



Board of Education Work Session - April 26, 2024

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

PRELIMINARY GENERAL FUND BUDGET

BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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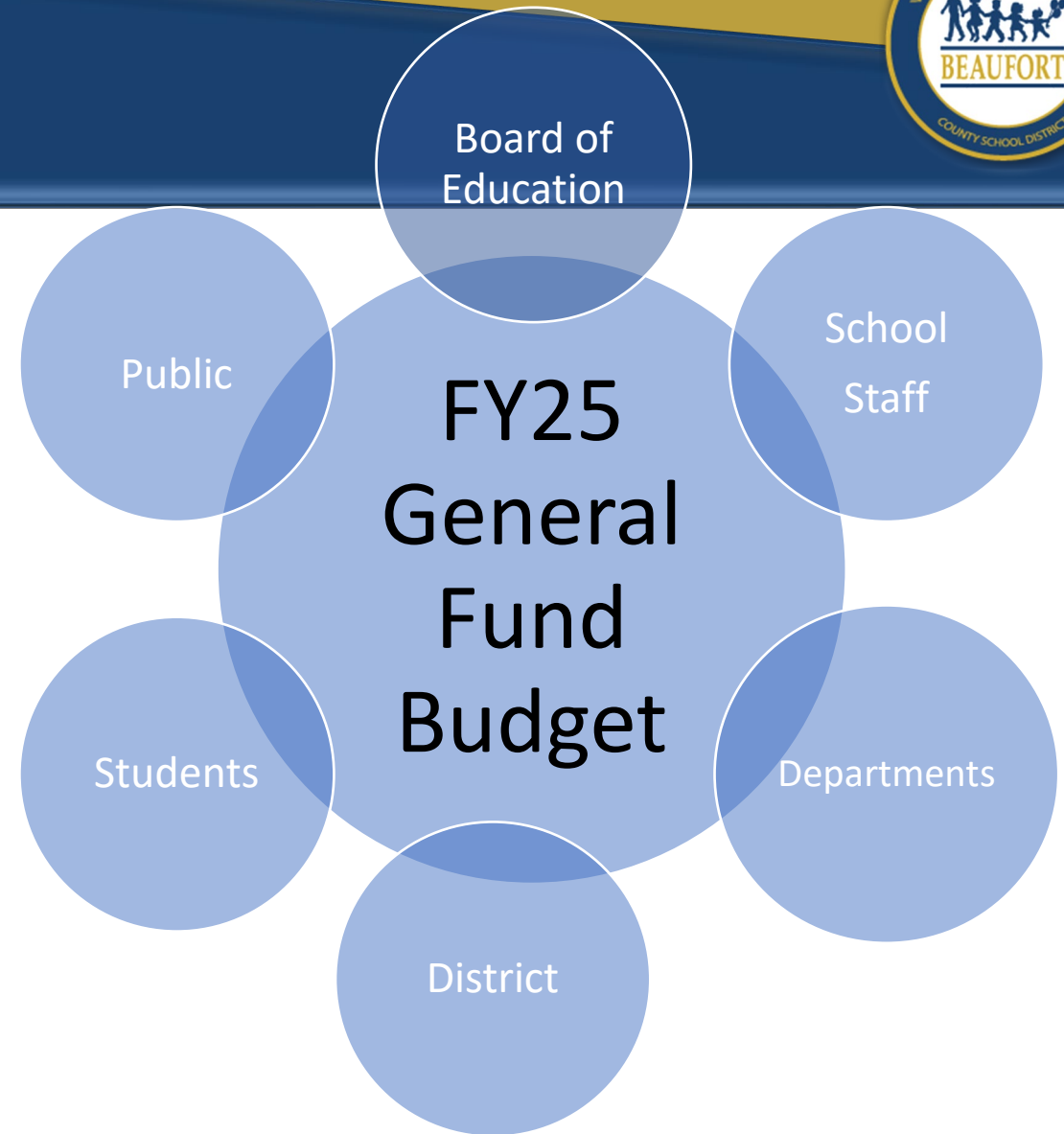
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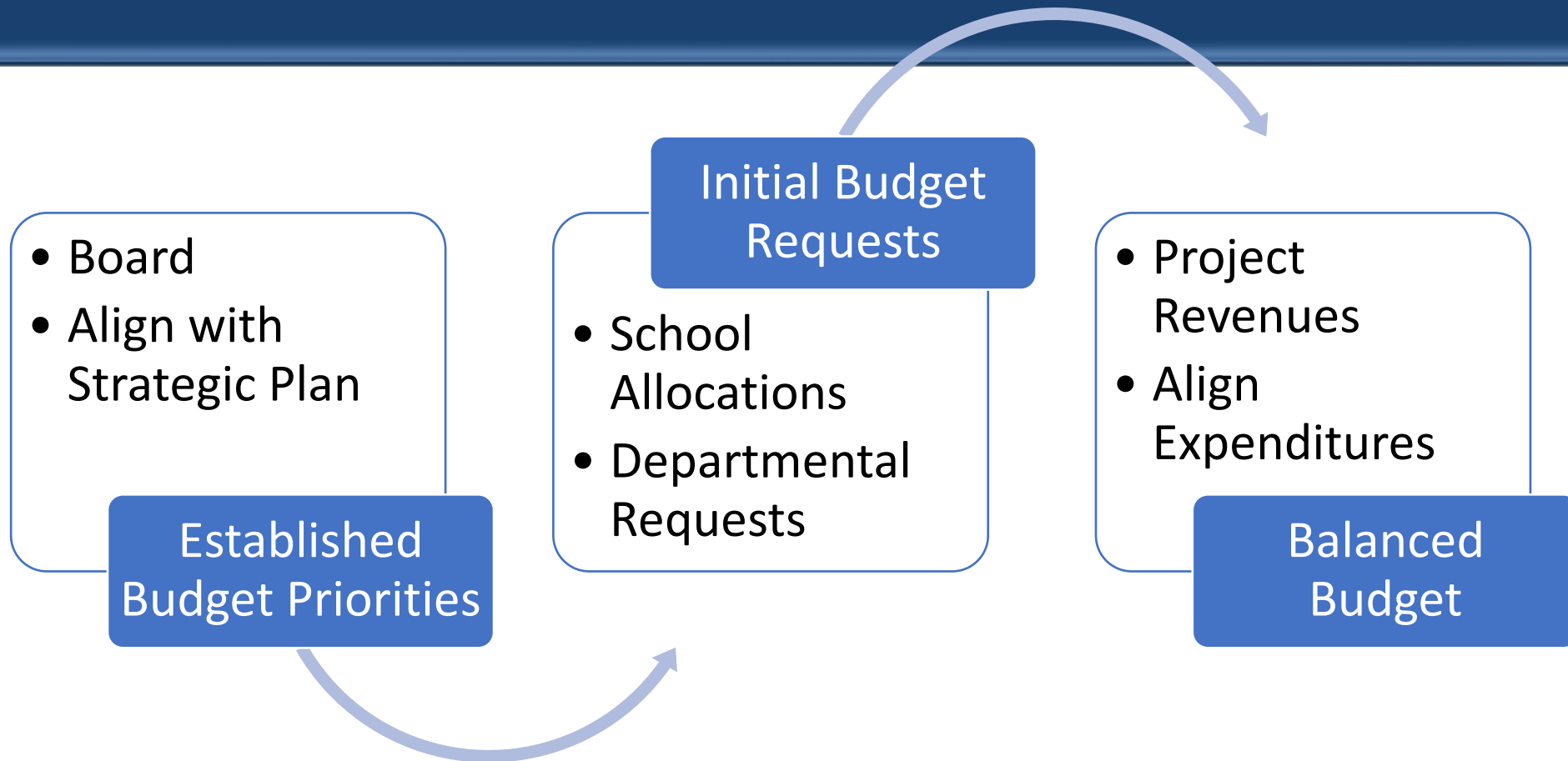
Budget Engagement



