

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget

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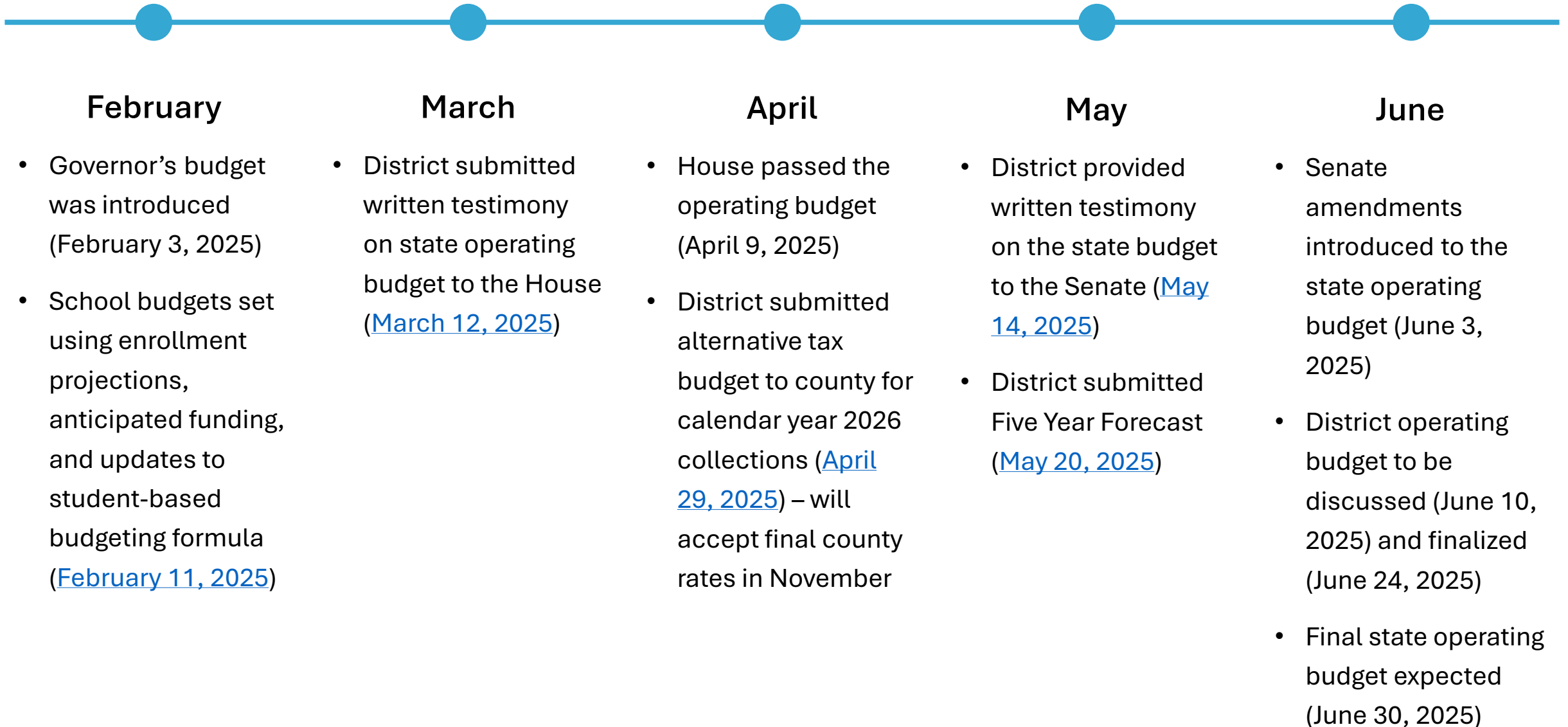
Regulatory Context

- Budgets are necessary for governance, management, and regulatory compliance
- Districts may adopt a temporary or annual appropriation and revise as necessary throughout the year
- CMSD appropriates all funds at the fund level
- Continuing practice is for the Board to adjust appropriations at fiscal year end
- Status to budget is presented in the monthly [General Fund Financial Report and Other Information](#)

Sources: [Ohio Revised Code 5705.08](#), [Ohio Revised Code 5705.412](#), [Ohio Revised Code 5705.38](#), [Ohio Revised Code 5705.39](#), and [Ohio Administrative Code 117-6-02](#)



