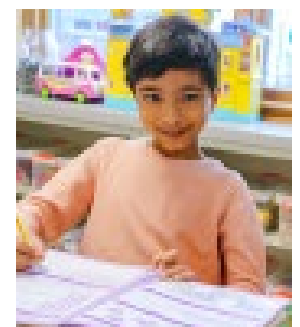
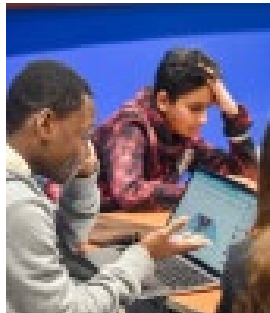




2025-2026 Budget Adoption

April 29, 2025

We promise to prepare all our students to lead lives of joy and purpose as knowledgeable, creative and compassionate citizens of a global society.



Strategic Planning Goals 2023 – 2028

Focus on Early Years: Age 3 to Grade 3 : Every student will build solid foundational literacies through purposeful play, inquiry-based learning, and targeted instruction.

Wellness, Inclusion and Supports for All: Every student will be known, connected, engaged, and supported, and will encounter fair, affirming schooling experiences at every stage.

Opportunity and Achievement for All : Every student will have access to challenging academic programs and will demonstrate achievement of rigorous standards with intellectual integrity.

Preparation for a meaningful life beyond PPS: Every student will successfully navigate school transitions and will build the foundation to thrive in the postsecondary pathway of their choice and design.





Budget Calendar

2025-2026 Budget

November - District Budget planning (Central Office)

November- Budget manual shared with Budget Managers who were required to enter their ZBB details into School-Fi (Genesis-new software implemented July 1) directly by December 23rd

January-February - Central Office Analysis

February 4th - Budget Workshop-Top level overview

February 25th - Governor Murphy's Budget Address

February 27th - State Aid Numbers released (48 hours after Budget Address)

March 18th - (TONIGHT) Tentative Budget Adoption

March 19th - Budgets submitted to County (State review)

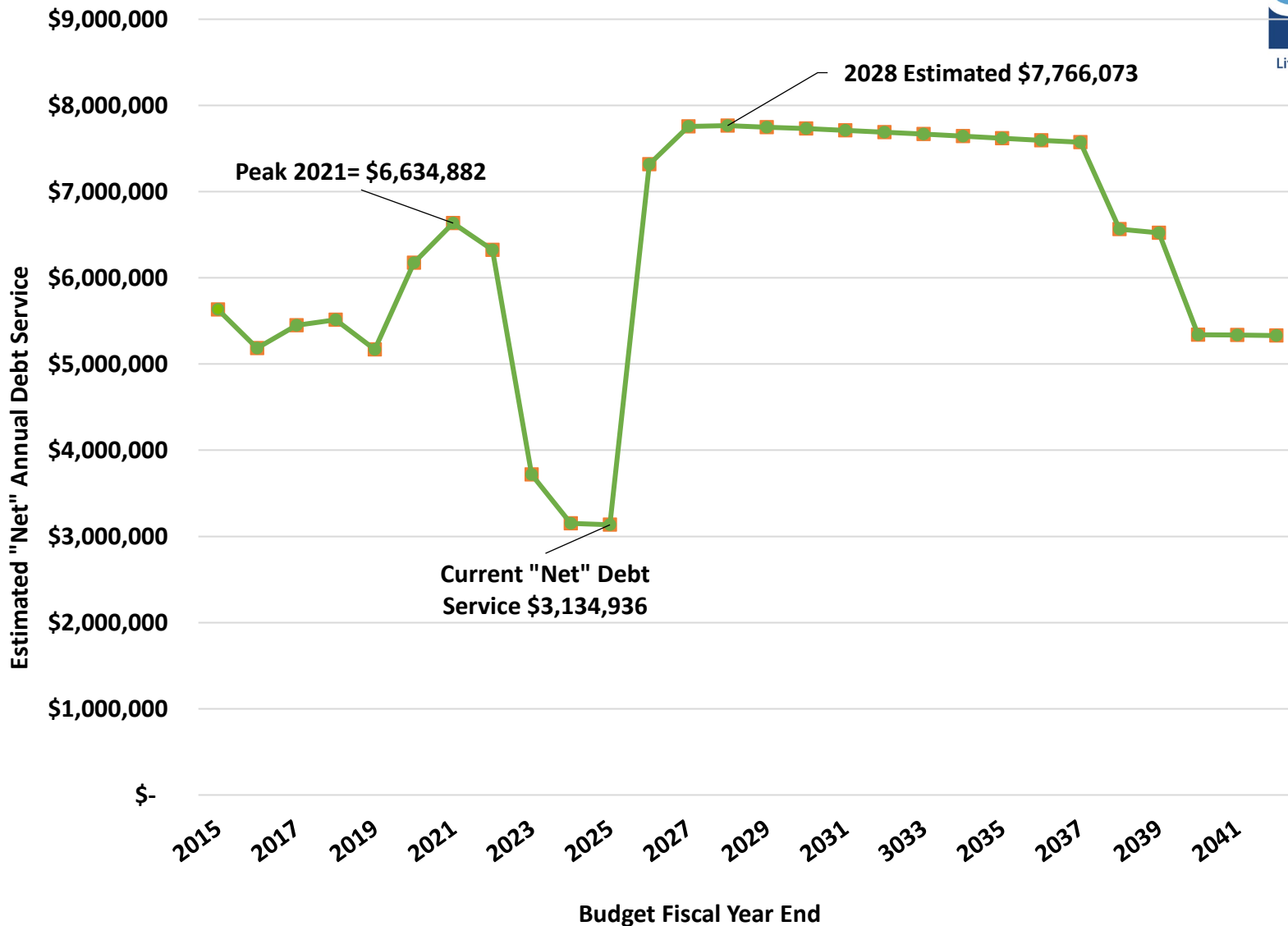
April 29th - Public Budget Hearing and Final Budget Adoption

