



**2025-2026 Budget**

**Public Hearing Meeting**

**September 8, 2025**

# Budget Adoption Guidelines



**On an annual basis, the School Board must:**

## **Review the Tentative Budget**

- Issue public notice of the budget - Aug 7th
- Place the budget on public display - Aug 7th
- Hold a public hearing - Sept 8th
- Adopt the fiscal year budget - Sept 22nd

**By law, the budget must be adopted annually by the end of the first quarter, no later than September 30th.**

**Following adoption, the budget must be filed with the County Clerk within 30 days.**



# Budget Principles



- Fiscal responsibility and long-term sustainability
- Equity, efficiency, and strong accountability
- Maximizing student success and addressing inequities
- Guiding priorities through equitable access
- Developed with guiding principles at the forefront



# Evidence Based Funding



- Tentative Budget suggested up to \$18 million in new state funding, but the final FY26 allocation reflects a Tier 2 status adjustment.
- **New Tier 2 Funding:** \$4.8 million in additional dollars through the Evidence-Based Funding (EBF) formula.
- **Base Funding Minimum (BFM):** \$301,451,389 – consistent with prior years and ensures funding does not decrease.
- **Total State Contribution:** \$306,298,850 – includes both the BFM and new Tier 2 funding.





# FY26 Budget Overview

# FY26 Budget Highlights



## Purchased Services

- Unite U-46 commitment to maintenance \$10 million
- Technology upgrades

## Supplies & Materials

- New curriculum adoptions
- Supplies for increased specials
- Replenish of classroom consumables
- Food Service - food and supplies

## Capital Projects

- Additions at Kimball and Kenyon Woods MS
- New Elgin Middle School
- Renovations/Additions at Glenbrook & Century Oaks ES
- New Elgin Elementary School
- Illinois Park

## Other Objects

- Rate increase for private placements

## Non-Capital Objects

- Scheduled technology replacements (i.e. student/staff devices)
- Additional wireless access points
- New displays for collaboration and education

