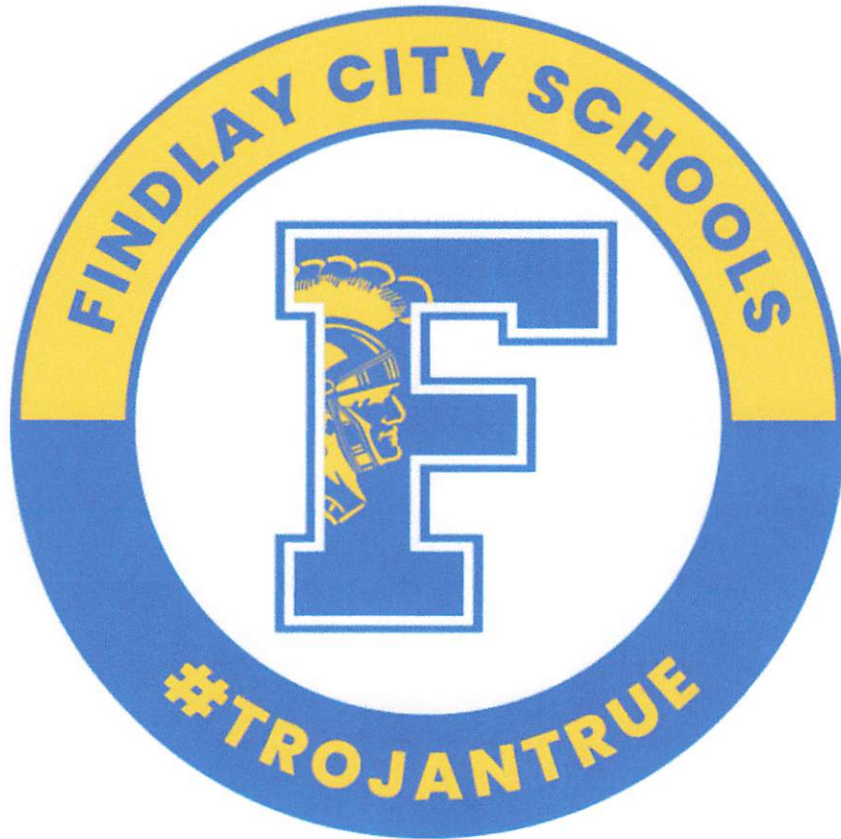


FINDLAY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT-HANCOCK COUNTY
FORECASTED FISCAL YEARS ENDING
JUNE 30, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2029



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November 18, 2024 Updated

Findlay City School District – Hancock County
Notes to the Five Year Forecast – Pamela Harrington

Introduction to the Five-Year Forecast

The five-year forecast is viewed as a key management tool and must be updated periodically. In Ohio, most school districts understand how they will manage their finances in the current year. The five-year forecast encourages district management teams to examine future years' projections and identify when challenges will arise. This then helps district management to be proactive in meeting those challenges. School districts are encouraged to update their forecasts with Ohio Department of Education when events take place that will significantly change their forecast or, at a minimum, when required under statute.

In a financial forecast, the numbers only tell a small part of the story. For the numbers to be meaningful, the reader must review and consider the Assumptions to the Financial Forecast before drawing conclusions or using the data as a basis for other calculations. The assumptions are especially important to understanding the rationale of the numbers, particularly when a significant increase or decrease is reflected.

Here are at least three purposes or objectives of the five-year forecast:

- (1) To engage the local board of education and the community in long range planning and discussions of financial issues facing the school district
- (2) To serve as a basis for determining the school district's ability to sign the certificate required by O.R.C. §5705.412, commonly known as the "412 certificate"
- (3) To provide a method for the Department of Education and Auditor of State to identify school districts with potential financial problems

O.R.C. §5705.391 and O.A.C. 3301-92-04 require a Board of Education (BOE) to file a five (5) year financial forecast by November 30, 2024, and May 31, 2025, for the fiscal year 2025 (July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025). The five-year forecast includes three years of actual and five years of projected general fund revenues and expenditures. The fiscal year 2025 (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025) is the first year of the five-year forecast and is considered the baseline year. Data and assumptions noted in this forecast are based on the best and most reliable data available to us as of the date of this forecast.

November 2024

Revenues FY25

The overview of revenue shows that we are on target with our estimates. Total General Fund revenues (line 1.07) are estimated to be \$65.3 million or 0.08% more than last's year amount of \$64.7 million.

Line 1.01 and 1.02 - Property tax revenues represent 49% and are estimated to be approximately \$32 million, which is \$776,874 higher for FY25 than the prior November. Our future estimates are calculated using 2% increase.

