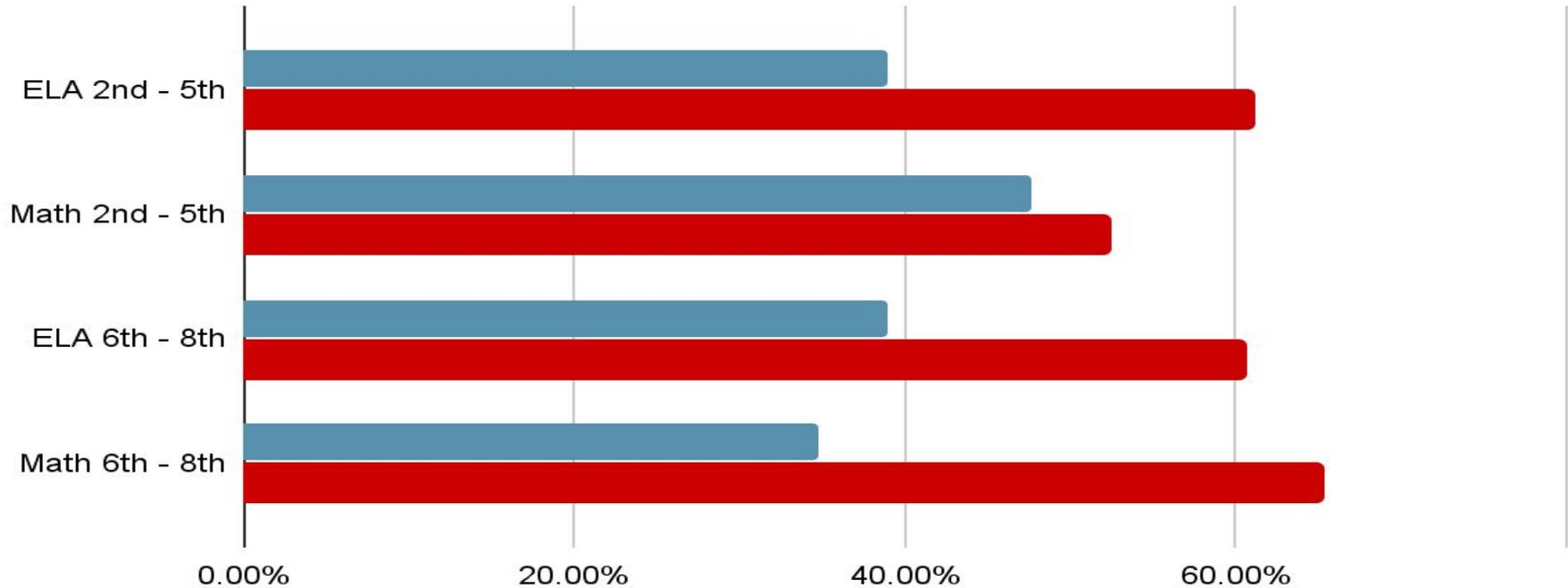
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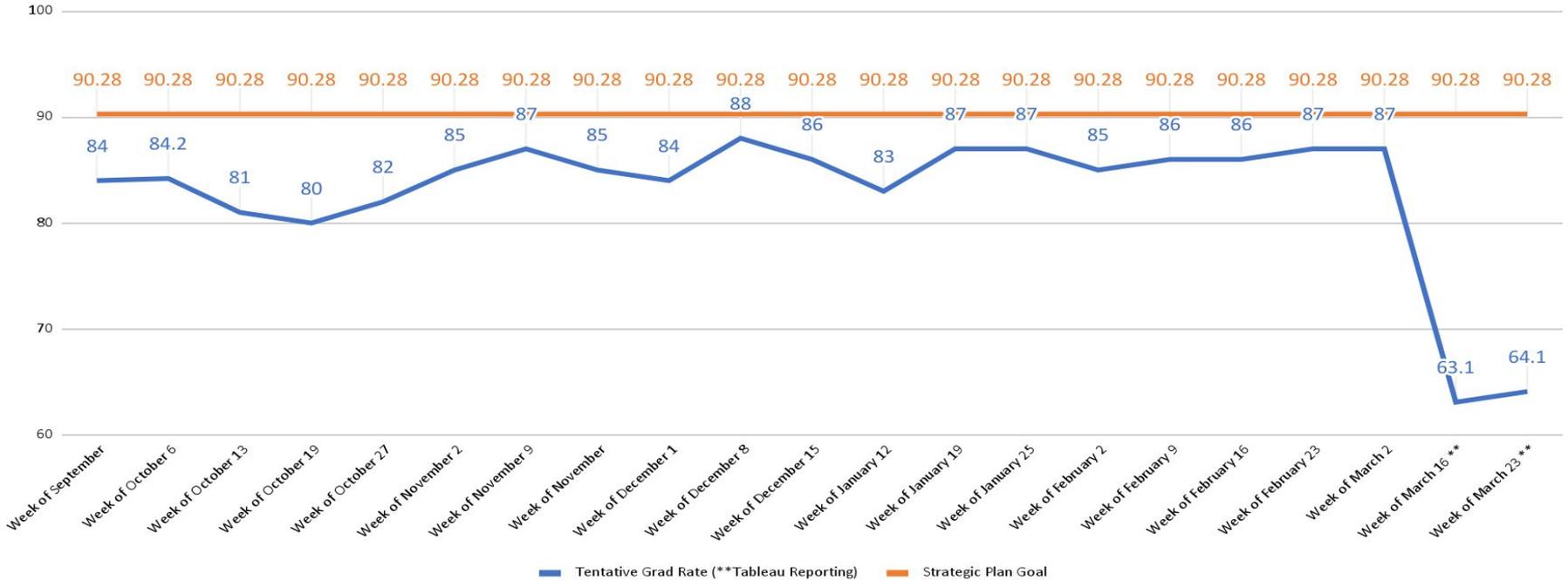
