EVERY STUDENT
FUTURE READY

2025-26
Financial Oversight Committee
Report Out
Board of Education
July 7, 2025

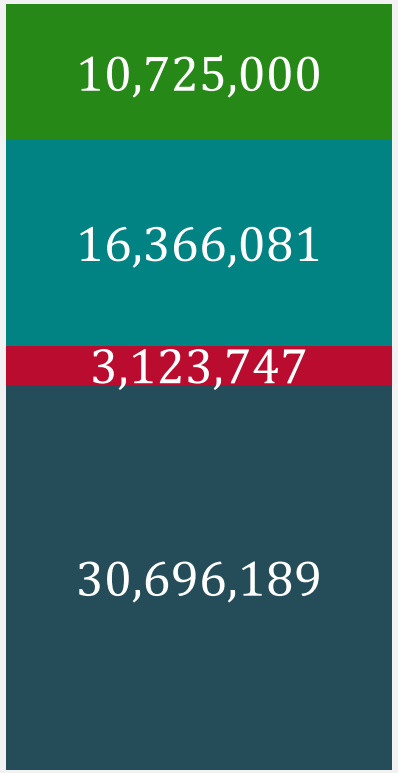
FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

- Develop an Unrestricted Reserves Policy
- Short Term Funding/One-Time Year-End Cash Recommendation
- Long Term Funding/Bond Issue Recommendation

FACTORS IMPACTING WPS BUDGET:
PRESSURE ON CAPITAL OUTLAY

CAPITAL REVENUE

Consistent Revenue Streams
$50.2M

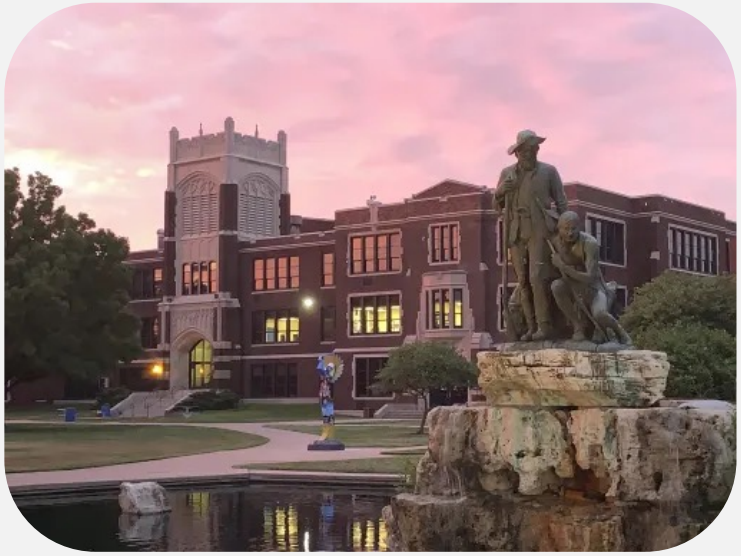


CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

- Facilities maintenance and upgrades
- Repairs and preventative maintenance
- School safety facilities upgrades & equipment
- District wide software
- Student and staff hardware
- Furniture and equipment replacement
- Fleet vehicles
- CTE technology and equipment
- Uniforms

FACTORS IMPACTING WPS BUDGET:
PRESSURE ON CAPITAL OUTLAY CONT.