Stakeholder engagement is the process by which an organization involves people who may be affected by the decisions it makes or can influence the implementation of its decisions.



Budget Process



Budget Priorities



Student Achievement

Teacher Quality

Safety & Security

Financial Stewardship

Budget Priorities



Student Achievement

Stipends for critical staffing needs - Special Education

Improve student outcomes by focusing on opportunity gaps and improving current programs

Expand extended learning sites to cover southern Beaufort County needs

Fine and Performing Arts initiatives

Budget Priorities



Teacher Quality

Maintain the highest beginning teacher compensation in South Carolina

Childcare for employees

Professional development for all employees, including Career & Tech Education

Budget Priorities



Safety and Security

Maintain safety and security funding for the cost of School Resource Officers and security guards

Continue mental health services for students and employees

Budget Priorities



Financial Stewardship

Prioritize expenditures to maximize academic outcomes

Provide a balanced budget (Revenues=Expenditures)

Maintain a sufficient fund balance to eliminate a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)

Minimize the financial impact on Beaufort County taxpayers



Proposed Revenues

Projected Revenue for FY25:

Local Revenue @ 121.8 Mills	\$223,371,294
State Revenue	\$134,288,706
Federal Revenue	\$660,000
Transfers In from Special Revenue	<u>\$ 850,000</u>
Total Projected Revenue for FY25	\$359,170,000
No Millage Increase	<u>\$ 0</u>
Revenues to Support Proposed Expenditures	\$359,170,000

*Estimated value of the Mill = \$1,807,999/mill



Proposed Expenditures

Approved Expenditures for FY24	\$ 320,412,978
Employee Compensation Increases	\$ 19,988,635
School Staffing Allocations	\$ 4,028,529
Operational Increases	\$ 13,702,780
Charter School and Vocational Increases	<u>\$ 1,037,078</u>
Subtotal Increases	\$ 38,757,022
Total Proposed Expenditures for FY25	\$ 359,170,000

**Based on SC House Budget Proposal*

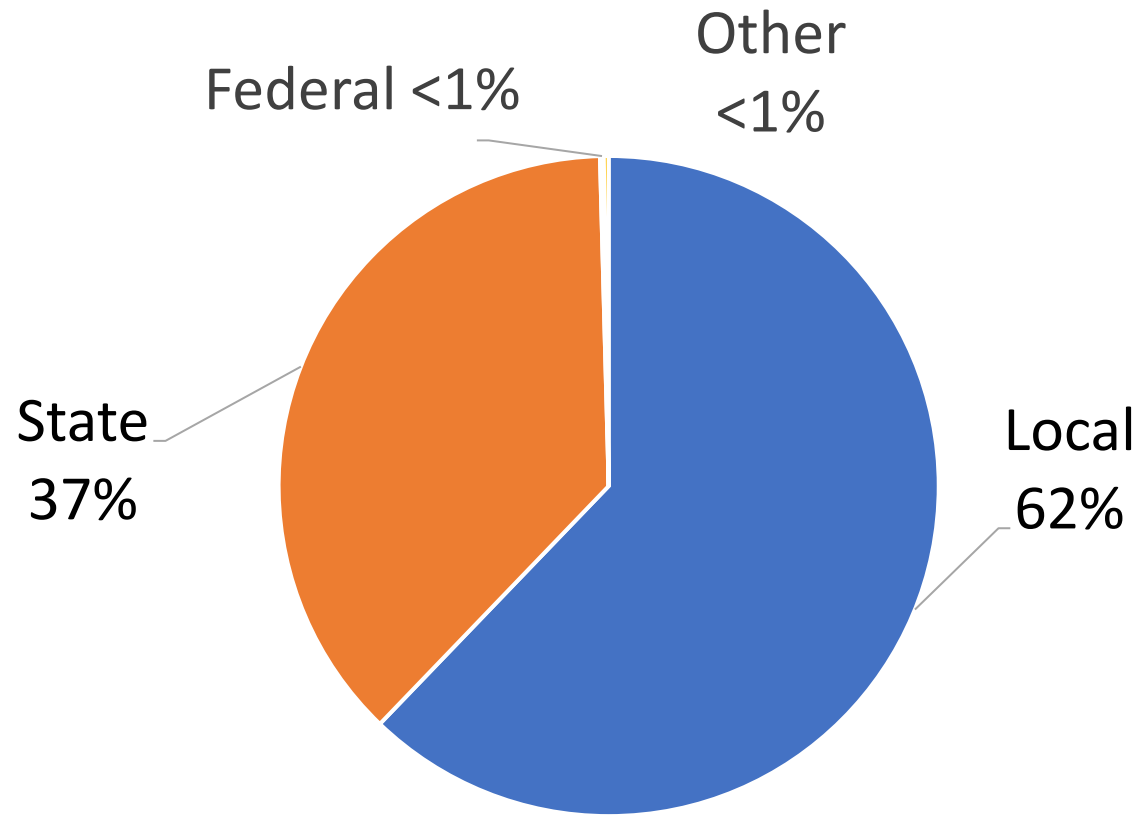


Balanced Budget Recommendation

	Proposed 2024-2025
Millage	121.8*
Projected Revenues	\$359,170,000
Projected Expenditures	\$359,170,000
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 79,862,015
Fund Balance %	21.5%
Days of Operations	78.5 days

