

Important Dates

May 21
Parent Engagement Meeting @LHS 6pm

May22
No School
Snow Makeup Day

May25
No School
Memorial Day Holiday

May 26
School Board Meeting @NMFE 6pm

Superintendent's Message

Dear Nine Mile Falls Families and Community Members,

As we move into the final weeks of the school year, our students continue to stay engaged in both their learning and extracurricular activities. Over the next month, many students will participate in end-of-year assessments, including Advanced Placement exams and Smarter Balanced Assessments. This is an important time, and we encourage families to support students by ensuring they get plenty of rest, as testing can be both mentally and physically demanding. We wish all of our students the very best as they demonstrate their learning.

Our final Parent Engagement Meeting of the school year will take place on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Lakeside High School Library. I want to extend my sincere appreciation to the parents and community members who have participated throughout the year. Your perspectives, questions, and advocacy are valued and make a difference. This month's meeting will include a follow-up on the recent special election, as well as a discussion of future district needs and community outreach efforts. We hope you are able to join us.

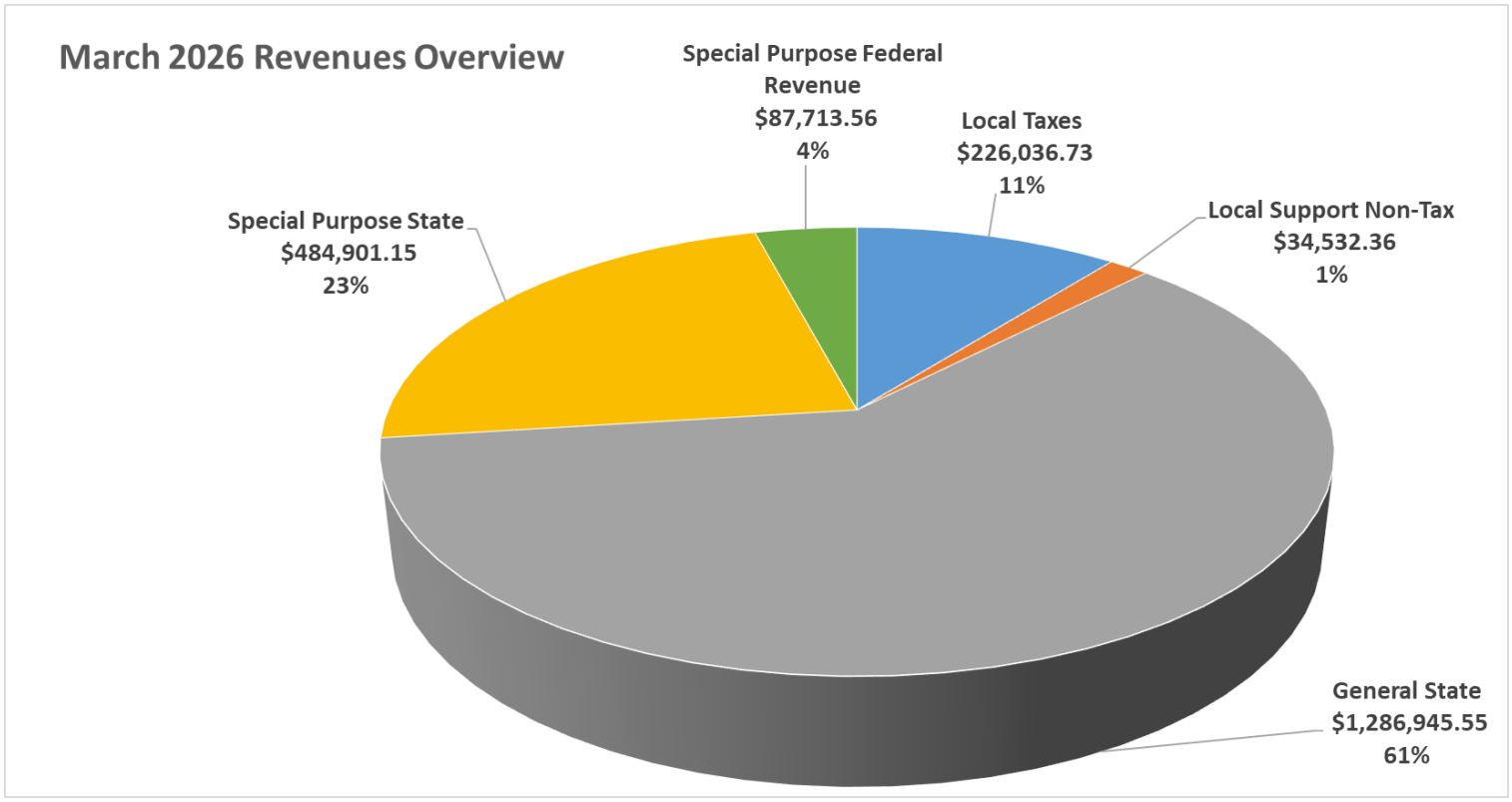
Thank you to all of our community members that took the time to evaluate the capital levy proposal and cast your vote. While the outcome was not what we had hoped for, it is important to acknowledge that state funding does not cover the facility improvements Lakeside High School faces. The needs at Lakeside High School have not changed, as much of the building's infrastructure is now more than 36 years old. We remain committed to working with our community to better understand these needs and to identify a path forward that reflects shared priorities. It is my hope to share more information in the coming weeks regarding voter participation and next steps to address the needs of our high school.

