



RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

General Fund Budget

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

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**RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO
PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS
FY 2023-2024**

Revenue Highlights

The Proposed FY 23-24 General Fund Budget includes additional revenues over the prior year that total \$26,934,593 and include:

- State estimates, based on the new allocation method approved by the South Carolina General Assembly, resulting in a net state funding increase of \$16,809,022. This budget reflects projections for the State Aid to Classroom Program and the related transfer from EIA funds, as well as the State Retiree Insurance funding as provided by the State Department of Education.
- The local revenue projections are based on a proposed millage rate of 331.7, which reflects a zero mill increase over the prior year. The millage cap per Act 388 is calculated to be 33.7 mills and is based on a prior year population growth percentage of 2.15% and CPI of 8.0%.

Expenditure Highlights

The Proposed General Fund Budget also includes expenditures that total \$359,664,363. So that we can strive to accommodate the needs of every child within our District, the budget projections have an emphasis on recruitment and retention and on providing high-level academic offerings through teaching and learning and student engagement, effective leadership, and providing effective fiscal management.

The proposed budget strives to meet district priorities by:

- Maintaining class size ratios
- Continuing to maintain, recruit and support quality personnel by providing a salary schedule increase, in addition to a step increase for all eligible employees (of approx. range of 1-2% step based on current salary schedules).
 - Teacher Salary Schedule increased by \$2,500 (includes classroom teachers, librarians, guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers, occupational and physical therapists, school nurses, orientation/mobility instructors, and audiologists, as outlined in the State Appropriations Act)
 - Bus Driver Salary Schedule increased by 13% as mandated by the state (includes bus monitors)
 - Instructional Aide Salary Schedule increased to meet \$15/hr. starting salary
 - Maintenance/Custodial and Security Salary Schedules increased to meet \$15/hr. starting salary
 - All other employee Salary Schedules increased by 2%.
- Addressing numerous other needs to maintain existing programs and address supporting services capacity needs. Some of the other items included in the proposed budget are:
 - Covering costs associated with a State increase for the employer portion of Health Insurance of 3.7%
 - Covering costs associated with State increase for the employer portion of State Retirement of 1%
 - Funds for staffing metal detectors for 189 days at HS
 - Additional funding to maintain overall operational levels, including increases to operation contracts and property and liability insurance.
 - Staff positions to address:
 - Create the position of internal auditor
 - Staff for administering time and attendance program
 - Addressing safety and security needs that include maintaining the current SRO staffing levels through an annual contract increase and providing an additional level of funding to address security and safety initiatives
- Reflects a local millage rate increase of 0 mills and using existing resources to meet growing needs

Richland School District Two
FY 2023- 2024
GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

REVENUES

REVENUE SOURCE	2022-23 Budget	2023-2024 Projections	Increase (Decrease) over 2022-23 Budget	% Change*
Local Property Tax ¹	\$117,109,699	\$122,236,541	\$5,126,842	4.38%
Property Tax Relief (Includes Act 388) ¹	55,216,122	59,339,851	\$4,123,729	7.47%
State Revenue for Fringe Benefits (PEBA Credit is included in separate line) ²	-	-	\$0	0.00%
State Revenue for Pupil Transportation	1,624,148	2,024,148	\$400,000	24.63%
NEW Education Funding - Aid to Classroom Program	123,709,631	133,463,252	\$9,753,621	7.88%
NEW Education Funding - Aid to Classroom Program - Transfer from EIA	21,400,579	26,711,570	\$5,310,991	24.82%
State Retiree Insurance (was previously presented with Fringe Revenue)	8,761,483	10,105,893	\$1,344,410	15.34%
Interest Income	125,000	1,000,000	\$875,000	700.00%
Federal Impact Aid	250,000	250,000	\$0	0.00%
Indirect Cost	2,000,000	2,000,000	\$0	0.00%
Other State Revenue - PEBA Credit	1,783,108	1,783,108	\$0	0.00%
Revenue from Other Sources	750,000	750,000	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL REVENUE - GENERAL FUND	\$332,729,770	\$359,664,363	\$26,934,593	8.10%