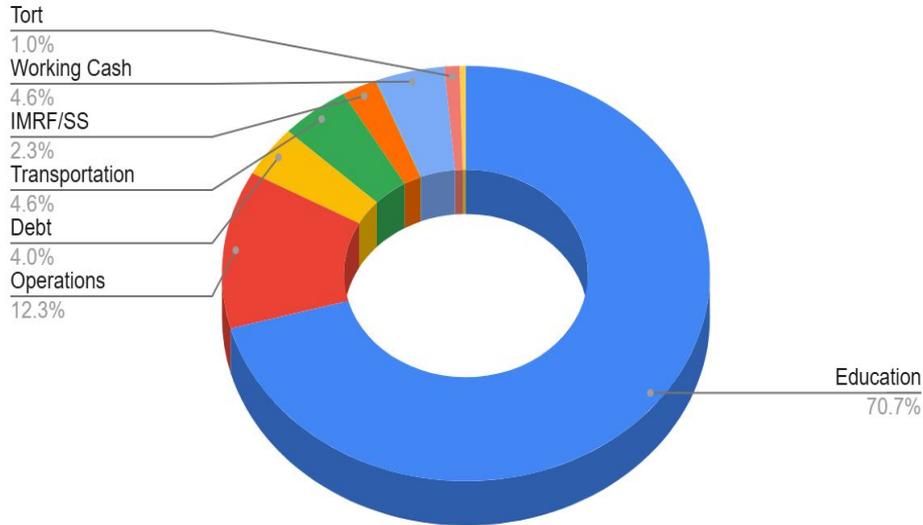


Bartlett HS Graduation - 2025

# FY26 Proposed Budget: Revenue Summary

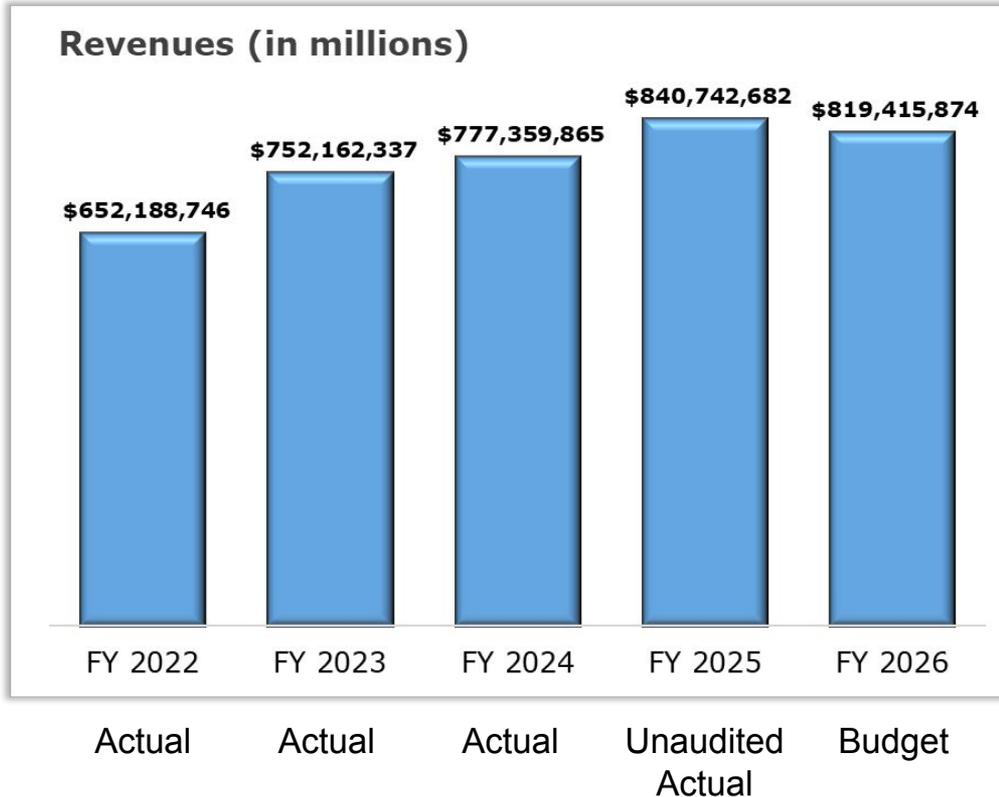


FY26 Revenue Budget Per Fund



<u>Revenues</u>	<u>FY 2026 Budget</u>
Local Property Taxes	\$391,851,005
Other Local Revenue	\$48,122,910
Evidence-Based Funding	\$306,298,850
Other State Revenue	\$35,898,065
Federal Revenue	\$37,245,044
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$819,415,874</b>