***No millage increase is proposed for the FY25 budget.**

Proposed Revenues



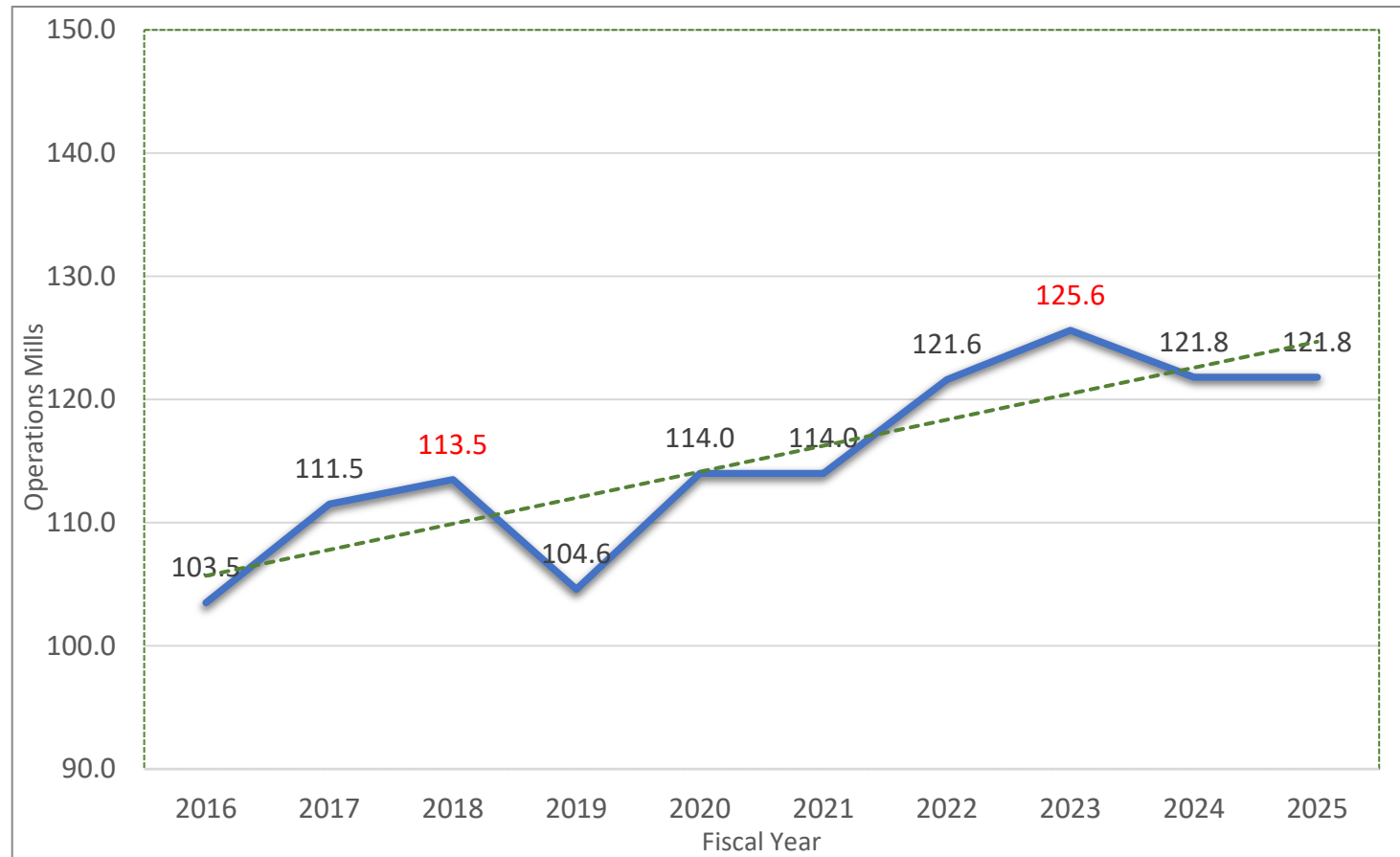
FY 25 Proposed Budgeted Revenues



Historical Operations Millage

Year	Mills
2016	103.5
2017	111.5
2018	113.5
2019*	104.6
2020	114.0
2021	114.0
2022	121.6
2023*	125.6
2024	121.8
2025	121.8

