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FPS BUDGET FORECAST

MARCH 2026

GOALS:

- Review basics of school funding in Washington state
- Share FPS' current financial outlook
- Share FPS' future budget forecast and path forward


LEVY 2026
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FPS BUDGET 101: REVENUE



STATE

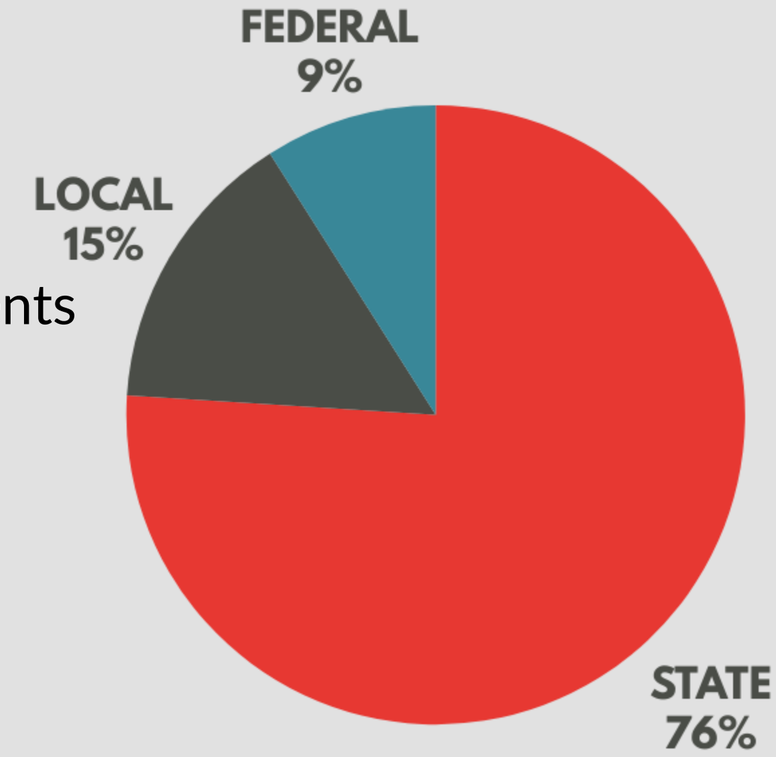


LOCAL



FEDERAL

2025-2026 REVENUE



STATE: Prototypical school model based on school enrollments to pay for some, but not all staff positions.

LOCAL: Education Program and Operations Levy to fund additional positions.

FEDERAL: Title programs and federal grants to provide student supports.

K12 STATE INVESTMENT HISTORY

WASHINGTON STATE CONSTITUTION-ARTICLE IX SECTION 1



It is the paramount duty of the state to make ample provision for the education of all children residing within its borders, without distinction or preference on account of race, color, caste, or sex (1865).