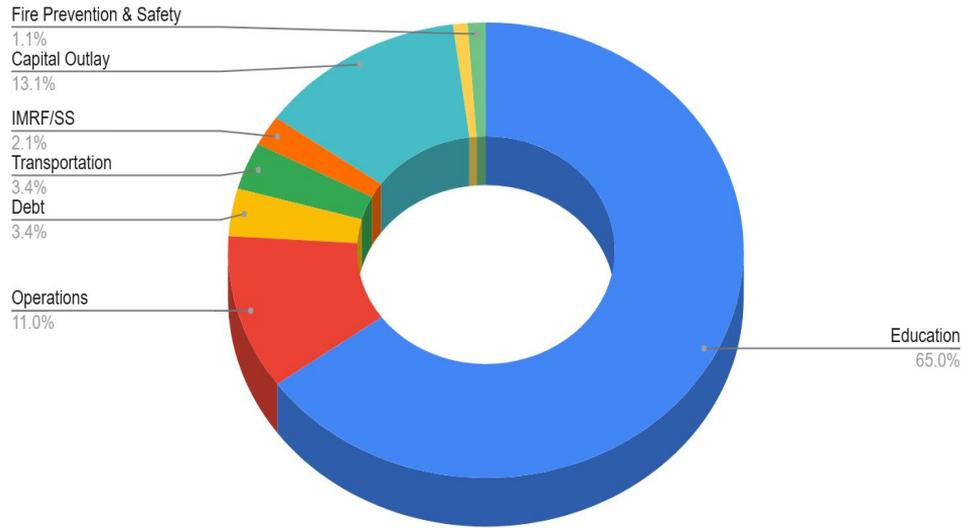
# Historical and Proposed Revenue



# FY26 Proposed Budget: Expense Summary

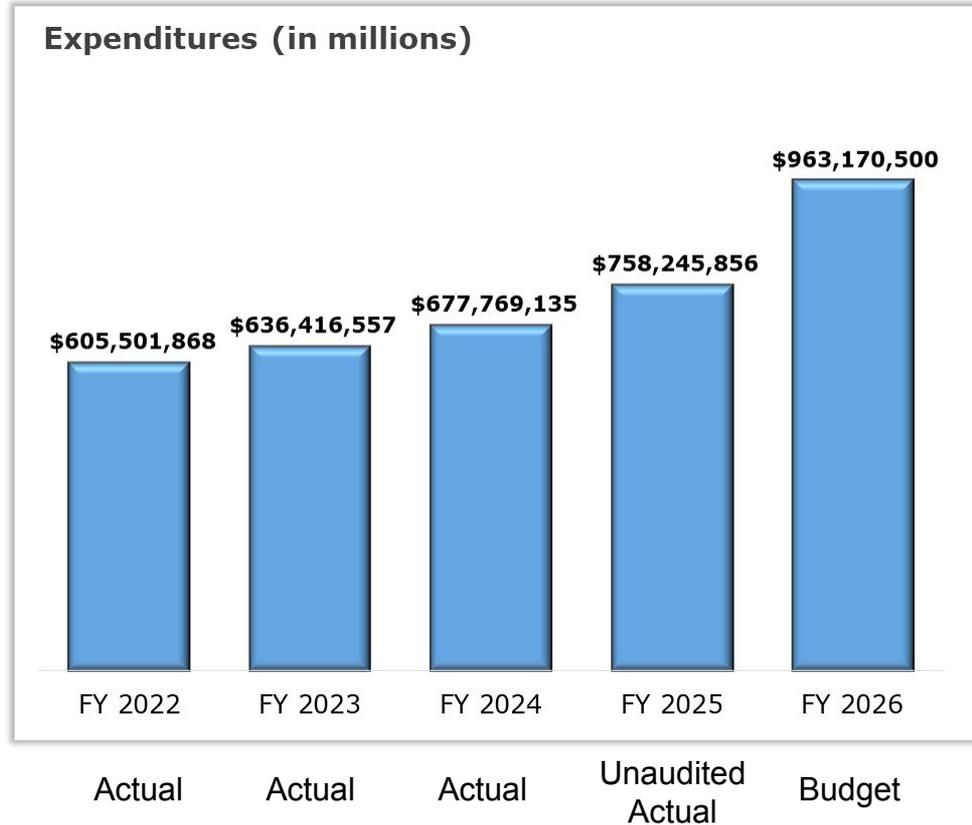


FY26 Expense Budget Per Fund



Expenditures	<u>FY 2026 Budget</u>
Salaries	\$439,979,764
Employee Benefits	\$124,868,383
Purchased Services	\$81,279,103
Supplies and Materials	\$67,186,697
Capital Outlay	\$186,538,635
Other Objects	\$52,646,555
Non-Cap Equipment	\$10,671,363
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$963,170,500</b>

