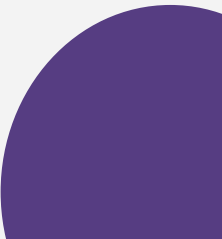




STOUGHTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Annual Meeting
October 19, 2026**



CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Jill Patterson

School Board President



INTRODUCTIONS

Board Members

District Administrator

Director of Business Services



DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S OVERVIEW

Dan Keyser, Ed.D.
District Administrator



Our Goal & Mission

Create conditions today for every student to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally for unlimited opportunities.

Mission: Ensure educational opportunities which challenge all students to achieve excellence, maximize their talents and abilities, prepare them to face the demands of the future, and be literate contributing members of society.

Equity Vision: Our Compassionate School Community will operate within a proactive system of support to promote a positive, inclusive culture with equity, respect, and dignity so we can thrive emotionally, socially, and academically.



District Goals

Literacy

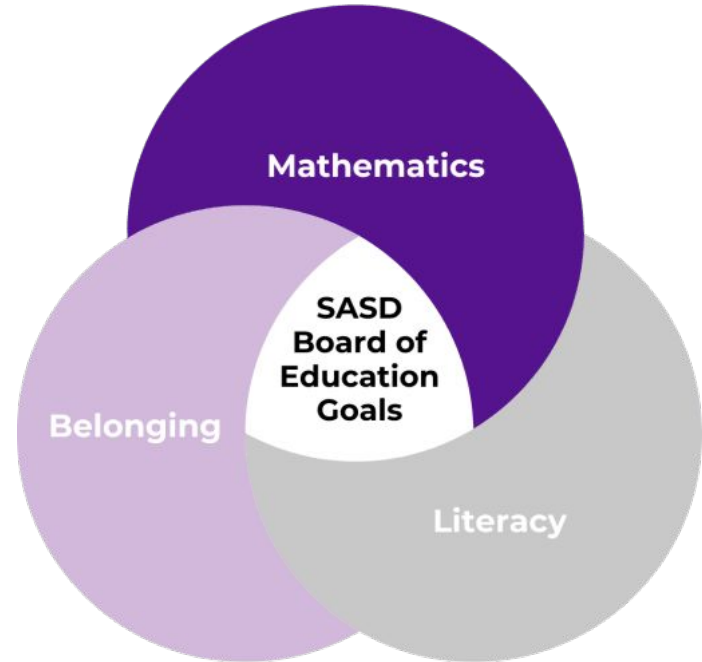
In the Fall of 2026, we will observe a 50% reduction in the proficiency gap observed in reading/language arts for students who identify as Black, Hispanic, two or more races, and students with disabilities. We will accomplish this through the acceleration of proficiency for all students.

Mathematics

In the Fall of 2026, we will observe a 50% reduction in the proficiency gap observed in math for students who identify as Black, Hispanic, two or more races, and students with disabilities. We will accomplish this through the acceleration of proficiency for all students.

Belonging

SASD Culture and Climate Committee Definition of Belonging: *I see myself; I am seen and cared about here. I contribute to the classroom and school. People notice when I am here. I am offered the support I need, and people have high expectations for me.*



2026-2027 BUDGET OBJECTIVES

- Continue to improve student achievement while forecasting and balancing future budgets
- Continue improving programs and educational initiatives
- Continue providing transparency in district finances
- Continue to look for ways to improve efficiency while providing quality services
- Continue to meet new and ongoing state and federal requirements around various areas such as school safety, student achievement, student wellbeing, and child nutrition
- Continue to manage our resources responsibly to create and maintain trust



2026-2027 BUDGET OBJECTIVES

- Reduce budgeted expenses whenever possible, helping to minimize future deficits
- Attract and retain high quality employees in a competitive market
- Create a staffing plan according to class size targets which balances academic options, support services, and financial sustainability



Points of Pride

AWARD
WINNING
STAFF & STUDENTS

SASD Core Values



**Respect &
Commitment to
Each Other**



**Personal & Social
Responsibility**



**Sustainability of
Resources**



**Community
Engagement**



**Excellence & Equity
in Teaching &
Learning**



SASD Goals



Congratulations! Thank you for all of your hard work.

Literacy [All Students]: 41% → 53% (+12) [29% increase]

Math [All Students]: 41% → 57% (+16) [39% increase]

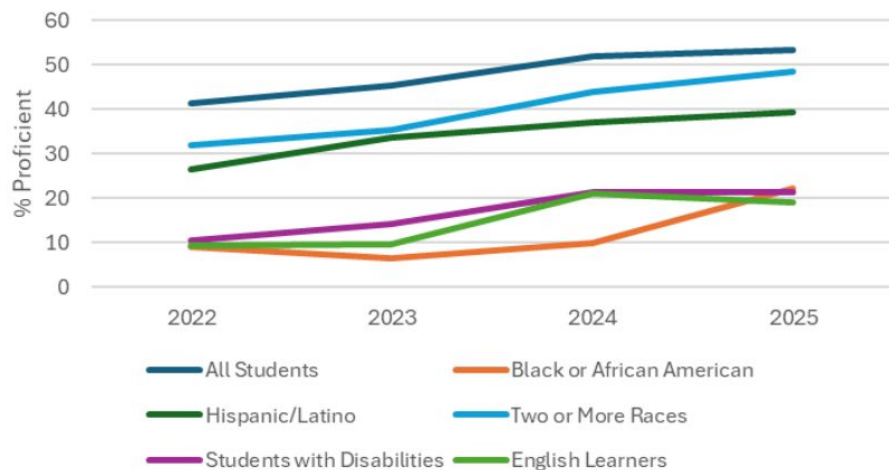
****Still unfinished work****

- The Academic goal are up for review after the 2026 School Report Cards are released.
 - Recommend that we keep the goals the same so we can get better
 - Focus more on our growth to address gaps between all student and subgroup

