



 Trumbull Public Schools

Investing in Students

**Board of Education Adopted
2026–2027 Budget**

MARCH 3, 2026

Trumbull Public Schools: Our Commitment to Education

EMPOWERING STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE THEIR POTENTIAL

The Trumbull Public School System, in partnership with the community, strives to meet the educational needs of all students within a challenging and supportive academic environment that empowers each student to become a life-long learner and to live and participate in a democratic, diverse and global society.



Budget as a Foundation for Success

INVESTING IN EVERY STUDENT'S FUTURE POTENTIAL



TPS Vision of a Graduate



Critical Thinking & Problem Solving

The ability to use knowledge, facts, and data to effectively solve problems.

Innovation

The ability to look at something familiar and see new possibilities, which leads to curiosity about new learning and the desire to create something original or imaginative.

Communication

The ability to understand others and be understood for a variety of reasons and purposes.

Growth Mindset

The belief that one can improve their intelligence or skills through continued hard work and adapt when faced with challenges.

Collaboration

The qualities and competencies we use to collectively make progress toward common goals or outcomes.

Emotional Intelligence

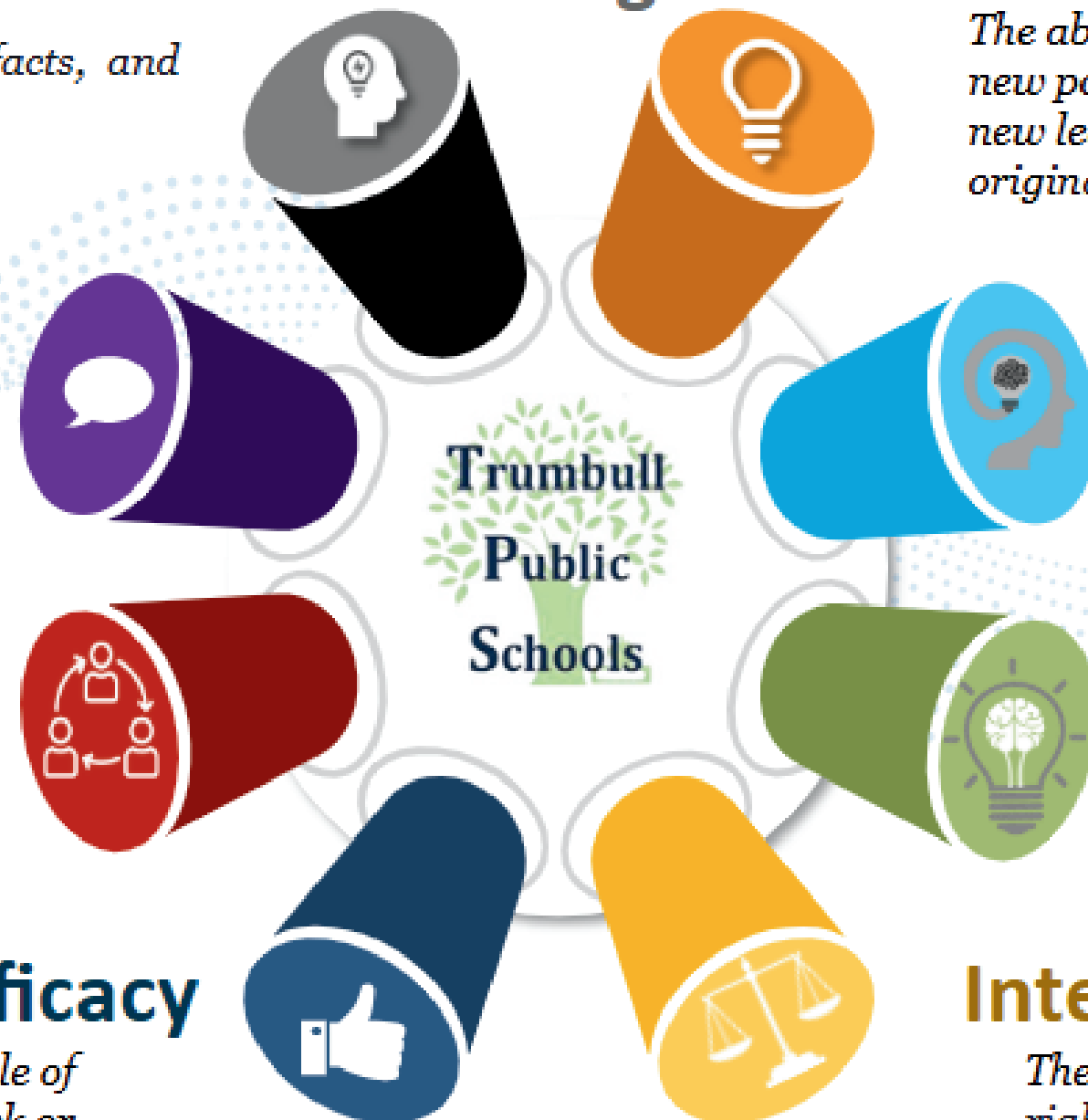
The aptitude for identifying how and why a person is feeling the way they are and how to regulate and address those emotions.

Self-Efficacy

The belief that you are capable of successfully performing a task or managing a situation.

Integrity

The act of consistently doing the right thing even when it's hard or no one is looking.





Trumbull Public Schools

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Matthew Wheeler, Ed.D. – TECEC Principal



What kind of
SCHOOL DISTRICT
do you want?





Tonight's Presentation

- Approved BOE Budget
- Possible Reductions Given Previous History
- Non-Certified Pensions Expense
- Return on Investment
- Answer BOF Questions

Board of Education Adopted 2026-2027 Budget



\$137,773,114; a YTY increase of \$8,595,475 or 6.65%

Budget request includes:

- Contractual increases of salaries **Currently 40.19% of total request Or \$3.45 MM**
- Medical insurance rate increase estimate from State Comptroller is 15.0% for State Partnership Plan 2.0 (SPP). **Currently 38.42% of total request Or \$3.3 MM**
- Increases to Elementary staff (3.0 FTE) to adhere to BOE guidelines
- Adds World Language (2.0 FTE) to provide Spanish exposure in Grade 5
- Includes anticipated savings of \$635,000 through staff turnover
- Utility costs, primarily electricity, due to higher rates and the public benefit charge.
- Includes Athletics budget with \$400K revenue offset (PTP fees + gate receipts)
- Transportation budget based on estimated 4.5% contractual increase and additional buses



Last year, the BOE approved a 5.89% increase, but ultimately received a 3.73% increase. How did that translate to reductions?

- \$75,000 Pay to Play Increased from \$165 to \$190
- \$290,000 of Non-Lapsing Account Paid for Bookworms
- \$300,000 of Non-Lapsing Account Used to Decrease Technology Budget
- \$207,000 Increased Expectation for Excess Cost Reimbursement after Special Legislation Passed in CT
- \$80,000 Eliminated DFS Grade 2 FTE
- \$80,000 Eliminated FTE for Madison Middle School Intervention
- Eliminated significant dollars in supplies, furniture, textbooks across the district



If the BOE receives a 4.0% increase this year, how would you balance the budget?

- That would mean a \$3.4MM reduction to the request
- 82% of the budget is staff costs so a significant reduction to staff would be required



Possible Reductions @ 4%

All New Staff (7.0 FTE's) and 2 Additional buses	\$742,000
Administrator Positions (2.0 FTE's)	\$380,000
16 Teacher Positions (16.0 FTE's)	\$1,600,000
Long Hill Support Staff (3.0 FTE's)	\$215,000
Freshman Sports or Raise Pay to Play by \$40-50	\$70,000
Secondary School Activities, Advisors, and Comp Expenses	\$90,000
Close Elementary Schools at 4 PM and Reduce Custodian	\$50,000
Security Guards (2.0 FTE's)	\$100,000
Paraprofessional (3.0 FTE's)	\$90,000
Late Busses for Secondary School	\$30,000
Curriculum Writing/Professional Dev	\$40,000
Total	\$3,407,000



If the BOE receives a 5.0% increase this year, how would you balance the budget?

- That would mean a \$2.1 MM reduction to the request
- 82% of the budget is staff costs so a significant reduction to staff would be required



Possible Reductions @ 5%

All New Staff (7.0 FTE's) but keep 2 buses	\$542,000
1 Administrator Positions (1.0 FTE's)	\$190,000
8 Teacher Positions (8.0 FTE's)	\$800,000
Long Hill Support Staff (3.0 FTE's)	\$215,000
Freshman Sports or Raise Pay to Play by \$25	\$35,000
Secondary School Activities, Advisors, and Comp Expenses	\$90,000
Close Elementary Schools at 4 PM and Reduce Custodian	\$50,000
Security Guards (1.0 FTE's)	\$50,000
Paraprofessional (3.0 FTE's)	\$90,000
Late Busses for Secondary School	\$30,000
Curriculum Writing/Professional Dev	\$40,000
Total	\$2,132,000

