

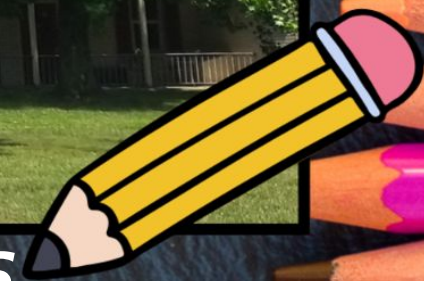
2026-2027 SCHOOL BUDGET

PUBLIC HEARING PRESENTATION



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Thursday, April 30, 2026

**Dr. Zachary Palombo, Superintendent
Presented by Patricia Ryan, School Business Administrator**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

November & December

- District leadership met to review projects, funding initiatives, and budget planning for the 2026/27 school year.
- Finance subcommittee reviewed the current budget, funding forecasts, and set parameters for the 2026/27 budget.

January

- Superintendent and Business Administrator met to review budgets and prepare a draft for BOE members, followed by a draft revenue and appropriations budget presentation to the Board's Finance Subcommittee for review and adjustment.

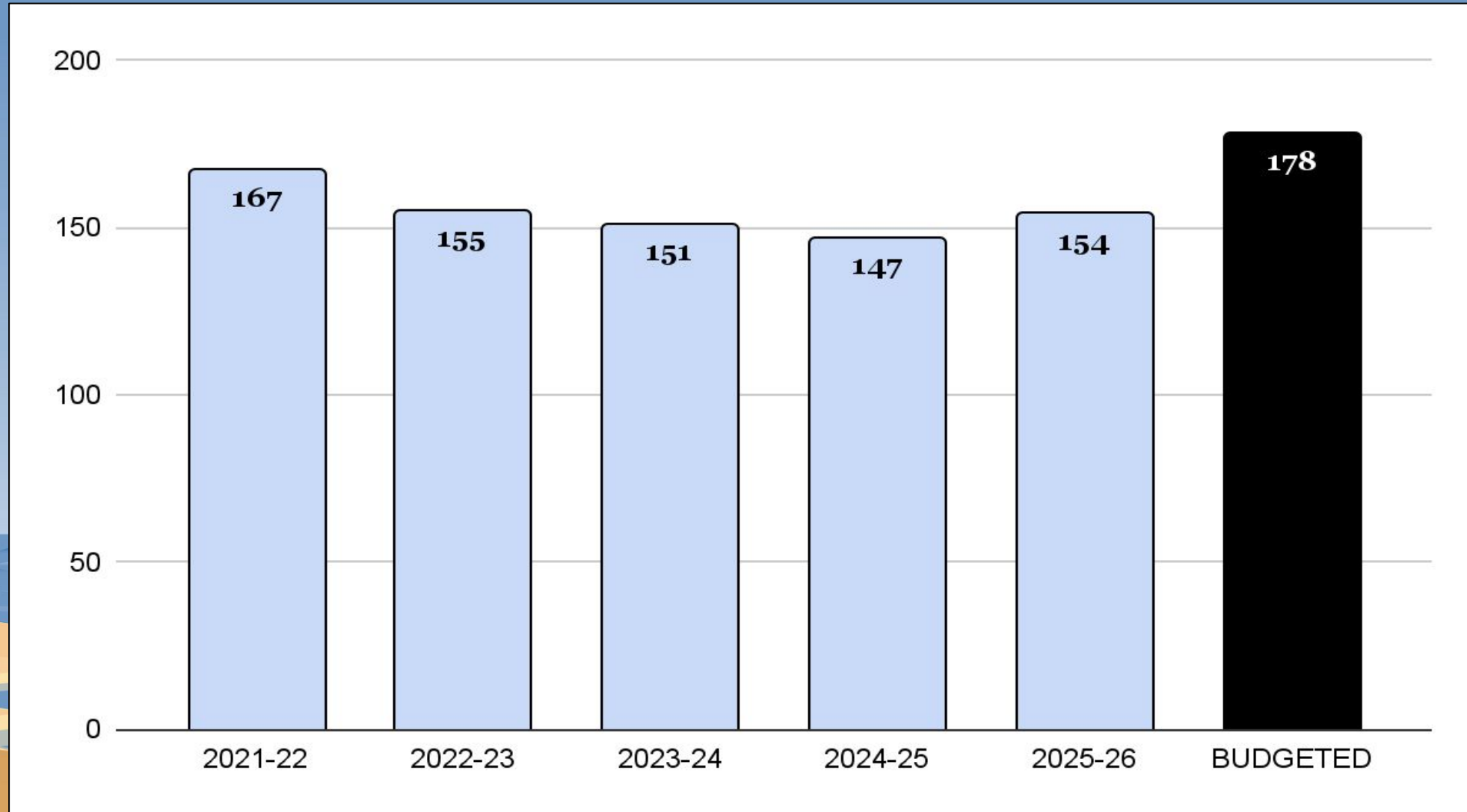
February & March

- Meet with board subcommittee again to finalize submission for full board consideration
- March 24, 2026: Submit proposed budget (appropriations and revenues) to board for review and tentative approval
- March 27, 2026: Submit tentative budget to county office for review

