



2026-27 BUDGET PRIORITIES



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FRAMEWORK FOR DEVELOPING PRIORITIES

Priority 1:

Instructional Excellence: Preparing Students for Life

Priority 2:

Provide Healthy, Joyful, and Inclusive School Culture and Climate

Priority 3:

Recruit, Grow, and Retain

Priority 4:

Strengthen School, Family, and Community Engagement

Priority 5:

Operational Efficiency/Excellence



PROCESS FOR COLLECTING STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

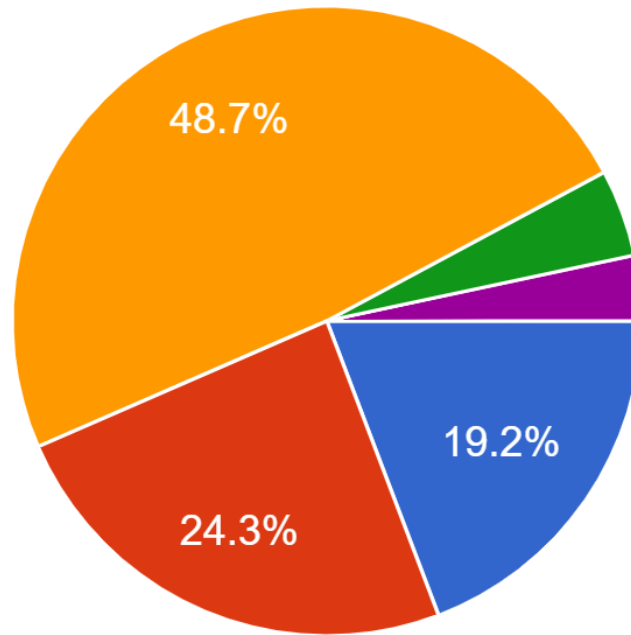
- Community Feedback Survey
 - Student and Staff Email
 - Family Robocalls
 - Social Media
 - Palm Cards

- Public Engagement
 - 2 Community Forums
 - Bilingual Education Council Meeting
 - Children's Agenda VIP Committee
 - Student Leadership Congress
 - ROC the Future – PECAN Group

- WDKX Radio Appearance

I am a: (check one):

536 responses



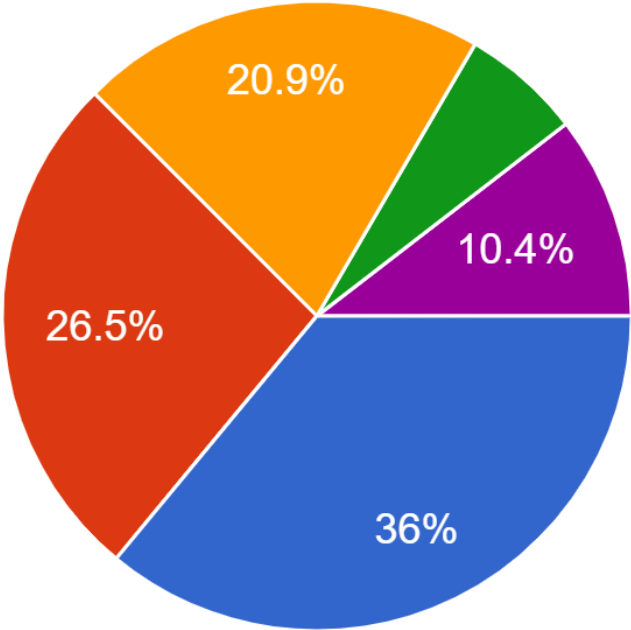
- Student
- Parent/Family Caregiver
- Staff Member
- Community Partner
- Other



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SURVEY RESULTS

Strategic Plan Priorities Please choose the ONE area that is most important to you:

536 responses



- Teaching and Learning (reading, writing, math, graduation)
- School Climate (safety, behavior, attendance, belonging)
- Teachers and Staff (hiring, training, keeping good staff)
- Family and Community Engagement (partnerships, communication, parent i...)
- Operations and Services (budget, school buildings, buses, meals, centra...)



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SURVEY RESULTS



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SURVEY RESULTS:

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Ranked Priorities

1. Make sure all students are reading by grade 3
2. Improve reading in grades 3–8
3. Help more 9th graders earn enough credits to stay on track for graduation
4. Improve math in grades 3–8



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SURVEY RESULTS:

SCHOOL CLIMATE

Ranked Priorities

1. Make sure students and families feel safe and welcome at school
2. Improve attendance so fewer students are chronically absent
3. Use restorative practices to solve problems fairly
4. Reduce suspensions so students stay in class





COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SURVEY RESULTS:

TEACHERS AND STAFF

Ranked Priorities

1. Keep good staff by supporting wellness and morale
2. Provide strong training and support for staff
3. Hire and keep more diverse teachers
4. Use culturally responsive teaching



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SURVEY RESULTS:

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Ranked Priorities

1. Expand the community schools model (wraparound services, partnerships)
2. Increase parents' sense of belonging at their child's school
3. Make the parent portal easier and get more families to use it
4. Ensure parents are represented on school planning teams





COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SURVEY RESULTS:

OPERATIONS AND SERVICES

Ranked Priorities

1. Use money carefully and responsibly
2. Keep the budget balanced
3. Improve facilities and transportation (fix buildings, improve buses, safer travel)
4. Invest in safe, modern schools and resources for learning



SUPERINTENDENT BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR 2026–27



1. Investing in High-Quality Instruction and Supports with a Focus on Early Learning and Grade-Level Interventions
 - Increased investments in literacy
 - Greater grade-level and developmental supports
 - Expanded multilingual instruction and supports

2. Investing in our Students
 - Preparing them for post-secondary success
 - Supporting student social emotional wellbeing



SUPERINTENDENT BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR 2026–27



3. Investing In and Creating Strong Community Schools
 - Strengthen parent/caregiver relationships
 - Parent empowerment and educational opportunities
 - Building community partnerships
 - Expand extracurricular opportunities
 - Expand supplemental instructional opportunities
 - Middle school transformation



SUPERINTENDENT BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR 2026–27



4. Investing in Staff

- Improved relationships
- Wellbeing
- Professional learning
- Equitable and fair compensation

5. Investing in Operational Effectiveness

- Improving transportation operations
- Transforming instructional environments into 21st century learning spaces
- Strengthening the District's safety and security posture



NEXT STEPS

- Cabinet will align all strategies to these priorities
- The Budget Office will prepare cost scenarios
- Every school and department will build its budget in alignment with the priorities

This ensures coherence across the system, a clear line of sight from our budget to student outcomes, and prevents departments from working in silos.