# FY25 Proposed Budget: Expense History



# FY26 Budget – Capital Projects



<i>Begin entering data on EstRev 6-11 and EstExp 12-20 tabs.</i>										
Description: Enter Whole Numbers Only	Acct #	(10) Educational	(20) Operations & Maintenance	(30) Debt Service	(40) Transportation	(50) Municipal Retirement/ Social Security	(60) Capital Projects	(70) Working Cash	(80) Tort	(90) Fire Prevention & Safety
ESTIMATED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE (without Student Activity Funds) <sup>1</sup> as of July 1, 2025		313,656,514	168,973,739	28,176,221	21,575,567	5,982,920	172,153,149	113,906,485	2,298,565	22,597,489
<b>RECEIPTS/REVENUES (without Student Activity Funds)</b>										
LOCAL SOURCES	1000	298,500,331	35,808,562	32,537,809	11,413,998	12,060,895	575,000	37,332,551	8,269,281	3,475,488
FLOW-THROUGH RECEIPTS/REVENUES FROM ONE DISTRICT TO ANOTHER DISTRICT	2000	0	0		0	0				
STATE SOURCES	3000	243,729,850	65,050,000	0	26,417,065	7,000,000	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL SOURCES	4000	37,245,044	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Direct Receipts/Revenues<sup>8</sup></b>		<b>579,475,225</b>	<b>100,858,562</b>	<b>32,537,809</b>	<b>37,831,063</b>	<b>19,060,895</b>	<b>575,000</b>	<b>37,332,551</b>	<b>8,269,281</b>	<b>3,475,488</b>
Receipts/Revenues for "On Behalf" Payments <sup>2</sup>	3998	157,087,106								
<b>Total Receipts/Revenues</b>		<b>736,562,331</b>	<b>100,858,562</b>	<b>32,537,809</b>	<b>37,831,063</b>	<b>19,060,895</b>	<b>575,000</b>	<b>37,332,551</b>	<b>8,269,281</b>	<b>3,475,488</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS/EXPENDITURES (without Student Activity Funds)</b>										
INSTRUCTION	1000	415,986,618				7,849,041			0	
SUPPORT SERVICES	2000	190,044,114	105,867,511		32,322,705	12,714,962	126,000,000		7,261,961	11,000,000
COMMUNITY SERVICES	3000	2,540,335	0		0	134,719			0	
PAYMENTS TO OTHER DISTRICTS & GOVT UNITS	4000	17,431,240	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
DEBT SERVICES	5000	0	0	32,536,404	0	0			0	0
PROVISION FOR CONTINGENCIES	6000	0	0	0	0	0	0		1,480,890	0
<b>Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures<sup>9</sup></b>		<b>626,002,307</b>	<b>105,867,511</b>	<b>32,536,404</b>	<b>32,322,705</b>	<b>20,698,722</b>	<b>126,000,000</b>		<b>8,742,851</b>	<b>11,000,000</b>
Disbursements/Expenditures for "On Behalf" Payments <sup>2</sup>	4180	157,087,106	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
<b>Total Disbursements/Expenditures</b>		<b>783,089,413</b>	<b>105,867,511</b>	<b>32,536,404</b>	<b>32,322,705</b>	<b>20,698,722</b>	<b>126,000,000</b>		<b>8,742,851</b>	<b>11,000,000</b>
<b>Excess of Direct Receipts/Revenues Over (Under) Direct Disbursements/Expenditures</b>		<b>(46,527,082)</b>	<b>(5,008,949)</b>	<b>1,405</b>	<b>5,508,358</b>	<b>(1,637,827)</b>	<b>(125,425,000)</b>	<b>37,332,551</b>	<b>(473,570)</b>	<b>(7,524,512)</b>

