

2026 BUDGET HEARING

Center Grove Community School Corporation
September 18, 2025



IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ **September 4, 2025: Budget Advertised on Gateway**
 - Available online at: centergrove.k12.in.us/2026Budget
- ◆ **September 18, 2025: Budget Hearing**
 - Bus Replacement Plan Hearing
 - Capital Projects Plan Hearing
- ◆ **October 20, 2025: Budget Adoption by the Board**
 - Bus Replacement Plan Adoption
 - Capital Projects Plan Adoption

SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION

- 1. Legislative Changes**
- 2. Enrollment Changes**
- 3. Capital Asset Plan**
- 4. Bus Replacement Plan**
- 5. Major Budget Changes**
- 6. Expenditure/Revenue Comparison**
- 7. Total Tax Rates**
- 8. Operating Balance**
- 9. Summary**

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

◆ **Senate Bill 1 - Local Government Finance**

- Goal was to lower the residential tax burden & shift some burden to commercial
 - Center Grove is 81% Residential Property
- Lower tax bills mean less funding for all taxing units, therefore tax rates must increase to remain at 2025 funding levels
- “Post Tax Cap Credit” impacts the Debt Service Fund like Tax Caps

◆ **House Bill 1001 - State Budget**

- Medicaid constrained the state budget significantly
- In an effort to to give a 2% increase in both years, the other grants were reduced (CTE, Special Ed., Academic Performance & Non-English Speaking)
 - For CG: 1.8% increase for 2026 & we project a 1.6% increase in 2027
 - Actual “New” funding: 1.3% increase per year when enrollment growth is removed
- Basic Tuition Support now includes Curricular Material Funding
- Removed income limit on Vouchers
- Teacher Appreciation Grant changed to promote competition between teachers and between school corporations

ENROLLMENT CHANGES

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 Estimate
Enrollment	8,759	8,845	9,071	9,434	9,496	9,596	9,660
Change from Previous Year	+326	+86	+226	+363	+62	+100	+64

- ◆ Official enrollment date: October 1, 2025
- ◆ Enrollment basis of advertised budget: 9,660
 - * Will change before final ADM report is certified*
- ◆ State Funding Formula = Approx. \$7,219* per student
 - *includes \$158/student for curricular materials*

CAPITAL ASSET PLAN

- ◆ There is a Capital Asset Plan available on the website, including only projects/assets over \$10,000.
- ◆ Since 2010, we have supplemented revenue in the operations fund with G. O. Bonds.
 - We will do this again for 2026 budget, with bonds totaling \$8.1m.
 - These bond funds support projects in our Maintenance Department, Technology Department and Security Upgrades

CAPITAL ASSET PLAN

Maintenance Projects		Operations 2026	Bonds 2026
1	Maintenance of Equipment - Maintenance	\$30,000	
2	Equipment Maintenance Supplies and Parts	\$25,000	
3	Maintenance - Technical Consultants	\$0	
4	Maintenance - Building Contracted Repairs	\$600,000	
5	Maintenance - Service Contracts	\$400,000	
6	Maintenance – Equipment Rental	\$0	
7	Corporation Maintenance Equipment	\$80,000	\$80,000
Site Improvement Projects			
8	Site Development Repairs		\$150,000
9	Site Maintenance Service Contracts	\$95,000	
10	Site Maintenance Supplies	\$15,000	
11	Site Development Projects		\$1,700,000
Vehicles			
12	Maintenance Department Vehicles		\$115,000
Building Improvement Projects			
13	Security Upgrades		\$169,000
14	Building Improvement Supplies and Parts	\$405,000	
15	Building Improvement District Projects		\$1,765,000
	Totals	\$1,650,000	\$3,979,000

