



# Where Do My Tax Dollars Go?

*A Look at the Plymouth Public Schools Budget*

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# Big Picture: Plymouth Public Schools at a Glance

## DISTRICT SNAPSHOT

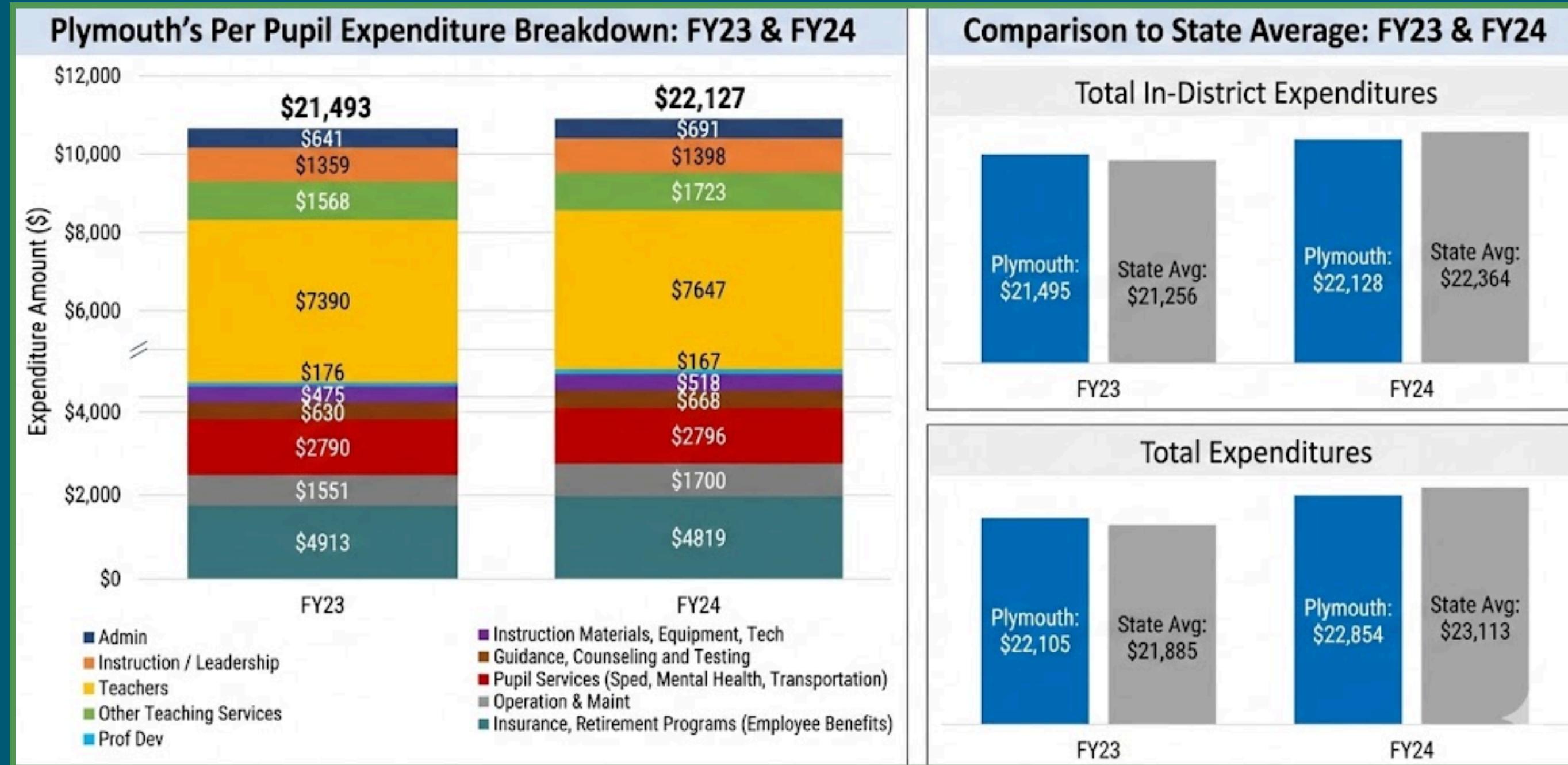
*Plymouth is a large, complex district providing education, transportation, facilities, technology, and specialized services, every day, for every child.*

## FY26 OPERATING BUDGET

| OBJECT CODE             | FY26                 |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Certificated Salaries   | \$80,230,562         |
| Clerical Salaries       | \$3,535,026          |
| Other Salaries          | \$16,147,433         |
| <b>TOTAL SALARIES</b>   | <b>\$99,913,020</b>  |
| Contracted Services     | \$25,279,968         |
| Supplies & Materials    | \$2,815,782          |
| Other Expenses          | \$735,607            |
| <b>TOTAL NON-SALARY</b> | <b>\$28,831,357</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            | <b>\$128,744,377</b> |



# Where the Money Goes: Per-Pupil Spending



## KEY TAKEAWAY

Plymouth remains **at or below the state average** while serving a wide range of student needs.

