

2025-2026 General Fund Budget Assumptions 89th Legislative Session

FY 2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS

February 20, 2025 Board Meeting

REVENUES

Expect continued M&O tax rate compression in FY26; current M&O tax rate of \$0.6682 for FY25, \$0.6692 for FY24

Receive preliminary Bell County Appraisal District (BellCAD) Values in late April

Homestead Exemption of \$100,000 (\$100,000 in FY 25, \$100,000 in FY 24)

Budgeted property tax collections at 99% (99% in FY25)

Maintain early payment property tax discount (3-2-1 discount)

Investment revenue expected to remain flat or decrease slightly

State revenue based on student projections based on FY25 4th six-weeks ADA

Impact Aid federal revenue \$10mm decrease based on FY25 letter from Department of Education

EXPENDITURES

Payroll costs will be based on initial approved staffing guidelines

General pay increase for employees

Starting teacher pay of \$58,000 (\$58,000 in FY25, \$57,000 in FY24)

Longevity stipends at FY25 criteria

Health insurance benefit of \$400 per month if taking KISD insurance and \$200 per month for those not taking KISD insurance

Teacher staffing based on student projections at 17:1 for PK3; 22:1 for PK-4; 26:1 for grades 5-12

Position contingency of \$500,000

Student projections drive campus allocations

Maintaining PK3 program at on-post elementary schools

Maintaining 1.0/2.0 mile walk out for transportation routes

Teacher supply reimbursement remaining at \$200 per classroom teacher

Unfilled Positions (Vacancy) factor for FY26 at 95.0%

Maintaining campus life cycle replacement of \$5mm per year; paying \$100,000 from General Fund, remainder from federal Title funds

Transfers:

Maintaining Capital Improvement Projects at 1.25% of budgeted expenditures, budgeted as part of the Strategic Facilities Plan for FY26

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- Property Tax Relief
- School Funding
- Teacher Compensation

Questions or Comments

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