



# White Plains City School District

**2025-26 to 2029-30**

**Strategic Long-Range/Budget  
Planning**

**Community Input Forum**

**October 27, 2025 – 6:00 PM**

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# Agenda

Cycle of Planning & Importance

District's Strategic Plan

Economic Status & Outlook

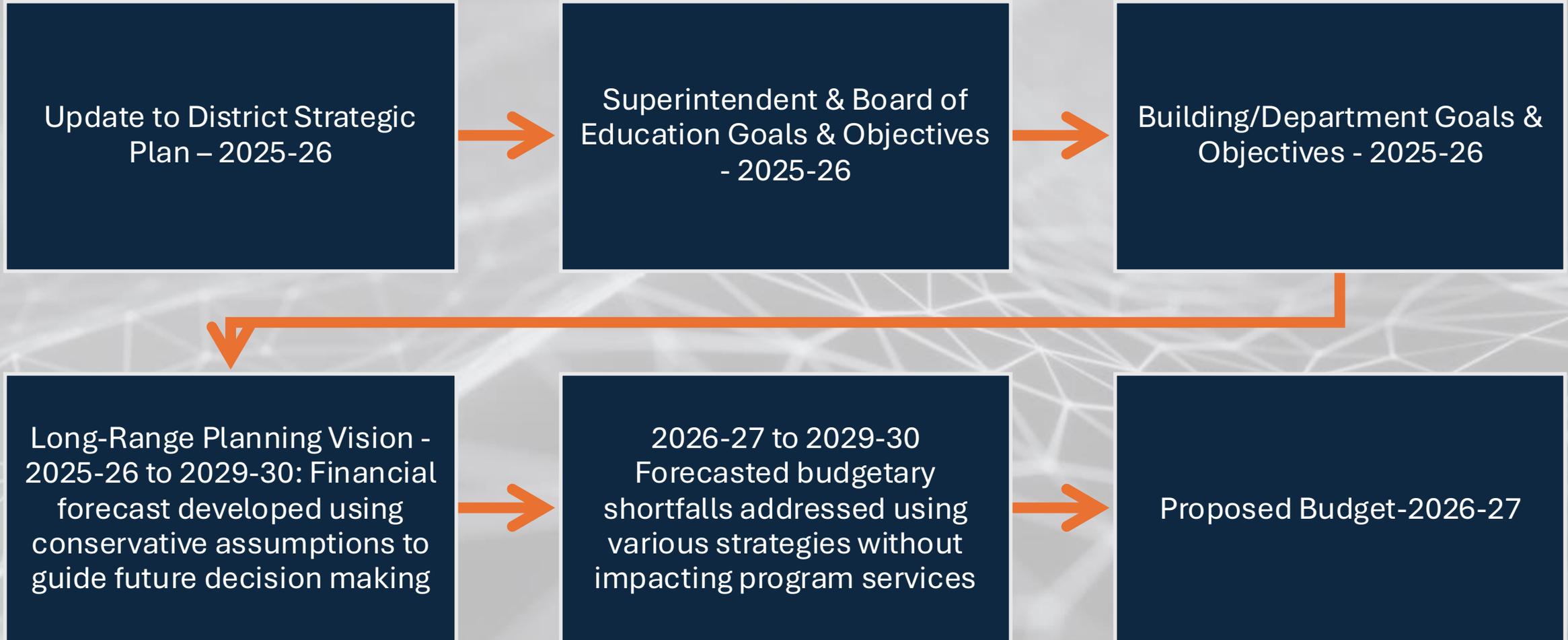
Continuous Improvement & Deployment of Resources

Guiding Principles: Development of Plans

Feedback & Next Steps



# Cycle of Planning - Overview



# Why is Planning Important?

Political Climate

Turbulent Economy

Tax Levy Cap

State & Federal Aid

Tax Certiorari Claims

Aging Facilities

Enrollment

Increasing Student Needs

Federal & State Policy Changes

Federal Tax Code

Negotiations

Inflation

Global Conflicts

Climate Change

# What planning does...

Encourages districts to be **effective & efficient** in the management of school resources

