

Lakewood Local School District Schedule Of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes In Fund Balances Actual and Forecasted Operating Fund								
	ACTUAL			FORECASTED				
	Fiscal Year 2024	Fiscal Year 2025	Fiscal Year 2026	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028	Fiscal Year 2029	Fiscal Year 2030	Fiscal Year 2031
Revenue:								
1.010 - General Property Tax (Real Estate)	17,368,722	19,059,556	19,113,632	19,786,099	20,127,942	20,263,781	20,646,902	21,335,429
1.020 - Public Utility Personal Property	2,299,353	2,406,300	2,391,412	2,378,063	2,400,267	2,424,523	2,416,593	2,418,167
1.030 - Income Tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.035 - Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid	4,653,759	4,791,590	5,255,942	5,388,463	5,395,259	5,372,613	5,367,742	5,341,970
1.040 - Restricted Grants-in-Aid	583,013	586,610	489,129	476,670	443,651	455,681	459,782	475,013
1.045 - Restricted Federal Grants-in-Aid - SFSF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.050 - State Reimb Prop Tax Credits	1,872,580	2,264,038	2,206,636	2,212,436	2,250,158	2,260,683	2,297,265	2,328,581
1.060 - All Other Operating Revenues	1,975,609	2,122,364	2,512,332	2,078,889	1,949,152	1,899,593	1,839,586	1,746,552
1.070 - Total Revenue	28,753,036	31,230,457	31,969,084	32,320,620	32,566,429	32,676,874	33,027,870	33,645,712
Other Financing Sources:								
2.010 - Proceeds from Sale of Notes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.020 - State Emergency Loans and Advancements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.040 - Operating Transfers-In	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.050 - Advances-In	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.060 - All Other Financing Sources	16,206	27,009	48,363	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000
2.070 - Total Other Financing Sources	16,206	27,009	48,363	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000
2.080 - Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	28,769,242	31,257,466	32,017,446	32,362,620	32,608,429	32,718,874	33,069,870	33,687,712
Expenditures:								
3.010 - Personnel Services	14,273,721	15,356,272	15,911,957	16,721,400	17,477,064	18,349,207	19,265,487	20,228,152
3.020 - Employees' Retirement/Insurance Benefits	5,760,131	5,865,483	6,658,689	7,198,399	7,885,168	8,626,059	9,445,716	10,353,077
3.030 - Purchased Services	2,857,600	2,986,108	3,270,901	4,083,585	4,149,950	4,218,284	4,288,651	4,345,040
3.040 - Supplies and Materials	896,750	999,780	930,159	1,158,601	1,181,748	1,205,358	1,229,440	1,254,004
3.050 - Capital Outlay	872,232	1,491,402	1,480,074	1,460,000	1,194,853	1,521,750	1,493,448	1,459,272
3.060 - Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service:								
4.010 - Principal-All Years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.020 - Principal - Notes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.030 - Principal - State Loans	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.040 - Principal - State Advances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.050 - Principal - HB264 Loan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.055 - Principal - Other	260,000	265,000	275,000	280,000	-	-	-	-
4.060 - Interest and Fiscal Charges	27,265	19,731	11,982	4,018	-	-	-	-
4.300 - Other Objects	1,108,831	1,445,957	1,593,725	1,596,116	1,647,849	1,701,516	1,757,216	1,815,051
4.500 - Total Expenditures	26,056,530	28,429,733	30,132,487	32,502,119	33,536,632	35,622,174	37,479,958	39,454,596
Other Financing Uses								
5.010 - Operating Transfers-Out	782,837	2,081,904	1,326,136	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
5.020 - Advances-Out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.030 - All Other Financing Uses	-	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.040 - Total Other Financing Uses	782,837	2,083,904	1,326,136	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
5.050 - Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	26,839,367	30,513,637	31,458,623	33,002,119	34,036,632	36,122,174	37,979,958	39,954,596
Excess of Rev & Other Financing Uses Over (Under)								
6.010 - Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	1,929,875	743,829	558,823	(639,499)	(1,428,203)	(3,403,300)	(4,910,088)	(6,266,884)
Cash Balance July 1 - Excluding Proposed Renewal/								
7.010 - Replacement and New Levies	14,389,253	16,319,128	17,062,957	17,621,780	16,982,282	15,554,079	12,150,779	7,240,691
7.020 - Cash Balance June 30	16,319,128	17,062,957	17,621,780	16,982,282	15,554,079	12,150,779	7,240,691	973,807
8.010 - Estimated Encumbrances June 30	314,724	605,926	529,653	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Reservations of Fund Balance:								
9.010 - Textbooks and Instructional Materials	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9.020 - Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9.030 - Budget Reserve	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
9.040 - DPIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9.050 - Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9.060 - Property Tax Advances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9.070 - Bus Purchases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9.080 - Subtotal	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance June 30 for Certification								
10.010 - of Appropriations	16,004,404	16,457,030	17,092,126	16,682,282	15,254,079	11,850,779	6,940,691	673,807
Rev from Replacement/Renewal Levies								
11.010 - Income Tax - Renewal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11.020 - Property Tax - Renewal or Replacement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11.030 - Cumulative Balance of Replacement/Renewal Levies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance June 30 for Certification								
12.010 - of Contracts, Salary and Other Obligations	16,004,404	16,457,030	17,092,126	16,682,282	15,254,079	11,850,779	6,940,691	673,807
Revenue from New Levies								
13.010 - Income Tax - New	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13.020 - Property Tax - New	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13.030 - Cumulative Balance of New Levies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14.010 - Revenue from Future State Advancements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.010 - Unreserved Fund Balance June 30	16,004,404	16,457,030	17,092,126	16,682,282	15,254,079	11,850,779	6,940,691	673,807