EXPENDITURES

PROJECTED EXPENDITURES	2022-23 Budget	2023-2024 Projections	Increase (Decrease) over 2022-23 Budget	% Change*
Salaries	\$198,917,372	\$211,089,532	\$12,172,160	6.12%
<i>Salaries Category includes all expenditures paid to employees of the district for wages.</i>				
Benefits	84,365,964	92,663,711	\$8,297,747	9.84%
<i>Benefits Category includes all employer's costs associated with employee benefits, such as, health insurance, retirement, social security match, etc.</i>				
Utilities	10,102,284	10,502,284	\$400,000	3.96%
<i>Utilities Category includes costs associated with Energy, Gas, Electric, Water, Sewer & Phone</i>				
Property and Operation Contracts	15,092,512	17,000,512	\$1,908,000	12.64%
<i>Property and Operation Contracts Category includes costs associated with custodial services, landscaping, pest control, energy management, Property & Casualty Insurance, garbage, etc.</i>				
Maintenance and Repairs	2,109,261	3,001,261	\$892,000	42.29%
<i>Maintenance and Repairs Category includes costs associated with general Maintenance, repairs and upkeep of the district facilities and equipment.</i>				
Purchased Services	10,260,473	13,360,473	\$3,100,000	30.21%
<i>Purchased Services Category includes SRO contract with Sheriff's department, student transportation, staff travel, mileage reimbursements, professional services (legal, audit, etc.), printing/binding, copier rentals, annual subscriptions and all other contracted services</i>				
Supplies and Equipment	6,259,611	6,424,297	\$164,686	2.63%
<i>Supplies and Equipment Category includes Instructional supplies used in the classroom, technology equipment and supplies, periodicals, textbooks/library books, technology software, office supplies and equipment, etc.</i>				
Other Expenditures	5,622,293	5,622,293	\$0	0.00%
<i>Other Expenditures includes items not broken out in the above categories. Some examples are organization membership, other insurance costs (including costs associated with workers' compensation), and transfers to other funds</i>				
TOTAL EXPENDITURES - GENERAL FUND	\$332,729,770	\$359,664,363	\$26,934,593	8.10%

*Percent change is the percentage increase from 2022-2023 to 2023-2024 for each category. In the case of salaries it does not reflect individual salary increase, but the overall increase in salaries due to step increase and added positions.

¹ Local Property Tax and Property Tax Relief projections are based on estimates provided by Richland County as of April 28, 2023.

² State revenue projections are based on estimates provided by the SC State Department of Education on April 27, 2023 Report.

Richland School District Two
Estimated General Operating Value of a Mill
Budget 2023-2024

Calculation of Mill Cap

Population Growth	2.15%
CPI	8.00%
Percent Millage can increase	10.15%
Current Millage Rate	331.70
Plus: Millage Cap Increase	33.7
Total Allowable Mills based on Cap for FY 2023-24	365.40

	PRIOR YEAR FOR REFERENCE ONLY	FY 23-24 With a Zero Mill Increase
Projected Mill Value for FY 22-23 (Based on Estimated Value provided by County Auditor 6/3)	341,000	355,300
Millage Rate	331.7	331.7
Projected Net Local Property Tax Revenue	113,109,700	117,853,010
State Property Tax Relief:		
Tier I	8,759,334	8,759,334
Tier II	1,894,248	1,894,248
Tier III	44,562,540	48,686,269
	55,216,122	59,339,851
Estimated Other State Reimbursements	1,345,164	1,345,164
Estimated Carry-Forward (1) Final amount to be determined by County	2,654,835	3,038,367
Total Revenue from Local Tax and State Tax Reimbursements that Flow through Richland County	172,325,821	181,576,392

(1) The District anticipates possible Carry-Forward funds from FY 2022-2023; however, actual dollar amounts will not be available until Year End. The District may request to utilize any Carry-Forward funds from FY 2022-2023 in the FY 2023-2024 General Fund Budget once these figures are made available.

