

# October Financial Forecast

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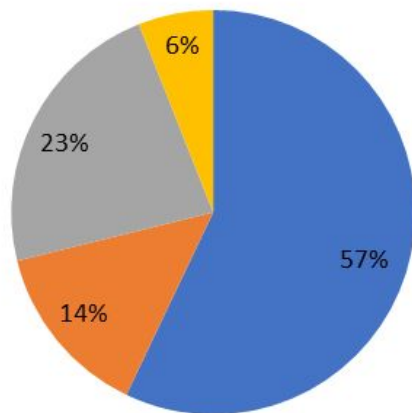
# OAC/ORC Requirements

- Require a Board of Education to submit a five-year projection of operational revenues and expenditures along with assumptions to the Ohio Department of Education prior to October 15th and an update by the last day of February of FY26. FY27 and beyond has required filings by August 31st and the last day of February.
- Required funds to be included in the five-year forecast are:
  - General Funds (001)
  - Any special cost center, or bucket of funds, associated with general fund money

# Five Year Forecast = General Fund

001	<b>General (FYF)</b>
002	Bond Retirement
003	Permanent Improvement
006	Food Service
009	Uniform School Supplies
018	Public School Support
200s	Student Managed Activities
300s	District Managed Activities
400s	State Grants
500s	Federal Grants

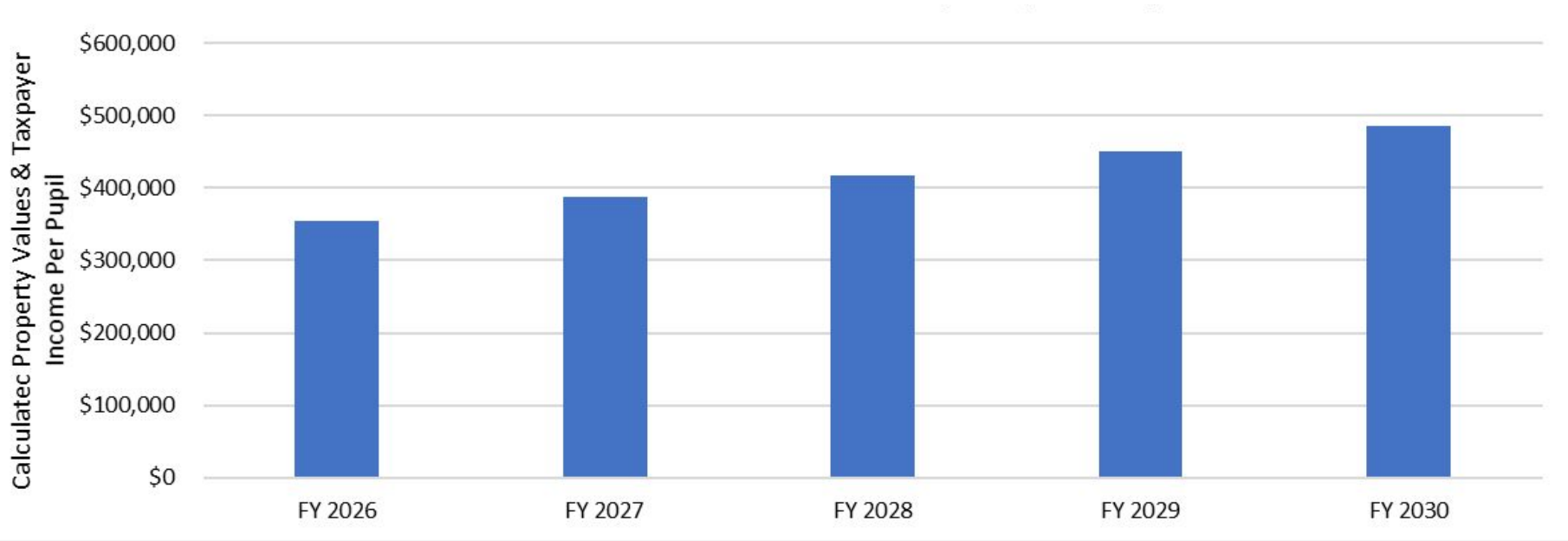
# LCS Base Cost



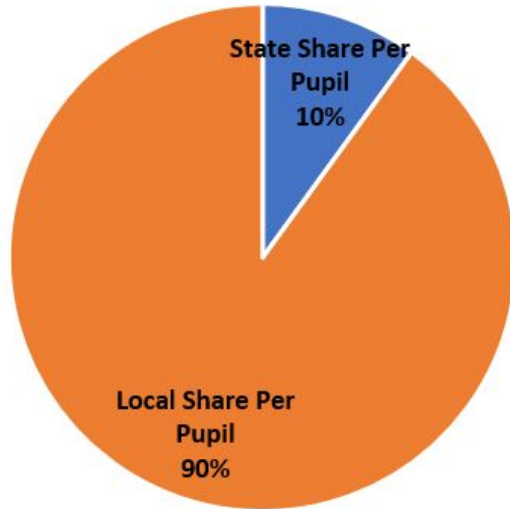
- Direct Classroom Instruction
- Instructional and Student Support
- Building Leadership & Operations
- District Leadership & Accountability

LCS's calculated per pupil base cost is **\$8,157**. Base cost is a calculated number to achieve a per pupil funding amount and does not represent the actual cost of providing services. It represents a **minimum level** of services