First Selectman Budget For BOE

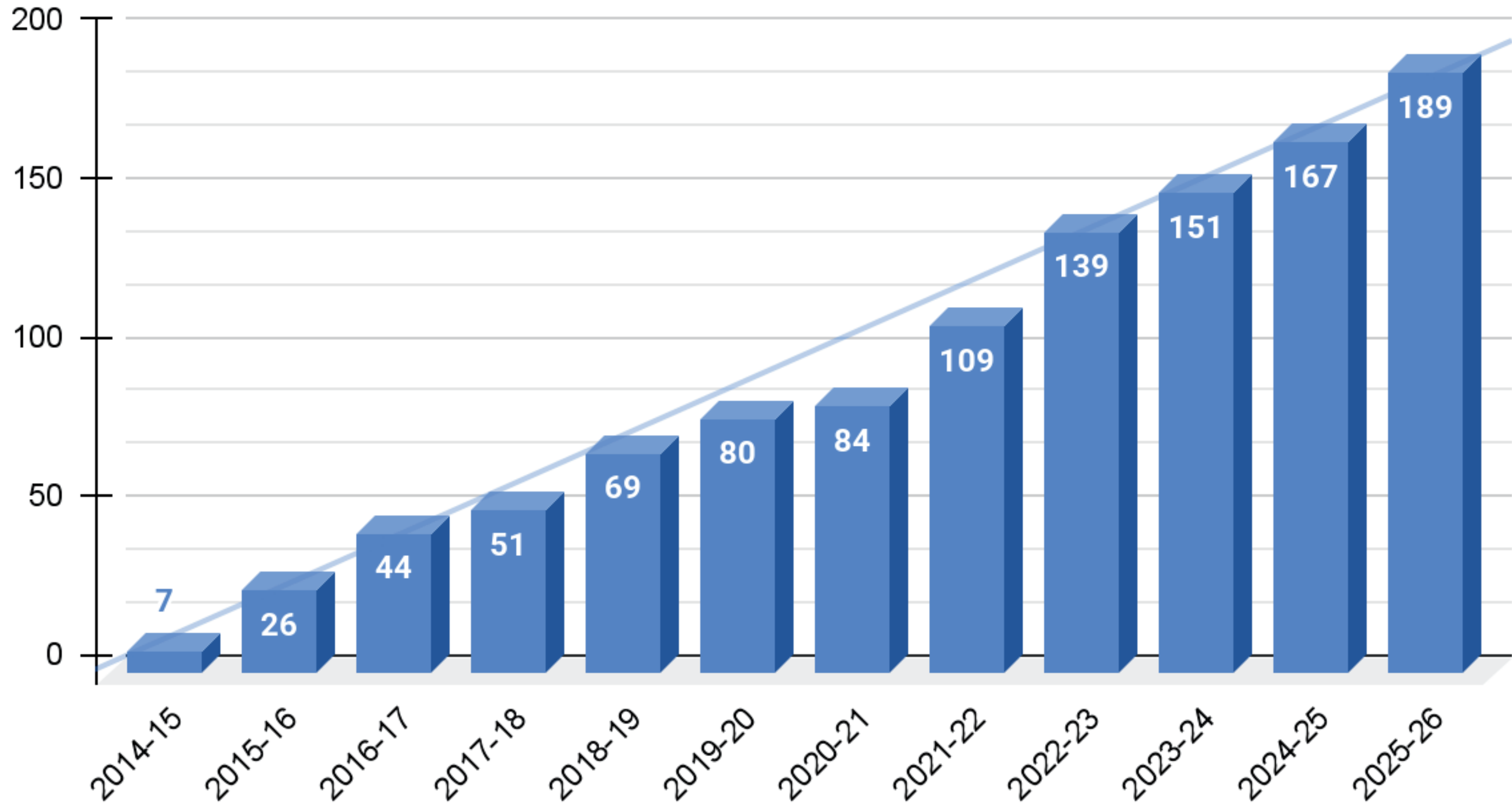


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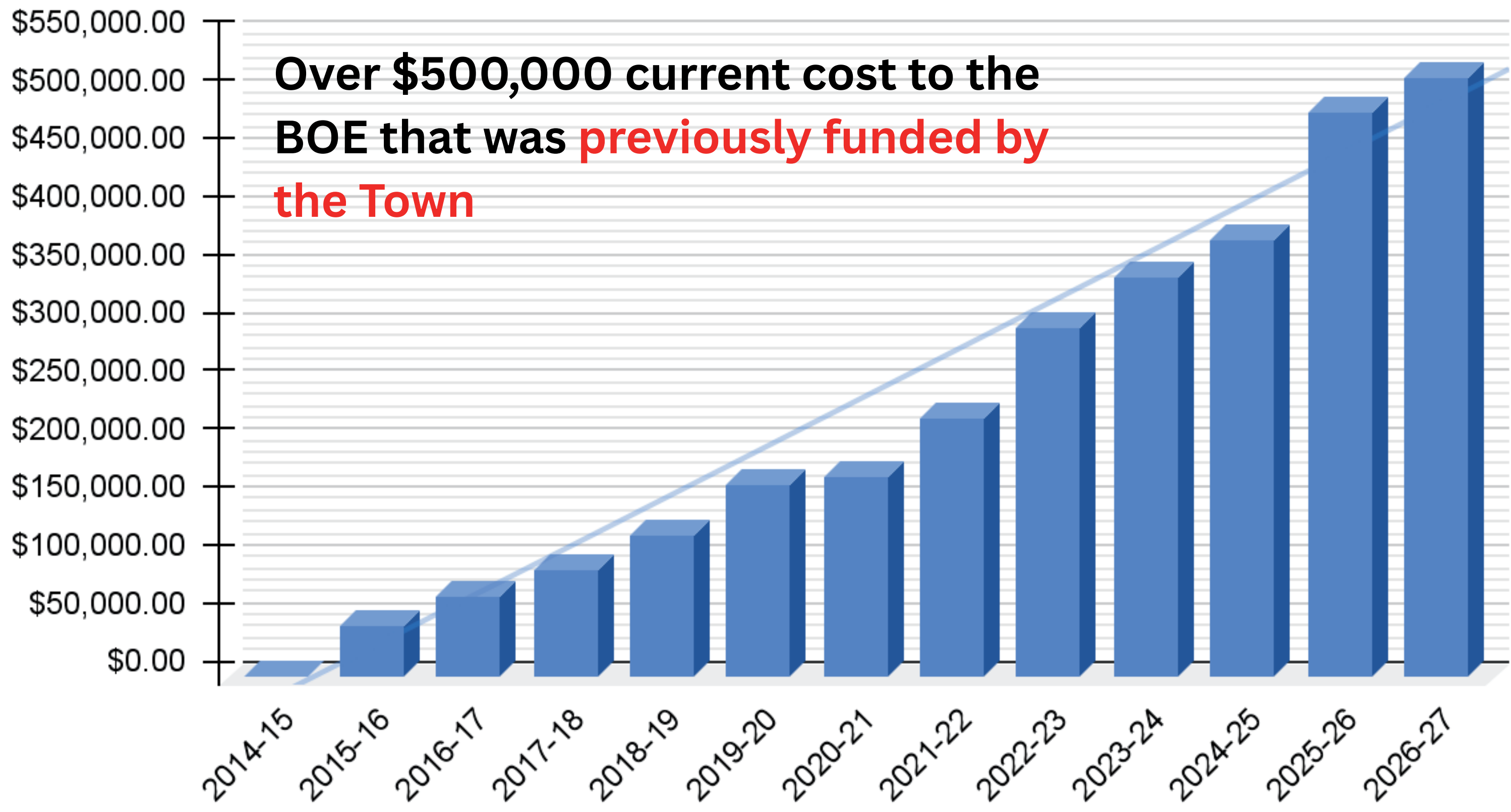
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The Board of Finance is the only Board that can increase this number!

