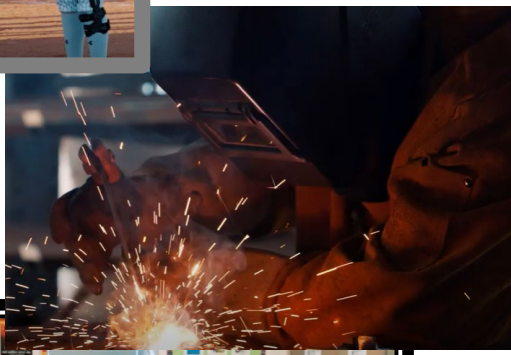
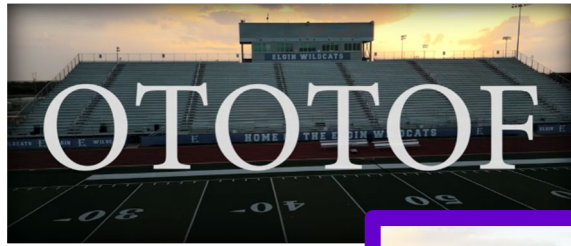




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August 14, 2024

Dear Board Members:

We are pleased to present the budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year for Elgin ISD. Revenues & Expenditures for the General Operating, Child Nutrition, and Debt Service funds are as follows:

	<i>General Operating Fund</i>	<i>Child Nutrition Fund</i>	<i>Debt Service Fund</i>
<i>Total Revenue</i>	\$ 64,890,050	\$ 4,776,300	\$ 16,909,000
<i>Total Expense</i>	\$ 64,890,050	\$ 5,108,000	\$ 17,395,310
<i>Other (Uses)/Resources</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 486,310
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	\$ -	\$ (331,700)	\$ -

In May 2023, the Elgin ISD Board of Trustees approved to change fiscal years from September 1 through August 31 to July 1 through June 30, to better align with school operations. Elgin ISD notified the Texas Education Agency (TEA) of the decision to change fiscal years. Fiscal Year 2024-25 will be a transition year, running from September 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. The budgets presented are representative of a 12-month operating budget, even though the fiscal year will only span 10 months.

The General Operating Fund reflects a balanced budget of \$64,890,050, and includes a 3% of midpoint pay increase approved by the Board of Trustees in May 2024, as a result of the Texas Association of School Board’s (TASB) Salary Study.

The Child Nutrition Fund has a slight deficit budget of \$331,700. Year after year, Elgin ISD has increased the Child Nutrition Fund Balance to the point where it is required to spend down this fund balance by adopting a deficit budget.

The Debt Service Fund revenue is based on estimated tax collections, additional state aid for homestead exemption, interest earnings, as well as an anticipation of sale of bonds in spring or early summer of 2025. Elgin ISD recently passed a \$375,000,000 bond in May 2024, and sold the first tranch of funds in June 2024 with funding received in August 2024. The Debt Service expenditures include principal and interest of currently issued bonds, including recently issued Series 2024.

The pages to follow in the 2024-25 Elgin ISD Budget Book will shed further insight on each of these funds.

The 2024-25 proposed budget is intended to support the Priorities and Strategic Objectives in the Elgin District Scorecard, including **Priority 1: Student Success**; **Priority 2: Professional Learning and Highly Effective Staff**; **Priority 3: Community Engagement and Partnerships**; and **Priority 4: Fiscal and Operational Systems**.

Respectfully,

Jeffri Orosco, RTSBA
Chief Financial Officer



BUDGET OVERVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS

Elgin ISD believes that every student deserves access to engaging, innovative learning experiences so that they are provided choice and opportunity for their future. Our challenges continue to be managing new growth, inflation, increasing accountability requirements, and recruiting and retaining highly qualified teachers.

Federal, state, and local guidelines direct the budget development process. The annually adopted budget includes the General Operating Fund, the Child Nutrition Fund, and the Debt Service Fund.

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

The General Operating Fund is used to record all financial transactions not accounted for in other funds. The major sources of revenue are: local property taxes; other local revenue, such as athletic ticket sales and interest earnings; state revenue; and other miscellaneous federal revenue, including indirect costs for federal grants and School Health and Related Services (SHARS). Expenditures include all costs associated with the operation of the District, with the most significant cost being salaries and benefits. Elgin ISD is excited to welcome our fourth elementary school to the District in August 2024, Harvest Ridge Elementary. The 2024-25 operating budget supports the operation of this additional facility.

REVENUES

General Operating Fund revenue is budgeted to increase \$3,246,050, or 5.27%, as compared to the adopted revenue budget for fiscal year 2023-24. The increase is primarily due to anticipated enrollment growth, additional property tax collections, and increased revenue earnings from investments. Various factors must be considered in the estimation of revenue for the General Fund. Among those factors are property values and student enrollment. Property values and tax collections impact both local and state revenue estimates.