# State Projected Capacity Per Pupil for LCS

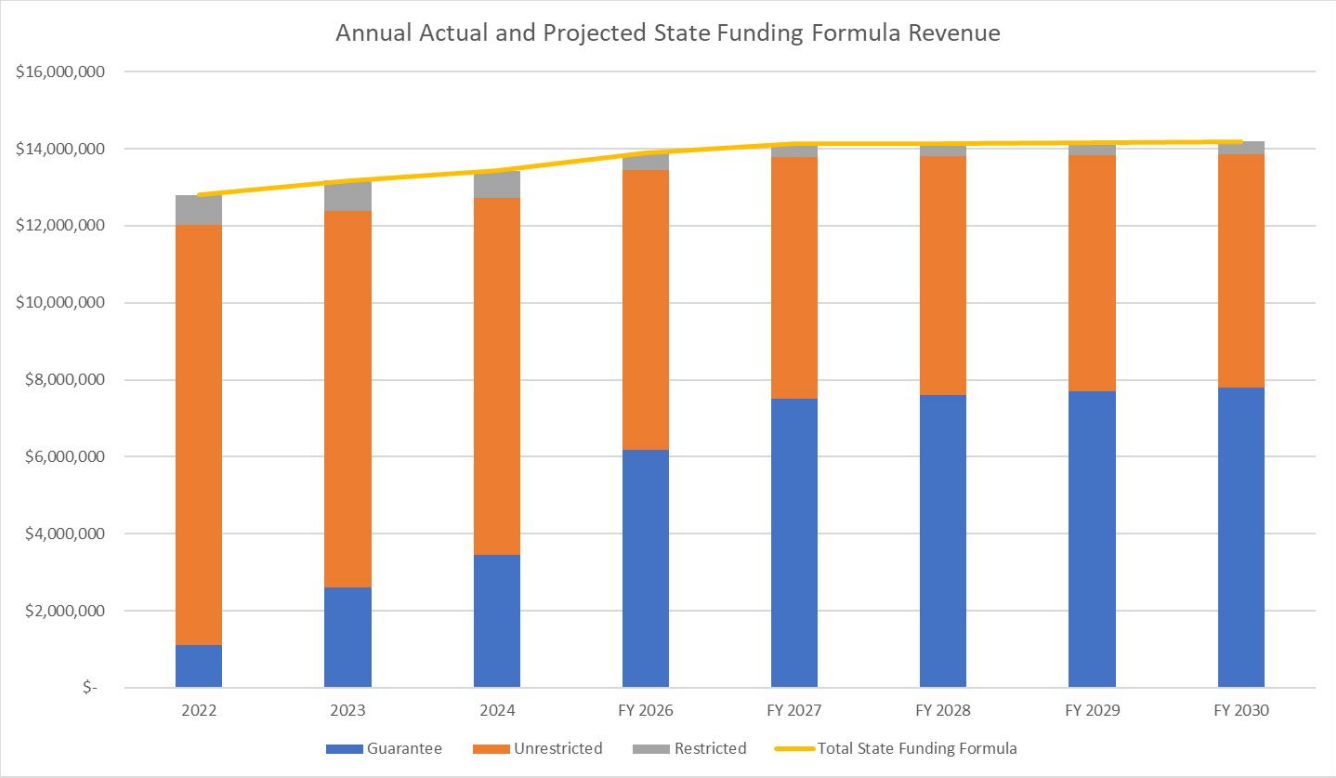


# Base Cost, Capacity, and the Bottom Line for LCS



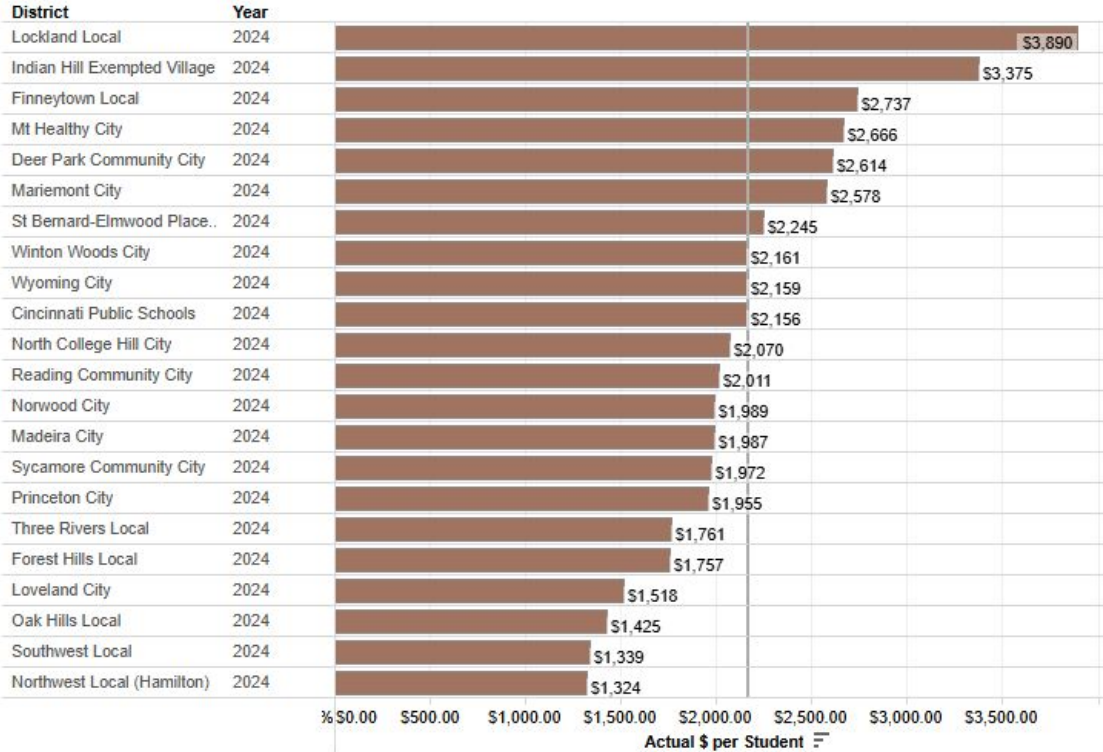
The 10% state share is applied to typical, gifted, special education and economically disadvantaged students. Note that students may fall into multiple categories leading to local funds having to cover 90%+ of each category due to the FSFP.

# LCS is a Guarantee District



Funds the district would lose per year without the guarantee

# Administrative Cost Per Student - Hamilton County



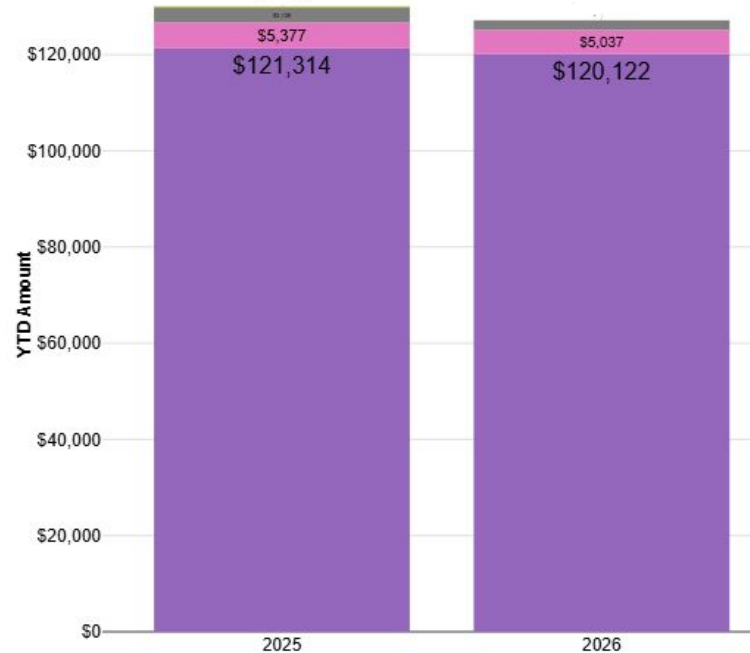
District	Actual \$ per Student	District Rank	Percent of Operating Expense
Lockland Local	\$3,889.77	1 / 22	24.49%
Indian Hill Exempted Village	\$3,375.12	2 / 22	16.74%
Finneytown Local	\$2,737.23	3 / 22	15.67%
Mt Healthy City	\$2,665.66	4 / 22	13.34%
Deer Park Community City	\$2,613.83	5 / 22	15.46%
Mariemont City	\$2,578.48	6 / 22	14.99%
St Bernard-Elmwood Place City	\$2,245.43	7 / 22	11.96%
Winton Woods City	\$2,161.06	8 / 22	15.64%
Wyoming City	\$2,159.16	9 / 22	13.95%
Cincinnati Public Schools	\$2,156.44	10 / 22	12.70%
North College Hill City	\$2,070.46	11 / 22	17.83%
Reading Community City	\$2,010.76	12 / 22	16.69%
Norwood City	\$1,989.32	13 / 22	11.50%
Madeira City	\$1,986.93	14 / 22	12.42%
Sycamore Community City	\$1,972.19	15 / 22	12.43%
Princeton City	\$1,954.99	16 / 22	12.58%
Three Rivers Local	\$1,761.13	17 / 22	13.96%
Forest Hills Local	\$1,756.93	18 / 22	12.94%
Loveland City	\$1,517.63	19 / 22	11.57%
Oak Hills Local	\$1,424.94	20 / 22	12.86%
Southwest Local	\$1,338.94	21 / 22	12.21%
Northwest Local (Hamilton)	\$1,324.33	22 / 22	9.08%