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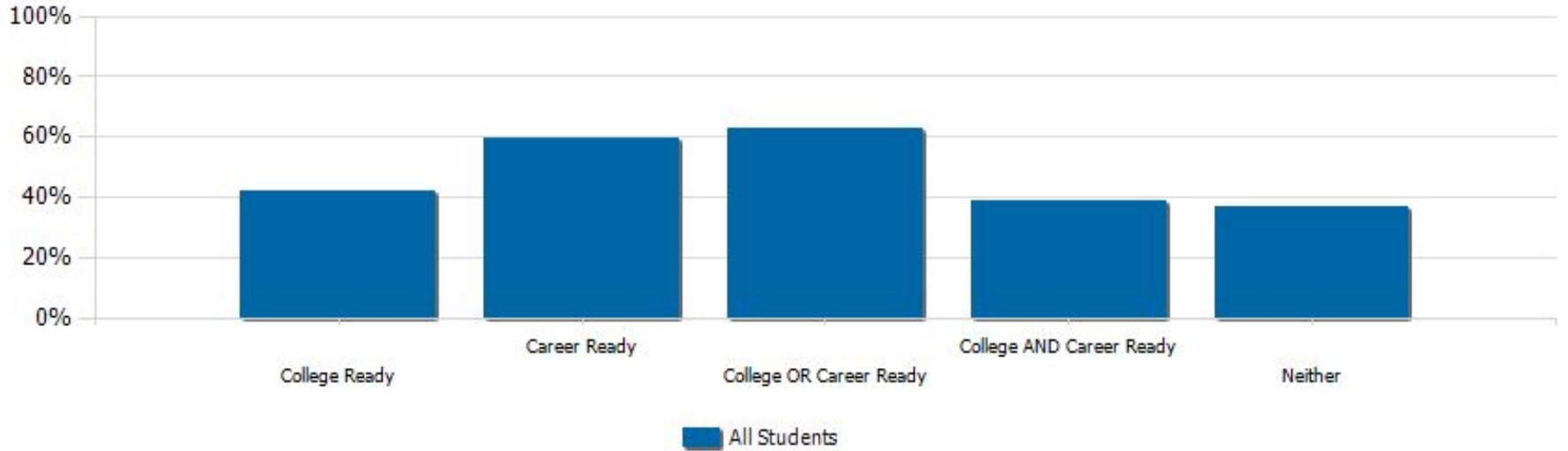
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## Weekly Graduation Rate Report