Encourages the **reallocation of resources** to maximize student outcomes

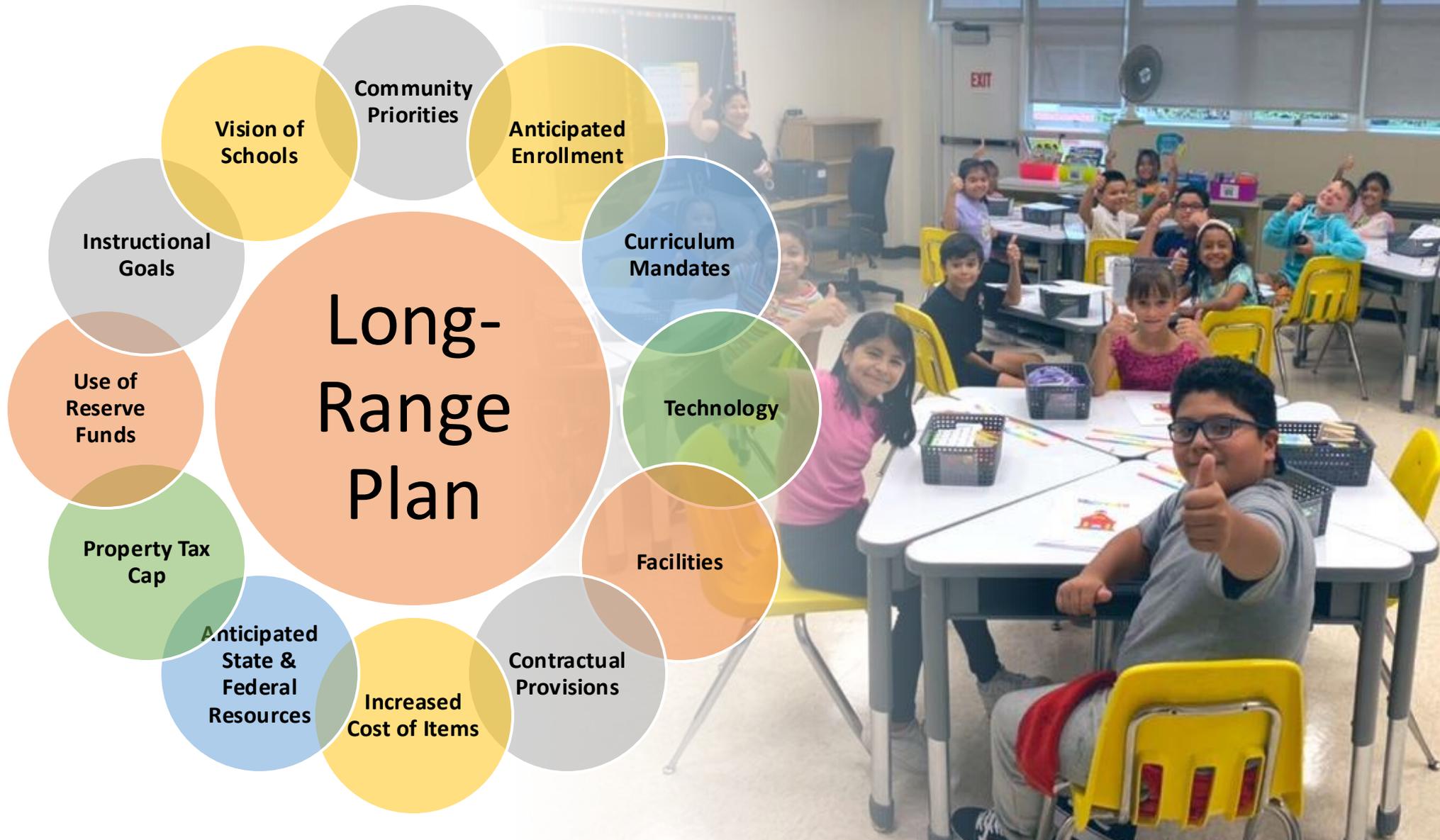
Critical to maintaining **sound fiscal health**, while maintaining programs for students

Links to multi-year budgets to show decisions necessary to **maintain programs and fiscal stability** over the long-term

Assists administrators & school boards in understanding the **long-term impact of decisions** made today



