

**Preliminary Budget – FY2026**  
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**April 28, 2025**



# Agenda

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- Mission Statement
- FY26 Budget Timeline
- Revenue Overview
- Expense Overview
- Q & A Session

# Our Mission Statement

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- Drew Charter School educates, nurtures and empowers all students to achieve their full potential as part of an exemplary, innovative, and equity-centered community.



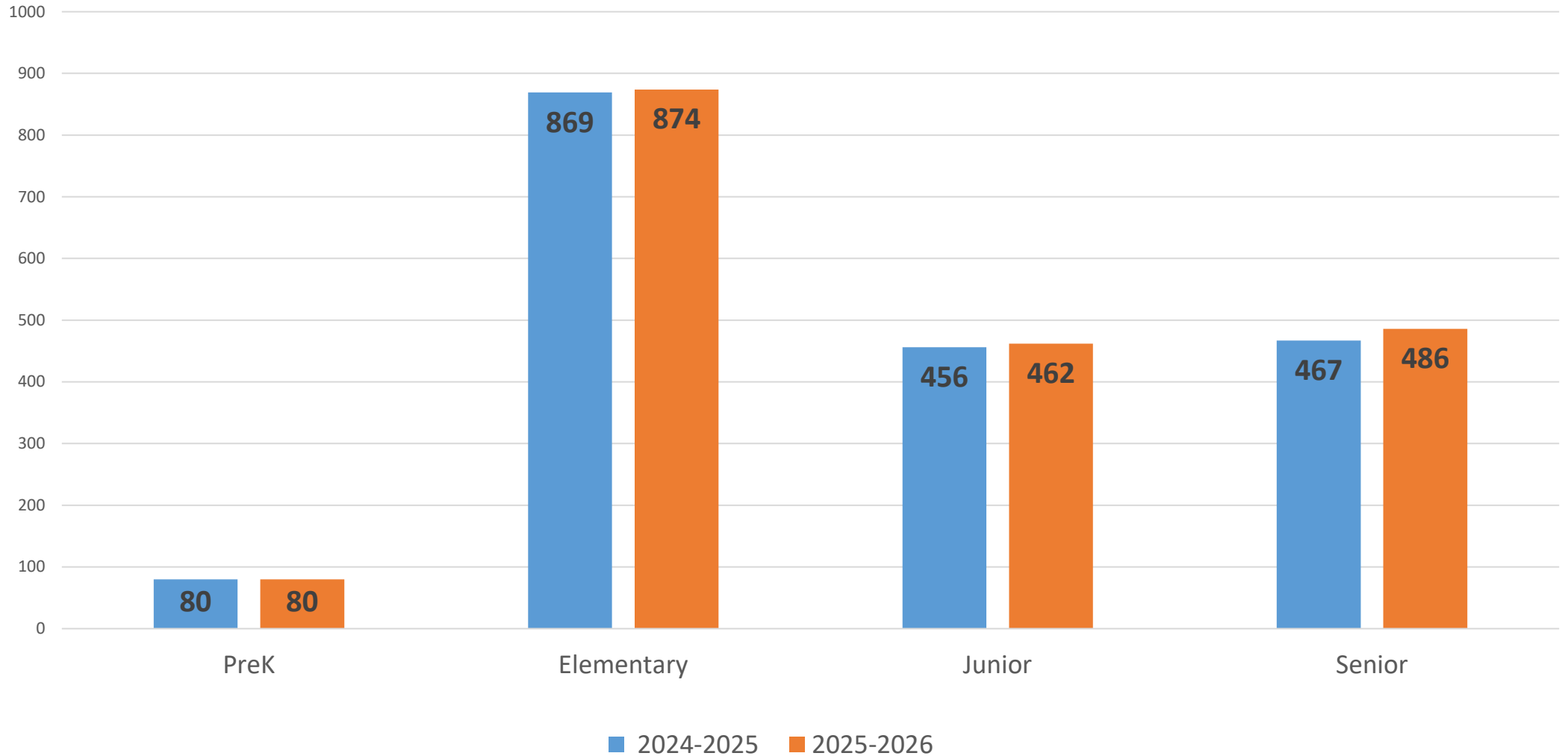
# Important Budget Dates

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- April 17<sup>th</sup> – preliminary budget to Finance & Audit Committee (9:00 am)
- April 17<sup>th</sup> – first public budget hearing (10:30 am)
- April 17<sup>th</sup> – second public budget hearing (6:00 pm)
- **April 28<sup>th</sup> – preliminary budget adopted by Board of Directors (9:00 am)**
- June 9<sup>th</sup> – final budget presentation to Finance & Audit Committee (9:00 am)
- June 9<sup>th</sup> – final public budget hearing (10:30 am)
- June 16<sup>th</sup> – budget adopted by the Board of Directors (11:00 am)

