

February 2026 Financial Forecast

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OAC/ORC Requirements

- Require a Board of Education to submit a five-year projection of operational revenues and expenditures along with assumptions to the Ohio Department of Education prior to October 15th and an update by the last day of February of FY26. FY27 and beyond has required filings by August 31st and the last day of February.
- Required funds to be included in the five-year forecast are:
 - General Funds (001)
 - Any special cost center associated with general fund money

Five Year Forecast = General Fund

001	General (FYF)
002	Bond Retirement
003	Permanent Improvement
006	Food Service
009	Uniform School Supplies
018	Public School Support
200s	Student Managed Activities
300s	District Managed Activities
400s	State Grants
500s	Federal Grants

State Funding Information

1. Go to www.lovelandschools.org
2. Navigate to Administration/Treasurer
3. State Funding Analysis Document is available under the Important Documents header.



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Important Links

[Public Records Request Log](#)
[Ohio Checkbook](#)

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Important Documents

[State Funding Analysis - February 2026](#)

[FY27 Modified Tax Budget - 12.18.25](#)

[10.30.25 Finance Town Hall Presentation](#)

[October 2025 Financial Forecast Presentation](#)

[Understanding Levies Fact Sheet - from Ohio School Boards Association](#)

Overview of State Funding Report

- Guarantee analysis
- Restricted vs. Unrestricted state funding analysis and trends
- Projections on state funding as a future revenue stream
- Analysis on future state funding outcomes for LCSD

What has changed since October? (Expenditures)

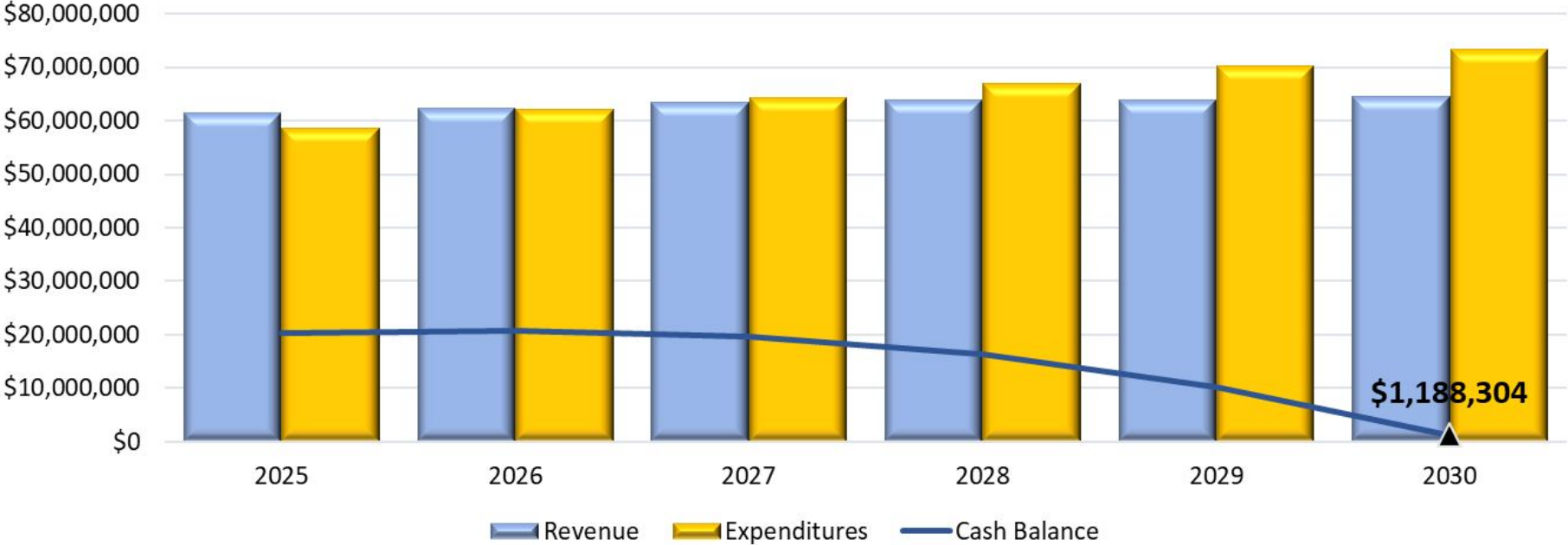
- Current trends in actual salaries have been factored in for FY26 and conservative savings are factored in at \$500,000 for FY27.
- Actual benefit enrollment has risen from last year and is planned to continue going forward in the forecast periods.
- Purchased services have risen as these costs can be reclaimed through the Threshold cost process with ODEW. The overall spend for the district among all funds has not grown faster than the planned spend in this category. The district will see the revenue increased revenue of Threshold costs strategy beginning in FY27 as the reimbursements occur one year in arrears.
- Supply expenditures are continuing to be lower than previous years due to the utilization of the student fee fund for consumable educational supplies.