CAPITAL ASSET PLAN

Transportation Projects		Operations 2026	Bonds 2026
1	Purchase of Buses		\$800,000
	Total	\$0	\$750,000
Technology Projects			
1	Other Equipment Purchases		\$82,000
2	Network Charges and Upgrades		\$139,039
3	Purchase Software/Licenses		\$60,000
4	Maintenance/Software Contracts		\$983,835
5	District-wide Hardware Purchases		\$1,905,000
6	Security Upgrades		\$92,074
	Total	\$0	\$3,261,950
Totals for the Bonds			
	Bond Financing Charges		\$60,000
	Total		\$8,100,000

BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN

Year	# of Buses Owned	# of Buses to be Replaced	Estimated Replacement Cost
2026	99	8	\$1,379,900
2027	99	8	\$1,640,300
2028	99	8	\$1,521,400
2029	99	7	\$1,478,400
2030	99	8	\$1,774,400

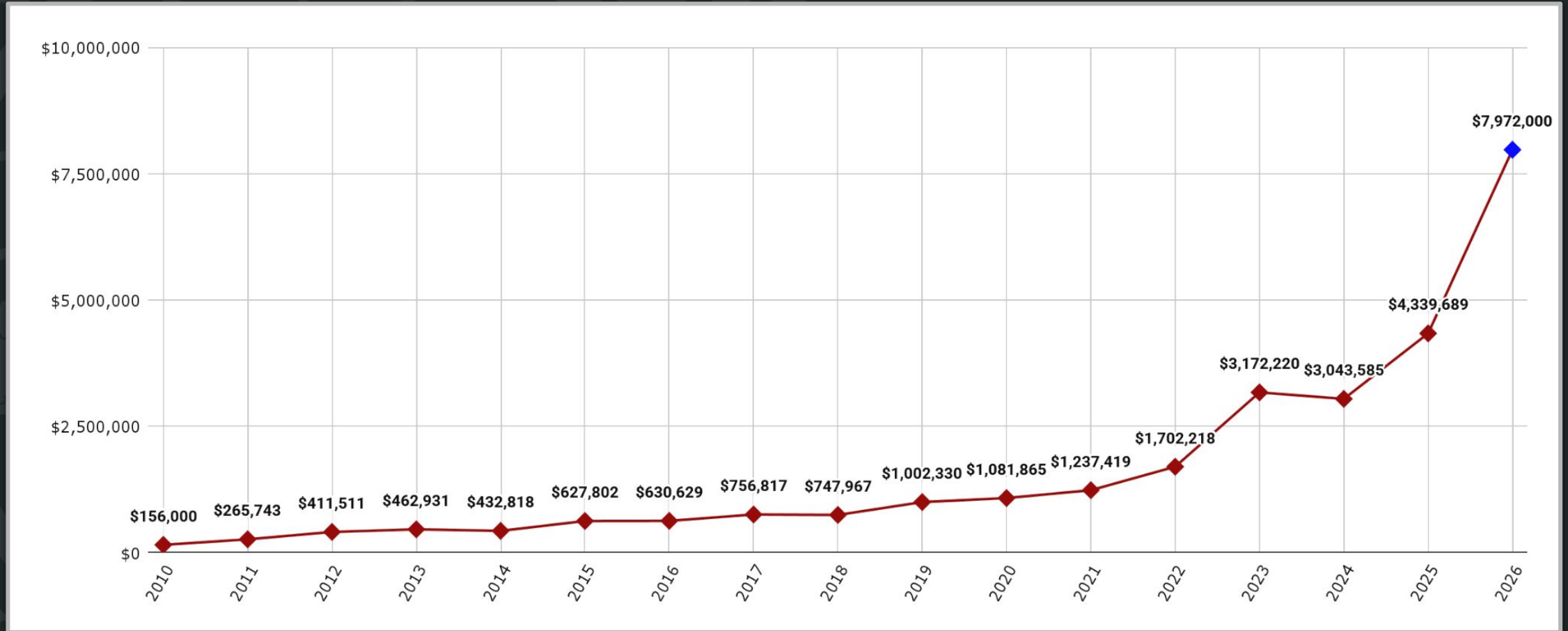
MAJOR CHANGES IN REVENUE

Foundation (Basic Funding from State)	\$943,262
Curricular Materials in Foundation	\$1,526,280
Money for 64 more students @ \$7,061 each	\$451,904
Vocation/CTE Funding	-\$132,860
Special Education Funding	\$563,933
Honors Funding	-\$193,580
NESP Funding	\$34,371
Levy increase based on MLGQ (4% Limit)	\$560,663
Interest income	\$156,027
Move CVET & FIT from D.S. to Ops.	\$70,000
Additional set aside for tax caps in 2026	-\$2,100,000
Total:	\$1,880,000

