

Lakewood Local

Oct 2025 Forecast

Fiscal Year 2025 Fiscal Year 2026 Fiscal Year 2027 Fiscal Year 2028 Fiscal Year 2029 Fiscal Year 2030

Revenue:

1.010 - General Property Tax (Real Estate)	\$19,059,556	\$19,391,308	\$20,471,625	\$21,358,545	\$21,670,795	\$22,800,376
1.020 - Public Utility Personal Property	\$2,406,300	\$2,271,916	\$2,437,997	\$2,470,759	\$2,492,472	\$2,499,553
1.030 - Income Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1.035 - Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid	\$4,791,590	\$5,084,180	\$5,257,467	\$5,291,985	\$5,327,550	\$5,364,139
1.040 - Restricted Grants-in-Aid	\$586,610	\$456,870	\$416,956	\$416,941	\$416,901	\$416,889
1.045 - Restricted Federal Grants-in-Aid - SFSF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1.050 - State Share of Local Property Taxes	\$2,264,038	\$2,191,011	\$2,317,471	\$2,444,807	\$2,480,463	\$2,615,241
1.060 - All Other Operating Revenue	\$2,122,364	\$2,498,229	\$1,966,119	\$1,954,412	\$1,943,100	\$1,943,100
1.070 - Total Revenue	\$31,230,457	\$31,893,514	\$32,867,635	\$33,937,449	\$34,331,281	\$35,639,298

Other Financing Sources:

2.010 - Proceeds from Sale of Notes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2.020 - State Emergency Loans & Advancements	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2.040 - Operating Transfers - In	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2.050 - Advances - In	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2.060 - All Other Financing Sources	\$27,009	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000
2.070 - Total Other Financing Sources	\$27,009	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000
2.080 - Total Revenue & Other Financing Sources	\$31,257,466	\$31,915,514	\$32,889,635	\$33,959,449	\$34,353,281	\$35,661,298

Expenditures:

3.010 - Personnel Services	\$15,356,272	\$16,254,540	\$17,168,624	\$18,021,345	\$18,917,369	\$19,820,291
3.020 - Retirement & Insurance Benefits	\$5,865,483	\$6,736,351	\$7,342,563	\$8,028,187	\$8,801,881	\$9,669,368
3.030 - Purchased Services	\$2,986,108	\$3,672,056	\$3,659,378	\$3,750,009	\$3,844,077	\$3,941,715
3.040 - Supplies & Materials	\$999,780	\$1,071,717	\$1,093,127	\$1,114,964	\$1,137,238	\$1,159,958
3.050 - Capital Outlay	\$1,491,402	\$1,467,800	\$1,293,349	\$1,340,536	\$1,472,167	\$1,351,706
3.060 - Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.010 - Principal - All Years	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.020 - Principal - Notes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.030 - Principal - State Loans	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.040 - Principal - State Advances	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.050 - Principal - HB264 Loans	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.055 - Principal - Other Loans	\$265,000	\$275,000	\$280,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.060 - Interest & Fiscal Charges	\$19,731	\$11,982	\$4,018	\$-0	\$-0	\$-0
4.300 - Other Objects	\$1,445,957	\$1,447,702	\$1,494,708	\$1,543,480	\$1,594,107	\$1,646,681
4.500 - Total Expenditures	\$28,429,733	\$30,937,148	\$32,335,767	\$33,798,521	\$35,766,839	\$37,589,720

Other Financing Uses:

5.010 - Operating Transfers - Out	\$2,081,904	\$1,278,452	\$1,251,137	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
5.020 - Advances - Out	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5.030 - All Other Financing Uses	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5.040 - Total Other Financing Uses	\$2,083,904	\$1,278,452	\$1,251,137	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
5.050 - Total Expenditures & Other Financing Uses	\$30,513,638	\$32,215,600	\$33,586,904	\$34,298,521	\$36,266,839	\$38,089,720
6.010 - Excess of Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures	\$743,828	-\$300,086	-\$697,269	-\$339,072	-\$1,913,558	-\$2,428,422
7.010 - Cash Balance July 1 (No Levies)	\$16,319,131	\$17,062,958	\$16,762,872	\$16,065,603	\$15,726,531	\$13,812,973
7.020 - Cash Balance June 30 (No Levies)	\$17,062,958	\$16,762,872	\$16,065,603	\$15,726,531	\$13,812,973	\$11,384,551

Reservations:

8.010 - Estimated Encumbrances June 30	\$605,926	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
9.080 - Budget Reserves	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
10.010 - Fund Balance June 30 for Cert of App	\$16,457,031	\$16,462,871	\$15,765,602	\$15,426,530	\$13,512,972	\$11,084,550

Revenue from Replacement/Renewal Levies:

11.010 & 11.020 - Renewal Levy Annual Amount - Cumulative	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
12.010 - Fund Balance June 30 w/Cumulative Line 11 Levies	\$16,457,031	\$16,462,871	\$15,765,602	\$15,426,530	\$13,512,972	\$11,084,550

Revenue from New Levies

13.010 & 13.020 - New Levies - Cumulative	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
15.010 - Fund Balance June 30 w/Cumulative Line 11 & 13 Levies	\$16,457,031	\$16,462,871	\$15,765,602	\$15,426,530	\$13,512,972	\$11,084,550

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GENERAL ASSUMPTIONS

This is a forecast based on the information and data available at the time of preparation. This forecast is prepared based upon historical trends and current factors. This information is extrapolated into estimates for subsequent years. The forecast variables can change multiple times throughout the fiscal year and while cash monitoring helps to identify unexpected variances no process is guaranteed. The intent is to provide the District's financial trend over time and a roadmap for decisions aimed at encouraging financial sustainability and stability.

