



Norwich School District

2026-27 School Budget

Tax Rate

\$1.4040



-0.39%

What factors influence the tax rate?



MCS
Budget



Dresden
Budget



Weighted
Students



Yield
Numbers



CLA

Budget Guidelines

The Board recommends a 2026-27 **total budget increase of 3.0%, exclusive of any labor contract settlements**, as compared to the 2025-26 budget.

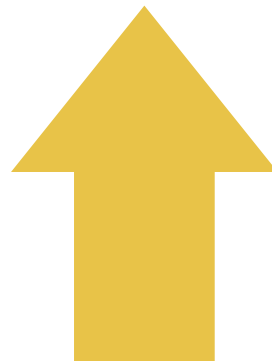
The Board recognizes that a 3% target will require a very disciplined budgeting process given the normal course of increases in the costs associated with our schools.



The MCS Budget

\$8,891,377

\$617,298



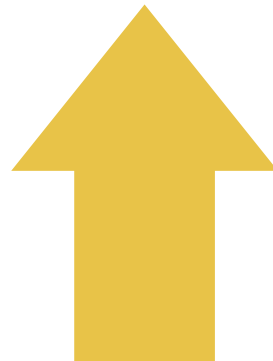
7.46%



The MCS Budget

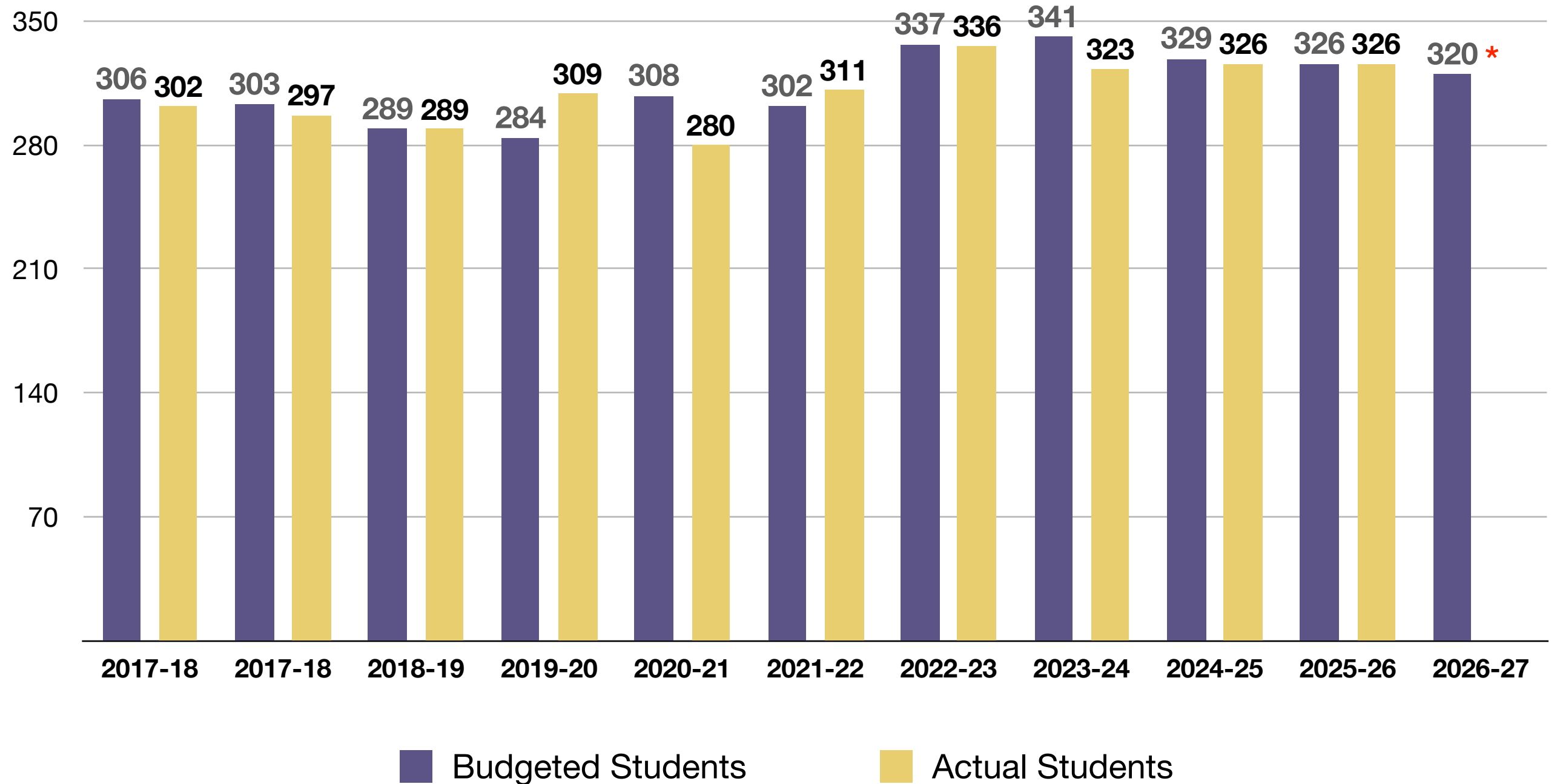
Excluding negotiated settlements