What has changed since October? (Revenues)

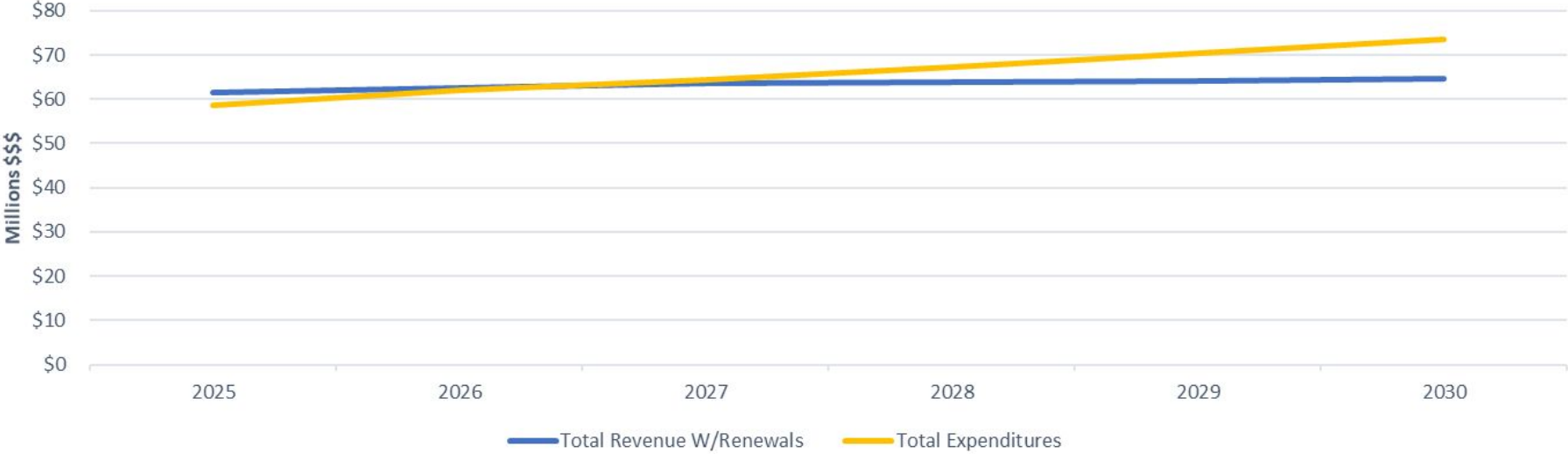
- Property Tax reform is leading to reduced revenues in the real estate property forecast line (1.01).
- Increased investment income estimates to mirror the current investment strategy and trends. While revenue income has been growing each of the past two fiscal years, a more conservative approach is used in FY28-FY30 as the cash balance is forecasted to be reduced as the district enters into deficit spending.

Forecast Summary

Projected Revenue, Expenditures, and Cash Balance



Projected Revenues and Expenditures



From 2026 to 2030, total revenues are projected to change by 0.98%

From 2026 to 2030, total expenses are projected to change by 4.59%

Abbreviated Forecast

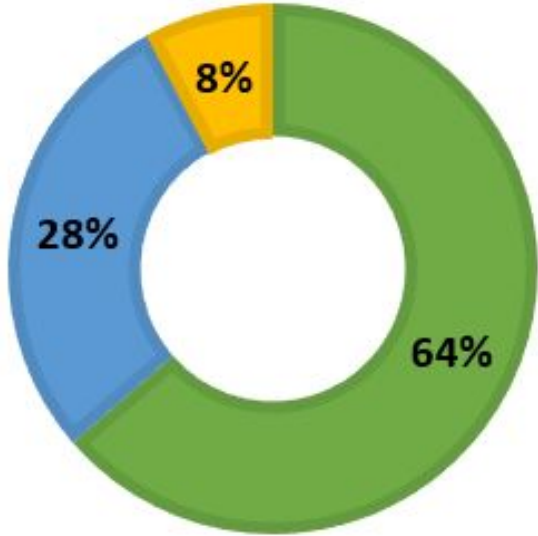
	Fiscal Year 2026	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028	Fiscal Year 2029	Fiscal Year 2030
Beginning Balance (Line 7.010) <i>*Includes Renewal/New Levy Revenue, see Disclosures</i>	20,374,687	20,692,995	19,661,301	16,387,570	10,078,837
+ Revenue	62,441,707	63,468,602	63,882,300	64,038,511	64,630,181
- Expenditures	(62,123,399)	(64,500,296)	(67,156,030)	(70,347,244)	(73,520,714)
= Revenue Surplus or Deficit	318,308	(1,031,694)	(3,273,731)	(6,308,734)	(8,890,533)
Line 7.020 Ending Balance with Renewal/New Levies	20,692,995	19,661,301	16,387,570	10,078,837	1,188,304

