



Downingtown Area School District

2025-26 Budget Final Proposal

May 7, 2025





Agenda

- Goals and context
 - District-wide full-day kindergarten
- Budget development
- Refined proposal
 - Staffing
 - Revenues
 - Expenses
- Summary

2025-26 Goals



K-12 Educational Programs

Implement new K-12 math curriculum
(Strategic Plan Goal 2)



Operations

- Completion of BC and WB Construction
- Grant for window replacement
- Siemens property sale



District Initiatives

**Implement district-wide full-day kindergarten
(Strategic Plan Goal 2)**

Full-Day Kindergarten History

2006



Feasibility Study

Full-day kindergarten investigation begins

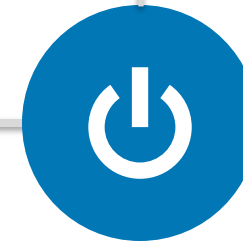
2009



Partial FDK

Initial FDK offering at
DASD Title 1
elementary schools

2019



Restart

DASD resumes FDK investigation

2022



5/6 Center

- Board approval to building 5/6 center
- District-wide FDK set for the 2028-29 school year

Full-Day Kindergarten History

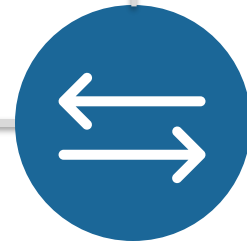
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Lost Revenue

Siemens property sale
falls through
(Loss of \$96.2 M in
potential proceeds)

May 2024



Revised Plan

Board approves new plan to
achieve district-wide FDK for
Aug 2025 without
constructing a 5/6 Center

2024-25



Preparations

DASD prepares facilities,
curriculum, staffing and
materials for FDK
implementation

Aug 2025



Implementation

DASD district-wide
full-day kindergarten
provided at 75% less annual
cost than 5/6 plan

Full-Day Kindergarten May Update

- New classrooms will be ready
- Staffing needs
 - 8 – 14 Teachers
 - 8 – 14 Para-Professionals
- Curriculum is ready
 - Ongoing professional development
- Furniture and supplies ordered and arriving



704
Completed Registrations

2025-26 New Staffing Proposal

Full-Day Kindergarten Enrollment Dependent

- Up to 14 Teachers
- Up to 14 Paraprofessionals

Special Education Services

- 2 Elementary Autistic Support Teachers
- 1 Middle School Autistic Support Teacher
- 1 High School Life Skills Teacher

ADMINISTRATIVE

- 1 Marsh Creek Assistant Principal via reductions



Commercial Assessment Appeals

-\$3.8M

**Less revenue
per year, every year
moving forward**

-\$ 876,023

From 2021-22

-\$ 558,582

From 2022-23

-\$ 467,025

From 2022-23

-\$1,041,492

From 2023-24

-\$ 900,041

From 2024-25

-\$3.8M

TOTAL from 2021-2025

Commercial Assessment Appeals

Major Assessment Appeals Since 2022

-\$74k	Target in Lionville
-\$129k	Hilton Garden, Hankin Development
-\$132k	Meridian Eagleview, Hankin Development
-\$139k	Claremont Apartments, Hankin Development
-\$293k	Brandywine Sq. (Wegmans), Allied Wilmington, DE
-\$556k	Ashbridge Shopping Ctr. (Home Depot), Kahn Dev.

Key Factors Impacting 2025-26 Budget



Current Year Revenue Shortages

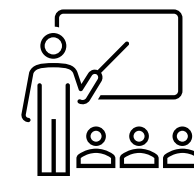
- Real Estate (RE) Taxes down \$2M
- Interim RE Taxes down \$600k
- Real Estate Transfer Tax down \$500k



