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FY27 Budget Finalization Meeting

HARPER ARCHER ELEMENTARY
EST. 2019

Agenda

I. **Action Items**
   - A. **Approval of Agenda**
   - B. **Approval of Previous Minutes**
   - C. **Final Budget Recommendation**

II. **Discussion Items**
   - A. **Presentation of the final budget recommendation**
     - i. **ACTION ITEM: GO Team vote on Budget**

III. **Information Items**
   - **A. Principal's Report**
   - **B. CAT Meeting Report**

IV. **Announcements**

V. **Public Comment** *(if applicable)*

Previous Mintues

Harper Archer Elementary School

Date: February 10, 2026

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

I. **Call to order:** 4:23 p.m.

II. **Roll Call**

Role	Name *(or Vacant)*	Present or Absent
Principal	Crystal January	Present
Parent/Guardian	Janenin Collins	Absent
Parent/Guardian	April Waits	Present
Parent/Guardian	Bernikka Elder	Present
Instructional Staff	Tabetha Barker	Present
Instructional Staff	Medalana Smith	Present
Instructional Staff	Satin Booker	Present
Community Member	Cynthia Culbreath	Absent
Community Member	Cynthia Jewell	Present
Swing Seat	Cheryl Jackson	Present
Non-Voting Member	Matthew Graves	—-------
Student *(High Schools)*		

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Quorum Established: Yes

III. Action Items

A. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by: Cynthia Jewell ; Seconded by: Medalana Smith

Members Approving: 7

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion Pass

B. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Motion made by: Satin Booker ; Seconded by: Cynthia Jewell

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IV. Discussion Items

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Dr. January went into the breakdown of the strategic use of resources. She highlighted these points:

- We do intend to fund a minimum of 27 core teachers
- There is a deficit of $677,402 in the budget
- The district recommends staffing 5.50 EIP teachers but we have 7.50

Dr. January reviewed the FY27 staffing proposal and the use of school-level flexibility. She highlighted these points:

- We have nonstaffing funding that has been allocated but funding would not be released until FTE is met
- Our current leveling reserve is $117,901; all of which has been allocated to include custodian overtime, field trips, SRO, substitute teachers, and stipends

Dr. January opened the floor for questions.
Ms. Elder referenced the KIPP closings and asked if that would bring a change to our budget outside of the reserve. Dr. January responded and said that she would leave those financial questions to the district and that we also can not consider any funding that is not currently present. Mrs. Jewell said that was a great question, but that topic would not impact the work for today because we cant count students until they are enrolled.

Ms. Smith asked what is the difference in comparison to this year? Dr. January said the differences are what is listed in parenthesis.

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Mrs. Jewell asked, when we see and/or say recommendation is it the school or district recommendation? Dr. January said it is the district baseline. Ms. Jewell asked, so currently we are $677,402 in the red. The district is saying we can do the job with the one amount but we are functioning at a different amount? Will we get into that conversation? Dr. January responded, whats listed now gets to zero but of course the budget wont reflect that until its approved.

Ms. Elder asked, we have 7.50 EIP teacher? Dr. January responded, yes, the district recommends 5.50 but we have 7.50 to help teacher support instruction. Ms. Elder asked, how many teachers do out teachers have? Dr. January responded, it can be 20-23 based on the grade level. Elder stated that she brought her son from a suburban school with about 8 kids per class, and asked what about making the class size smaller for the teachers. 20-25 students is a lot when not every class has EIP support, that is distracting and takes away from the instruction. Dr. January replied, the hope is that we can have more EIP support. Currently we staff more than other schools and the district's recommendation. Ms. Elder asked, what if we reduce the EIP and add a teacher back to help reduce the class size. Dr. January responded, that wont impact the dollar amount but it could be impacted based on what the position is not the dollar amount.

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Ms. Smith shared that there appears to be some current positions that are not funded. She asked, what is the difference in the social worker position because it says we are recommended to have 1 but it staffed as .5? Dr. January shared that we still have the social worker but we would share them with another school. Smith asked if Dr. January could talk more about that. Dr. January said we want to have these resources as available as possible but with a $677,402 deficit, the position is not going away, the financial responsibility is being shared with another school.