According to House Bill 3, beginning in tax year 2020, school district Maintenance & Operations (M&O) tax rates will be compressed to the lower of the state compressed rate or the local compressed rate when property values increase more than 2.5%. The more property values increase or grow, the further compressed the Maximum Compressed Rate (MCR) will become. During the second called special session of the 88th Legislative Session in 2023, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 2, which raised the Homestead Exemption to \$100,000, which received voter approval in November 2023. This bill also further compressed the Maximum Compressed Tax Rate (MCR) that Districts could adopt.

Under current law, the highest possible MCR a district could have for tax year 2024 is \$0.6855, while the lowest MCR a district could have is \$0.6169. The lowest MCR is 90% of the highest MCR.

Based on the certified values from the Bastrop, Lee, and Travis Central Appraisal Districts at the \$100,000 Homestead Exemption rate, local tax revenues are estimated based on Net Taxable Certified Values of \$3,415,548,746 and Freeze Adjusted Certified Values of \$3,089,119,462. Current tax revenues are estimated based on a Maintenance & Operations tax rate of \$0.7552 and I & S tax rate of \$0.4682 for a total tax rate of \$1.2234. This is the lowest tax rate in more than 20 years.

Federal revenue (59xx) is anticipated to decrease in 2023-24 final amended budget and the 2024-25 proposed General Operating Fund due to a significant decrease in annual School Health and Related Services (SHARS) cost report reimbursements.

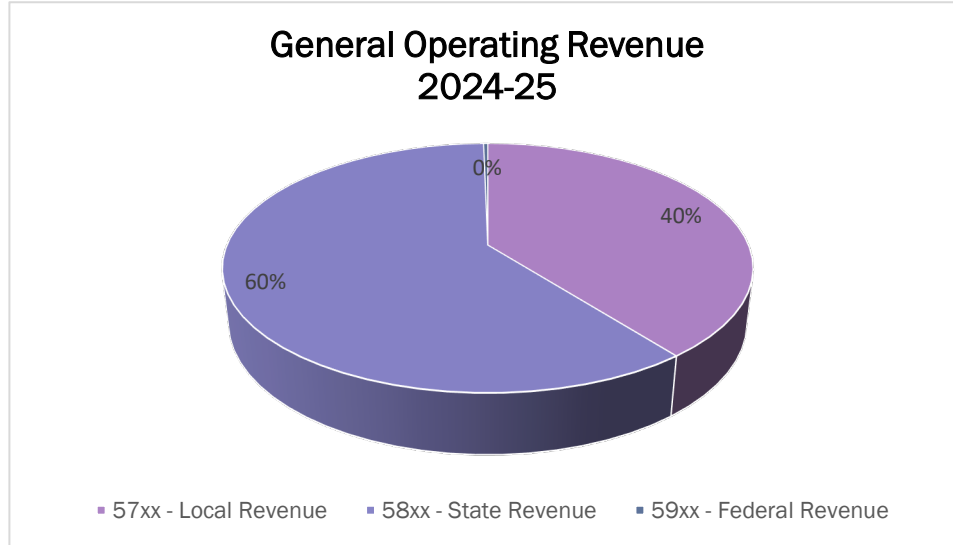
The following table provides a comparison of revenue by source for 2023-24 and 2024-25.

	<i>Adopted Budget</i>	<i>Proposed Budget</i>	
	<i>2023-24</i>	<i>2024-25</i>	<i>% Change</i>
Local (57xx)	\$ 22,001,000	\$ 25,580,050	16.27%
State (58xx)	\$ 38,600,000	\$ 39,110,000	1.32%
Federal (59xx)	\$ 1,043,000	\$ 200,000	-80.82%