401a Participation by Fiscal Year

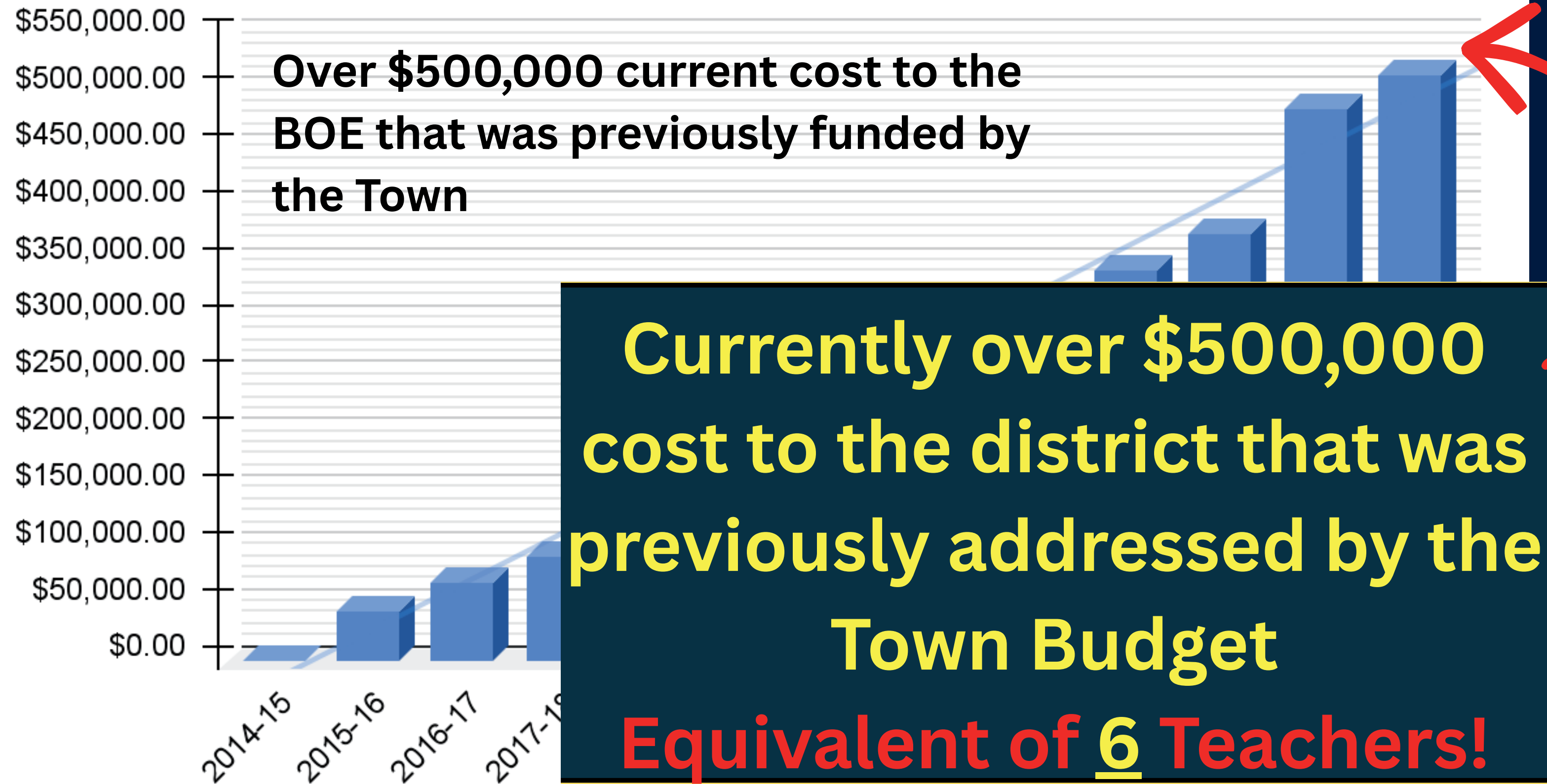


401a Expenses to BOE by Fiscal Year



Over \$500,000 current cost to the BOE that was previously funded by the Town

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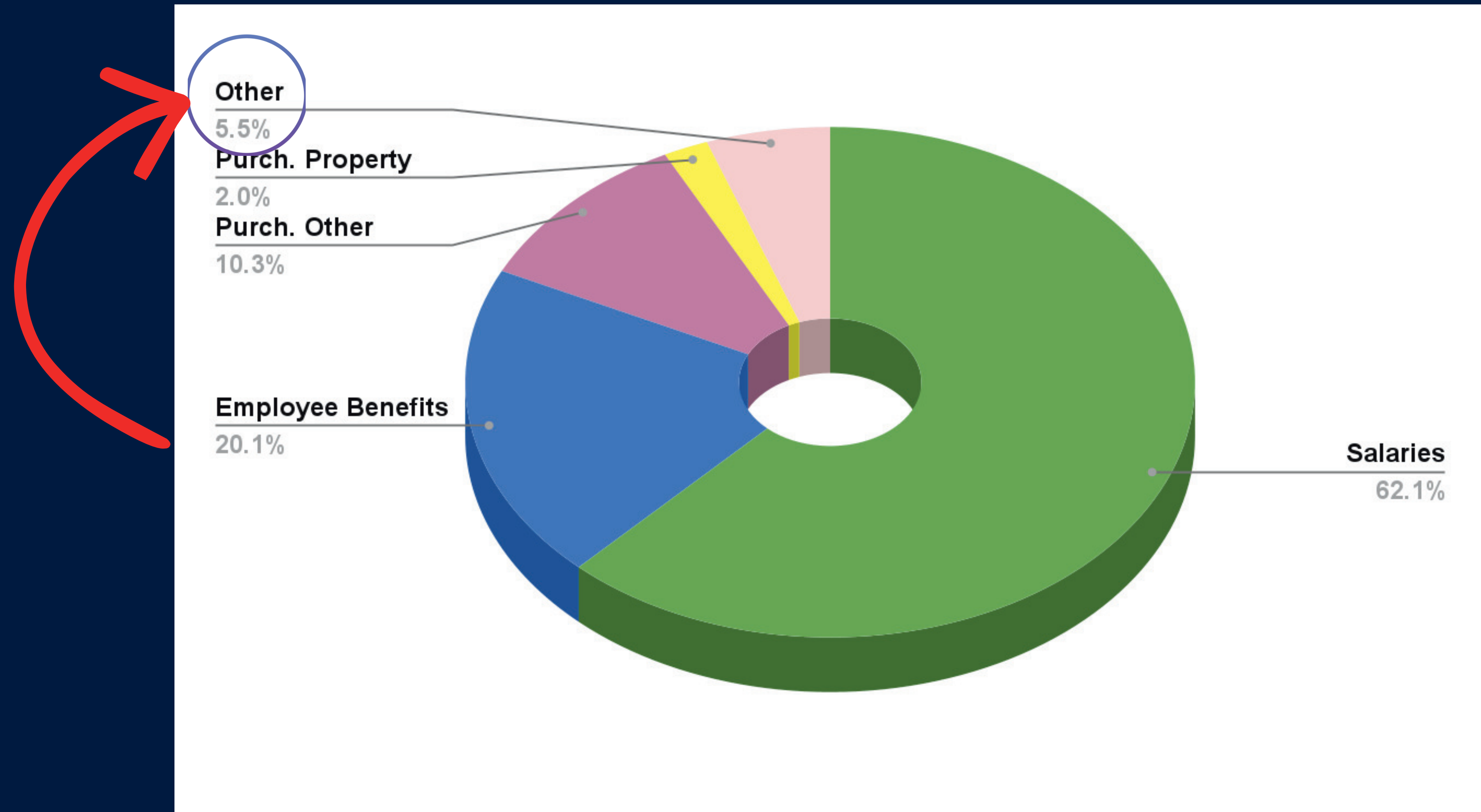




**BRING THE NON-CERTIFIED RETIREMENT EXPENSE
BACK TO THE TOWN BUDGET**

**IT WOULD REDUCE OUR REQUEST BY OVER
\$500,000**

Only **5.5%** is left ..





• Pupil Personnel Services 2026-2027

Operational Efficiencies

Balancing Special Education Priorities



- No requests for additional certified or non-certified staffing for 2026–2027 based on current actuals
- New requests for paraeducator to support remain minimal; hiring is strictly programmatic or driven by "move-in" students mandating 1:1 paraeducator support
- Prevalence Rate: Trumbull's Students with Disabilities (SWD) population is stable at 16%, notably lower than the state average of 18%



• Pupil Personnel Services 2026-2027

The Impacts of Out-of-District (OOD) Placements



Rising Expenses for Out-of-District Tuition Costs

- OOD tuitions increased an average of 8% for 2024–2025
- Tuition increases for 2026–2027 are currently anticipated at 3%
- APSEPs “a la carte” for related services, thus increasing tuition costs

Enrollment of Students in Outplacement

- 37 students currently outplaced; 37 projected for 2026–2027 (approximate)
- Based on a student’s unique needs, different state-approved special education programs need to be considered to ensure they are provided with a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)



● Pupil Personnel Services 2026-2027

Innovating to Offset Increasing Costs

Current & Prospective Initiatives

Currently, the district is engaging in the following activities to offset increasing costs of educating students with disabilities:

TPS Offers Uniquely Designed, Research-based Programming

- REACH, SRP, and ELITE provide our students with a comprehensive continuum of specially designed instruction, thus avoiding high costs associated with outplacements

The PPS Department is also:

- Enrolling students from Monroe in our REACH program
- Expanding the usage of our ELITE spaces and utilizing ecommerce to sell goods
- Utilizing Class V endorsement drivers to avoid high-cost bus routes
- Continuing to advocate for full funding of ECR and SDE monitoring of Approved Private Special Education Programs (APSEPs)

How did this happen, if our recent approved town adopted school Board of Education Budgets have been more generous than the past?



In a Cross District Budget Analysis



- Trumbull ranks in the bottom third in cumulative increases
- The rate of investment is moderate and not aligned with the rates of inflation
- Regionally costs are even higher in Fairfield County
- This means that even for bare necessities, a higher rate of investment is needed if Trumbull wants to maintain the same level of service

