Cambrian School District
Fiscal Update

Update on 2025-2026 & 2026-2027 Budget

October 2025

Background

- A Budget Advisory Committee convened in Sept. 2024 to cut $2M from this year's 2025–2026 budget
- Plan adopted and implemented by the Board of Trustees – December 2024
- District still needed about $1 million in reductions
- Facing new challenges: declining enrollment and rising costs
- Projected General Fund balance this year (2025-2026) is below the State-required 3% reserve
- Action is required in the current school year.



Why This Is Happening

- 142 students dropped between June 17 and the first day of school (Aug. 14, 2025)
- 2025-26 Decline = over $1.3M loss in state revenues
- Staffing reductions limited after school year begins due to labor laws
- Rising costs: benefits, utilities, specialized services, and supplies
- Combined impact affects 2025–2026 and 2026–2027 budgets



Problem Solving

- Board of Trustees charged the Budget Advisory Committee to identify $2.6M in reductions/revenue enhancements for 2026–2027
- We must preserve our budget and reduce spending the 2025-2026 school year
- We are taking action to stabilize both current and future budgets
- Principals, Cabinet, staff, and departments working together on cost-saving ideas
- Staff input is essential—everyone plays a role in conserving resources

Current Activities

- Wherever Possible
  - Open Positions not replaced
  - Reduce/Eliminate conferences
  - Reduce/Eliminate Contracts
  - Staffing Reductions
  - Reduce Substitutes
  - Increase Paid Facility Usage
  - Exploring all avenues of reductions
  - Implement Attendance Recovery Program



Summary

- Cambrian has taken and continues to take steps to address the financial challenges.
- Early action helps prevent deeper reductions later
- Transparency, communication, and teamwork are keys to success
- **Together we can ensure long-term financial stability and success**