# FY26 Estimated Ending Fund Balances

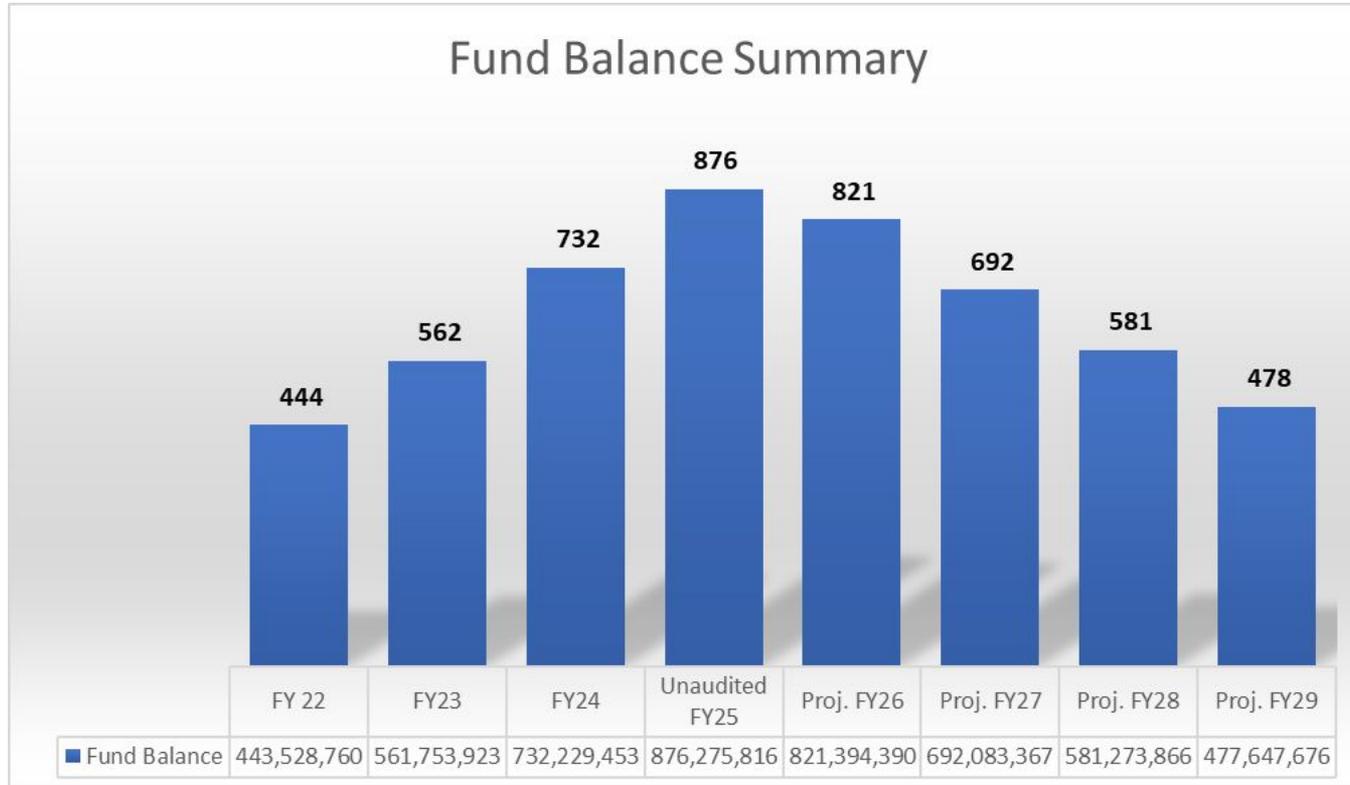


<u>Fund</u>	Fund Balance 6/30/2025	Revenue	Expenditures	Other (Bond Issuance)	Transfer In	Transfer Out	Net Change	Fund Balance 6/30/2026
Education	\$305,382,154	\$579,475,225	\$626,002,307				-\$46,527,082	\$258,855,072
Operations	\$184,340,447	\$100,858,562	\$105,867,511			\$19,631,429	-\$24,640,378	\$159,700,069
Debt	\$26,005,081	\$32,537,809	\$32,536,404				\$1,405	\$26,006,486
Transportation	\$34,066,477	\$37,831,063	\$32,322,705				\$5,508,358	\$39,574,835
IMRF/SS	\$6,425,611	\$19,060,895	\$20,698,722				-\$1,637,827	\$4,787,784
Capital Outlay	\$129,019,944	\$175,000	\$126,000,000	\$56,873,200	\$84,631,429		\$15,679,629	\$144,699,573
Developer Fees	\$7,285,597	\$400,000	\$0				\$400,000	\$7,685,597
Working Cash	\$159,563,663	\$37,332,551	\$0	\$32,000,000		\$65,000,000	\$4,332,551	\$163,896,214
Tort	\$2,050,714	\$8,269,281	\$8,742,851				-\$473,570	\$1,577,144
Fire Prevention & Safety	\$22,136,128	\$3,475,488	\$11,000,000				-\$7,524,512	\$14,611,616
	<b>\$876,275,816</b>	<b>\$819,415,874</b>	<b>\$963,170,500</b>	<b>\$88,873,200</b>	<b>\$84,631,429</b>	<b>\$84,631,429</b>	<b>-\$54,881,426</b>	<b>\$821,394,390</b>

# FY26 Estimated Ending Fund Balances



## Fund Balance Summary



# FY26 Proposed Budget Summary



<u>Estimated Beginning Balance</u>	<u>\$876,275,816</u>
Revenues (excluding new bonds)	\$819,415,875
Expenditures -	<u>\$963,170,500</u>
<b>Planned Deficit</b>	<b>\$143,754,626</b>
New Referendum Bonds	\$ 56,873,200
Working Cash Bonds	\$ 32,000,000
<u>Estimated Ending Fund Balance</u>	<u>\$821,394,390</u>