# How School Funding Works in Massachusetts

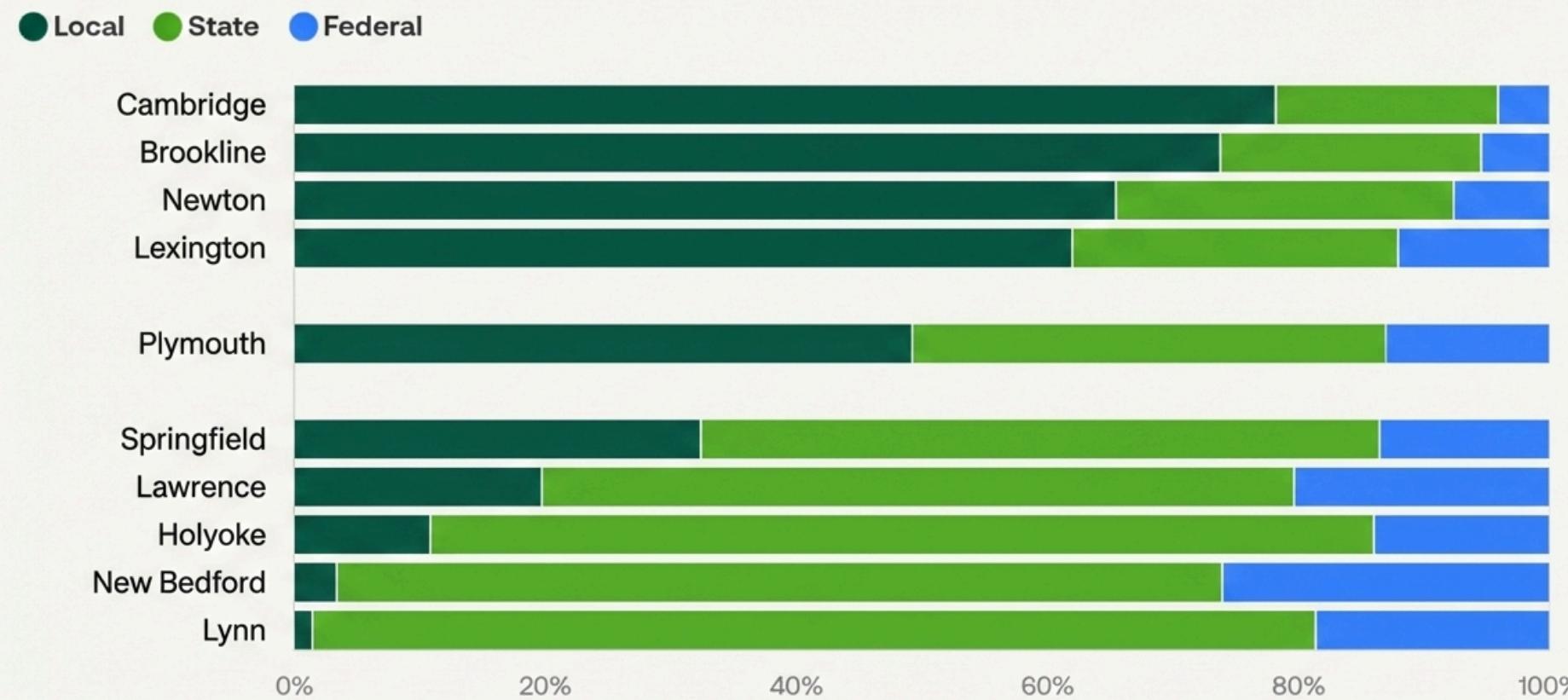
Districts also differ in where that funding comes from. Some rely more heavily on state-level revenue, like Lawrence, where 86% of school funding came from state sources. Others receive more through local sources, such as Brookline, where local dollars accounted for 78.2% of funding. In Plymouth, local dollars accounted for approximately 66% of school funding, with 26.9% coming from the state and the remaining 7% from federal funding. The breakdown by source highlights the ways Massachusetts structures support for public education.

## KEY TAKEAWAY

*The funding mix reflects how Massachusetts structures support for public education while balancing local and state responsibility.*