*Reassessment

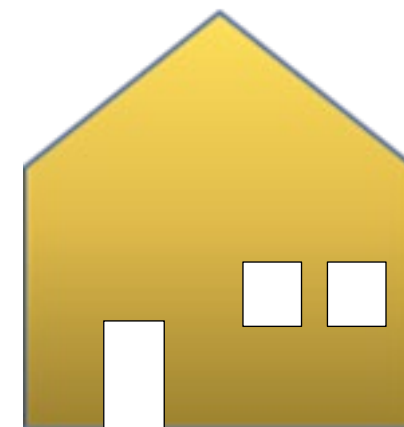




Value of a BCSD Operations Mill

YEAR	LOCAL REVENUE	MILL RATE	VALUE OF MILL	GROWTH
2016	123,562,199	103.5	1,193,838	4.8%
2017	134,314,364	111.5	1,204,613	0.9%
2018	141,037,937	113.5	1,242,625	3.2%
2019	134,753,580	104.6	1,288,275	3.7%
2020	148,559,066	114.0	1,303,150	1.2%
2021	153,137,581	114.0	1,343,312	3.1%
2022	168,337,424	121.6	1,384,354	3.1%
2023	186,407,679	125.6	1,484,138	7.2%
Proj 2024	205,807,757	121.8	1,689,719	13.9%
Proj 2025	220,214,300	121.8	1,807,999	7.0%

\$1,807,999 x 121.8 mills =
\$220,214,300



Budget Assumption: Continue Growth in Mill Value estimated at 7%

Local Revenue Performance



Fiscal Year	Budget	Audited Actual	Variance
FY 2020-2021	\$ 150,805,689	\$ 153,137,592	\$ 2,331,903
FY 2021-2022	163,467,115	168,337,424	4,870,309
FY 2022-2023	171,461,128	186,407,679	14,946,551
FY 2023-2024	195,919,037	205,807,757	9,888,720
FY 2024-2025	220,214,294	220,214,294	-

State Revenues



- Sales Tax Reimbursements on Legal Residence Exemption +\$ 1.8 M
- State Aid to Classrooms (new funding formula) +\$11.5M
- Retiree Insurance +\$ 1.5M
- Other State Revenue +\$.4M
- Increase from current year projected actuals \$15.2 M

Revenue Budgets



	FY2024 Budget	FY2025 Budget	Budget Variance
Local	197,585,037	223,371,294	25,786,257
State	119,077,941	134,288,706	15,210,765
Federal & Other	3,750,000	1,510,000	(2,240,000)
Total	\$ 320,412,978	\$ 359,170,000	\$ 38,757,022