Projected to
have revenues
exceeding
expenditures in
FY26

Deficit spending
is projected to
begin in FY27
and continue
through FY30

Revenues

FY26 Revenue Summary



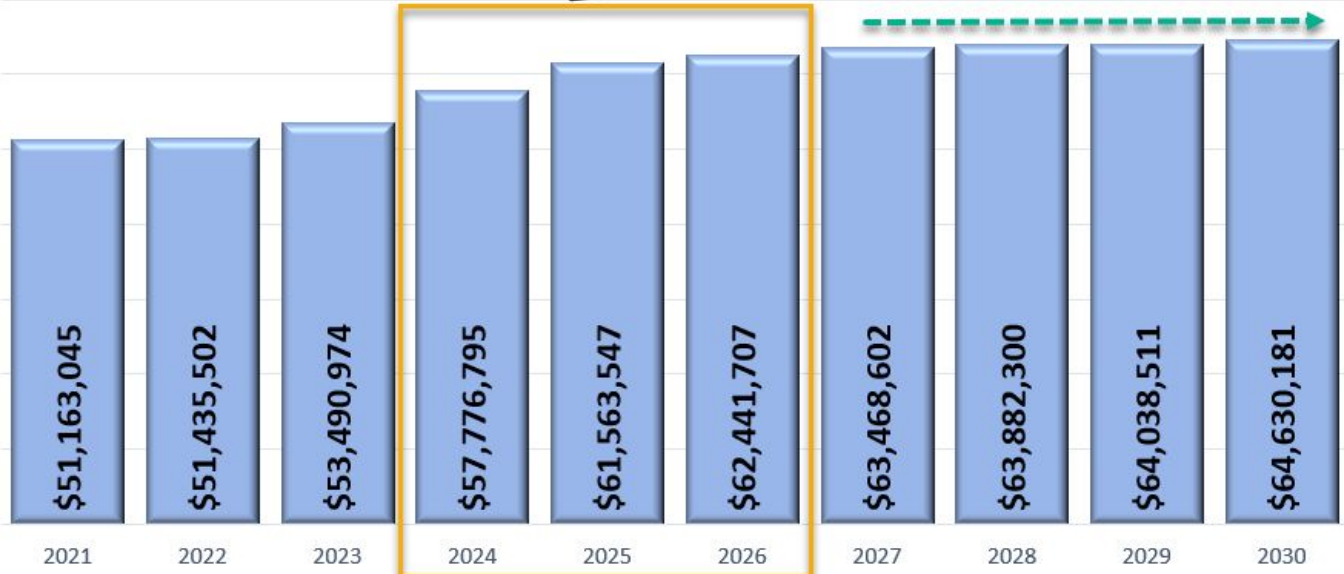
Local Taxes	
Real Estate Tax	60.46%
Public Utility Tax	3.18%
Income Tax	0.00%

State Sources	
State Funding	21.38%
Restricted Aid	0.68%
State Reimb Prop Tax Cr	6.48%