Town Comparisons (FY23-26) - DRG B & Fairfield County

FY2023				FY2024				FY2025				FY2026					
Town	\$ Amount	\$ Increase	% Increase	Town	\$ Amount	\$ Increase	% Increase	Town	\$ Amount	\$ Increase	% Increase	Town	\$ Amount	\$ Increase	% Increase	Town	4 YR Cumulative %
Guilford	\$65,629,734	\$6,357,697	10.73%	New Fairfield	\$46,398,038	\$3,420,286	7.96%	South Windsor	\$94,580,656	\$6,359,314	7.21%	Danbury	\$172,001,063	\$12,001,063	7.50%	Danbury	21.99%
New Canaan	\$99,052,999	\$6,469,784	6.99%	South Windsor	\$88,221,342	\$6,497,902	7.95%	Danbury	\$160,000,000	\$9,397,726	6.24%	Easton	\$20,830,787	\$1,311,980	6.72%	South Windsor	20.99%
Woodbridge	\$16,550,701	\$853,607	5.44%	District No. 15	\$85,898,835	\$5,635,821	7.02%	New Canaan	\$109,145,487	\$6,106,279	5.93%	Bethel	\$58,377,489	\$3,626,357	6.62%	New Fairfield	19.39%
Monroe	\$64,582,666	\$3,061,598	4.98%	Danbury	\$150,602,274	\$9,602,274	6.81%	Monroe	\$71,464,259	\$3,781,835	5.59%	New Fairfield	\$51,311,919	\$3,067,829	6.36%	West Hartford	17.75%
Brookfield	\$49,063,727	\$2,270,692	4.85%	Simsbury	\$81,576,437	\$5,119,652	6.70%	West Hartford	\$200,803,856	\$10,612,735	5.58%	West Hartford	\$213,351,800	\$12,547,944	6.25%	District No. 15	16.96%
South Windsor	\$81,723,440	\$3,764,596	4.83%	Easton	\$19,039,950	\$1,079,808	6.01%	Stamford	\$330,737,756	\$17,174,860	5.48%	Fairfield	\$233,040,387	\$12,818,903	5.82%	Westport	16.12%
Granby	\$34,679,754	\$1,496,248	4.51%	Cheshire	\$84,993,429	\$4,329,009	5.37%	Granby	\$38,118,521	\$1,963,230	5.43%	Woodbridge	\$18,525,855	\$911,655	5.18%	Easton	15.98%
District No. 15	\$80,263,014	\$3,351,194	4.36%	Westport	\$136,287,715	\$6,787,140	5.24%	Westport	\$143,621,615	\$7,333,900	5.38%	Newtown	\$91,744,644	\$4,335,578	4.96%	Monroe	15.67%
Fairfield	\$202,491,554	\$8,407,334	4.33%	West Hartford	\$190,191,121	\$9,004,103	4.97%	Cheshire	\$89,542,609	\$4,549,180	5.35%	Stamford	\$347,026,866	\$16,289,110	4.93%	Cheshire	15.45%
Ridgefield	\$106,600,490	\$4,340,403	4.24%	Monroe	\$67,682,424	\$3,099,758	4.80%	District No. 15	\$90,168,153	\$4,269,318	4.97%	Darien	\$125,760,223	\$5,895,748	4.92%	Simsbury	15.44%
Bethel	\$51,108,905	\$2,058,817	4.20%	Guilford	\$68,666,172	\$3,036,438	4.63%	Fairfield	\$220,221,484	\$10,058,039	4.79%	Westport	\$150,371,920	\$6,750,305	4.70%	Fairfield	15.09%
Stamford	\$304,902,409	\$11,316,263	3.85%	Granby	\$36,155,291	\$1,475,537	4.25%	Farmington	\$79,544,240	\$3,607,018	4.75%	Farmington	\$83,240,983	\$3,696,743	4.65%	New Canaan	14.89%
District No. 5	\$46,512,254	\$1,699,732	3.79%	Norwalk	\$226,850,898	\$9,001,436	4.13%	Darien	\$119,864,475	\$5,234,401	4.57%	Redding	\$26,521,323	\$1,167,701	4.61%	Bethel	14.22%
Darien	\$110,607,016	\$3,982,817	3.74%	Brookfield	\$51,058,616	\$1,994,889	4.07%	Wilton	\$93,238,159	\$4,056,467	4.55%	Guilford	\$74,383,590	\$3,261,439	4.59%	Stamford	13.82%
New Fairfield	\$42,977,752	\$1,460,438	3.52%	New Canaan	\$103,039,208	\$3,986,209	4.02%	Simsbury	\$85,217,644	\$3,641,207	4.46%	South Windsor	\$98,880,328	\$4,299,672	4.55%	Darien	13.70%
Simsbury	\$76,456,785	\$2,574,855	3.49%	Bethel	\$53,159,164	\$2,050,259	4.01%	Glastonbury	\$126,993,992	\$5,280,327	4.34%	Monroe	\$74,700,763	\$3,236,504	4.53%	Granby	13.66%
Redding	\$23,811,158	\$750,120	3.25%	Avon	\$67,221,705	\$2,509,353	3.88%	Brookfield	\$53,228,139	\$2,169,523	4.25%	Avon	\$72,806,576	\$2,992,072	4.29%	Guilford	13.34%
Trumbull	\$115,915,558	\$3,618,900	3.22%	Ridgefield	\$110,645,000	\$4,044,510	3.79%	Greenwich	\$192,623,564	\$7,737,624	4.19%	Stratford	\$132,953,937	\$5,451,212	4.28%	Brookfield	12.99%
Westport	\$129,500,675	\$3,905,993	3.11%	Fairfield	\$210,163,445	\$7,671,891	3.79%	Trumbull	\$124,530,402	\$4,789,631	4.00%	New Canaan	\$113,797,270	\$4,651,783	4.26%	Avon	12.51%
Orange	\$22,683,860	\$674,444	3.06%	Greenwich	\$184,885,940	\$6,494,200	3.64%	New Fairfield	\$48,244,090	\$1,846,052	3.98%	District No. 5	\$51,947,610	\$2,115,900	4.25%	Ridgefield	12.38%
Newtown	\$82,134,639	\$2,436,941	3.06%	Darien	\$114,630,074	\$4,023,058	3.64%	Ridgefield	\$115,041,000	\$4,396,000	3.97%	Brookfield	\$55,439,392	\$2,211,253	4.15%	Woodbridge	11.93%
Avon	\$64,712,352	\$1,893,840	3.01%	Newtown	\$85,069,651	\$2,935,012	3.57%	Avon	\$69,814,504	\$2,592,799	3.86%	Ridgefield	\$119,796,000	\$4,755,000	4.13%	Wilton	11.87%
Farmington	\$74,448,257	\$2,159,323	2.99%	Orange	\$23,447,185	\$763,325	3.37%	District No. 5	\$49,831,710	\$1,828,839	3.81%	District No. 15	\$93,873,658	\$3,705,405	4.11%	Farmington	11.81%
Glastonbury	\$118,411,728	\$3,254,396	2.83%	Trumbull	\$119,740,771	\$3,825,213	3.30%	Sherman	\$9,869,360	\$359,990	3.79%	Wilton	\$96,968,334	\$3,730,175	4.00%	Newtown	11.70%
West Hartford	\$181,187,018	\$4,880,863	2.77%	District No. 5	\$48,002,871	\$1,490,617	3.20%	Guilford	\$71,122,151	\$2,455,979	3.58%	Cheshire	\$93,124,314	\$3,581,705	4.00%	District No. 5	11.69%
Cheshire	\$80,664,420	\$2,163,368	2.76%	Redding	\$24,569,528	\$758,370	3.18%	Woodbridge	\$17,614,200	\$597,109	3.51%	Orange	\$25,214,154	\$945,661	3.90%	Trumbull	11.44%
Norwalk	\$217,849,482	\$5,660,628	2.67%	Shelton	\$77,259,538	\$2,250,000	3.00%	Orange	\$24,268,493	\$821,308	3.50%	Trumbull	\$129,177,640	\$4,647,238	3.73%	Redding	11.38%
Stratford	\$123,188,946	\$3,004,608	2.50%	Sherman	\$9,509,370	\$275,505	2.98%	Shelton	\$79,809,829	\$2,550,291	3.30%	Simsbury	\$88,261,001	\$3,043,357	3.57%	Greenwich	11.21%
Greenwich	\$178,391,740	\$4,203,497	2.41%	Wilton	\$89,181,692	\$2,503,830	2.89%	Redding	\$25,353,622	\$784,094	3.19%	Granby	\$39,418,142	\$1,299,621	3.41%	Orange	11.15%
Easton	\$56,391,183	\$1,321,093	2.40%	Stamford	\$313,562,896	\$8,660,487	2.84%	Bethel	\$54,751,132	\$1,591,968	2.99%	Glastonbury	\$130,796,615	\$3,802,623	2.99%	Glastonbury	10.46%
Easton	\$17,960,142	\$398,998	2.27%	Woodbridge	\$17,017,091	\$468,390	2.82%	Madison	\$63,786,345	\$1,784,110	2.88%	Greenwich	\$198,382,430	\$5,758,866	2.99%	Weston	8.35%
Shelton	\$75,009,538	\$1,500,000	2.04%	Glastonbury	\$121,713,665	\$3,301,937	2.79%	Norwalk	\$233,156,967	\$6,306,069	2.76%	Weston	\$61,098,689	\$1,758,988	2.96%	Stratford	7.93%
Wilton	\$86,677,862	\$1,670,647	1.97%	Weston	\$57,945,056	\$1,553,872	2.76%	Newtown	\$87,409,066	\$2,339,415	2.75%	Madison	\$64,837,672	\$1,051,327	1.65%	Shelton	7.73%
Madison	\$60,368,217	\$1,096,180	1.85%	Madison	\$62,002,235	\$1,634,018	2.71%	Easton	\$19,518,807	\$478,857	2.52%	Bridgeport	\$245,860,982	\$3,125,000	1.29%	Sherman	7.56%
Simsbury	\$141,000,000	\$1,414,844	1.01%	Farmington	\$75,937,222	\$1,488,965	2.00%	Weston	\$59,339,701	\$1,394,646	2.41%	Shelton	\$80,809,827	\$999,998	1.25%	Madison	7.40%
Bridgeport	\$237,235,977	\$2,000,000	0.85%	Stratford	\$124,902,725	\$1,713,779	1.39%	Stratford	\$127,502,725	\$2,600,000	2.08%	Sherman	\$9,931,764	\$62,404	0.63%	Norwalk	7.20%
Sherman	\$9,233,865	-\$75,956	-0.81%	Bridgeport	\$239,735,982	\$2,500,005	1.05%	Bridgeport	\$242,735,982	\$3,000,000	1.25%	Norwalk	\$233,528,844	\$371,877	0.16%	Bridgeport	3.64%

We will likely hear that the Town has increased education by \$13 MM over 4 years

Inflation Over Over 4 Years was 22%

More specifically

Below-Average Cumulative Growth: Over a four-year period, Trumbull's cumulative budget increase was 11.44%. This ranks Trumbull 26th out of 37 analyzed districts, placing it in the bottom third for long-term investment growth.