\$359,722



4.78%

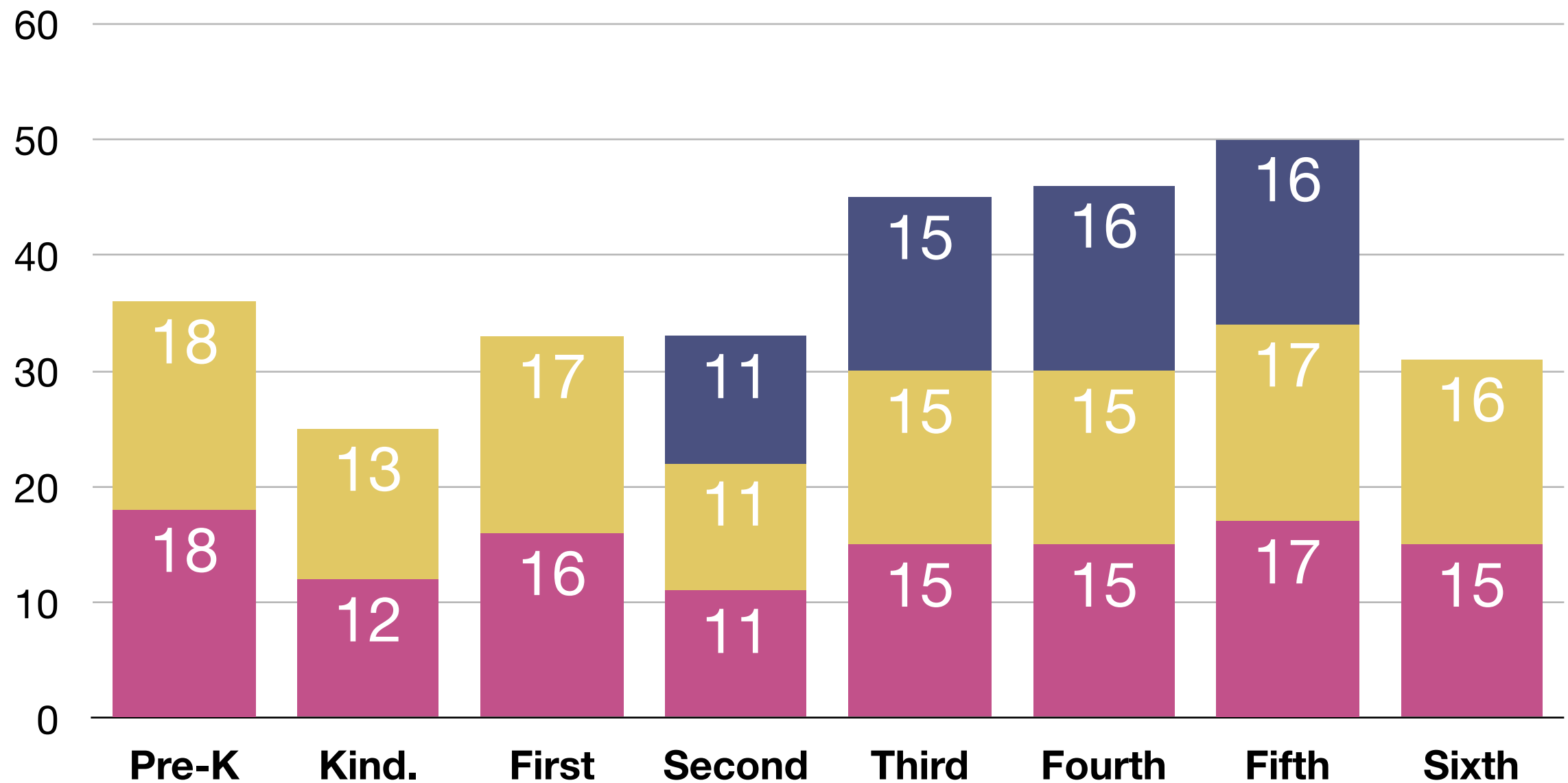
Enrollment



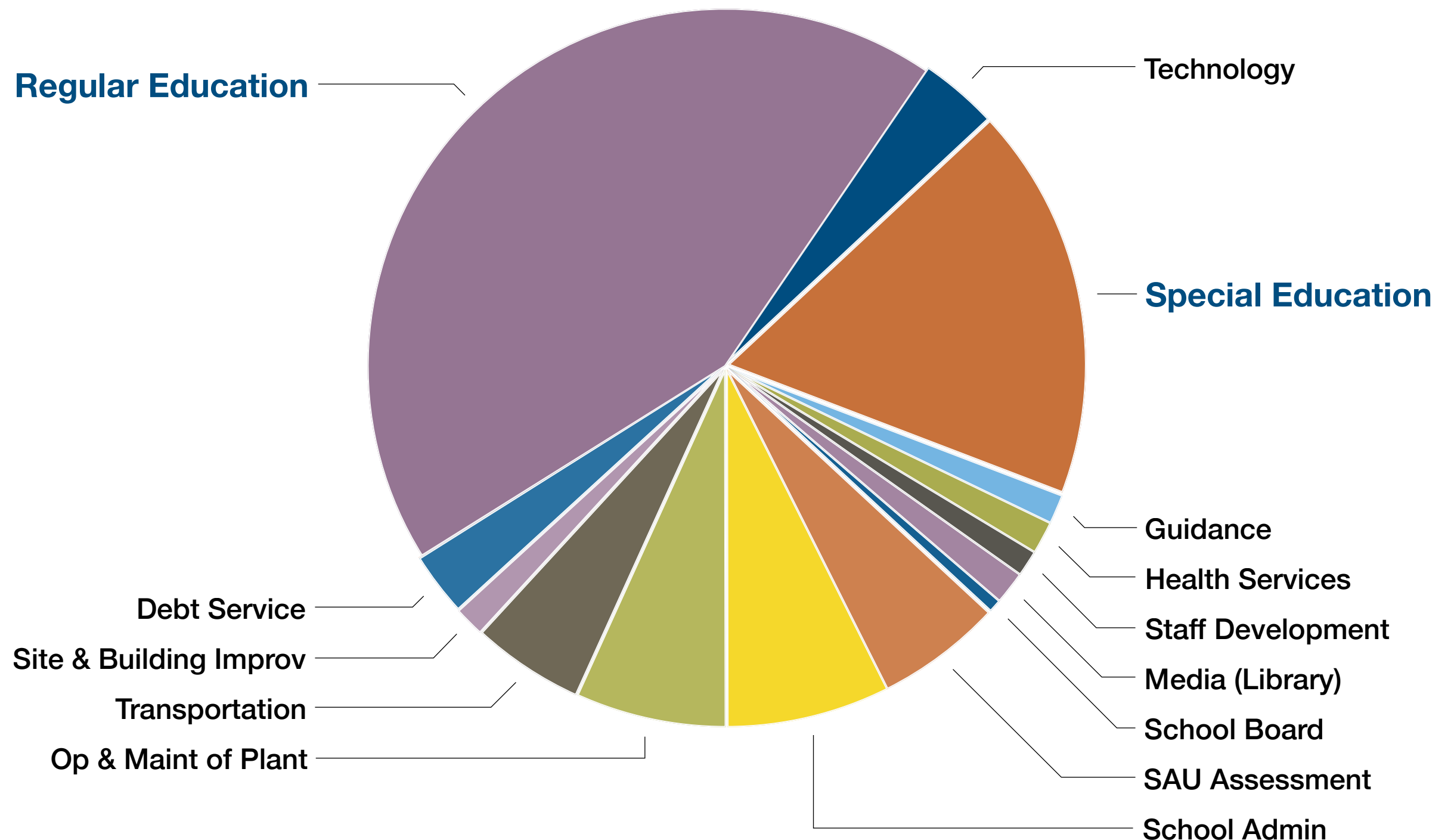
Staffing



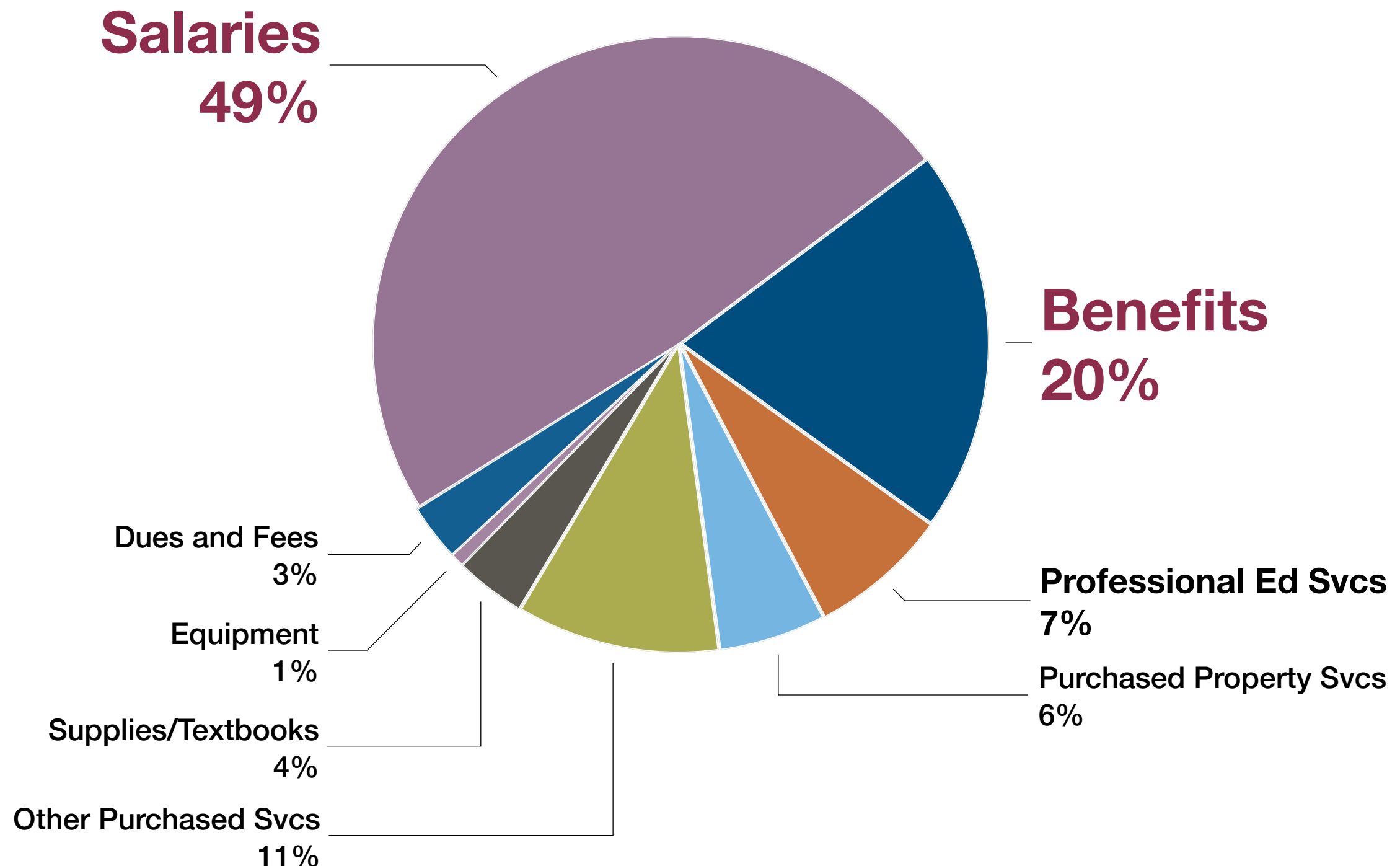
Planned Class Sizes 2026-27



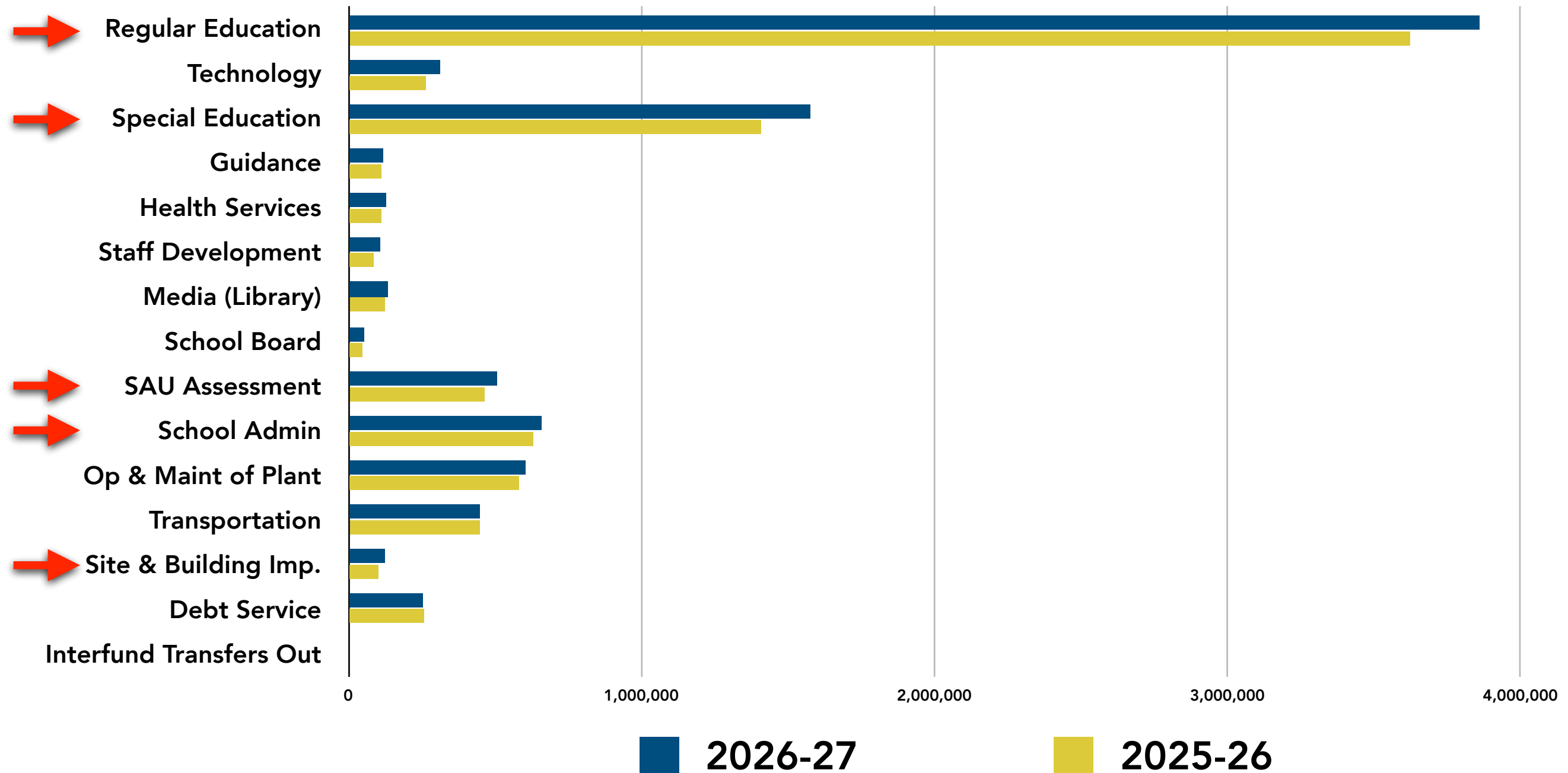
Expenditure Budget



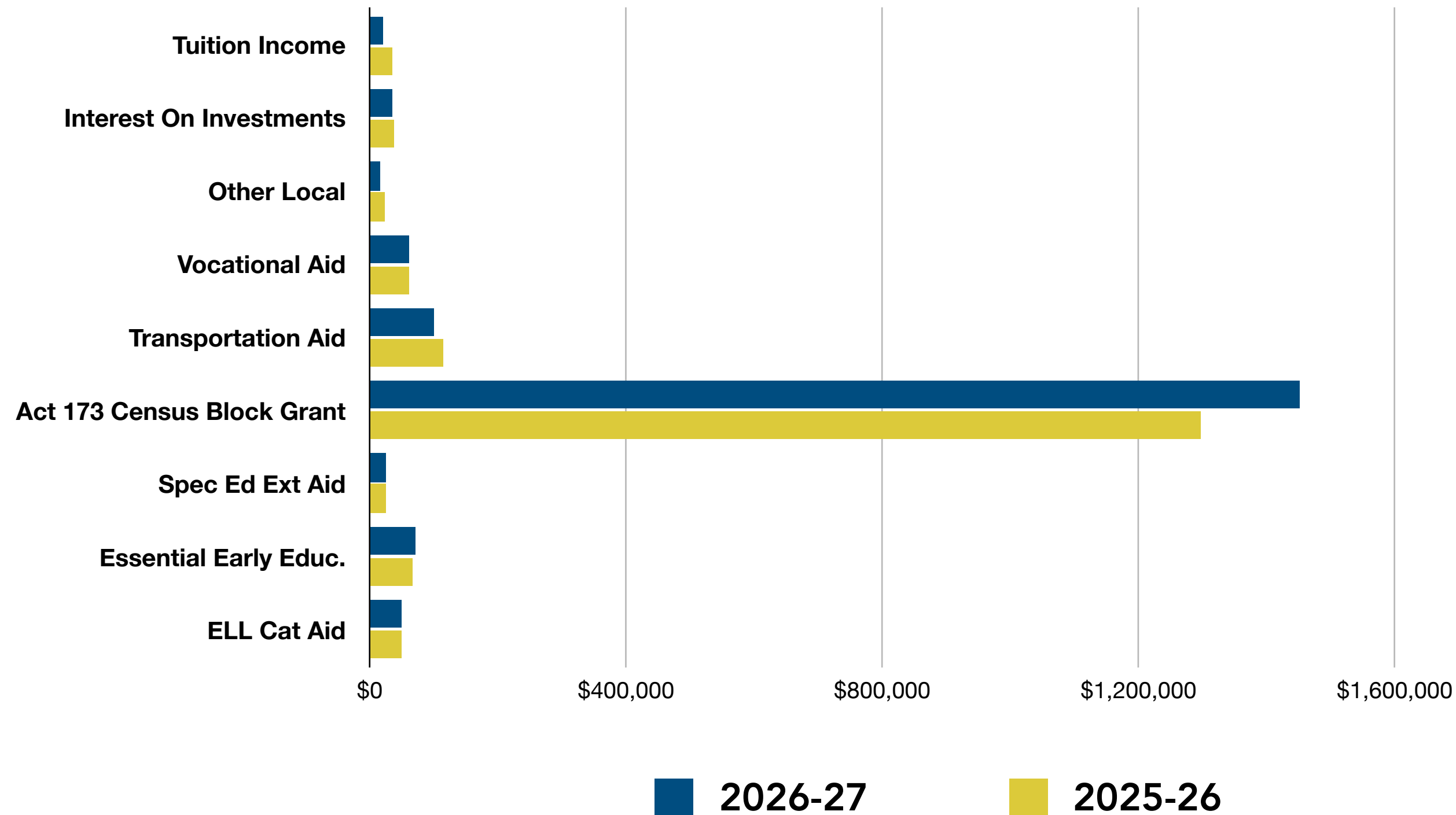
Expenditure Budget - FY26/27 By Object



Expenditures