All Other Revenue	
Other Revenue	6.82%
Other Sources	0.99%

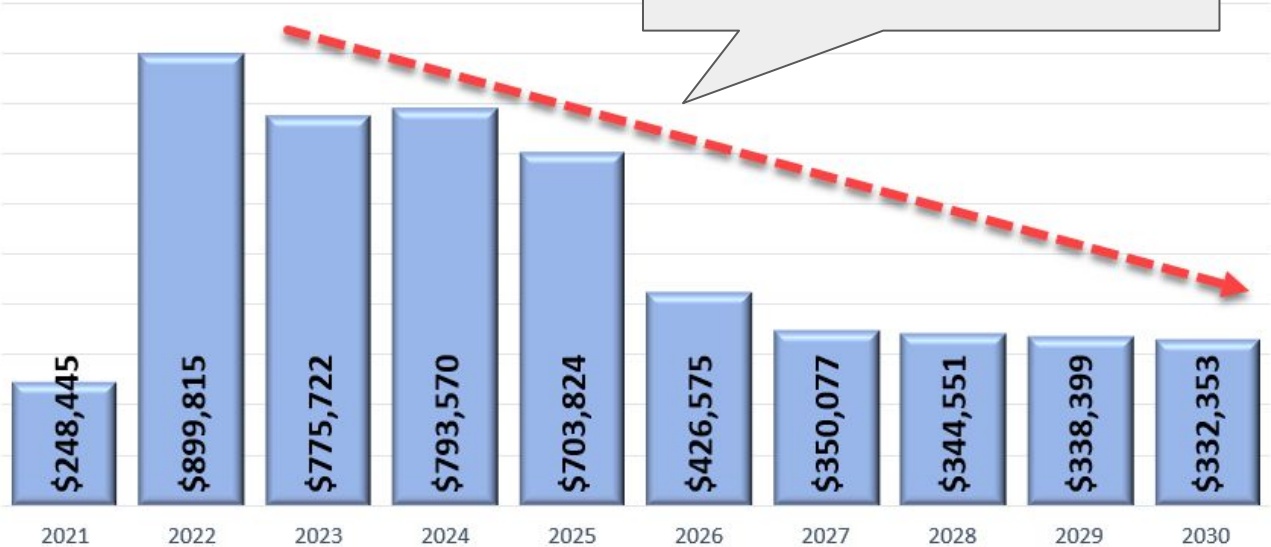
Revenues

2023 Levy Revenue
Phase In



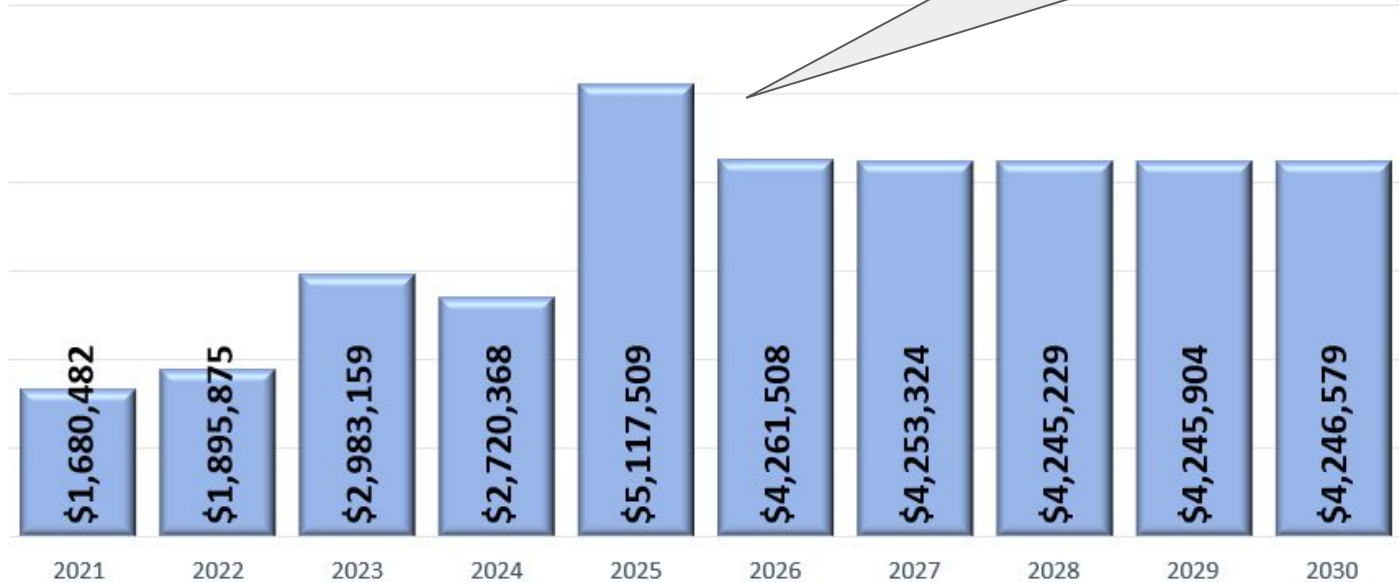
Restricted State Aid

This decrease impacts gifted, student wellness, and economically disadvantaged funding



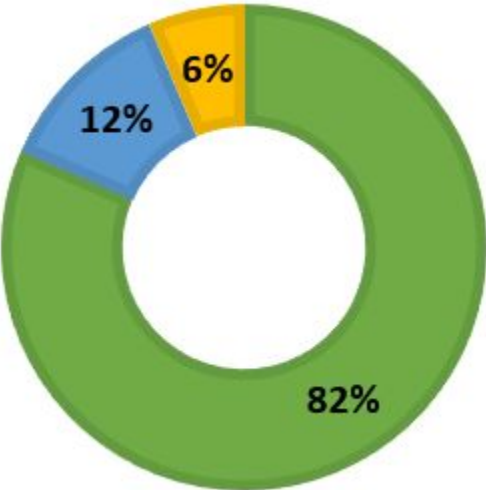
All Other Revenue

Items that led to the one year spike are: one time sinking fund disbursement and Symmes Township TIF payment for CY2022, 2023, and first half of 2024



