

## BUDGET ADVISORY TASK FORCE MEETING



February 25, 2025

Dr. Chrys Sweeting, Superintendent

Gina Zeutenhorst, Executive Director of Financial Services

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## Agenda

6:00-6:05	Welcome & Introductions
6:05-6:15	Post MS Capital Levy Results
6:15-6:25	Legislative Issues
6:25-6:50	Current Budget & Budget Development
6:50-7:00	Potential Actions for BATF
7:00	Wrap-up Closing



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## Budget Advisory Task Force

- Mary Andersen – Community Member, Parent
- Xander Andersen – Student, Post MS
- Jackson Bauer – Student, Haller MS
- Rafael Carranza – Community Member, Parent
- Erika Coghill – Community Member, Parent
- Mike Cross – Community Member, Parent
- Darlene Fulfs – APS Classified Staff – Bus Driver
- Angie Hansen – APS Principal Representative
- Scott Hodgson – Community Member, Parent
- Nanci Johnson – APS PSE President/Nurse Staff
- Matt Jurick – APS Director of Technology
- Michelle Kinney – APS Classified Staff - Fiscal Secretary
- Jason Klein – APS AEA President/Teacher
- Britt Kleinman – Community/ACE Chair, Parent
- Verlaine Meyers – APS Certificated Staff - Teacher
- Virginia Muniz – APS Classified Staff - Librarian
- Nathan Nichols – Student, Arlington High School
- Courtney Normand – Community Member, Parent
- Baile O'Brien Linklater – Student, Arlington High School
- Trent Olson – Community Member, Parent
- Erica Rose – Community Member, Parent
- Marc Rosson – Community Member, Former School Board Member
- Rebecca Sahlin Lyons – Community Member, Parent
- Chad Schmidt – Community Member, Parent
- Chrys Sweeting – APS Superintendent
- Elena Twitchell – Student, Arlington High School
- Maegan Voorhies-Oestreich – Community Member, Parent
- Jamie Wilson – APS AEA Representative/Teacher
- Gina Zeutenhorst – APS Executive Director of Financial Services

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## 2025 Capital Levy Post MS

*Results*

February 11, 2025 Special Election

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## 2025 Capital Levy Post MS Results

- [Snohomish county election website](#)

Official Results			Page: 1 of 1
Snohomish County, February Special, Feb 11, 2025			2025-02-21
All Precincts, All Districts, All Counter Groups, All ScanStations, All Contests, All Boxes			09:44:06
Total Ballots Cast: 20729, Registered Voters: 59998, Overall Turnout: 34.55%			
Choice	Votes	Vote %	
<b>All Precincts</b>			
<b>Arlington School District No. 16 Proposition No. 1 (Vote for 1)</b>			
<b>8221 ballots (1 over voted ballots, 1 overvotes, 6 undervotes), 24303 registered voters, turnout 33.83%</b>			
Levy Yes	3656	44.51%	
Levy No	4558	55.49%	
Total	8214	100.00%	
Overvotes	1		
Undervotes	6		

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## November 5, 2024 election results

<b>Arlington School District No. 16 Proposition No. 1 (Vote for 1)</b>		
<b>19442 ballots (0 over voted ballots, 0 overvotes, 1477 undervotes), 24386 registered voters, turnout 79.73%</b>		
Levy Yes	8504	47.34%
Levy No	9461	52.66%
Total	17965	100.00%
Overvotes	0	
Undervotes	1477	

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## February 13, 2024 election results

**Arlington School District No. 16 Proposition No. 1 (Vote for 1)**  
**8318 ballots (0 over voted ballots, 0 overvotes, 85 undervotes), 23513 registered voters, turnout 35.38%**

Levy Yes	4482	54.44%
Levy No	3751	45.56%
Total	8233	100.00%
Overvotes	0	
Undervotes	85	