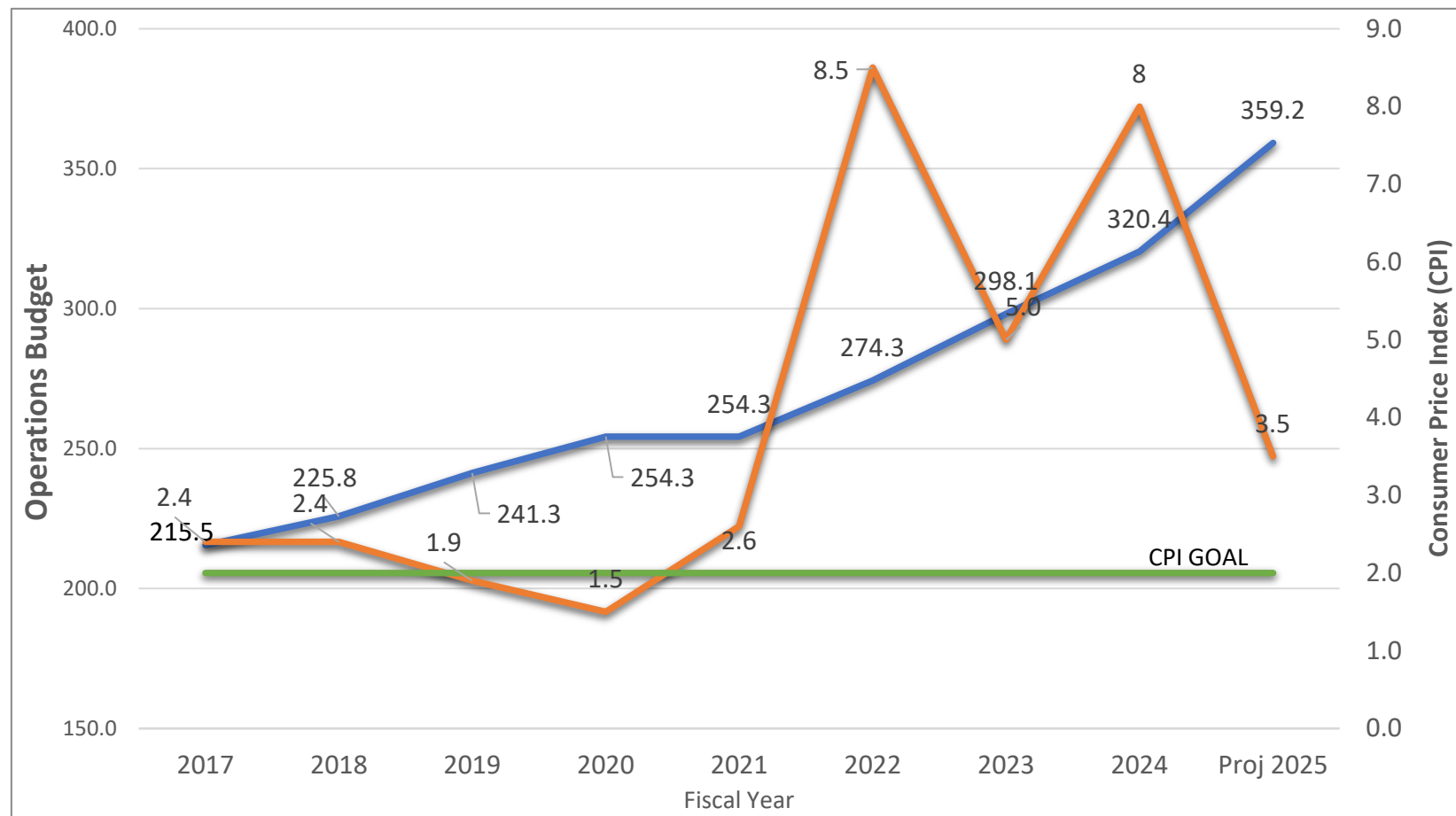
Expenditures





Historical Expenditure Budgets vs. CPI

Fiscal Year	Exp (in millions)
2016	\$203.5
2017	\$215.5
2018	\$225.8
2019	\$241.3
2020	\$254.3
2021	\$254.3
2022	\$274.3
2023	\$298.1
2024	\$320.4
2025	\$359.2





Summary of Budget Increases

	Amount (in millions)	% of Total Inc/De
2023-2024 Budget	\$320.4	
Employee Compensation Increases	\$20.1	51.6%
School Staffing Allocations	\$4.0	10.3%
Operational Increases	\$13.7	35.4%
Charter School & Vocational	\$1.0	2.7%
2024-2025 Proposed Budget	\$359.2	

Increase of \$ 38.8M
12.1%

Proposed State Increases



Description	Projected Cost
\$2,500 Increase to the Teacher's Salary Schedule	\$ 5,988,397
Salary Step Increase- Certified staff 2024-2025	1,585,107
11.8% Increase in Employer Portion of Health Insurance	1,448,593
Step Increase from 27 to 28 steps - CERT	240,940
Paid Parental Leave-unfunded	744,200
Total Proposed State Increases	\$ 10,007,237



School Staffing Allocations

Description	Projected Cost
Net Increases to Certified Staffing	\$ 364,066
Net Increase to School Administration/Support	\$ 134,244
Net Increase to SPED/Student Svc Support	\$ 912,939
Teachers for Growth	502,300
Total School Staffing Allocations	\$ 1,913,549

*All costs include salary and benefits.

Other Compensation Increases



Description	Projected Cost
SPED Teacher Critical Needs Stipend	\$ 2,114,980
3% Cost of Living Increase - CLAS, PROF, ADMN	1,347,388
Annual Step Increase - CLAS, PROF, ADMN	2,715,852
Sick Leave Pmts, Additional Class Pay and Summer Learning	1,599,188
Additional Step 28 for CLAS, PROF, ADMN	44,449
School Support & Transportation	105,509
Programmatic Support	1,081,557
Academic, Arts & Athletic Stipends	500,000
Summer School	368,419
Workers' Compensation	800,000
Total Other Compensation Increases	\$ 10,677,342

Operational Expenditure Contracted



Description	Projected Cost
<u>Contracted Services:</u>	
Contracted Substitutes	2,684,801
Custodial/Maint/Grounds	2,369,508
Security	625,450
Total Contracted Services	\$ 5,679,759

Other Operational Increases



Description	Projected Cost
Technology Equipment & Software	2,516,077
Property & Athletic Insurance	842,567
Utilities	488,437
Supplies and Materials	1,917,392
Student Activities	65,547
International Teachers Program	246,148
Professional Development	1,441,745
Leases	350,861
Stormwater Fees and Transportation	172,708
Total Operating Increases	\$ 8,041,482