East High



Structural Repairs to Science Wing
$19M

North High

Structural Repairs
Phase 1: $15M
Phase 2: $9M
Phase 3 & 4: $22M

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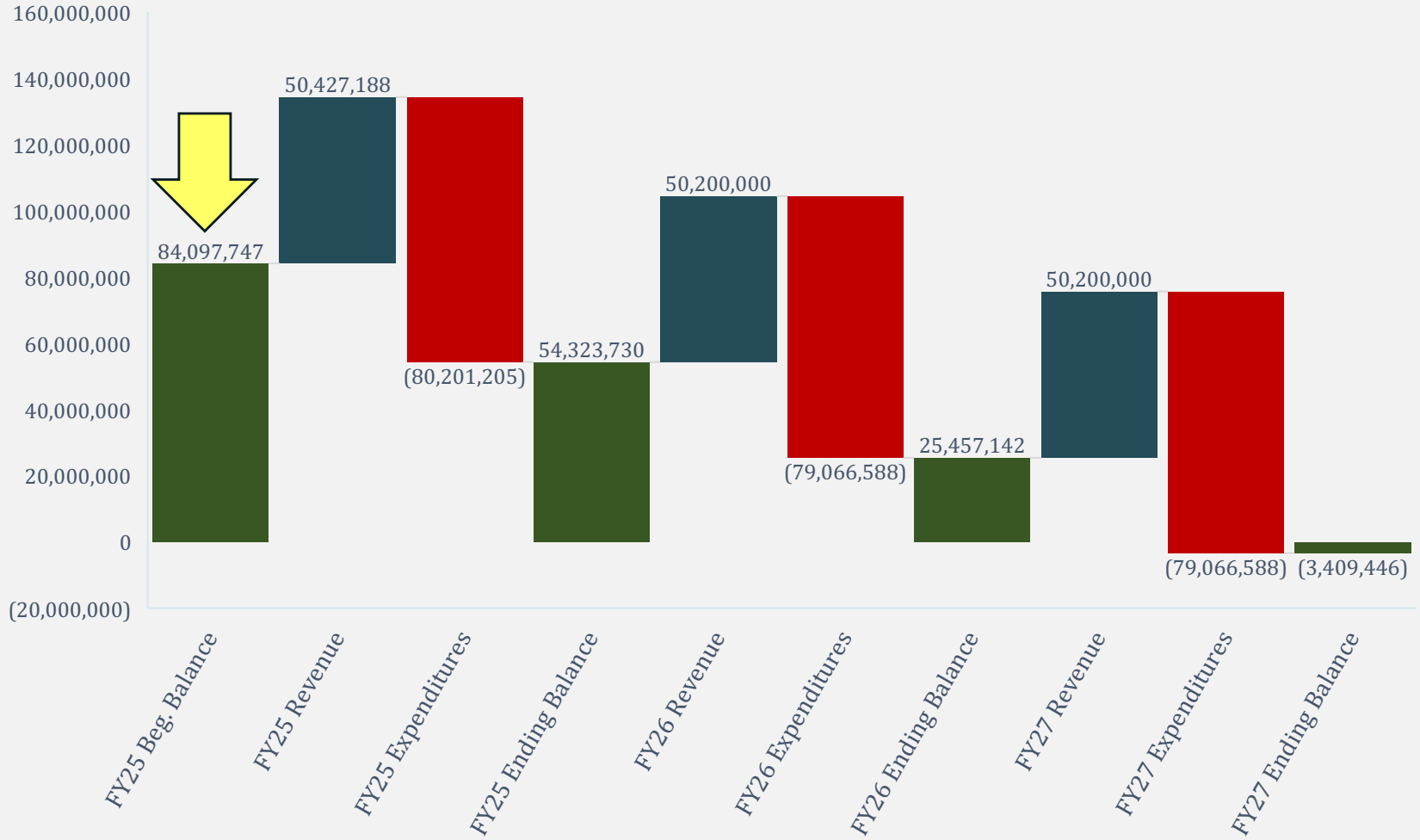


WPS COMMITMENT

IMPROVE ACCOUNTABILITY

STRENGTHEN TRUST

INCREASE TRANSPARENCY

ACTION #1:
UNRESTRICTED RESERVE POLICY

At the recommendation of the Financial Oversight Committee, the Board of Education has a proposed Unrestricted Reserves Policy, P3460, up for action tonight. This policy provides accountability, transparency, and oversight of the district's cash reserves.