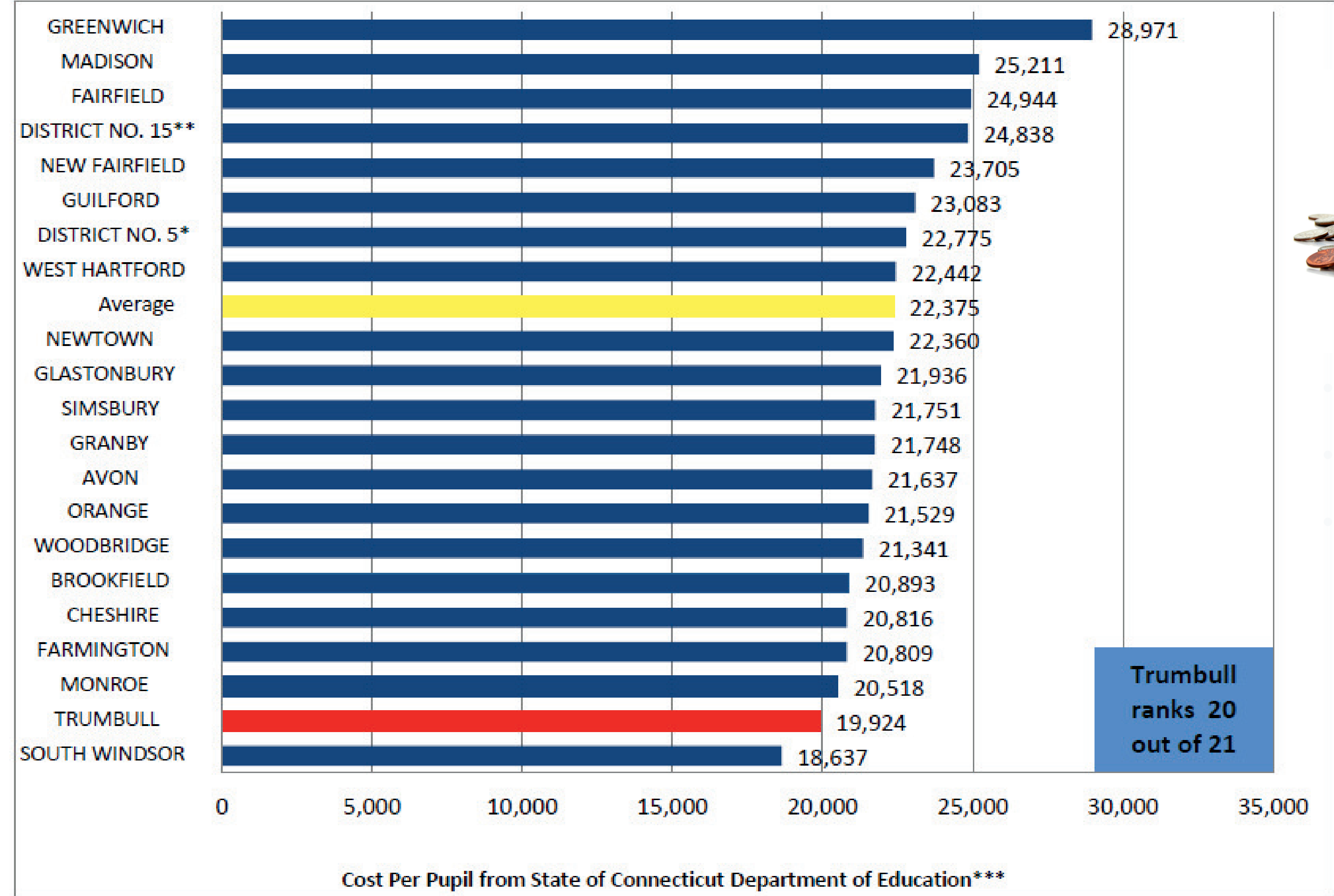
Moderate Annual Increments: Trumbull's annual increases have hovered between 3.22% and 4.00%. While these are positive adjustments, they are significantly lower than comparable districts like Monroe (15.67%), Fairfield (15.09%), Cheshire (15.45%), West Hartford (17.75%), Regional Dist #15 (16.96%)

Regional Cost Pressures: In Fairfield County and surrounding areas, neighboring districts are increasing their budgets at much higher rates to handle similar inflationary pressures. For example, Fairfield (15.09% cumulative) and New Canaan (14.89% cumulative) have invested more aggressively over the same four-year span than Trumbull.

The "Catch-Up" Necessity: Because Trumbull ranks lower in cumulative growth (11.44%) compared to many of its neighbors, the district requires current increases simply to maintain service levels and prevent falling behind districts that are investing at rates of 15% to 21%



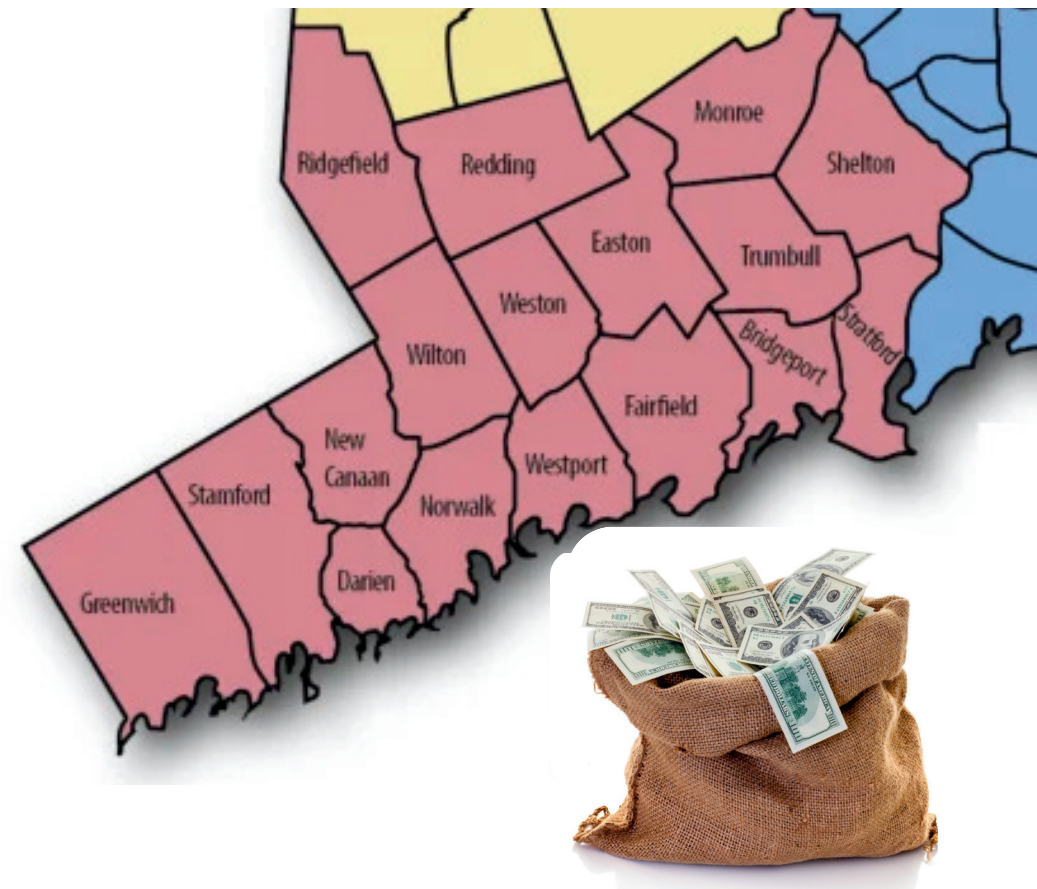
DRG B District Per Pupil Expenditures 2024-25