LCSD has the 4th lowest admin cost per student in Hamilton County based on the latest CUPP report. LCSD is also well below the state requirement of 15% of total expenditures.



# Administrative Supply Costs - FY26 Trends

Supplies are trending lower in FY26 even with inflationary pressures



# What has changed since May? (Expenditures)

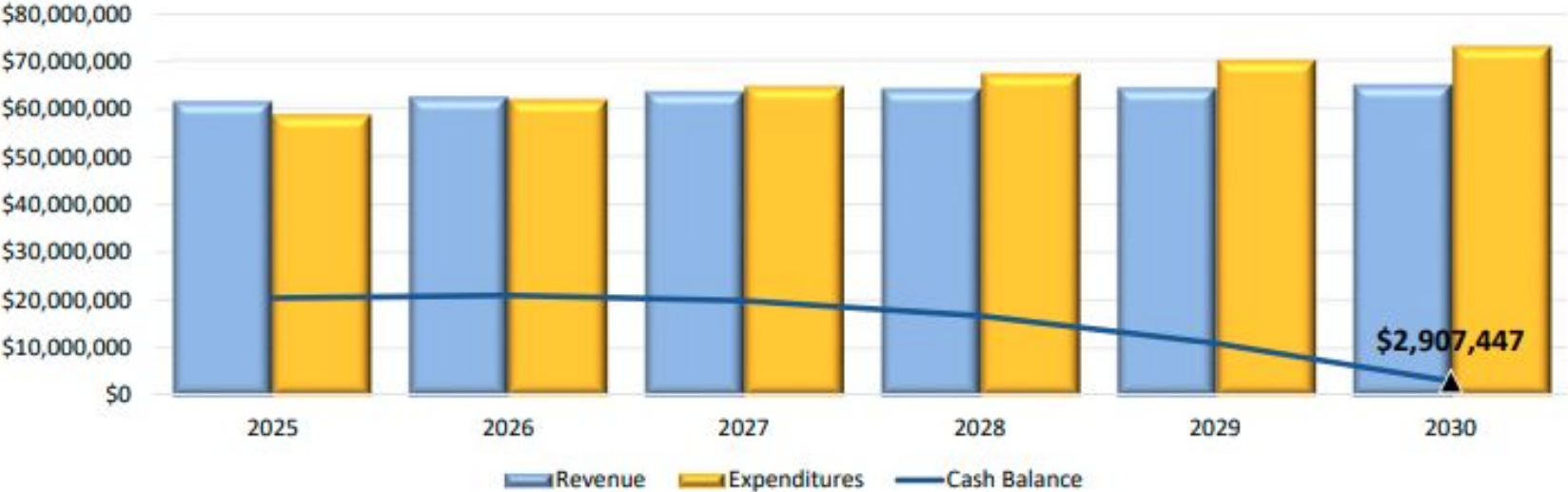
- Salaries and benefits are trending lower likely due to STRS retirement change and staff replacement planning.
- Use of school fee accounts that will lower expenditures from the GF for building supplies in FY26 and beyond
- Actual elections of benefits decreased from the prior enrollment period. This is carried forward in the forecast
- Current loss ratio is known for the current fiscal year albeit a very small sample size, leading to a higher forecasted increase for coming years
- County auditor expenses are trending higher than past years.

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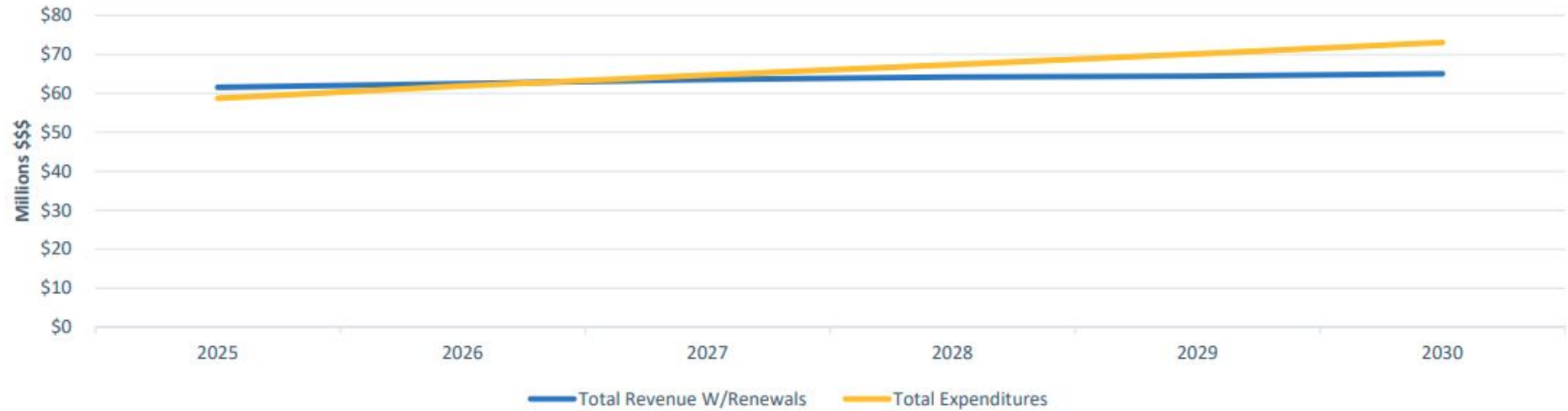
- HB96 provided modest increases in funding and also provided LCS with academic achievement funding tied to the number of stars the district earns in each year. This increase in funding represents a .8% and .3% increase in FY26 and FY27, respectively.
- Investment income leading to increased projections for investments
- Symmes TIF is now being received as scheduled and has led to reductions in property tax revenue with increases in other revenues, where TIF funds must be deposited
- Medicaid reimbursement for FY24 was not received in FY25, but has now been received in FY26