				Mandated	
				Contractual	
				Prior Obligation	
<p align="center">RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO General Fund Budget Increases Estimated with a Zero Mill Increase FY 2023 - 2024</p>					
	Description	FTE's	Estimated Increase	Remaining	
	Estimated Total Revenue Increase over Prior Year Budget		\$ 26,934,593		
1	Estimated Increase in Employer's Share of Health Insurance of 12.7% ⁽¹⁾		2,965,385	\$ 23,969,208	
2	Estimated Increase in Employer's Share of State Retirement (Estimated 1.0% increase)		1,842,215	\$ 22,126,993	
3	Teacher Salary Schedule Step increase from FY 22-23 (for eligible employees)		2,417,948	\$ 19,709,045	
4	Increase to Teacher Salary Schedule of \$2500 per cell (for eligible employees) ⁽²⁾		7,779,608	\$ 11,929,437	
5	State Increase to Bus Driver Salary Schedule of 25% of state minimum (increase includes Bus Monitors)		949,829	\$ 10,979,608	
6	All Non-teacher Salary Step increase from FY 22-23 for eligible employees (includes related fringe benefits)		1,323,100	\$ 9,656,508	
7	Increase all other Salary Schedules by 2% (includes related fringe benefits costs)		1,955,549	\$ 7,700,959	
8	Signing bonuses for certified and classified staff		2,000,000	\$ 5,700,959	
9	Increase in annual operations contracts (Custodial, landscaping, energy contract, utilities, repairs & maint etc.)		3,200,000	\$ 2,500,959	
10	Increase in Liability and Property Insurance		500,000	\$ 2,000,959	
11	Increase in SRO Contract with RCSD		600,000	\$ 1,400,959	
12	Estimated Savings from Staff Turnover		(3,200,000)	\$ 4,600,959	
13	Decrease in expenditures related to continued cost savings in the general fund salary and fringe budget		(2,815,058)	\$ 7,416,017	
14	Absorb Expenses rolled up at State level in EIA Fund 937 Student Health and Fitness		193,360	\$ 7,222,657	
15	Absorb Expenses rolled up at State level in EIA Fund 936 Student Health and Fitness Nurses		721,579	\$ 6,501,078	
16	Absorb Expenses rolled up at State level in EIA Fund 928 EEDA Career Specialists		1,273,152	\$ 5,227,926	
17	Increase Instructional Aides Salary Schedule to meet \$15/hr beginning salary		575,078	\$ 4,652,848	
18	Increase Maintenance/Custodial Salary Schedule to meet \$15/hr beginning salary		783,757	\$ 3,869,091	
19	Increase Security Starting Salary Schedule to meet \$15/hr beginning salary		177,421	\$ 3,691,670	
20	Paid Parental Leave		375,000	\$ 3,316,670	
21	Staffing for Performing Arts Center operating budget for 1/2 year		134,454	\$ 3,182,216	
22	District Internal Auditor (Includes Fringe Benefits)	1.0	160,000	\$ 3,022,216	
23	Contracted costs associated with staffing and monitoring metal detectors		2,000,000	\$ 1,022,216	
24	Cost associated with school security and safety initiatives		112,190	\$ 910,026	
25	Increase to School Board's budget		52,496	\$ 857,530	
26	Compliance requirements (Including Unencumbered Time, Title IX, Time and Attendance, HR, SPED Staffing)	4.0	857,530	\$ -	
	Estimated Total Expenditures Increase Over Prior Year Budget	5.0	\$ 26,934,593		
	Estimated Excess Revenues over Expenditures		\$ -		

⁽¹⁾ - The amount budgeted only includes funding for a half year 22/23 of the cost of the increase. FY 23-24 budget will include 3.7% for the full year of the increase.

⁽²⁾ - Includes nurses & psychologists. Includes related fringe benefits.