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FORECAST SIGNIFICANT ASSUMPTIONS
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GENERAL ASSUMPTIONS

This is a forecast based on the information and data available at the time of preparation. This forecast is prepared based upon historical trends and current factors. This information is extrapolated into estimates for subsequent years. The forecast variables can change multiple times throughout the fiscal year and while cash monitoring helps to identify unexpected variances no process is guaranteed. The intent is to provide the District's financial trend over time and a roadmap for decisions aimed at encouraging financial sustainability and stability.

Funds included in this forecast are: All General Funds (001) and the principal and interest for a Stadium Lease Fund (002 9104).

REVENUES

General Property Tax (Real Estate) - Property Tax Reform

Recent legislation adopted by the Ohio General Assembly, including House Bills 186, 335, 129, and 309, introduces new limits and adjustments to how property tax revenues are calculated and collected by school districts, with the intent of moderating revenue growth associated with rising property values.

The Ohio Department of Taxation and the County Auditors are continuing to work through the technical and administrative details of the new laws. Several of these bills were enacted in close succession, and questions remain regarding how certain provisions interact with one another.

Accordingly, revenue assumptions reflect the best information available at the time of this forecast and may be revised as additional guidance, certified rates, or statutory changes occur.

Since these laws are designed to slow the growth of property tax collections when property values rise, creating more predictability for taxpayers, school districts across the state, including Lakewood Local, should expect to receive less revenue over time than what had previously been forecasted under older funding legislation. Real Estate taxes are expected to be \$784,406 less per year compared to history, and is the biggest driver of trend change on the revenue side.

Property tax revenues for fiscal years 2027 through 2031 have been estimated. Property tax revenue account for 61% of the total district general fund revenues.

The District has one (1) emergency operating levy. The emergency operating levy is a ten-year levy which generates \$5,882,139 in district revenues which is collected from real property/public utility taxes and rollback/homestead. This levy was passed on November 8, 2022 and began collections in calendar year 2023. The levy will continue to be collected through calendar year 2032 (1/2 of fiscal year 2033).

Public Utility Personal Property –Public Utility Personal Property tax revenue is generated from the personal property values, additions and depreciation reported by the utility companies. Public Utility personal property revenues for fiscal year 2027 through 2031 have been estimated and will be collected from public utility personal property. This category currently makes up 7% of the total district general fund revenues. The forecast projections reflect an average gross collection rate of 94.06% annually through calendar year 2031.

