Marion Public Schools

Budget Public Hearing

March 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Proposed Fiscal Year June 30, 2026 Operating Budget

Sippican School

Our Vision

Is dedicated to creating a safe and nurturing learning environment that offers inclusive and engaging educational experiences.

Through collaborative relationships with our school community members, we strive to foster a respectful culture that prioritizes academic excellence and social emotional readiness.

Our primary objective is to provide every student with the necessary skills and developed mindset to embrace future opportunities and become responsible, lifelong learners and contributing global citizens.

Core Values

THINK:
Cultivate a culture of academic rigor and integrity which encourages critical thinking, creative thinking, collaboration and effective communication.

LEARN:
Strive for academic excellence in educating the whole child through authentic, rigorous and evidence-based learning opportunities that foster real world application and a continuous pursuit of learning.

CARE:
Ensure a caring and safe environment for all school community members by promoting a sense of belonging and respect for all.

Budget Priorities

A budget that supports the following priorities:

1) Alignment to the Five Year Strategic Plan

2) Ensuring High Expectations of Teaching and Learning for All Students

3) Efficiency and Cost-Effectiveness Measures

4) Data-Driven Decision-Making

Budget Development Process

From September 2024 through May 2025

Budget Development

Preparation and Planning:

Superintendent, school administrators and other stakeholders analyze past budgets, assess current financial status and set budgetary goals for the upcoming fiscal year.

Budget Proposal Creation:

Based on the planning stage, a preliminary budget proposal is developed. This proposal outlines anticipated revenues, expenditures and allocations for different programs and departments.

The budget proposal may include funding for personnel salaries, benefits, instructional materials, technology, facilities maintenance, transportation and other operational costs.

Budget Development

Budget Review and Revision:

The preliminary budget proposal(s) undergoes a thorough review by school administrators and budget subcommittee.

Adjustments and revisions are made based on feedback, financial constraints and any changes in priorities or mandates.

Input and Hearings:

Superintendent holds meetings where the school’s Budget Subcommittee, Town Administrator and Town Representatives can provide input, ask questions and provide feedback about the budget proposal.

Feedback from the attendees may influence further revisions to the budget.

Budget Development

School Committee Budget Approval:

After incorporating feedback and making necessary adjustments, the final Superintendent's Budget proposal is presented to the School Committee and community at a Budget Public Hearing for approval.

The School Committee reviews the budget, conducts discussions and may vote to approve or make additional changes before finalizing the budget.

Final Budget Approval:

Once the budget is approved by the School Committee, the School Committee's Proposed Budget is presented at the Annual Town Meeting.

The Superintendent or designated representative attends the Annual Town Meeting to offer any additional information in support of the School Committee's Proposed Budget.

Budget Information

Financial Overview: All Funds

- ❑ Grants and Other Special Revenues
- ❖ General Funds

Financial Overview:

- Grants and Other Special Revenues
  - Alternative Funding Used to Supplement and Reduce Necessary General Funds

❑ Grants and Other Special Revenues "Funding Offsets"