Budget presentations throughout the budget development and approval process.

25-26 Budget “Drivers”

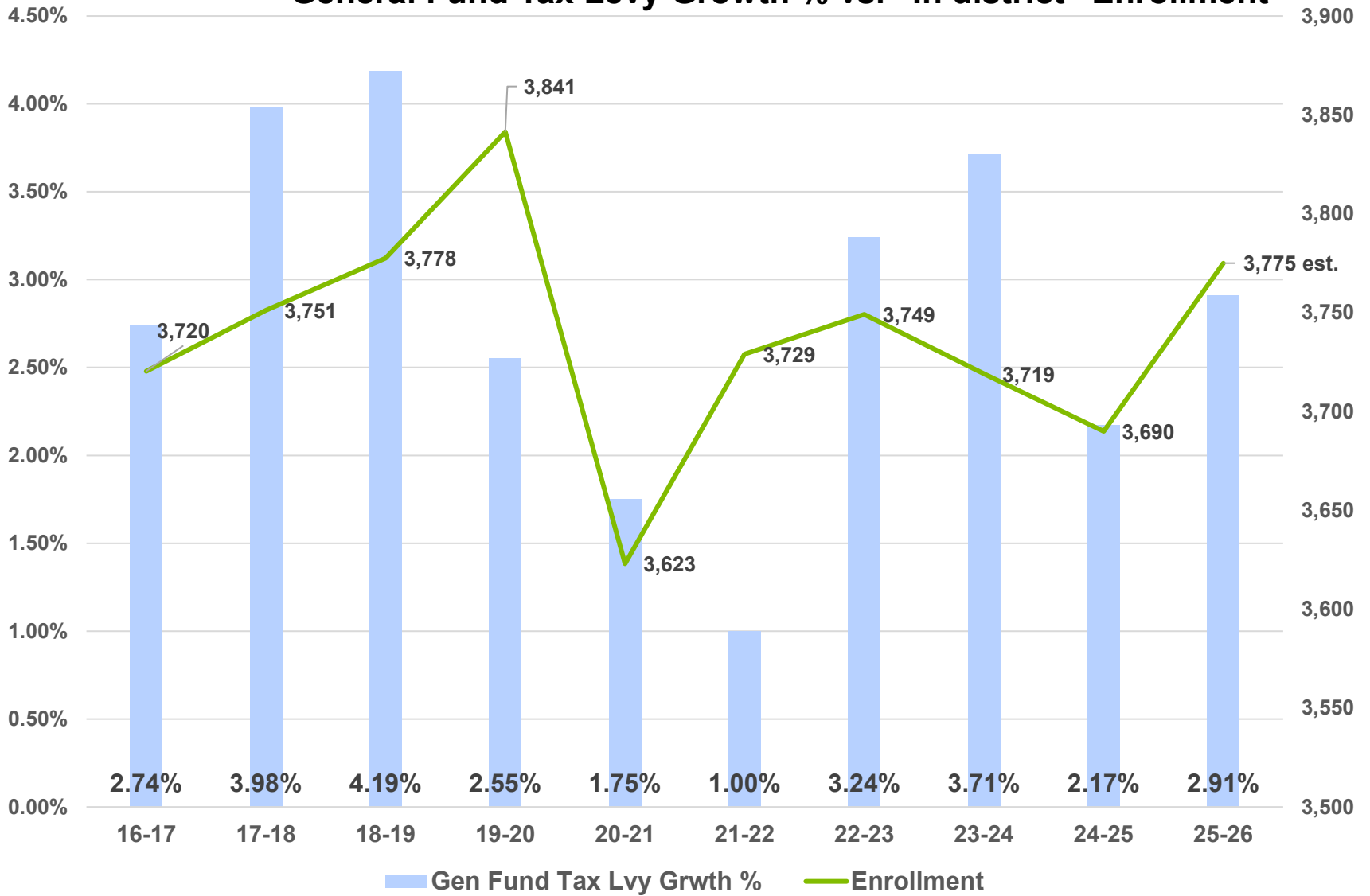
- Meeting student needs
 - More students needing extra services and out of district placements as well as maintaining small class sizes
- Inflation Slowed
 - Still absorbing large increases in transportation and labor costs
- Pressure on health care costs driven by specialty Rx costs and increased, widespread usage of GLP-1 drugs
- Continuing to focus on maintaining and improving our Facilities