Unrestricted Grants-In-Aid – Ohio uses the Fair School Funding Plan (FSFP) for calculation of the state's share of school funding which is driven by a base cost methodology that incorporates four components identified as necessary to the education process. There were no changes to any components of funding for fiscal year 2027. The Base Cost per pupil total funding in fiscal year 2027 is \$8,126. The state share of this is 10% and the local share is 90%.

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The FSFP is a formula that includes phases-in and guarantees. With phase-ins, some districts may have formula funding that is phased-in overtime and therefore they are not receiving their full funding. Other districts may experience guarantee funding. Lakewood Local is on the guarantee funding. This guarantee holds the District at the fiscal year 2020 funding level. The District's guarantee for fiscal year 2027 is in excess of \$2.1 million. This forecast is modeling a guarantee that continues to grow over the forecasted period.

FY	Per Pupil Base Cost	Per Pupil State Share	Per Pupil State Percent of Base Cost	The District Has Projected Guarantee Funding
2024	\$7,235	\$1,297	18%	
2025	\$7,237	\$677	9%	
2026	\$8,118	\$812	10%	Guarantee
2027	\$8,126	\$813	10%	\$2,185,755
2028	\$8,142	\$814	10%	\$2,195,617
2029	\$8,147	\$815	10%	\$2,219,280
2030	\$8,162	\$816	10%	\$2,224,968
2031	\$8,187	\$819	10%	\$2,246,642

Casino revenues – Casino revenues for fiscal years 2027 through 2031 are estimated and are reflected to remain consistent with prior years.

Restricted Grants-In-Aid – Restricted grants-in-aid revenues for fiscal years 2027 through 2031 is the portion of state per pupil funding that must be classified as restricted. These include Career Technical Education, Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid, Gifted Education, English Learner Funding, Student Wellness and Success Funding and Catastrophic Costs Reimbursement.

State Reimbursement of Property Tax Credits – State Reimbursement of Property Tax Credits for fiscal years 2027 through 2031 have been estimated using property valuations. These are reimbursements from the State of Ohio for local taxpayer credits or reductions to their tax bill. The state reduces the local taxpayer's tax bill with a 10% rollback credit, a 2.5% owner-occupied rollback credit, plus a homestead credit for qualifying taxpayers. In fiscal year 2027, approximately 11.6% of local residential property taxes will be reimbursed by the state in the form of rollback credits and approximately 1.4% will be reimbursed in the form of qualifying homestead exemption credits.

All Other Revenues – The estimate for this category encompasses a number of revenue sources. Most of these sources are driven by inflationary pressure as well as district policy.

Investments revenues – For fiscal years 2027 through 2031 investment revenues have been estimated. This forecast projects the interest rates to remain consistent with 2026 rates, however available funds for investment are projected to decline for fiscal years 2027 through 2031, thereby reducing the projected revenues from investments.

Tuition from non-resident students educated by the District – Tuition revenues fluctuate yearly. Tuition revenues from other districts has been estimated for fiscal years 2027 through 2031 based on fiscal year 2026 revenues.

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Class fees – The class fees have been estimated for fiscal years 2027 through 2031. The District has a relatively high percentage of class fee waivers.

Medicaid School Program revenues – For fiscal years 2027 through 2031 revenues are estimated based on an amount consistent with prior years.

Operating Transfers-In – The District does not anticipate operating transfers-in during fiscal years 2027 through 2031.

Advances-In – The District does not anticipate advances-in during fiscal years 2027 through 2031.

EXPENDITURES

Personnel Services – The Board has a master contract with the Lakewood Teachers Association that was approved on May 21, 2024 for the period August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2027. This contract included a 4% salary adjustment for fiscal year 2025 and includes a 3% salary adjustment for both fiscal years 2026 and 2027. The members also receive any accrued step increases annually.

The Board has a master contract with the Lakewood Association of Classified Employees/OEA/NEA that was approved on July 10, 2024 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027. This contract included a market base salary adjustment for fiscal year 2025, and includes a 2% salary adjustment for fiscal years 2026 and 2027. The members also receive any accrued step increases annually.