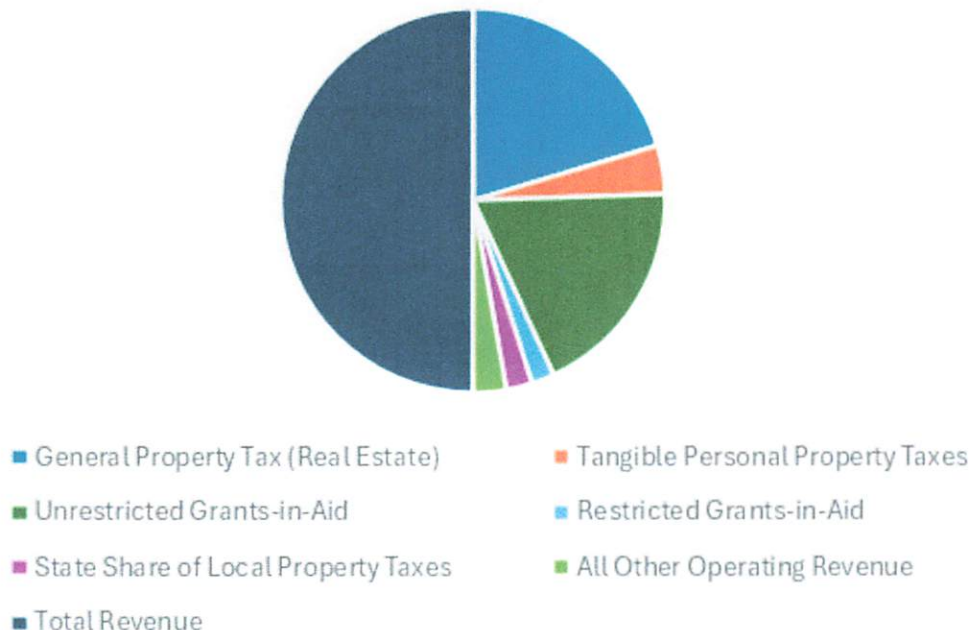
Line 1.03 – Income Tax - The district's collection of School District Income Tax (SDIT) is 0 – Findlay City School District does not have an income tax so we do not show this line on the forecast unlike the other districts in Hancock County and other districts across the state. It helps to diversify your revenue stream by having an income tax.

Line 1.035 and 1.04 - State Aid continues the implementation of the Fair School Funding Plan (FSFP), which has caused significant changes to the way our state revenues are calculated. We are estimating our state aid to be \$24,297302 million which is currently on our Statement of Foundation we have received since July 2024. Due to the uncertainty of the funding, we are keeping this amount flat to ensure we have funds to pay our bills.

Line 1.05 – State Share of Local Property Taxes - Property tax allocation primarily consists of reimbursements from the state of Ohio for local taxpayer credits or reductions. The state reduces the local taxpayer's tax bill with a 10% rollback credit, and 2.5% owner-occupied rollback credit, plus a homestead credit for qualifying taxpayers. Property Tax Allocation Revenue represents approximately 5% of total revenue. Tangible Personal Property Tax is reported on this line and is eliminated.

Line 1.06 – All Other Operating Revenue – Includes tuition, Medicaid reimbursement, earnings on investments, rentals and donations.

Forecast 2025



Conclusion

FINDLAY CITY SCHOOLS									
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Five-Year Forecast									
Line	Description	Actual 2022	Actual 2023	Actual 2024	Forecast 2025	Forecast 2026	Forecast 2027	Forecast 2028	Forecast 2029
2.08	Total Revenue and Other Financing Sources	\$59,927,479	\$61,853,202	\$64,752,386	\$65,326,035	\$66,107,803	\$66,904,687	\$67,704,999	\$68,190,767
5.05	Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$57,957,665	\$60,189,309	\$65,641,703	\$69,927,134	\$66,228,550	\$64,709,739	\$65,270,407	\$67,706,686
6.01	Excess Of Revenues and Other Financing Sources over (under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$1,969,814	\$1,663,893	-\$889,317	-\$4,601,099	-\$120,747	\$2,194,947	\$2,434,592	\$484,080
7.01	Beginning Cash Balance July 1 - Excluding Proposed Renewal/Replacement and New Levies	\$10,582,075	\$12,551,888	\$14,215,781	\$13,326,464	\$8,725,365	\$8,604,617	\$10,799,565	\$13,234,156

With the reductions the District will be able to meet the required DEW outlines of a cash balance.

LEVY DEFEAT – Moving Forward

What are the financial impacts of the levy –

While we are sad about the outcome we recognize the clear message from voters. We will provide the school district the community is telling us to provide. This means a significant change in our district. The future is challenging but we will continue to provide our students with the best we can with what we have.