PPS Historical and Prospective Debt Service : "Net of State Aid"



Note: Referendums Passed in 2018, 2022, 2023 and 2025

General Fund Tax Levy Growth % vs. "In district" Enrollment



Banked Tax Cap Analysis

<u>Description</u>	<u>21-22</u>	<u>22-23</u>	<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>	<u>25-26</u>
Generated	796,138	-	94,684	-	13,600
Expiring	-	-		51,688	-
Available	253,626	1,049,764	51,688	146,372	-
Used/Will Use	-	998,076		146,372	-
Foregone Tax Levy	5,073	15,923	-	1,894	-

Banked Cap:

Unused taxation or spending authority, that can be saved for 3 future budget cycles and is generated by not spending to the allowable 2% cap or using automatic cap waivers for health insurance, enrollment or deferred pension increases

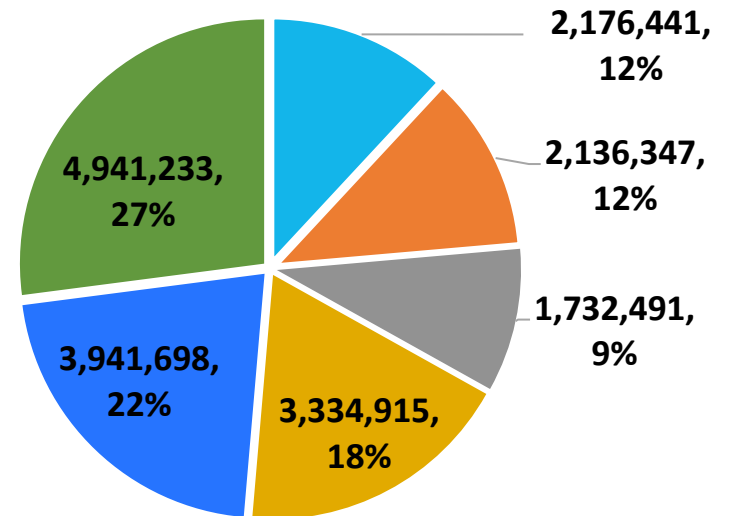
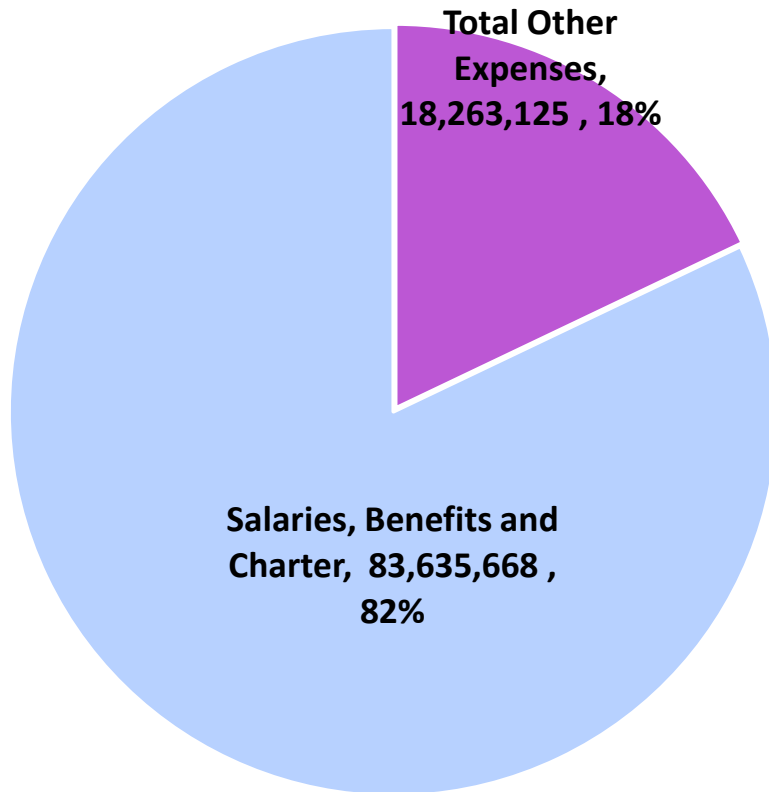
Fund Balance Analysis