The Board has a master handbook with the Administrators, Supervisory Personnel, and the Classified and Certificated Exempt Employees that was approved on May 21, 2024 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027. This handbook included a 4% salary adjustment for fiscal year 2025 and includes a 3% for both fiscal years 2026 and 2027. The employees also receive any accrued step increases annually.

This forecast includes a projected annual salary adjustment and accrued step for fiscal years 2028 through 2031. The corresponding retirement and medicare are also reflected in the line item Employees' Retirement/Insurance Benefits.

Employees' Retirement/Insurance Benefits – Outside of health insurance (medical, dental, and life) most fringe benefits are driven by projected salary increases. The District's employee insurance plan year runs from January through December, therefore any increase cuts across two (2) fiscal years.

For calendar year 2026 the District had on average an 11.8% increase for its medical insurance plans. The District also funds an HSA contribution for one half of the maximum out of pocket for those enrolled in the Health Saving Account Plan on January 1st.

This line also includes the retirement system increases for the base salary and cost of living adjustments referred to in the Personal Services category.

Purchased Services – This category accounts for a wide variety of expenses incurred by the District ranging from utility charges, tuition, on-line instructional services, maintenance and repairs, fleet insurance, property insurance, and transportation charges. This category of expenditures is projected to grow at an average 6% through fiscal year 2031.

Supplies and Materials – This category of expenditures is projected to grow at an average 6.5% through fiscal year 2031.

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Capital Outlay - Capital outlay expenditures for fiscal years 2027 through 2031 have been estimated using information from the District's Five Year Capital Plan.

Debt Service – Debt service expenditures for fiscal year 2027 include the principal and interest payments on a lease purchase financing agreement. The lease purchase financing agreement originated on February 14, 2017 for \$2,500,000 for a ten-year period. The debt service expenditures are included in the five year forecast. The final payment on the lease purchase financing agreement is December, 2026.

Other Objects – Other object expenditures include county auditor and treasurers' tax collection fees, educational service center fees, membership fees, liability insurances, district audit fees, election expenses and other miscellaneous fees. Other Objects expenditures is projected to grow at an average 3% through fiscal year 2031. The largest expenditure included in this line item is the contract with the Licking County Regional Service Center. This contract is projected to be \$997,794 for fiscal year 2027. The largest expense within this contract is special education related expenditures, which vary from year to year based on number of students being served.

Operating Transfers-Out – This forecast includes a transfer-out of \$259,938 in fiscal year 2027 to a debt service fund for payment on a five-year capital lease/purchase agreement for modular classrooms used for instructional purposes for grades K-2. The forecast also includes a transfer-out of \$518,513.85 in fiscal year 2027 to a debt service fund for payment on a three-year capital lease/purchase agreement for modular classrooms used for instructional purposes for grades 3-5. The forecast also includes a transfer-out of \$500,000 to the District's Capital Project Fund for fiscal years 2027 through 2031.

Advances-Out – The District does not anticipate advances-out during fiscal years 2027 through 2031.

GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE RESERVE

The District has a Cash Balance Policy (Policy 6220) that was board approved on May 20, 2026. This policy requires that the General Operating Fund of the District maintain an unreserved cash balance equivalent to at least a yearly ending cash balance equal to sixty (60) True Days of operating cash as the minimum operational benchmark for determining ending cash needs for the General Fund. This sixty (60) True Day benchmark will be calculated at the end of each fiscal year and will be used as the benchmark for the upcoming year. While the minimum benchmark is established at sixty (60) True Days, the general direction of the District will be to maintain a higher balance if possible, of 120 True Days ending cash in order to adequately protect the District from unexpected fluctuations in revenues and/or expenses.

Promptly upon receiving any indication that such cash balance may not be achieved within any year of the financial forecast, the Treasurer shall report such a finding to the Board. Upon such notification by the Treasurer, the Superintendent, Board of Education and the Treasurer will prepare and propose options that the Board may consider to work toward attaining the 60 True Days operating cash balance for the General Fund.