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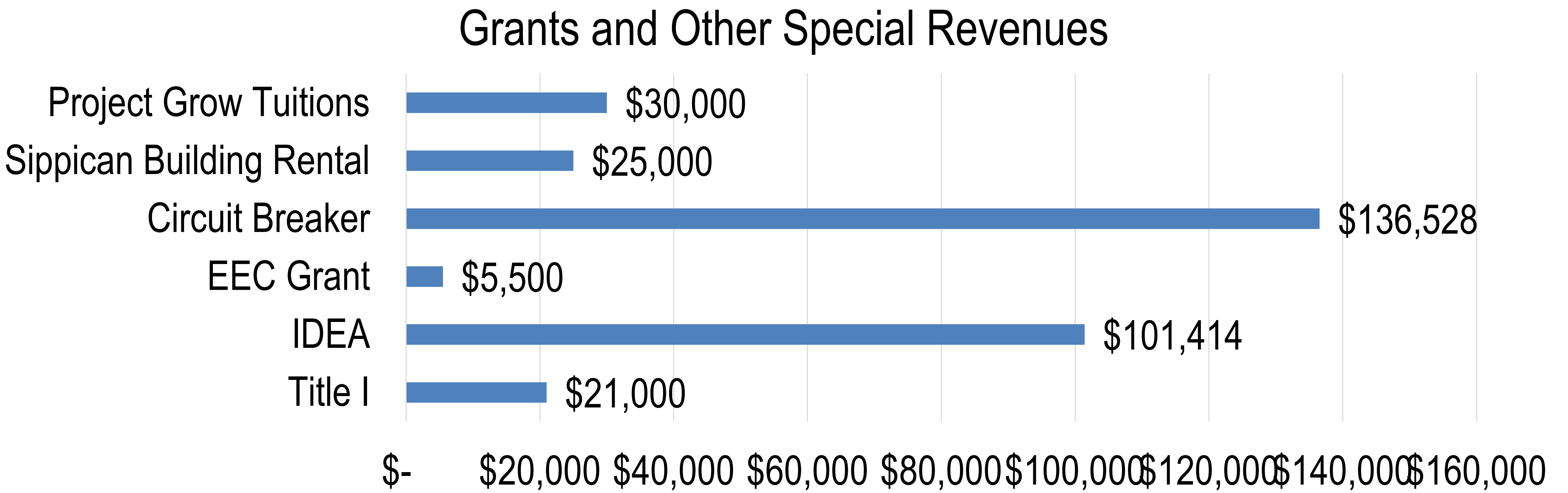
Building or Department	Funding Offsets
Sippican School	$ 157,914
Student Services	$ 136,528
Facilities	$ 25,000
Total FY26 Proposed Budget	**$ 319,442**

- ❑ Buildings and Departments Supplemented by Alternate Funding

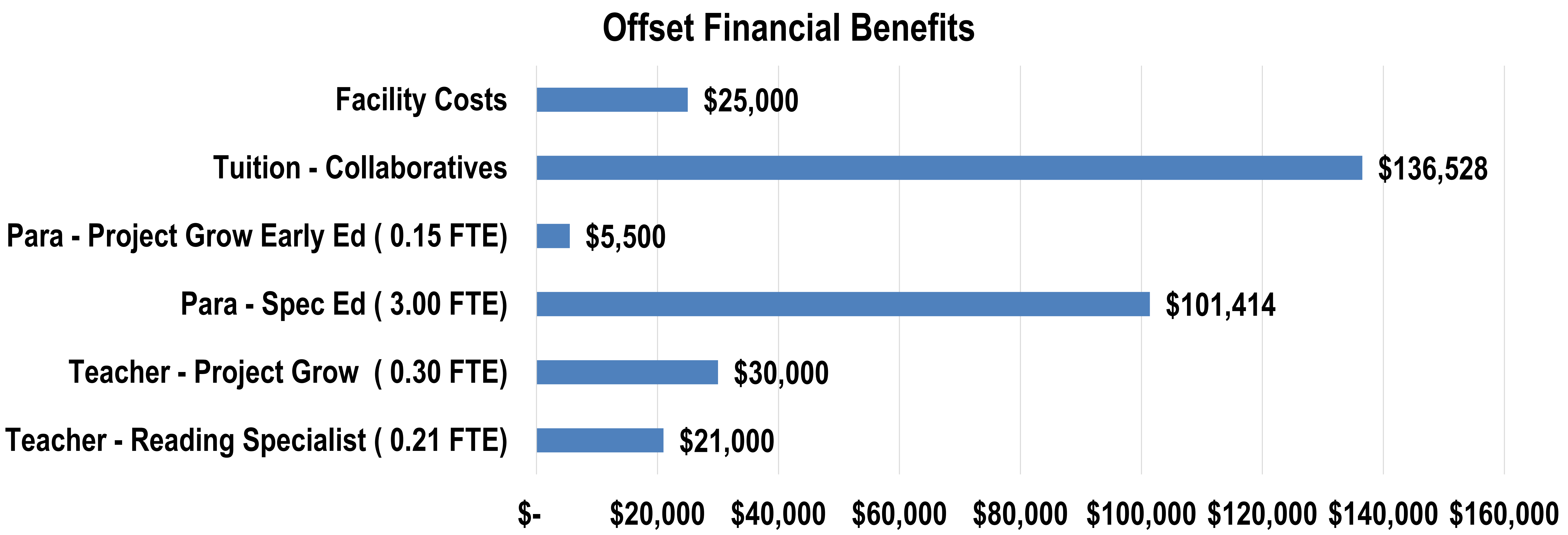
Grants and Other Special Revenues "Sources"