Public Hearing required by statute to be conducted by May 7, 2026

Final budget must be adopted by May 14, 2026

HISTORY OF STUDENT ENROLLMENT



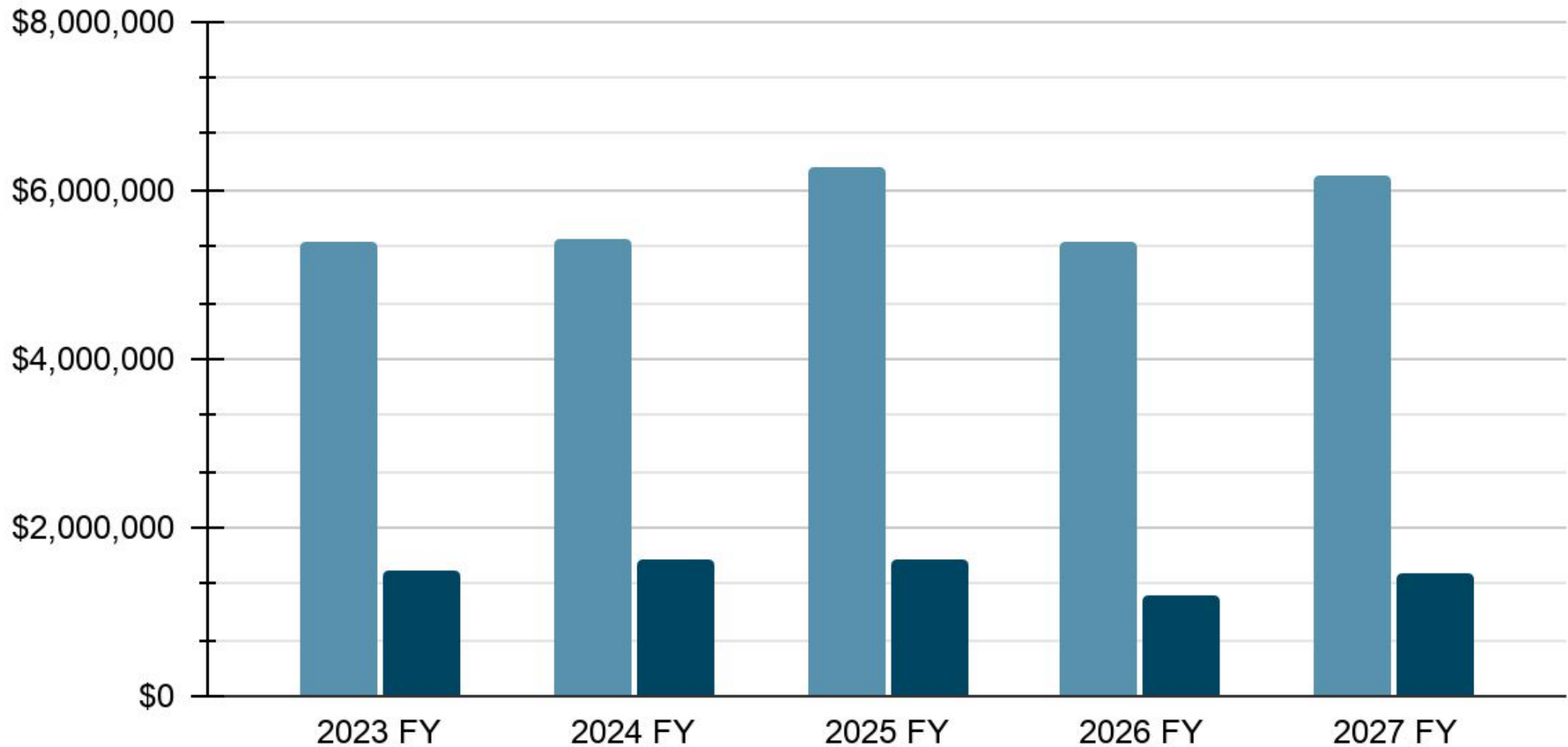
General Fund

STATE AID TOTALS

State Aid	2025-2026	2026-2027
SCHOOL CHOICE AID	\$ 210,036	\$ 228,060
TRANSPORTATION AID	\$ 28,119	\$ 9,835
SPECIAL EDUCATION AID	\$ 130,045	\$ 167,253
SECURITY AID	\$ 35,734	\$ 28,444
MILITARY IMPACT AID	\$ 781,076	\$ 1,013,268
TOTALS	\$ 1,185,010	\$ 1,446,860
	Increase in State Aid 2026-27 SY	+\$ 261,850