# Future Considerations

# Budget Methodology



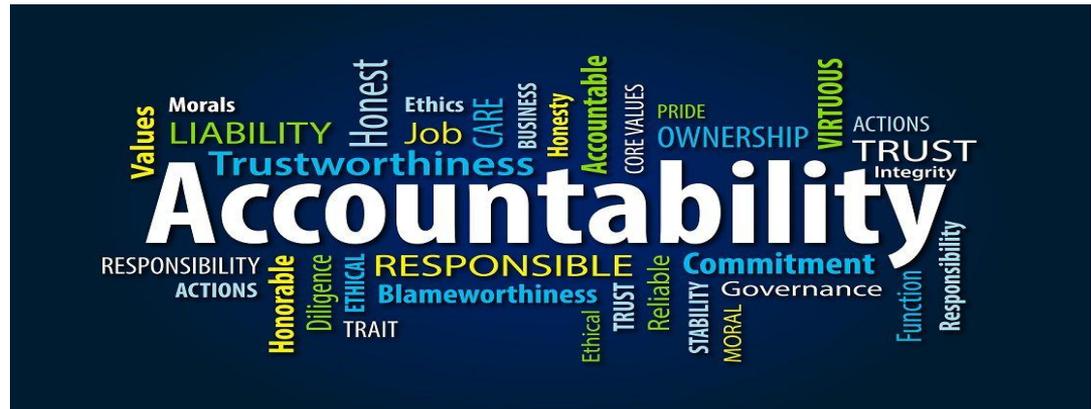
## Fiscal Equity

- Allocate resources fairly based on student needs and school type



## Accountability

- Show clearly how funds are spent to support student learning



# State, Local, and Federal Pressures



## LOCAL



- Cook County Property Tax Delays
- Assessment appeals and PTELL
- Housing Market
- Interest Earnings

## STATE



- State Revenues
- TRS and other pension costs
- Unfunded mandates

## FEDERAL

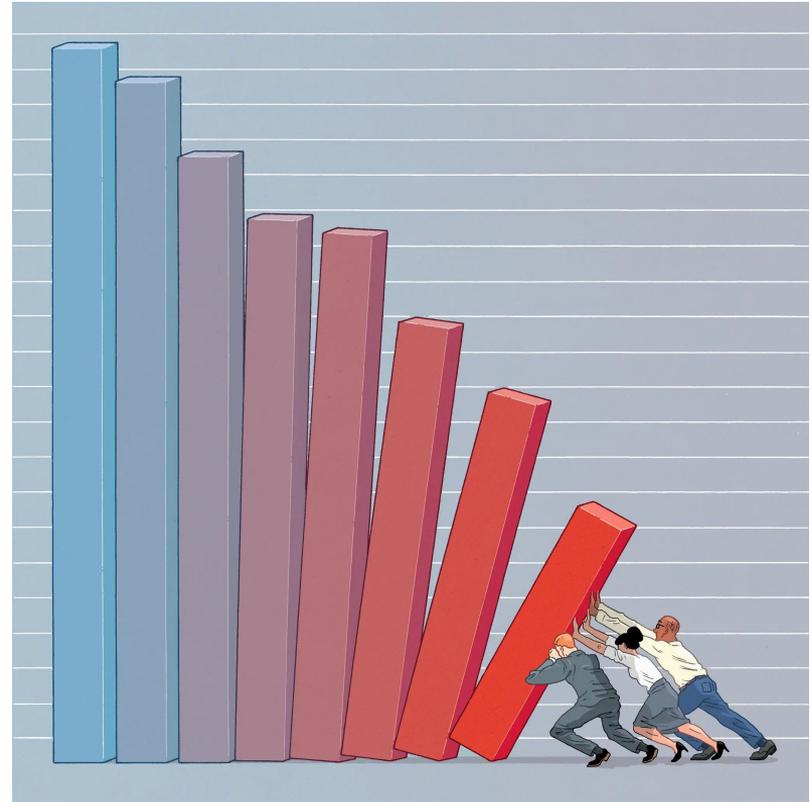


- Federal budget instability
- Policy Decisions
- ESSER Cliff

# State Funding Concerns



- State of IL reduced new funding allocation to EBF.
- New funds for FY26 total \$307M, decreased from the \$350M anticipated.
- Chicago Public Schools to receive roughly 25% of new EBF in FY26, creating a disparate impact on other IL districts, including U-46.
- Slowed Tier Funding Growth.



# Next Steps



## Maintain commitments

- Continue delivering on Unite U-46 facilities projects already promised.
- Sustain current staffing levels that directly support students.

## Maintain fiscal solvency beyond FY26

- Monitor structural cost growth (TRS, inflation, labor markets).
- Limit expansion of recurring expenses without sustainable revenue.
- Prioritize reserves and financial flexibility to protect against volatility.

## Stay the course!

- Use fiscal equity budgeting methodology to guide all allocations.
- Ensure every dollar is tied to student need and outcomes.

## Advocate and Communicate

- Engage with Springfield and Washington on funding stability.
- Keep our community informed that U-46 is a responsible steward of resources.



# In Summary...



- Our budgeting methodology remains unchanged.
- Fiscal pressures persist at the local, state, and federal levels.
- The planned deficit for FY26, still allows the district to maintain a healthy fund balance.
- We will continue to manage challenges responsibly.

***U-46 is financially stable, managing resources responsibly, and keeping the focus squarely on students. We will continue to plan with discipline, advocate for fair funding, and honor the trust of our community.”***

# Thank you for your continued support!



## Questions?