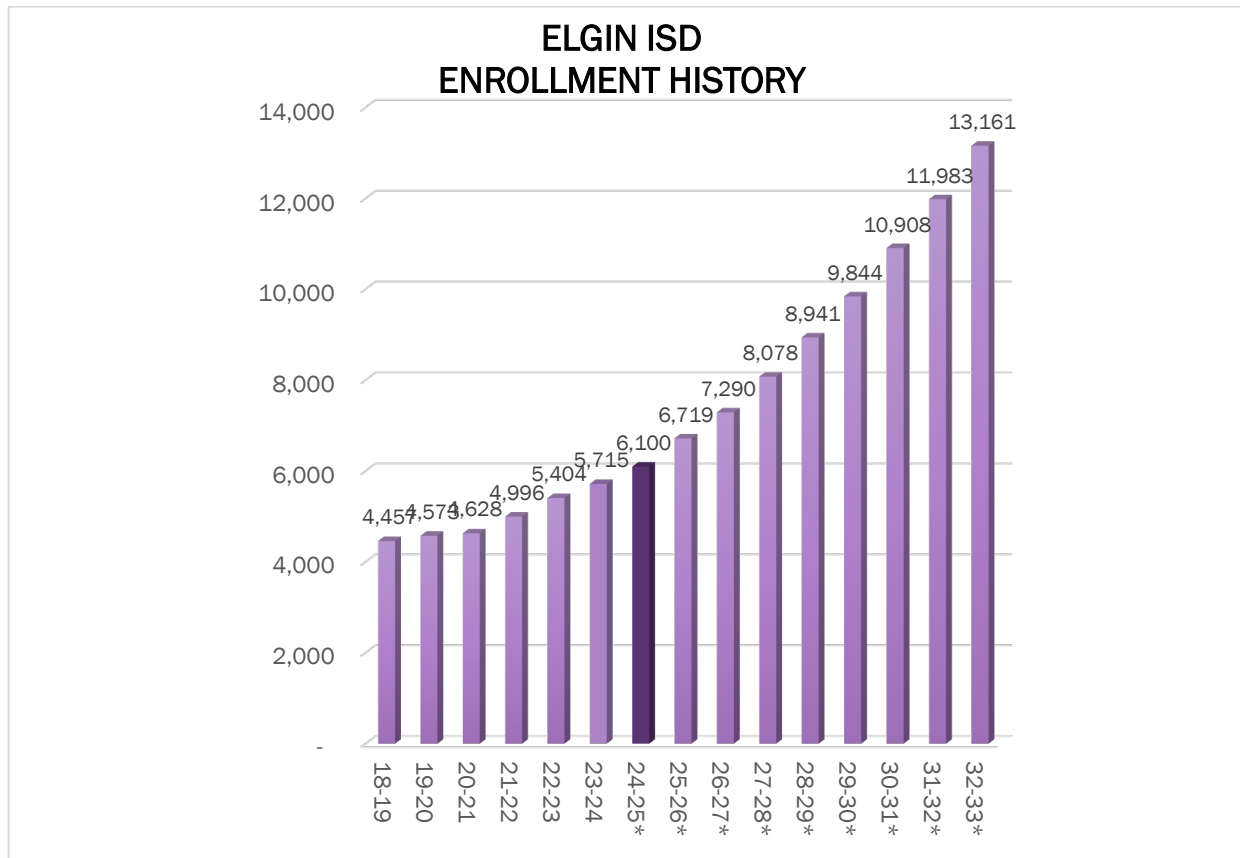
Total	\$ 61,644,000	\$ 64,890,050	5.27%
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State revenue is the largest revenue source for Elgin ISD at 60.27%, local revenue is 39.42%, and federal revenue is 0.31%.



Student Enrollment

Budgeted enrollment for the 2024-25 school year is 6,100 at 90% attendance rate, for an estimated Average Daily Attendance of 5,490. This is a 6.74% increase in enrollment over 2023-24 enrollment at Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) snapshot (last Friday in October). Enrollment was budgeted based on conservative projections using enrollment estimates provided by Population and Survey Analysts (PASA) in the April 2023 demographic study and Spring 2024 mini demographic study. Elgin ISD anticipates another full demographic study to be completed in Spring 2025. Increases in student population have a major impact on staffing decisions, per-pupil allocations, facility needs, debt issuance requirements, and other budgetary decisions. Based on demographic projections, Elgin ISD is expected to grow over 10,000 students by 2030-2031.



EXPENDITURES



General Operating Fund Appropriations are budgeted at \$64,890,000. This is an increase of \$3,246,050, or 5.27%, from the prior year’s original budget. The increase is attributable to new staff, compensation raises, loss of ESSER III funding, opening of Harvest Ridge Elementary School, and increased funding to programs that are needed to address the District’s growth.

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, and STAFFING

Because payroll accounts for 76.8% of the General Operating Fund budget, issues that affect staff have a major impact on the overall budget of the District. The District has worked very hard to ensure overall compensation is competitive with surrounding districts in an effort to attract and retain quality staff. TASB was contracted to do a compensation study, for the first time in 10 years in 2022-23 and worked with TASB to update and refresh the study in 2023-24.

Based on the TASB study, the EISD Board of Trustees approved a raise for all employees in May 2024. The Teacher Salary Scale was increased by \$1,765, with starting salaries at \$55,760 per year, and employees on this scale received an increase based on the new scale and years of creditable experience. Employees on all other pay scales received a 3% increase based on the mid-point of their scale. Equity and special adjustments were also done within pay scales.

NON-STAFFING EXPENDITURES

All campuses and departments receive a base allocation for managed appropriations. These appropriations include supplies, travel, training, etc. Department allocations start with the allocation for the previous year, but each department is required to analyze every line item and provide explanations for significant increases and decreases.

Campus instructional per pupil allocations for 2024-25 are as follows:

Campus	Allocation Per Student
Elgin High School (EHS)	\$105
Early College High School (ECHS)	\$140
Phoenix High School (PHS)	\$105
Elgin Middle School (EMS)	\$95
Elgin Intermediate School (EIS)	\$85
Elementary Schools (BTW, EES, NES, HRE)	\$80

In addition to the base instructional allocation, the Intermediate School, Middle School, and High School are given a band allocation for equipment and repairs. The Middle School and High School campuses also receive an extra-curricular allocation and an athletic allocation. Elementary campuses receive a fine arts allocation. All campuses receive a team building and library allotment per student. For 2024-25, Elgin ISD is excited to offer a Mariachi course at Elgin Intermediate School and Elgin Middle School and a choir course at Elgin Intermediate School, further providing choice and opportunities for our students.

CHILD NUTRITION FUND

The District’s food service operations are accounted for in the Child Nutrition Fund. Annually, the Board of Trustees adopts the Child Nutrition Fund budget.