HISTORY OF PROPOSED BUDGET AND STATE AID

ADOPTED BUDGET STATE AID



General Fund

REVENUES

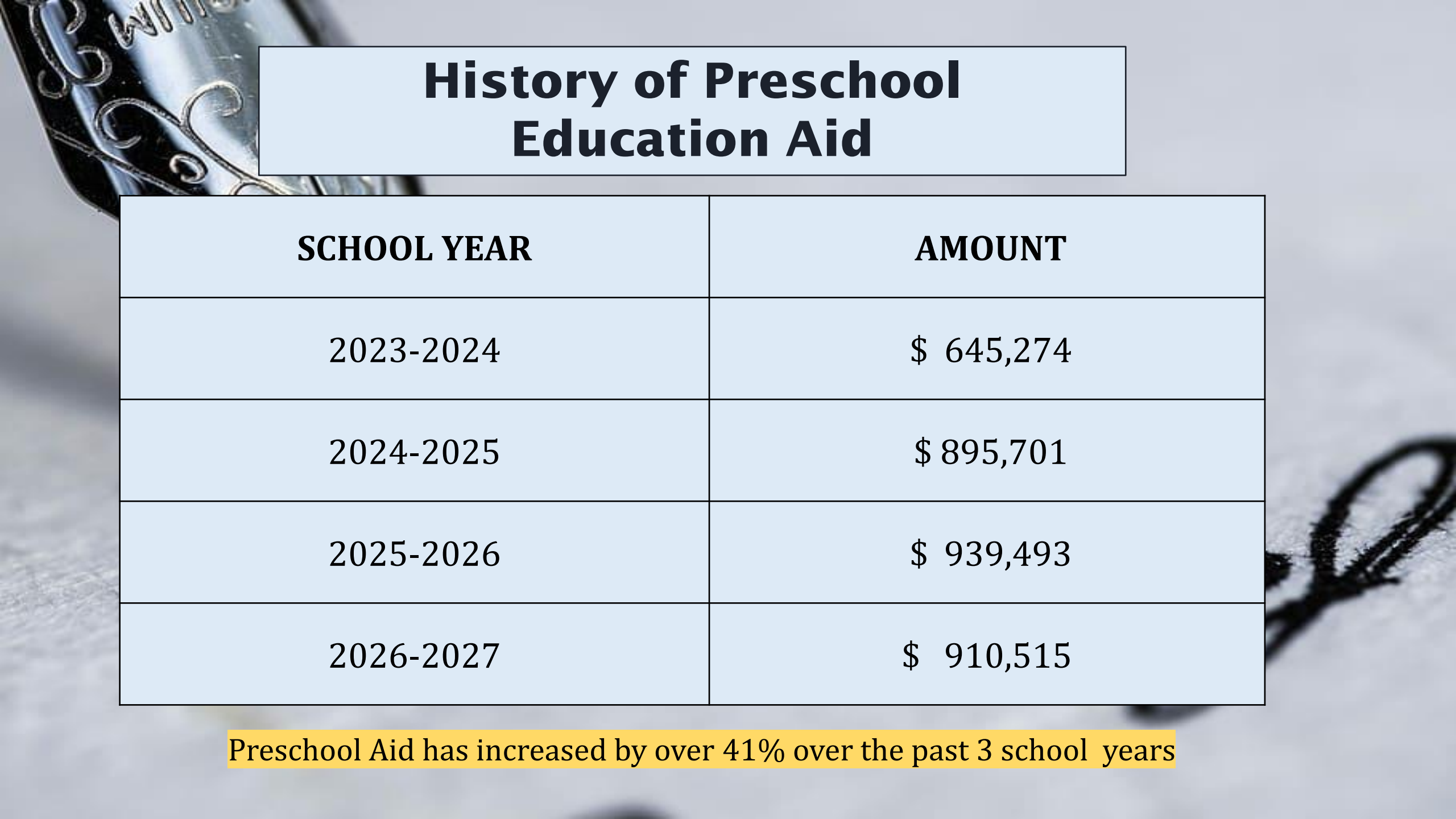


REVENUES	2025-2026	2026-2027	VARIATION
			(+ or -)
Fund Balance	\$ 1,528,829	\$ 2,029,030	\$ 500,201
State Aid	\$ 1,185,010	\$ 1,446,860	\$ 261,850
Misc. Revenues	\$ 10,030	\$ 10,030	\$ 0
Impact Aid Reserve	\$ 700,000	\$ 600,000	-\$ 100,000
Local Tax Levy	\$ 1,962,587	\$ 1,996,932	\$ 34,345
Tuition/Adjustments	<u>\$ 948</u>	<u>\$ 103,259</u>	\$102,311
TOTALS	\$ 5,387,404	\$ 6,186,111	\$ 798,707

PRESCHOOL AID ANALYSIS

	<u>Total Aid 2025-2026</u>	<u>Total Aid 2026-2027</u>
STATE AID FUNDING	\$ 588,031	\$ 567,864
TUITION (WCM)	\$ 190,800	\$200,685
CARRY-OVER	\$ 84,517	\$ 0
LOCAL FUND CONTRIBUTION - PRE-K INCLUSION (SPEC ED)	\$ 76,145	\$ 141,966
TOTAL	\$ 939,493	\$ 910,515
Aid Decreased 2026-2027 SY		(-\$ 28,978)
<u># Preschool Students 26-27</u> 60	<u>Cost Per Student 26-27</u> \$15,175	