Dr. January asked if there was any other position the team wanted to know about. Ms.Smith said yes, the paraprofessionals for kindergarten. Dr. January said they are still funded just now it would be through turnaround funding. Ms. Smith then asked about the behavior specialist position. Dr. January confirmed that the behavior specialist position would not be funded for the upcoming school year. Ms. Elder asked, so does that mean there wont be one to support behavior? Dr. January responded we will have to use multiple something elses to support behavior. We have 2 counselors, a social worker, MTSS specialist and people on the behavioral team. In order to sustain this position we would have to slice more teachers.

Ms. Smith asked about the media specialist position. Dr. January stated that there is no change to that position and because the media specialist teaches its allocated as .5 and .5.

Dr. January shared that this was the draft budget for FY27 and turned the voting over to Ms. Barker.

Ms.Barker asked for a motion to approve the draft budget.
Motion made by: Bernika Elder **Seconded by:** Cynthia Jewell
Members Approving: 6
Members Opposing: 0
Members Abstaining: 1
Motion Pass

i. ACTION ITEM: GO Team vote on Draft Budget (***AFTER*** presentation and discussion)

V. Information Items

A. Principal's Report

Dr. January shared updates on the following items:

- College and Career Week
- Counselors Appreciation Week
- Black History Month Celebrations: our dancers performed at the district Black History program
- In House Field Trip
- Books and Badges
- Spelman Robotics
- Testing: ACCESS, Write Score, NAEP
- APTT: there will a date in March
- GMAS Pep Rally
- APS Tech Competition

B. Committee Reports

C. Cluster Advisory Report

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VI. Announcements

Ms. Barker reminded the team to complete the mandatory budget training. She shared that GO team declarations are now open until the end of the month.

Ms. Elder asked for clarity on the length of GO Team members terms. Ms. Barker shared that you can only hold titles/positions for 2 years, but you can remain on the team in a different role.

VII. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion made by: Medalana Smith Seconded by: Bernikka Elder

Members Approving: 7

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion Pass

ADJOURNED AT 5:54p.m.

Minutes Taken By: Satin Booker

Position: Go Team Secretary

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This is a meeting of the GO Team. Only members of the team may participate in the discussion. Any members of the public present are here to quietly observe.



We will follow the agenda as noticed to the public and stay on task.