# What the Plan includes.....







# Economic Status & Outlook

## Prior Year Long-Range Financial Forecast 2024-25 to 2028-29 – Reflects Annual Budget Shortfalls due to:

- Contractual costs (salaries, benefits, utilities, transportation, property insurance) outpacing revenues
- Tax Levy:
  - Consumer Price Index projected to be greater than the allowable limit of 2%
  - Property assessments are not growing due to increasing agreements for PILOTS (West. Cty. & CWP)

## State Aid – NYS Director of Budget issued the “Budget Call Letter”:

- Anticipates \$3 Billion loss of federal funding caused by H.R. 1, which will exacerbate the expected Budget Deficit and cause significant challenges
- Agencies are directed to find efficiencies and exercise “fiscal discipline”

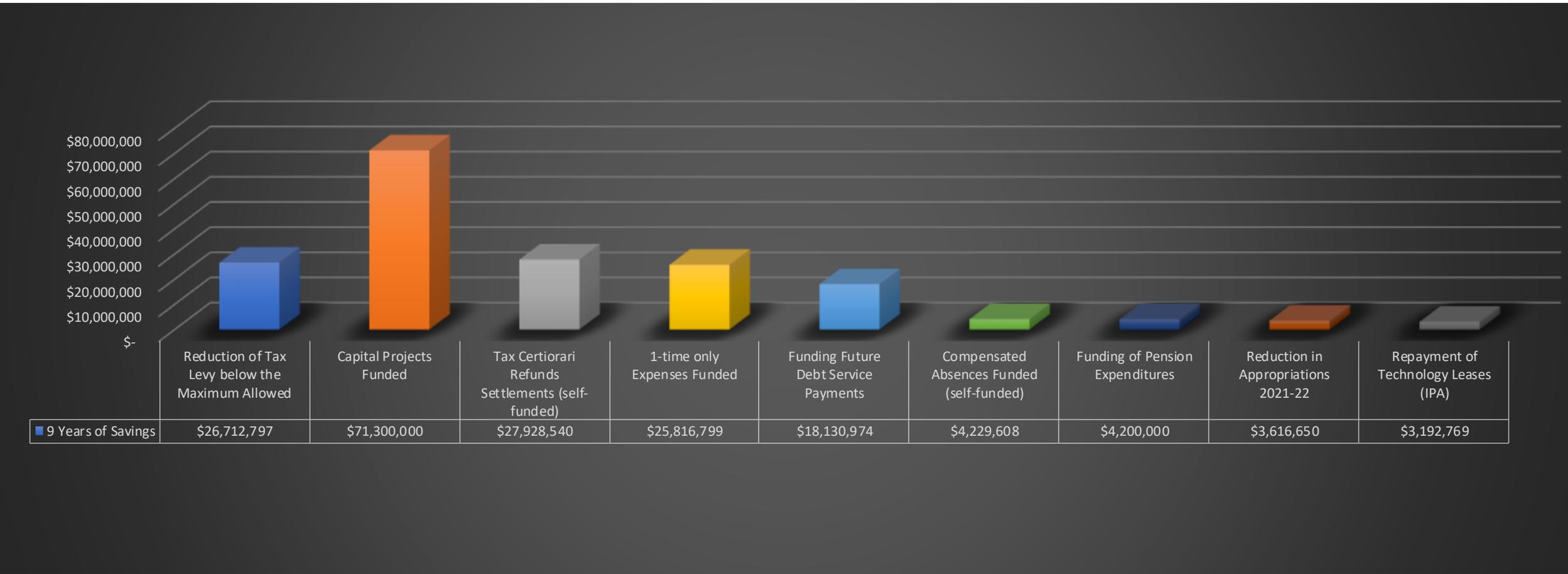
## Federal Entitlement Grants - Potential reductions or elimination?