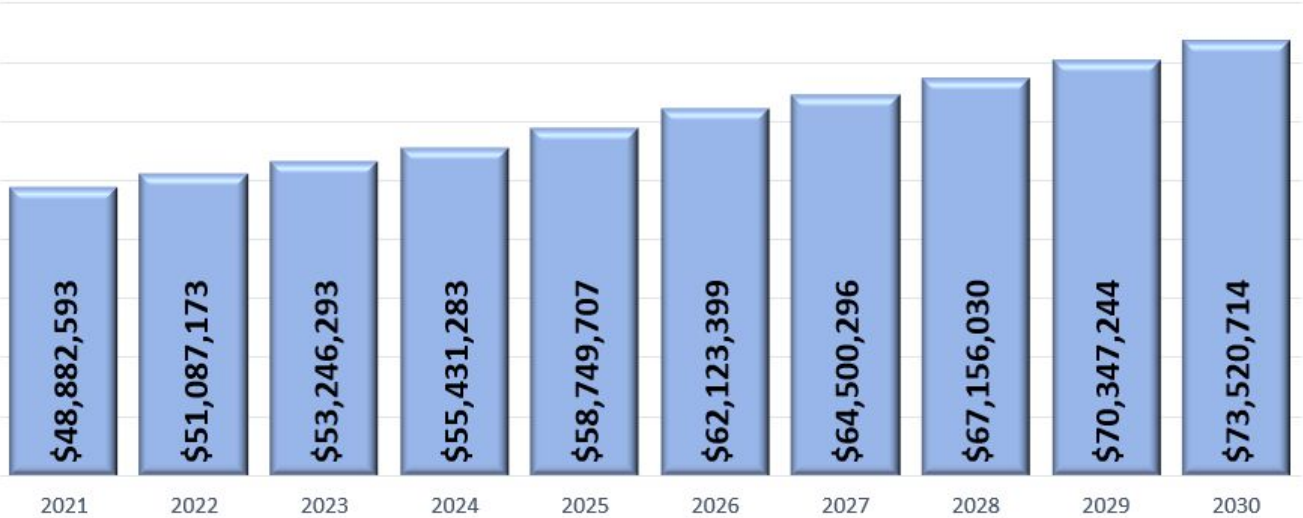
Expenditures

FY26 Expenditure Summary



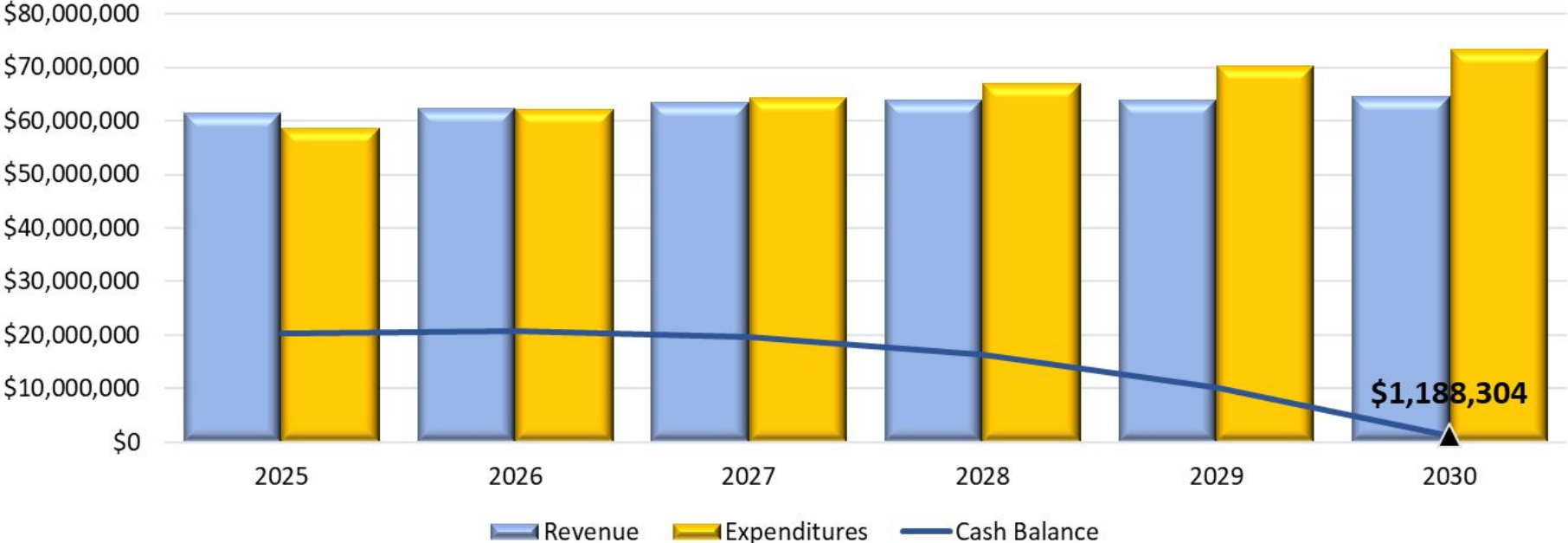
Personnel Costs	
Salaries	60.51%
Benefits	21.05%
Purchased Services	12.01%
All Other Expenditures	
Supplies, Capital, Debt, Other Obj	5.00%
Other Uses	1.43%