# Forecast Summary

# Projected Revenue, Expenditures, and Cash Balance



# Projected Revenues and Expenditures



# Abbreviated Forecast

	Fiscal Year 2026	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028	Fiscal Year 2029	Fiscal Year 2030
Beginning Balance (Line 7.010) <i>*Includes Renewal/New Levy Revenue, see Disclosures</i>	20,374,687	20,959,702	19,835,692	16,682,367	10,927,673
+ Revenue	62,498,732	63,577,910	64,192,018	64,394,300	65,046,844
- Expenditures	(61,913,718)	(64,701,919)	(67,345,344)	(70,148,994)	(73,067,070)
= Revenue Surplus or Deficit	585,015	(1,124,009)	(3,153,325)	(5,754,694)	(8,020,226)

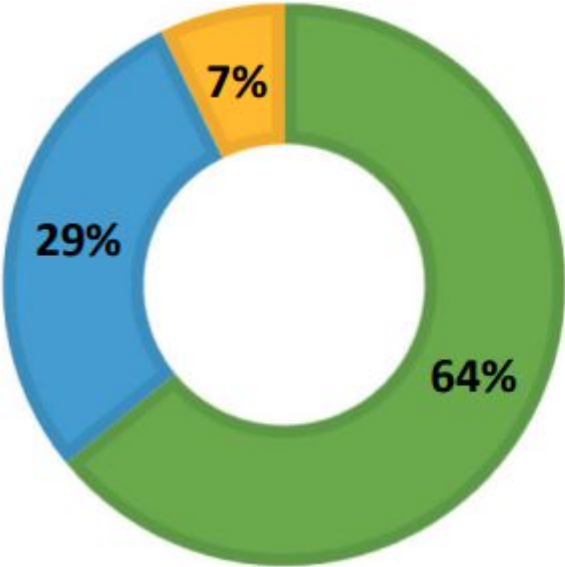
Projected to have  
revenues exceeding  
expenditures in FY26

Deficit spending is  
projected to begin in  
FY27 and continue  
through FY30

# Revenues



# FY26 Revenue Summary

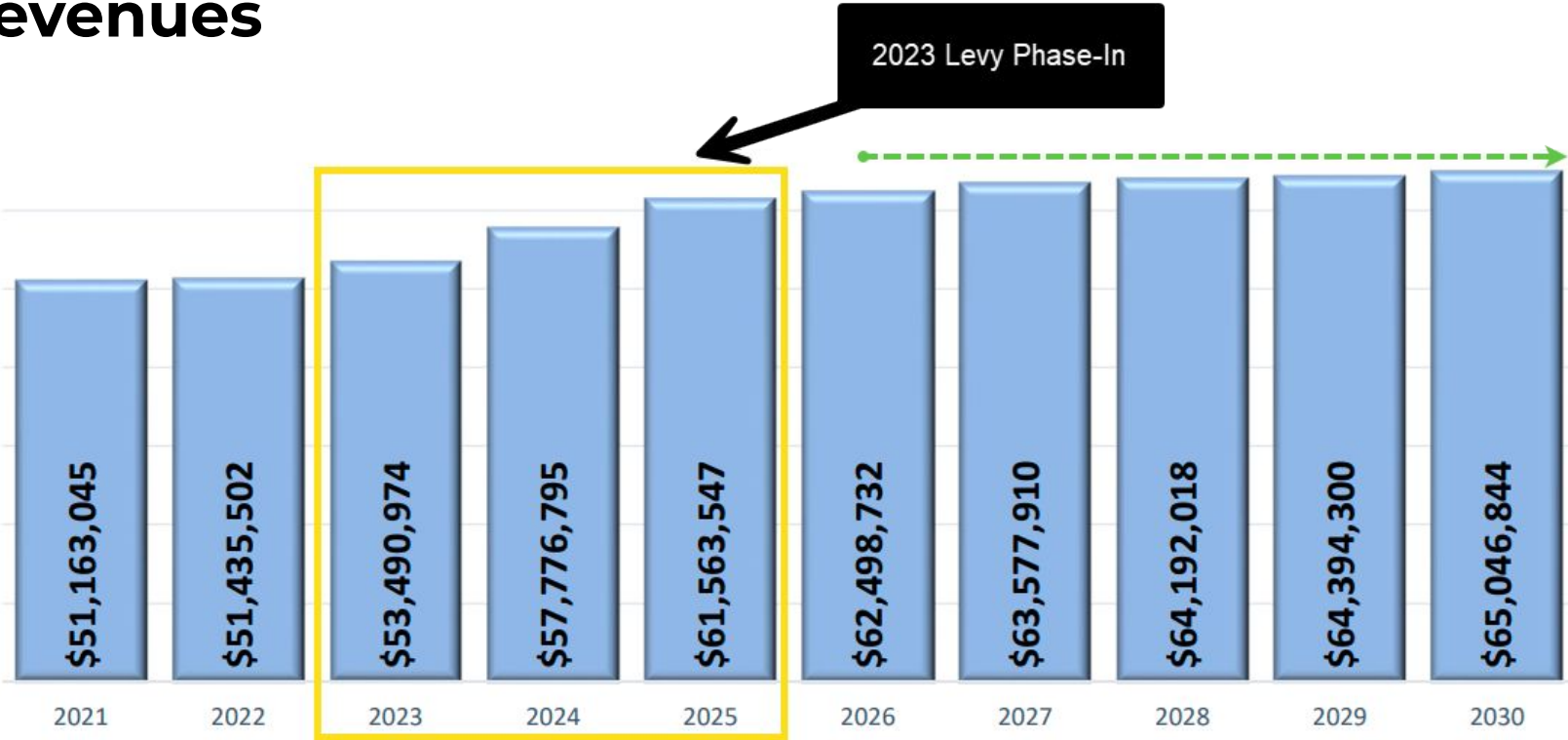


Local Taxes		
Real Estate Tax		60.94%
Public Utility Tax		3.18%
Income Tax		0.00%