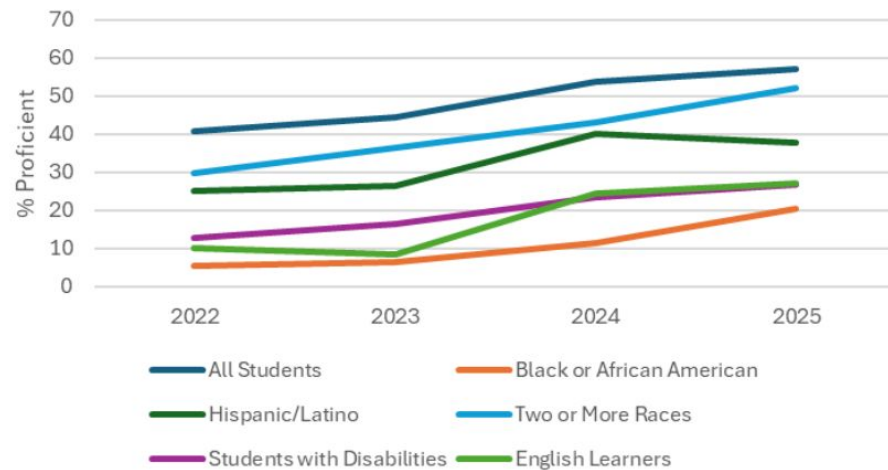


SASD Board Goals - Our Path

ELA Proficiency Rates



Math Proficiency Rates



Belonging

Student Survey: Pretend a new student just moved here. They are starting at your school very soon. What is one piece of advice you would give them to help them do well?

Don't be afraid to talk to people

Idk

I'd say never give up, even when it is hard

To ask for help when they need it because all teachers are willing to help

shrug

just be kind

Don't worry about what other people will think of you.

Treat teachers with respect and they'll do the same for you

remember to listen

Don't go to the bathrooms unless absolutely necessary

Join sports to meet new people

EVERYONE IS AWESOME INCLUDING YOU

I would tell them not to procrastinate.

Have fun.

I would tell them that this school is pretty nice and flexible, I would also offer them to sit with me at lunch and introduce them to more people to make friends.

don't vape

When the teacher gives advice use it.

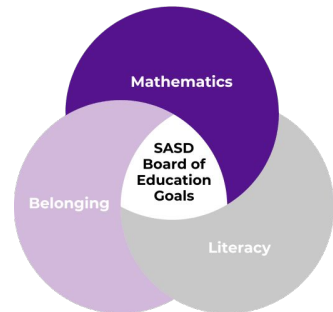
Be yourself do your own thing and have fun.

be confident

I would ask them if they need help to get to their classes and also make sure they get treated good by the school

Ask questions when you don't understand it.

focus on what you can control



Belonging

Attendance: Less than 10% absenteeism is a predictor of 3rd grade reading, and is a predictor of post-secondary success. "Showing up" is a skill that is required in any career. It is also important for students to be at school so they can get the most out of their school experiences.

Out-of-School Suspensions: Students who are miss time due to suspension not only miss instructional time, they often lead to increased risk of future negative behavior. In high school, research indicates as much as a two-fold increase in lower academic achievement.

Co-Curricular Activities (Grades 9-12): Students are encouraged to engage in activities beyond the classroom.

Co-Curricular	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
All Students	N/A	59.3%	61.7%	64.9%
Black or African American	N/A	38.1%	48.8%	37.0%
Hispanic/Latino	N/A	51.6%	57.4%	62.1%
Two or More Races	N/A	43.4%	54.4%	64.1%
Student with Disabilities	N/A	34.9%	32.7%	32.7%
English Learners	N/A	47.5%	43.8%	45.1%

Attendance 90%+	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
All Students	80.2%	86.0%	85.6%	87.9%
Black or African American	41.7%	60.0%	68.1%	60.6%
Hispanic/Latino	62.2%	81.2%	78.7%	83.7%
Two or More Races	63.6%	72.2%	66.3%	80.5%
Student with Disabilities	77.2%	73.7%	76.2%	79.5%
English Learners	74.2%	83.9%	81.5%	79.5%
Fewer than Two Out-of-School Suspensions	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
All Students	98.6%	98.2%	99.1%	98.8%
Black or African American	96.2%	89.7%	95.8%	91.7%
Hispanic/Latino	98.9%	99.5%	99.5%	98.7%
Two or More Races	98.6%	94.9%	97.6%	96.2%
Student with Disabilities	93.0%	95.5%	96.7%	97.1%
English Learners	98.9%	100.0%	99.3%	99.4%

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Election of Chairperson



PRESENTATION OF THE 2026-27 BUDGET & TAX LEVY

Erica J. Pickett, SFO

Director of Business Services



2025-26 PRIOR YEAR REVIEW

	Fund 10 (General)	Fund 21 (Spec Rev Trust)	Fund 27 (Special Ed)	Fund 39 (Referendum Debt)	Fund 41 (Capital Expansion)
Revenues	45,317,467	1,345,954	8,824,462	3,124,273	757,129
Expenses	45,719,394	1,085,298	8,824,462	3,094,525	166,415
Cash Balance	12,519,182	4,134,947	347,251	1,699,847	3,196,937
	Fund 46 (LT Cap Improv Trust)	Fund 49 (Other Cap Projects)	Fund 50 (Food Service)	Fund 80 (Community Service)	Fund 90 (Pkg & Co-op Program)
Revenues	989,727	426,638	1,491,690	331,712	37,401
Expenses	0	10,724,244	1,387,557	329,927	37,401
Cash Balance	5,154,919	6,157,000	472,086	216,646	0