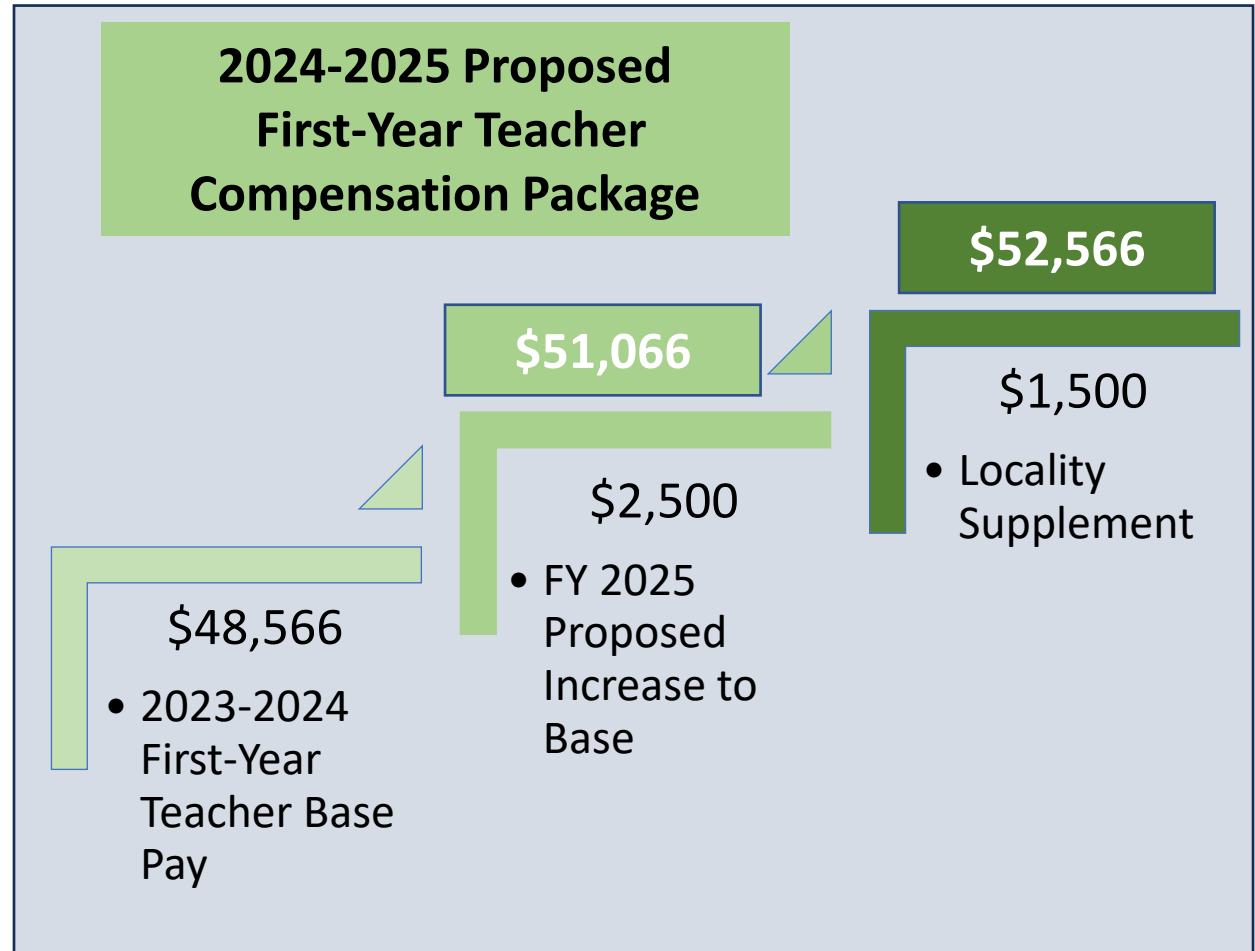
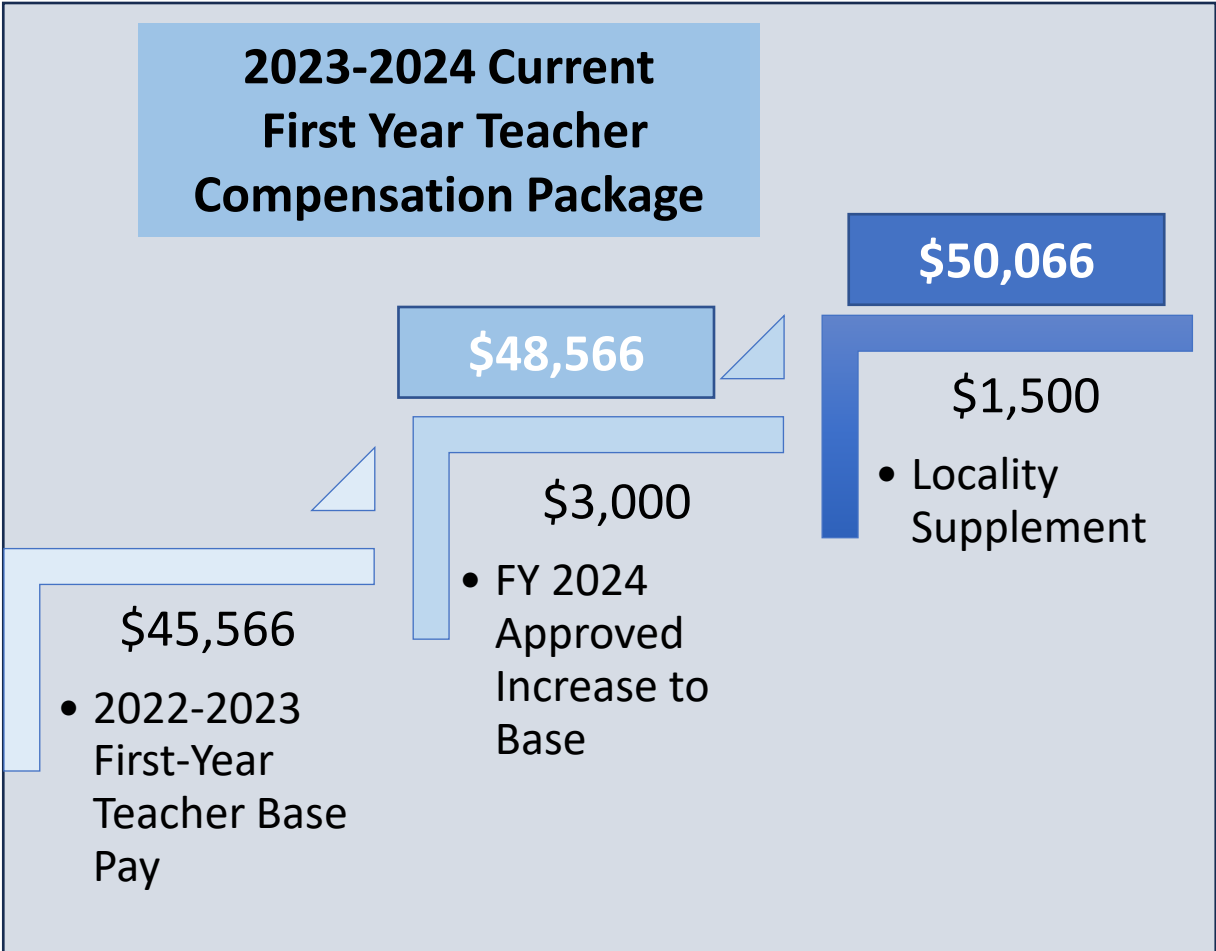
Other Increases



