

2025-26 Budget Development Update

May 20, 2025

Board of Trustees Meeting

Fort Worth
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

2025-26 Budget Presentation Objectives

- **Key revenue assumptions and expenditure estimates (*subject to change due to legislative session outcomes*)**
- **Goal is to adopt a budget at the June 10, 2025 meeting**
- **The budget can be modified throughout the year with budget amendments approved by the Board**



Aligning Budget with District Priorities

Priority 1 Student Academic Excellence

- Redirecting dollars to support implementation of a Pre-K District Literacy Plan including a research-based phonics program
- Support middle school block scheduling
- Increased dyslexia support
- Implement a comprehensive data service to guide allocation of resources and instructional support for students, particularly those in students targeted for accelerated academic growth

Priority 2 Student and Family Engagement

- Align wraparound services for students to support student literacy
- Increase family engagement support for literacy events
- Build business and community partnerships through increased engagement opportunities

Priority 3 Employee Effectiveness and Retention

- Increase teacher residency program to advance teacher pipeline
- Leverage Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) to increase teacher effectiveness, retention and compensation
- Recommend compensation increases to all employees to align with comprehensive recruitment strategy
- Support principal residency program

Priority 4 Operational Alignment and Efficiency

- Implement District Facilities Master Plan to create greater spaces, better schools
- Increasing safety and security allocations to align with District and state standards
- Investments in transportation to improve bus maintenance and on-time delivery of students
- Budget proposed maintains recommended level of fund balance

2025-26 Key Revenue Assumptions

- Overall declining enrollment of 1,384 students, ADA estimated loss is 1,253 – estimated BA loss of \$7.72 million
- Average Daily Attendance (ADA) estimated at 90.5%
- Slight increase in preliminary values year over year
 - Received preliminary values – 1.8% increase from April 2024 Preliminary Values
- Investment earnings budgeted at \$16,000,000
- Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) increased to \$14.9M from \$12.2M
- Increase in recapture of approximately \$1.8 million from original prior year budget
- Lower SHARS/Medicaid Administrative Claim estimates due to changes in claims processing procedures (reduction of \$5.2 million)



What's not included in budget presented?

- **Compensation is not included in the 25-26 Budget as presented (i.e. salary increases, stipends, market adjustments, and related benefits)**
- **No proposed increase in District's TRS Active Care contribution**
 - District increased contributions in 2023-24 and 2024-25 – \$44/month increase per year for a combined total of \$88/month in 24-25 (Cost: \$6.4 million)
- **One-time, non-recurring capital expenditures will be considered after year-end (i.e. turf field replacements, track repairs, infrastructure updates)**