Revenues



Adjustments to original proposed budget

Reduced

- technology equipment: \$20,000 (partially replaced by grant funding)
- field trips by \$12,000 (that amount was not used in the prior year)
- assemblies by \$6,000 (that amount was not used in the prior year)
- 0.25 Social worker (shared across all districts)

Considered

- deferring new ELA program
- reducing the preK program by half
- reducing non-urgent site improvements by \$18,000 (but was added back in final budget)
- reducing 0.4 FTE Technology integration (but added 0.8 FTE in final budget)



The Dresden Budget (all articles)

\$33,822,795

\$2,039,286



6.42%



The Dresden Assessment

\$9,111,422

\$506,460



5.89%



Weighted Students

833.35

17



2.08%



Yield Numbers

Property Yield

The amount of per pupil spending that a \$1.00 tax rate will generate.

\$8,849

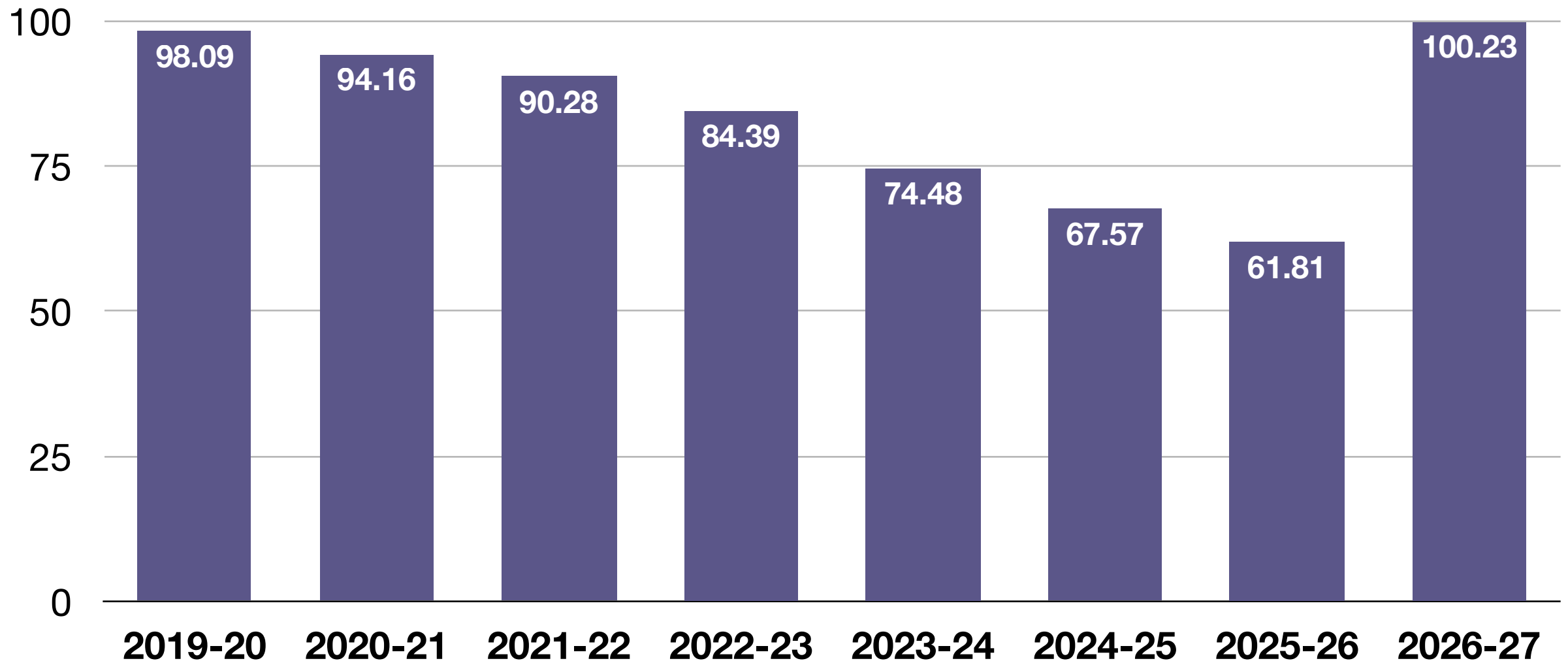
Income Yield

The amount of per pupil spending that a 2.0% income tax rate will generate.

\$12,154



The Common Level of Appraisal



Statewide Adjustment

Designed to make the pre-CLA tax rate closer to the post-CLA tax rate.