# Enrollment Projections

2024 – 2025 **Actual** Enrollment: 1,872  
2025 – 2026 **Budget** Enrollment: 1,902



# Revenue Sources: Major Categories

DESCRIPTION	FY25 BUDGET	FY26 OPERATING BUDGET					FY26 SP FUNDS	FY26 TOTAL BUDGET	\$ CHANGE FY26 - FY25	%CHANGE FY26-FY25
		FY26 OPERATING	FY26 PREK	FY26 GRANTS	FY26 NUTRITION					
APS Revenue	\$ 46,216,989	\$ 50,405,309					\$ 50,405,309	\$ 4,188,320	9.1%	
Grants	2,053,769		1,036,269	1,332,000			2,368,269	\$ 314,500	15.3%	
Contrib/Gifts	100,000	100,000					100,000	\$ -	0.0%	
eRate	125,000	125,000					125,000	\$ -	0.0%	
Other Income	2,043,266	1,212,500			1,499,958		2,712,458	\$ 669,192	32.8%	
Capital Reserves	2,315,000					585,000	585,000	\$ (1,730,000)	-74.7%	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 52,854,024</b>	<b>\$51,842,809</b>	<b>\$1,036,269</b>	<b>\$1,332,000</b>	<b>\$1,499,958</b>	<b>\$585,000</b>	<b>\$56,296,036</b>	<b>\$ 3,442,012</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	

- \$4.2MM increase in APS revenue, assuming FY25 Mid-Term Final as base plus a 3.25% increase for FY26.
- \$315K increase in grants driven by state facility and security grants.
- \$670K increase in other income, driven by improvements in projected interest income
- Overall revenue increase of \$3.5MM or 6.5% compared to FY25 Budget.

# Revenue Sources Detail

REVENUE DESCRIPTION	FY2025 BUDGET	FY2026 BUDGET	VARIANCE	
APS - BASE REVENUE	46,063,389	50,210,309	4,146,920	9%
APS - TRANS AND NURSING	153,600	195,000	41,400	27%
<b>SUB TOTAL - APS FUNDING</b>	<b>\$ 46,216,989</b>	<b>\$ 50,405,309</b>	<b>4,188,320</b>	<b>9%</b>
EAST LAKE FDN - CCR AND EXT	600,000	600,000	-	0%
EAST LAKE FDN - LEADERSHIP	193,000	194,000	1,000	1%
EAST LAKE FDN - ACADEMIC RECOV	100,000	100,000	-	0%
EAST LAKE FDN - GOLF	57,000	58,000	1,000	2%
FACILITIES - STATE	-	300,000	300,000	100%
TITLE II		15,000	15,000	100%
DREW UNIVERSITY	2,500	-	(2,500)	-100%
ATLANTA URBAN HARP	65,000	65,000	-	0%
<b>SUB TOTAL - GRANTS</b>	<b>\$ 1,017,500</b>	<b>\$ 1,332,000</b>	<b>314,500</b>	<b>31%</b>
	1,499,958	1,499,958	-	0%
<b>SUB TOTAL - NUTRITION</b>	<b>\$ 1,499,958</b>	<b>\$ 1,499,958</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0%</b>
PREK COX IN FUND BALANCE	500,000	500,000	-	0%
PREK - BRIGHT FROM THE START	536,269	536,269	-	0%
<b>SUB TOTAL - PREKINDERGARTEN</b>	<b>1,036,269</b>	<b>1,036,269</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>ERATE - REIMBURSEMENT</b>	<b>\$ 125,000</b>	<b>\$ 125,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>OPPORTUNITY FUND</b>	<b>\$ 100,000</b>	<b>\$ 100,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0%</b>
AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM	350,000	350,000	-	0%
INTEREST INCOME	193,308	862,500	669,192	346%
<b>SUB TOTAL - OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 543,308</b>	<b>\$ 1,212,500</b>	<b>669,192</b>	<b>123%</b>
CAPITAL	1,625,000	585,000	(1,040,000)	-64%
FUND BALANCE	690,000		(690,000)	-100%
<b>SUB TOTAL - OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 2,315,000</b>	<b>\$ 585,000</b>	<b>(1,730,000)</b>	<b>-75%</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 52,854,024</b>	<b>\$ 56,296,035</b>	<b>3,442,012</b>	<b>6.5%</b>