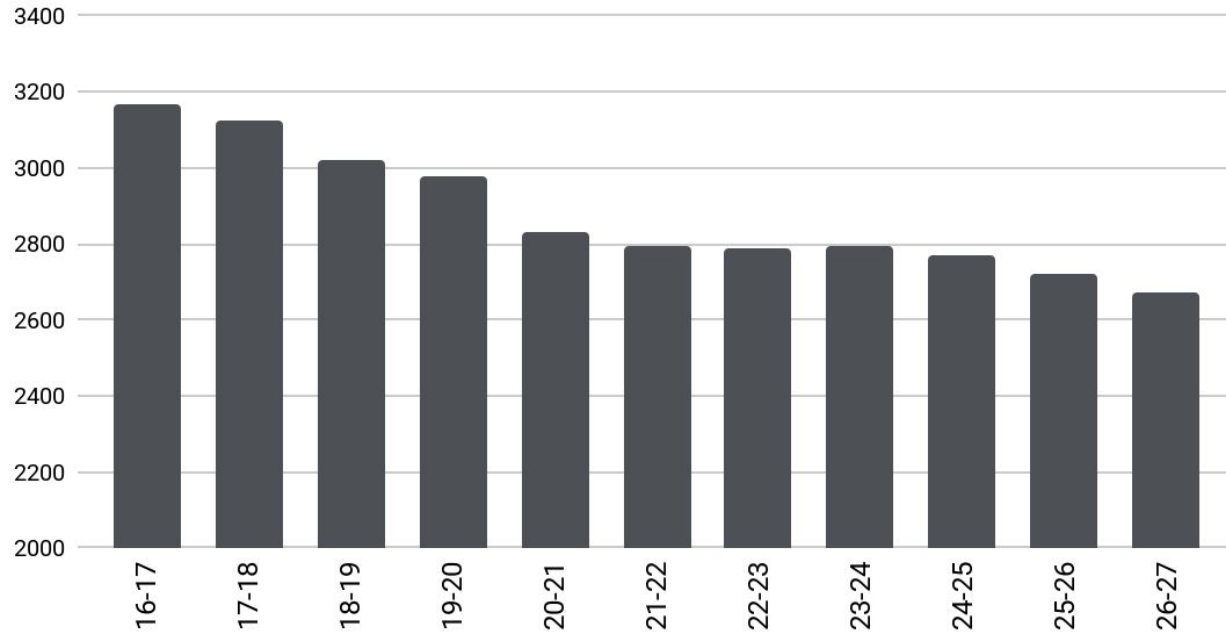
REVENUE LIMIT VARIABLES

Variable	2025-26	2026-27	Change
September Membership	2,719	2,670	(1.8%)
Equalized Valuation	\$3,978,433,468	\$4,177,498,647	5.0%
Base Revenue Limit per Pupil	\$14,270	\$14,811	3.8%



SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP HISTORY

September Membership History

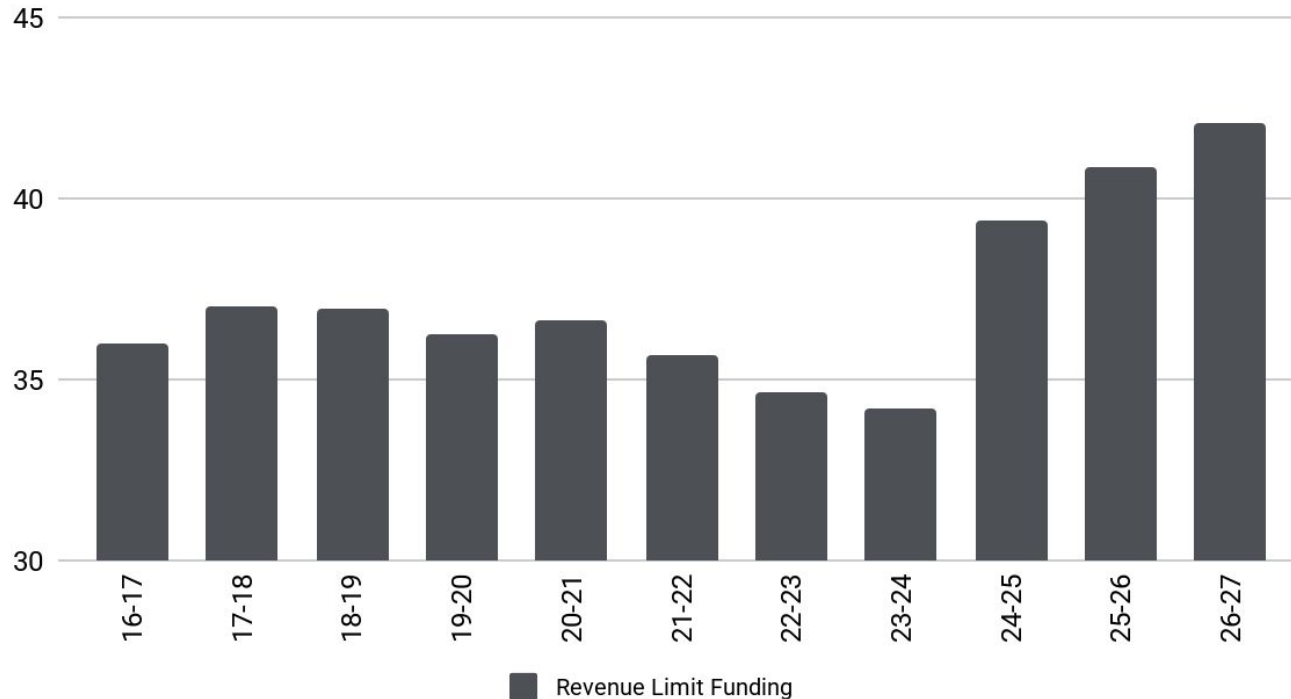


2026-27 REVENUE LIMIT

Allowable Revenue Limit	\$42,075,964
Less: Certified General State Aid	(11,852,100)
Less: State Aid for Exempt Computers & Personal Property	(377,901)
Maximum Levy (Funds 10, 38, and 41)	29,845,963
Add: Debt Service Levy (Fund 39)	3,169,050
Add: Community Service Levy (Fund 80)	331,010
Add: Prior Year Levy Chargeback	0
Maximum Allowable School Levy	\$33,346,023

