2026-2027
OFFICIAL BUDGET

Pillager Public Schools



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Administration Team

Ryan Krominga	Superintendent
Rachel Johnson	Director of Teaching/Curriculum
Melissa Berry	Business Manager
Stacie Clark	Human Resources Manager
David Reeves	High School Principal
Matthew Moen	Dean of Students/Athletic Director
Wade Mortenson	Middle School Principal
Josh Smith	Elementary Principal

Highlights of Official 26-27 Budget

General Fund Savings (most significant adjustments)

Projected 2.7% for Gen Ed Revenue Increase

Adjusted APU 1,457(Combined change in revenue)

Reduced PSEO $50,000

General Fund Cost Increases (most significant adjustments)

Teacher Salary Roll Ups 3% and 4%, steps and lane changes

Transportation Contract $40,560

New curriculum $160,000

Added 3rd and 4th grade teacher .5 each grade $77,308

Weight room project $400,000

Increased PBEC costs $60,000

Added land purchase $431,000

Added District Office Staff $71,268

Unassigned Fund Balance

- Actual 2024-2025, 15.7%
- Projected 2025-2026, 16.62%
- Anticipated 2026-2027, 15.33%
- Line Item Excess/Deficit, -$930,435

Highlights of Official 2026-2027

Food Service Fund

- **Updated expenditures and revenues. Breakfast and lunch will be free for all students in the 2026-2027 school year.**
- **The District is working on spending down the fund balance within the MDE guidelines of 6 months worth of operating expenses.**