REVENUES

Approximately 11.62% of the revenue in this fund is generated from student payment for meals and interest earnings. The majority of the revenue in the Child Nutrition Fund, 88.07%, is primarily received from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. A small amount of revenue, 0.31%, is received from the state through TRS On-Behalf revenue or state programs.

EXPENDITURES



Child Nutrition Services appropriations are broken out into five (5) object code categories and consist of payroll (40.01%), contracted services (2.3%), food and supplies (52.2%), miscellaneous other expenses (0.3%), and capital outlay (5.1%). Expenditures are anticipated to be higher in 2024-25 due to increased employee compensation rates based on the TASB Salary Study to ensure Elgin ISD remains competitive with employee pay for Child Nutrition staff, additional staff, higher food costs due to inflation, and the opening of Harvest Ridge Elementary School. Capital outlay is allocated in the 2024-25 budget due to construction and equipment refresh projects planned at several campuses.

The 2024-25 Child Nutrition projected revenues are \$331,700 less than the budgeted appropriations. Elgin ISD has had many consecutive years where the fund balance was over the allowable limits of 3 months' operating expenses. To strive for compliance, Elgin ISD is making effort to decrease fund balance back to allowable limits by Texas Department of Agriculture. In order to achieve this, the District is updating kitchen equipment and serving lines, continuing to procure high quality food, and pay competitive salaries.

DEBT SERVICE FUND

The Interest and Sinking Fund (I & S), or Debt Service Fund, accounts for payments to principal, interest, and related fees on the District's general obligation bonds. These bonds are used for capital improvements and construction. Under Texas law, only debt service payments can be charged to this fund.

REVENUES

The property tax revenue estimate is derived from applying the I&S tax rate against net assessed property values at a rate of \$0.4682 per \$100 of value. Additional revenue to pay the general obligation bonds is contributed from interest earnings on the cash flows in this fund and state aid payments, including Instructional Facilities Allotment (IFA) funds, Existing Debt Allotment Funds (EDA), and Additional State Aid for Homestead Exemption (ASAHE) payments. The total anticipated revenue for this fund for 2024-25 is \$16,909,000.

Elgin ISD voters approved a \$375,000,000 Bond Election in May 2024. The first tranch of funds was sold in Summer 2024 in the amount of \$150,000,000, to support voter-approved priority projects of Middle School #2, Athletic improvements at Elgin High School, and CTE/Press box and Scoreboard updates at Wildcat Stadium. Depending on property value growth in spring of 2025, Elgin ISD will determine if another tranch of funds will be sold. The 2024-25 budget has Other Financing Sources for this anticipated sale in the amount of \$486,310, in the form of capitalized interest to assist with making future bond payments.

EXPENDITURES

The expenditure budget for 2024-25 consists of the following amounts: \$3,855,000 for bond principal payments, \$13,525,310 for bond interest payments, and \$15,000 for agent fees. The increase in interest payments is due to the sale of Series 2024 funds in Summer 2024.

In 2022-23 and 2023-24, Elgin ISD defeased about \$1,000,000 and \$2,115,000, respectively, in Series 2014 bonds. Defeasing bonds allows the District to lower interest payments and free up additional bonding capacity for future debt to be issued, such as the 2024 Bonds approved by voters this past May. Elgin ISD is not anticipating defeasing debt in 2024-25 at this time, due to the issuance of Series 2024 bonds in Summer 2024, but will continue to analyze the possibility if tax collections or interest earnings are higher than budgeted.

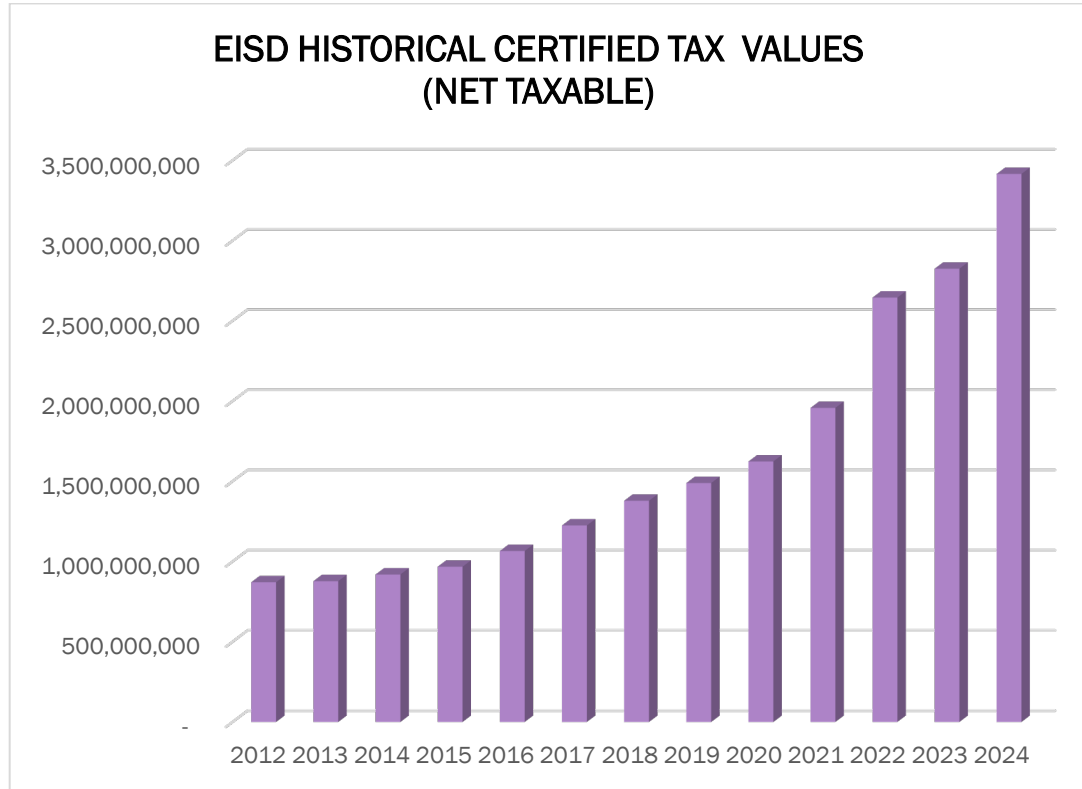
PROPERTY VALUES AND PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