REVENUE LIMIT HISTORY

Revenue Limit in Millions



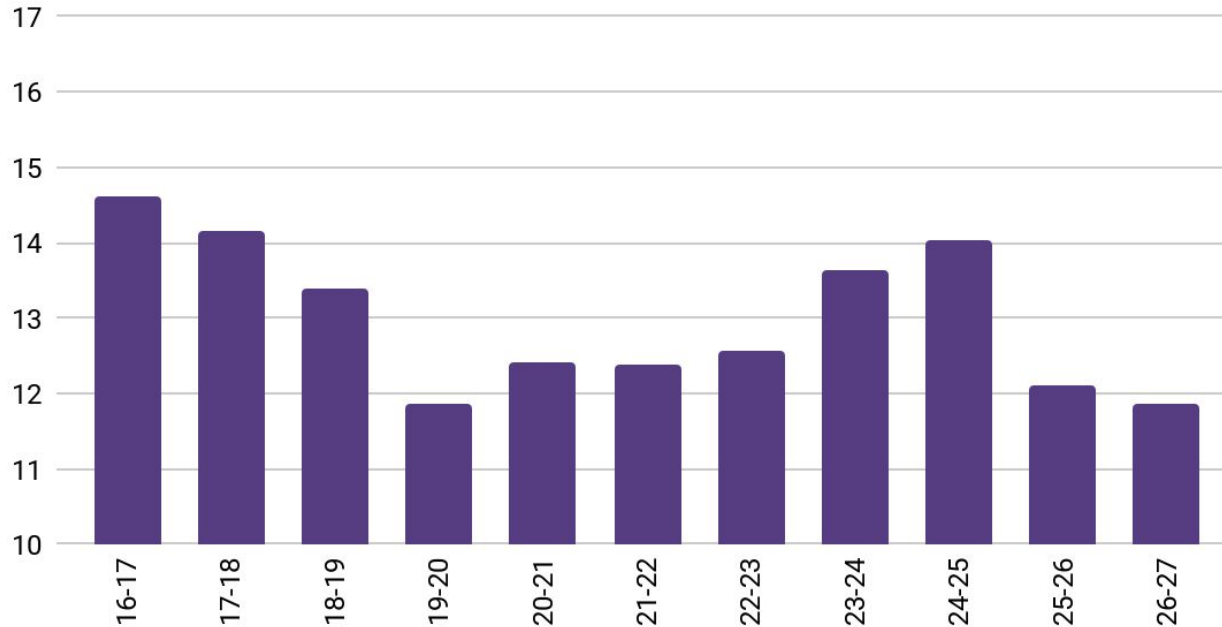
EQUALIZED VALUATION HISTORY

Valuation in Millions



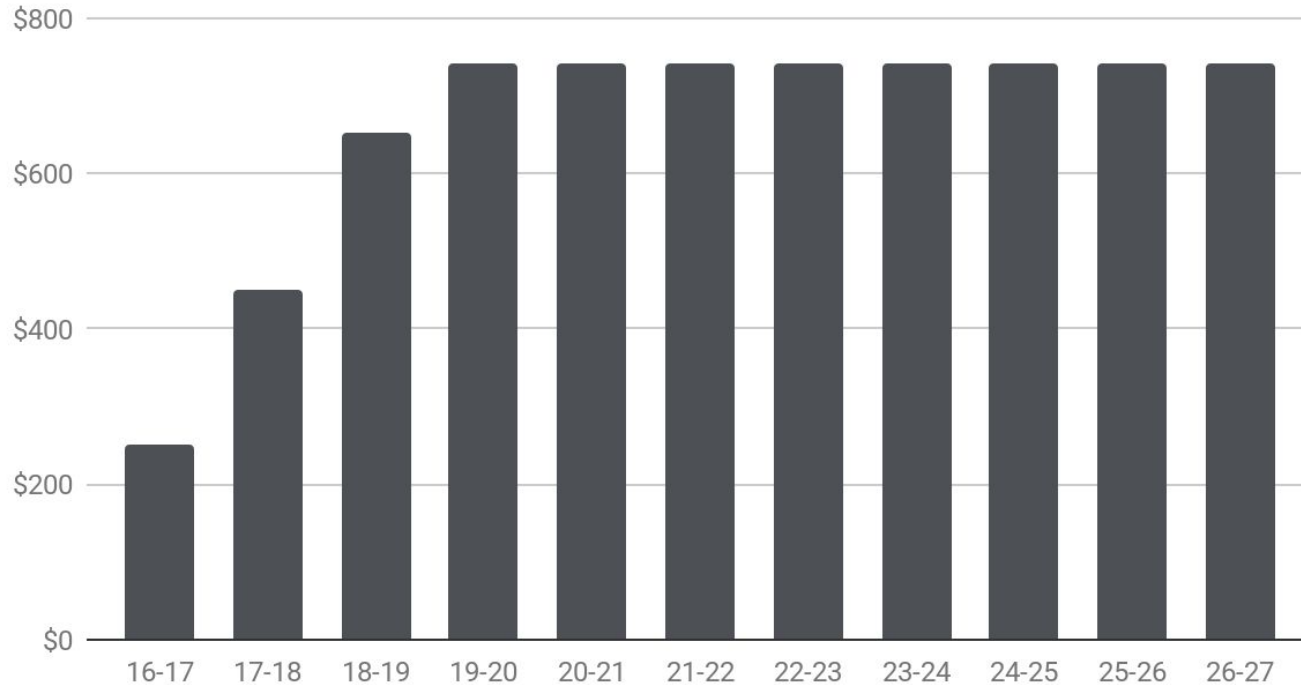
GENERAL STATE AID HISTORY

State Aid in Millions



PER PUPIL AID HISTORY

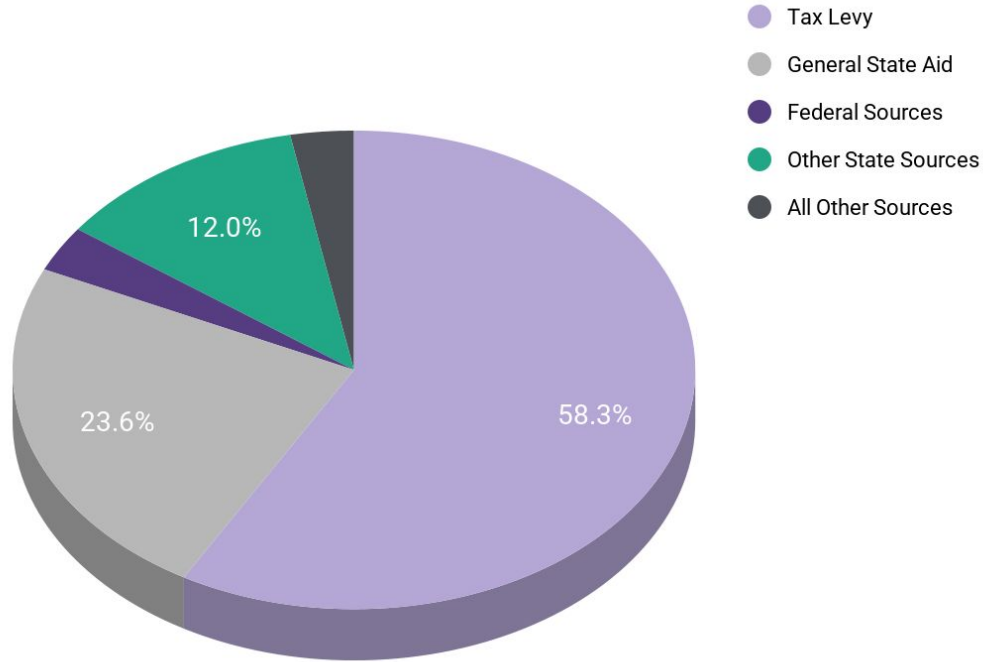
Per Pupil Aid History



2026-27 REVENUE BUDGET BY SOURCE - GENERAL (10) AND SPECIAL ED (27) FUNDS

Description	General Fund (10)	Spec. Ed Fund (27)	Total	% of Budget (excludes fund 27 operating transfer)
211 Tax Levy	\$29,215,104	\$0	\$29,215,104	58.3%
200 Other Local	659,580	0	659,580	1.3%
300 Interdistrict	806,853	0	806,853	1.6%
621 General State Aid	11,852,100	0	11,852,100	23.6%
600 State	2,714,099	3,291,390	6,005,489	12.0%
700 Federal	573,311	998,162	1,571,473	3.1%
800-900 Cap Lease & Other	49,345	1,000	50,345	0.1%
Total	\$45,870,392	\$4,290,552	\$50,160,944	100%