General Fund

2025-26 Fiscal Year

General Fund Comparison

OBJECT		ESTIMATED REVENUE	2023-2024 ACTUALS GENERAL FUND	2024-2025 ORIGINAL GENERAL FUND	2024-2025 REVISED GENERAL FUND	2024-2025 PROJECTED GENERAL FUND	2025-2026 PROPOSED GENERAL FUND (CURRENT LAW)
5700		Local	429,445,443	462,655,095	449,944,446	443,374,361	457,911,481
5800		State	377,993,314	347,499,942	372,675,608	373,205,927	360,143,391
5900		Federal	16,022,049	16,403,057	11,103,057	11,103,057	7,517,250
7900		Other Resources	30,904	-	1,100,000	1,100,000	600,000
		Total Estimated Revenue	\$ 823,491,710	\$ 826,558,094	\$ 834,823,111	\$ 828,783,345	\$ 826,172,122
FUNCTION		ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS					
11		Instruction	472,210,633	459,832,354	470,031,734	480,356,581	486,260,339
12		Instruction Resources and Media Services	11,640,746	10,596,117	10,612,918	11,044,674	10,893,509
13		Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	13,155,123	9,230,997	11,442,823	11,765,593	10,071,313
21		Instructional Administration	15,810,417	15,680,681	15,741,732	14,402,332	13,569,206
23		School Administration	53,043,613	50,502,537	50,815,138	52,777,184	51,682,352
31		Guidance and Counseling Services	45,934,712	43,158,592	42,291,369	41,659,928	43,612,794
32		Social Work Services	4,138,699	3,059,973	3,930,613	3,849,332	3,643,293
33		Health Services	11,075,717	12,532,797	12,497,755	12,397,740	12,194,690
34		Student Transportation	27,829,974	23,488,331	31,536,287	29,337,537	22,462,312
35		Food Services	341,685	384,036	424,166	206,007	125,385
36		Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	21,750,084	20,757,789	21,449,461	21,334,472	21,466,336
41		General Administration	21,838,116	26,765,833	27,344,649	22,920,748	25,047,448
51		Plant Maintenance and Operations	92,321,511	105,379,558	102,345,027	100,836,386	97,181,544
52		Security and Monitoring Services	16,550,927	17,969,059	16,978,383	16,827,800	18,781,032
53		Data Processing Services	24,620,240	26,117,249	34,745,697	33,158,435	29,925,515
61		Community Services	5,179,762	4,617,764	4,704,103	3,879,997	4,143,198
71		Debt Service	1,864,646	2,100,000	2,100,000	2,100,000	2,100,000
81		Facilities Acquisition & Construction	4,374,143	1,130,000	10,524,347	9,149,895	3,365,424
91		Contracted Instructional Services Public Schools	4,111,116	8,154,673	8,154,673	6,115,572	9,987,912
95		Payments to Juvenile Justice Alt Ed Programs	6,708	36,000	36,000	36,000	30,960
97		Tax Increment Financing	-	-	-	-	-
99		Other Intergovernmental Charges	2,910,352	2,714,103	3,027,907	3,022,105	3,187,301
		Total Estimated Appropriations	\$ 850,708,924	\$ 844,208,443	\$ 880,734,782	\$ 877,178,318	\$ 869,731,863
		Excess Revenue/Appropriations and Change in Fund Balance	(27,217,214)	(17,650,349)	(45,911,671)	(48,394,973)	(43,559,741)
		Fund Balance - Beginning	401,675,275 *	374,458,061 *	374,458,061	374,458,061	326,063,088
		Fund Balance - Ending (Unaudited)	\$ 374,458,061	\$ 356,807,712	\$ 328,546,390	\$ 326,063,088	\$ 282,503,347

**Audited fund balance as reflected in financial statements*

OBJECT	ESTIMATED REVENUE	2024-2025 ORIGINAL GENERAL FUND	2025-2026 PROPOSED GENERAL FUND (CURRENT LAW)	DIFFERENCE
5700	Local	462,655,095	457,911,481	(4,743,614)
5800	State	347,499,942	360,143,391	12,643,449
5900	Federal	16,403,057	7,517,250	(8,885,807)
7900	Other Resources	-	600,000	600,000
	Total Estimated Revenue	\$ 826,558,094	\$ 826,172,122	\$ (385,972)
Function	Estimated Appropriations			
11	Instruction	459,832,354	486,260,339	26,427,985
12	Instruction Resources and Media Serv.	10,596,117	10,893,509	297,392
13	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Develop.	9,230,997	10,071,313	840,316
21	Instructional Administration	15,680,681	13,569,206	(2,111,475)
23	School Administration	50,502,537	51,682,352	1,179,815
31	Guidance and Counseling Services	43,158,592	43,612,794	454,202
32	Social Work Services	3,059,973	3,643,293	583,320
33	Health Services	12,532,797	12,194,690	(338,107)
34	Student Transportation	23,488,331	22,462,312	(1,026,019)
35	Food Services	384,036	125,385	(258,651)
36	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	20,757,789	21,466,336	708,547
41	General Administration	26,765,833	25,047,448	(1,718,385)
51	Plant Maintenance and Operations	105,379,558	97,181,544	(8,198,014)
52	Security and Monitoring Services	17,969,059	18,781,032	811,973
53	Data Processing Services	26,117,249	29,925,515	3,808,266
61	Community Services	4,617,764	4,143,198	(474,566)
71	Debt Service	2,100,000	2,100,000	-
81	Facilities Acquisition & Construction	1,130,000	3,365,424	2,235,424
91	Contracted Instructional Services Public Schools	8,154,673	9,987,912	1,833,239
95	Payments to Juvenile Justice Alt Ed Prog.	36,000	30,960	(5,040)
97	Tax Increment Financing	-	-	-
99	Other Intergovernmental Charges	2,714,103	3,187,301	473,198
	Total Estimated Appropriations	\$ 844,208,443	\$ 869,731,863	\$ 25,523,420
	Excess Revenue/Appropriations and Change in Fund Balance	(17,650,349)	(43,559,741)	(25,909,392)
	Fund Balance - Beginning	374,458,061	326,063,088	
	Fund Balance - Ending (Unaudited)	\$ 356,807,712	\$ 282,503,347	