Expenditures

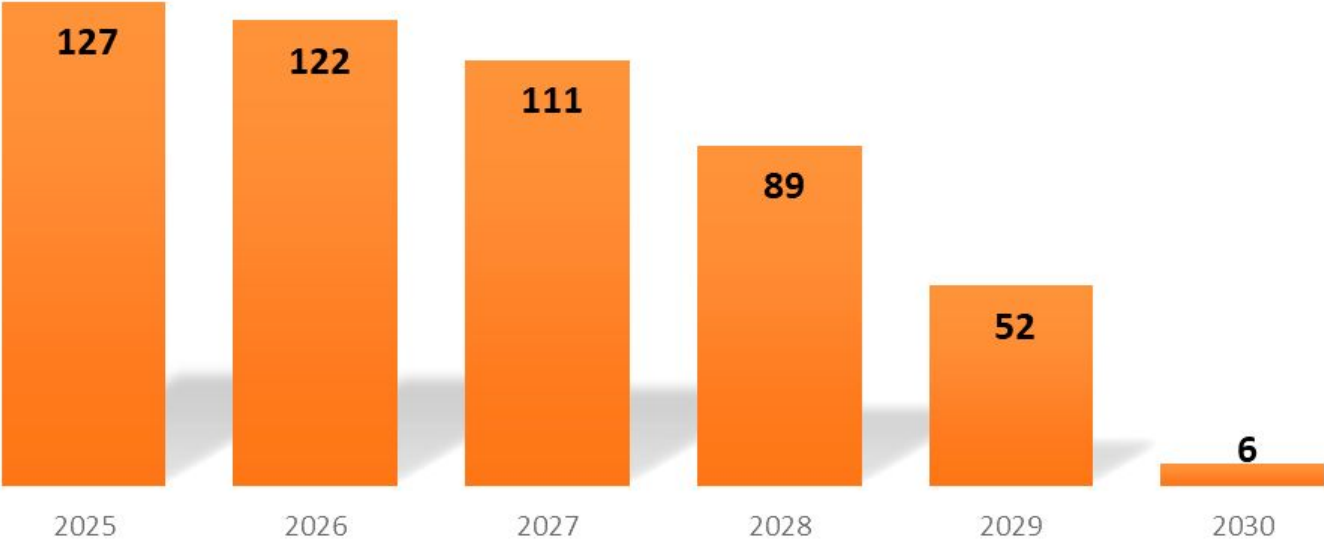


- Factors Impacting Expenditures**
- Insurance rate projected increases (6.65% from historic 6.32%)
 - Experience increases projected (3.6% from historic 3.8%)
 - Purchased Services (7.15% from historic 4.39%) {Threshold Cost}