2026-27 REVENUE BUDGET BY SOURCE - GENERAL (10) & SPECIAL EDUCATION (27) FUNDS



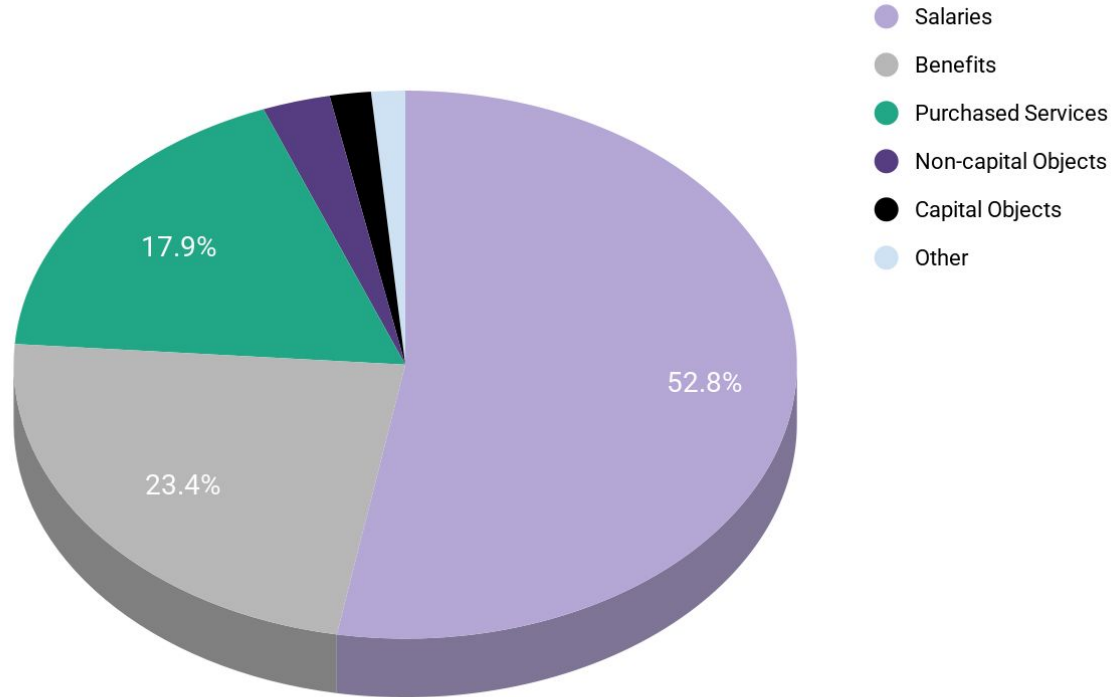
2026-27 REVENUE BUDGET BY SOURCE - GENERAL (10) AND SPECIAL ED (27) FUNDS

Year	General State Aid	Tax Levy	Other State Sources	Federal Sources	All Other Sources
2026-27	23.6%	58.3%	12.0%	3.1%	3.0%
2025-26	24.9%	57.2%	11.4%	3.4%	3.1%
2024-25	29.9%	52.4%	10.1%	4.4%	3.2%
2023-24	31.1%	45.1%	10.6%	9.5%	3.7%
2022-23	28.0%	47.6%	9.2%	12.6%	2.6%
2021-22	28.6%	52.3%	9.4%	7.2%	2.5%
2020-21	28.9%	54.3%	10.0%	4.0%	2.8%
2019-20	28.1%	56.0%	9.9%	3.5%	2.5%

2026-27 EXPENSE BUDGET BY OBJECT - GENERAL (10) AND SPECIAL ED (27) FUNDS

Description	General Fund (10)	Special Education Fund (27)	Total	% of Net Budget
100 Salaries	\$20,762,071	\$5,704,601	\$26,466,672	52.8%
200 Benefits	8,814,963	2,896,602	11,711,565	23.4%
300 Purchased Services	8,215,962	776,301	8,992,263	17.9%
400 Non-capital Objects	1,377,945	32,533	1,410,478	2.8%
500 Capital Objects	877,511	0	877,511	1.7%
600 Debt Retirement	78,063	0	78,063	0.2%
700 Insurances	487,946	0	487,946	0.9%
800 Fund Transfers	5,119,485	0	5,119,485	0%
900 Other Objects	136,446	0	136,446	0.3%
Total	\$45,870,392	\$9,410,037	\$55,280,429	
Fund 27 Transfer			\$5,119,485	
Net Budget Total			\$50,160,944	100.0%

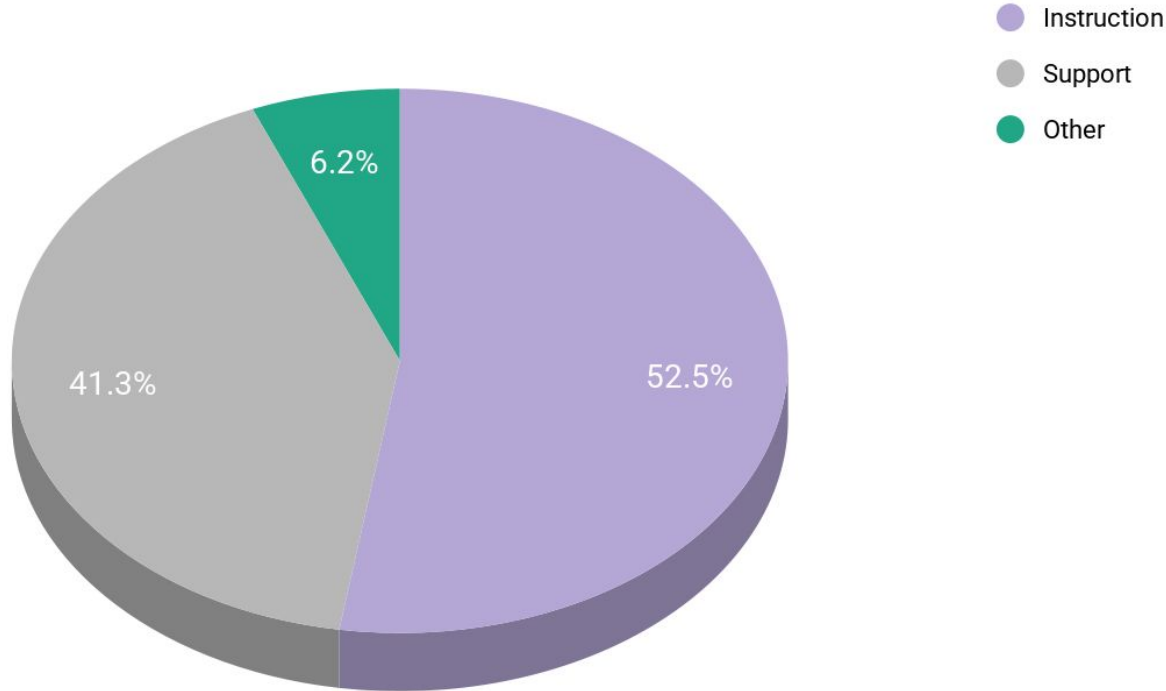
2026-27 EXPENSE BUDGET BY OBJECT - GENERAL (10) & SPECIAL EDUCATION (27)