	Title I	IDEA	EEC Grant	Circuit Breaker	Sippican Building Rental	Project Grow Tuitions
Series1	$21,000	$101,414	$5,500	$136,528	$25,000	$30,000

- Where it comes from

❑ Grants and Other Special Revenues
"Usage"



	Teacher - Reading Specialist (0.21 FTE)	Teacher - Project Grow (0.30 FTE)	Para - Spec Ed (3.00 FTE)	Para - Project Grow Early Ed (0.15 FTE)	Tuition - Collaboratives	Facility Costs
Offset Financial Benefits	$21,000	$30,000	$101,414	$5,500	$136,528	$25,000

❑ Where it goes

Financial Overview:

- General Funds
  - Primary Source of Funding for:
    - Academics
    - Student Services
    - Facilities
    - Technology
    - Transportation

❖ General Funds

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Building or Department	Budget Amounts	
Sippican School	$	4,904,657
Central Office	$	233,709
Student Services	$	1,048,577
Transportation	$	720,582
Technology	$	110,435
Facilities	$	535,589
Total FY26 Proposed Budget	**$**	**7,553,549**
Total FY25 Approved Budget	**$**	**7,080,780**
	$	**472,769**
		6.68%

Budgetary Groups

❖ General Funds

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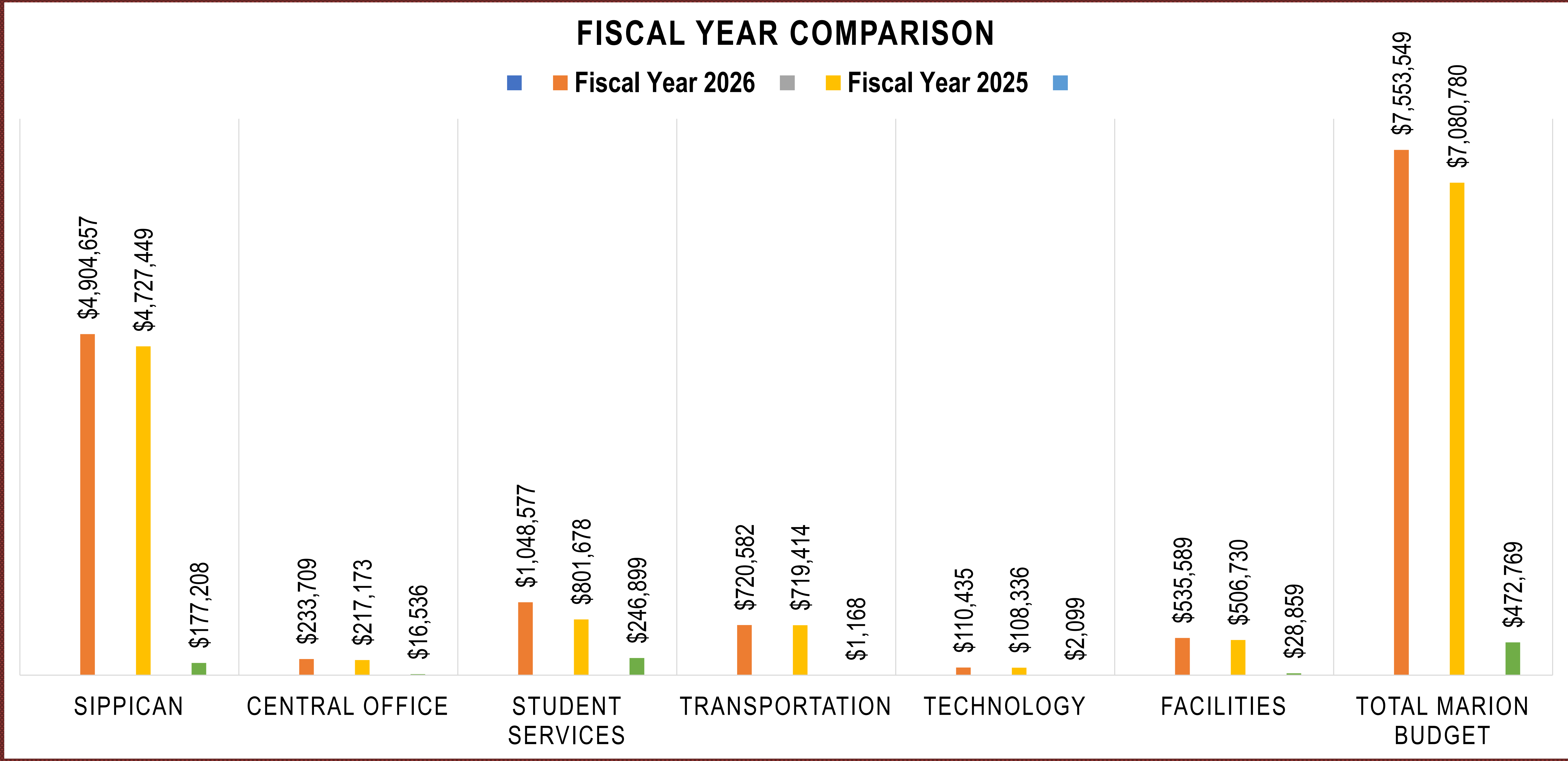
Building/ Department	Fiscal Year 2026	Fiscal Year 2025	Department Changes
Sippican	$ 4,904,657	$ 4,727,449	$ 177,208
Central Office	$ 233,709	$ 217,173	$ 16,536
Student Services	$ 1,048,577	$ 801,678	$ 246,899
Transportation	$ 720,582	$ 719,414	$ 1,168
Technology	$ 110,435	$ 108,336	$ 2,099
Facilities	$ 535,589	$ 506,730	$ 28,859
Total Marion Budget	**$ 7,553,549**	**$ 7,080,780**	**$ 472,769**

❖ Comparison Summary by Grouping

❖ General Funds



❖ Alternate Summary by Grouping Types

❖ General Funds

Department Code	Department	Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget	Approved Fiscal Year 2025 Budget	Budget Variance	Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 FTE	Approved Fiscal Year 2025 FTE	FTE Variance
