

BUDGET ADVISORY TASK FORCE MEETING



April 15, 2025

Dr. Chrys Sweeting, Superintendent

Gina Zeutenhorst, Executive Director of Financial Services

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Agenda

6:00-6:05	Welcome & Introductions
6:05-6:25	Current Budget & Budget Development
6:25-6:30	Legislative Updates
6:30-6:55	Video Projects with Break-Out Rooms
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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Financial Health of the District

- **2024-25 Financial Positives:**
 - Educational Programs & Operations Levy
 - Capital Levy
 - Compliance with K-3 ratio & Physical Social Emotional Support (PSES) staff ratio
 - Enrollment increase, more than budget: >75 students more
 - Transportation Safety Net Funding \$84,000
 - Fund balance & OSPI financial indicators score projected to increase for 2024-25



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Enrollment Snapshot



- 75.97 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	519.02	664.16	619.17	502.06	642.05	572.59	1515.05	95.39	302.02	66.00	5497.51
April											0.00
May											0.00
June											0.00
Average	519.45	665.29	621.06	501.77	643.39	575.10	1557.68	94.29	274.97	59.00	5511.97
Budget	528.00	652.00	597.00	493.00	642.00	561.00	1591.00	102.00	215.00	55.00	5436.00
Difference	(8.55)	13.29	24.06	8.77	1.39	14.10	(33.32)	(7.71)	59.97	4.00	75.97
Mo. Difference	(1.00)	(4.00)	(2.00)	(1.00)	(2.00)	(1.81)	(17.27)	3.66	15.59	3.00	(6.83)
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 lists 18 school districts on financial warning
 - SAO Financial Intelligence Tool shows more than 75% of the 295 Washington State school districts have cautionary/concerning financial indicators
 - State funding gaps for our District
 - 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
 - Future of federal funding – landscape volatile and uncertain

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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, estimate over \$1M, but award has yet to be fully determined