**Arlington School District No. 16 Proposition No. 2 (Vote for 1)**  
**8318 ballots (0 over voted ballots, 0 overvotes, 68 undervotes), 23513 registered voters, turnout 35.38%**

Levy Yes	4665	56.55%
Levy No	3585	43.45%
Total	8250	100.00%
Overvotes	0	
Undervotes	68	

**Arlington School District No. 16 Proposition No. 3 (Vote for 1)**  
**8318 ballots (0 over voted ballots, 0 overvotes, 172 undervotes), 23513 registered voters, turnout 35.38%**

Approved	4390	53.89%
Rejected	3756	46.11%
Total	8146	100.00%
Overvotes	0	
Undervotes	172	

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## Legislative Issues

- Legislative session goes through - April 27
- Legislative issues
  - SPED funding
  - MSOC funding (Materials, Supplies, & Other Costs)
  - Transportation funding
- Ways to connect with legislators



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## Financial Health of the District

- **2024-25 Financial Positives:**
  - Educational Programs & Operations Levy
  - Capital Levy
  - Compliance with K-3 ratio
  - Enrollment increase: >75 students more than budget
  - Transportation Safety Net Funding \$84,000
  - Fund balance projected to increase as of fiscal year end
  - Fund Balance & OSPI financial indicators score projected to increase for 2024-25



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## Enrollment Snapshot

- **78 FTE more than budgeted**
- **Normal trend: Oct/Nov is high point, then average FTE declines**

2024-2025 Student Enrollment											
	Presidents	Eagle Creek	Kent Prairie	Pioneer	Post	Haller	AHS	Weston	SVLC	Open Doors	Total
September	515.00	661.08	618.00	499.00	639.90	576.63	1577.55	95.17	241.55	33.00	5456.88
October	519.02	663.16	621.04	500.06	642.90	578.46	1581.33	96.92	260.48	51.00	5514.37
November	521.02	666.16	625.02	501.06	647.80	575.46	1570.39	94.52	272.54	66.00	5539.97
December	521.02	667.12	621.00	504.06	646.95	575.77	1564.35	94.09	278.37	66.00	5538.73
January	521.02	667.16	622.00	503.06	640.05	572.40	1562.74	92.18	283.39	68.00	5532.00
February	520.02	668.16	621.17	503.06	644.05	574.40	1532.32	91.73	286.43	63.00	5504.34
March											0.00
April											0.00
May											0.00
June											0.00
Average	519.52	665.47	621.37	501.72	643.61	575.52	1564.78	94.10	270.46	57.83	5514.38
Budget	528.00	652.00	597.00	493.00	642.00	561.00	1591.00	102.00	215.00	55.00	5436.00
Difference	(8.48)	13.47	24.37	8.72	1.61	14.52	(26.22)	(7.90)	55.46	2.83	78.38
Mo. Difference	(1.00)	1.00	(0.83)	0.00	4.00	2.00	(30.42)	(0.45)	3.04	(5.00)	(27.66)
2023-24 Ave	535.06	672.89	605.90	505.60	627.21	571.78	1504.60	105.21	233.23	61.80	5423.28

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## Financial Health of the District

**CHALLENGE**

- **2024-25 Financial Challenges:**
  - Many Districts across the state are facing financial difficulty as flaws in State funding model are more evident:
    - OSPI Financial Indicators Tool: 18 school districts on financial warning
    - SAO Financial Intelligence Tool: > 75% of the 295 Washington State school districts have cautionary/concerning financial indicators
  - State funding gaps for our District (Legislative Priorities Big 3)
    - Most prominently evident in Special Education
    - Other areas – Transportation/bus services, materials supplies and other costs (MSOC)
  - Budget reductions made for 2023-24 & 2024-25
  - Working to rebuild fund balance
  - Interfund loans to meet cashflow obligations during low months and especially during June/summer low points

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## SAO FIT Scores

- State Auditors Office (SAO) Financial Intelligence Tool (FIT) shows that more than 75% of the 295 Washington State school districts have financial measures with cautionary and concerning indicators