Under current law, the District grants an exemption to the market value of residence homesteads of \$100,000 mandated by the state and approved by voters in November 2023. Elgin ISD falls within three different counties, Bastrop, Travis, and Lee. Bastrop County collects the District's taxes.

Certified values are based on the July 25th certification date with no during the year adjustments added or subtracted. Certified Appraisal District numbers are typically higher than the actual taxable values the District can collect on because the over 65 values are included in the values.

Property values and tax levy estimates are important in developing revenue forecasts for both the state and local

components in both the General Operating Fund and Debt Service Fund. Certified Property Tax Values (Net Taxable) growth in tax year 2024 in the District is projected to increase over 29% as compared to tax year 2023. The \$100,000 Hold Harmless slowed the rapid property growth in tax year 2023, but has appeared to rebound in tax year 2024.



Certified Year	Certified Tax Values (Net Taxable)	% Growth
2012	870,820,438	1.26%
2013	877,556,250	0.77%
2014	919,016,837	4.72%
2015	967,692,131	5.30%
2016	1,065,529,478	10.11%
2017	1,224,748,918	14.94%
2018	1,378,575,655	12.56%
2019	1,489,005,023	8.01%
2020	1,623,522,183	9.03%
2021	1,957,641,972	20.58%
2022	2,645,180,014	35.12%
2023	2,824,826,782	6.79%
2024	3,415,548,746	29.12%

TAX RATE

Property taxes are levied by October 1 on the assessed value listed as of January 1 for all real and business property located in the District in conformity with Subtitle E, Texas Property Tax Code. Taxes are due upon receipt of the tax bill and are past due and subject to interest if not paid by February 1 of the year following the October levy date. Taxes are delinquent if not paid by June 30. Delinquent taxes are subject to both penalty and interest charges plus 15% delinquent collection fees for attorney costs. Below is a table of the Maintenance & Operations (M&O), Interest & Sinking (I&S), and Total tax rates for the past 10 years. These tax rates are based on \$100 property valuation. With the recent passage of Senate Bill 2 and continued property value growth, the M&O Tax Rate was further compressed and decreased by \$0.0023 from the 2023 Tax Rate. The Elgin ISD I&S Tax Rate will remain stable to support the debt payments of the District and defease debt when possible each year.



Tax Year	M&O Tax Rate	I&S Tax Rate	Total Tax Rate
2014-15	\$ 1.17	\$ 0.37	\$ 1.54
2015-16	\$ 1.17	\$ 0.37	\$ 1.54
2016-17	\$ 1.17	\$ 0.37	\$ 1.54
2017-18	\$ 1.17	\$ 0.37	\$ 1.54
2018-19	\$ 1.17	\$ 0.37	\$ 1.54
2019-20	\$ 1.0683	\$ 0.45	\$ 1.5183
2020-21	\$ 1.0125	\$ 0.4482	\$ 1.4607
2021-22	\$ 0.9603	\$ 0.4682	\$ 1.4285
2022-23	\$ 0.9429	\$ 0.4682	\$ 1.4111
2023-24	\$ 0.7575	\$ 0.4682	\$ 1.2257
2024-25	\$ 0.7552	\$ 0.4682	\$ 1.2234