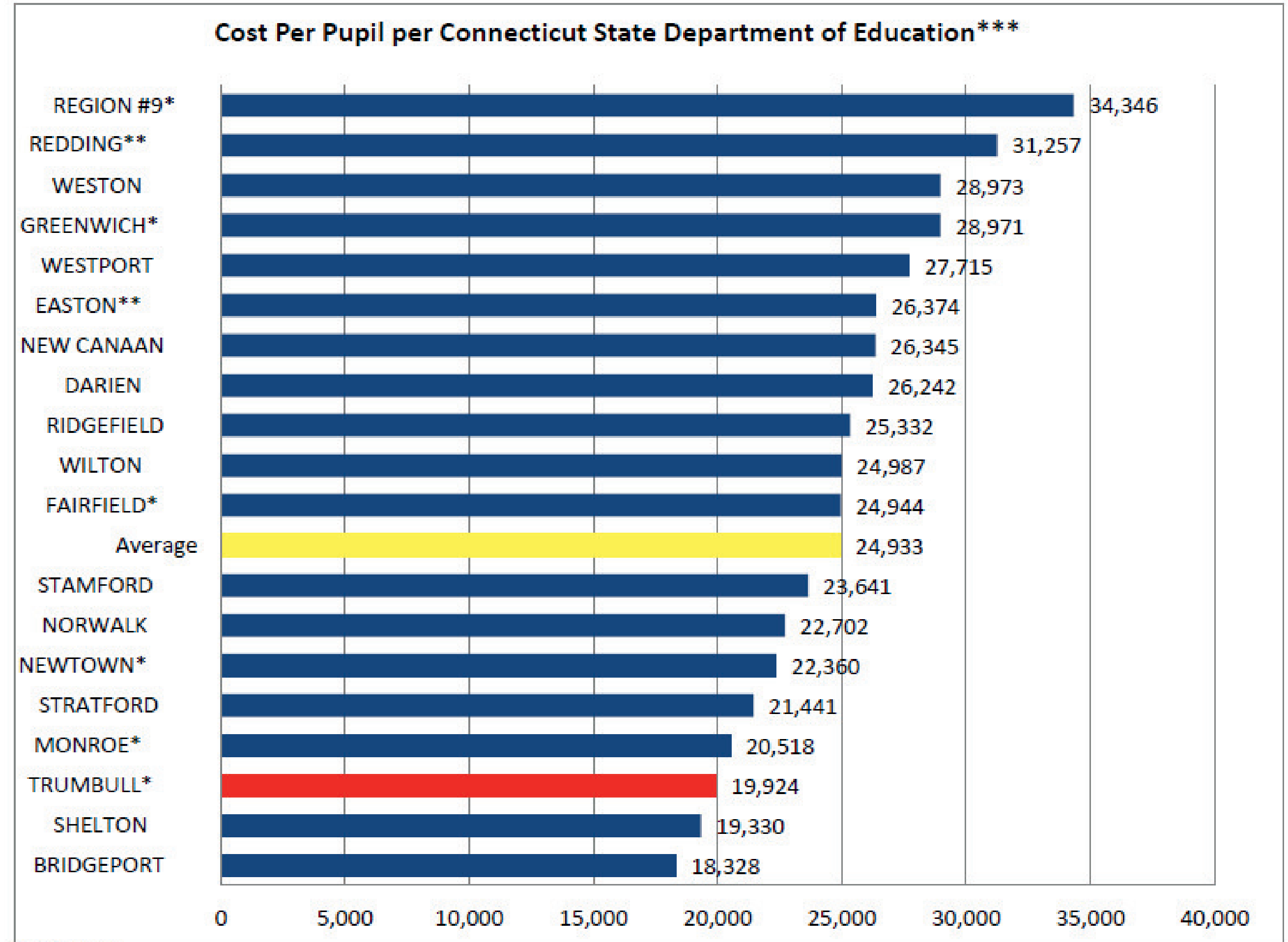
*District 5 - Orange, Bethany, Woodbridge - Grades 7 - 12
**District 15 - Southbury, Middlebury - Grades PK - 12
***Based on CT State Department of Education Bureau of Grants Management

Trumbull
ranks 20
out of 21

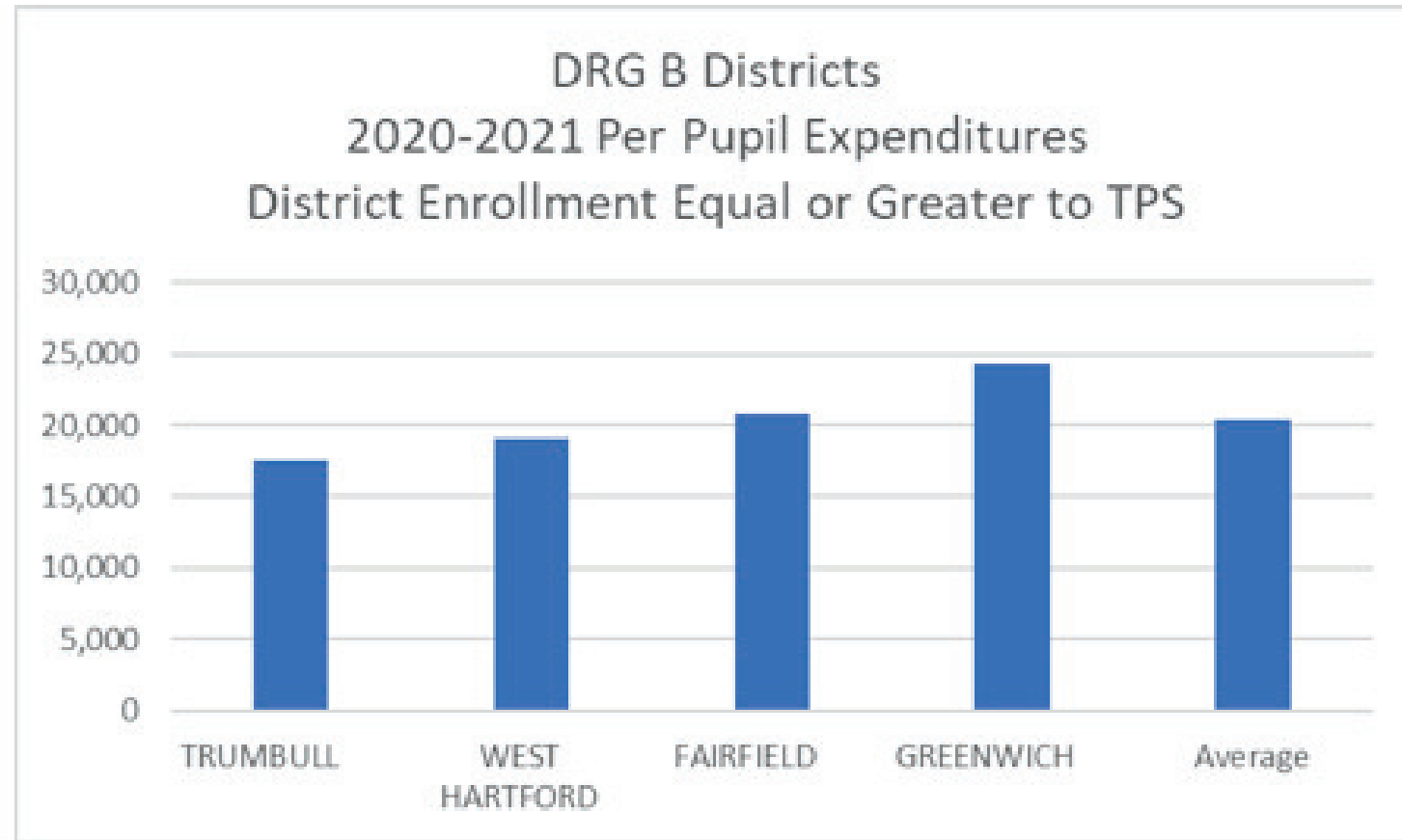
Area District Per Pupil Expenditures 2024-25



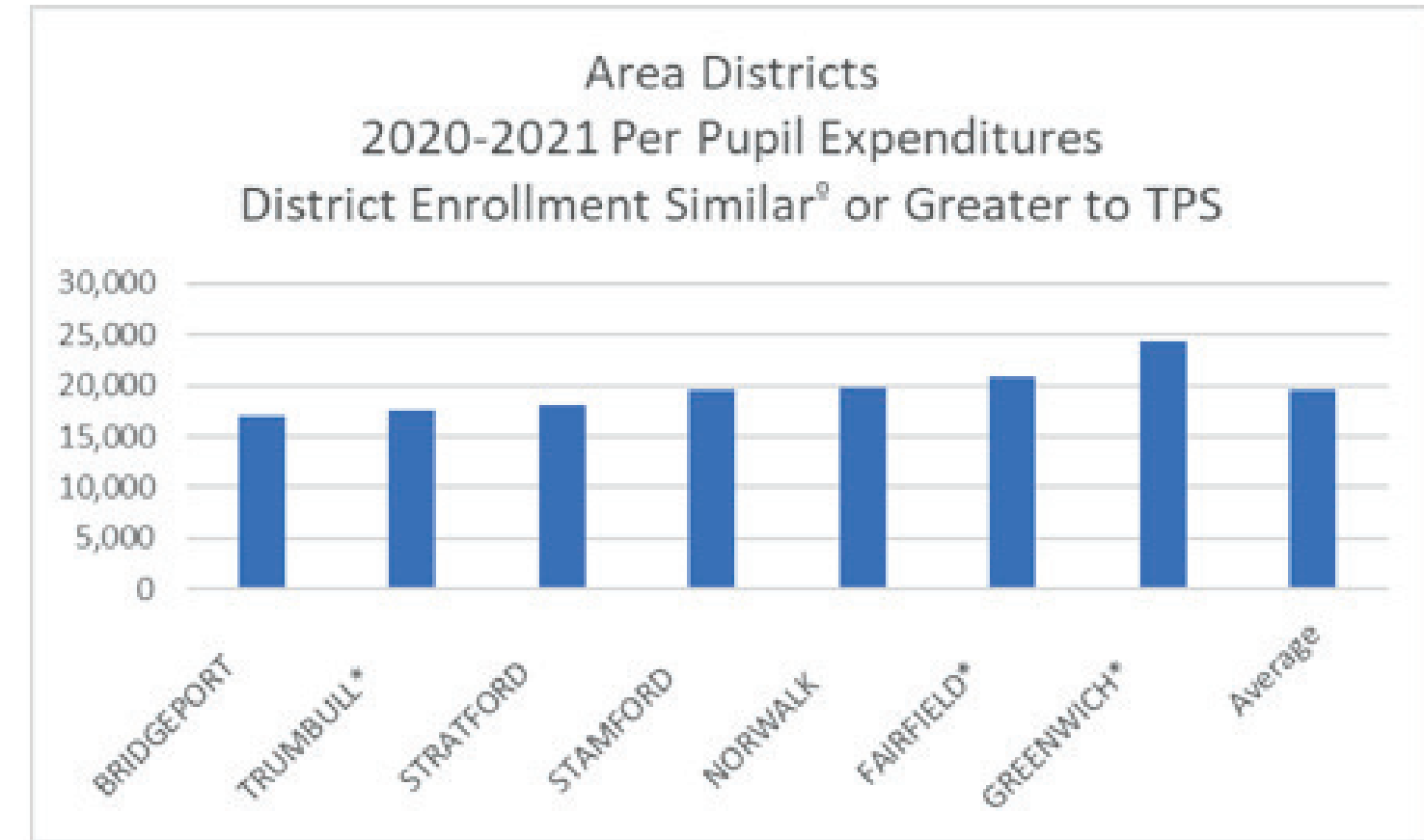
- *DRG B District
- **Easton, Redding have PK-8 schools; they regionalize for high school at Joel Barlow
- ***Based on CT State Department of Education Bureau of Grants Management