» [Portal.sao.wa.gov/FIT/explore/financial-health](https://portal.sao.wa.gov/FIT/explore/financial-health)

**Financial Health** ⓘ 295 governments ✓ 68 ⚠ 45 ❗ 182

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✓ Good

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⚠ Cautionary

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❗ Concerning

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## SAO FIT Scores

- FIT Tool shows that 12 out of the 14 Districts in Snohomish County have Concerning indicators  
» [Portal.sao.wa.gov/FIT/explore/financial-health](https://portal.sao.wa.gov/FIT/explore/financial-health)

### Financial Health

Type School Districts County Snohomish Group By Select grouping Reset


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FY 2023 - 14 School Districts in Snohomish County

- Largest measure - declining fund balance trend combined with low levels of fund balance

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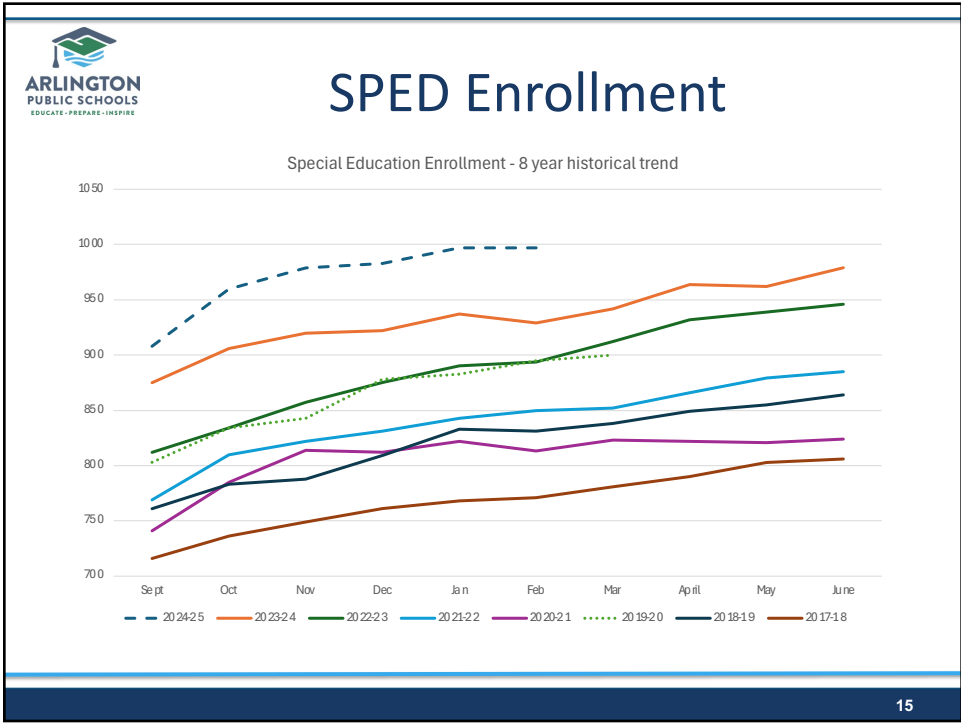
## Other Points of Awareness

- Increase in enrollment generates increased revenues through State apportionment, yet...
- Revenues are offset by increase of estimated \$1M in special education expenditures (staffing and contract needs) some of which may be funded by SPED Safety Net, but award is currently unknown