Description	Projected Cost
<u>Expenditure Increases:</u>	
Riverview Charter School	\$ 752,474
BJACE Vocational Allocation	\$ 284,604
Total Other Increases:	<u>\$ 1,037,078</u>



First Year Teacher Starting Salary – Current/Proposed





Future Consideration – Budget Priorities

Student Achievement

- Continue to advocate for state funding to support learning outcomes and state mandates

Teacher Quality

- Maintain teacher salaries at #1 in state

Safety & Security

- Invest in building and security protocols to keep students and staff in a safe learning environment

Financial Stewardship

- Maintain Aa1 credit rating and sufficient fund balance to eliminate the need for a Tax Anticipation Note

Staff Recommendation



- Approve an expenditure budget of \$ 359,170,000
- Proposed date of budget certification - May 21, 2024



Next Steps



2024-2025 Budget Schedule



Budget Development

December 2023- April 2024

Public Forum

May 1, 2024– Bluffton High School
May 2, 2024– Beaufort High School

Board Meeting

May 21, 2024; **Certify Budget**

County Council Readings

May 20, 2024 - Finance Committee
May 28, 2024 - First Reading *
June 10, 2024 - Second Reading
June 24, 2024 - Third Reading

*First Reading is by “Title Only” – No dollar amounts are required.

Public Input



- Comments or questions regarding the 2024-2025 budget?
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