MAJOR CHANGES IN EXPENSES

Turnover/Benefit (Includes Administrative/Secretarial positions reductions = \$351K)	Changes \$-960,569
Changes to TRF Percentages (+0.60%)	\$220,048
Health Insurance Premiums (6.40% corp. 1.5% emp.)	\$685,019
Curricular Material Expenses (New to Ed Fund)	\$1,526,280
Property/Casualty Insurance Premium	\$118,262
Utility Savings	-\$503,000
Fuel Savings	-\$100,000
Savings from school buses in Debt Service	-\$50,000
Reduction in Department Budgets/Subs/School Accounts	-\$921,423
Greenlit Staffing Items (7 teachers, 1 I.A.)	\$553,620
Teacher Retirement Savings	-\$383,641
3.33% Raise for Teachers; 2% Raise for other employees	\$1,750,404
Total:	\$1,935,000

PROPERTY TAX CAP LOSSES



EXPENDITURE/REVENUE COMPARISON

FUND	2025 REVENUE BUDGET	2025 EXPENDITURE BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
EDUCATION	\$68,440,000	\$68,440,000	Balanced Budget
OPERATIONS	\$24,160,000	\$24,160,000	Balanced Budget
DEBT SERVICE	\$40,110,000	\$34,285,200	Cash balance will grow to offset new tax cap loss due to Post Tax Cap Credits
TOTAL	\$132,710,000	\$126,885,200	