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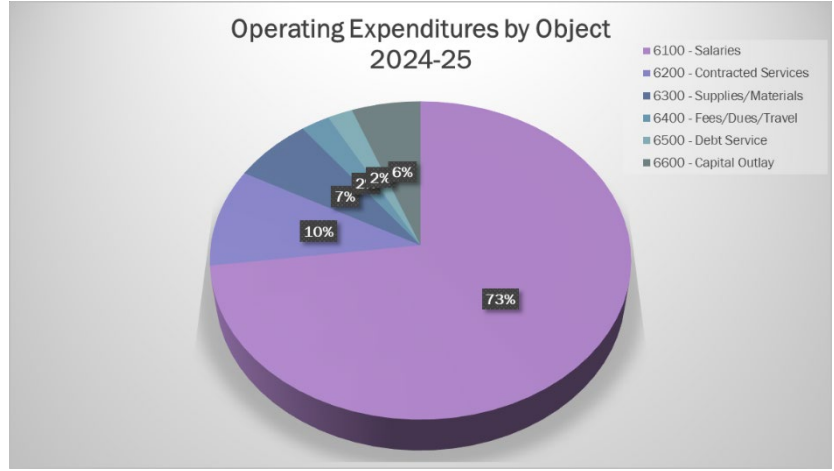
2024-25 PROPOSED BUDGET BY FUND & FUNCTION FOR BOARD APPROVED FUNDS

ELGIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2024-25 PROPOSED BUDGET			
FUNCTION	GENERAL FUND	FOOD SERVICE FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND
ESTIMATED REVENUES			
571X - Property Taxes	\$ 23,475,000		\$ 16,245,000
5700 - Other Local Revenue	\$ 2,105,050	\$ 555,000	\$ 400,000
5800 - State Revenue	\$ 36,410,000	\$ -	\$ 264,000
5831 - State TRS On-Behalf	\$ 2,700,000	\$ 15,000	
5900 - Federal	\$ 200,000	\$ 4,206,300	
Total Estimated Revenues	\$ 64,890,050	\$ 4,776,300	\$ 16,909,000
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES			
11 - Instruction	\$ 30,876,926		
12 - Instructional Resources	\$ 643,640		
13 - Curriculum/Staff Development	\$ 1,831,860		
21 - Instructional Leadership	\$ 1,675,070		
23 - Campus Administration	\$ 3,817,531		
31 - Guidance & Counseling	\$ 2,969,842		
32 - Social Work	\$ 151,511		
33 - Health Services	\$ 493,381		
34 - Student Transportation	\$ 3,332,131		
35 - Food Service	\$ -	\$ 4,800,000	
36 - Co-Curricular Activities	\$ 1,652,706		
41 - General Administration	\$ 3,095,711		
51 - Maintenance and Operations	\$ 6,271,409	\$ 58,000	
52 - Security and Monitoring	\$ 1,579,688		
53 - Technology Data Processing	\$ 1,410,752		
61 - Community Services	\$ 598,848		
71 - Debt Service	\$ 1,379,043		\$ 17,395,310
81 - Facilities Acquisition & Construction	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 250,000	
93 - Shared Service Arrangements	\$ 35,000		
99 - Intergov Charges-Tax Appraisals	\$ 575,000		
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$ 64,890,050	\$ 5,108,000	\$ 17,395,310
Excess/(Deficiency)	\$ -	\$ (331,700)	\$ (486,310)
Other Resources/(Uses)	\$ -		\$ 486,310
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ (331,700)	\$ -
TAX RATE	\$ 0.7552		\$ 0.4682
Total Revenue - All Funds	\$ 87,061,660		
Total Expenditures - All Funds	\$ 87,393,360		
Excess/(Deficiency)	\$ (331,700)		

