

# 2026-27 Budget Hearing and Adoption

August 4, 2026



# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET CYCLE

AUGUST

School Board adopts budget & sets expenditure capacity for each fund

FALL

Make operational adjustments based on actual enrollment, staffing levels and state updates

WINTER

Make projections after analyzing local, state, and federal changes to revenue and expenditures

SPRING

Start developing next school year's budget. If necessary, begin formal process for reductions

SPRING/  
SUMMER

Prepare budget by incorporating reductions/additions and changes made during Legislative session

# General Fund

1. Enrollment Forecast
2. Multi-Year Summary
3. Fund Balance Trend
4. Forecast Assumptions
5. MSOC Disclosure



# General Fund — Enrollment Forecast

| Annual Average FTE<br>for Funding | Budget<br>2026-27 | Forecast<br>2027-28 | Forecast<br>2028-29 | Forecast<br>2029-30 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Elementary (K-5)                  | 1,928             | 1,856               | 1,803               | 1,784               |
| Middle (6-8)                      | 1,056             | 1,076               | 1,082               | 1,069               |
| High (9-12)                       | 1,292             | 1,343               | 1,384               | 1,359               |
| Alternative Learning (ALE)        | 258               | 258                 | 258                 | 258                 |
| Running Start/Open Doors          | 130               | 130                 | 130                 | 130                 |
| Transition to Kindergarten        | 20                | 20                  | 20                  | 20                  |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>4,684</b>      | <b>4,683</b>        | <b>4,677</b>        | <b>4,620</b>        |