Community Education Fund

- **Updated expenditures and revenues.**

Building/Construction Fund

- **None (Weight Room project included in general fund)**

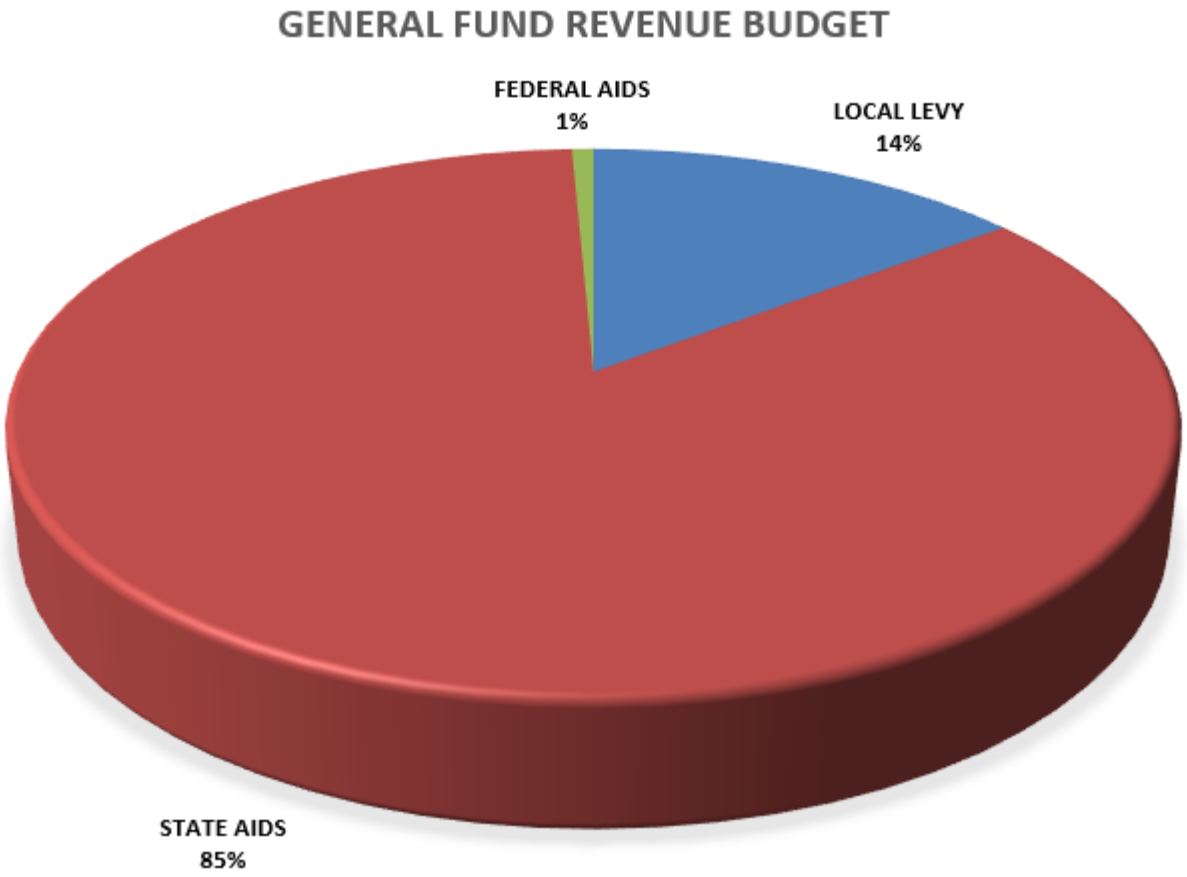
Other Funds

- **No changes**



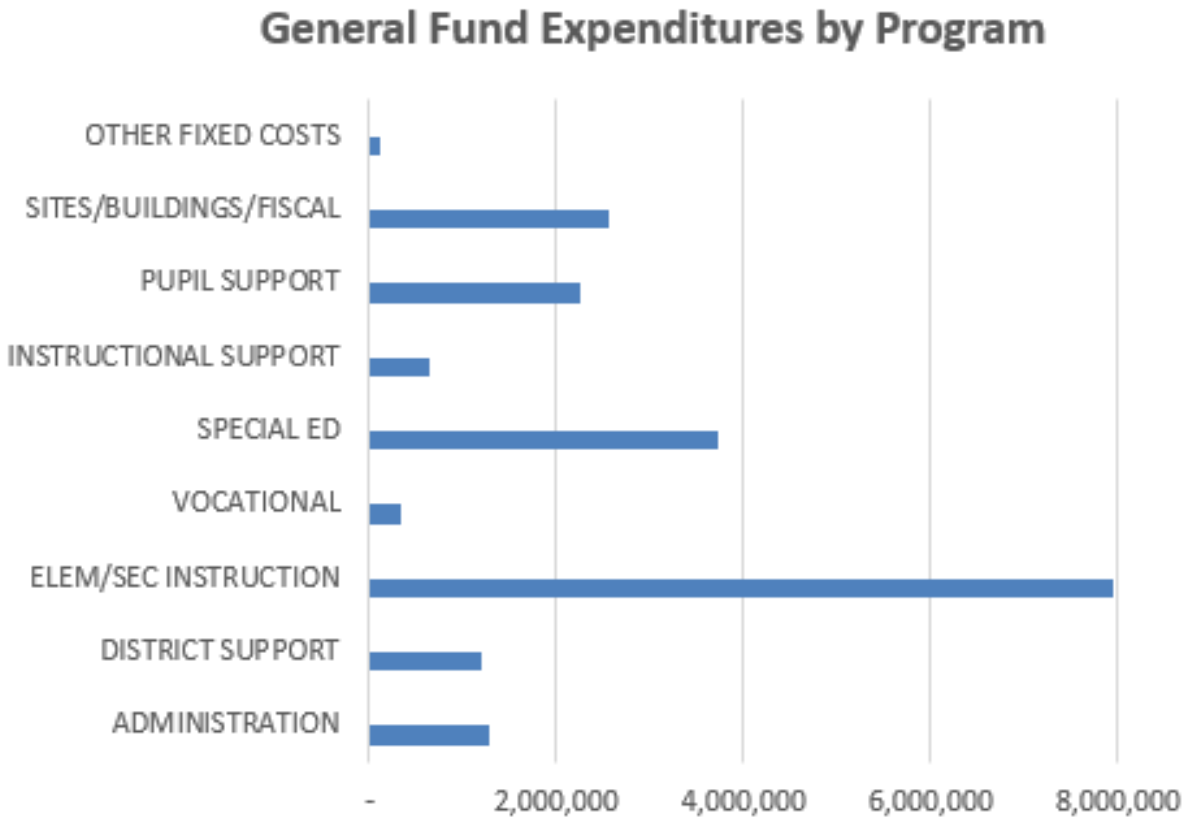
Official General Fund Revenue

REVENUE SOURCES	GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET	PERCENT
LOCAL LEVY	2,795,516.71	14.61%
STATE AIDS	16,205,327.61	84.68%
FEDERAL AIDS	136,489.39	0.71%
OTHER MISC		
TOTAL REVENUE SOURCES	$ 19,137,334	100.00%