Timeline for Fiscal Year 2025-2026





- Federal aid is projected using actual awards for FY24-25
 - The Administration's education budget was introduced in May
 - Maintains the two largest programs – Title I and Special Education
 - Replaced several grants (Title II, Title III, and McKinney-Vento, for example) that CMSD receives with a K-12 Simplified Funding Program and reduced funding from \$5.7 billion to \$2.0 billion
- FY25-26 is the first year without any Federal pandemic aid since FY18-19
 - \$465 million was spent from various grants over six years
- \$75 million of funding will be available for school construction, renovation, and demolition due to the recent bond sale
 - Complete Segment 8, begin segment 9, and continue necessary projects
 - \$220 million remains to be issued as needed
 - This funding is legally-restricted

State Budget Implications



	As Introduced “Governor’s”	House Passed	Senate Amended
Fair School Funding Plan	Yes	No “Temporary Bridge”	Yes
Cost Inputs	2021	N/A	2021
Property and Income Values	Updated	Updated	Updated
Guarantees	Reduced by 5% annually	100%	100%
Poverty Aid (DPIA)	CEP/Old formula	CEP/Old formula	Direct Certification
Cash Carryover	Unlimited	30%	50%

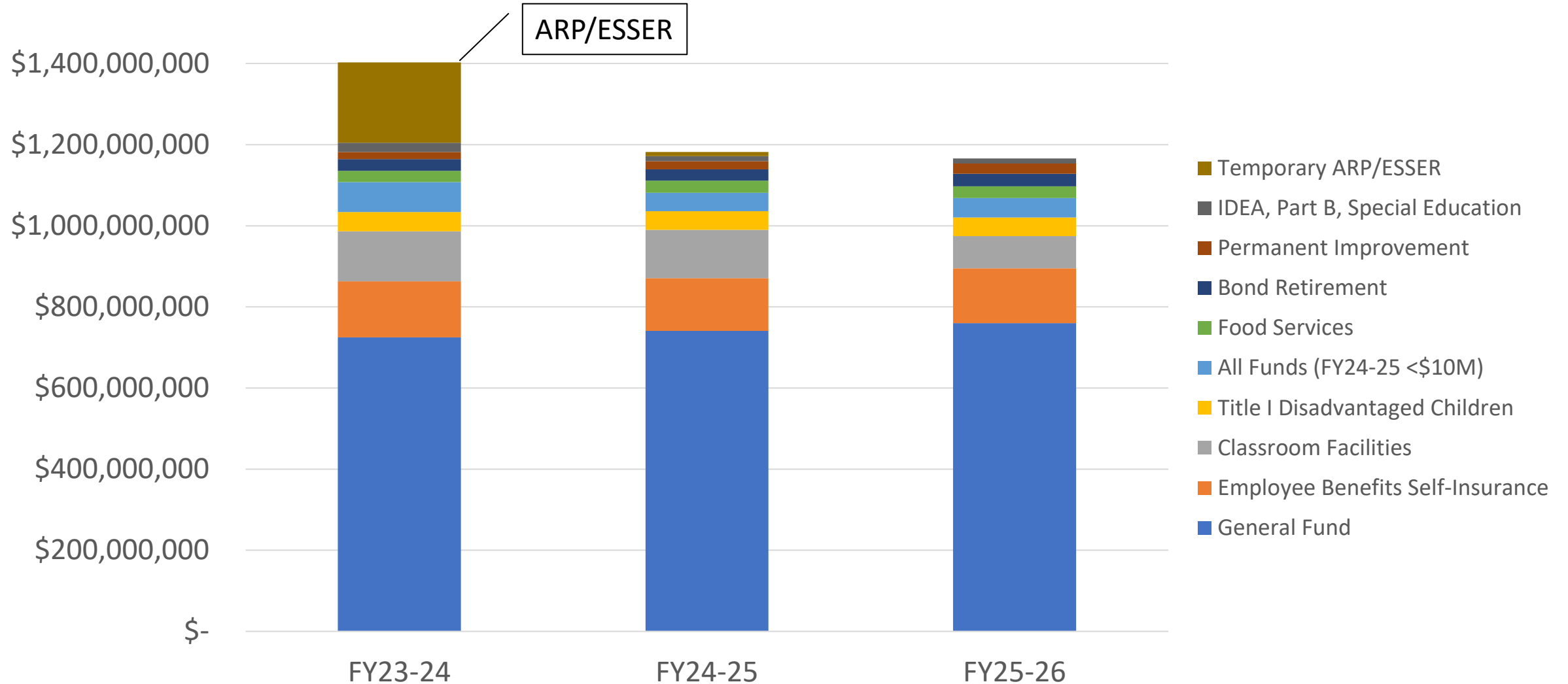
Legislative priorities: 1) Maintain Fair School Funding Plan, 2) update cost inputs or keep existing property and income values, 3) maintain guarantees, and 4) reform poverty funding.