001	School Committee	$ 8,475	$ 8,475	$ -	-	-	-
004	Superintendents Office	$ 177,184	$ 169,648	$ 7,536	1.45	1.45	0.01
007	School Administration	$ 351,036	$ 326,024	$ 25,011	3.64	3.31	0.33
010	Classroom Teachers	$ 1,816,594	$ 1,847,368	$ (30,774)	17.00	18.00	(1.00)
013	Kindergarten	$ 244,899	$ 293,019	$ (48,120)	3.00	4.00	(1.00)
016	Art Program	$ 70,773	$ 62,564	$ 8,209	1.00	1.00	-
024	Ell Program	$ 22,343	$ 21,200	$ 1,143	0.20	0.20	-
025	English	$ 261,084	$ 249,858	$ 11,225	4.00	4.00	-
037	Mathematics	$ 4,950	$ 4,950	$ -	-	-	-
040	Media Services	$ 110,616	$ 107,573	$ 3,043	1.00	1.00	-
043	Music	$ 214,258	$ 208,256	$ 6,002	2.00	2.00	-
049	Physical Education	$ 171,037	$ 160,896	$ 10,141	2.00	2.00	-
052	Science	$ 4,950	$ 4,950	$ -	-	-	-
055	Social Studies	$ 4,950	$ 4,950	$ -	-	-	-
061	Curriculum Development	$ 45,500	$ 36,500	$ 9,000	-	-	-
067	Enrichment Program	$ 109,416	$ 101,544	$ 7,872	1.00	1.00	-
076	Health Services	$ 97,621	$ 77,491	$ 20,130	1.00	1.00	-
079	Transportation	$ 363,450	$ 325,000	$ 38,450	-	-	-
085	School Security	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ -	-	-	-
088	Operation & Maintenance	$ 535,589	$ 506,730	$ 28,859	1.16	1.16	0.00
093	Computer Program	$ 110,435	$ 108,336	$ 2,099	0.81	0.80	0.00
100	Special Needs Administration	$ 54,241	$ 51,313	$ 2,927	0.32	0.32	0.00
102	Project Grow	$ 132,078	$ 125,316	$ 6,762	2.77	2.77	-
103	Learning Support Center	$ 961,182	$ 804,949	$ 156,234	19.00	18.00	1.00
118	Speech	$ 218,849	$ 218,349	$ 500	1.00	1.00	-
121	Support Services	$ 266,484	$ 261,388	$ 5,096	1.00	1.00	-
127	Psychological Services	$ 222,987	$ 227,555	$ (4,568)	3.00	3.00	-
130	Sped Transportation	$ 333,132	$ 370,414	$ (37,282)	-	-	-
133	Sped Programs W/Others	$ 637,937	$ 394,665	$ 243,272	-	-	-
	Totals	**$ 7,553,549**	**$ 7,080,780**	**$ 472,769**	**66.35**	**67.01**	**(0.66)**