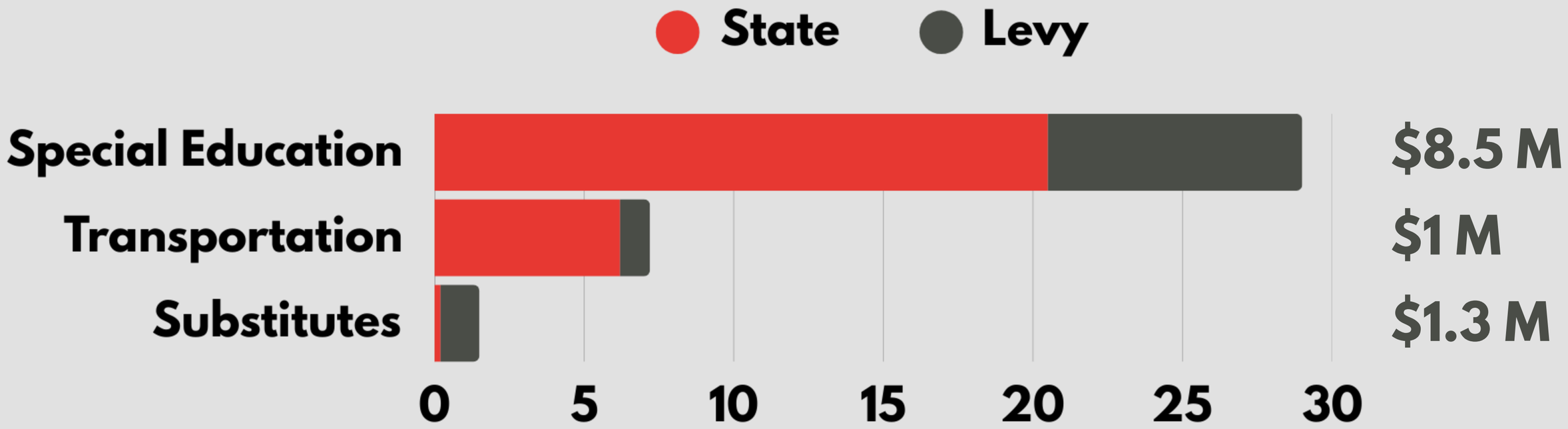
52 % of state budget toward K12 in 2019

42 % of state budget toward K12 in 2026

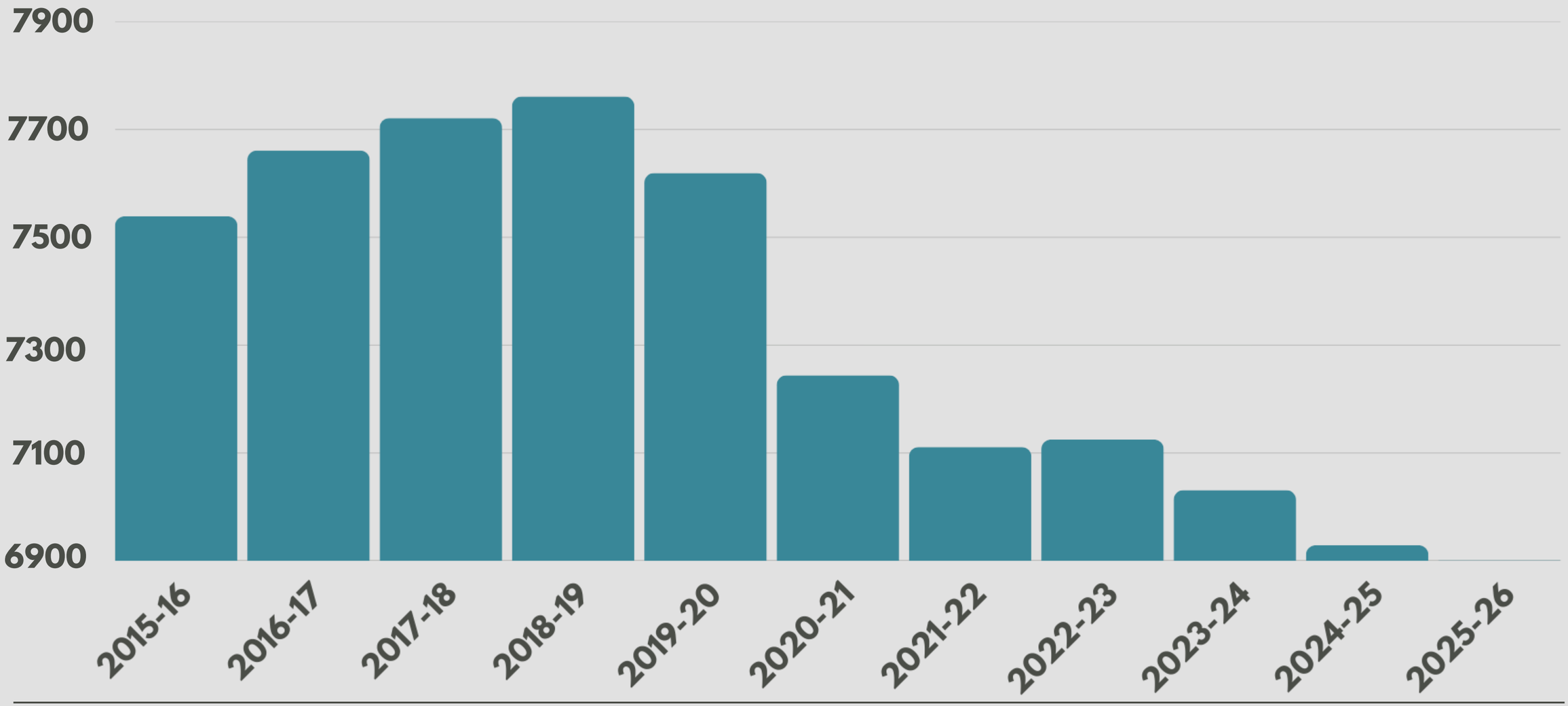
FPS STATE ALLOCATION



2025-26
State vs. FPS Funding Gaps