2025-2026 Proposed General Fund VS 2024-2025 Original General Fund Budgets

General Fund Revenue Update (Current Law)

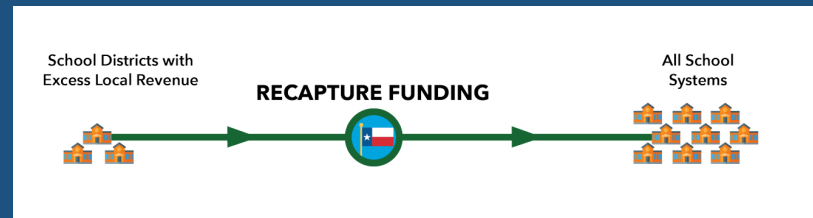
Revenues	2024-25 Original Budget	2024-25 Revised Budget	2024-25 Projected Actual	2025-26 Projection (Current Law)
Local	\$ 462,655,095	\$ 449,944,446	\$ 443,374,361	\$ 457,911,481
State	347,499,942	372,675,608	373,205,927	360,143,391
Federal	16,403,057	11,103,057	11,103,057	7,517,250
Other	-	1,100,000	1,100,000	600,000
Total Revenues	\$ 826,558,094	\$ 834,823,111	\$ 828,783,345	\$ 826,172,122
 Projected ADA	 63,102	 63,717	 63,717	 62,464
Enrollment	69,726	70,405	70,405	69,021

Revised: 05/15/2025

General Fund
Revenue
Comparison by
Object

Object	2025 Original	2026 Proposed	Difference	% Change
5711 Taxes, Current Year Levy	\$ 433,880,623	\$ 433,801,481	\$ (79,142)	▼ -0.02%
5712 Taxes, Prior Years	2,742,860	0	(2,742,860)	▼ #DIV/0!
5719 Penalties/Interest/Other	4,500,000	4,000,000	(500,000)	▼ -12.50%
5739 Tuition & Fees	-	-	-	
5742 Investment Earnings	17,471,564	16,000,000	(1,471,564)	▼ -9.20%
5743 Rent	550,000	650,000	100,000	▼ 15.38%
5748 Oil Mineral Gas	450,000	400,000	(50,000)	▼ -12.50%
5749 Misc Rev Local Source	2,610,048	2,610,000	(48)	▼ 0.00%
5752 Athletic Activity	450,000	450,000	-	▼ 0.00%
5700 Local and intermediate sources	462,655,095	457,911,481	(4,743,614)	▼ -1.04%
5811 Per Capita Apportionment	25,373,479	24,921,857	(451,622)	▼ -1.81%
5812 Foundation Entitlements	274,743,784	287,436,179	12,692,395	▼ 4.42%
5829 State Revenue Dist by TEA	300,000	100,000	(200,000)	▼ -200.00%
5831 TRS-Care/On-Behalf Paymts	47,082,679	47,685,355	602,676	▼ 1.26%
5839 Revenue Other Govt Agency	-	-	-	
5800 State program revenues	347,499,942	360,143,391	12,643,449	▼ 3.51%
5929 Federal Revenues By TEA	6,000,000	2,300,000	(3,700,000)	▼ -160.87%
5931 School Health/Related Svc	8,200,000	3,000,000	(5,200,000)	▼ -173.33%
5932 Medicaid Adm Claim (MAC)	800,000	800,000	-	▼ 0.00%
5939 Revenue Other Govt Agency	-	-	-	
5949 Direct Federal Revenue	1,385,807	1,400,000	14,193	▼ 1.01%
5959 SSA-Federal Revenue	17,250	17,250	-	
5900 Federal program revenues	16,403,057	7,517,250	(8,885,807)	▼ -118.21%
7912 Sale of Property	-	-	-	
7919 Extraordinary Items	-	-	-	
7949-Other Resources	-	600,000	600,000	
7900 Other Resources	-	600,000	600,000	
Total Revenues	\$ 826,558,094	\$ 826,172,122	\$ (385,972)	▼ -0.05%