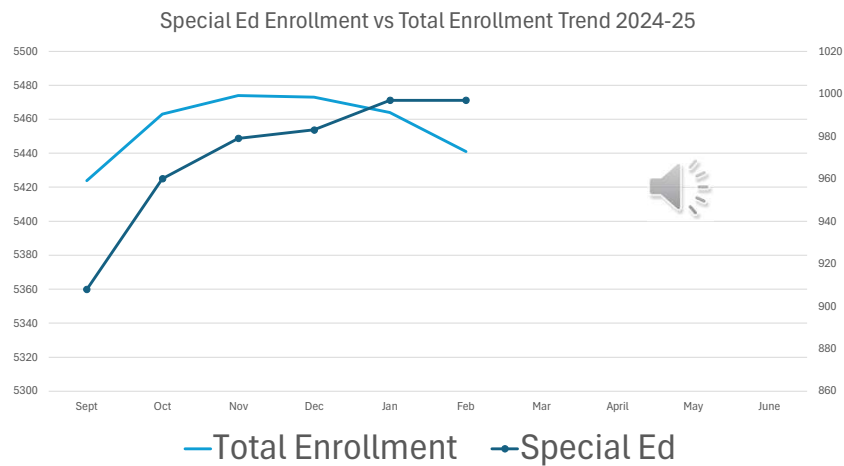


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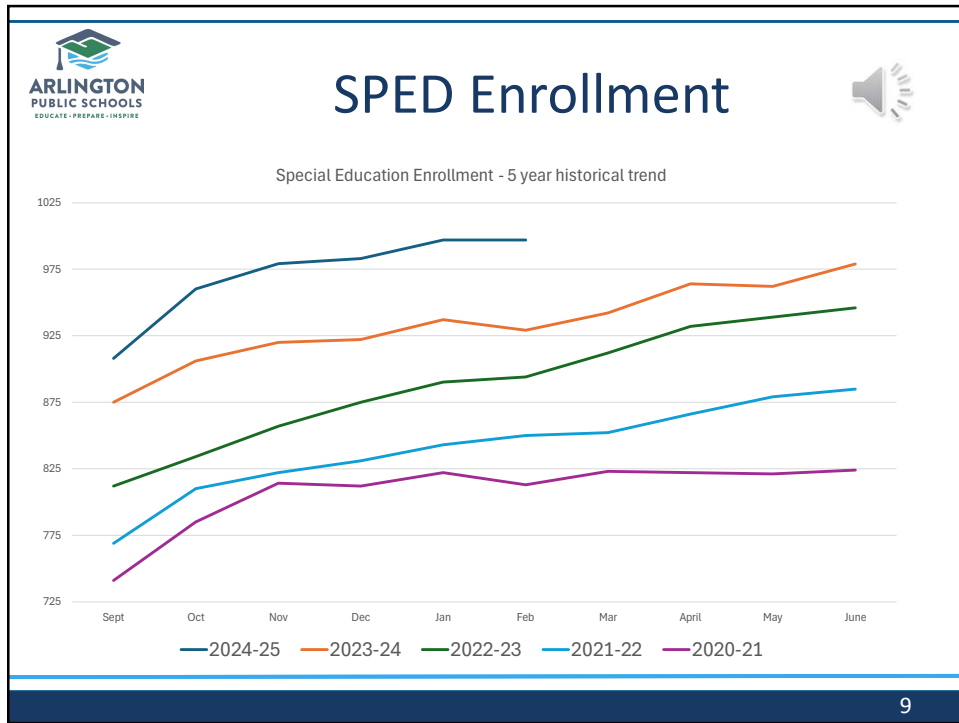


SPED vs Total Enrollment Trend

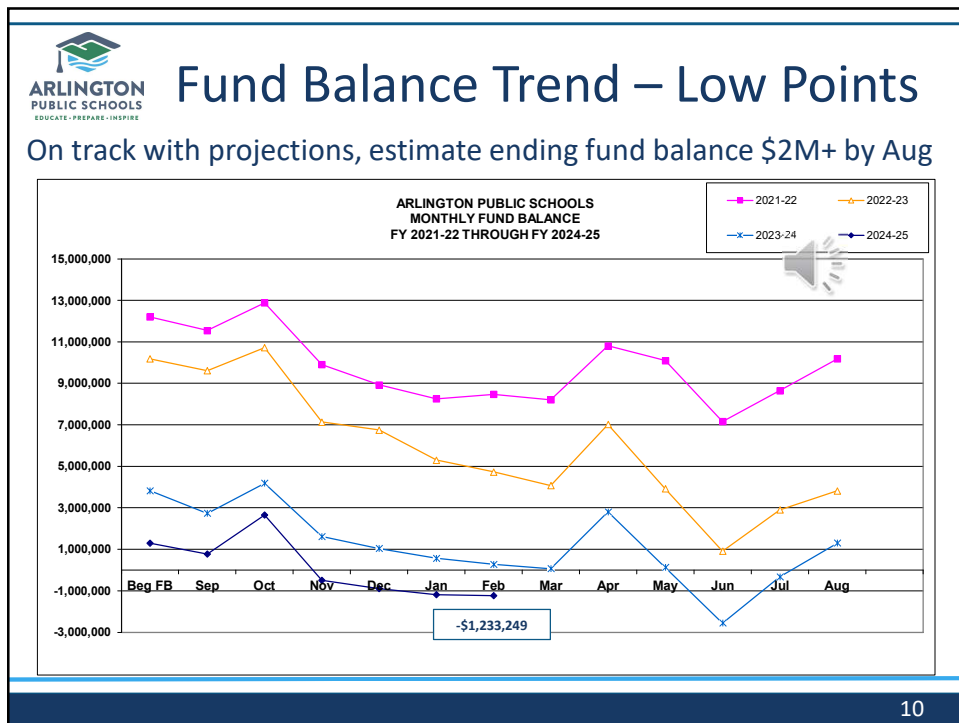


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Fund Balance Low Points

- Reso 24-13 Interfund loans up to \$3M from Capital Fund
 - November \$589,465
 - December \$327,480
 - January \$344,460
 - February \$238,655
 - Cumulative Nov through Feb interfund loans: \$1,500,060
 - March may not need a loan
 - April will be sufficient and can begin to payback loans
 - Future request for interfund loan authorization (June-Aug)
 - Resources through end of the fiscal year to be sufficient such that all interfund loans are paid back by year-end with interest



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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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Legislative Updates

- Funding for Special Education
- Funding for Materials Supplies and Other Costs
- Shift of apportionment schedule more into July and August (which further exasperates cashflow challenges)
- Implicit Price Deflator (inflation rate) and other rates set by legislature that impact our costs

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Activities for BATF – Video Project



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Next Meetings for BATF

To be held on Zoom:

- May 13, 2025



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Questions?



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