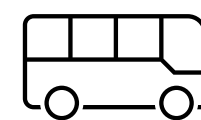
Future Assessment Appeals



Kindergarten Charter Enrollment



Current and Future Special Education Costs



Current & Future Transportation Expenses



Current and Future Inflation & Enrollment



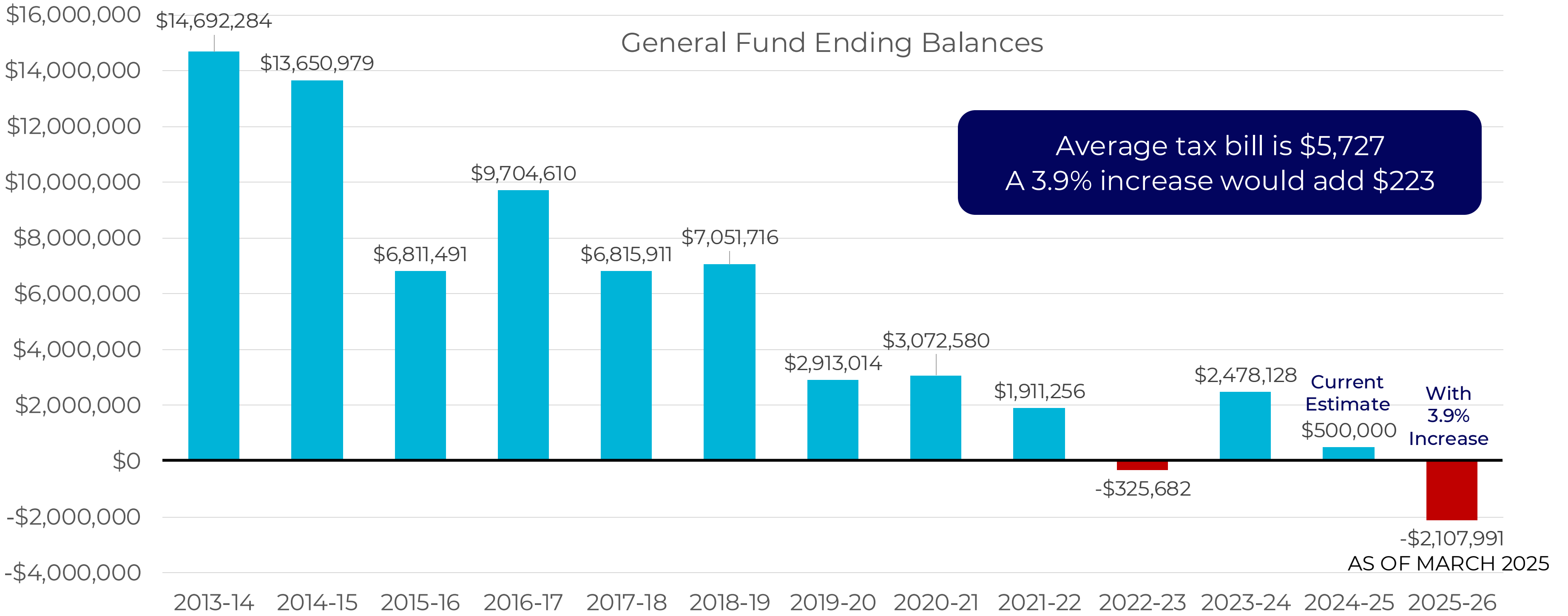
MARCH
2025



March 2025

2025-26 Administrative Recommendation

Proposed 3.9% Millage Increase



March 2025

Proposed 25-26 Budget Summary

Revenue	\$300,985,949
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>-\$303,093,940</u>
Deficit	-\$ 2,107,991