❖ Alternate Summary by Department Types

Significant Changes To FY26 Proposed Budget

Cost Drivers

Building/ Department	Fiscal Year 2026	Fiscal Year 2025	Department Changes	Notes
Sippican	$ 4,904,657	$ 4,727,449	$ 177,208	Staff Reduction - Net 1 FTE, Union Contracts
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Total Marion Budget	**$ 7,553,549**	**$ 7,080,780**	**$ 472,769**	**6.68%**

- **Reasoning of Department Based Financial Changes**

Sippican Elementary School
Building Based Costs

- Union Based Contract Compensation Increase
- 2.0 FTE – Reduction of Elementary Teacher(s)
    - Estimated $ 120,000 Decrease
- 1.0 FTE - Increase of Special Education Teacher
    - Estimated $ 72,000 Increase

Academic and Professional Development

- Literacy Core Program & Development
  - $5,000 Decrease
  - Programmatic Based Change

Student Services

- Tuition Based Student Programs
  - Placement Programs
    - Change Programs
    - Enrollment Increase
  - Net $ 243,000 Estimated Increase

Facility and Operations

- Building Based Utilities
  - Electricity and Gas Costs
    - Net $ 14,000 Increase
- Contracted Costs
  - Custodial Services
    - Net $ 5,000 Increase

Transportation

- Regular Day Transportation
  - Second of Three Year Bus Contract
  - Net $ 39,000 Increase

- Special Needs Transportation
  - Placement and Route Changes
  - Net $ 37,000 Decrease

State Budget Information

Governor's Proposed Budget
Chapter 70 Aid

Comparison to FY25

	FY25	FY26	Change	Pct Chg
Enrollment	388	372	-16	-4.12%
Foundation budget	5,105,842	5,064,173	-41,669	-0.82%
Required district contribution	3,952,749	4,004,960	52,211	1.32%
Chapter 70 aid	**1,195,102**	**1,223,002**	27,900	2.33%
Required net school spending (NSS)	5,147,851	5,227,962	80,111	1.56%
Target aid share	17.50%	17.50%		
C70 % of foundation	23.41%	24.15%		
Required NSS % of foundation	100.82%	103.23%		

Note: Fiscal Year 2026 has a state Chapter 70 aid increase of $27,900 or 2.33% above Fiscal Year 2025

Superintendent's Proposed
Fiscal Year 2026
Operating Budget

✓ Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget	$ 7,553,549
✓ Fiscal Year 2025 Approved Budget	$ 7,080,780
✓ Net Increase:	$ 472,769
✓ Net Percentage Increase	6.68%


Q&A?!

Marion Public Schools

Thank you!

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