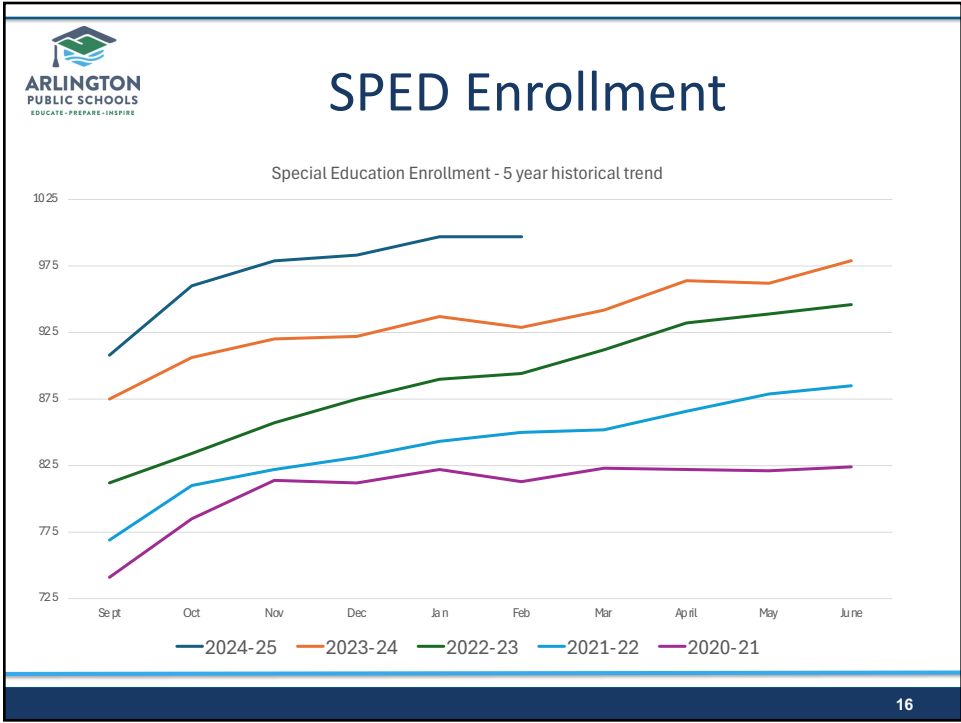


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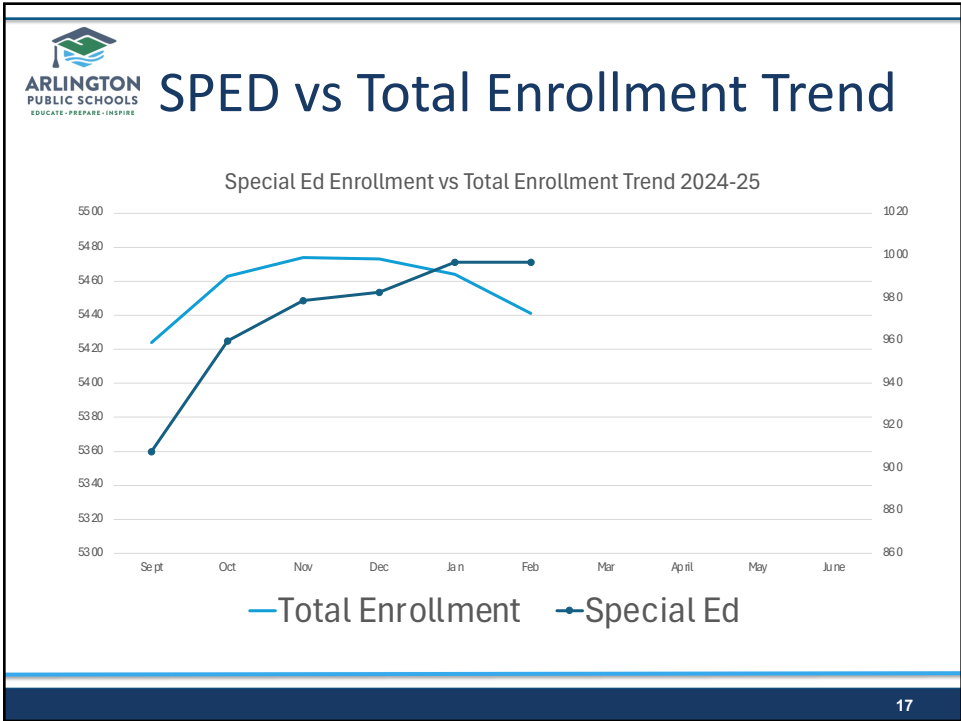