TOTAL TAX RATE

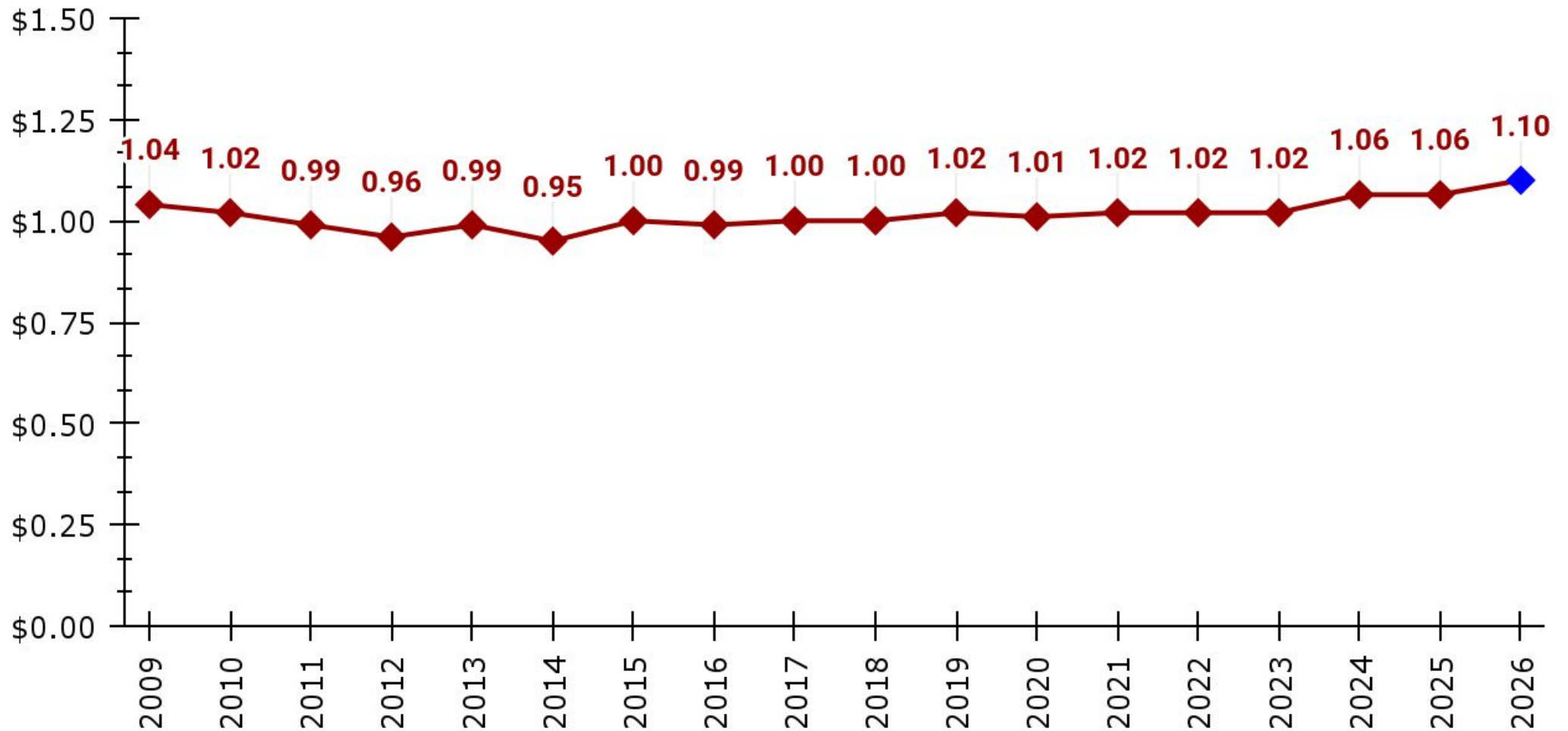
	2025 RATE	2026 RATE*	CHANGE	ADVERTISED**
EDUCATION FUND	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000
OPERATIONS FUND	\$0.3258	\$0.3066	-\$0.0192	\$0.3442
DEBT SERVICE	\$0.7385	\$0.7978	+\$0.0593	\$0.8899
Total	\$1.0643	\$1.1044	+\$0.0401	\$1.1865