FPS Enrollment History



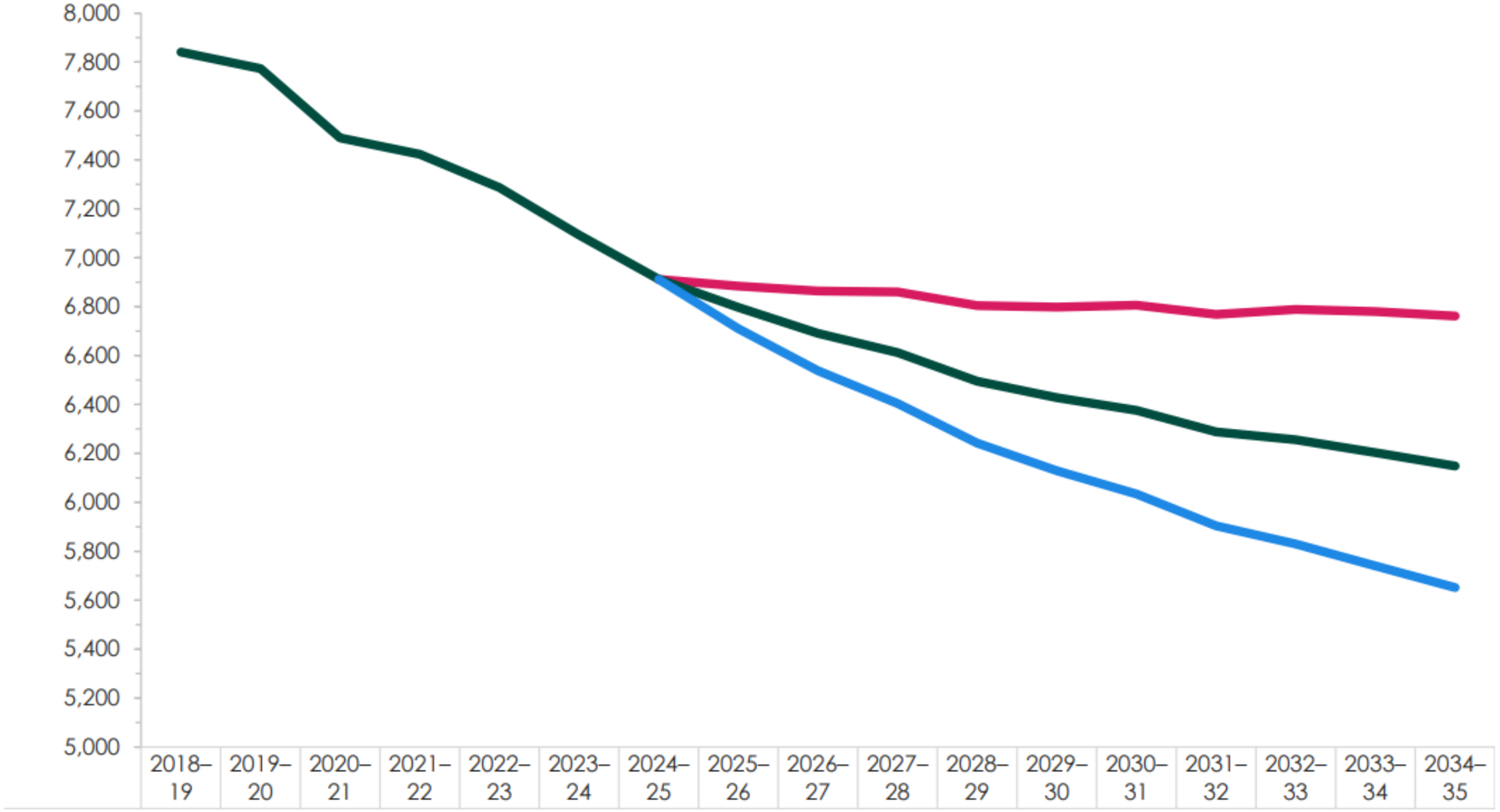
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FPS Enrollment Projections

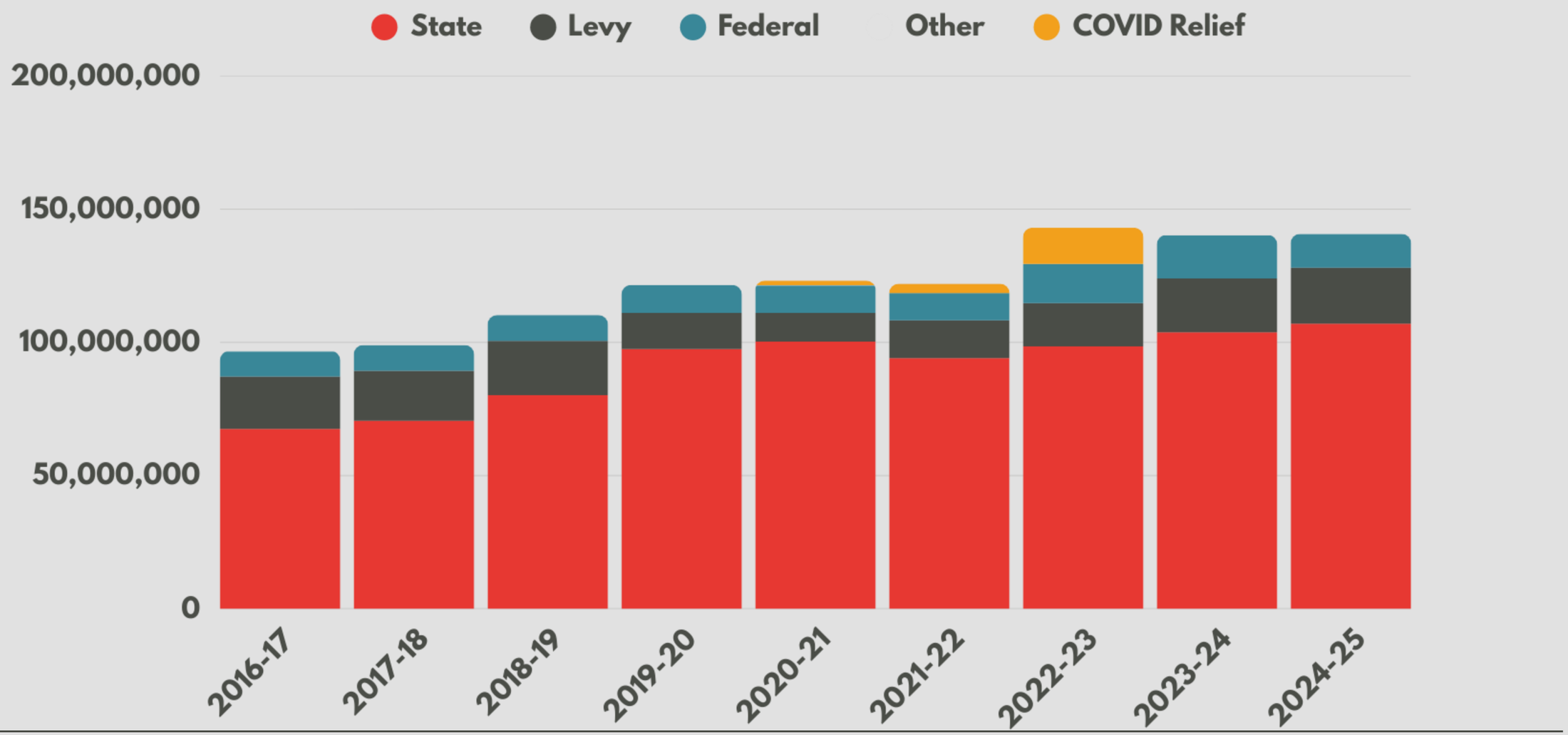
FLO Analytics Sources:

- Census data
- Birth data
- Population estimates and forecasts
- FPS enrollment data
- Land use permits and spatial data
- Property characteristics

Figure 18: District-wide Enrollment Forecasts – Low, Middle, and High Scenarios



Funding


State
Levy
Federal
Other
COVID Relief
200,000,000
150,000,000
100,000,000
50,000,000
0
2016-17
2017-18
2018-19
2019-20
2020-21
2021-22
2022-23
2023-24
2024-25

Unique FPS Factors

1. **Regionalization:**

   The state allocation is multiplied by a regionalization formula based on cost of living. Franklin Pierce and Bethel are at 1.06. Tacoma, Puyallup and Clover Park are at 1.12.

2. **Property Values:**

   Lower property values in our community limit the amount of revenue we can generate from levies.

3. **Birth Rates:**

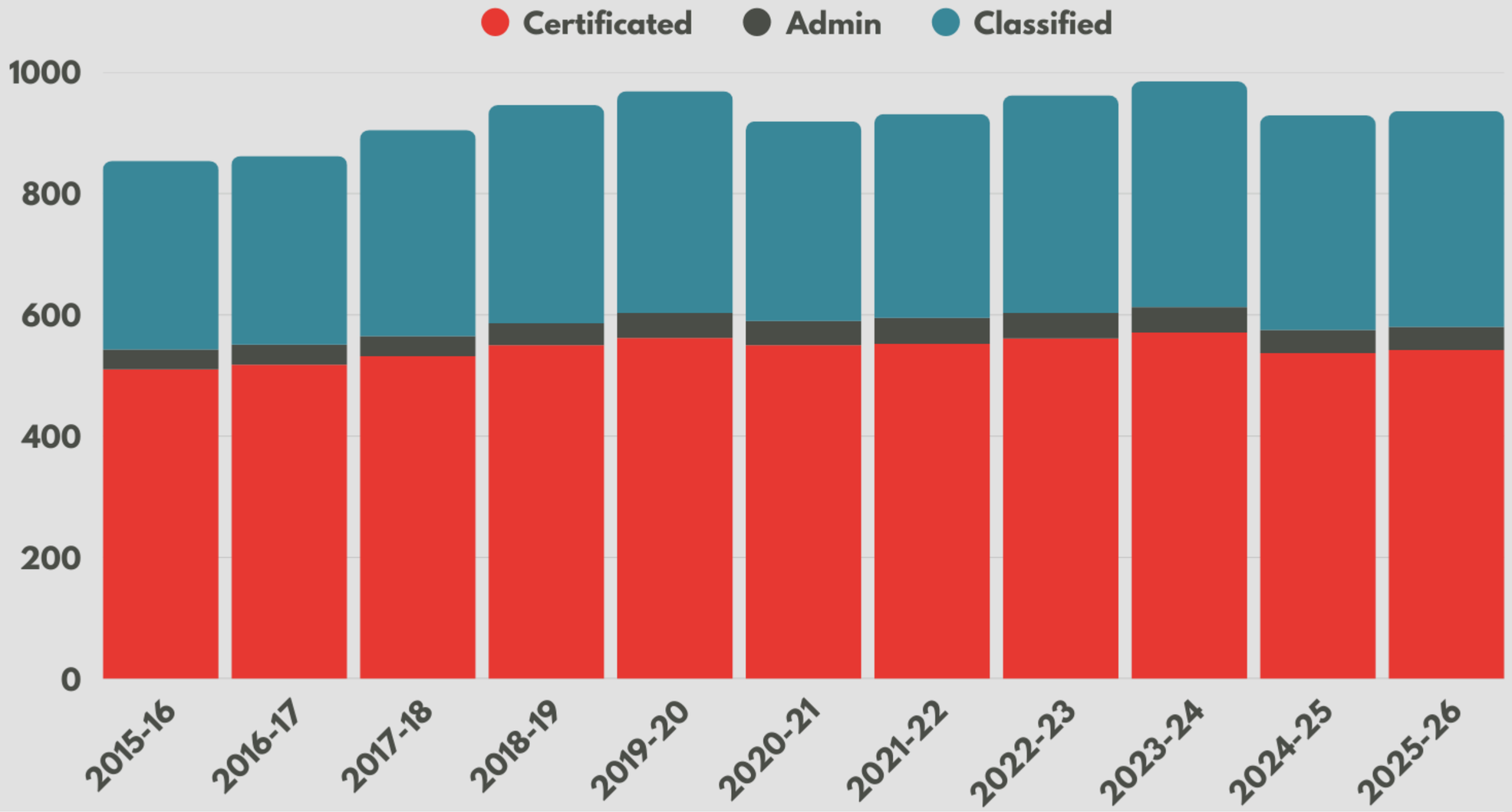
   Parkland and Midland have experienced declining birthrates over the past seven years.