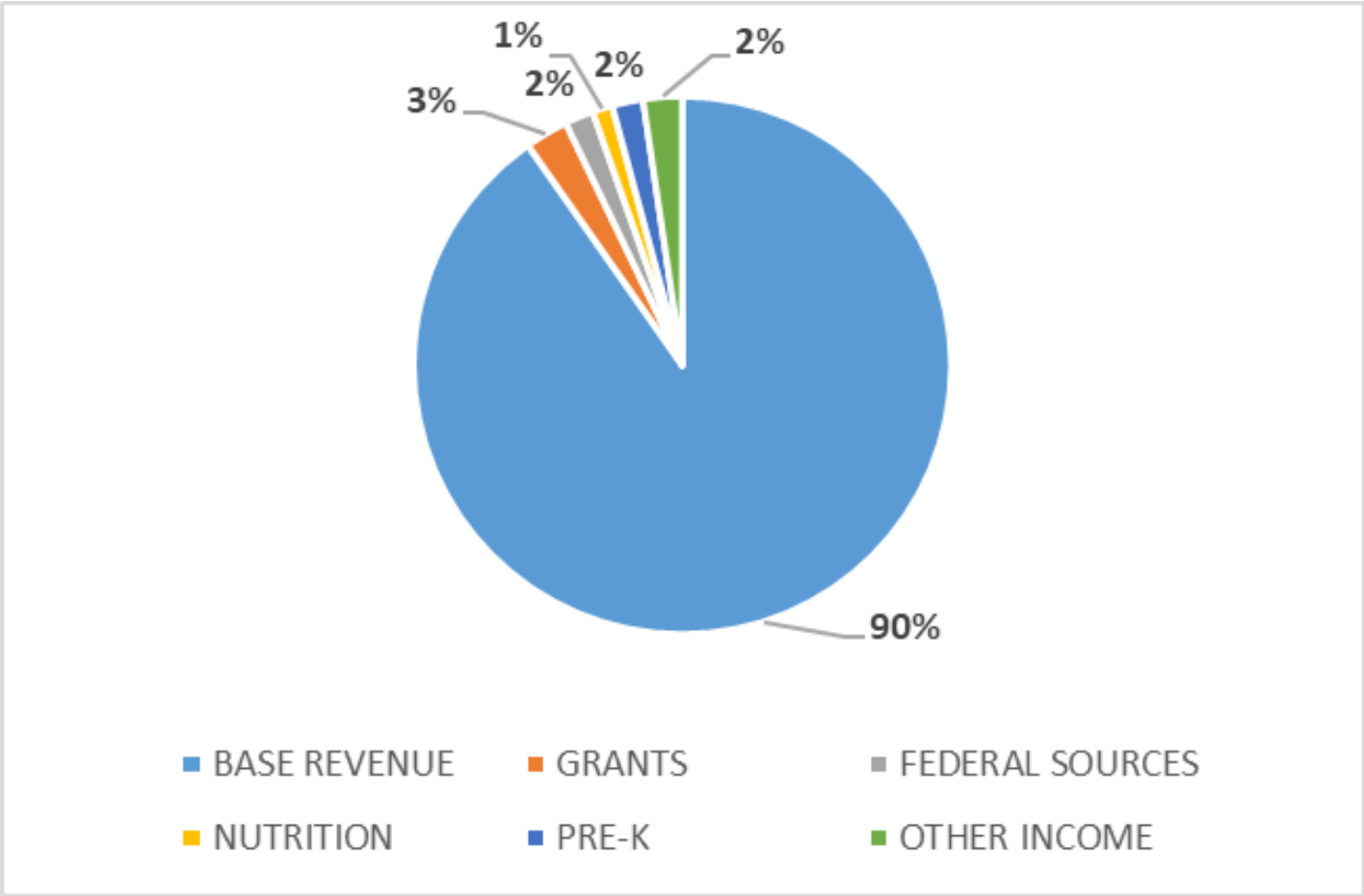
## FY 2024 – 2025

### Revenue Assumptions

- **Elementary Academy:**  
\$28,312 Net Per Pupil Allocation
- **Junior/Senior Academies:**  
\$26,863 Net Per Pupil Allocation