** Rates for 2026 are only estimates*

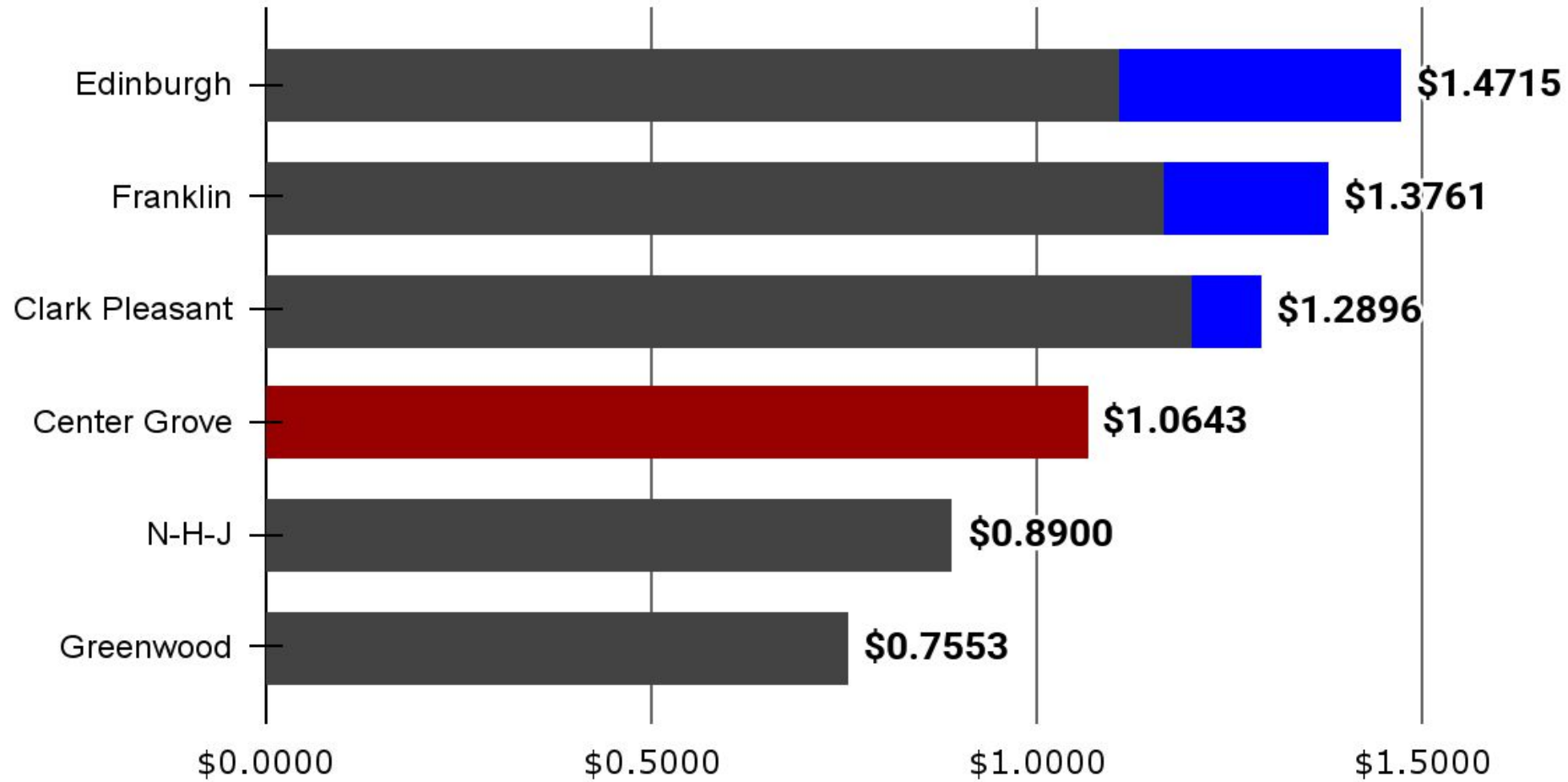
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TOTAL TAX RATE - SBI CHANGES



The regular school tax bill for this \$300,000 house will decrease due to the increased supplemental deduction, even if the school tax rate increases.

	2025	2026
Gross Assessed Value	\$300,000	\$300,000
Homestead Deduction Includes former Mortgage Deduction	(\$48,000)	(\$48,000)
New Supplemental Ded. (35%) (40%)	(\$88,200)	(\$120,000)
Equals Net Assessed Value	\$163,800	\$132,000
School District Tax Rate	\$1.0643	\$1.1044
School Taxes Before Tax Cap	\$1,743	\$1,458
School Taxes After Tax Cap	\$1,497	\$1,458
Post Tax Cap Credit (School) Lesser of 10% of Tax or \$300		(\$73)
School Taxes After Tax Cap	\$1,497	\$1,385