Funds included in this forecast are: All General Funds (001) and the principal and interest for a Stadium Lease Fund (002 9104).

REVENUES

General Property Tax (Real Estate) – Property values are established each year by the County Auditor based on new construction and updated values.

Property tax revenues for fiscal years 2026 through 2030 have been estimated. Property tax revenue account for 60.76% of the total district general fund revenues. Changes in values are the result of: 1) Board of Revision fair market value changes and inflationary adjustments; and 2) new construction. This forecast estimates a percentage increase/decrease in Board of Revision Changes/Inflation based on a six-year average history. The forecast projections reflect an average gross collection rate of 99.2% annually through calendar year 2029.

Licking County Reappraisal Update was in calendar year 2023. The reappraisal update included on average an increase in residential values of approximately 40% and an increase in commercial/industrial values of 36.7%. The next Licking County Triennial Update will be calendar year 2026. The Triennial Update is forecasted at an approximate 10.8% increase in property values.

New construction for agricultural/residential values for calendar years 2026 through 2029 include on average a 1.5% increase and commercial/industrial values include on average a 1.8% increase. These are based on review of history and estimated trends.

The District has one (1) emergency operating levy. The emergency operating levy is a ten-year levy which generates \$5,882,139 in district revenues which is collected from real property/public utility taxes and rollback/homestead. This levy was passed on November 8, 2022 and began collections in calendar year 2023.

Public Utility Personal Property –Public Utility Personal Property tax revenue is generated from the personal property values, additions and depreciation reported by the utility companies. Public Utility personal property revenues for fiscal year 2026 through 2030 have been estimated and will be collected from public utility personal property. This category currently makes up 7.12% of the total district general fund revenues. The forecast projections reflect an average gross collection rate of 94.06% annually through calendar year 2029.

Unrestricted Grants-In-Aid – Ohio uses the Fair School Funding Plan (FSFP) for calculation of the state's share of school funding which is driven by a base cost methodology that incorporates four components identified as necessary to the education process. The FSFP is a formula that includes phases-in and guarantees. With phase-ins, some districts may have formula funding that is phased-in overtime and therefore they are not receiving their full funding. Other districts may experience guarantee funding. Lakewood Local is on the guarantee funding. This guarantee holds the District at the fiscal year 2020 funding level. The District's guarantee for fiscal year 2026 is in excess of \$1.7 million. This forecast is modeling a guarantee that continues to grow over the forecasted period. The District's estimated enrollment for fiscal years 2026 through 2030 is modeled to remain consistent with current enrollment numbers.

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Casino revenues – Casino revenues for fiscal years 2026 through 2030 are estimated and are reflected to remain consistent with prior years.

Restricted Grants-In-Aid – Restricted grants-in-aid revenues for fiscal years 2026 through 2030 is the portion of state per pupil funding that must be classified as restricted. These include Career Technical Education, Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid, Gifted Education, English Learner Funding, Student Wellness and Success Funding and Catastrophic Costs Reimbursement.

State Share of Local Property Taxes – Property tax allocations for fiscal years 2026 through 2030 have been estimated using property valuations. Property tax allocation consists of reimbursements from the state of Ohio for local taxpayer credits or reductions. The state reduces the local taxpayer's tax bill with a 10% rollback credit, a 2.5% owner-occupied rollback credit, plus a homestead credit for qualifying taxpayers. In fiscal year 2026, approximately 11.6% of local residential property taxes will be reimbursed by the state in the form of rollback credits and approximately 1.5% will be reimbursed in the form of qualifying homestead exemption credits.

All Other Revenues – The estimate for this category encompasses a number of revenue sources. Most of these sources are driven by inflationary pressure as well as district policy.

Investments revenues – For fiscal years 2026 through 2030 investment revenues have been estimated. This forecast projects the interest rates to remain consistent with 2025 rates. Available funds for investment are projected to decline for fiscal years 2026 through 2030.

Tuition from non-resident students educated by the District – Tuition revenues fluctuate yearly. Tuition revenues from other districts has been estimated for fiscal years 2026 through 2030 based on fiscal year 2025 revenues.

Class fees – The class fees have been estimated for fiscal years 2026 through 2030. The District has a relatively high percentage of class fee waivers.

Medicaid School Program revenues – For fiscal years 2026 through 2030 revenues are estimated based on an amount consistent with prior years.