# Revenue Sources



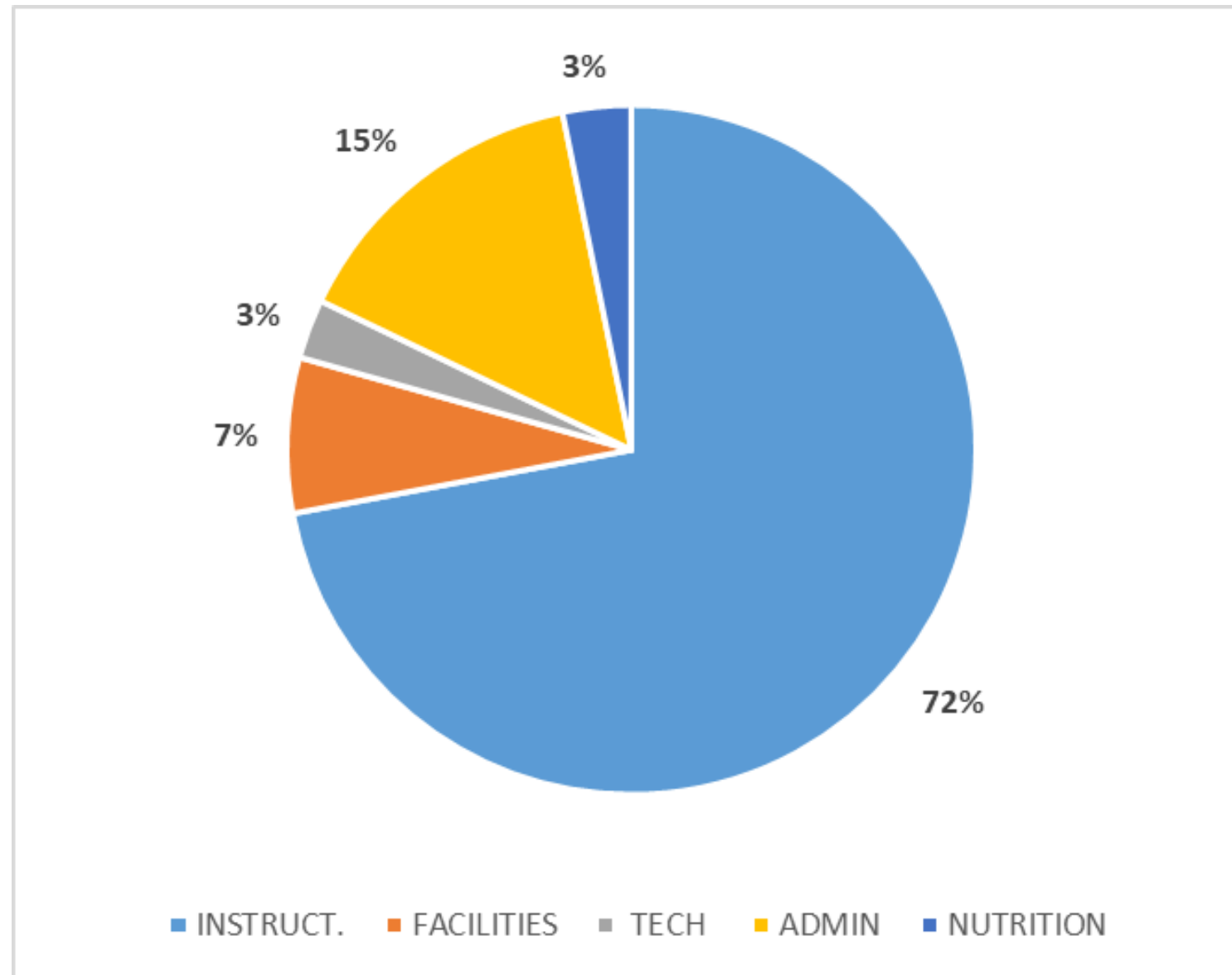
FUND TYPE CLASSIFICATION	
BASE REVENUE	QBE + LOCAL TAXES
GRANTS	EAST LAKE AND HARP
FED GRANTS	E-RATE, USDA, & TITLE II
PRE-K	COX & BRIGHT FROM THE START
NUTRITION	CASH EQUIVALENT SOURCES
OTHER INCOME	INTEREST INCOME, OPP FUND, AND RISE