APRIL
2025





April 2025

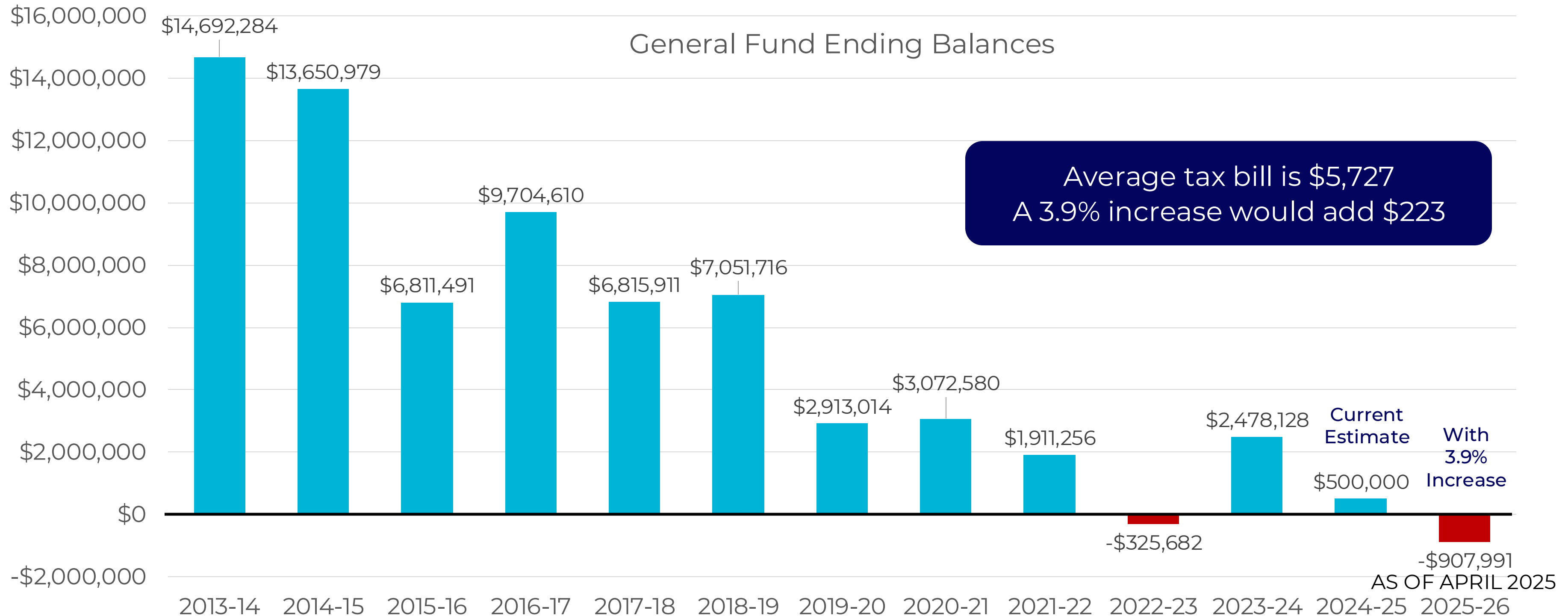
Staffing Summary

- 2025-26 Proposed New Positions – \$2.2M*
*Included in March deficit calculation
- Proposed Staffing Reductions – \$1.2M
 - **Job security will be maintained**
 - Reading coordinator - \$100,000
 - Move 2 kindergarten teachers on assignment back into K classroom - \$200,000
 - Reassignments due to retirements and resignations - \$900,000
- Will continue to investigate other savings opportunities

April 2025

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April 2025

Budget Refinements

Preliminary Deficit (March 12, 2025)	-\$2,107,991
<u>Expenditures</u>	
Reduced staffing costs	\$1,200,000
<u>Revenues</u>	
No adjustments	\$0
Revised Deficit	-\$907,991



MAY
2025





May 2025 Staffing Changes

- 2025-26 Proposed New Positions – \$2.2M*
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- **Revised Proposed Staffing Reductions – \$2.5M**
 - Job security will be maintained
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- **Additional reassignments due to retirements and resignations - \$1.3M**

May 2025 Budget Refinements

Deficit as of April 9, 2025 -\$907,991

Expenditures

Additional staff reallocation savings	\$1,300,000
BW water project expenses	-\$1,000,000
Departmental budget cuts	\$592,163
Rx discount program savings	\$300,000