OVERVIEW OF POLICY 3460

MINIMUM THRESHOLD

No less than the annual average of one state aid payment

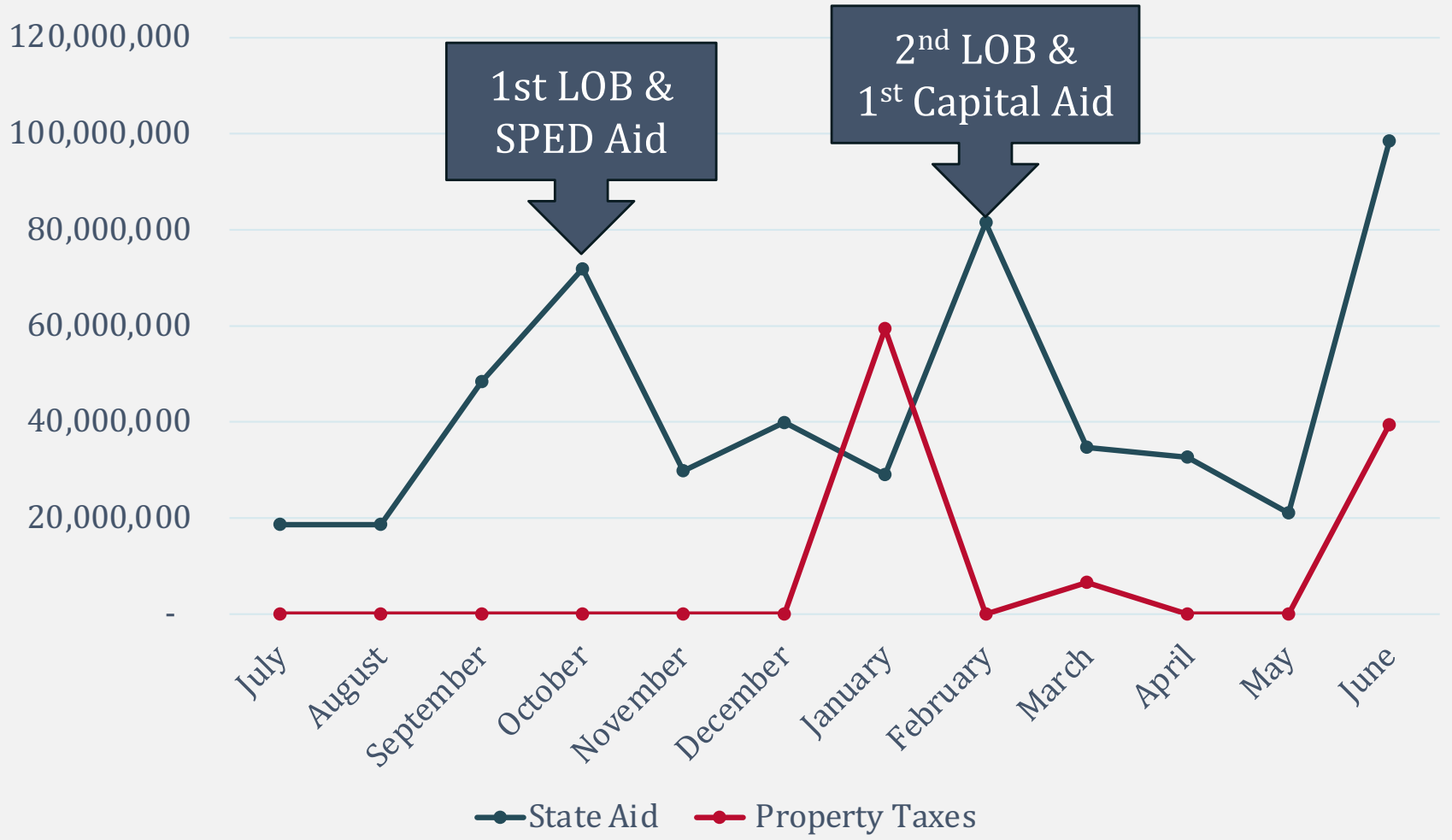
MAXIMUM THRESHOLD

Up to two months of regular operating budget revenues or two months of regular operating budget expenditures and transfers, whichever is greater.

