



Governing Board Meeting

November 18, 2025

Budget Reduction Advisory Committee Agenda:

- Introductions
- Discuss committee purpose
- Governing Board Parameters
- Agree upon meeting norms
- Federal budget update
- Review demographic study
- Review most recent presentation to the board
- Review community forum feedback
- Brainstorm
- Next steps

Committee

Purpose

- Develop a strategic plan for a \$3 million budget reduction
- Assess all areas of spending
- Balance fiscal accountability and a quality education for students
- Ensure that budget cuts are implemented thoughtfully and transparently
- Minimize impact on students, staff, and the community
- Recommend responsible cost-saving package to superintendent

Governing Board Parameters:

- Maintain access to quality education for every student
- Maximize resources for student benefit
- Minimize disruption where possible
- Ensure transparency and community input in decision-making
- Consider the impact on staff, families, neighborhoods and communities
- Prioritize long-term sustainability in decision-making

Federal Government Budget Updates

Federal Government Shutdown

What happened?

- The Federal Government Shutdown Ended, but with important caveats.
 - Only a handful of agencies are funded for the rest of the fiscal year.
 - Department of Agriculture, which directly funds SNAP
 - Department of Military and Veteran Affairs
 - Legislative Branch
 - The rest of the federal government is funded through a "Continuing Resolution" that lasts until January 30th.
 - A continuing resolution is a bill that prevents government shutdowns by continuing government agency spending at previous year's levels.

What Comes Next?

A full budget must be negotiated out. Here is the White House plan:

TITLE I GRANTS TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES

	2024	2025	2026 Request
Budget Authority (in millions)	\$18,406.8	\$18,406.8	\$18,406.8

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

	2024	2026 Request
Budget Authority (in millions)	\$890.0	0

CHARTER SCHOOLS GRANTS

	2024	2026 Request
Budget Authority (in millions)	\$440.0	\$500.0

MIGRANT EDUCATION

	2024	2026 Request
Budget Authority (in millions)	\$375.6	0

ADULT EDUCATION

	2024	2026 Request
Budget Authority (in millions)		
Adult Education State Grants	\$715.5	0
National Leadership Activities	13.7	0
Total	\$729.2	0

White House Federal Budget Plan

- Cuts 100% of Title III-A for English Language Learners (\$890 million)
- Cuts 100% of Migrant Education dollars (\$375 million)
- Groups 18 smaller programs and cuts them by \$4 billion collectively:
 - Rural Education, State Assessments literacy instruction, students experiencing homelessness etc.
- IDEA funding remains untouched
 - Amended to be funded via Block Grants
- Title I funding remains untouched
 - Amended to be funded via Block Grants
- Impact Aid is also untouched

US House/Senate Budget Plan

- In early September, the US House passed a budget that stalled and died in the Senate. Here is what was included:
 - \$60 million additional aid for Charters
 - \$5.2 billion cut for Title-I Grants (26%)
 - \$26 million additional dollars for IDEA
 - \$5 million additional dollars for Impact Aid
- The Senate plan has not officially been released, but indications suggest it does not impact Title-I, IDEA, or ELL funding sources.

What Should We Expect?

- To prevent another Government shutdown, Congress has until January 30th to pass a budget.
- There is no way to predict what will be cut from K-12 education, and the environment has significantly changed since the White House plan release in May, and the House bill in September.
- Given the changing environment, it's possible that the push for cuts may moderate come January.
- It is also possible that we see another government shutdown.

- White House Budget Plan via US Department of Education Requests: [fiscal-year-2026-budget-summary-110043.pdf](#)
- US House Budget Plan via House Appropriations Committee: [fy26-labor-health-and-human-services-education-and-related-agencies-subcommittee-summary.pdf](#)

Questions?

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Community Forums FAQ

Following the community forums at Tillman/Community Center and Brunson-Lee, we created an FAQ that will be posted on the budget reduction webpage.

We have provided a copy of the FAQ for board members this evening.

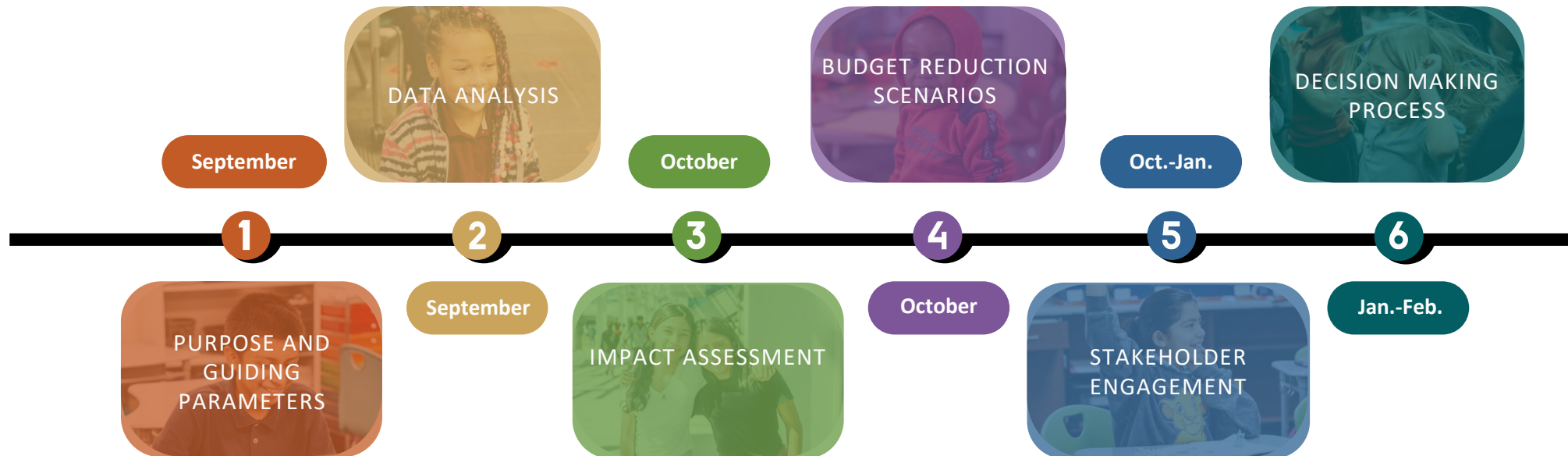
What is Next?

- Community Forums:
 - December 1: Crockett Elementary School
 - December 3: Griffith Elementary School
- Budget Reduction Advisory Committee:
 - Next meeting scheduled for early December



BALSZ BUDGET TIMELINE

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**Thank
You!**

Questions?

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