### Districts differ in how they fund public schools

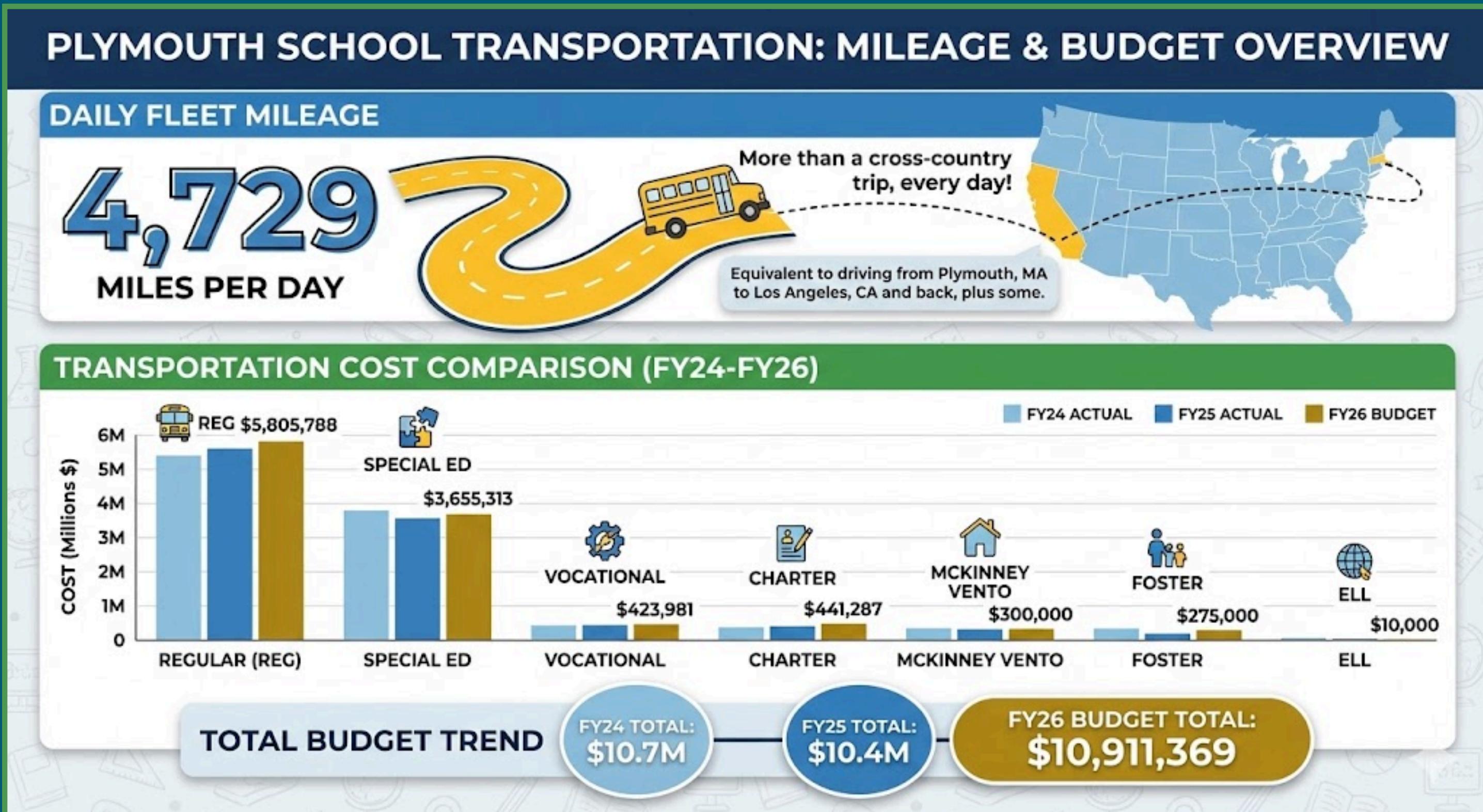
Share of public school funding from local, state, and federal sources for 50 largest school districts in MA, 2021–2022 school year