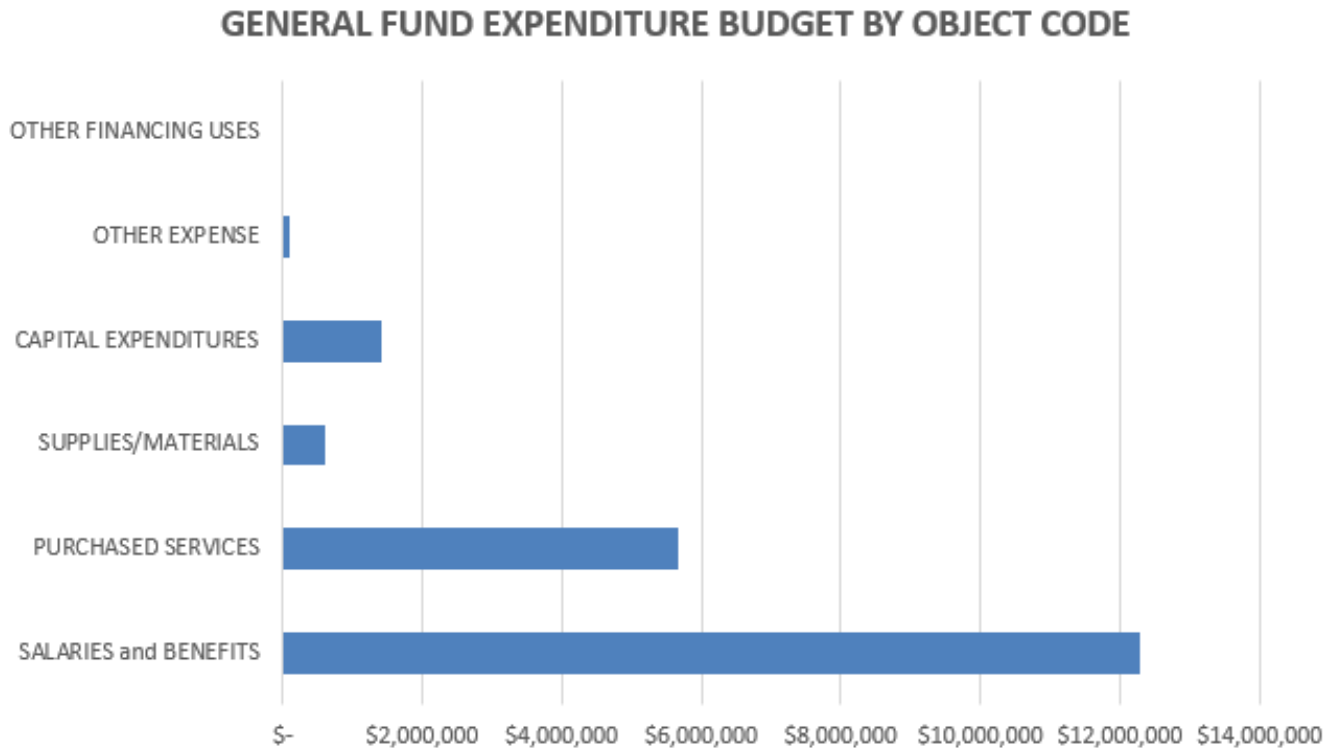
Official General Fund Expenditures

PROGRAM EXPENSES	GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE BUDGET BY PROGRAM	PERCENT
ADMINISTRATION	1,293,995	6.45%
DISTRICT SUPPORT	1,196,850	5.96%
ELEM/SEC INSTRUCTION	7,941,701	39.56%
VOCATIONAL	340,713	1.70%
SPECIAL ED	3,733,628	18.60%
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT	645,336	3.21%
PUPIL SUPPORT	2,256,560	11.24%
SITES/BUILDINGS/FISCAL	2,550,986	12.71%
OTHER FIXED COSTS	115,030	0.57%
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	$ 20,074,799	100.00%