I would like to recognize and congratulate Dr. Brent Osborn, Principal of Lakeside High School. Earlier this year, Dr. Osborn was named the Association of Washington School Principals Secondary Principal of the Year. (See video and press release) More recently, he has been selected as the next Superintendent of the Valley School District, beginning July 1, 2026. We are grateful for his leadership and contributions to Lakeside High School and our district. The position has been posted, and we anticipate naming a new principal by the end of May.

In addition, congratulations to Lake Spokane Elementary for once again receiving recognition from the State Board of Education. This honor, awarded to approximately 16% of schools statewide, reflects exemplary performance as measured by the Washington School Improvement Framework. Lake Spokane Elementary is being recognized for ranking in the top 10% of schools for growth in English Language Arts and math proficiency among Hispanic/Latino students. This is a significant accomplishment, and we are proud of the students and staff for their continued success.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our schools. If you have any questions or would like to connect, please feel free to reach out to me directly at (509) 340-4303 or (509) 714-1970, or by email at jbaerwald@9mile.org. Thank you for being an important part of our school community.

Sincerely,
Jeff Baerwald



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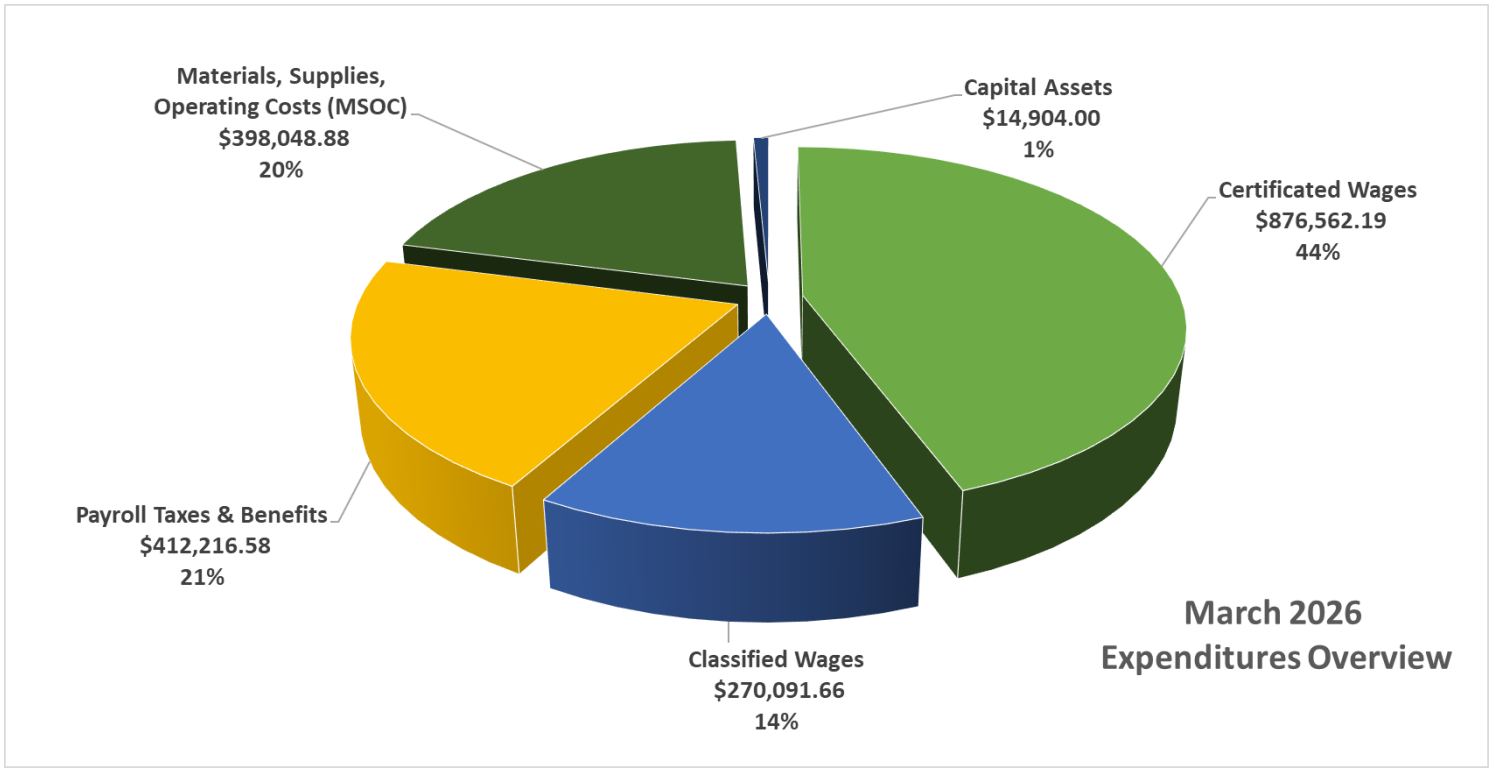

Total March Expenditures and Transfers: $1,971,823.31