Staff (FTE)

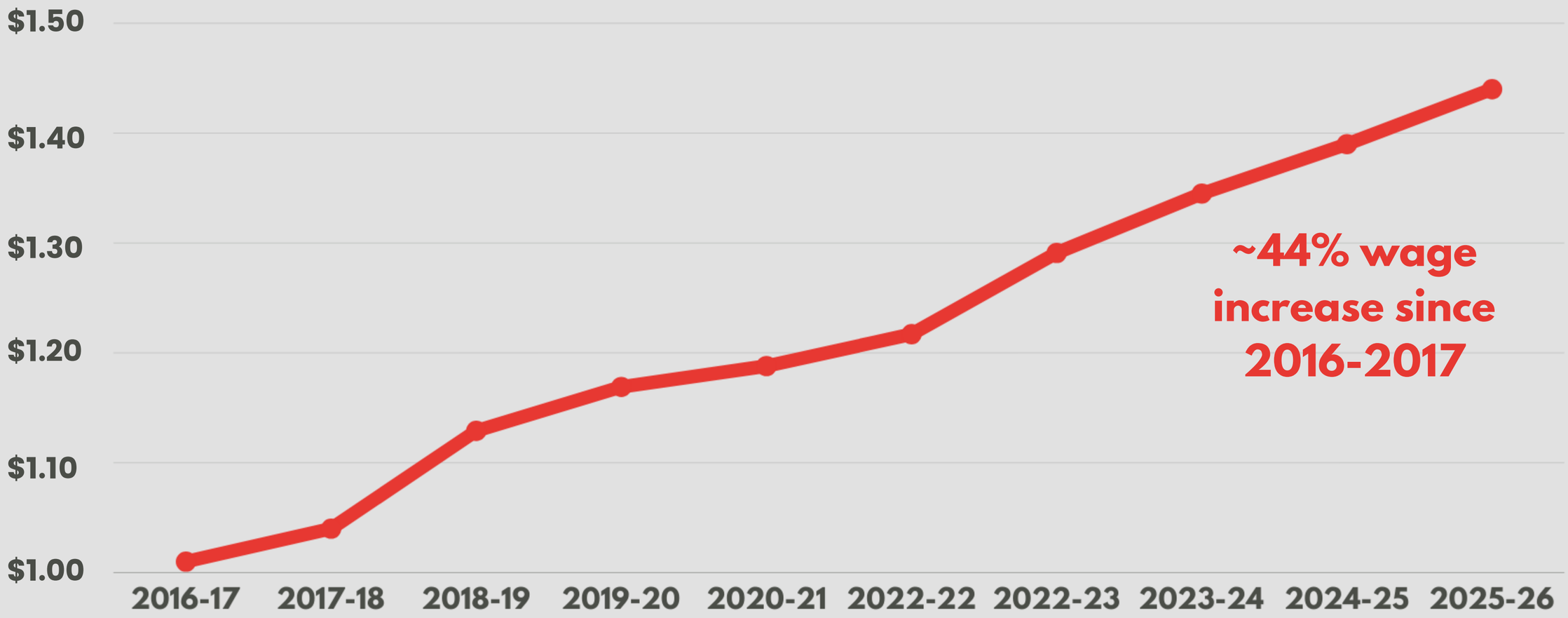
People are the biggest and best investment