Official General Fund Expenditures

OBJECT EXPENSES	GENERAL FUND EXP BUD BY OBJ		PERCENT
SALARIES	$	8,654,930	43.15%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	$	3,644,493	18.17%
PURCHASED SERVICES	$	5,660,544	28.22%
SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	$	602,055	3.00%
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	$	1,407,220	7.02%
OTHER EXPENSE	$	87,559	0.44%
OTHER FINANCING USES	$	-	0.00%
TOTAL OBJECT EXPENSES	$	20,056,801	100.00%



Official Food Service Fund Revenue

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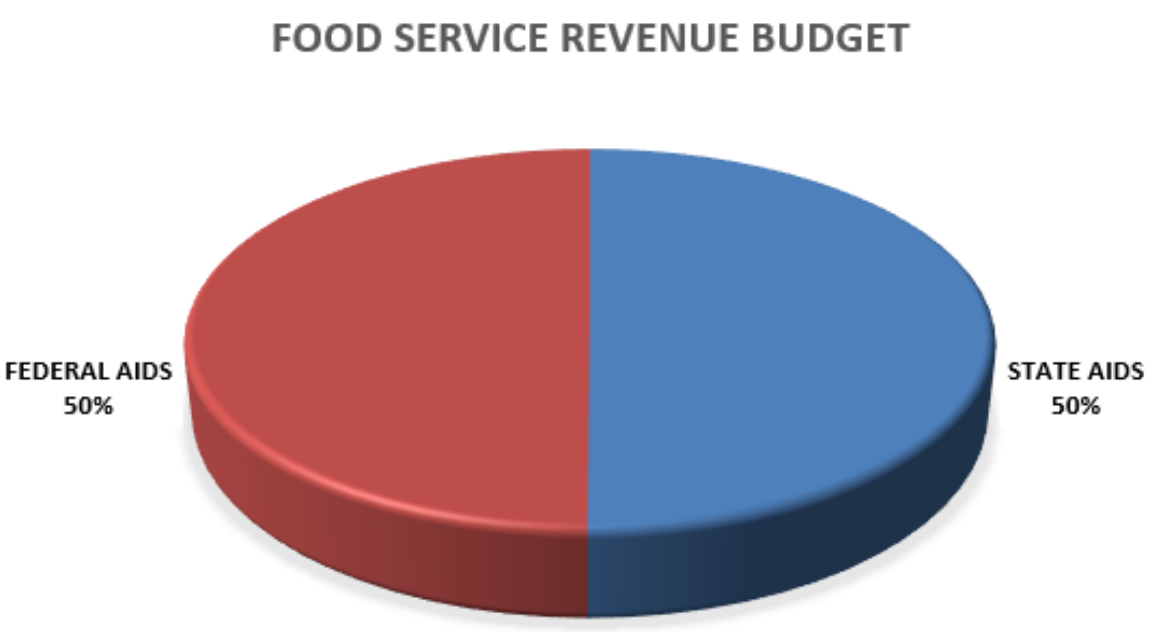
REVENUE SOURCES	FOOD SERVICE REVENUE BUDGET	PERCENT
LOCAL LEVY	$ -	0.00%
STATE AIDS	516,947.00	48.51%
FEDERAL AIDS	515,298.05	48.35%
PUPIL SALES & MISC	33,439.00	3.14%
TOTAL REVENUE SOURCES	$ 1,065,684	100.00%

