

**Joliet Township High School District 204**  
**Final Budget Assumptions**  
**2025-2026**  
**August 11, 2025**

The 2025 -2026 Tentative Budget is based on the following assumptions:

## **Operating Funds**

### **Revenues**

- CPI increase will be 3.4%.
- New Construction for 2024 tax year collectable in 2025 is \$38,726,176. The new construction for 2023 was \$215,009,692.
- The 2024 Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) is \$4,506,326,782. This is a \$263,785,398 or 6.224% increase from 2023. The 2023 EAV was \$4,242,541,384.
- Total tax revenues from property taxes are based on calculations using the Limiting Rate Formula. The Levy Extension for 2024 is \$100,003,042.
- Investment interest income reflects rates to be modest due to the economy (approximately 2% to 5%).
- Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax (CPPRT) for 2026 is estimated at \$11,071,002. In FY25 the district received \$10,847,489, FY24: \$16,359,009 FY23: 24,836,252.47, FY22: \$21,973,261 and FY22: \$10,080,677.
- Based on the passage of the State of Illinois budget, FY26 Evidenced Based Funding is estimated at \$27,910,995. FY25 amount received was \$26,371,752.
- All other state and federal aids are based on this year's current information. We have been told the funding for FY26 will remain the same as last year; I am projecting a modest for all state categorical grants. IDEA Part B Flow Through is estimated to be the same as FY25.
- All students' related fees are included with no increase. This is the fourteenth year with no increase.
- All District construction projects funded through local revenues are part of the Site & Construction Fund (Fund 60). Revenues for Operations and Maintenance will increase proportionately based on levy.
- The Transportation Fund (Fund 40) revenues include anticipated State and Federal revenues. Reimbursements are estimated to remain flat. The need for transporting a small number of students long distances because of special education and homeless status adds to the overall transportation costs.
- Due to IMRF regulations, revenues for Social Security and IMRF are recorded as separate funds. Even though the State Budget Form does not allow for this added sub-fund, our reports will show the separation by adding Fund 51 for Social Security.
- Tort Immunity Fund (Fund 80) revenues and expenditures have been separated from the Education Fund (Fund 10). This fund includes all expenses for security, labor and equipment, all insurances and legal services.

## **Expenditures**

### **Education Fund (Fund 10)**

- Staffing for 2025-2026 is based on increases in FTE that were presented and approved by the Board of Education.
- Salary projection estimates are based on contractual agreements.
- The District health insurance costs will reflect a 6.0% increase in FY26. The insurance committee will continue to explore ways to help control cost and reduce exposure when possible. Minimal increase is anticipated in dental, vision and life. The Committee will continue to explore other insurance options so that the District will comply with the federal health care program that is mandating modifications to our plan.
- All other benefits, IMRF/SS and TRS were increased in proportion to the salary increases and scheduled retirements.
- As stated above, Fund 50 will be split. Fund 50 will be for IMRF expenditures and Fund 51 will be for Social Security expenditures.
- Purchased Services, Supplies, and Capital Equipment are estimated to increase 5%.
- Enrollment is estimated to increase 0- 1% over last year. Our trend continues to be little to no growth.
- Special Education expenditures are based on current student needs and are subject to change based on the student population.
- As a protection, contingency accounts have been established for each fund.

### **Operations and Maintenance Fund (Fund 20)**

- Repairs and maintenance items remain in the Operations and Maintenance Fund (Fund 20) along with all regular salary, benefits, purchased services, supplies and capital outlay accounts. We have maintained all accounts in the O&M Fund at current levels.
- Due to the economy, there is an increase to supplies and equipment.
- The District has entered multi-year energy contracts for electricity and natural gas. Because of these contracts, our energy consumption and costs are expected to remain stable in the next fiscal year.

#### Transportation Fund (Fund 40)

- Transportation costs are estimated to increase over FY2025, mainly due to the increase in cost of leasing buses.
- Supply costs remain stable; this is due to having a new fleet of buses and efficiency created by having the entire fleet housed inside.
- Adjustments have been made to the Levy to offset the increase cost of the new lease agreement. Repair and maintenance have been reduced to reflect the savings because of the new buses.
- Received \$1,083,000.00 Renew America's Schools Grant to support the implementation of a solar array, microgrid, charging station and two electric school buses.

#### IMRF Fund (50) & Social Security Fund (51)

- These funds have been separated as required by the state accounting improvements. A separate tax for each fund is required and all expenses must be reported separately. The purpose of these funds is to provide resources for the school district's share of retirement benefits for all classified employees.

#### Site and Construction Fund (Fund 60)

- The Site and Construction Fund reflects costs associated with upgrading infield turf for baseball, softball and culinary spaces at both campuses. The Central Campus T&I roof replacement. Implementation of Master Facilities Plan (Phase 1 and 2).

#### Tort Immunity Fund (80)

- This fund includes all expenses for security labor and equipment.
- The fund includes all risk insurance costs.
- All expenses relating to tort insurance are now to be recorded in this fund.
- District legal expenses and Unemployment expenses are part of the Tort Fund.
- Workers' Compensation insurance realized a modest increase for FY26. We continue to work with the carrier to implement professional development and awareness to our staff to assist in lower potential Workers' Compensation claims. We will continue the same effort this school year.

### **Non-Operating Fund Assumptions**

#### Bond and Interest Fund (Fund 30)

##### Revenues

- Revenues for the Bond and Interest Fund are established by the County Clerk's Office based on the Debt Service Retirement Schedule for each of the outstanding bond issues.

#### Expenditures

- Expenditures are budgeted based on the Debt Service Retirement Schedules on file in the County Clerk's Office.

#### Life Safety Fund (Fund 90)

- If there is a need for Life Safety projects, we will fund the projects through bonds. This will save the District a substantial amount of money and time because of the costs involved in preparing the paperwork for the County and State.