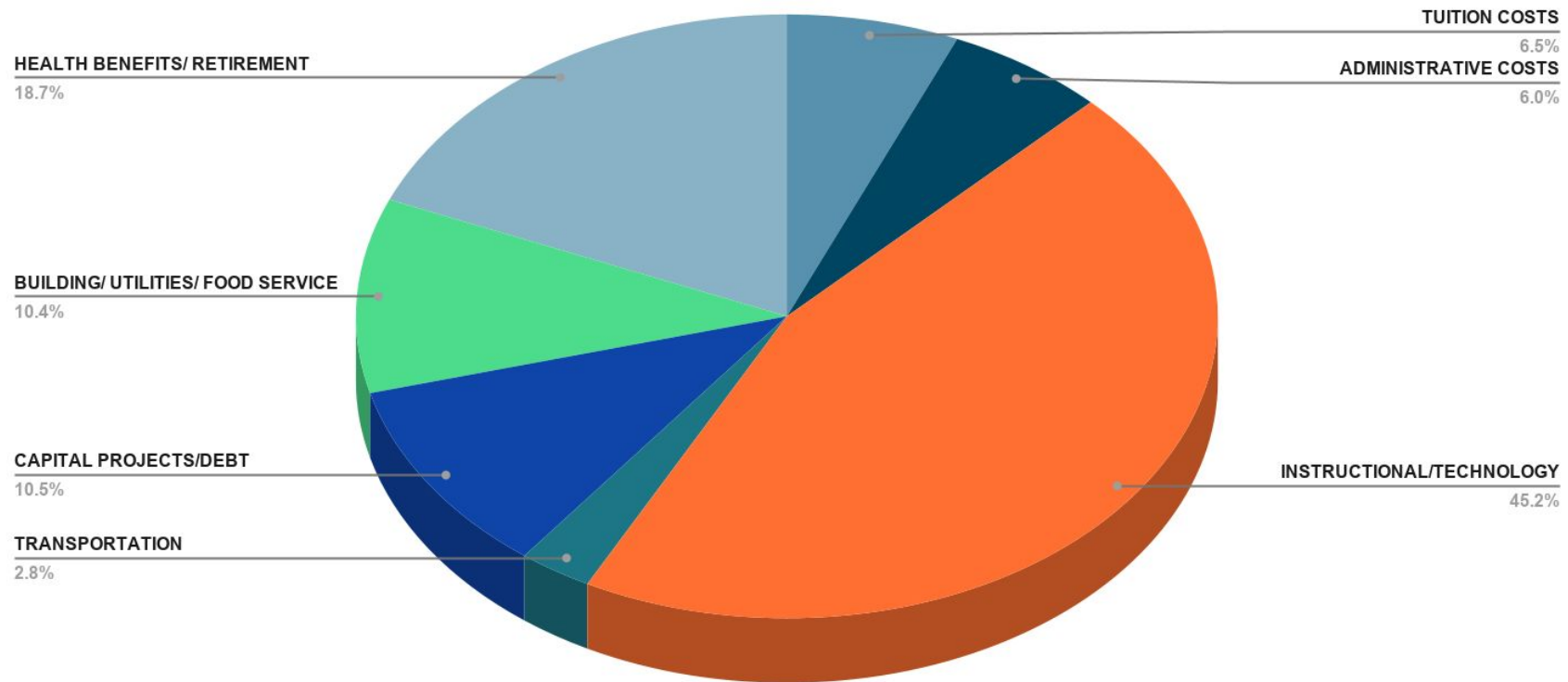


History of Preschool Education Aid

SCHOOL YEAR	AMOUNT
2023-2024	\$ 645,274
2024-2025	\$ 895,701
2025-2026	\$ 939,493
2026-2027	\$ 910,515

Preschool Aid has increased by over 41% over the past 3 school years

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES 26-27 School Year



INSTRUCTION EXPENSE

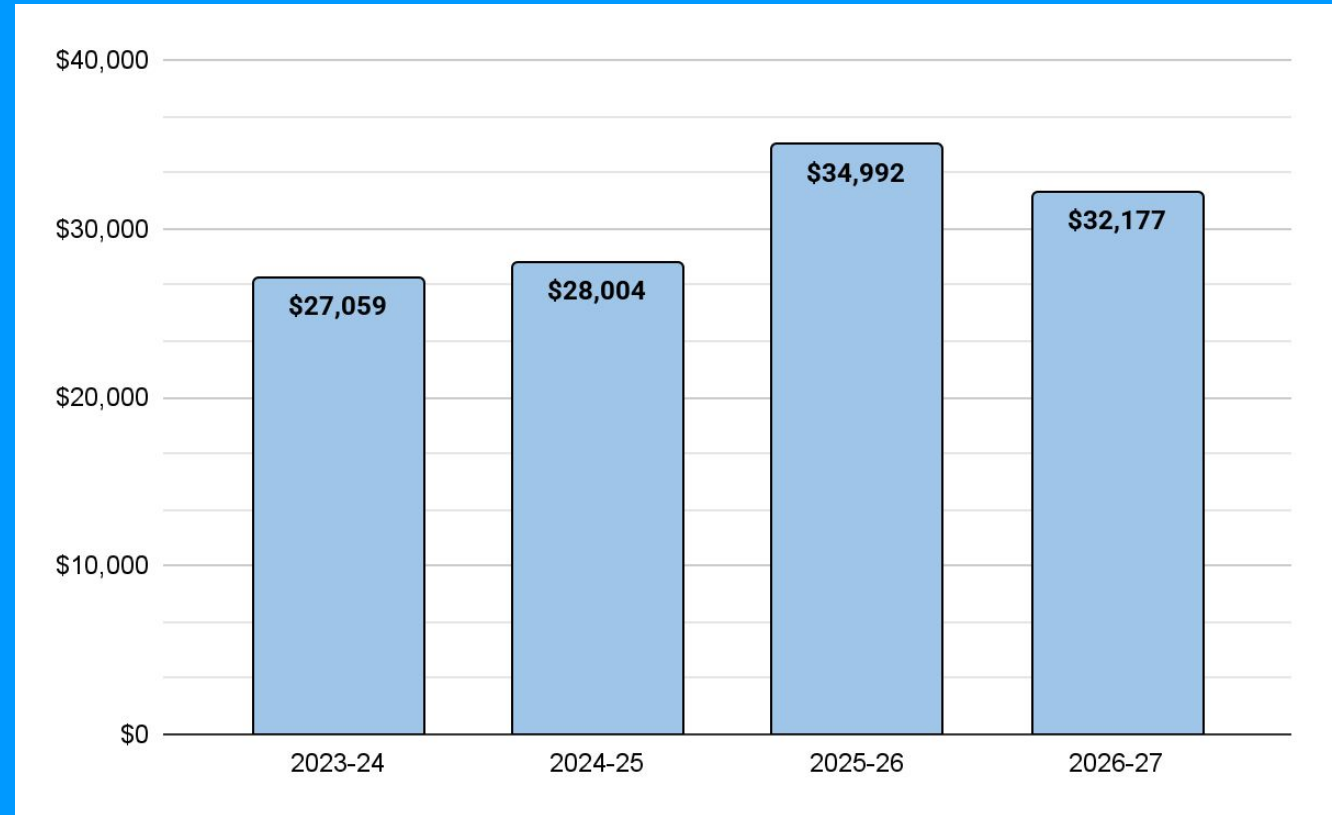


EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN	25/26	26/27	%
Regular Programs - Instruction - Teachers salaries, substitutes, textbooks, home instruction	\$ 1,287,097	\$ 1,438,552	11.8%
Special Education - Instruction - Resource Room salaries, supplies, textbooks	\$ 173,471	\$ 212,768	22.7%
Basic Skills/Remedial - Instruction - Basic Skills teacher salary, substitutes, percent aide's salary, percentage clerk's salary, general supplies, and textbook	\$ 278,824	\$231,118	-17.1%
School-Sponsored Co Curricular Activities - Instruction - Extra duty stipends/ Summer School Instruction	\$ 20,888	\$ 22,900	9.6%

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	25/26	26/27	%