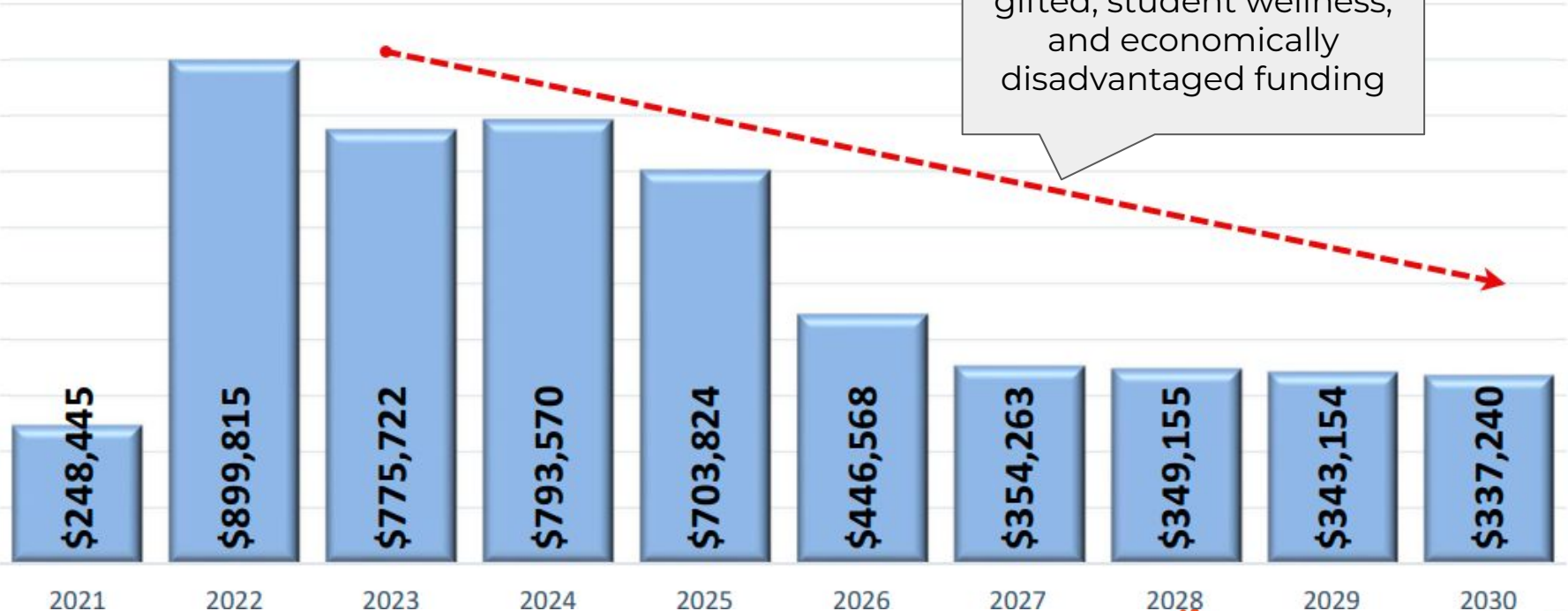
State Sources		
State Funding		21.50%
Restricted Aid		0.71%
State Share of Local Tax		6.47%

All Other Revenue		
Other Revenue		5.97%
Other Sources		1.22%

# Revenues



# Restricted State Aid

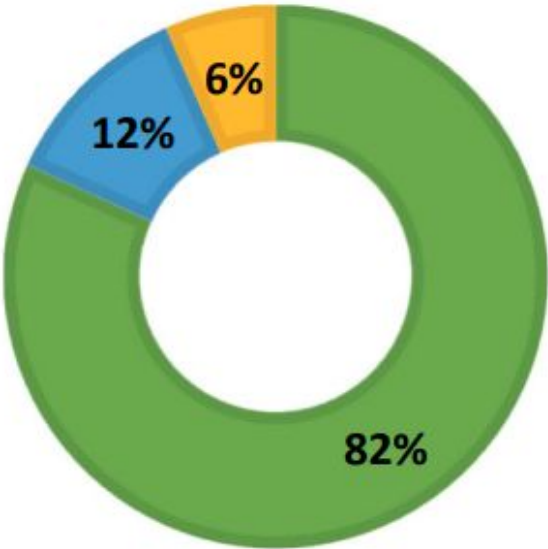


# All Other Revenue



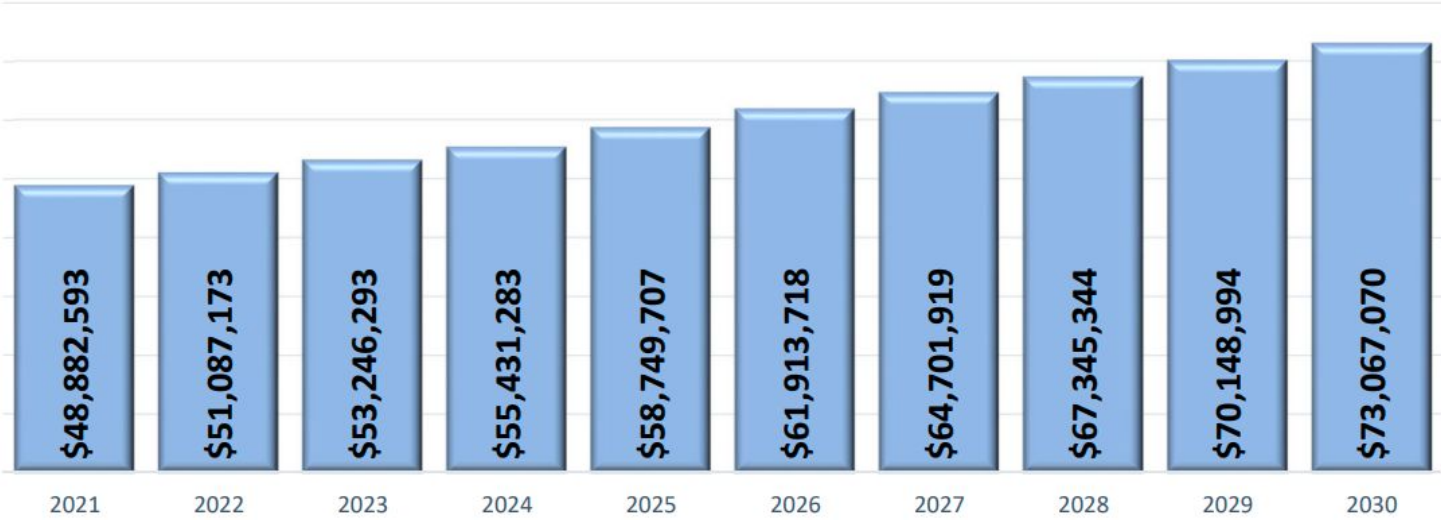
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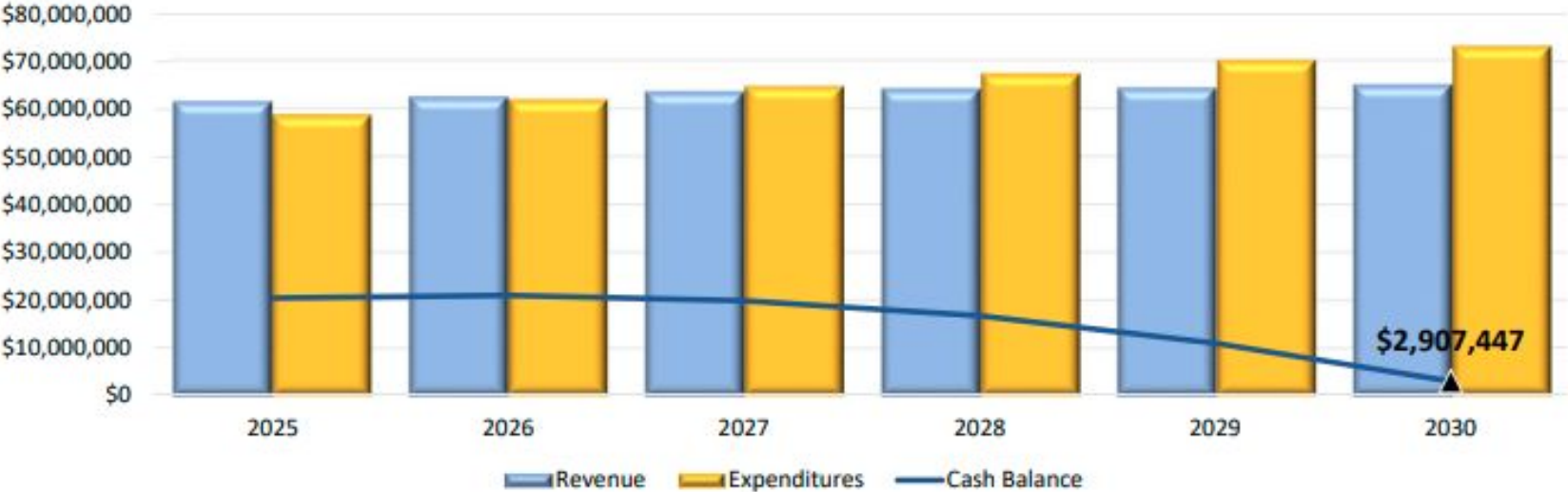
Personnel Costs	
Salaries	60.95%
Benefits	20.84%
Purchased Services	
11.61%	
All Other Expenditures	
Supplies, Capital, Debt, Other Obj	5.57%
Other Uses	1.03%