2026-27 EXPENSE BUDGET BY FUNCTION - GENERAL (10) AND SPECIAL ED (27) FUNDS

Description	Fund 10	Fund 27	Total	% of Net Budget
100000 Instruction	\$19,313,183	\$7,000,133	\$26,313,316	52.5%
200000 Support Services	18,617,486	2,098,525	20,716,011	41.3%
400000 Non-program	7,939,723	311,379	8,251,102	6.2%
Total	\$45,870,392	\$9,410,037	\$55,280,429	
Fund 27 Transfer (Non-program)			\$5,119,485	
Net Budget Total			\$50,160,944	100.0%

2026-27 EXPENSE BUDGET BY FUNCTION - GENERAL (10) & SPECIAL EDUCATION (27)



DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE - FUND 39

The district's Fund 39 debt service will be paid off on March 1, 2043. Total principal outstanding as of July 1, 2026 is \$42,695,000.

Budget Year	Payment	Levy
2026-27	\$3,205,300	\$3,169,050
2027-28	\$3,257,800	\$3,218,425
2028-29	\$3,329,050	\$3,285,925
2029-30	\$3,392,800	\$3,355,300

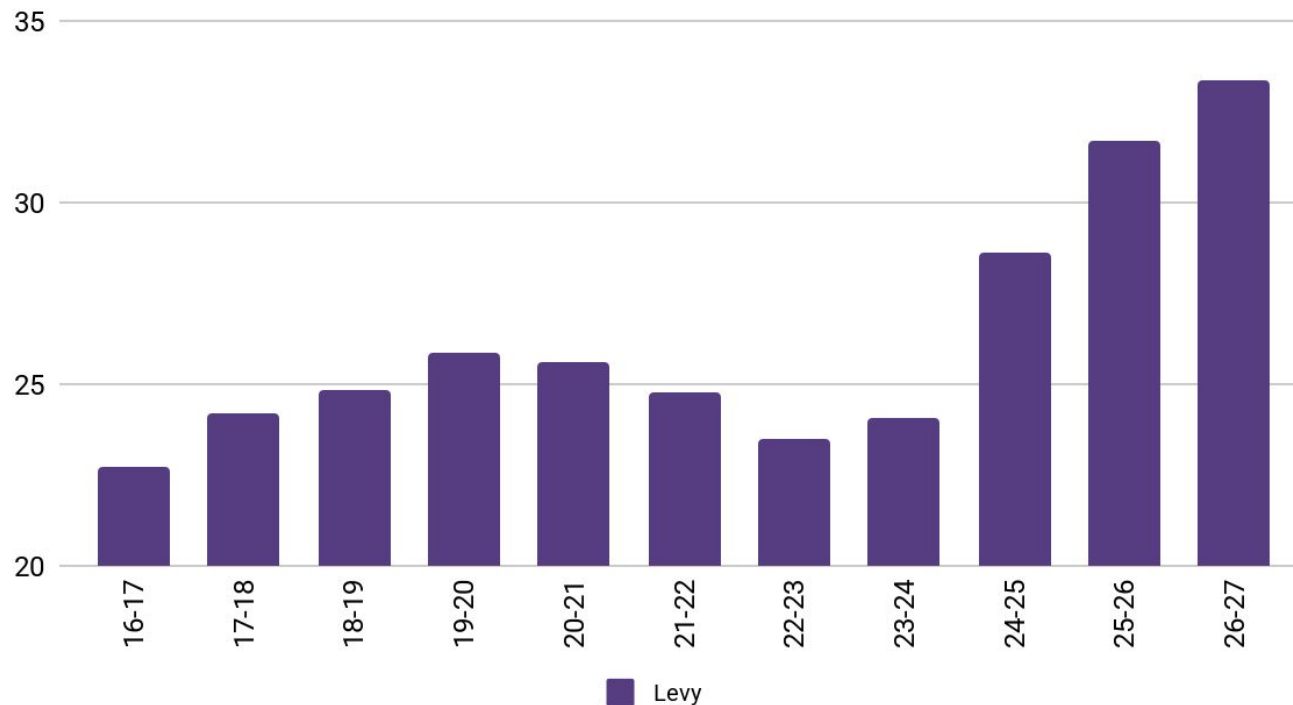


TAX LEVY RATE AND SUMMARY

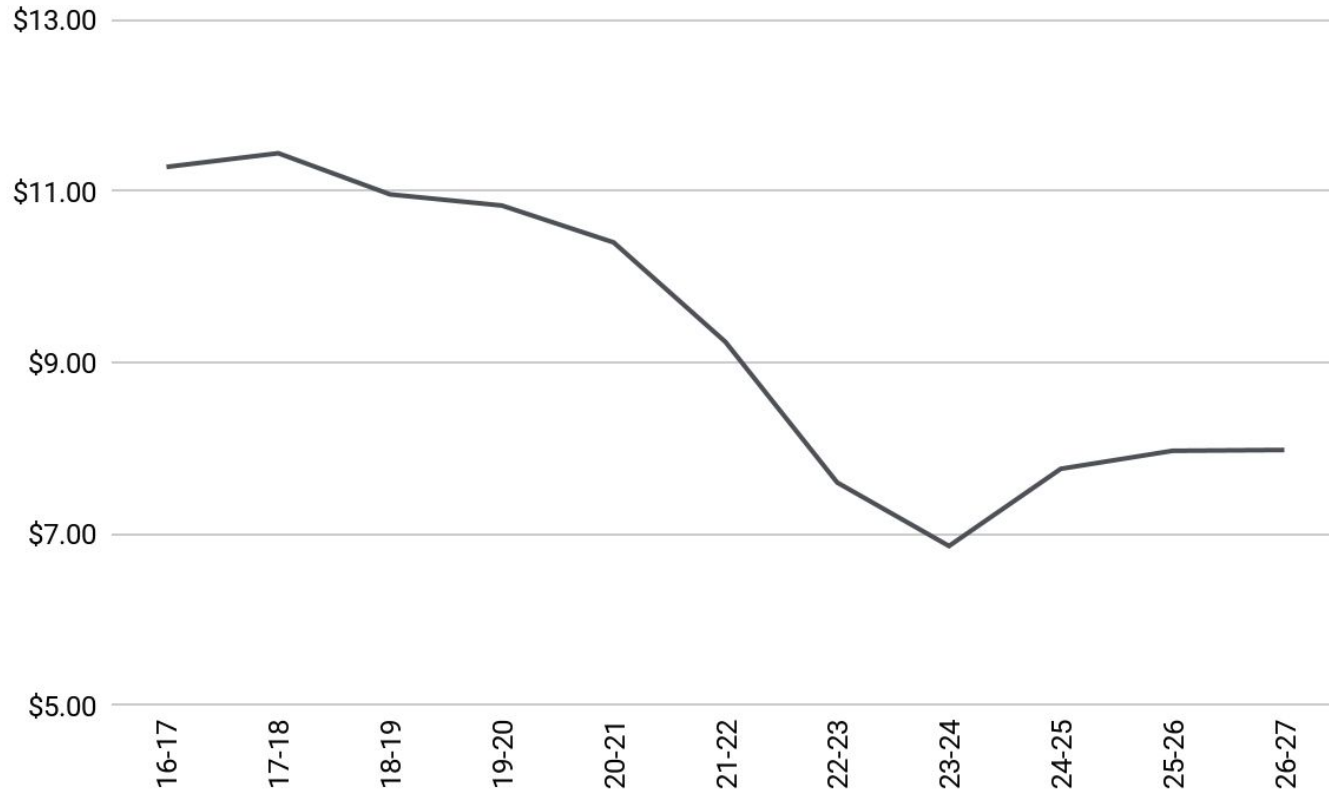
Fund	2025-26 Levy	2025-26 Rate	2026-27 Levy	2026-27 Rate
General Operating (10)	\$27,750,836	\$6.97	\$29,215,104	\$6.99
Capital Expansion (41)	618,489	\$0.16	630,859	\$0.15
Total Revenue Limit Levy	28,369,325	\$7.13	29,845,963	\$7.14
Referendum Approved Debt (39)	3,062,175	\$0.77	3,169,050	\$0.76
Community Service (80)	286,309	\$0.07	331,010	\$0.08
Prior Year Chargeback	92	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Total Levy & Rate	31,717,901	\$7.97	33,346,023	\$7.98
Prior Year Increase/(Decrease)			\$1,628,122	\$0.01

TAX LEVY HISTORY

Tax Levy History in Millions



MILL RATE HISTORY



TAX LEVY IMPACT ON RESIDENTIAL TAXPAYER

Estimated Homeowner Impact

School Year	Home Value	Mill Rate	School Tax
2025-26	\$300,000	\$7.97	\$2,391
2026-27	\$315,011	\$7.98	\$2,514
\$ Increase / (Decrease)	\$15,011	\$0.01	\$123