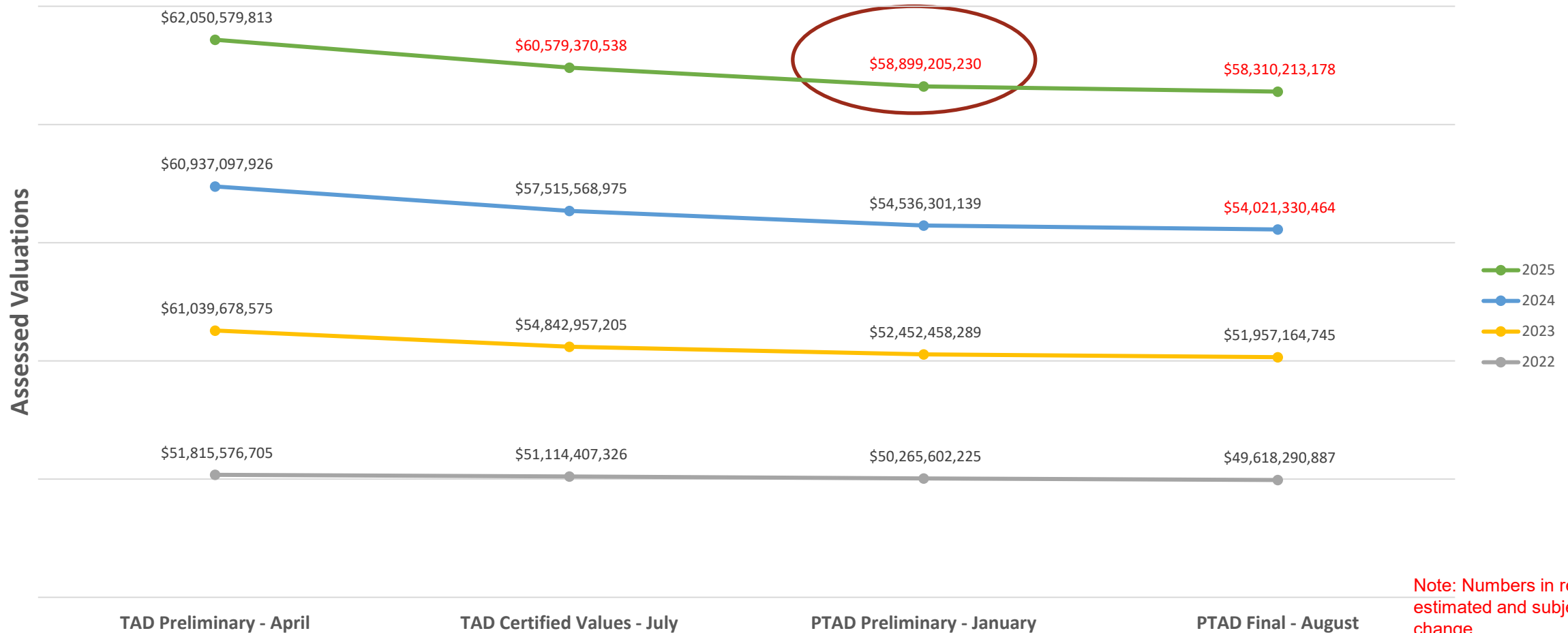
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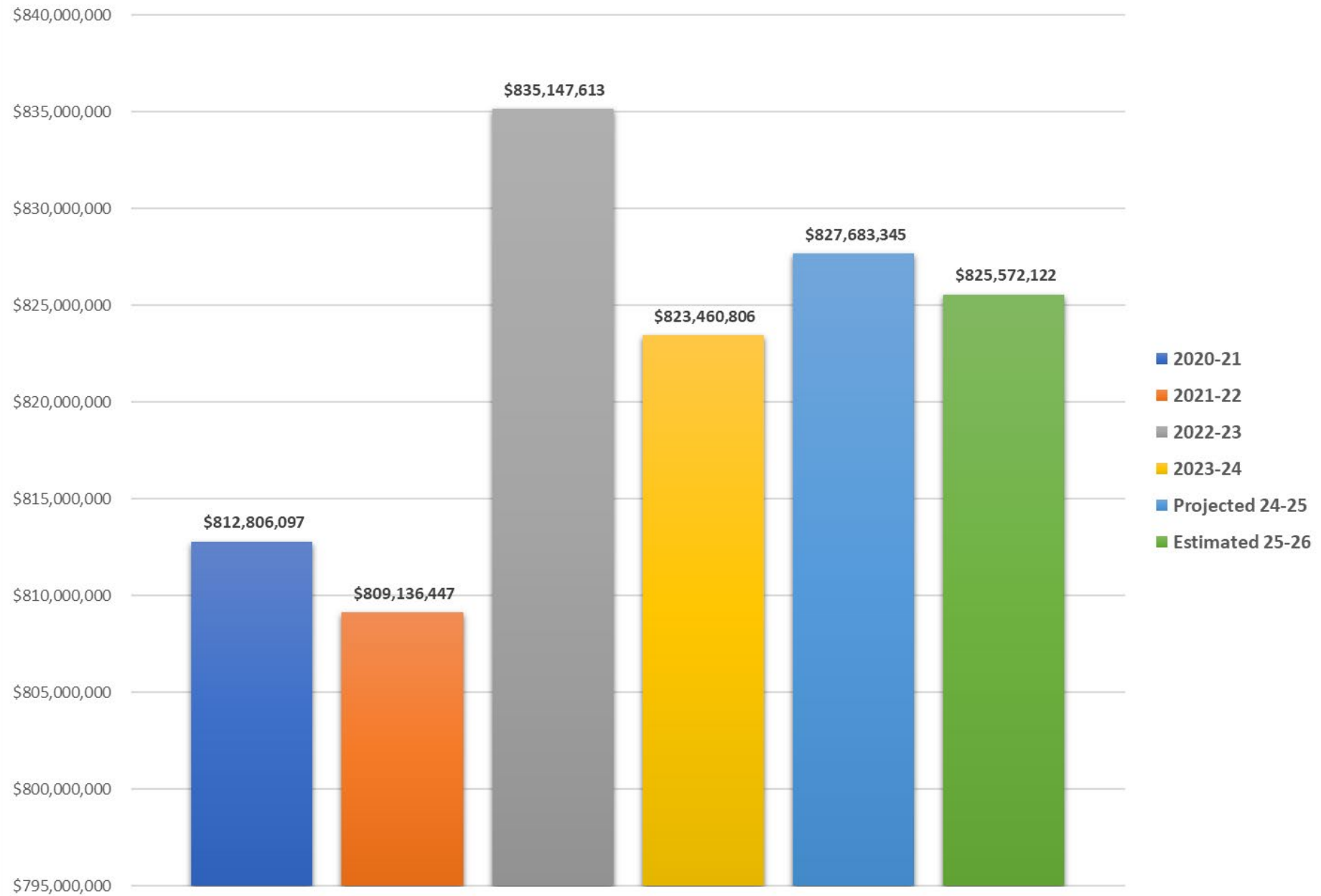
Fiscal Year	Recapture Amount
2022-23	\$2,136,586
2023-24	\$4,111,116
2024-25*	\$6,115,572
2025-26(current law)*	\$9,987,912