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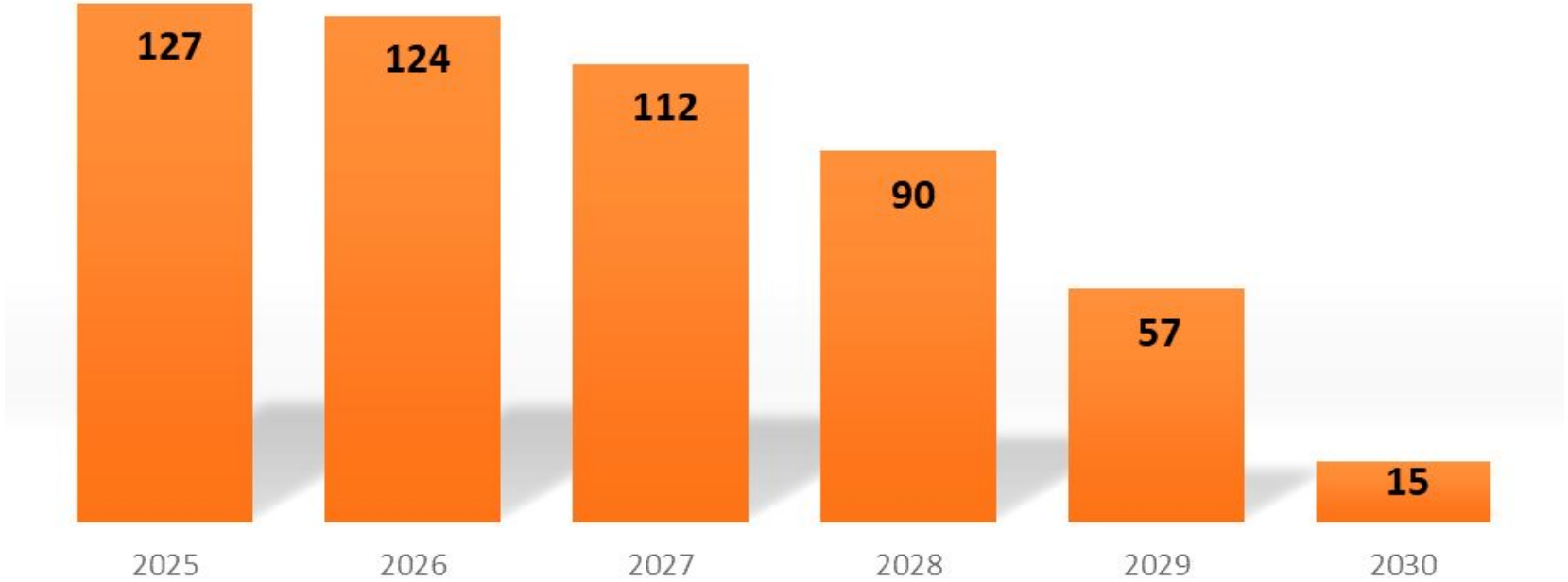
- Factors Impacting Expenditures**
- Insurance rate projected increases (6.32% from historic 5.52%)
  - Staff step and % increases projected (3.8% from historic 4.05%)
  - Supplies are tracking (4.39% from historic 3.03%)