During the 2022-2023 Budget Process



Average for DRG B Districts \$20,455 Per Student
 Trumbull \$17,579 Per Student
 Difference \$2,876 Per Student
 Funding Increase to
 Achieve Average
 (Difference * Enrollment^a)



Average for Area Districts \$19,595 Per Student
 Trumbull \$17,579 Per Student
 Difference \$2,016 Per Student
 Funding Increase to
 Achieve Average
 (Difference * Enrollment^a)

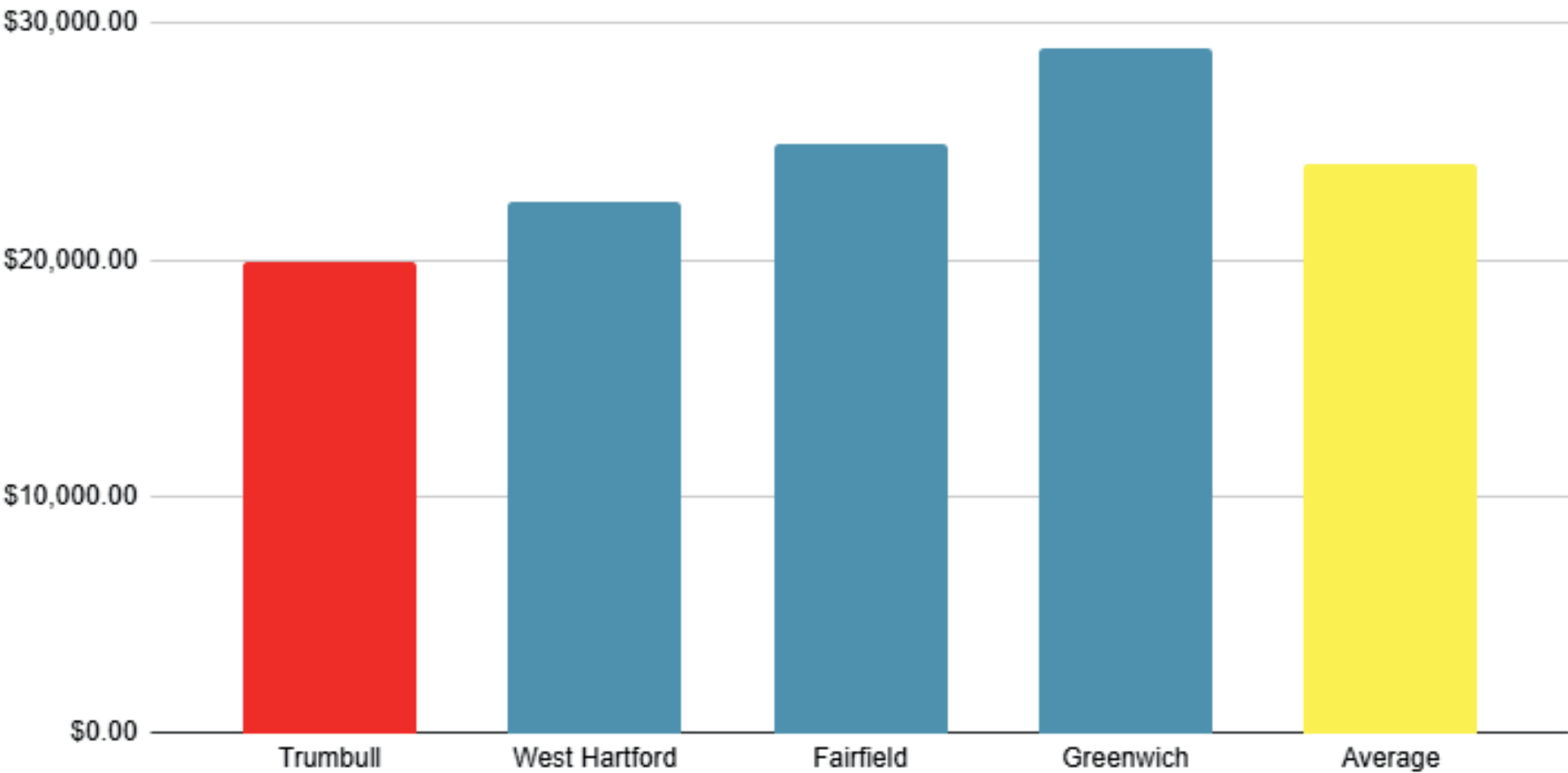


⁹ We use the term similar because Stratford has a smaller enrollment than Trumbull by about 40 students

^a For purposes of calculations we are using our Oct 1, 2021 enrollment of 6915

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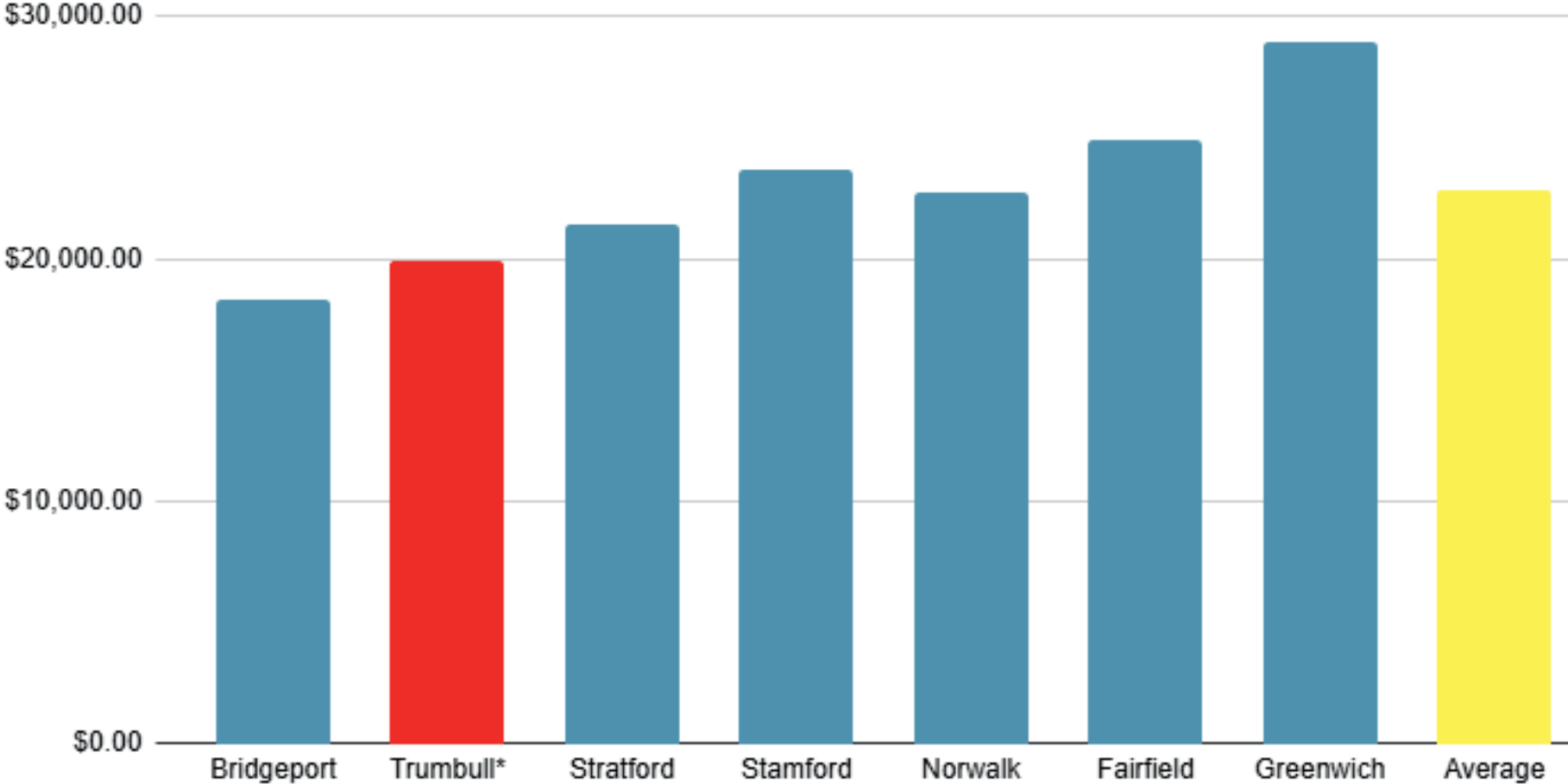
DRG B Districts-
2024-2025 Per Pupil Expenditures
District Enrollment Equal or Greater to TPS