Source: National Center for Education Statistics

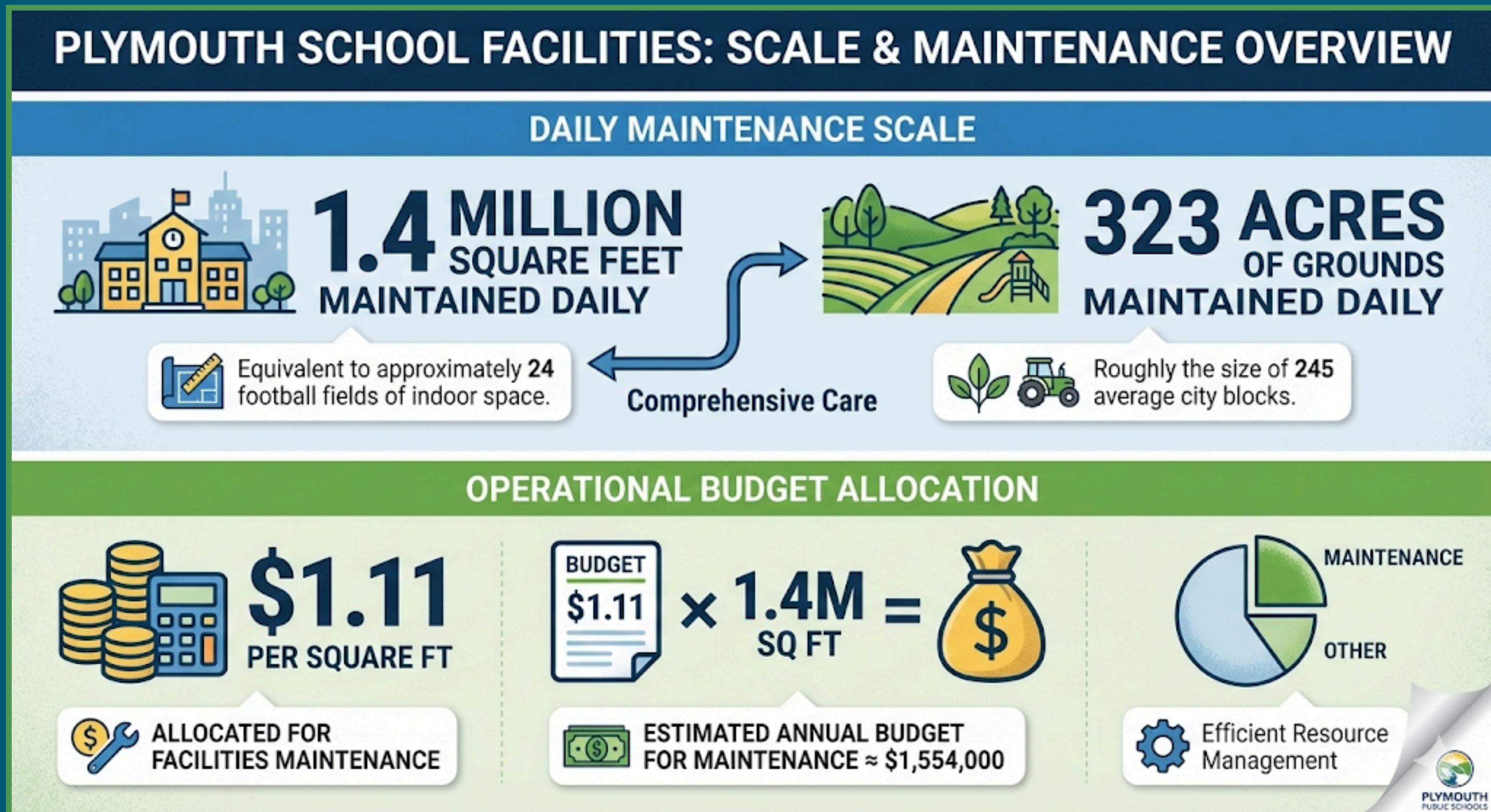
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# How Your Tax Dollars Support Transportation



**KEY TAKEAWAY**  
*Transportation costs are driven by student needs, legal requirements, and geography, not discretionary spending.*