Accomplished by comparing local CLA to statewide average CLA

Impact neutral compared to prior formula

FY27: 70.33%

The Formulas

Property Tax Rate

Per-Pupil Spending ÷ Property Yield Adjusted by Statewide Adjust.

= Equalized Tax Rate

- (Cent Discount ÷ Statewide Adjust.)

÷ (Local CLA ÷ Statewide Adjust.)

= Local Tax Rate

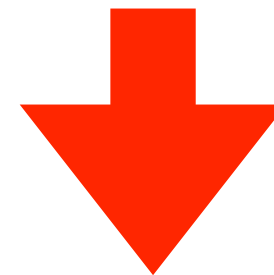
Income Tax Rate

Per-Pupil Spending ÷ Income Yield

x Fixed Income Rate (2.0%)

= Income Tax Rate

Act 127 Discount



	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29
Cent Discount	0.19	0.15	0.11	0.08	0.04
adjusted by the Statewide Average		0.21	0.16		

Public Education Challenges

Property taxes are high

Norwich spends a lot per student

- \$18,294 - top in state
- State Avg: \$13,947
- Lowest spending: \$9,130

Public Education Challenges

S.220

This bill proposes to limit the growth in each school district's per pupil education spending in fiscal years 2028 and 2029 to a specified allowable growth percentage of the district's prior year per pupil education spending.

Norwich Impact: 0% increase in education spending per pupil next budget.



Public Education Challenges

Act 73

Consolidation maps have left Norwich untouched because of our membership in an interstate school district.

Foundation Formula more impactful.

Potential total reduction of \$4,606,867 in education funding, or 27%, spread out over 5 years.

Flat budgeting + \$921,373 reductions annually for 5 years

Potential for no more local budget votes



Public Education Challenges

Thoughts?