Revenues

Transportation revenue	\$215,828
Adequacy grant revenue reduction	-\$500,000

Revised Deficit **\$0**



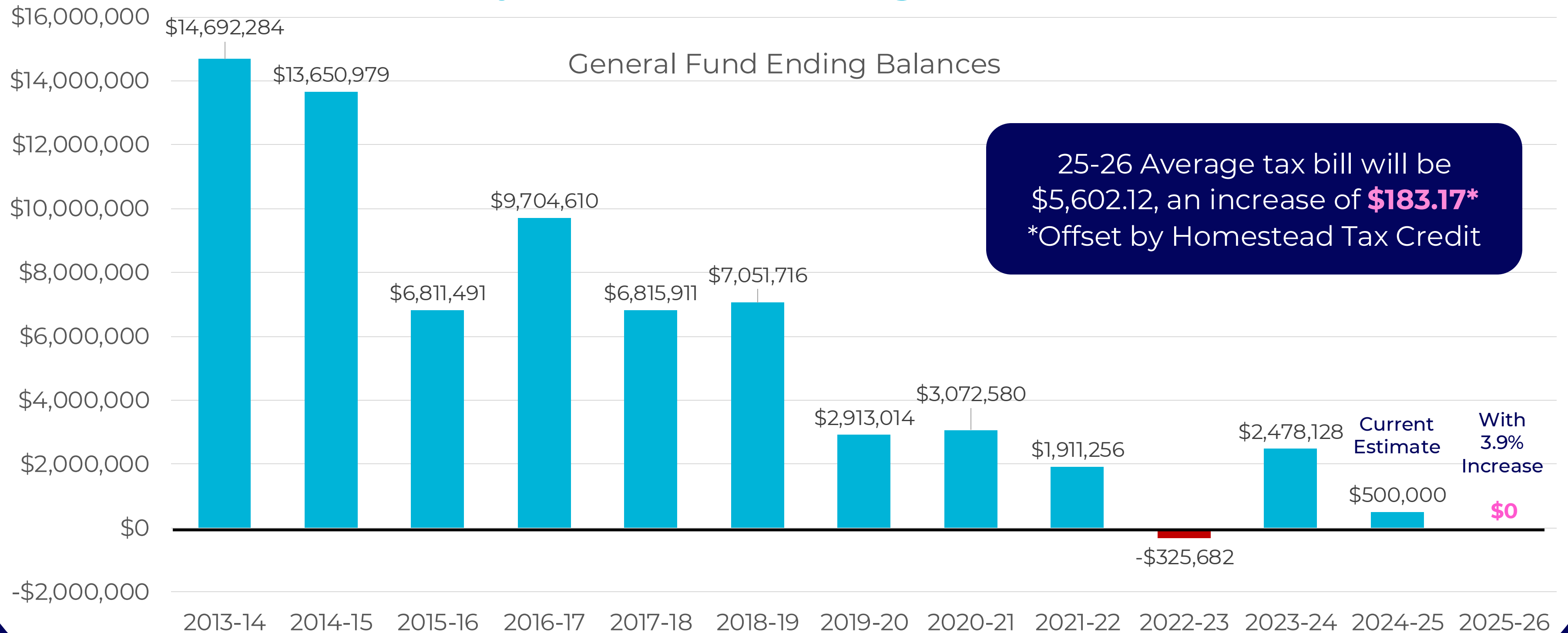
2025-26 Homestead Tax Credit

	2024-2025	2025-2026	% Increase
Average Assessment	\$186,500.00	\$186,500.00	
Millage	30.71	31.91	
Tax before Homestead Cr.	\$5,727.60	\$5,951.22	3.90%
Homestead Credit	-\$308.65	-\$349.10	
Net Tax Bill	\$5,418.95	\$5,602.12	3.38%

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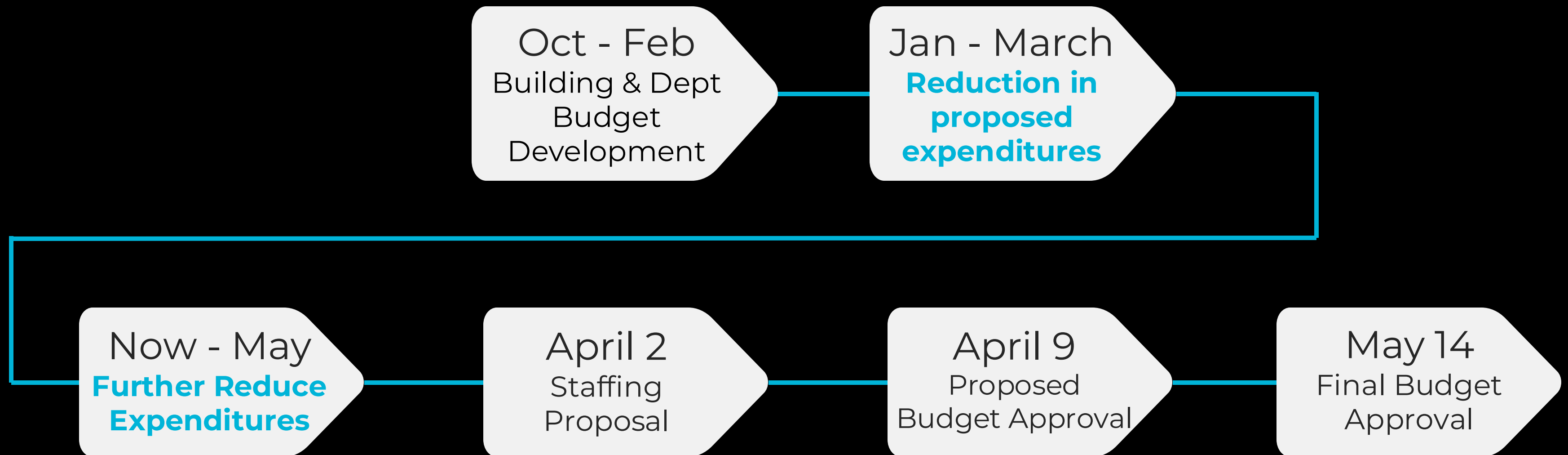
2025-26 Final Budget Summary