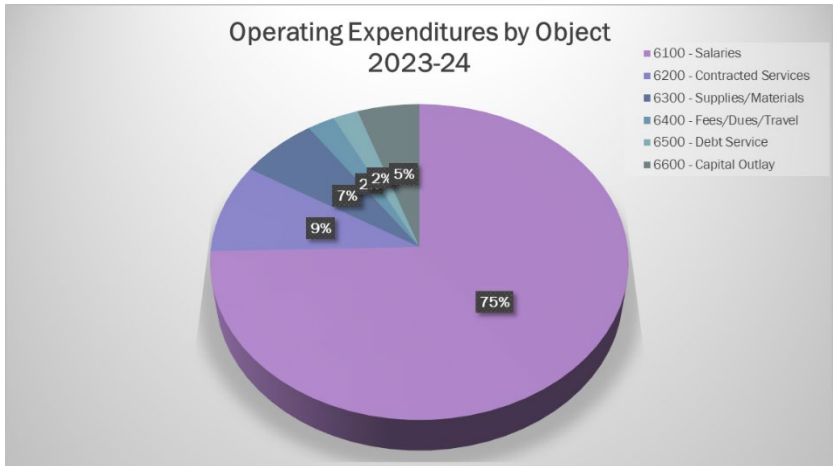


OPERATING BUDGET BY MAJOR OBJECT CODE
2024-25 COMPARED TO 2023-24 AND 2022-23

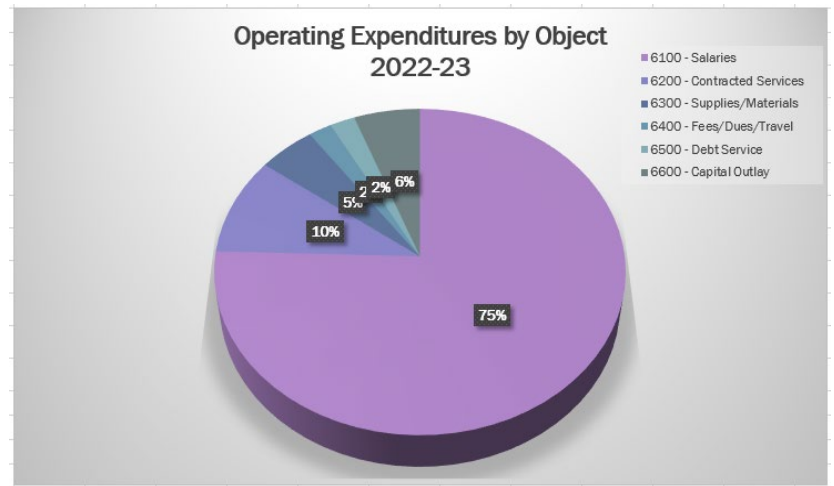
Elgin ISD Operating Budget by Object 2024-25	
Object	Budget
6100 - Salaries	\$ 47,343,093
6200 - Contracted Services	6,471,520
6300 - Supplies/Materials	4,357,795
6400 - Fees/Dues/Travel	1,575,319
6500 - Debt Service	1,379,043
6600 - Capital Outlay	3,763,280
Total	\$ 64,890,050



Elgin ISD Operating Budget by Object 2023-24	
Object	Budget
6100 - Salaries	\$ 45,966,167
6200 - Contracted Services	5,658,188
6300 - Supplies/Materials	4,037,942
6400 - Fees/Dues/Travel	1,426,111
6500 - Debt Service	1,320,353
6600 - Capital Outlay	3,235,239
Total	\$ 61,644,000

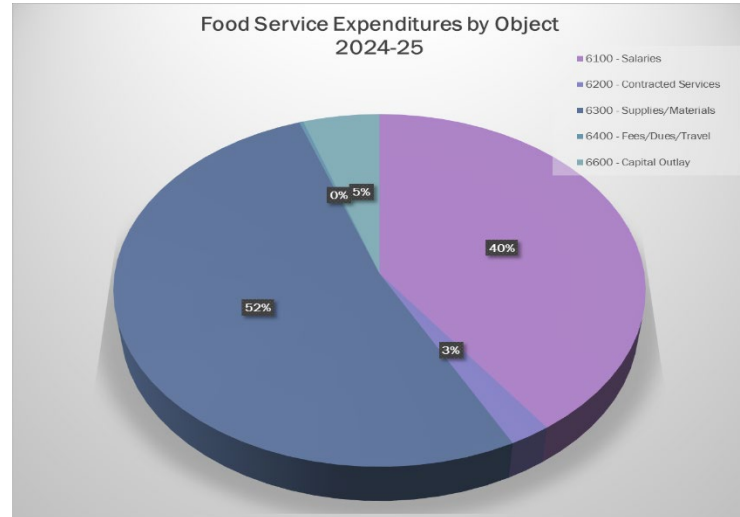


Elgin ISD Operating Budget by Object 2022-23	
Object	Budget
6100 - Salaries	\$ 42,560,040
6200 - Contracted Services	5,477,547
6300 - Supplies/Materials	2,775,303
6400 - Fees/Dues/Travel	1,135,977
6500 - Debt Service	1,212,209
6600 - Capital Outlay	3,211,924
Total	\$ 56,373,000