3/16/2025	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Est. Act.	Tent. Adopt
	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
("FREE") Fund Bal.	8,707,636	10,541,873	11,101,758	11,125,390	11,478,425	11,681,278	11,681,278
Cap Reserve Fund Balance	3,015,413	2,885,813	1,318,184	1,727,409	2,852,679	2,966,786	2,966,786
	<u>11,723,049</u>	<u>13,427,686</u>	<u>12,419,942</u>	<u>12,852,799</u>	<u>14,331,104</u>	<u>14,648,064</u>	<u>14,648,064</u>

Major Budget Trends – 82.08% of Actual 2024 Expenses are Salaries, Benefits and Charter

Remainder of “Other” is 4.85% of Total Budget



- Insurance, Legal and Prof. Svcs.
- Maintenance, Custodial
- Energy
- Transportation
- Out of District Tuitions
- Other

25-26 ADOPTED GENERAL FUND Expenditure Analysis-including salaries

Appropriation Groupings	FYE 22	FYE 23	FYE 24	Est. Actual FYE 25	% 25 v. 24	% 24 v. 23	\$ 25 v. 22	3 Yr. CAGR
Human Resources, Subs, Duty Pay	\$ 2,874,331	\$ 2,885,840	\$ 2,900,609	\$ 2,907,517	0.24%	0.51%	\$ 33,186	0.38%
Business, Suprntndnt Hlth and Safety and Prnt Liaison	1,802,742	1,975,954	2,333,385	2,049,946	-12.15%	18.09%	\$ 247,204	4.38%
Maintenance, Grounds, Maint/Cust OT and Energy	7,251,581	7,202,167	7,114,964	7,948,336	11.71%	-1.21%	\$ 696,754	3.11%
Student Services, MLL, AIS, Elem Guidance	17,591,403	19,746,380	21,104,885	21,340,291	1.12%	6.88%	\$ 3,748,888	6.65%
C and I and Gifted/Talented	2,041,876	2,252,037	2,519,889	2,721,041	7.98%	11.89%	\$ 679,165	10.04%
Technology	2,850,059	2,204,269	2,006,436	2,335,957	16.42%	-8.97%	\$ (514,102)	-6.42%
JP	2,798,066	2,940,839	3,051,553	2,994,627	-1.87%	3.76%	\$ 196,561	2.29%
CP	2,932,968	3,017,625	2,756,269	2,375,004	-13.83%	-8.66%	\$ (557,963)	-6.79%
LB	2,864,252	2,955,646	3,207,062	3,418,020	6.58%	8.51%	\$ 553,767	6.07%
RS	2,718,661	2,479,812	2,655,189	2,870,072	8.09%	7.07%	\$ 151,411	1.82%
Transportation	3,620,623	4,485,987	5,335,512	5,676,753	6.40%	18.94%	\$ 2,056,130	16.17%
PMS	6,235,223	6,735,928	6,729,438	6,853,932	1.85%	-0.10%	\$ 618,709	3.20%
PHS	14,379,803	14,983,888	15,291,309	15,770,227	3.13%	2.05%	\$ 1,390,424	3.12%
District Benefits-Incl Health, SS, Pensions	15,920,071	16,716,006	17,267,791	18,065,484	4.62%	3.30%	\$ 2,145,413	4.30%
Charter School	7,122,382	6,898,642	7,624,503	7,888,643	3.46%	10.52%	\$ 766,261	3.46%
	<u>\$ 93,004,042</u>	<u>\$ 97,481,018</u>	<u>\$ 101,898,794</u>	<u>\$ 105,215,851</u>			<u>\$12,211,808</u>	4.20%

25-26 ADOPTED GENERAL FUND Big Picture :

Expenses increasing faster than Revenues!