*Estimate as of 05/15/25

Property Values from TAD and PTAD for Tax Years 2022 - 2025



FWISD General Fund Revenue for Last Six Years



2025-26 General Fund Expenditures

Instruction



58.3¢ (+2.0¢)

Instructional
Support



16.8¢
(-0.5¢)

Central
Support



2.9¢
(-0.3¢)

District
Operations



19.4¢
(-1.4¢)

Debt Service
and Other



2.6¢
(+0.2¢)

Instruction - functions 11, 12, 13, 95
Instructional Support - functions 21, 23, 31, 32, 33, 36
Central Support - function 41
District Operations - functions 51, 52, 53, 34, 35
Debt Service and Other - functions 61, 71, 81, 91, 92, 93, 97, 99

Investment in Instruction

Category	2024-25 Original Budget		2025-26 Proposed Budget		Dollar Change
	Dollars Allocated	% of Total	Dollars Allocated	% of Total	
Instruction	\$ 479,695,468	\$ 0.568	\$ 507,256,121	\$ 0.583	\$ 27,560,653
Instructional Support	145,692,369	\$ 0.173	146,168,671	\$ 0.168	476,302
Central Support	26,765,833	\$ 0.032	25,047,448	\$ 0.029	(1,718,385)
District Operations	173,338,233	\$ 0.205	168,475,788	\$ 0.194	(4,862,445)
Debt Service and Other	18,716,540	\$ 0.022	22,783,835	\$ 0.026	4,067,295
	\$ 844,208,443	\$ 1.000	\$ 869,731,863	\$ 1.000	\$ 25,523,420