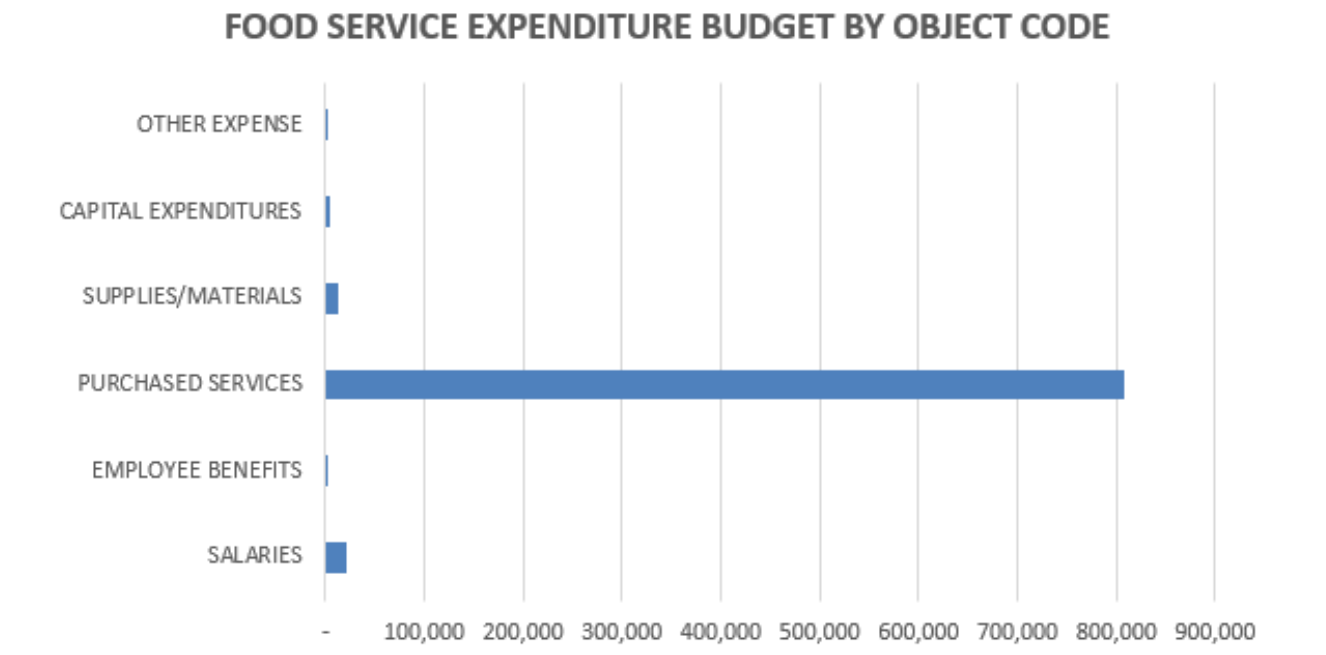






Official Food Service Fund Expenditures

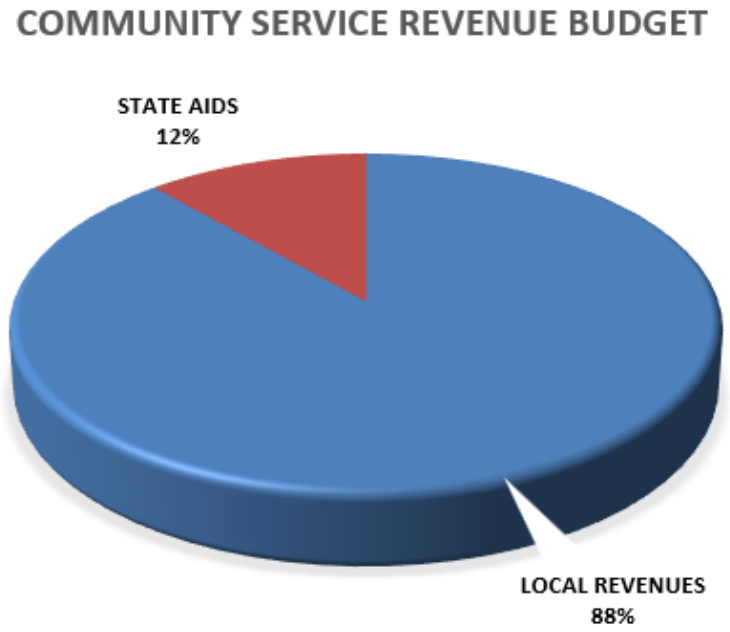
OBJECT EXPENSES	FOOD SERVICE EXPENDITURE BUDGET BY OBJECT	PERCENT
SALARIES	21,625	2.54%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	3,515	0.41%
PURCHASED SERVICES	807,212	94.92%
SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	12,887	1.52%
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	5,000	0.59%
OTHER EXPENSE	200	0.02%
TOTAL OBJECT EXPENSES	$ 850,439	100.00%