# Focused on Growth

All Students



| Students     | Total | College Ready | Career Ready | College OR Career Ready | College AND Career Ready | Neither |
|--------------|-------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| All Students | 1413  | 611           | 903          | 948                     | 566                      | 465     |

**SCHOOL DISTRICT 5 OF LEXINGTON & RICHLAND COUNTIES  
GENERAL FUND  
MONTHLY REVENUE SUMMARY  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 2023**

|  | BUDGET                | ACTUAL<br>YEAR TO DATE | %<br>Received | as of<br>1/31/2023 |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| <b><u>LOCAL SOURCES</u></b>                        |                       |                        |               |                    |
| Property Taxes - Operations & Delinquent           | 74,006,640            | 63,589,606             | 85.92%        | 60,340,270         |
| Property Taxes - Penalties & Interest              | 415,633               | 131,351                | 31.60%        | 127,178            |
| Revenue in Lieu of Taxes (FILOT)                   | 1,316,061             | 122,179                | 9.28%         | -                  |
| Tuition - Out of District                          | 5,000                 | 275                    | 5.50%         | 2,651              |
| Rentals  | 120,000               | 35,099                 | 29.25%        | 47,660             |
| Medicaid   | 250,000               | 51,607                 | 20.64%        | 110,047            |
| Interest on Investments                            | 350,000               | 715,074                | 204.31%       | 28,945             |
| Other Local Revenue                                | 285,000               | 111,866                | 39.25%        | 202,102            |
| <b>TOTAL - LOCAL SOURCES</b>                       | <b>76,748,334</b>     | <b>64,757,056</b>      | <b>84.38%</b> | <b>60,858,854</b>  |
| <b><u>STATE SOURCES</u></b>                        |                       |                        |               |                    |
| Education Finance Act (EFA)                        | 68,404,055            | 39,846,492             | 58.25%        | 25,184,717         |
| State Fringe Benefits                              | -                     | -                      | -             | 11,979,029         |
| Retiree Health Insurance                           | 6,179,835             | 3,373,201              | 54.58%        | 3,181,270          |
| State Aid to Classrooms - Teacher Salary           | -                     | -                      | -             | 987,764            |
| Property Tax Relief - Tier I (1996: \$100,000)     | 10,580,071            | 9,522,064              | 90.00%        | 9,522,064          |
| Homestead Exemption - Tier II (Seniors Age 65+)    | 1,758,200             | -                      | 0.00%         | -                  |
| Homestead Exemption - Tier III - (Act 388)         | 34,332,638            | 13,733,055             | 40.00%        | 13,335,512         |
| Merchant's Inventory Tax                           | 213,955               | 160,466                | 75.00%        | 106,978            |
| School Bus Drivers' Salaries/Fringes               | 1,482,722             | 566,646                | 38.22%        | 648,130            |
| Manufacturer's Depr. Reimbursement & Motor Carrier | 572,460               | 241,987                | 42.27%        | 219,381            |
| PEBA Credits                                       | 1,190,410             | 1,192,418              | 100.17%       | 1,191,338          |
| Other State Revenue                                | -                     | 13,956                 | -             | 16,625             |
| Teacher Step                                       | -                     | -                      | -             | -                  |
| <b>TOTAL - STATE SOURCES</b>                       | <b>124,714,346</b>    | <b>68,650,285</b>      | <b>55.05%</b> | <b>66,372,809</b>  |
| <b><u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u></b>              |                       |                        |               |                    |
| E I A-State Aid to Classrooms                      | 11,849,288            | 6,987,281              | 58.97%        | 3,144,443          |
| Indirect Cost - Special Revenue Funds              | 400,000               | 184,380                | 46.09%        | 185,132            |
| Sale of Fixed Assets                               | -                     | 15,717                 | -             | 38,680             |
| <b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>               | <b>12,249,288</b>     | <b>7,187,377</b>       | <b>58.68%</b> | <b>3,368,255</b>   |
| <b><u>OPERATIONAL BALANCE TRANSFER</u></b>         |                       |                        |               |                    |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES THROUGH 1/31/2023</b>            | <b>\$ 213,711,968</b> | <b>\$ 140,594,718</b>  | <b>65.79%</b> |                    |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES THROUGH 1/31/2022</b>            | <b>\$ 204,968,206</b> | <b>\$ 130,599,918</b>  | <b>63.72%</b> |                    |