4/29/2025

	Four Year Increase		26 vs '22	26 vs '22	26 vs '22
	Actual	Tent. Adopt	%	\$	CAGR %
	21-22	25-26	Chnge.	Chnge.	Chnge.
			Bud vs Act.	Bud vs Act.	
Revenue:					
Total Tax Levy	80,410,007	90,524,554	12.58%	10,114,547	3.01%
Categorical State Aid	4,590,258	5,651,033	23.11%	1,060,775	5.33%
Princeton University		2,482,272		2,482,272	
Other Changes	9,238,669	8,832,658		(406,011)	-1.12%
Budgeted Revenue (NO FND BAL)	94,238,934	107,490,517	22.31%	13,251,583	3.34%
Appropriations (Expenses):					
Salaries	54,459,174	62,207,723	14.23%	7,748,549	3.38%
Benefits	15,995,273	18,235,732	14.01%	2,240,459	3.33%
	70,454,447	80,443,455	14.18%	9,989,008	3.37%
NON-Salary Expenses					
Charter School	7,122,382	8,002,002	12.35%	879,620	2.95%
Maintenance, Custodial	2,898,526	1,805,953	-37.69%	(1,092,573)	-11.16%
Stndt Svcs.-Tuitions -Home Instr	3,343,442	4,991,300	49.29%	1,647,858	10.54%
Curriculum and Instruction	420,330	1,099,167	161.50%	678,837	27.17%
Technology	1,478,709	1,341,386	-9.29%	(137,323)	-2.41%
Transportation	2,375,778	3,642,177	53.30%	1,266,399	11.27%
Athletics	551,505	936,713	69.85%	385,208	14.16%
Other Changes	4,358,923	5,228,365	19.95%	869,442	4.65%
School Budgets	1,109,509	1,354,859	22.11%	245,350	5.12%
Supplies and Services	22,549,595	27,047,062	19.94%	4,497,467	4.65%
Total Expenditures	93,004,042	107,490,517	15.58%	14,486,475	3.69%
				-1,234,892.19	

25-26 AMEND AND ADOPT CHANGES – Debt Service



	4-29-2025 Adopt.	4-29-2025 Adopt.	3-18-25 Tent Adopt.		4-29-2025 Adopt.	4-29-2025 Adopt.
	<u>Gen. Fund</u>	<u>Sp. Rev. Fund</u>	<u>Debt Svc. Fund</u>	<u>Amend</u>	<u>Debt Svc. Fund</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 111,384,212	\$ 6,226,788	\$ 8,833,020	\$ 114,143	\$ 8,947,163	\$ 126,558,163
Taxes to be Raised	\$ 90,524,554	\$ -	\$ 7,202,375	\$ 114,143	\$ 7,316,518	\$ 97,841,072

- **1-28-2025 Referendum Debt issues on 4-8-2025, coming in at 4.02% vs 3.75% original forecast, resulting in \$114,143 increase in 25-26 debt service fund tax levy**

