

MENAHGA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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FY26 General Fund Revenue Assumptions

1. Assume a 2.5% increase in the state general education formula.
2. Assume all other categories of revenue (federal, levy and local) will remain flat.
3. Assume a PreK-12 pupil enrollment of 973. Pupil Units calculate actual "membership time" in the Menahga Public School District multiplied by a State-supplied weighting factor per grade level, rather than simple enrollment counts at a given point in time.

Grade	ECSE	VPK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total K-12
Count	3	9	68	68	70	71	83	67	75	72	80	77	88	69	73	973

FY26 General Fund Expenditure Assumptions

1. Salaries, wages and employee benefits are expected to see a budget increase in FY26. The FY26 budget will assume a 4% total increase in staff salaries, wages and benefits. The employee contracts up for negotiations starting July 1, 2025, are Clerical, Custodial, Confidential, EMM Teachers, EMM Paraprofessionals, Payroll, Technology and Transportation.
2. Fees for service (i.e. utilities, property insurance and professional services) are expected to increase overall. Specifically, an increase of 10% for property insurance expenses and a 4.5% increase in costs for special education and other services provided by Freshwater. The district will research options for cost savings while ensuring the needs of the district are met.



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3. The supplies and equipment budget are based on the needs of each department and projected to increase to support technology purchases based on the long-range technology plan for the replacement of devices and other instructional technology.
4. Capital – This budget area includes purchases such as instructional materials, student transportation vehicles and maintenance projects. These are planned purchases for FY26:
 - a. 1 School Bus
 - b. 1 School Van
 - c. Curriculum & Instructional Materials
 - d. Facility updates for safety & security (PA system, cameras & doors)
 - e. HVAC replacement of 1 air conditioning unit

FY26 General Fund Cost Containment Recommendations

1. Reduction in salaries, wages and benefits of at least \$200,000 through attrition and/or a combination of staffing adjustments.
2. Consider the option of Carts on Wheels (COW's) in kindergarten and 1st grade in lieu of the 1:1 device model.
3. Consider preventative maintenance opportunities to reduce costs.
4. Adjust supply budgets



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