# Facilities: Maintaining Schools Every Day

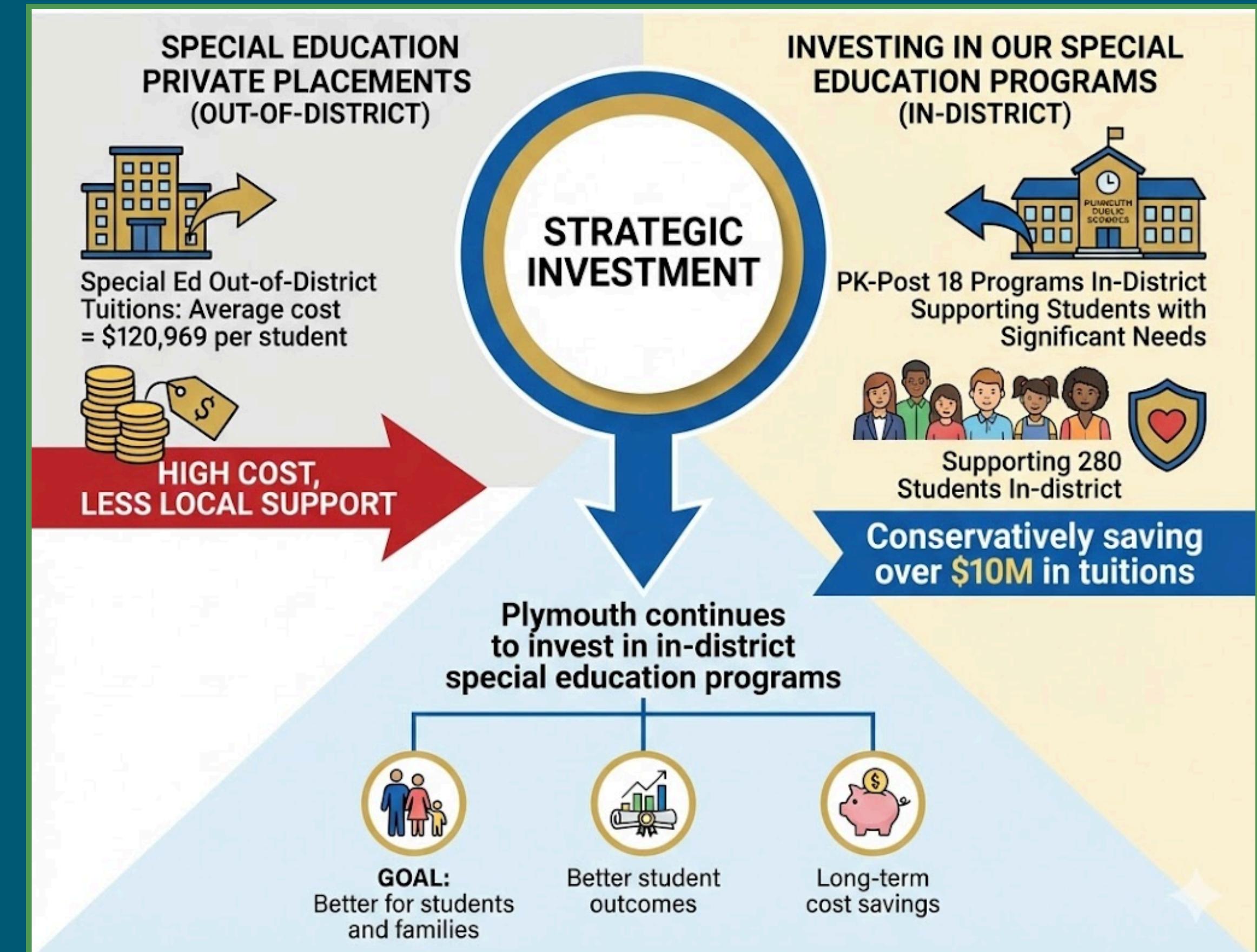


**KEY TAKEAWAY**  
*Facilities funding protects community assets and keeps schools safe and operational.*

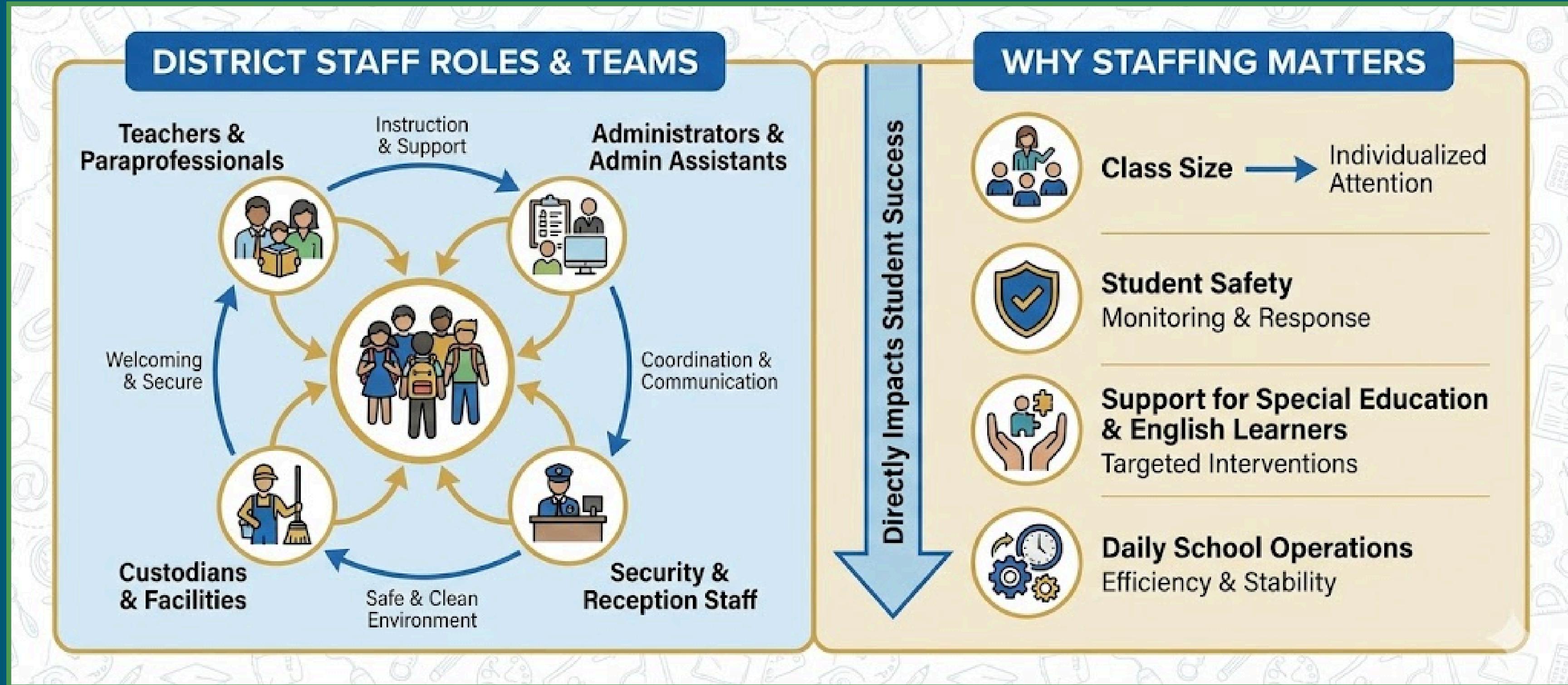
# Special Ed: Meeting Legal & Moral Obligations Investing in Special Education