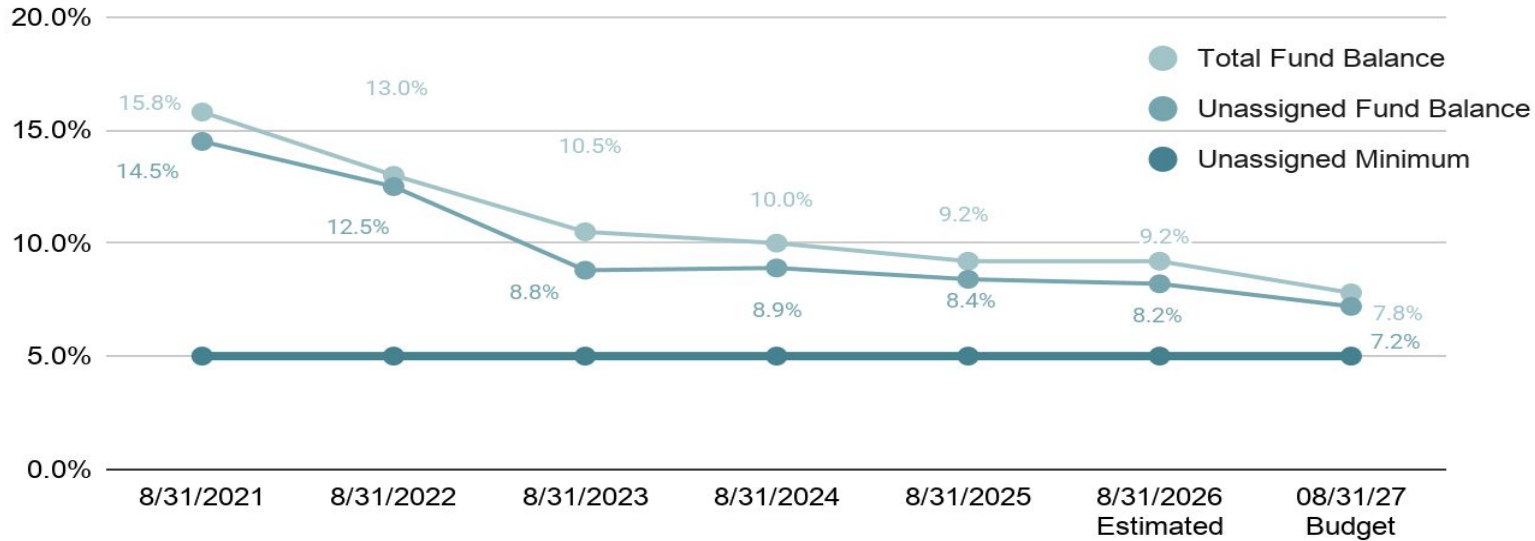
# General Fund — Multi-Year Forecast

| General Fund                              | Budget<br>2026-27  | Forecast<br>2027-28 | Forecast<br>2028-29 | Forecast<br>2029-30 |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance                    | 8,700,000          | 7,581,357           | 7,334,244           | 7,501,928           |
| + Revenues                                | 100,635,102        | 103,002,518         | 106,515,141         | 110,012,549         |
| - Expenditures                            | (101,753,745)      | (103,249,631)       | (106,347,457)       | (109,902,707)       |
| <i>Revenues over (under) expenditures</i> | <i>(1,118,643)</i> | <i>(247,113)</i>    | <i>167,684</i>      | <i>109,842</i>      |
| Ending Fund Balance                       | 7,581,357          | 7,334,244           | 7,501,928           | 7,611,770           |
| <i>Restricted, Committed, Assigned</i>    | <i>650,000</i>     | <i>650,000</i>      | <i>650,000</i>      | <i>650,000</i>      |
| <i>Unassigned</i>                         | <i>6,931,357</i>   | <i>6,684,244</i>    | <i>6,851,928</i>    | <i>6,961,770</i>    |
| <i>Unassigned % of Est. Revenues</i>      | <i>7.2%</i>        | <i>6.8%</i>         | <i>6.7%</i>         | <i>6.6%</i>         |

- Forecast assumes reductions to maintain 5.0% unassigned fund balance

# General Fund — Fund Balance Trend

Fund Balance Trend



**Every student** is empowered to learn in an inclusive setting and is prepared for the future of their choice!

# General Fund — Forecast Assumptions

- Budget and multi-year forecasts are a plan and assumptions change
  - Spending and other variables increase/decrease with enrollment and changing needs
  - Future year forecasts are less reliable and are therefore updated at least yearly
- Anticipate need for reductions in 2027-28 and beyond due to:
  - Continued underfunding of basic education costs
  - Possible enrollment decline and/or federal revenue reductions
  - Salary and benefit commitments and required MSOC increases
- What could help mitigate reductions in future years:
  - Savings beyond what is already reflected in the 2026-27 budget
  - Increased funding from the state legislature in 2027



# Materials, Supplies & Operating Costs (MSOC)

## Stanwood School District No. 401 2026-2027 MSOC Disclosure

### Combined 1191 MSOC from F-203

|                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Regular Instruction (Column A)    | \$ 6,353,375        |
| Grades 9-12 Additional (Column J) | \$ 284,796          |
| <b>* Total MSOC Allocation</b>    | <b>\$ 6,638,171</b> |

### \*\* Objects of Expenditure from F-195

|                                          | Totals              | Prg 01       | Prg 02    | Prg 03     | Prg 97       |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| Object 5 - totals                        | \$ 1,565,212        | \$ 1,071,922 | \$ 56,615 | \$ -       | \$ 436,675   |
| Object 7 - totals                        | \$ 6,708,650        | \$ 1,830,722 | \$ 56,140 | \$ 148,388 | \$ 4,673,400 |
| Object 8 - totals                        | \$ 54,671           | \$ 41,556    | \$ 3,150  | \$ -       | \$ 9,965     |
| Object 9 - totals                        | \$ 113,000          | \$ 63,000    | \$ -      | \$ -       | \$ 50,000    |
| <b>* Total Budgeted 5-9 Expenditures</b> | <b>\$ 8,441,533</b> |              |           |            |              |

|                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>* Difference</b> | <b>\$ (1,803,362)</b> |
|---------------------|-----------------------|



# Other Funds



1. **Associated Student Body (ASB)**
2. **Debt Service**
3. **Capital Projects**
4. **Transportation Vehicle**