# Forecast and the Effect on Cash Balance





# Days Cash on Hand



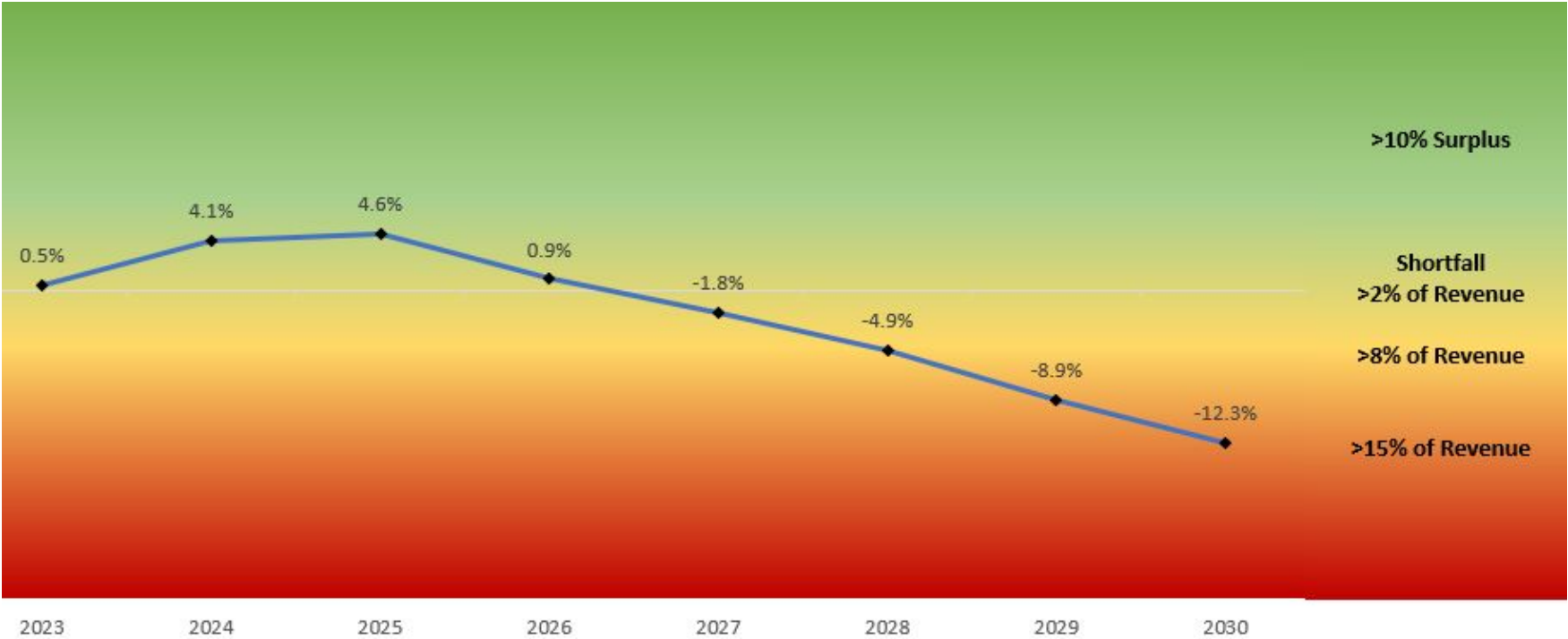
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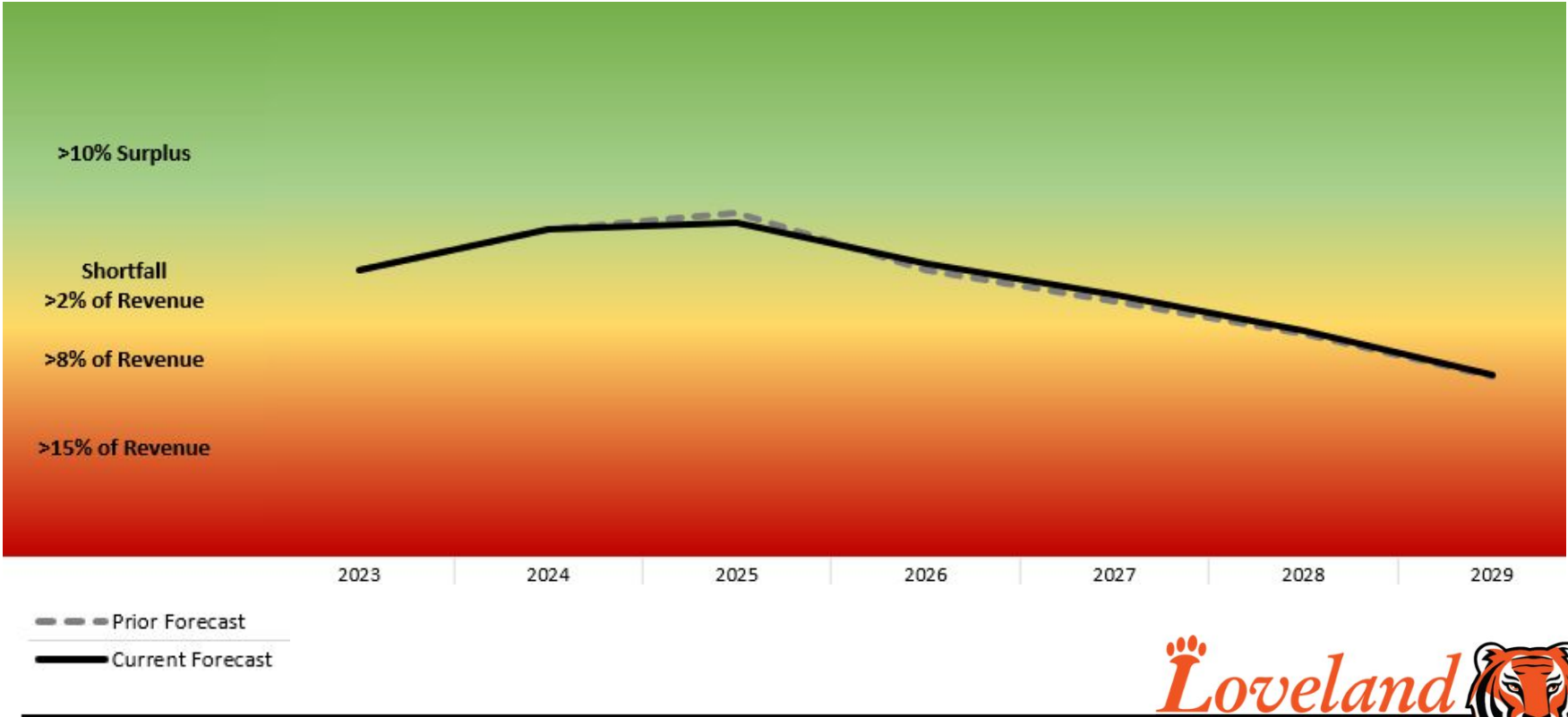
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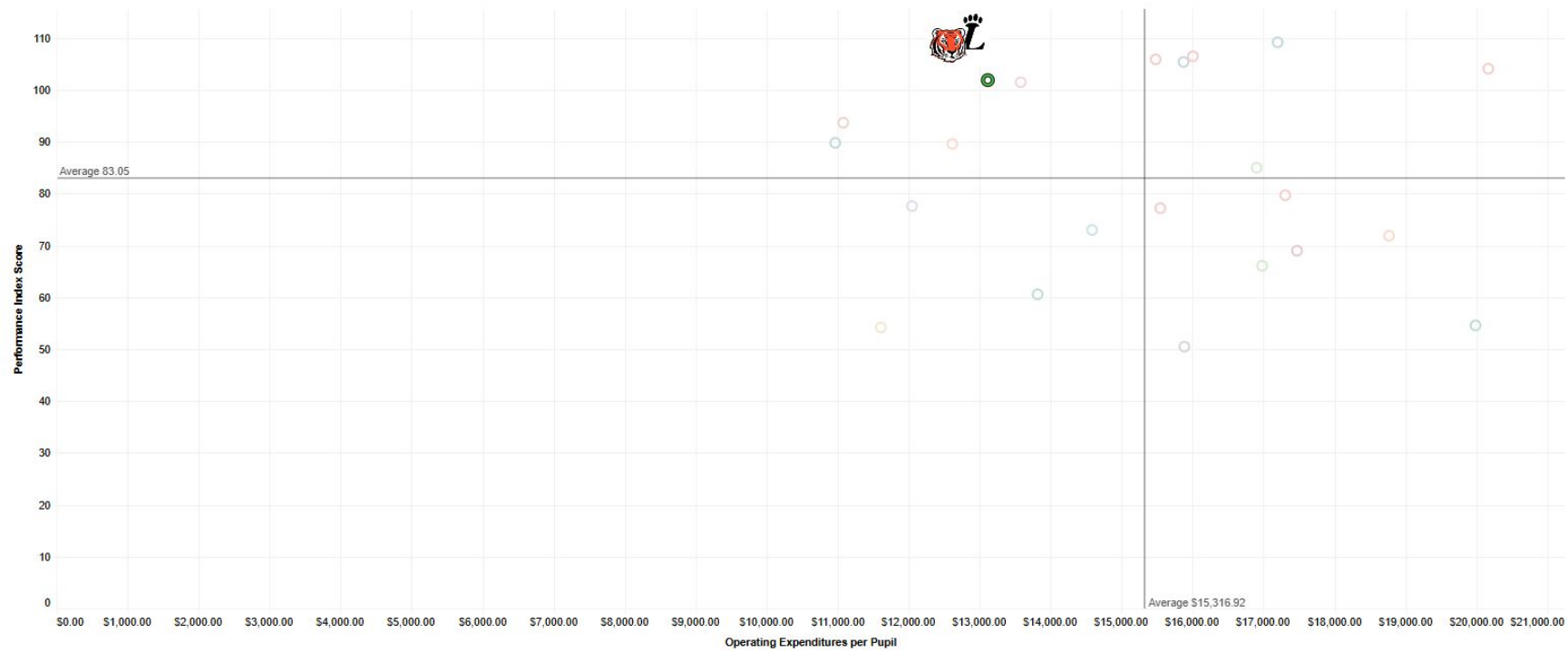
# Forecast and Fiscal Stressors