% Increase / (Decrease)	5.0%	0.13%	5.14%



BUDGET HEARING

QUESTIONS ON THE 2026-27 BUDGET



ADOPTION OF THE TAX LEVY

Be it resolved that there be levied a tax in the amount of **\$33,346,023** upon all taxable property located in the Stoughton Area School District in the City of Stoughton and the Townships of Albion, Christiana, Cottage Grove, Deerfield, Dunkirk, Dunn, Pleasant Springs, and Rutland in the County of Dane; and, in the Townships of Porter and Union in the County of Rock, State of Wisconsin for the 2026-27 school year.



ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BOARD MEMBER SALARIES

The Board of Education members of the Stoughton Area School District currently receive the following salaries:

Position	Amount
President	\$3,500
Vice President	\$3,300
Clerk	\$3,300
Treasurer	\$3,300
Other members	\$3,100



ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BOARD MEMBER SALARIES

Be it resolved that the Board of Education members of the Stoughton Area School District receive \$_____ in salary for the 2026-27 school year.



ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT OF BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL EXPENSES

Be it resolved that the members of the Board of Education of the Stoughton Area School District be reimbursed for payment of actual and necessary travel expenses incurred while traveling in the performance of duties.



ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE 2027 ANNUAL MEETING

Be it resolved that the next Annual Meeting of the Stoughton Area School District be scheduled for 6:00 p.m., October 25, 2027.



SOURCES OF SASD BUDGET INFORMATION

Annual Meeting Handouts

District Website: www.stoughton.k12.wi.us

District Business Services Office

320 North Street





STOUGHTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

Adjournment