Official Community Service Fund Revenue

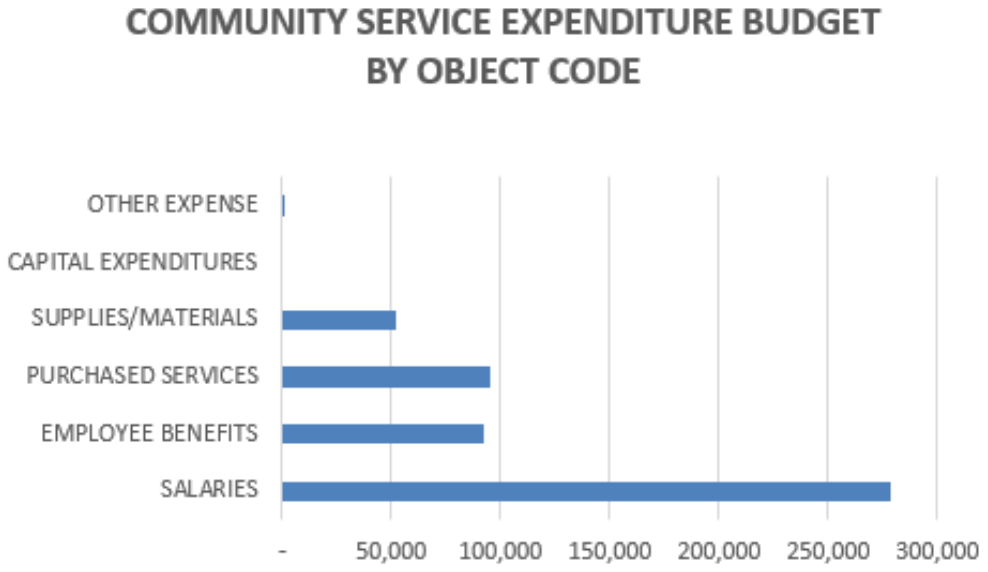
	26-27	
REVENUE SOURCES	COMMUNITY SVC REVENUE BUDGET	PERCENT
LOCAL REVENUES	452,618	88.48%
STATE AIDS	58,954	11.52%
FEDERAL AIDS	-	0.00%
TOTAL REVENUE SOURCES	$ 511,571	100.00%





Official Community Service Fund Expenditures

	26-27	
OBJECT EXPENSES	COMMUNITY SVC EXPENDITURE BUDGET BY OBJECT	PERCENT
SALARIES	278,867	53.71%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	92,296	17.78%
PURCHASED SERVICES	95,255	18.35%
SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	52,260	10.07%
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES		0.00%
OTHER EXPENSE	500	0.10%
TOTAL OBJECT EXPENSES	$ 519,179	100.00%





Factors Impacting ISD 116

Every state funds K-12 education differently, and Minnesota is considered one of the most complex systems. In Pillager 85% of the revenue is generated from the state, 14% from local property taxes and the remaining 1% from the federal government. This breakdown is similar to other districts in the state. For the most part, the state portion is generated by the "basic formula" on a per pupil basis. The legislature increased the basic formula amount for next year by 2.7%. However, historically the basic formula increases have fallen far short of the rate of inflation. This prompts the majority of districts in the state to take the local optional levy of $724 per pupil, which Pillager School does not take. Many Districts have in place a voter-approved operating referendum in addition to the local optional levy to help make up for the revenue shortfall from the state.

As we look to the future, our district faces some challenges. Over the past several years enrollment has risen, but long-range projections show enrollment leveling off. This is due to the fact that the District's smaller class sizes in the High School are graduating and younger grades coming in are much larger. This trend will substantially impact revenue, so it is imperative that our expenditure budgets also reflect that trend. Our goal is to be mindful of the upcoming projections while also being able to provide the best education to our students.

Overall, it is apparent that the school board, Mr. Malmberg and now Ryan Krominga and the administration have made the decisions necessary to maintain financial stability. I look forward to continuing this tradition while providing our students with outstanding opportunities.