## KEY TAKEAWAY

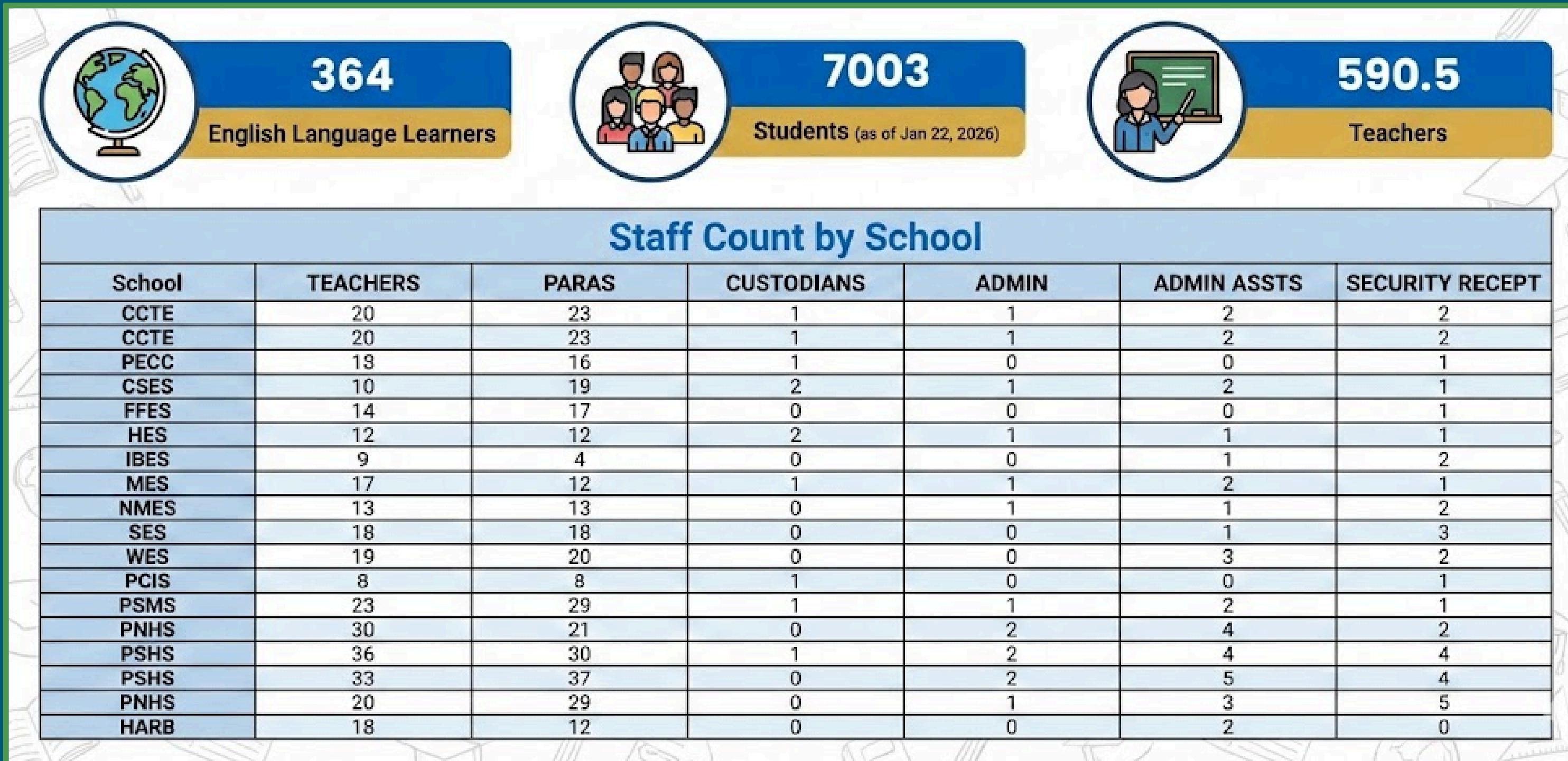
Special education funding reflects both **legal responsibility** and a commitment to serving every learner.