Tax rates and bills reference school taxes only

FUTURE TAX BURDEN - SB1

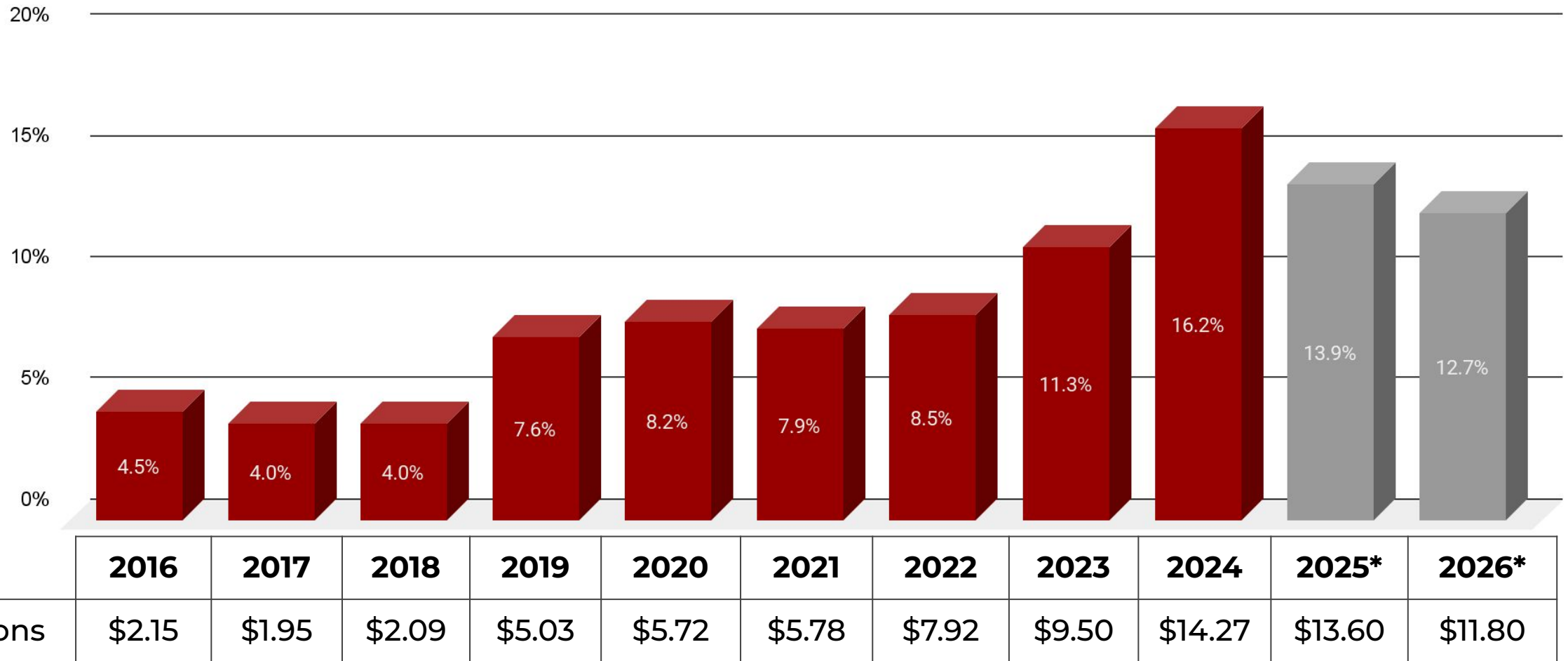


The regular school tax bill for this \$300,000 house will not change due to the school tax rate.

	2026	2031	2031 w/AV ↑
Gross Assessed Value	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$400,000
Homestead Deduction Includes former Mortgage Deduction	(\$48,000)	\$0	\$0
New Supplemental Ded. (40%) (66.7%)	(\$120,000)	(\$201,000)	(\$268,000)
Equals Net Assessed Value	\$132,000	\$99,000	\$132,000
School District Tax Rate	\$1.1044	\$1.1044	\$1.1044
School Taxes Before Tax Cap	\$1,458	\$1,093	\$1,458
School Taxes After Tax Cap	\$1,458	\$1,093	\$1,458
Post Tax Cap Credit (School) Lesser of 10% of Tax or \$300	(\$73)	(\$55)	(\$73)
School Taxes After Tax Cap	\$1,385	\$1,039	\$1,385