If unrestricted cash balance exceeds the maximum threshold:

- One-time investments to areas that do not create recurring obligations
- One-time taxpayer relief measures
- Reallocation to restricted reserves for future anticipated obligations

OVERVIEW OF POLICY 3460: WHY WE NEED CASH ON HAND



OVERVIEW OF POLICY 3460: WHY WE NEED CASH ON HAND FEDERAL FUNDS UPDATE

Unforeseen legislative action is another reason why WPS has to keep cash on hand.

	FY25/Est. FY26
Title I Part C – Migrant	$293,000
Title IIA – Effective Instruction	$3,003,159
Title III – English Language Learners	$1,101,162
Title IVA – Academic Enrichment	$1,405,810
Title IVB – 21st Century	$549,886
Total	$6,353,017

FEDERAL FUNDS UPDATE

KSDE Guidance: "Budget like you will receive it, but spend it like you won't."

District's Response: In light of recent developments at the federal level, we want to reassure all staff in grant-funded FTE positions that there is no cause for concern regarding your pay. The district has sufficient cash reserves to continue supporting these positions without interruption.

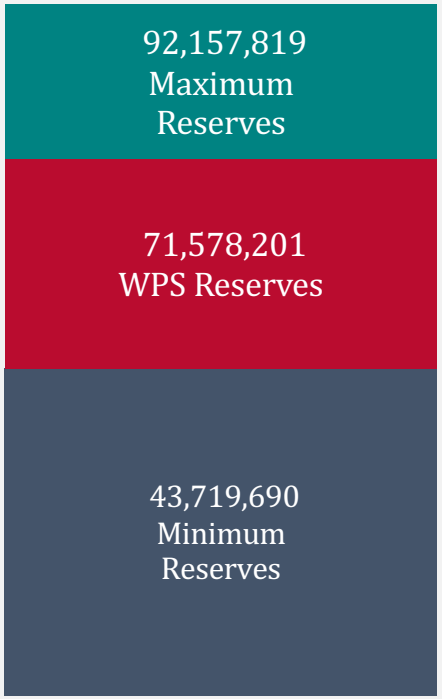
Additional information regarding non-salary spending from impacted federal grants will be shared in the near future as more guidance becomes available.

OVERVIEW OF POLICY 3460 – FY24

Minimum	
2023-24 State Aid	$524,636,279
Monthly Average	$43,719,690

Maximum	
2023-24 Operating Budget	$552,946,915
Monthly Average	$92,157,819

06/30/24 WPS Unrestricted Reserves	
General	$0
Supplemental General	$0
Grants	$5,591,238
Professional Development	$4,000,000
Textbooks	$20,986,963
Contingency	$41,000,000
Total	$71,578,201



Maximum Reserves 58% Funded

OVERVIEW OF POLICY 3460 – FY25

Minimum	
2024-25 State Aid	$556,339,876
Monthly Average	$46,361,656

Maximum	
2024-25 Operating Budget	$587,148,082
Monthly Average	$97,858,014

06/30/25 WPS Unrestricted Reserves	
General	$42,018
Supplemental General	$0
Grants	$6,240,234
Professional Development	$5,000,000
Textbooks	$15,745,063
Contingency	$41,000,000
Total	$68,027,315

Maximum Reserves 42% Funded

ACTION #2:
SHORT-TERM FUNDING SOLUTION

At the recommendation of the Financial Oversight Committee, the district was able to transfer approximately **$17.4M** to the capital outlay fund to help support facilities needs in the 2025-26 budget.

JULY 1, 2025
UNENCUMBERED CASH BALANCES
RESTRICTED FUNDS

Fund	July 1, 2024	July 1, 2025	Increase
Capital Outlay	84,094,747	92,887,105	8,792,358
Self Funded Reserve	66,617,658	67,016,064	398,406
Bond & Interest	83,069,410	94,616,484	11,547,074
Total			20,737,838

In total, unencumbered cash increased from **$348.5M** to **$362M**, an increase of **$13.5M**.