# Staff Supporting Students Across the District



# Staffing Across Schools



## KEY TAKEAWAY

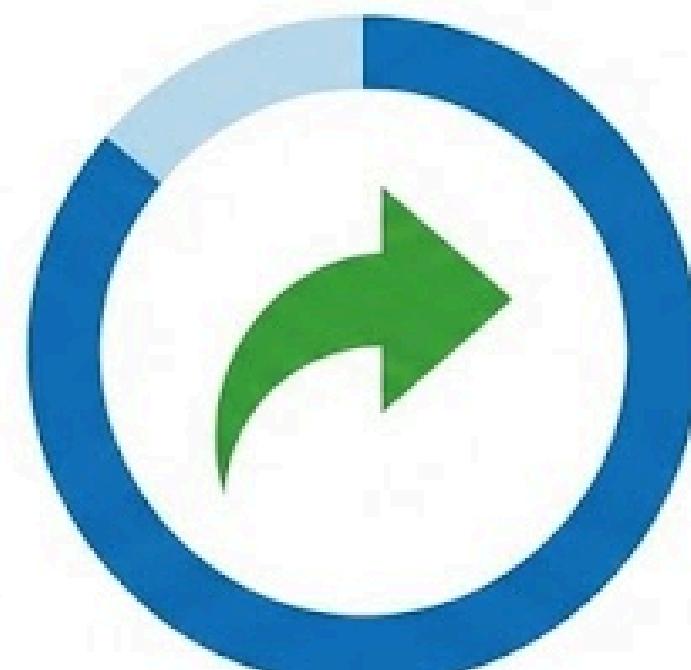
*Staffing levels vary by school to meet student needs and building requirements.*

# Technology: Supporting Modern Learning

## SUPPORTED TECHNOLOGY

- Desktops: 950
- Laptops: 814
- iPads: 1,391
- Chromebooks: 9,744
- Servers - Physical: 12
- Servers - Virtual: 35
- Cafeteria POS Terminals: 23
- IP Phones: 1,010
- Canon Copiers: 91
- Interactive Touch Panels: 346
- Wireless Access Points: 650
- Data Switches: 160
- Battery UPS: 118
- Network Printers: 321
- HS Voice Lift System: 186
- Projectors: 250

## WORK ORDER STATUS



**Tickets Received: 1,749**

**Time frame:**  
08-01-2025 - 01-08-2026

## TECHNOLOGY STAFF

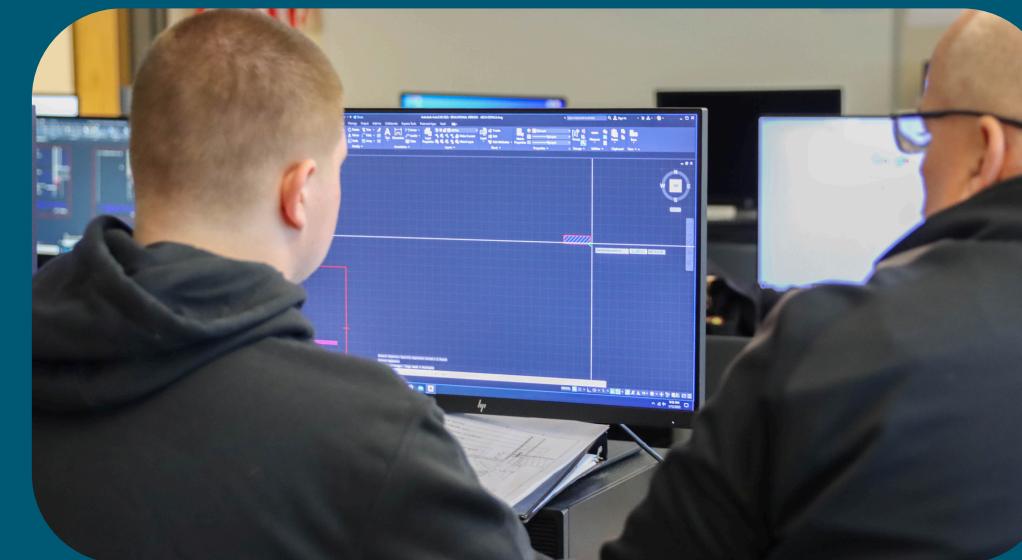
-  Technology Systems Engineer
-  Assistant Tech Systems Engineer
-  Computer Technicians: 4
-  Jr. Computer Technician
-  Administrative Assistant



# Plymouth Public Schools' Programs That Expand Opportunity



**Advanced  
Placement  
Programs**



**College, Career  
& Technical  
Education  
(ccte)**



Plymouth Public Schools'

# Advanced Placement Programs

The Advanced Placement Program of the College Board offers college-level courses and exams. It allows students the opportunity to earn advanced standing in college by earning college credit while still in high school. The following courses are offered for Advanced Placement in the Plymouth Public Schools.