**Every student** is empowered to learn in an inclusive setting and is prepared for the future of their choice!

# Associated Student Body Fund — Forecast

| Associated Student Body Fund              | Budget<br>2026-27 | Forecast<br>2027-28 | Forecast<br>2028-29 | Forecast<br>2029-30 |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance                    | 790,048           | 240,858             | 205,099             | 205,878             |
| + Revenues                                | 777,090           | 815,945             | 856,742             | 899,579             |
| - Expenditures                            | (1,326,280)       | (851,704)           | (855,963)           | (860,242)           |
| <i>Revenues over (under) expenditures</i> | <i>(549,190)</i>  | <i>(35,760)</i>     | <i>779</i>          | <i>39,336</i>       |
| Ending Fund Balance                       | 240,858           | 205,099             | 205,878             | 245,214             |
| <i>Restricted for Fund Purposes</i>       | <i>240,858</i>    | <i>205,099</i>      | <i>205,878</i>      | <i>245,214</i>      |
| <i>Unassigned</i>                         | -                 | -                   | -                   | -                   |

- Forecast reflects spending a portion of fund balance initially

# Debt Service Fund — Forecast

| Debt Service Fund                         | Budget<br>2026-27 | Forecast<br>2027-28 | Forecast<br>2028-29 | Forecast<br>2029-30 |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance                    | 5,456,952         | 5,828,733           | 3,393,484           | 3,513,068           |
| + Revenues                                | 11,907,000        | 9,360,345           | 7,540,478           | 7,731,455           |
| - Expenditures                            | (11,535,219)      | (11,795,594)        | (7,420,894)         | (7,613,318)         |
| <i>Revenues over (under) expenditures</i> | <i>371,781</i>    | <i>(2,435,249)</i>  | <i>119,584</i>      | <i>118,137</i>      |
| Ending Fund Balance                       | 5,828,733         | 3,393,484           | 3,513,068           | 3,631,205           |
| <i>Restricted for Debt Service</i>        | <i>5,828,733</i>  | <i>3,393,484</i>    | <i>3,513,068</i>    | <i>3,631,205</i>    |
| <i>Unassigned</i>                         | -                 | -                   | -                   | -                   |

- Bond principal payments (2018 issue) decrease starting in 2028

# Capital Projects Fund — Forecast

| Capital Projects Fund                     | Budget<br>2026-27  | Forecast<br>2027-28 | Forecast<br>2028-29 | Forecast<br>2029-30 |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance                    | 2,518,700          | 564,572             | 1,347,015           | 1,238,128           |
| + Revenues                                | 1,568,695          | 4,782,443           | 5,791,113           | 4,978,377           |
| - Expenditures                            | (3,522,823)        | (4,000,000)         | (5,900,000)         | (6,000,000)         |
| <i>Revenues over (under) expenditures</i> | <i>(1,954,128)</i> | <i>782,443</i>      | <i>(108,887)</i>    | <i>(1,021,623)</i>  |
| Ending Fund Balance                       | 564,572            | 1,347,015           | 1,238,128           | 216,505             |
| <i>Assigned to Fund Purposes</i>          | <i>564,572</i>     | <i>1,347,015</i>    | <i>1,238,128</i>    | <i>216,505</i>      |
| <i>Unassigned</i>                         | -                  | -                   | -                   | -                   |

- Collection for 2026 Safety & Infrastructure Levy begin in Spring 2027
- Holding funds for an emergency need (roof or boiler)

# Transportation Vehicle Fund — Forecast

| Transportation Vehicle Fund               | Budget<br>2026-27 | Forecast<br>2027-28 | Forecast<br>2028-29 | Forecast<br>2029-30 |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance                    | 941,000           | 636,000             | 383,179             | 261,307             |
| + Revenues                                | 770,000           | 547,179             | 578,128             | 444,457             |
| - Expenditures                            | (1,075,000)       | (800,000)           | (700,000)           | (600,000)           |
| <i>Revenues over (under) expenditures</i> | <i>(305,000)</i>  | <i>(252,821)</i>    | <i>(121,872)</i>    | <i>(155,543)</i>    |
| Ending Fund Balance                       | 636,000           | 383,179             | 261,307             | 105,764             |
| <i>Restricted for Fund Purposes</i>       | <i>636,000</i>    | <i>383,179</i>      | <i>261,307</i>      | <i>105,764</i>      |
| <i>Unassigned</i>                         | -                 | -                   | -                   | -                   |

- As new buses are purchased, forecasted depreciation will increase

# Thank You!



**Every student** is empowered to learn in an inclusive setting and is prepared for the future of their choice!