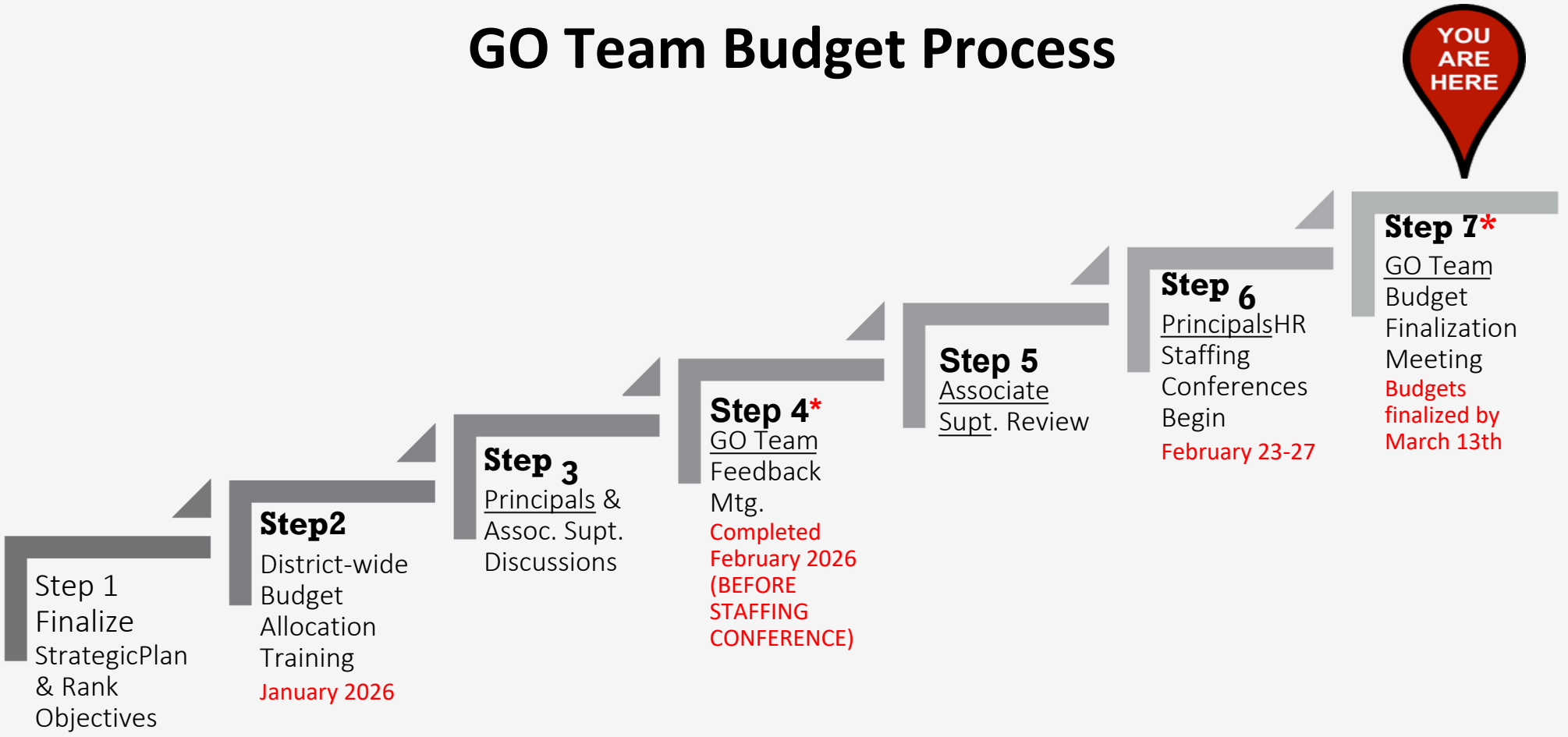


We invite and welcome contributions of every member and listen to each other.



We will respect all ideas and assume good intentions.

Overview of FY 27
GO Team Budget Process



GO Teams are encouraged to have ongoing conversations

* GO Teams will need to take **ACTION** on the budget at these meetings.

Budget Finalization Meeting

What

- During this meeting GO Teams will review budget updates based on feedback from the Cluster Superintendent and key leaders. After review, GO Teams will **take action** (i.e., vote) on the FY27 Budget.

Why

- Principals will present the final budget updates for GO Team approval.

When

- March 10, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.

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Budget Updates

Changes since Feedback Meeting

There were not any changes made to the draft budget we discussed at our last meeting.