The Findlay City Schools Board of Education is to be commended. They have been paying the district's bills on a tax amount levied twenty years ago.

The voters have rejected the last four levy proposals submitted by the Board of Education.

If the Board places a levy on the ballot in 2025 either May or November, we will not see any revenue until 2026.

The Board will work with staff, families and our community to forge ahead together.

FINDLAY CITY SCHOOLS

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Five-Year Forecast

Line	Description	Actual 2022	Actual 2023	Actual 2024	Forecast 2025	Forecast 2026	Forecast 2027	Forecast 2028	Forecast 2029
1.01	General Property Tax (Real Estate)	\$24,664,404	\$25,574,098	\$25,895,811	\$26,672,685	\$27,206,139	\$27,750,261	\$28,305,267	\$28,871,372
1.02	Tangible Personal Property Taxes	\$4,122,186	\$4,092,444	\$5,173,885	\$5,329,102	\$5,435,684	\$5,544,397	\$5,655,285	\$5,768,391
1.035	Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid	\$22,826,659	\$23,696,215	\$24,800,448	\$24,297,039	\$24,297,039	\$24,297,039	\$24,297,039	\$24,297,039
1.04	Restricted Grants-in-Aid	\$2,028,298	\$1,887,118	\$2,403,305	\$2,478,599	\$2,518,669	\$2,560,838	\$2,605,228	\$2,761,542
1.05	State Share of Local Property Taxes	\$3,041,283	\$2,865,700	\$2,853,371	\$2,929,882	\$2,954,660	\$2,979,686	\$3,004,963	\$2,578,462
1.06	All Other Operating Revenue	\$2,744,648	\$3,699,115	\$3,563,365	\$3,618,728	\$3,695,612	\$3,772,466	\$3,837,217	\$3,913,961
1.07	Total Revenue	\$59,427,479	\$61,814,689	\$64,690,185	\$65,326,035	\$66,107,803	\$66,904,687	\$67,704,999	\$68,190,767
2.06	All other Financing Sources	\$500,000	\$38,512	\$62,201	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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3.01	Salaries & Wages	\$34,638,652	\$35,267,231	\$39,141,218	\$42,725,768	\$44,199,807	\$45,724,700	\$47,302,202	\$48,934,128
	Salaries & Wages Reductions FY26					-\$5,000,000	-\$5,000,000	-\$5,000,000	-\$5,000,000
	Salaries & Wages Reductions FY27						-\$2,000,000	-\$2,000,000	-\$2,000,000
	Salaries & Wages Reductions FY28							-\$1,000,000	-\$1,000,000
3.01	REVISED SALARIES & WAGES	\$34,638,652	\$35,267,231	\$39,141,218	\$42,725,768	\$39,199,807	\$38,724,700	\$39,302,202	\$40,934,128
3.02	Fringe Benefits	\$14,739,317	\$15,901,133	\$16,596,466	\$17,007,602	\$17,629,131	\$18,274,946	\$18,946,074	\$19,514,456
	Fringe Benefits Reductions FY26					-\$2,000,000	-\$2,000,000	-\$2,000,000	-\$2,000,000
	Fringe Benefits Reductions FY27						-\$2,000,000	-\$2,000,000	-\$2,000,000
	Fringe Benefits Reductions FY28							-\$1,000,000	-\$1,000,000
	Fringe Benefits Changes FY26 (20% increase Health Cost)				\$1,100,000				
	Fringe Benefits Changes FY27 (20% increase Health Cost)					\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000
3.02	REVISED FRINGES BENEFITS	\$14,739,317	\$15,901,133	\$16,596,466	\$18,107,602	\$17,829,131	\$16,474,946	\$16,146,074	\$16,714,456
3.03	Purchased Services	\$6,206,669	\$6,155,095	\$6,278,727	\$6,069,843	\$6,272,577	\$6,482,996	\$6,701,417	\$6,902,460
3.04	Supplies	\$1,460,870	\$1,786,949	\$2,231,968	\$1,900,000	\$1,793,150	\$1,877,165	\$1,956,427	\$1,956,427
3.05	Equipment & Capital Purchases	\$227,938	\$385,259	\$451,112	\$353,501	\$357,035	\$360,605	\$364,211	\$375,137
4.3	Other Objects	\$684,218	\$693,642	\$942,212	\$770,420	\$776,850	\$789,327	\$800,076	\$824,078
4.5	Total Expenditures	\$57,957,665	\$60,189,309	\$65,641,703	\$69,927,134	\$66,228,550	\$64,709,739	\$65,270,407	\$67,706,686
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