

# Budget Reduction Blueprint – Partnership for Fiscal Sustainability Meeting #1

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Date: 09/02/25

Time: 5:30 – 7:00pm

## Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Committee Purpose
- Overview of the FY26 budget and multi-year: where we are, how we got here, and factors driving continued uncertainty
- Preview process and engagement timeline
- Preview September 3 Board Study Session Slides

## Preliminary and Grounding

- Welcome & Introductions:
  - **Participants reasons for engagement:**
    - Invest in the future of Jeffco
    - Want of transparency in decisions being made
    - Understand perspective of others and the bigger picture involved
    - Bring community and stakeholders together
    - Determine what's right for kids
    - Work to understand school programming
    - Same story on budget figures
    - Feel confident and collective in decisions being made
- Provided an overview of the budget and plans for reductions
- Action Item: Vote to establish the group's official name
  - Group voted between 4 proposed names
  - Top two: "Fiscal Sustainability Committee" = 9 votes and "Partnership for Fiscal Sustainability" = 13 votes
  - Name selected: "**Partnership for Fiscal Sustainability Committee**"

## Discussion and Next Steps

Members asked clarifying questions about the following topics:

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- Additional information on revenue-raising options, including mill levy scenarios, contingency planning, and potential alternatives.
- Current organizational structure, staffing costs, and tracking of cost savings already implemented.
- Interest in current enrollment trends and projected future impacts.
- Clarity on which programs, departments, or roles may be affected, and which areas are legally or contractually protected.
- Emphasis on shared language and clear messaging to explain funding challenges and potential solutions.
- Priority on placing students at the center of decisions, minimizing impacts on classrooms and educators, preserving innovative school programs, supporting at-risk populations, and maintaining consistent community-wide messaging

### **Next Steps:**

- Materials distributed by facilitator
- Stakeholder engagement survey will be shared with the community
- Jeffco staff will work on future meeting agendas and content based on feedback