**Priority 1
Student
Academic
Excellence**

Instruction - functions 11, 12, 13, 95

Instructional Support - functions 21, 23, 31, 32, 33, 36

Central Support - function 41

District Operations - functions 51, 52, 53, 34, 35

Debt Service and Other - functions 61, 71, 81, 91, 92, 93, 97, 99

Breakdown of Fund Balance at 6/30/25 (estimated)

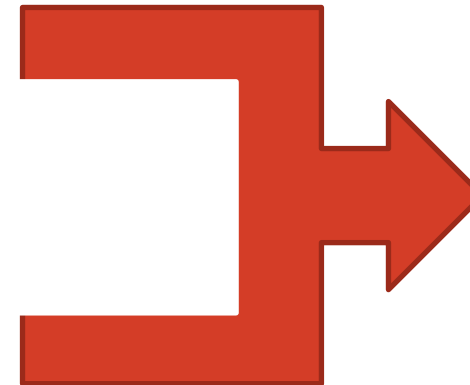
Description	Actual at 6/30/24	Projected At 6/30/25	Projected at 6/30/26
Total Fund Balance	\$374,458,061	\$326,063,088	\$282,503,347
Unassigned fund balance	347,141,956	\$315,097,332	\$269,487,291
Non-spendable/assigned fund balance	27,316,105	\$10,965,756	\$13,015,756
# of days in unassigned fund balance	150.09	136.23	113.10

Legislative Opportunities to Close Gap

- SB260 – increases the safety allotment from \$10 to \$14/ADA and increases the amount of campus allotment from \$15,000 to \$37,000 (Estimated increase: \$3.2 million)
- Reimbursement for Spec Ed evaluations at \$1,000/evaluation (Estimated increase: \$2.429 million)
- Basic Allotment Increase - \$55 increase (Estimated increase for *basic plus weighted* allotments: \$7.6M)



Priority 4
Operational
Alignment and
Efficiency



Priority 1
Student
Academic
Excellence

Potential amount back to General Fund: \$13.3 million

Debt Service Fund

2025-26 Fiscal Year

2025-2026 DEBT SERVICE BUDGET

Note: Includes planned defeasance but due to HB2, may not recommend

OBJECT	ESTIMATED REVENUE	DEBT SERVICES
5700	Local	\$ 157,123,863
5800	State	14,527,124
5900	Federal	-
	Total Estimated Revenue	\$ 171,650,987
FUNCTION	ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS	
71	Debt Service	149,722,237
	Total Estimated Appropriations	\$ 149,722,237
	Excess Revenue/Appropriations and Change in Fund Balance	21,928,750
	Other financing sources (uses)	(21,928,750)
	Net Change in Fund Balance	-
	Fund Balance - Beginning	46,792,021
	Fund Balance - Ending (Unaudited)	\$ 46,792,021

Food Services Fund

2025-26 Fiscal Year

2025-2026 FOOD SERVICE BUDGET

OBJECT	ESTIMATED REVENUE	FOOD SERVICE FUND 701
5700	Local	548,930
5800	State	170,700
7900	Federal	35,903,018
	Total Estimated Revenue	\$ 36,622,648
FUNCTION	ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS	
35	Food Services	36,587,521
51	Plant Maintenance and Operations	35,127
	Total Estimated Appropriations	\$ 36,622,648
	Excess Revenue/Appropriations and Change in Fund Balance	-
	Fund Balance - Beginning (estimated at June 30, 2025)	12,116,490
	Fund Balance - Ending (Unaudited)	\$ 12,116,490