District is committed to closing potential budget gaps without impacting program

# Cost Savings



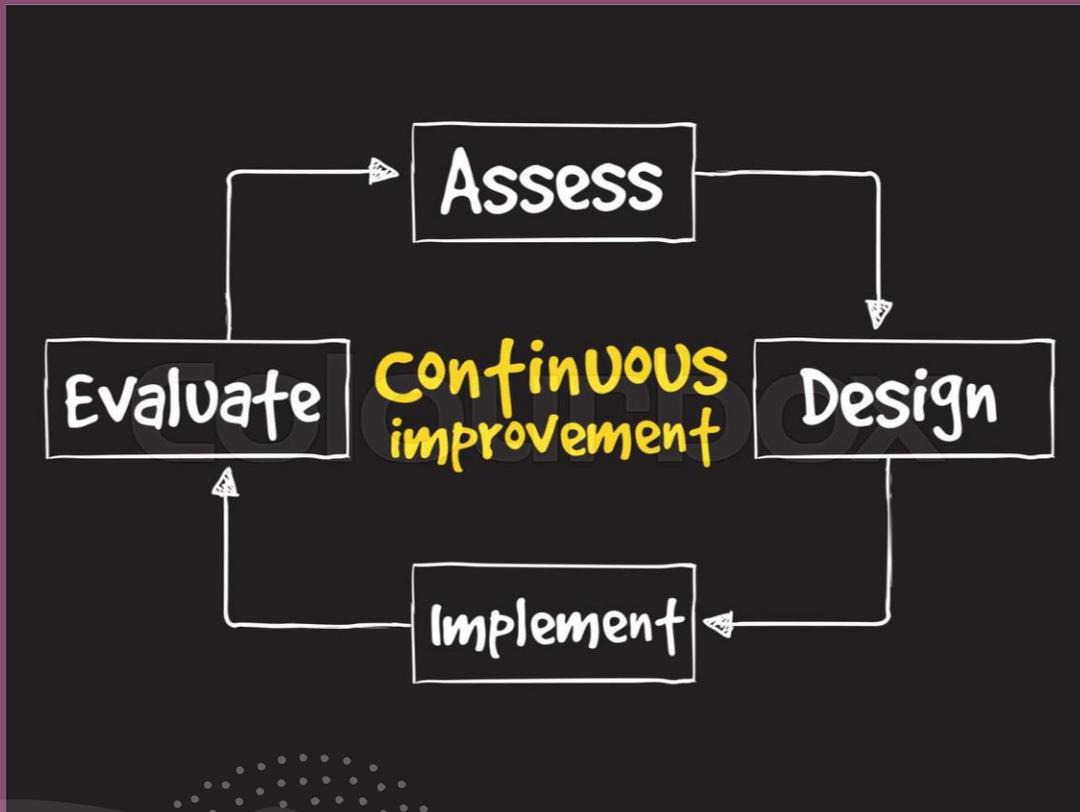
*How did the District use its Annual Savings and Reserves - \$185 million since 2017-18 – Reducing Taxpayer Burden*



# What is working?

## What needs modifications?

### What should be strategically abandoned?



- ❖ Ongoing curricular and programmatic review
- ❖ Academic achievement
- ❖ Extra-curricular/athletic participation
- ❖ Additional programming: after-school/summer
- ❖ Universal approaches to educational experience
- ❖ Staffing and services
- ❖ Resource deployment
- ❖ Future planning

# Guiding Principles: Development of Plans

## Protect

- Protect Instructional Core

## Evaluate

- Evaluate Needs vs. Wants

## Preserve

- Preserve Investments & Prevent Costs

## Find

- Find Efficiencies & Share Services

## Delay

- Delay Program Impact

## Reduce/ Restructure

- Reduce/Restructure,  
Do not eliminate





# Key Dates - 2026-27 Budget Development:

**October 27, 2025 – Community Input Forum**

**January 7, 2026 – Strategic Long-Range Plan to Finance Committee**

**January 12, 2026 – Strategic Long-Range Plan to Board of Education**

**February 9, 2026 – Instructional budget to Board of Education**

**February 23, 2026 – Non-Instructional Budget to Board of Education**

**March 3, 2026 – Superintendent’s Preliminary Budget to Finance Committee**

**March 9, 2026 – Superintendent’s Preliminary Budget to Board of Education**

**April 13, 2026 – Adoption of 2026-27 Budget & Property Tax Report Card**

**May 11, 2026 – Budget Hearing**

**May 19, 2026 – Annual School Budget Vote, Propositions & Board Elections**



# Thank you!

FEEDBACK/QUESTIONS?

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