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Budget by Function

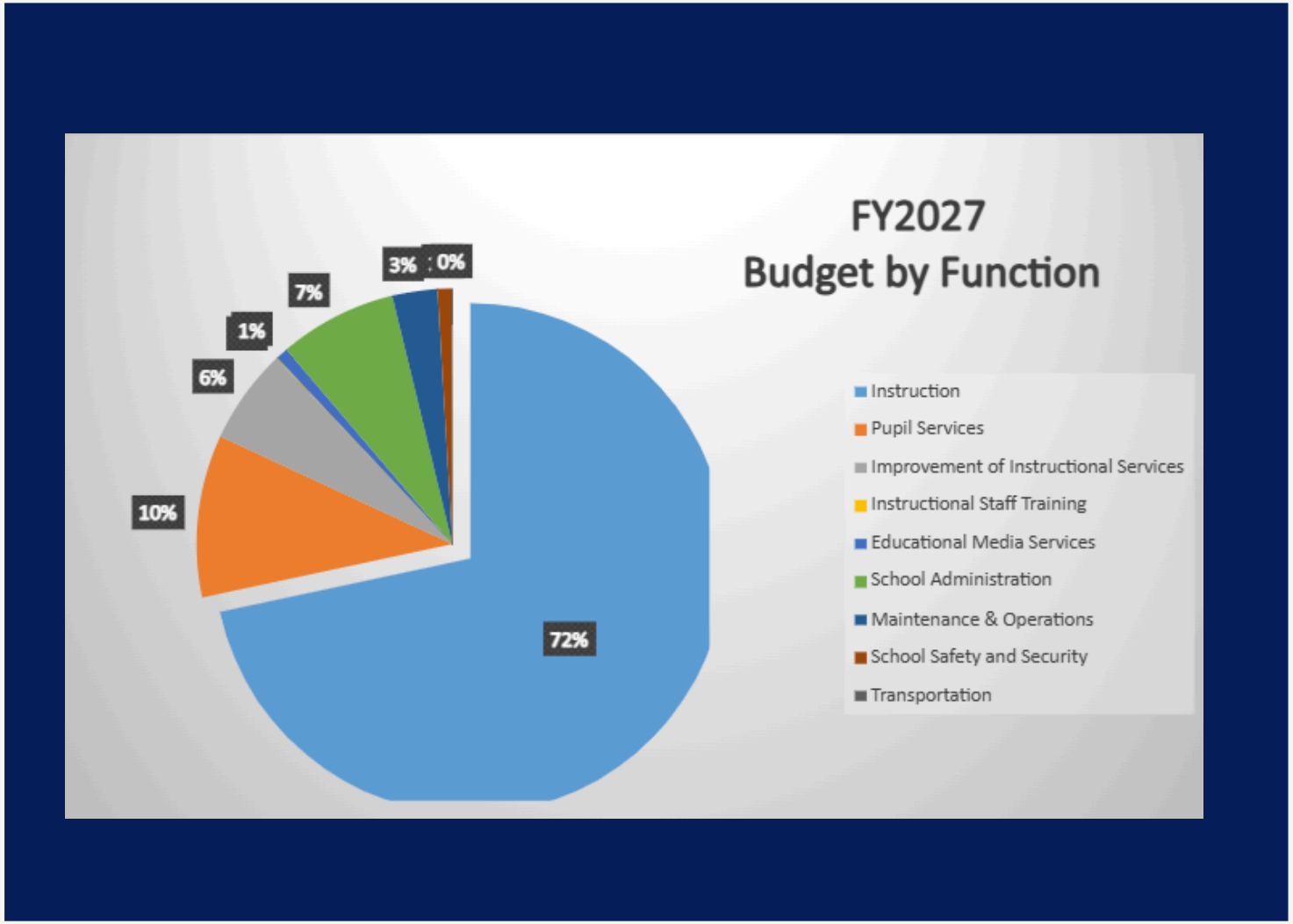
**Based on Current Allocation of School Budget*

School	Harper-Archer Elementary School
Location	1421
Level	ES
Principal	Crystal January
Projected Enrollment	464

Account	Account Description	FTE	Budget
1000	Instruction	60.00	$ 7,268,556
2100	Pupil Services	7.50	$ 1,042,318
2210	Improvement of Instructional Services	4.00	$ 612,642
2213	Instructional Staff Training	-	$ 3,700
2220	Educational Media Services	0.50	$ 78,528
2400	School Administration	6.00	$ 755,592
2600	Maintenance & Operations	4.00	$ 290,462
2660	School Safety and Security	1.00	$ 87,654
2700	Transportation	-	$ 5,844
	Total	**83.00**	**$ 10,145,296**

Budget by Function

**Based on Current Allocation of School Budget*



Discussion & Questions



Action on the Budget

The GO Team needs to **TAKE ACTION** (vote) on its FY27 budget .

After the motion and a second, the GO Team may have additional discussion.

Once discussion is concluded, the GO Team will vote.

Additional Agenda Items

- **Information Items**
  - Principal's Report
  - Black History Program
  - Testing (Checkpoint, Write Score, AMIRA)
  - APTT
  - Literacy Carnival
  - Podium Awards
  - Ribbon Cutting
  - GMAS KickOff
- CAT Meeting Report
- **Announcements**
- **Public Comment**

  (ifapplicable)



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Thank you!

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Appendix

FY27 Feedback Presentation

Budget Feedback

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The Budget Feedback meeting occurred on February 10, 2026, and all slides are available on the school's Go Team website.