Cost Savings Measures Implemented



- February 2024 – [Deficit reduction plan](#) adopted by Board, including reductions to central office and non-school directed budgets, including a 12% cut in positions and executive salary freezes
- May 2024 – Budget and Five Year Forecast adopted showing further immediate cost savings from central office that will continue
- July 2024 – New restrictions placed on contracting, food, and travel
- March 2025 – Refreshed school-based budgets to focus on access and equity
- May 2025 – Board adopted the calendar consolidation proposal
- July 2025 – Further restrictions on travel and general prohibition from purchasing food for central office

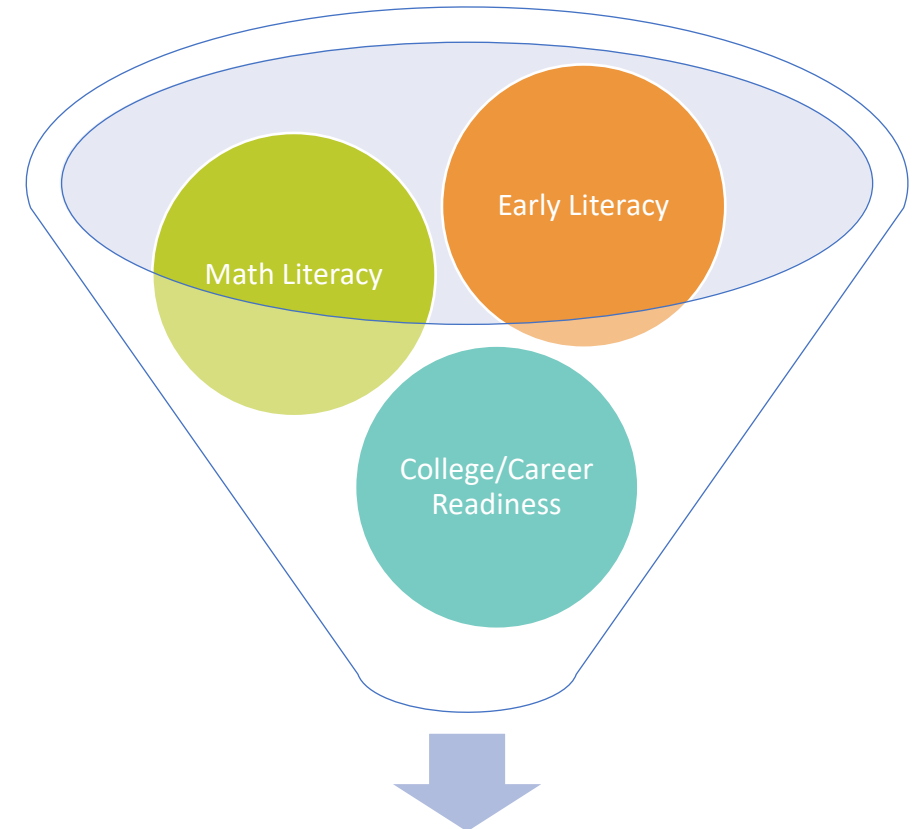
Budget Comparison



Prioritizing 2025-2026 Budget to Goals



- Goal 1: Early grades English Language Arts
 - Reduced class size caps
 - Continued implementation of ELA curriculum, including Structured Literacy
 - iReady personalized instruction (K-8 Schools)
 - Teacher and School Leader Professional Development
- Goal 2: Algebra I
 - Purchase of Math curriculum
 - IXL personalized learning
 - Teacher and School Leader Professional Development
- Goal 3: College Readiness
 - SchoolLinks college and career planning platform
 - SAT assessment for all students
 - Teacher and School Leader Professional Development