# Expense Drivers

	FY26 OPERATING BUDGET								
	FY25 BUDGET	FY26 OPERATING	FY26 PREK	FY26 GRANTS	FY26 NUTRITION	FY26 SP FUNDS	FY26 TOTAL BUDGET	\$ CHANGE FY26 - FY25	%CHANGE FY26-FY25
Instruction Prsnl	\$ 34,000,121	\$ 35,639,049	\$ 1,178,033	\$ 701,000			\$ 37,518,082	\$ 3,517,961	10.3%
Instruction NP	4,021,050	3,059,250	20,000	311,000			3,390,250	(630,800)	-15.7%
Facilities Prsnl	1,492,341	623,270			865,582		1,488,852	(3,488)	-0.2%
Facilities NP	5,263,834	2,630,189		300,000	959,658	\$ 585,000	4,474,847	(788,987)	-15.0%
Technology Prsnl	599,361	690,952					690,952	91,591	15.3%
Technology NP	877,525	891,365					891,365	13,839	1.6%
Admin Prsnl	6,084,130	7,020,002		20,000			7,040,002	955,872	15.7%
Admin NP	1,089,069	1,288,733					1,288,733	199,664	18.3%
Gen Fund Transfer	(573,405)		(161,765)		(325,282)		(487,047)	86,358	-15.1%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 52,854,024</b>	<b>\$ 51,842,809</b>	<b>\$1,036,269</b>	<b>\$1,332,000</b>	<b>\$1,499,958</b>	<b>\$585,000</b>	<b>\$ 56,296,035</b>	<b>\$ 3,442,012</b>	<b>6.5%</b>
<b>Under / (Over)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

- Largest increases reflected in instructional personnel supported by APS Base Revenue.
- Non-personnel lines increasing by \$525K, driven by inflation and increases in goods and services.
- Capital spending down by \$1.7MM compared to FY25.
- Overall, a Year-over-Year increase of \$3.4MM or 6.5% in total budget spend.
- Budget is balanced with revenues equaling expenses.

# Expense Drivers



# Expense Assumptions: Personnel

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- Total **personnel expenses** are budgeted to increase by approximately **\$4.6MM**, which is the result of the following factors:
  - 2.0% salary increases for all staff
  - \$396K in Compensation Market Adjustments
  - 8.8% increase in Medical Benefits
  - 1.13% increase in the Georgia Teachers Retirement System
  - \$602K for 5 new positions
  - \$1,334,822 faculty contingency fund for performance-based bonuses.

# Expense Assumptions: New Positions

TITLE	FTE COUNT	COMMENTS
SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR	1.0	UPGRADE FROM PART-TIME TO FULL-TIME
SCHOOL NURSE	1.0	FULL OFFSET - EXISTING CONTRACTED SERVICES
FACILITIES TECH II	1.0	PARTIAL OFFSET - EXISTING CONTRACTED SERVICES
TECHNOLOGY TECH I	1.0	PARTIAL OFFSET - EXISTING CONTRACTED SERVICES
DIRECTOR OF COACHING	1.0	NO OFFSET
<b>HEAD COUNT</b>	<b>5.0</b>	

# Expense Assumptions: Non-Personnel

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- Net **non-personnel** expenses are projected to increase by \$525,000, primarily driven by inflation and increased goods and services, including but not limited to:
  - \$135,000 increase in School Resource Officers via APS Buyback Services
  - \$205,000 increase Property & Casualty and Workers Comp
  - \$130,000 increase across all utilities
- **Capital** Re-investment at \$585,000
  - \$435,000 Carpeting, Elevator Replacement, and Parking Lot Design
  - \$150,000 Refresh Conference Room Audio Visual

# Next Steps

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- The following estimates need to be shored up for the final FY26 budget.
  - Update Budget to align with the FY26-30 Strategic Plan.
  - Fine-tune APS Base revenue projections.
  - Fine-tune Nutrition, Afterschool, and other Grant Revenue.
  - Finalize FY26 salaries based on the New Compensation Study.
  - Determine if any additional gap projects need to be funded in FY26.

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# Questions and Answers