# January Monthly Financial Update Revenue Summary

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## Expenditure Summary

### SCHOOL DISTRICT 5 OF LEXINGTON & RICHLAND COUNTIES GENERAL FUND MONTHLY EXPENDITURE SUMMARY FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 2023

|   | ORIGINAL<br>BUDGET    | ADJUSTED<br>BUDGET    | ACTUAL<br>YEAR TO DATE | %<br>Expended  | as of<br>1/31/2023 |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| <b>SALARIES AND FRINGE</b>                  |                       |                       |                        |                |                    |
| Instructional                               | \$ 119,240,477        | \$ 119,389,290        | \$ 57,625,096          | 48.27%         | 54,960,174         |
| Support & Community Services                | 66,392,465            | 66,887,113            | 35,522,820             | 53.11%         | 34,086,863         |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                             | <b>185,632,942</b>    | <b>186,276,403</b>    | <b>93,147,915</b>      | <b>50.01%</b>  | <b>89,047,037</b>  |
| <b>CONTRACTUAL SERVICES &amp; Oth. Obj.</b> |                       |                       |                        |                |                    |
| Instructional                               | 3,498,172             | 3,744,720             | 1,053,192              | 28.12%         | 1,444,646          |
| Support & Community Services                | 13,515,274            | 13,439,781            | 7,302,561              | 54.34%         | 7,278,596          |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                             | <b>17,013,446</b>     | <b>17,184,501</b>     | <b>8,355,753</b>       | <b>48.62%</b>  | <b>8,723,241</b>   |
| <b>SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS</b>               |                       |                       |                        |                |                    |
| Instructional                               | 1,650,829             | 1,964,943             | 1,159,091              | 58.99%         | 1,093,165          |
| Support & Community Services                | 7,799,387             | 7,845,135             | 3,839,137              | 48.94%         | 3,592,552          |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                             | <b>9,450,216</b>      | <b>9,810,078</b>      | <b>4,998,228</b>       | <b>50.95%</b>  | <b>4,685,717</b>   |
| <b>EQUIPMENT</b>                            |                       |                       |                        |                |                    |
| Instructional                               | 440                   | 7,440                 | 6,900                  |                | 5,422              |
| Support & Community Services                | 96,649                | 145,649               | 644,669                | 442.62%        | 72,319             |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                             | <b>97,089</b>         | <b>153,089</b>        | <b>651,569</b>         | <b>425.61%</b> | <b>77,741</b>      |
| <b>TRANSFERS</b>                            |                       |                       |                        |                |                    |
| Pmts to Other Govt Entities-Per Proviso     | 20,000                | 20,000                | 38,107                 | 190.54%        | 18,444             |
| Food Service                                | 267,897               | 267,897               | -                      | 0.00%          | -                  |
|   | <b>287,897</b>        | <b>287,897</b>        | <b>38,107</b>          | <b>13.24%</b>  | <b>18,444</b>      |
| <b>OPERATIONAL BALANCE</b>                  |                       |                       |                        |                |                    |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES THROUGH 1/31/2023        | <b>\$ 212,481,590</b> | <b>\$ 213,711,968</b> | <b>\$ 107,191,573</b>  | <b>50.16%</b>  |                    |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES THROUGH 1/31/2022        | <b>\$ 201,694,166</b> | <b>\$ 204,968,206</b> | <b>\$ 102,552,180</b>  | <b>50.03%</b>  |                    |

# FY23-24 General Fund Budget Outlook



# School District Finance Overview

- SC School Districts have 2 funds that are funded through property taxes
  - General Fund
  - Debt Service Fund
- Other district funds are funded by special revenue sources or bond proceeds
  - Pupil Activity Fund
  - Food Service Fund
  - Capital Projects Fund



# Local Revenue 101

Millage – a tax on real estate or other property

## Operations Millage-

Salaries, Benefits,  
Supplies, Utilities,  
Maintenance

4% Property

Act 388  
Exempt



6% Property

Provides FTEs

## Debt Service Millage -

Construction,  
Technology, Equipment  
and Renovations

4% Property

Provides  
Construction



6% Property

Provides  
Construction



# General Fund FY 2023 Budget

- General Fund Revenue (New Funding Formula passed for FY 2023)
  - 36% Local Sources
  - 64% State Sources
- General Fund Expenses
  - 87% Salaries & Fringe
  - 13% Supplies/ Services/ Capital/ Other/ Transfers



# How is the State's share calculated?

- Funding appropriated by the General Assembly based upon targeted student/teacher ratio and an average teacher salary for Masters 12-year teacher (11.2 ratio requested by Supt. Weaver)
- Allocation to districts based on proportionate share of weighted pupil units and index of taxpaying ability