Operating Transfers-In – The District does not anticipate operating transfers-in during fiscal years 2026 through 2030.

Advances-In – The District does not anticipate advances-in during fiscal years 2026 through 2030.

EXPENDITURES

Personnel Services – The Board has a master contract with the Lakewood Teachers Association that was approved on May 21, 2024 for the period August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2027. This contract included a 4% salary adjustment for fiscal year 2025 and includes a 3% salary adjustment for both fiscal years 2026 and 2027. The members also receive any accrued step increases annually.

The Board has a master contract with the Lakewood Association of Classified Employees/OEA/NEA that was approved on July 10, 2024 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027. This contract included a market base salary adjustment for fiscal year 2025, and includes a 2% salary adjustment for fiscal years 2026 and 2027. The members also receive any accrued step increases annually.

The Board has a master handbook with the Administrators, Supervisory Personnel, and the Classified and Certificated Exempt Employees that was approved on May 21, 2024 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027. This handbook included a 4% salary adjustment for fiscal year 2025 and includes a 3% for both fiscal years 2026 and 2027. The employees also receive any accrued step increases annually.

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This forecast includes a projected annual salary adjustment and accrued step for fiscal years 2028 through 2030. The corresponding retirement and medicare are also reflected in the line item Employees' Retirement/Insurance Benefits.

Employees' Retirement/Insurance Benefits – Outside of health insurance (medical, dental, and life) most fringe benefits are driven by projected salary increases. The District's employee insurance plan year runs from January through December, therefore any increase cuts across two (2) fiscal years.

For calendar year 2025 the District changed insurance carriers and had a 4.8% increase in the PPO Plans and a 2.3% increase in the Health Savings Plan. In addition, there was a health premium credit equal to .75 of one month's premium. This credit was \$231,680 in savings to the District. There was also a dental premium credit equal to one month's premium which saved the District an additional \$4,138. The District also funds an HSA contribution for one half of the maximum out of pocket for those enrolled in the Health Saving Account Plan on January 1st.

For calendar year 2026 the District received a second year cap offer of 12% from the District's current medical insurance provider. The District is still in the process of reviewing and negotiating the 2026 medical insurance renewal.

This line also includes the retirement system increases for the base salary and cost of living adjustments referred to in the Personal Services category.

Purchased Services – This category accounts for a wide variety of expenses incurred by the District ranging from utility charges, tuition, on-line instructional services, maintenance and repairs, fleet insurance, property insurance, and transportation charges. This category of expenditures is projected to grow at an average 6.03% through fiscal year 2030.

Supplies and Materials – This category of expenditures is projected to grow at an average 3% through fiscal year 2030.

Capital Outlay - Capital outlay expenditures for fiscal years 2026 through 2030 have been estimated using information from the District's Five Year Capital Plan.

Debt Service – Debt service expenditures for fiscal years 2026 through 2027 include the principal and interest payments on a lease purchase financing agreement. The lease purchase financing agreement originated on February 14, 2017 for \$2,500,000 for a ten-year period. The debt service expenditures are included in the five year forecast. The final payment on the lease purchase financing agreement is December, 2026 (fiscal year 2027).

Other Objects – Other object expenditures include county auditor and treasurers' tax collection fees, educational service center fees, membership fees, liability insurances, district audit fees, election expenses and other miscellaneous fees. Other Objects expenditures is projected to grow at an average 2.6% through fiscal year 2030. The largest expenditure included in this line item is the contract with the Licking County Regional Service Center. This contract is projected to be \$1,266,353 for FY26. The largest expense within this contract is special education related expenditures, which vary from year to year based on number of students being served.

Operating Transfers-Out – This forecast includes a transfer-out of \$259,938 in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 to a debt service fund for payments on a five-year capital lease/purchase agreement for modular classrooms used for instructional purposes for grades K-2. The forecast also includes a transfer-out of \$518,513.85 in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 to a debt service fund for payments on a three-year capital lease/purchase agreement for modular classrooms used for instructional purposes for grades 3-5. The forecast also includes a transfer-out of \$500,000 to the District's Capital Project Fund for fiscal years 2026 through 2030.

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Advances-Out – The District does not anticipate advances-out during fiscal years 2026 through 2030.

GENERAL FUND BALANCE GUIDELINE

The District has a General Fund Balance Guideline that was board approved on January 11, 2017. The General Fund Balance yearly ending cash balance is equal to 60 Days operating cash as the minimum operational benchmark. This 60 Days benchmark is calculated at the end of each fiscal year and is used as the benchmark for the upcoming year.

The minimum benchmark should be reflected on the Five Year Forecast in the current year and the next three (3) projected years of the Five Year Forecast. Upon receiving any indication that an ending cash balance equal to 60 Days operating cash may not be achieved, the Treasurer shall report to the Board of Education and the Superintendent. Upon this notice, a plan will be developed by the Board, Superintendent and Treasurer prior to the next Five Year Forecast adoption as to how the District will work toward attaining a 60 Day operating cash ending balance for the General Fund.