Average for Selected DRG B Districts	\$24,070	Per Student
Trumbull	\$19,924	Per Student
Difference	\$4,146	Per Student
Funding Needed to Achieve Average!	\$28,470,582	

Updated for 25-26:
Funding Difference Now \$28 MM

Area Districts-
2024-2025 Per Pupil Expenditures
District Enrollment Equal or Greater to TPS



Average for Selected Area Districts	\$22,850	Per Student
Trumbull	\$19,924	Per Student
Difference	\$2,926	Per Student
Funding Needed to Achieve Average!	\$20,092,842	

Updated for 25-26:
Funding Difference Now \$20 MM

Board of Education Town Council Hearing

May 6, 2020

REDUCTIONS EXCEPT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

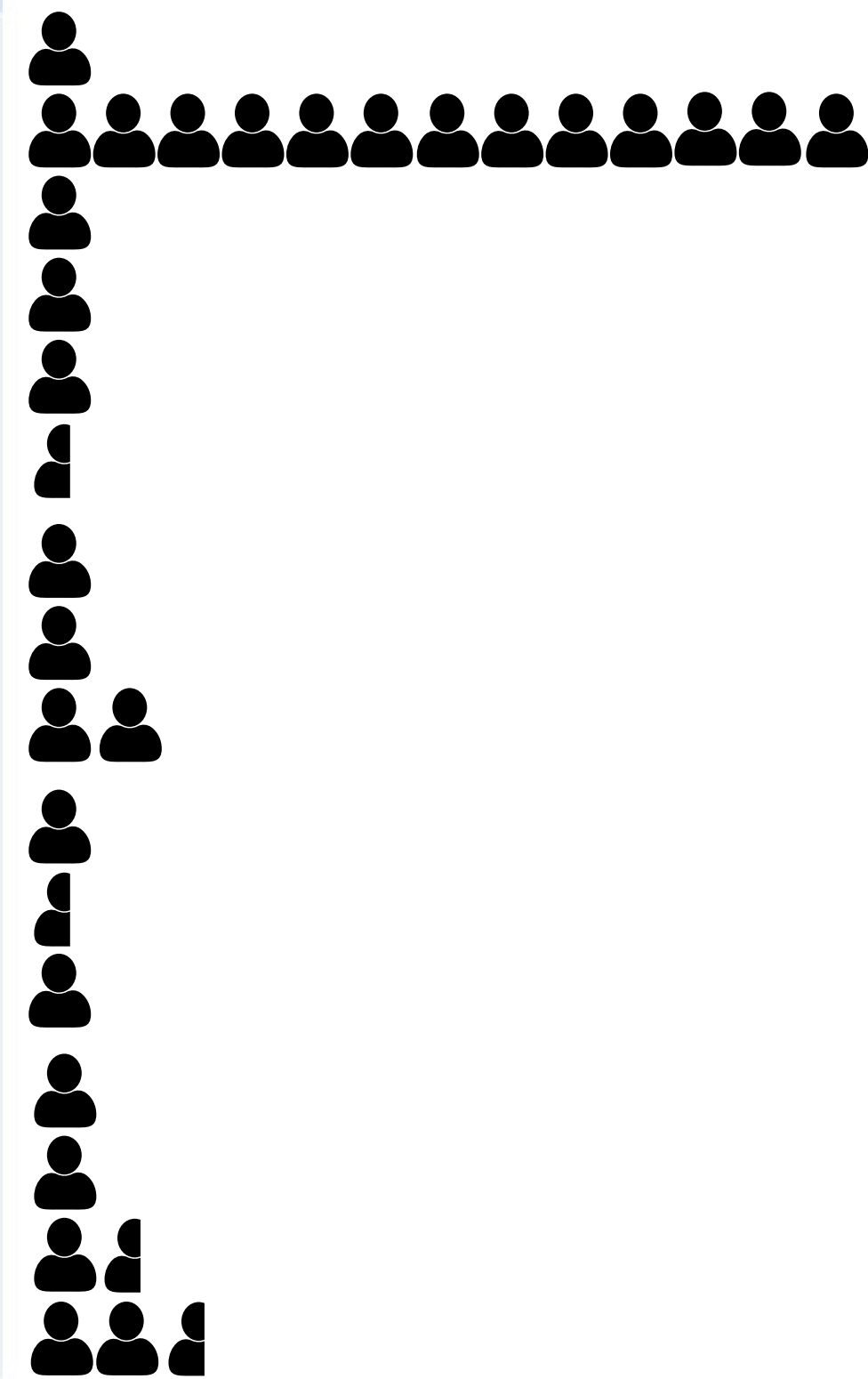
ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS	
Difference Carried from 4.56% Proposal	(\$90,000)
Elimination of Freshmen Sports	\$50,000
4.0 Custodial Reductions	\$160,000
1.0 Maintenance Reduction	\$40,000
3.0 Administrative Support (Secretaries) Reduction	\$90,000
Closing of elementary schools after 4:00 p.m.	\$20,000
Elimination of low-enrolled middle school clubs and activities	\$25,000
Elimination of low-enrolled THS clubs and activities	\$30,000
Reduction of Summer Facilities Interns	\$15,000
Reduction of PPS Testing Materials	\$15,000
Reduction of PPS Classroom Supplies	\$12,000
Reduction of 12 PPS paras	\$18,000
Elimination of 26 Kindergarten paras	\$160,000
Elimination of 6 Reading paras	\$37,500
Return K-8 STEM Coordinator to K-5 Science Program Leader	\$35,984
Postponement of PPS ELITE Facilities Renovation	\$88,000
Reduction of CILU Support Positions: Career Center, Data Services	\$16,000
Further reduction to Custodial/Security Overtime	\$10,000
Reduction of BOE Professional Services 0190 2310 53300	\$5,000
Increase Pay to Participate fee (\$185 → \$200)	TBD
TOTAL ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS	\$737,484 + TBD

Source: May 6, 2020 Meeting with Town Council

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL REDUCTIONS

ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS	
Difference Carried from 4.56% Proposal	(\$72,590) + TBD
29.6 Teaching Positions*	\$1,745,645
1.0 PreK Teacher	
13.0 K-5 Classroom Teachers	
1.0 Agriscience	
1.0 Business Education	
1.0 College Transition Counselor	
0.2 English Language Learners (ELL)	
1.0 French	
1.0 Library Media	
2.0 Mathematics	
1.0 Music	
0.7 School Psychologist	
0.8 Science	
1.0 School Social Work	
1.0 Social Studies	
1.4 Spanish	
2.5 Special Education	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS	\$1,673,055 + TBD

29.6 Teaching Positions!



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Can we continue to thrive while our population changes if underfunded?



Continuing in The Tradition of Excellence

- Consistent performance
- Shifting and meeting student needs

Category	2016-2017	2025-2026	Change Over Time
Total Enrollment	6685	6879	194 more students
Race	75.81% W 24.19% N-W	56.95% W 40.05% N-W	Increased diversity in cultures, almost 2x; curriculum resources need to reflect the students
English Learners	133	307	313 students as of today; increasing linguistic diversity impacts classrooms
Special Education	11.10%	15.34%	Increased need for specialized instruction
Meal Eligibility	483 FREE 155 REDUCED	1,141 FREE 332 REDUCED	Increased need to provide home to school connections
Data retrievable at Edsight.com <u>Enrollment</u>			

Lack of Funding will significantly impact our schools.

- The majority of our budget pays for the people working with our students on a daily basis.
- Our budget focuses on the priorities to ensure continued excellence.
- Trumbull students are achieving at high levels and opportunity gaps need to be further eliminated.
- Without this funding, **it will waste some of the planned investments that have been strategically implemented** over the last 5 years and **the impact will be significant.**

What kind of
SCHOOL DISTRICT
do you want?



What can you do now?



- Provide Public Comment to Board of Finance
 - Thursday, March 12; 7:00pm
 - Hybrid Meeting in Council Chambers
 - Priority given to those attending in person
 - Comments taken via Zoom
 - Saturday, March 21; in person 10am–12pm.
 - Town has not yet decided if they will have other modes of participation.

Can I Do Anything Else?



- Reach out to your State Elected Officials
 - Ask them to increase the Education Cost Share Grant
 - Ask them to fully fund the Excess Cost Reimbursement Grant (Special Education Reimbursement)
 - Ask them to stop adding unfunded mandates!

State Contact Info



- Governor Ned Lamont, 1-800-406-1527, 860-566-4840, Governor.Lamont@po.state.ct.us
- Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz, 860-524-7384, ltgovernor.Bysiewicz@ct.gov
- State Senator Sujata Gadkar-Wilcox (22nd district), 860-240-0425, Sujata.gadkar-wilcox@cga.ct.gov, gadkarwilcox@senatedems.ct.gov
- State Representative David Rutigliano (123rd district), 860-240-8700, David.Rutigliano@housegop.ct.gov
- State Representative Sarah Keitt (134th district), 860-240-8585, Sarah.Keitt@cga.ct.gov
- State Representative Ben McGorty (122nd district), 860-240-8757, Ben.McGorty@housegop.ct.gov
- State Representative Tony Scott (112th district), 800-842-1423, 860-240-8700, Tony.Scott@housegop.ct.gov

Board of Education Adopted 2026-2027 Budget



\$137,773,114

Year to Year increase of \$8,595,475

6.65%



THANK YOU!