# What is proportionate share of WPU's?

- Weighted pupil units (WPU's) - weightings assigned by the State for classifications of students
  - K5 - High School student = 1.0
  - Special Education student = 2.6
  - Vocational (CTE) student = 1.2
- Use average daily membership (ADM) at 45 day count, 135 day count to get total WPU's per district
- Divide district WPU's by total statewide WPU's to get proportionate share
- Ex. LR5 WPU's 26,724.98/ Total WPU's 1,286,200.43 = 2.08% of total entitled statewide funding



# What is Index of Taxpaying Ability?

- Calculated by the SC Department of Revenue for each school district
- District's fiscal capacity to tax property within the district in relation to all other districts in SC
- Districtwide Assessed Value / Statewide Assessed Value
  - Does not include 4% owner occupied properties



# FY23 45 Day Adjustment

- 45 school districts lost funding from original projections in June 2022
- 13 school districts gained students but lost funding
- LR5 funding increased at the 45 day adjustment but uncertainty if this will remain



# FY24 Anticipated Expenditure Increases

- Teacher minimum salary \$42,500
  - Every cell in state minimum salary schedule increased by \$2,500 over current scale
  - Based on current LR5 scale - est. \$4M
- 20% increase to bus salary state minimum
  - LR5 already above state minimum salary but may need to increase to remain competitive
- 1% retirement increase - employer only est. \$1.3M
- 3.7% health insurance premium increase starting January 1, 2024 - employer only est. \$315k



# Budget Timeline - General Assembly

- January - Executive Budget Released
  - Governor's budget for FY 2024 released on January 6, 2023
- February/ March - House Budget Released
  - House Budget for FY 2024 passed on March 15, 2023
- April/ May - Senate Budget Released
- June - Final Budget & Vetoes from Governor



# Budget Timeline - District

- January - Meet with each Principal & Director to discuss needs for upcoming budget year
  - HR, Instruction and Finance present
- Early February - All school needs combined for Director of Secondary Education & Director of Elementary Education
  - Directors will sign off on top priorities
  - Directors will review course fees
- End February/ Early March - Chiefs will sign off on top priorities
- March/April - Finance will monitor the General Assembly to determine funding
- May - Budget presented to the Board
- May/June - Final reading of the FY2024 Budget



# District Budget Priorities

- Competitive Pay for teachers and staff
- Boots on the ground- Positions to support teaching and learning
  - Expectations Coaches
  - Interventionists
  - Academic Coaches
  - Teacher Assistants



# South Carolina Child ID Kits



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- Under Act 180 of 2022, the Child ID law, districts are required to notify parents of the availability of the Child ID kits and should provide the kits at the parent's or guardian's' request.
- There is no time-frame included in the law, but the SCDE would ask that the districts notify the parents by the end of March. While this first supply is for all students K-12, after this year, each child entering Kindergarten will have the same opportunity to request and receive a kit. The Act does not prescribe the method to distribute the Child ID kits or the way in which parents should be notified of their availability.
- These are inkless, at-home kits, stored by parents and guardians that never enter a database. This kit should take less than 2 minutes to complete and is designated to be stored solely by the parent or guardian in a cool, dry, and safe place at home. There is no obligation to request or use the kit. However, it will allow the parent or guardian to have their child's vital information, fingerprints, and DNA in a safe place should they ever need it. These kits are to be STORED AT HOME and should only be given to law enforcement in case of an emergency.

**Kits will be provided by your child's home school by REQUEST ONLY.**



# FY 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

**Dr. Akil E. Ross, Sr., Superintendent**  
School District Five of  
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# The Horizon and the Road Ahead for School District Five



## Three (3) Growth Challenges for District 5

- (1) the growth in mental health issues,
- (2) the growth in student ELA/Math grade-level proficiency, and
- (3) the growth of student enrollment in Chapin schools and the growing facility needs of Irmo schools.



## The Horizon and the Road Ahead for School District Five

### Three (3) Growth Opportunities for District 5

- (A) increase mental health services and develop a district wide social and emotional learning (SEL) program,
- (B) connect each student with a trusted adult to assist with academics and goal settings while maximizing the potential of our students in world-class honors programs, and
- (C) create a 5 year master facilities plan that provides equity and access for all students in our district.

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# #OurD5Story