- English Literature AP
- English Language AP
- European History AP
- U.S. History AP
- Psychology AP
- Biology AP
- Chemistry AP
- Environmental Science AP
- Physics 1 AP
- Physics 2 AP
- Pre-Calculus AP
- Calculus AB AP
- Calculus BC AP
- Statistics AP
- Latin AP
- French AP
- Spanish AP
- Computer Science Principles AP
- Music Theory AP
- Studio Art AP
- 3D Studio Art AP
- Art History AP
- Computer Science A AP
- Economics AP
- American Government AP
- Human Geography AP
- US Government & Politics AP
- World History AP
- Physics C AP



*Students earn college-level experience and potential college credit while still in high school.*



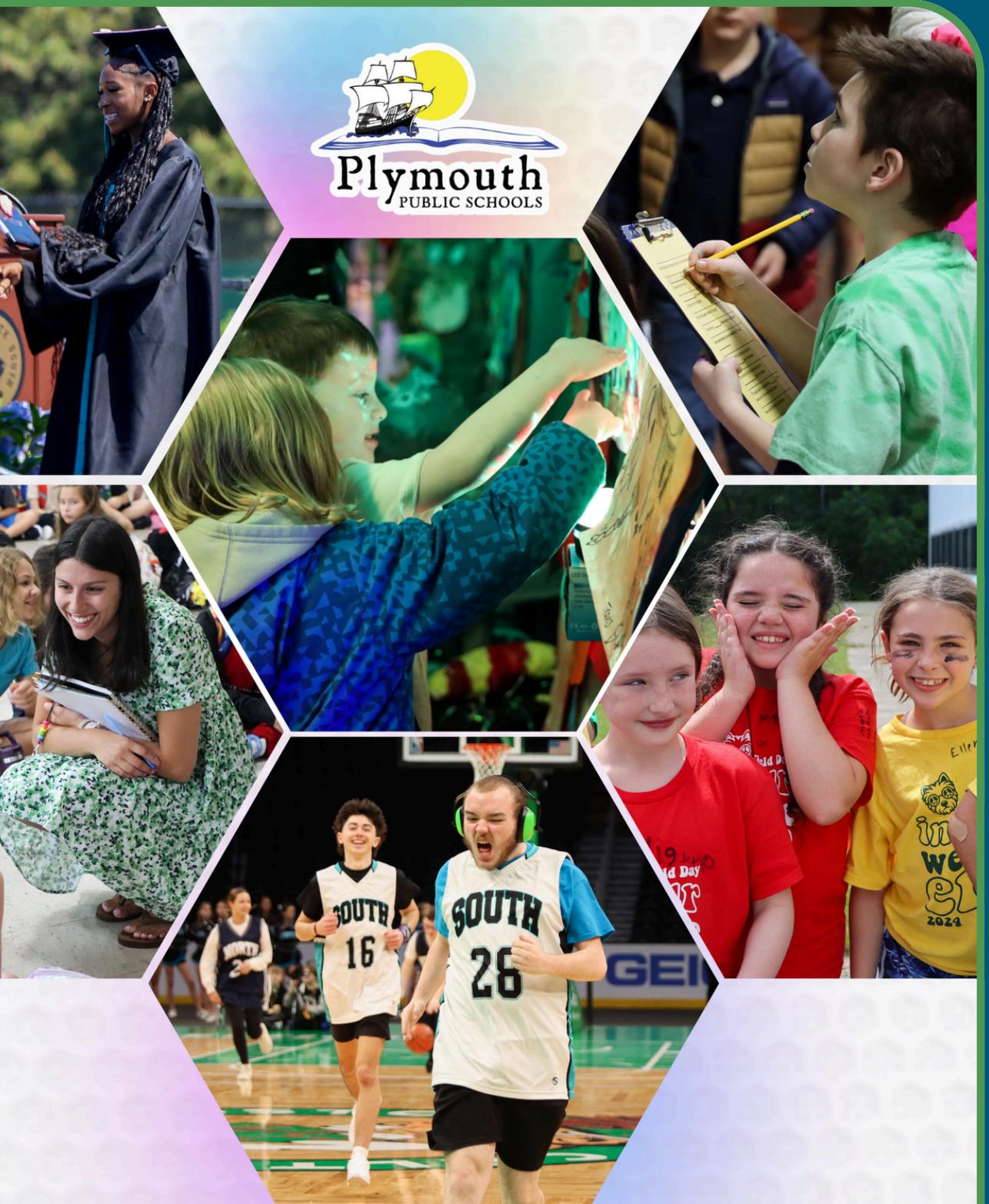
# Plymouth Public Schools' College, Career & Technical Education Programs

- Culinary Arts
- Early Education & Care
- Electrical
- Graphic Design & Visual Communications
- Medical Assisting
- Auto Collision/Repair
- Allied Health
- Engineering Technology
- Facilities Management
- Marketing Education
- Computer Aided Drafting
- Construction: Carpentry, HVAC, Plumbing
- Cosmetology



**1032**  
students  
participating

*Building the future local  
workforce in healthcare,  
construction, engineering,  
and technology.*



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FY26 BUDGET BOOK

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