Staff FTE

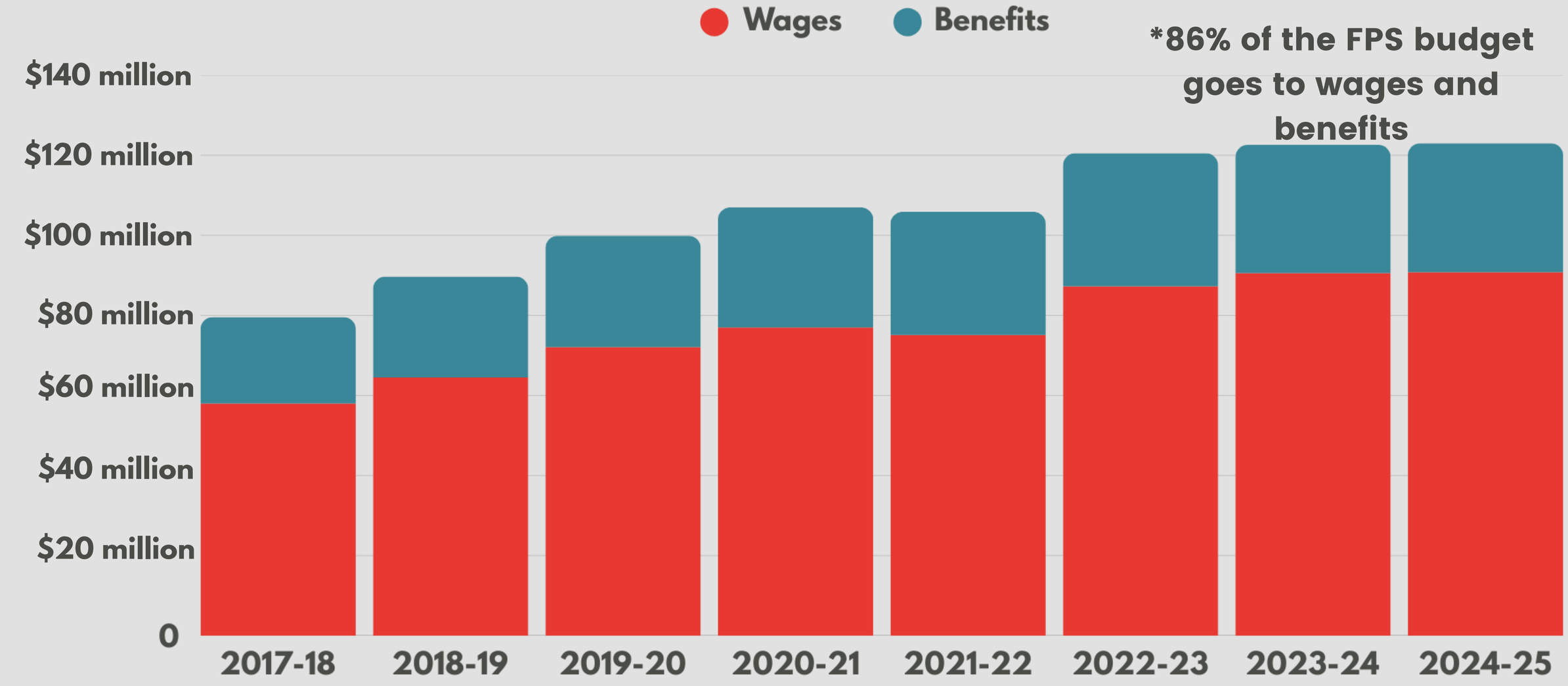
Classified
Administrator
Certificated



Wage Average

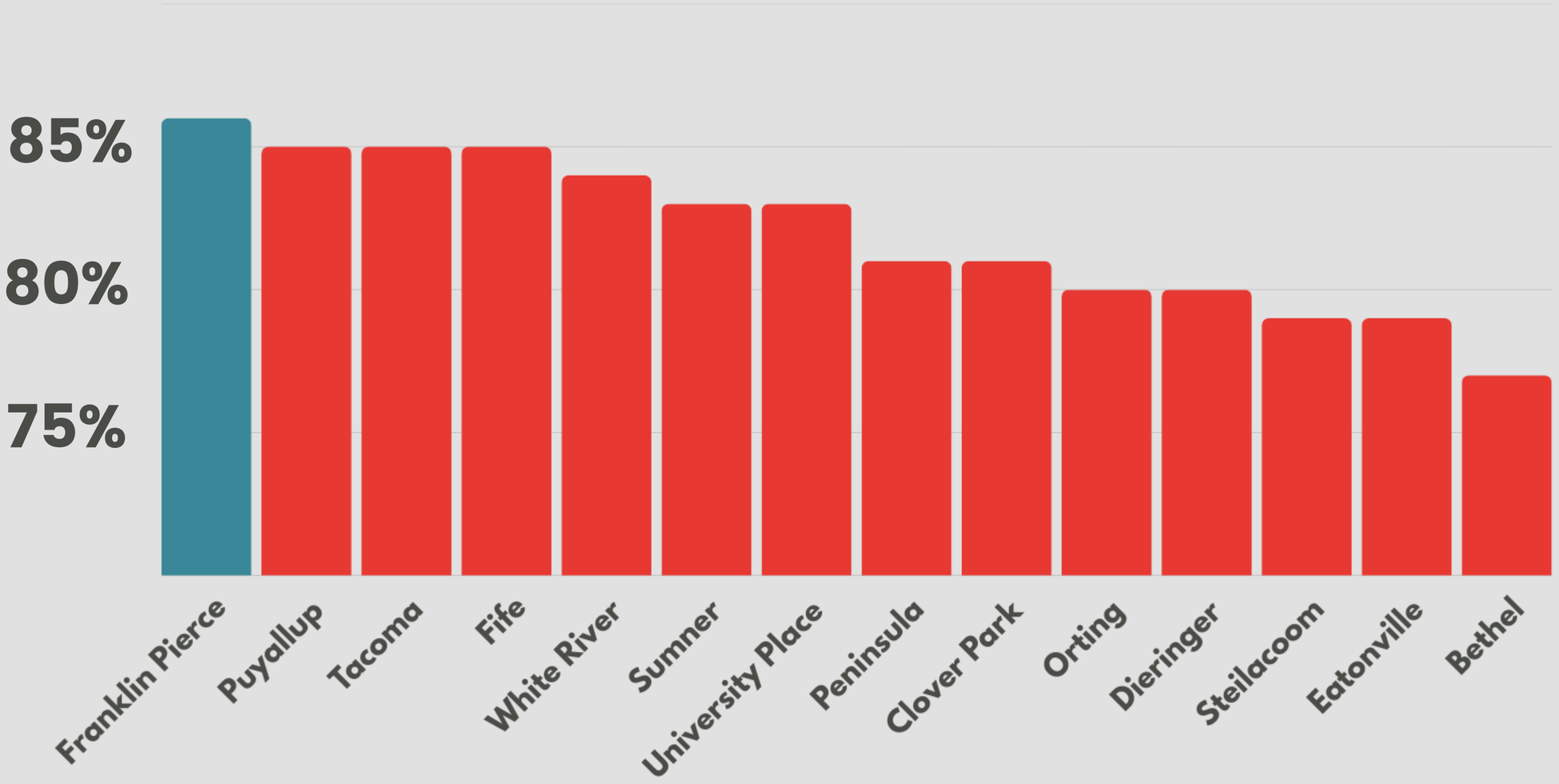


Staff Wages and Benefits

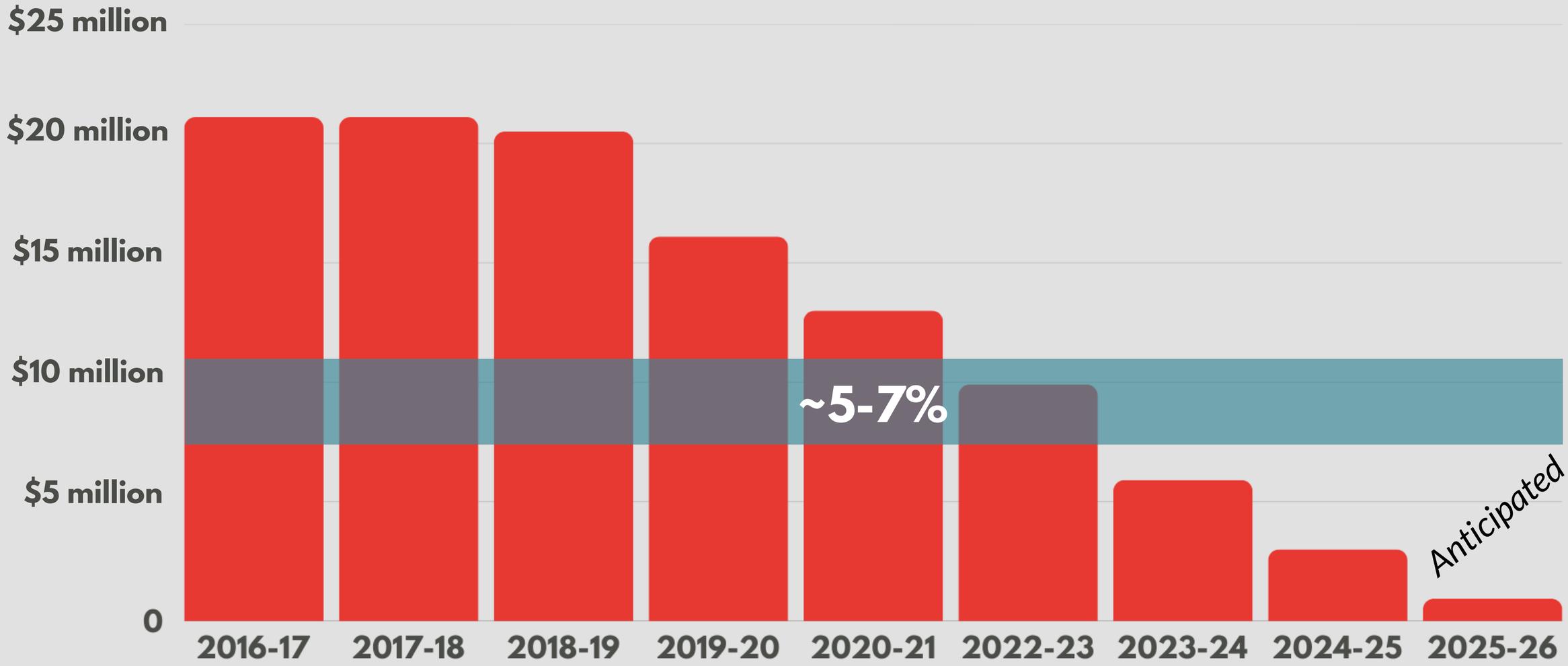


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Pierce County Salary %



Ending Fund Balance



Historic Budget Reductions (4 years)

- 40 Certificated Positions
- 27 Classified Positions
- 6 District Admin Positions
- 2 School Admin Positions
- Maintenance and Operations Projects
- Software/Online Curriculum Contracts
- School Resource Officer Contract
- Food & Travel
- Materials, Supplies and Operations Costs

Future Reductions

Target Reduction $7M

Why?