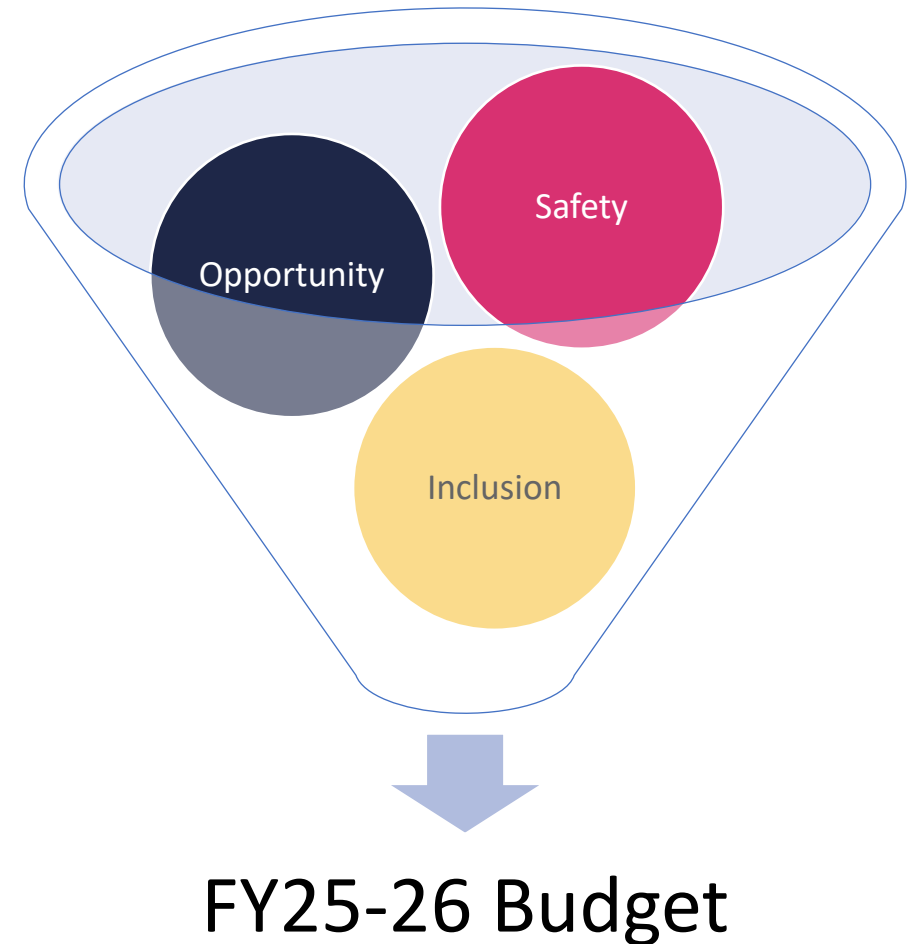


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Prioritizing 2025-2026 Budget within Guardrails



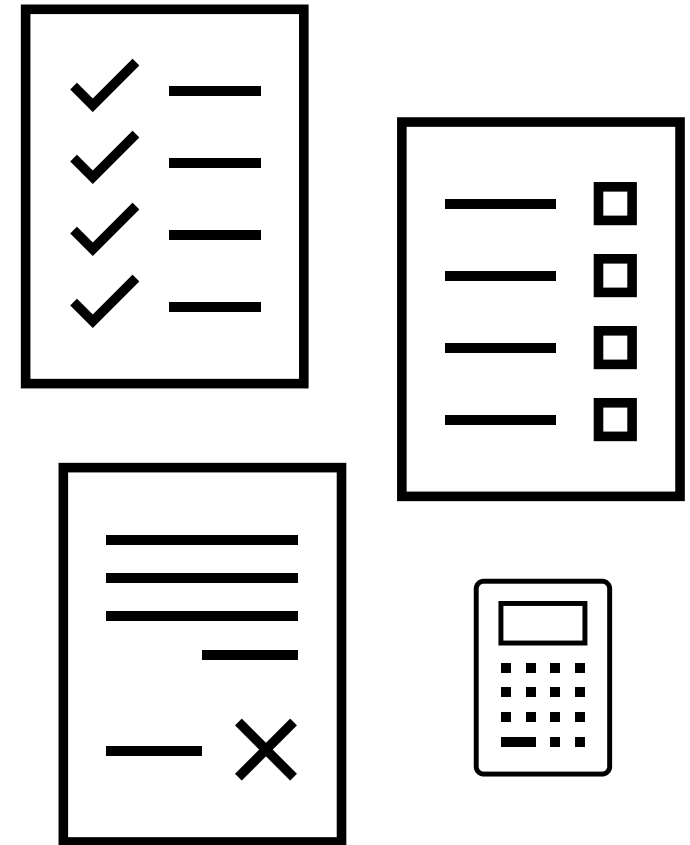
- **Guardrail 1: Safety**
 - Student badging project to improve school safety
 - Panorama student and educator conditions for learning survey
 - Bounceback on-demand adult wellness program
- **Guardrail 2: Opportunity**
 - Community partner support for arts programming
 - SchoolLinks college and career planning platform
 - Seven schools will have girls competing in flag football for the first time and interest in girls wrestling continues to increase
- **Guardrail 3: Inclusion**
 - Student-based budgeting developed with school leaders and a briefing to the Board





Planning for further central office budget reductions

- Build from reductions implemented in 2024
- Staffing analysis (composition and trends)
- Context with Goals & Guardrails and Building Brighter Futures
- Spending variance analysis



Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Planning



Thank you.