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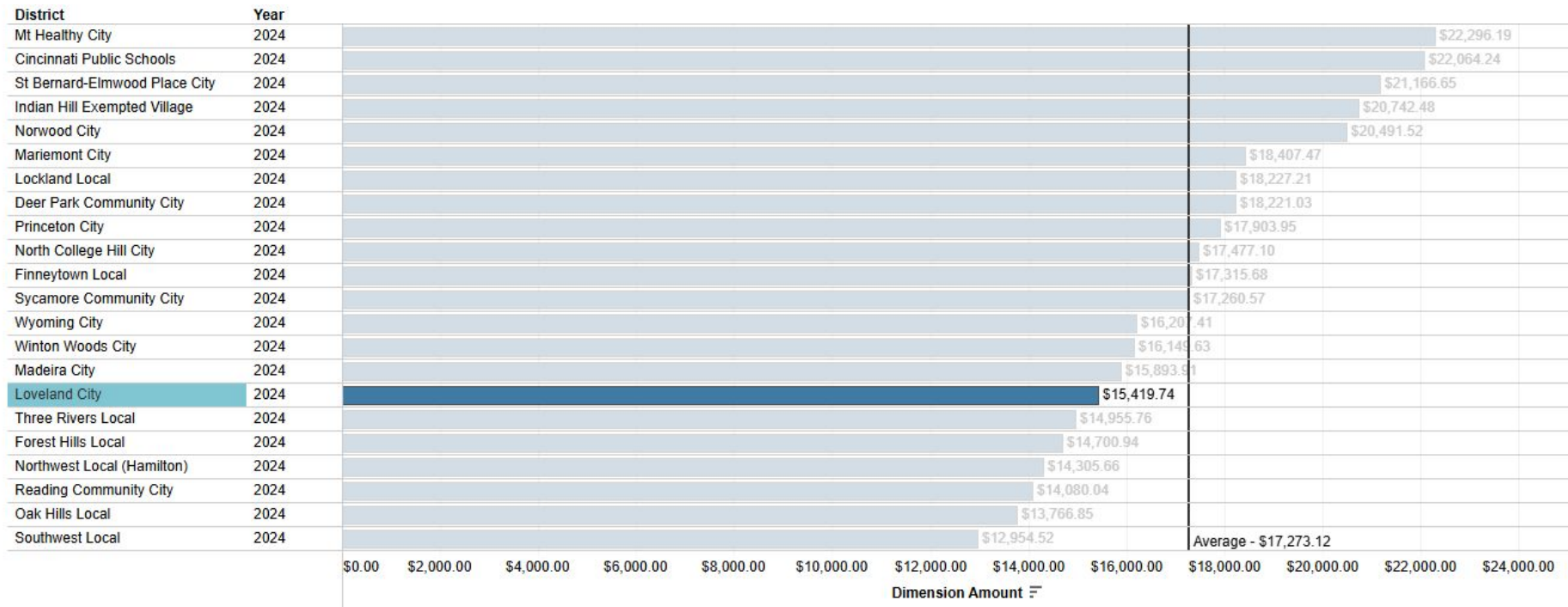
# Performance Index



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District	Operating Expenditures per Pupil	Performance Index Score
Indian Hill Exempted Village	\$20,165.07	104
Mt Healthy City	\$19,985.38	55
St Bernard-Elmwood Place City	\$18,767.60	72
Finneytown Local	\$17,470.71	69
Norwood City	\$17,304.51	80
Mariemont City	\$17,198.44	109
Cincinnati Public Schools	\$16,979.68	66
Deer Park Community City	\$16,902.90	85
Madeira City	\$16,003.61	107
Lockland Local	\$15,883.75	51
Sycamore Community City	\$15,872.30	105
Princeton City	\$15,545.27	77
Wyoming City	\$15,479.65	106
Northwest Local (Hamilton)	\$14,583.66	73
Winton Woods City	\$13,816.17	61
Forest Hills Local	\$13,578.39	102
<b>Loveland City</b>	<b>\$13,116.04</b>	<b>102</b>
Three Rivers Local	\$12,615.84	90
Reading Community City	\$12,047.16	78
North College Hill City	\$11,609.67	54
Oak Hills Local	\$11,079.54	94
Southwest Local	\$10,966.82	90

# Expenditures Per Student in Hamilton County





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District	Expenditures
Mt Healthy City	\$22,296.19
Cincinnati Public Schools	\$22,064.24
St Bernard-Elmwood Place City	\$21,166.65
Indian Hill Exempted Village	\$20,742.48
Norwood City	\$20,491.52
Mariemont City	\$18,407.47
Lockland Local	\$18,227.21
Deer Park Community City	\$18,221.03
Princeton City	\$17,903.95
North College Hill City	\$17,477.10
Finneytown Local	\$17,315.68
Sycamore Community City	\$17,260.57
Wyoming City	\$16,207.41
Winton Woods City	\$16,149.63
Madeira City	\$15,893.91
<b>Loveland City</b>	<b>\$15,419.74</b>
Three Rivers Local	\$14,955.76
Forest Hills Local	\$14,700.94
Northwest Local (Hamilton)	\$14,305.66
Reading Community City	\$14,080.04
Oak Hills Local	\$13,766.85
Southwest Local	\$12,954.52



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