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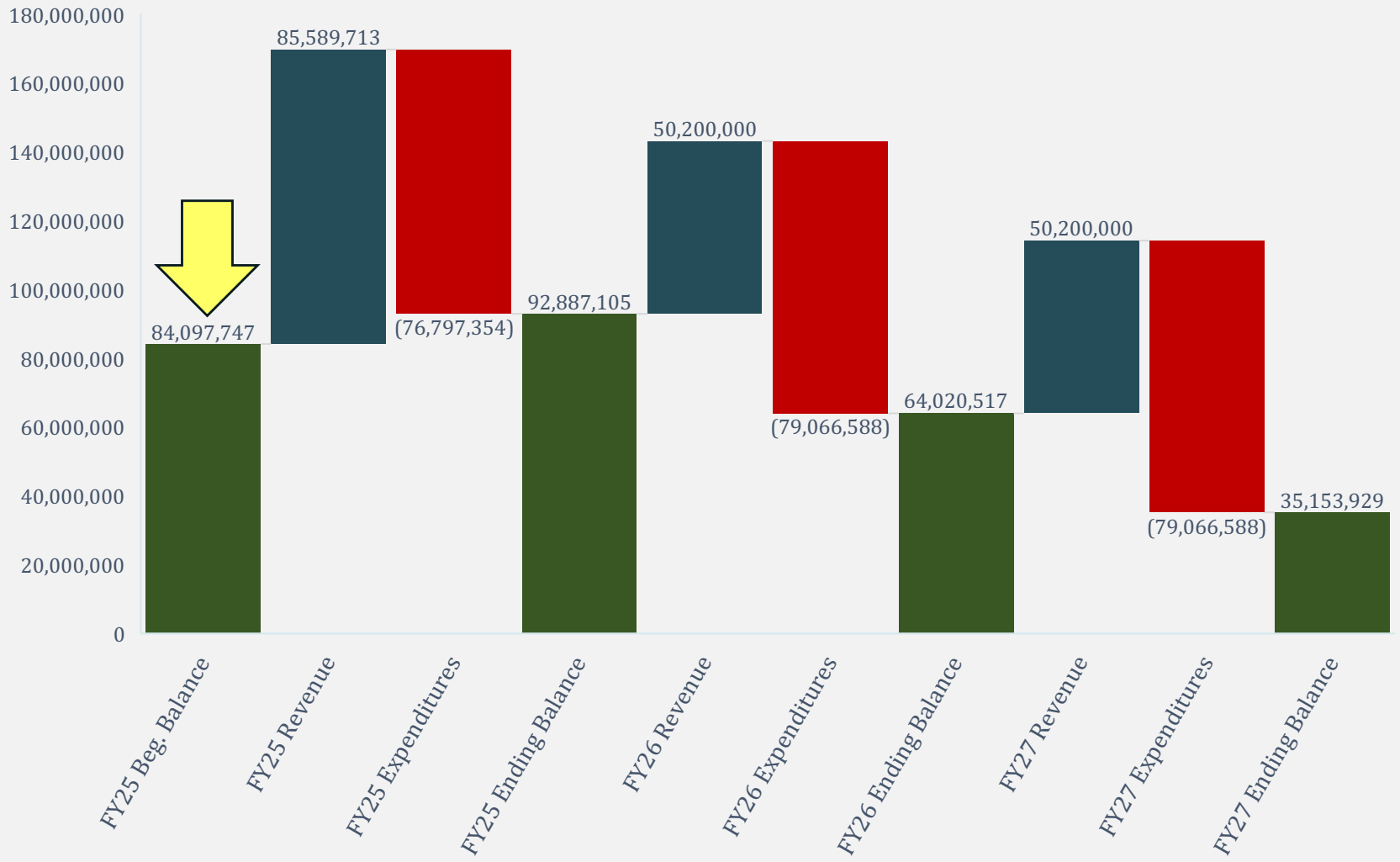

ACTION #3:
LONG-TERM FACILITIES NEEDS

The committee was provided with options for funding our long-term facilities needs - including a Bond Referendum option for **November 2025** or **March 2026**. The committee was asked to collect feedback from their peer groups on community support for these options.

COMMITTEE REPORT OUT:
VICE CHAIR: LINDSAY POE ROUSSEAU