



# DID YOU KNOW?

## Restricted/Unrestricted Funds Explained

In the latest edition of our “Did You Know?” about our budget, we are highlighting District budgets and how some funds can be restricted from being used for certain purposes like salaries or facilities maintenance. In 23-24, Santa Barbara Unified is a Community-funded District. It is expected to receive \$227,649,319 of funding from property taxes along with local, state, and federal revenue.

Not all money may be used however the District wishes, though. Some of it is restricted for specific uses, like Special Education, facilities maintenance and improvements, bus transportation, and more.

<b>Estimated Expenditures 23-24</b>		
	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Examples</b>
Salaries and Benefits	<b>63,232,740</b>	Legally Required Special Education Positions
Books and Supplies	<b>8,514,875</b>	Summer School and COVID-19 Learning Recovery Materials
Services & Operating	<b>11,062,791</b>	Special Education and Mental Health Supports
Capital Outlay	<b>1,773,794</b>	School Kitchen Upgrades
Other Outgo	<b>3,885,002</b>	General Fund monies needed to cover additional Special Education costs
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,469,202</b>	

All restricted funds must be spent on specific purposes or projects. For example, the District cannot use its restricted Books and Supplies funds to help cover an increase in construction costs or vice versa. While this can, at times, limit the options available for spending in the District, they are going to worthwhile causes to support students, teachers, staff, and facilities.