- Lower Enrollment
- Wage/Benefit Increase over Time
- Materials Supplies and Operating Costs Increase
- Must Increase Fund Balance

Future Reductions

Target Reduction $7M

How?

- District and school administrators
- District-level support staff
- School-level enrollment-based reductions

**Reductions informed by WASA, PSESD, OSPI*

Timeline

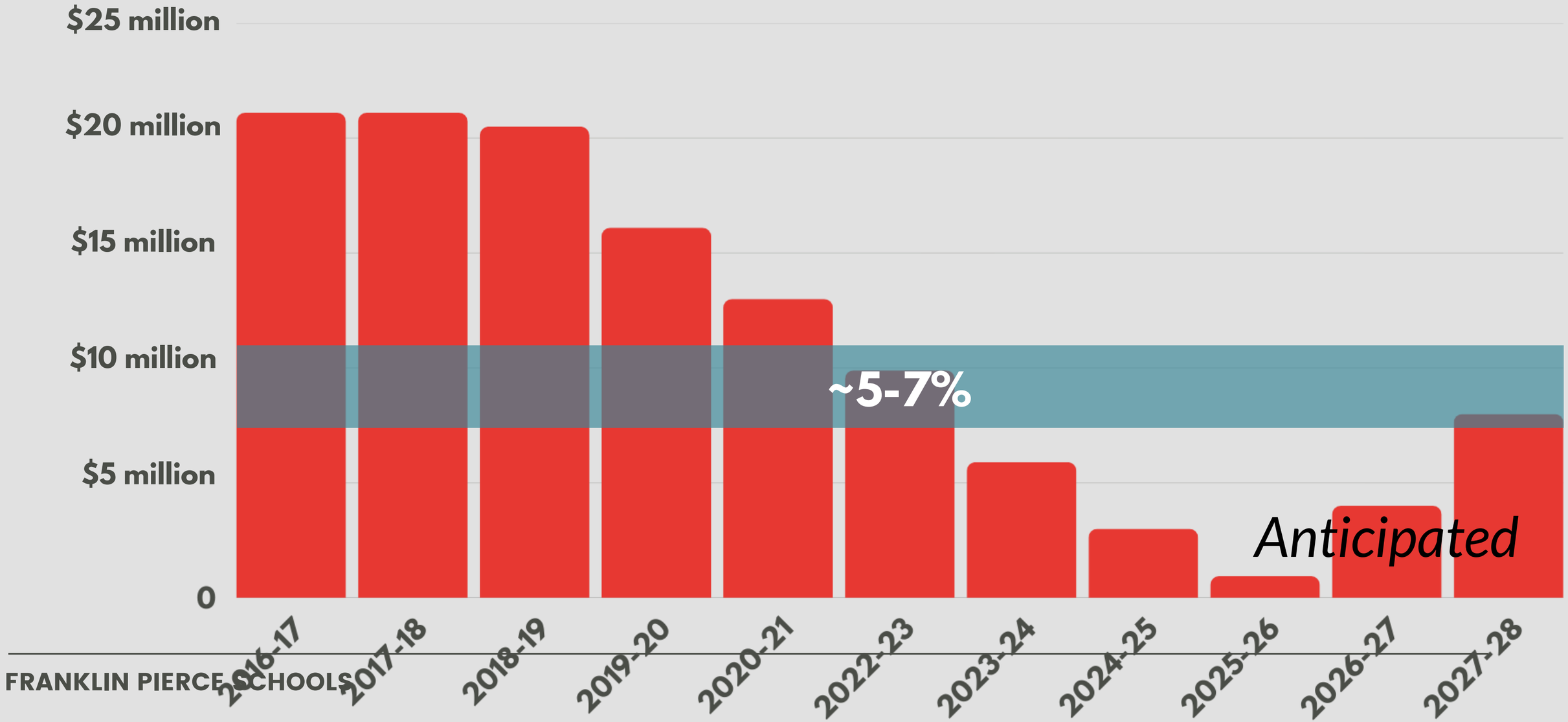
March 2026

- Intent to return letters – March 15
- Department and school staffing meetings
- # of reductions by location by end of March
- Share with association leads
- Communicate results broadly

April 2026

- Early notification incentive
- Notification in April of RIFs and involuntary transfers

Future Fund Balance



The way forward...

- Increase ending fund balance to 5-7%
- Adapting to the changes
  - Impacts will be felt
  - Work with BLTs, dept leads, etc. to move forward
- Collaborate with districts, associations and legislators to change prototypical school model
- Decrease reliance on EPO levy for basic education

Q&A

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