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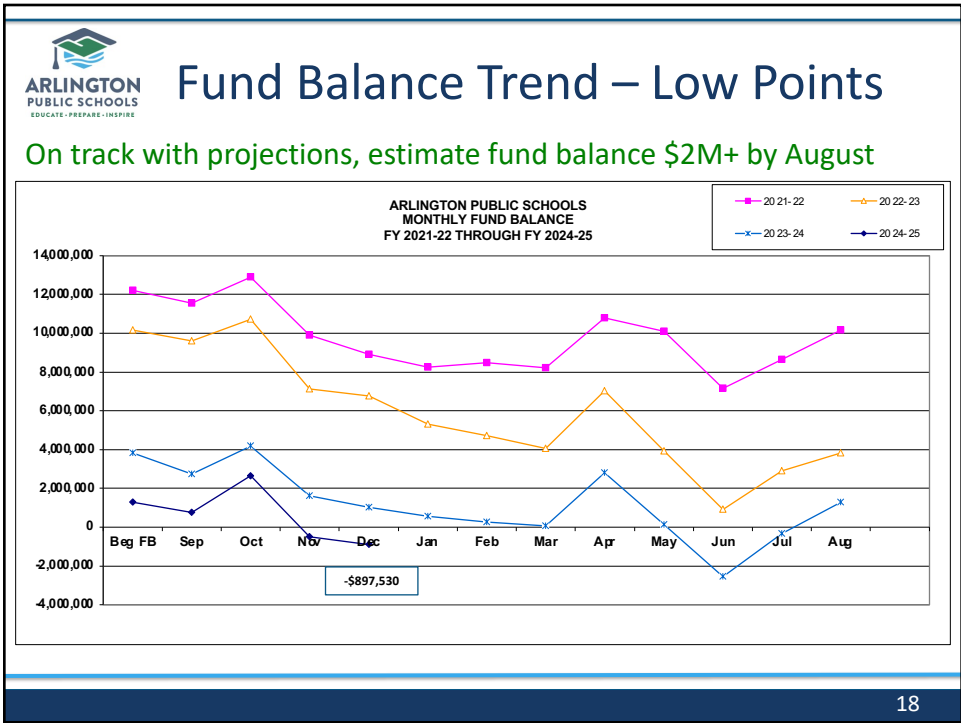


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## Fund Balance Low Points

- **Reso 24-13 – Interfund loans from Capital Fund**
  - November interfund loan \$589,465
  - December interfund loan \$327,480
  - January interfund loan \$344,460
  - Future request for interfund loan authorization over summer months (June-Aug)
  - Resources through end of the fiscal year to be sufficient such that all interfund loans are paid back to the Capital Projects Fund by year-end with interest
  - District is reserving judgement for further adjustments to 2025-26 costs



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## 2025-26 Budget Timeline

- Jan 27 – Board Adopts Enrollment
- Jan 29 – Mar - Leadership Team Begins Staffing Work Sessions
- Feb 15 – Certificated Retirement Notices Due
- April 15 – Staff on Leave, Notification of Intent Due
- April 27 – State Legislature 'Long Session' Due to End
- April 28 – Board Resolution for Reduction-In-Force (if needed)
- April 29 – May 15 - Staff Notification of RIF/Non-renewal
- May 15 – RIF/Non-renewal Notifications Deadline (on/or before)
- July 10 – Budget DRAFT posted to district's website
- July 14 – Budget DRAFT to Board Meeting – July 14
- Aug 11 – Budget Hearing and Adoption at Board Meeting

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## Potential Activities for BATF



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## Next Meetings for BATF

To be held on Zoom:

- \*\*Mar. 18, 2025
- April 15, 2025
- \*\*May 13, 2025?



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Questions?



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