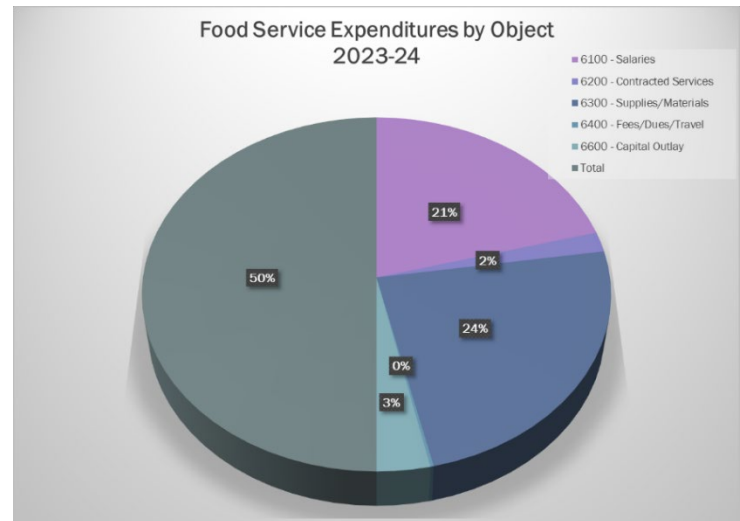


**CHILD NUTRITION FUND BUDGET BY MAJOR OBJECT CODE
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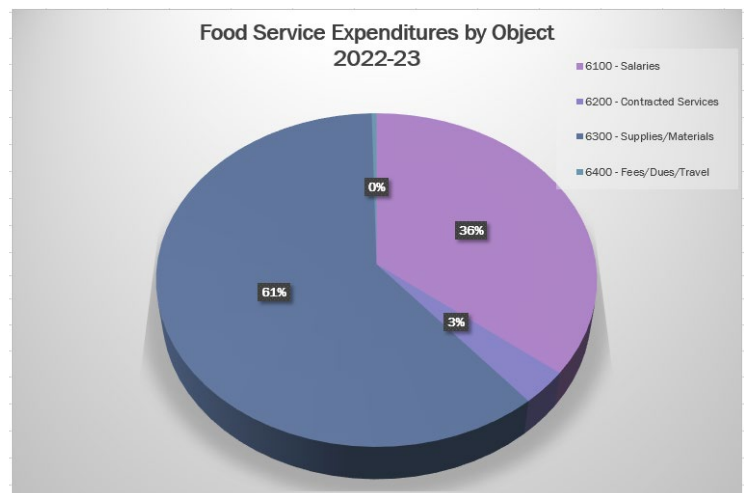
Elgin ISD Food Service Budget by Object 2024-25	
Object	Budget
6100 - Salaries	\$ 2,048,464
6200 - Contracted Services	117,001
6300 - Supplies/Materials	2,668,685
6400 - Fees/Dues/Travel	13,850
6600 - Capital Outlay	260,000
Total	\$ 5,108,000



Elgin ISD Food Service Budget by Object 2023-24	
Object	Budget
6100 - Salaries	\$ 1,853,059
6200 - Contracted Services	162,000
6300 - Supplies/Materials	2,128,291
6400 - Fees/Dues/Travel	18,500
6600 - Capital Outlay	300,000
Total	\$ 4,461,850

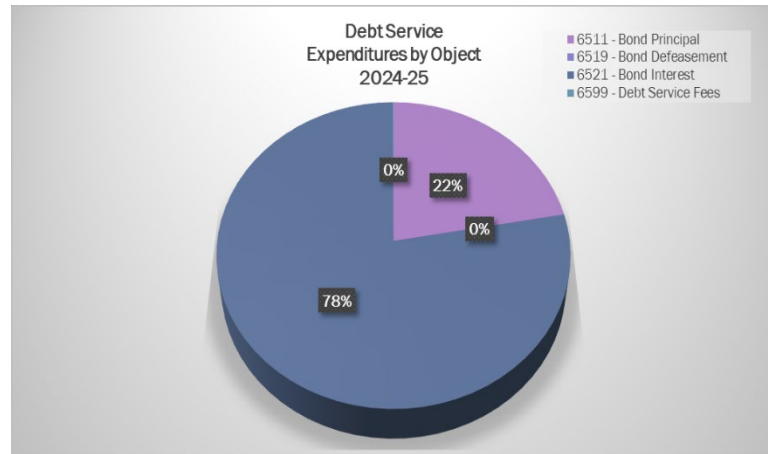


Elgin ISD Food Service Budget by Object 2022-23	
Object	Budget
6100 - Salaries	\$ 1,514,500
6200 - Contracted Services	139,500
6300 - Supplies/Materials	2,579,193
6400 - Fees/Dues/Travel	16,500
Total	\$ 4,249,693

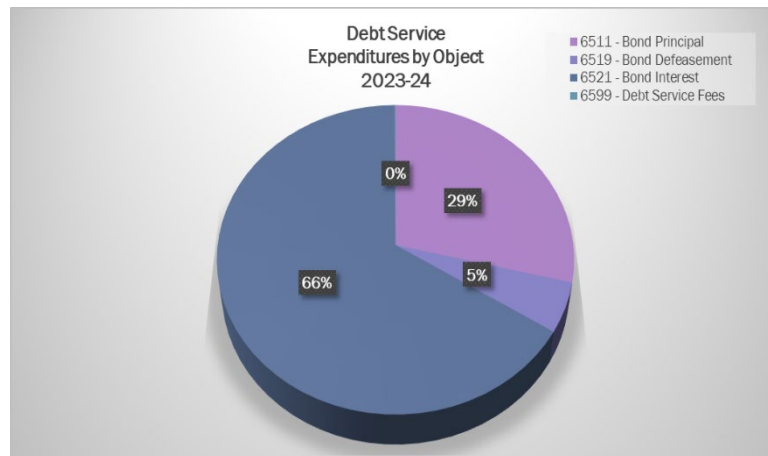


DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGET BY DETAILED OBJECT CODE
2024-25 COMPARED TO 2023-24 AND 2022-23

Elgin ISD Debt Service Budget by Object 2024-25	
Object	Budget
6511 - Bond Principal	\$ 3,855,000
6519 - Bond Defeasement	-
6521 - Bond Interest	13,525,310
6599 - Debt Service Fees	15,000
Total	\$ 17,395,310



Elgin ISD Debt Service Budget by Object 2023-24	
Object	Budget
6511 - Bond Principal	\$ 4,150,000
6519 - Bond Defeasement	1,500,000
6521 - Bond Interest	7,256,763
6599 - Debt Service Fees	15,000
Total	\$ 12,921,763



Elgin ISD Debt Service Budget by Object 2022-23	
Object	Budget
6511 - Bond Principal	\$ 3,350,000
6519 - Bond Defeasement	600,000
6521 - Bond Interest	7,649,217
6599 - Debt Service Fees	10,000
Total	\$ 11,609,217