25-26 ADOPTED GENERAL FUND BUDGET REVENUES



4/28/2025	Actual 22-23	Adopt 23-24	Actual 23-24	Final Adopt. 24-25	Est. Act. 24-25	Final Adopt 25-26	26 vs '25 %	26 vs '25 \$	25 vs '24 %	25 vs '24 \$
Revenue							Inc.	Inc.	Inc.	Chnge.
							Est. vs PY	Est. vs PY	Est. vs PY	Est. vs PY
Tax Levy	80,410,007	83,016,283	83,016,283	86,098,310	86,098,310	87,966,648	2.17%	1,868,338	3.71%	3,082,027
Tax Levy Increase-2%	1,608,200	1,660,326	1,660,326	1,721,966	1,721,966	1,759,333		37,367		61,641
Banked Cap Utilized	998,076	-	-	146,372	146,372	-		(146,372)		146,372
Health Care Waiver	-	1,421,701	1,421,701	-	-	798,573		798,573		(1,421,701)
Enrollment Waiver	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-
Total Tax Levy	83,016,283	86,098,310	86,098,310	87,966,648	87,966,648	90,524,554	2.91%	2,557,906	2.17%	1,868,338
Tuitions	5,395,363	5,209,229	5,252,096	5,175,390	5,175,390	4,930,215	-4.74%	(245,175)	-1.46%	(76,706)
Misc. and Interest	786,796	750,300	1,954,522	1,157,000	1,653,000	1,507,000	30.25%	350,000	-15.43%	(301,522)
Categorical State Aid	4,945,004	5,348,358	5,348,358	5,825,807	5,825,807	5,651,033	-3.00%	(174,774)	8.93%	477,449
Extraordinary Aid	2,631,610	2,750,000	2,327,961	2,500,000	2,300,000	2,300,000	-8.00%	(200,000)	-1.20%	(27,961)
Princeton University	1,125,000	2,750,000	2,295,000	2,386,800	2,386,800	2,482,272	4.00%	95,472	4.00%	91,800
Fed SEMI	46,781	66,242	7,974	68,281	8,500	5,443	-92.03%	(62,838)	6.60%	526
Fund Balance	-	3,275,760	-	3,500,000	-	3,893,695	11.25%	393,695		-
Non-Pub Transp Aid	-	-	92,878	-	90,000	90,000		90,000	-3.10%	(2,878)
Budgeted Revenue	97,946,837	106,248,199	103,377,099	108,579,926	105,406,145	111,384,212	2.58%	2,804,286	1.96%	2,029,046

25-26 ADOPTED GENERAL FUND BUDGET EXPENDITURES (APPROPRIATIONS)

4/28/2025	Actual 22-23	Adopt 23-24	Actual 23-24	Final Adopt. 24-25	Est. Act. 24-25	Final Adopt 25-26	26 vs '25 %	26 vs '25 \$	25 vs '24 %	25 vs '24 \$
							Inc.	Inc.	Inc.	Chnge.
							Est. vs PY	Est. vs PY	Est. vs PY	Est. vs PY
Appropriations (Expenses):										
Salaries	56,831,203	61,096,834	58,743,374	62,181,960	60,612,180	63,601,418	2.28%	1,419,458	3.18%	1,868,806
Benefits	16,791,208	19,851,493	17,267,791	19,598,845	18,065,484	20,735,732	5.80%	1,136,887	4.62%	797,693
	73,622,411	80,948,327	76,011,165	81,780,805	78,677,664	84,337,150	3.13%	2,556,345	3.51%	2,666,499
Charter School	6,898,642	7,564,608	7,624,503	8,116,712	7,888,643	8,002,002	-1.41%	(114,710)	3.46%	264,140
Insurance, Legal and Prof. Svcs.	2,004,302	2,040,628	2,176,441	2,044,651	1,983,746	2,063,695	0.93%	19,044	-8.85%	(192,696)
Maintenance, Custodial	2,297,660	1,800,000	2,136,347	1,803,000	2,444,058	1,805,953	0.16%	2,953	14.40%	307,710
Energy	1,673,728	1,517,511	1,732,491	1,727,511	1,752,796	1,809,810	4.76%	82,299	1.17%	20,304
Stndt Svcs.-Tuition -Home Instr	4,190,413	4,820,000	4,878,841	5,139,280	4,774,238	4,991,300	-2.88%	(147,980)	-2.14%	(104,603)
Curriculum and Instruction	654,493	967,646	838,106	1,066,512	850,000	1,099,167	3.06%	32,655	1.42%	11,894
Technology	1,356,265	1,347,179	1,216,358	1,347,702	1,454,943	1,341,386	-0.47%	(6,316)	19.61%	238,584
School Budgets	1,256,430	1,275,000	1,160,885	1,344,000	1,040,712	1,354,859	0.81%	10,859	-10.35%	(120,173)
Transportation	2,835,870	3,042,223	3,334,915	3,284,676	3,469,328	3,642,177	10.88%	357,501	4.03%	134,413
Athletics	722,888	925,077	788,740	925,077	879,724	936,713	1.26%	11,636	11.54%	90,983
Supplies and Services	23,890,690	25,299,872	25,887,628	26,799,121	26,538,186	27,047,062	0.93%	247,941	2.51%	650,558
Total Expenditures	97,513,101	106,248,199	101,898,794	108,579,926	105,215,851	111,384,212	2.58%	2,804,286	3.26%	3,317,057
Surplus/(Deficit) of Rev.	433,736	(0)	1,478,305	0	190,294	0				

Budget Related Question and Answer Session

