

## March 2025

To: Dr. Carlondrea Hines From: The Business Office

Re: FY2025-26 Budget Assumptions

Below you will find information regarding budget assumptions for the 2025-26 fiscal year (FY2026). We appreciate the collaboration with the Finance Advisory Committee and the school board in preparing these assumptions.

## **Budget Assumptions**

- 1. Fund Balance Minimum
  - a. 8% with long-term strategy to grow to 12% 16%
  - b. Utilize Fund Balance to fill gaps for lost federal/state funding
- 2. Per Pupil Funding Formula
  - a. 2.74% increase to \$7,481
- 3. Student Enrollment Projection
  - a. 4,326 K-12th grade; 302 Kindergarten
  - b. Persist in efforts to attract & retain students
- 4. Local Fees
  - a. Add a technology fee
  - b. Increase Community Ed Premium Space Rental Fees
  - c. No other changes
  - d. Encourage district-wide booster club
- 5. District Cost Drivers
  - a. Understand, reduce or stabilize cost drivers
  - b. Focus on retention of direct student facing positions
  - c. Focus on clear return on investment for budget changes

## **Next Steps**

Following School Board approval, the Business Office will build the FY2026 budget using these assumptions.