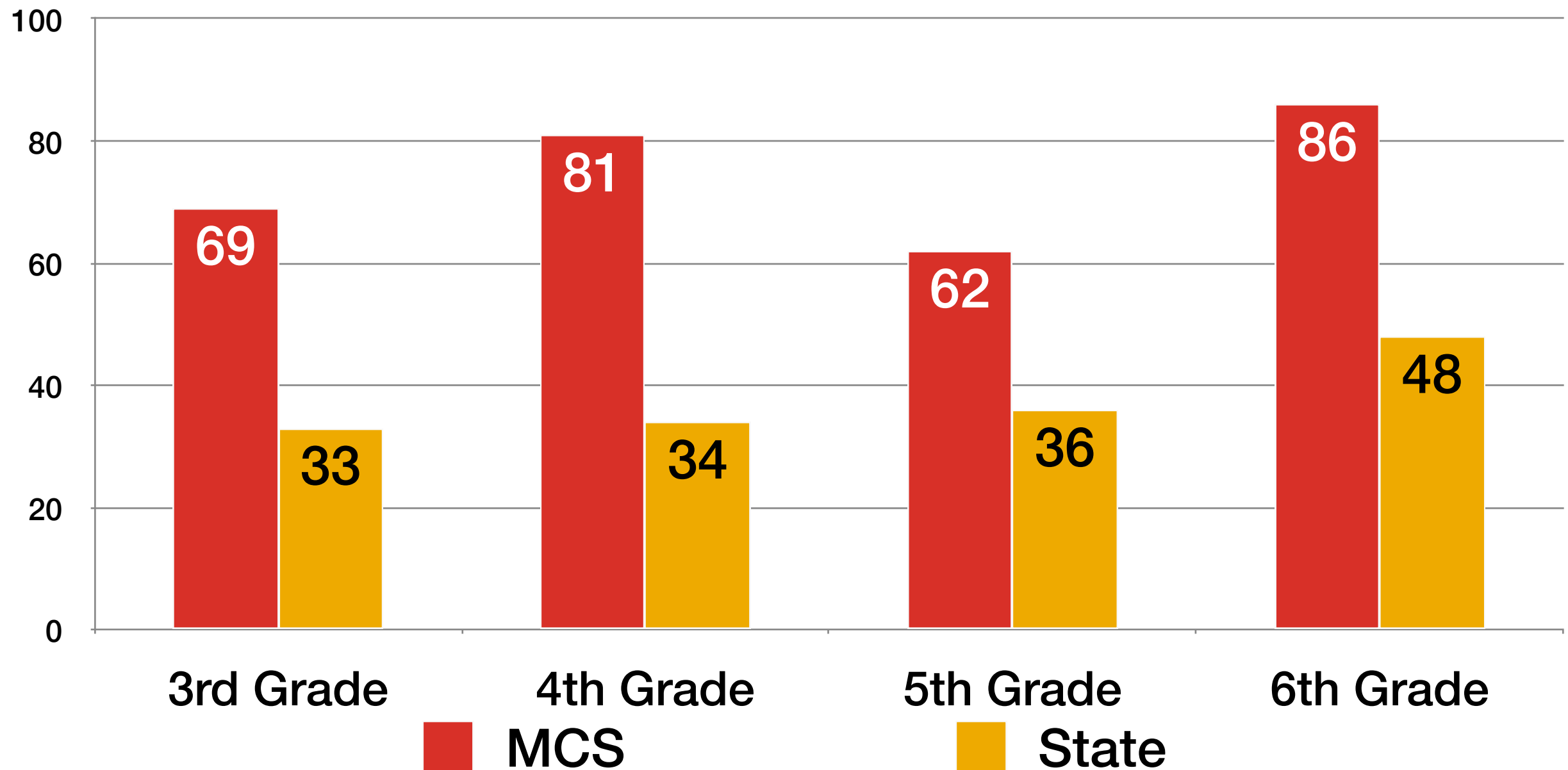
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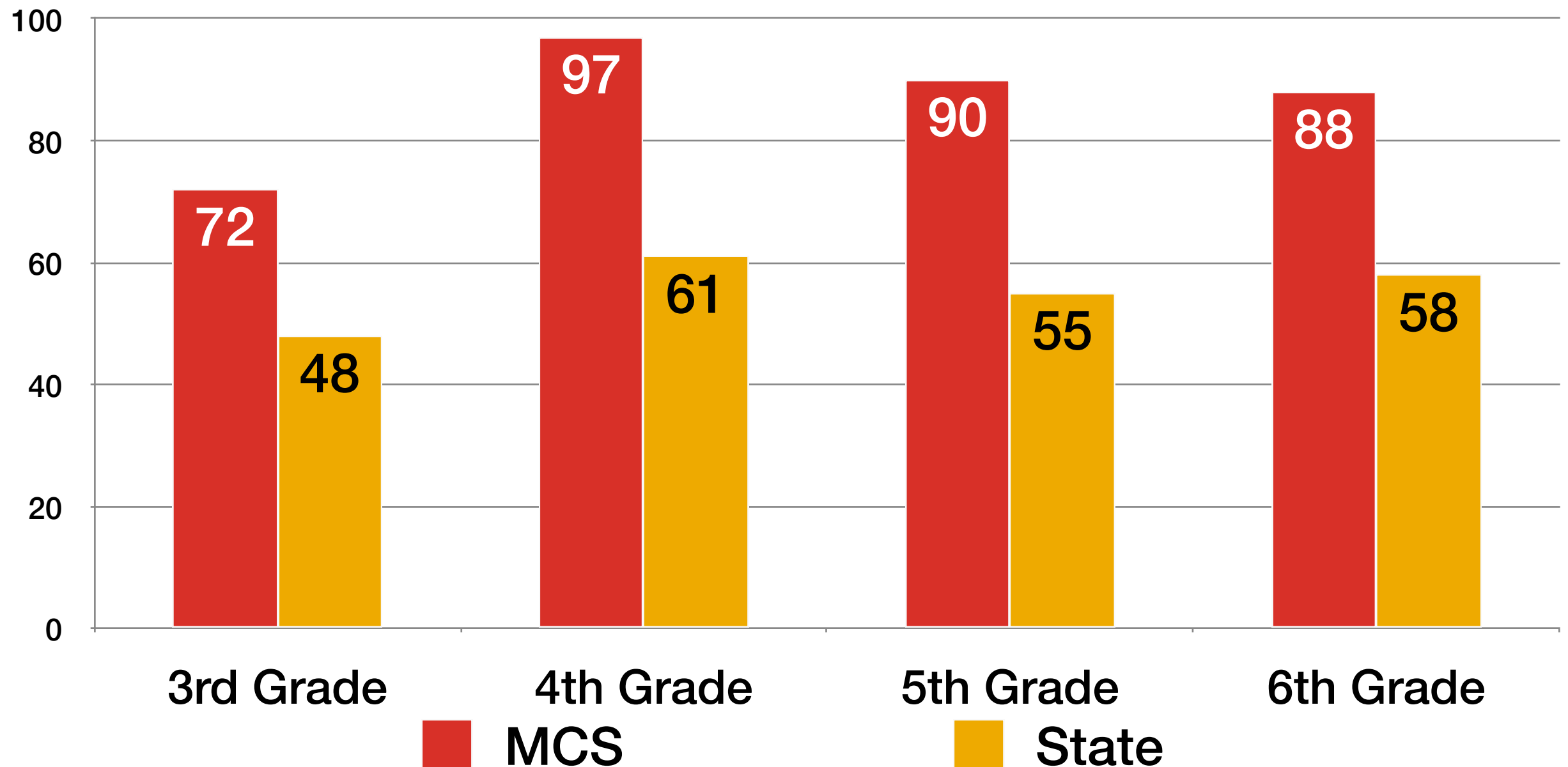
Vermont State Assessment Results Spring 25

Math % Proficient and Above



Vermont State Assessment Results Spring '25

English Language Arts % Proficient and Above



Questions?