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FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES FY27 BUDGET

CUMMING, Ga. The Forsyth County Board of Education has approved a \$762.5 million budget for the 2026-2027 school year, a 1.60% increase over FY26 and the smallest year-over-year increase for the district budget in over a decade. The budget holds the maintenance and operations (M&O) millage rate at 15.208 mills, its lowest level since 2007, with no increase to either the M&O or debt service rate.

“This budget proves you can be a responsible steward of taxpayer dollars and still invest boldly in what matters most,” said Superintendent Mitch Young. “With a minimal overall increase and keeping millage rates flat, we were still able to prioritize making improvements in safety, support, and learning. That is what good stewardship looks like.”

The approved budget funds a new mobile safety panic alert system, expanded mental health support, increased school nurse salaries, and additional School Resource Officer funding. It also provides a salary step for all eligible staff and continues investment in academic achievement, special education compliance, and instructional technology, while maintaining a 15% fund balance for long-term stability.

More information, including the full budget presentation, is available at www.forsyth.k12.ga.us

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