Local Revenue	\$227,998,527
State Revenue	\$69,545,631
Federal Revenue	\$2,725,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$300,269,158

Salaries and Benefits	\$212,900,380
General Operating Expenses	\$71,006,274
Capital Transfer	\$8,858,504
Debt Service	\$7,504,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$300,269,158

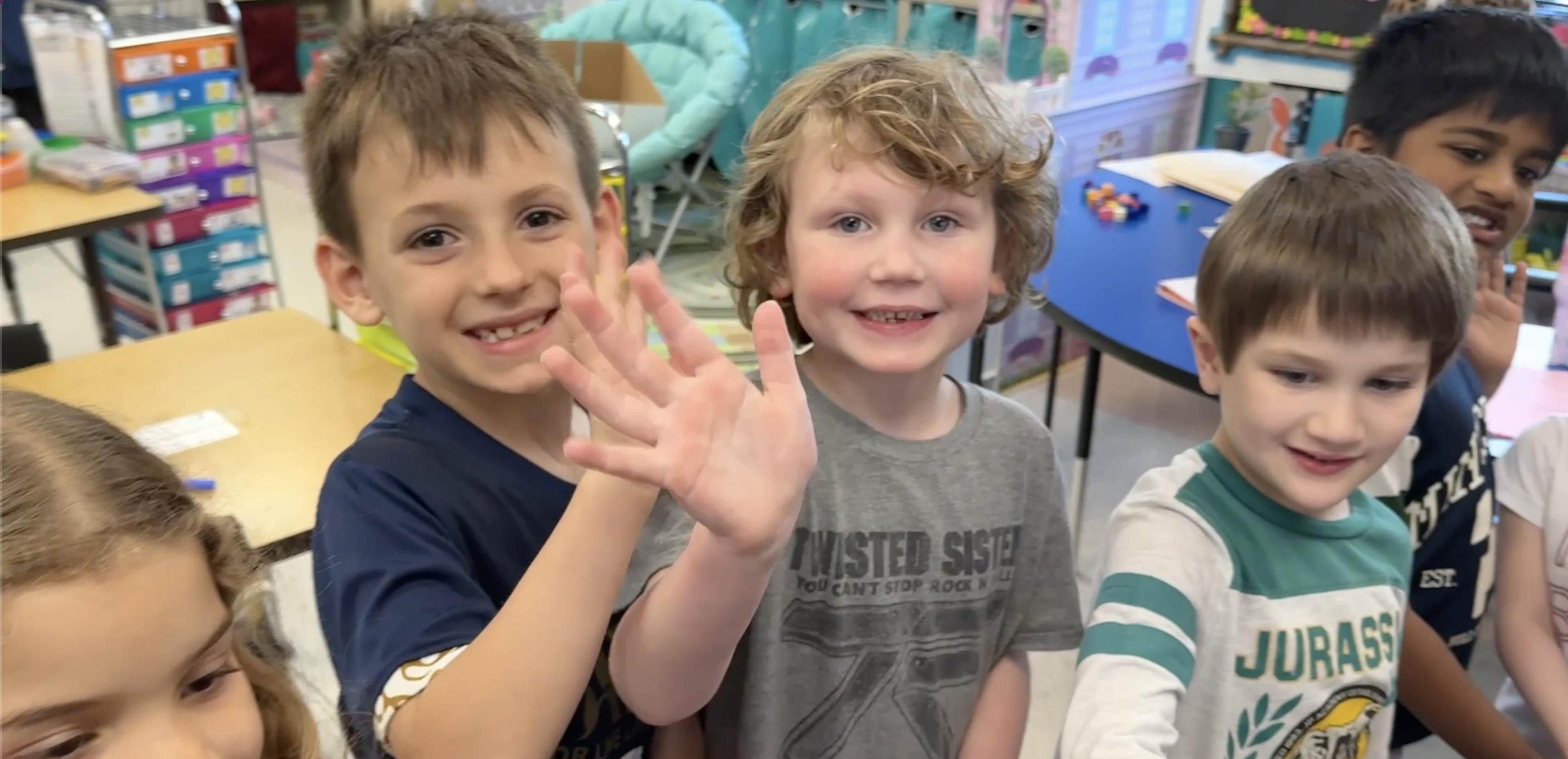
NET DEFICIT WITH FDK IMPLEMENTATION	\$0
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Timeline and Next Steps



ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

**3.9% tax increase offset by the Homestead Tax Credit
results in a net 3.38% to taxpayers**



Questions