CROWN POINT COMMUNITY
SCHOOL CORPORATION

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CPCSC Families and Staff,

Earlier this school year, we began sharing information about the upcoming financial challenges CPCSC will face. As state funding changes continue to take shape, we must reduce expenses to maintain the long-term stability of our district.

CPCSC made an initial round of reductions in December 2025 of approximately $1 million, and as we noted then, additional adjustments are necessary as we prepare for the 2026-2027 school year. We recognize that these decisions are difficult and have a real impact on our students, staff, and overall school community. They are not made lightly, and we strive to maintain services and programs for our students wherever possible.

An additional $6.3 million in reductions for CPCSC's 2027 budget are outlined below. We understand this is a lengthy list, but we believe it is important to share a complete picture so our community can fully understand the scope of these changes across all parts of the district.

The decisions below were made with two priorities in mind: preserving as many classroom teachers as possible and maintaining the opportunities we provide for students. Even with those priorities guiding us, these reductions will have an impact across our district. This will not be easy, and we recognize the uncertainty and concern that comes with changes of this magnitude.

Changes to **staffing** will account for an approximately **$4.5 million** reduction in the 2027 budget. Individuals affected by these changes have already been personally informed by an administrator.

- Retirements and resignations of 12 teachers spanning grades K-12 will not be replaced. We anticipate **NO reductions-in-force (RIFs) to classroom teachers**.
- Central office and departmental reductions will affect 21 individuals:
    - Three administrative positions (two assistant principal roles and one central office administrator) will be eliminated as we restructure and fill retirements from within the district.
    - Four district learning/curriculum specialists will return to schools in restructured roles.
    - Four clerical positions will be reduced across our business, HR, and communications departments.
    - Three non-instructional team members from Exceptional Education will be reduced. Students will continue to receive services as outlined in their IEPs.
    - Three non-instructional support roles will be reduced as we repurpose the Education Center (more information in the operations section below).

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    - We have eliminated four custodial positions this year by not hiring open positions.
- Multi-Tiered Student Support (MTSS) and Alternative to Expulsion (A2E) will have a combined reduction of 22 staff positions across grades K-12. MTSS grew in recent years with the support of temporary COVID relief dollars (ESSER). We are not eliminating this program, but are returning to pre-pandemic staffing levels to better match the funding available post-ESSER.

We are making additional **changes to operations and procedures** that total approximately **$1.8 million** in the 2027 budget:

- We will repurpose our Education Center building. As a result, our 18-22 program will be relocated to CPHS. Credit Acceleration Program (CAP) and Alternative to Expulsion (A2E) will become virtual or hybrid programs. We are not eliminating these programs for students, but they will be relocated or restructured.
- Some non-student-facing extracurricular roles will not be filled for next school year. These are stipend positions in our buildings for select teacher-to-teacher support or leadership roles. Staff will receive more information about these changes in mid-May. **There will be NO reductions to extracurricular opportunities provided to students at this time (no changes to clubs, sports, or other student groups).**
- Changes to our classroom field trip procedures will improve transportation efficiency. Teachers will receive more information about these changes in mid-May.
- Preschool locations will be reduced to five out of our seven elementary schools, and we have restructured preschool days, tuition, and transportation for efficiency.
- Curriculum will no longer be purchased upfront. Instead payments will be made over multiple years, while buses and Chromebooks will now be purchased with bonds instead of operations or education funds. We have also made significant reductions to instructional software.
- Instructional professional development will be paid only via Title II funds.

While the steps we are taking now position us for the 2026-2027 school year, they do not fully address what is ahead. More significant impacts of Senate Enrolled Act 1 will begin in 2027 and continue through 2031. We will need to continue making careful decisions as those realities take shape. We remain committed to keeping our community informed and will continue to share updates at www.cps.k12.in.us/budget. You can find updated FAQs, new budget explanation videos, and more information on that page.

As we move through the remainder of this school year, thank you for your continued support of our students and staff. Together, we will stay focused on providing the strongest possible experience for the children and families we serve.

Sincerely,

Dr. Todd Terrill, Superintendent