General Administration - Portion CSA Salary, Portion CSA Secretary Salary, Board Expenses	\$ 122,654	\$ 135,366	10.4%
School Administration - Portion Principal Salary, Office Substitutes, Office Supplies, Legal Ads	\$ 72,153	\$ 76,375	5.9%
Central Services & Admin Info Technology - Business Admin/BS, BA Assistant, Board Expenses	\$ 172,307	\$ 176,003	2.2%
Personal Services - Employee Benefits - Board Share Social Security, Retirement Expenses, Workers' Compensation Insurance, Health/Dental Benefits, and Tuition Reimbursement	\$ 1,009,349	\$ 1,155,925	14.5%

ADMINISTRATIVE COST PER PUPIL

- State established administrative cost per pupil regional limit: \$2,762
- Our 2026-27 budgeted administrative cost per pupil is: **\$2,762**
- 2026-2027 Per pupil estimated cost: **\$ 32,177**



Tax Levy Debt Service

	2025 - 2026	2026-2027
PROCEEDS RAISED BY TAXATION	\$0	\$154,649
PROCEEDS FROM FUND BALANCE	\$0	\$0
PROCEEDS FROM STATE DEBT SERVICE AID	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTALS	\$0	\$154,649

- **DEBT SERVICE FOR THE NEWLY INSTALLED BOILERS**
- **TOTAL DEBT TO BE PAID WITHIN NEXT 5 YEARS = \$618,596**

TAX RATE

Rate for Every \$100 of a Property's Equalized Value

2023/2024 Tax Rate .048

2024/2025 Tax Rate .041

2025/2026 Tax Rate .032

2026/2027 Tax Rate .036

TAX LEVY: \$ 1,996,932 (Without Debt Service \$154,649)

- **Total Tax Levy With Debt Service** \$2,151,581

ADEQUACY: \$ 2,343,963

BANKED CAP: \$ 272,719 (13.66%) avail. in 2027-2028

LOCAL FAIR SHARE: \$ 29,340,046 (Based on property value and income/wealth)



Concerns For The Future



- ❑ **NORMAL COST OF LIVING INCREASES (SALARIES)**
- ❑ **STUDENT ENROLLMENT**
- ❑ **HEALTH INSURANCE INCREASES**
 - **20.1% INCREASE IN 2025-26**
 - **TERMINATED SEHBP HEALTH COVERAGE EFFECTIVE 2/1/26 DUE TO 33.7% INCREASE**
- ❑ **EXPENSES THAT ARISE AFTER BUDGET ADOPTION**
 - **SPECIAL EDUCATION TUITION COSTS**
 - **UTILITY COSTS**
 - **MISCELLANEOUS FACILITY REPAIRS/COSTS**
 - **LEGAL EXPENSES**



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Thank you and have a great evening!