Combined Budgets

2025-26 Fiscal Year

2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGETS

GENERAL FUND, DEBT SERVICE FUND AND FOOD SERVICE FUND

OBJECT	ESTIMATED REVENUE	GENERAL FUND 199	DEBT SERVICE FUND 599	FOOD SERVICE FUND 701
5700	Local	457,911,481	157,123,863	548,930
5800	State	360,143,391	14,527,124	170,700
5900	Federal	7,517,250	-	35,903,018
7900	Other Resources	600,000		
	Total Estimated Revenue	\$ 826,172,122	\$ 171,650,987	\$ 36,622,648
Function	Estimated Appropriations			
11	Instruction	486,260,339	-	-
12	Instruction Resources and Media Serv.	10,893,509	-	-
13	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Develop.	10,071,313	-	-
21	Instructional Administration	13,569,206	-	-
23	School Administration	51,682,352	-	-
31	Guidance and Counseling Services	43,612,794	-	-
32	Social Work Services	3,643,293	-	-
33	Health Services	12,194,690	-	-
34	Student Transportation	22,462,312	-	-
35	Food Services	125,385	-	36,587,521
36	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	21,466,336	-	-
41	General Administration	25,047,448	-	-
51	Plant Maintenance and Operations	97,181,544	-	35,127
52	Security and Monitoring Services	18,781,032	-	-
53	Data Processing Services	29,925,515	-	-
61	Community Services	4,143,198	-	-
71	Debt Service	2,100,000	149,722,237	-
81	Facilities Acquisition & Construction	3,365,424	-	-
91	Contracted Instructional Services Public Schools	9,987,912	-	-
95	Payments to Juvenile Justice Alt Ed Prog.	30,960	-	-
97	Tax Increment Financing	-	-	-
99	Other Intergovernmental Charges	3,187,301	-	-
	Total Estimated Appropriations	\$ 869,731,863	\$ 149,722,237	\$ 36,622,648
	Excess Revenue/Appropriations	(43,559,741)	21,928,750	-
	Other financing sources (uses)		(21,928,750)	
	Net Excess Revenue/Appropriations and Changes in Fund Balance	(43,559,741)	-	-
	Fund Balance - Beginning	\$ 326,063,088	\$ 46,792,021	\$ 12,116,490
	Fund Balance - Ending (Unaudited)	\$ 282,503,347	\$ 46,792,021	\$ 12,116,490

2025-2026 Proposed General Fund, Debt Service & Food Service Budgets

**Combined
Expenditure
Budgets:
\$1,056,076,748**

Impact of HB2 on FWISD

- **Modification of ASAHE-Facilities to reduce it by any amount over state aid plus local collections for required debt service. Disincentivizes early defeasance. (HB2)**
- **Without defeasance (HB2), 2025-26 tax rate would decrease by 3.75 cents but tax rate in 2026-27 would increase 5.22 cents to 29.02 cents; AV assumed growth is 2% and District issues remaining \$461M authorization in January 2027**

Projected Tax Rate for 25-26*

Fiscal Year	2024-25	2025-26 (current law)	2025-26 (HB2)	2025-26 (HB2 – w/o defeasance)
Maintenance & Operation	\$0.7869	\$0.7554	TBD	\$0.7554
Interest & Sinking	\$0.2755	\$0.2763	TBD	\$0.2380
Total Tax Rate	\$1.0624	\$1.0317	TBD	\$0.9934

Subject to Change!

****PRELIMINARY BASED ON ESTIMATED CERTIFIED VALUES WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS VALUES BECOME AVAILABLE.***

**REMINDER: TAX RATE
ADOPTED IN AUGUST 2025**

2025-2026 Budget Adoption

June 2, 2025 Legislative Session Ends

Legislative Session Ends

June 3, 2025 TRS Releases Plan Premiums

After legislative session, TRS plans to hold board meeting to approve rates

June 10, 2025 – Special Board Meeting

- Approve Compensation Model for 2025-2026
- Adopt Budgets for General Fund, Debt Service and Child Nutrition Services Funds



Preparing for Budget/Tax Rate Adoption– Key Deadlines

Deadline to Adopt Budget:
June 10th, no later than June 30th

**TEA Property Value Survey to Determine
Maximum Compressed Tax Rate (MCR):**
July 18th – August 1st

**Deadline to Publish Notice of Public
Meeting to discuss budget and proposed
tax rate:**
10 days before the meeting

Deadline to Adopt Tax Rate:
**Before the later of September 30 or 60
days after receiving the certified
appraisal roll – August 2025 Board Mtg**



2025-2026 Budget Planning Public Input



Participants



Thoughts



Ratings



Ratio

Priority 2
Student and
Family
Engagement



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What should the District consider when
creating the budget for next year?

Priority 3
Employee
Effectiveness
and Retention

Priority 4
Operational
Alignment and
Efficiency

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