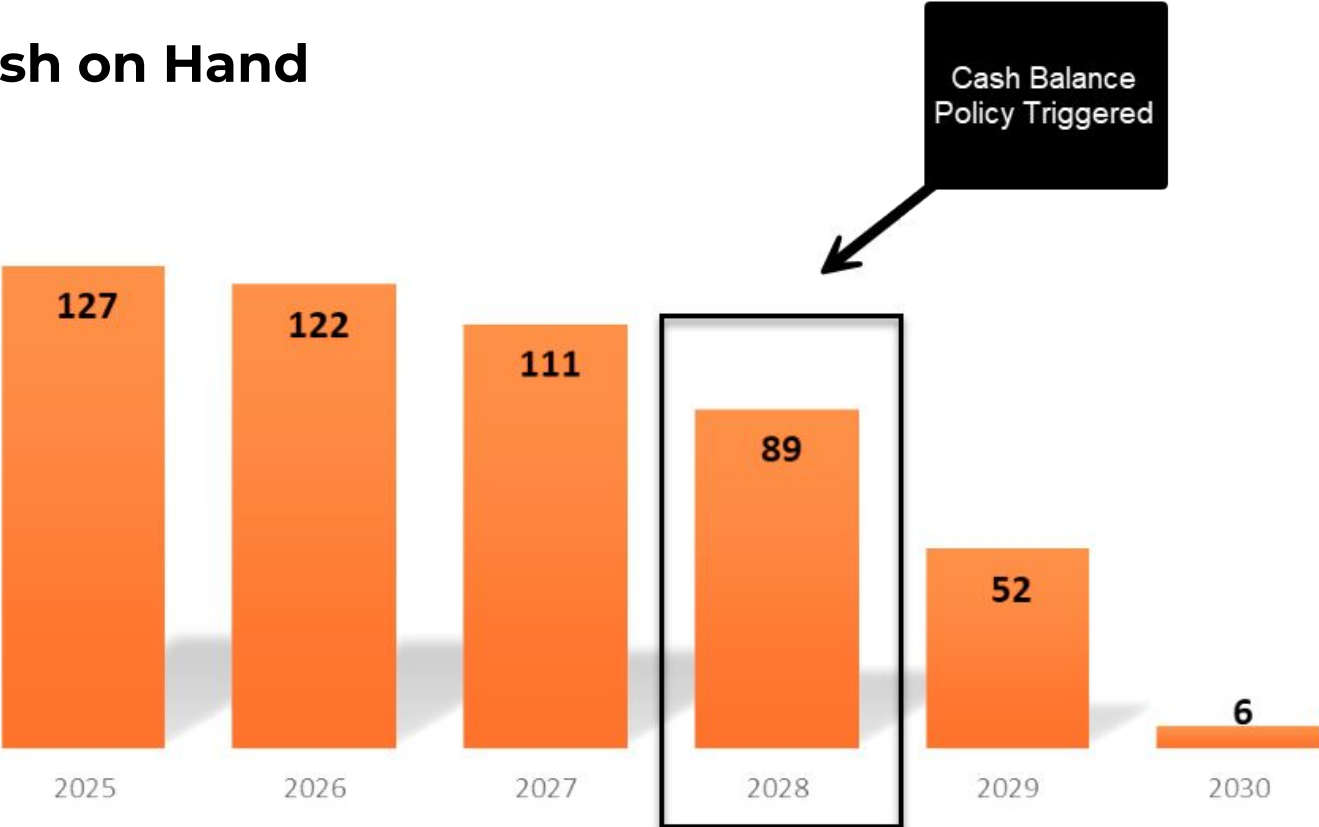
Forecast and the Effect on Cash Balance



Days Cash on Hand



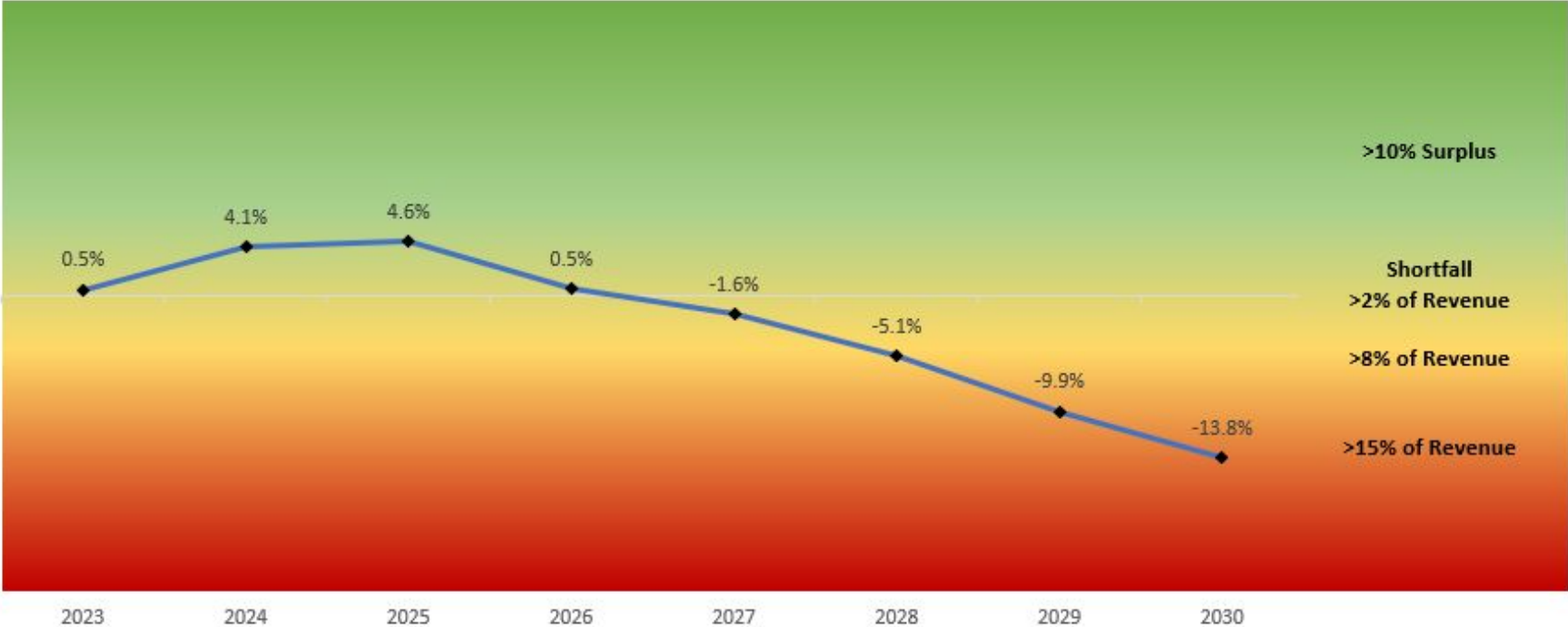
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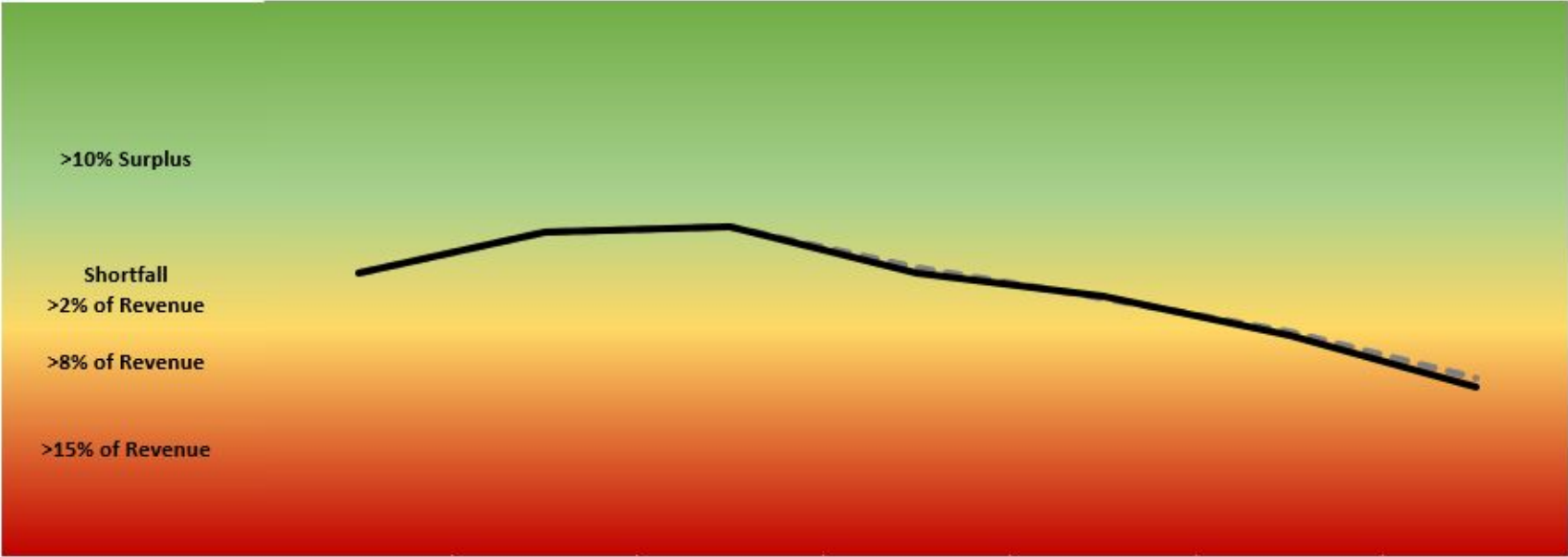
Days Cash on Hand - Forecast Comparison



Forecast and Fiscal Stressors



Forecast and Fiscal Stressors - Comparing October and February



--- Prior Forecast
— Current Forecast

Key Takeaways

- Expenditures are expected to outpace revenues in FY27 - the past two forecasts also projected this.
- The BOE will need to begin discussions about reducing expenditures and/or increasing revenues.
- The last levy, passed in May of 2023, will have lasted beyond its expected timeline of 3 years, as LCSD will not be placing a levy on the ballot in May 2026.



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