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OPERATING BALANCE



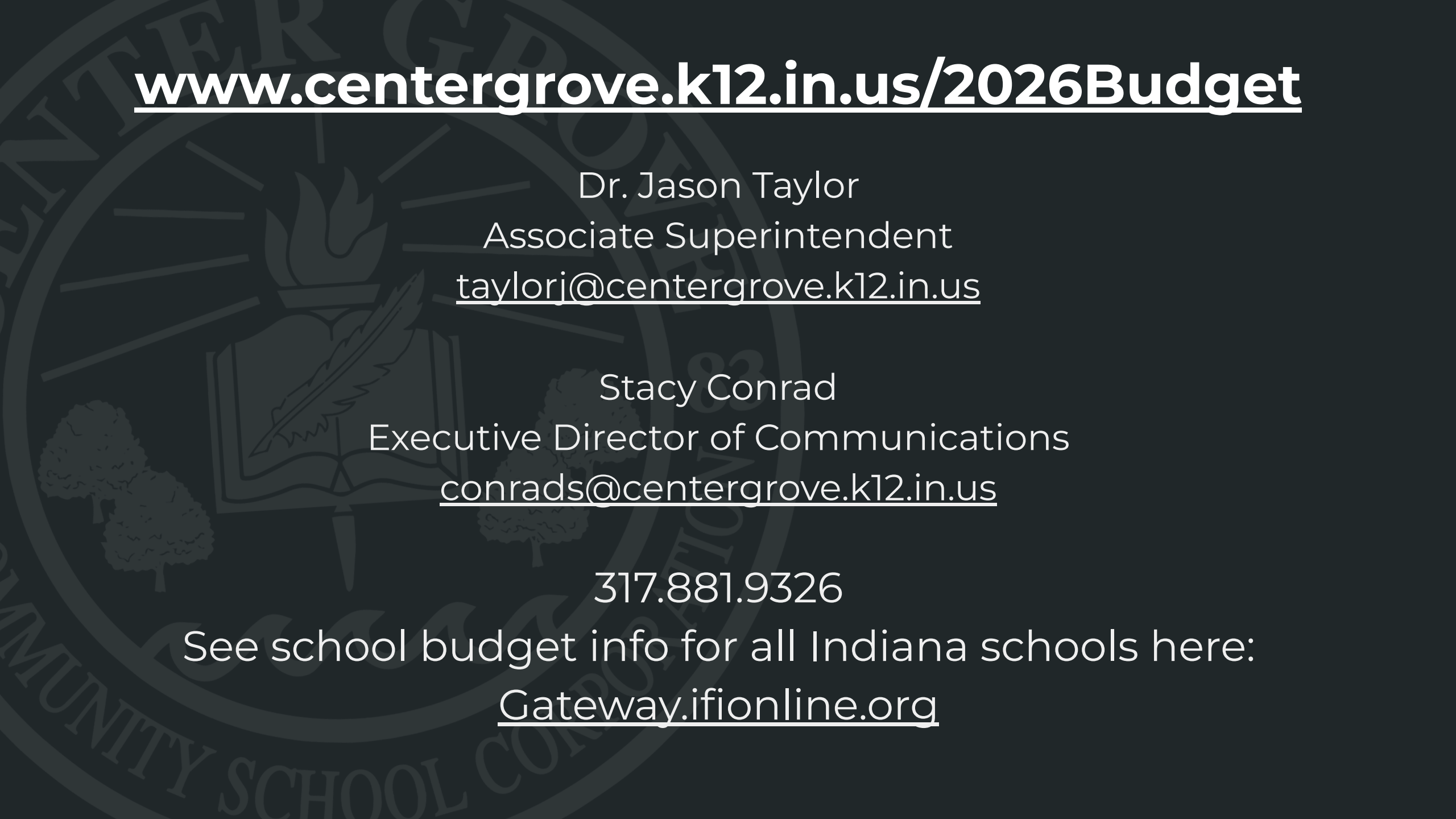
***Estimated Cash Balance**

These totals include carryover expenses & beginning in 2024 Curricular Materials expenses at the end of the calendar year.

Beginning in 2019, calculations are based on the combined total in the Education Fund and the Operations Fund.

SUMMARY

- ✓ The Education Fund and Operations Fund are balanced budgets.
- ✓ Estimated enrollment is 9,660, up 64 from last year; final enrollment count may change.
- ✓ 2026 estimated tax rate: \$1.1044, up \$0.0401 from 2025
- ✓ Center Grove homeowner annual impact: **-\$112** for a \$300K home

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