

# Northwest Arctic Borough School District

## FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET WORKSESSION

April 4, 2024



# FY25 Operating Budget

The Northwest Arctic Borough School District preliminarily started with a \$14,090,189 million deficit in the FY25 Operating Budget.

District Administration reduced the deficit for FY25 by \$4.7 million to **\$9,348,488**.

Large programmatic cuts must be made to balance and adopt a budget by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**.

## BUDGET PROCESS

### **January- April:**

- 1) District Administration work together to develop a preliminary budget;
- 2) Board Budget Committee reviews the preliminary budget and makes recommendations;
- 3) District Administration makes necessary adjustments
- 4) The Board reviews the budget at a Budget Worksession;
- 5) District Administration receives input via staff meetings, community meetings, and through a public survey;
- 6) **Board reviews public input and makes budget recommendations at a Budget Worksession;**
- 7) The Proposed Budget will be posted for public viewing on the District website;
- 8) School Board will hold a public hearing at the April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, worksession;
- 9) Board will vote to adopt the budget at the regular April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting;

# FY25 Reductions Made

The **\$4.7** million in cuts below have already been made and reduced the District's deficit from \$14,090,189 million to \$9,348,488

## ***FY25 Budget Cuts:***

### 1. Overall reduction in 22.5 General Fund positions:

- 6 Positions moved from operating funds into grant funds
- 6 District office positions cut & 1 added
- 10 Teaching positions cut & 1 added - aligned student to teacher ratio to include CTE
- 1 ATC position cut & 1.5 ATC positions moved to grants

### 2. Grant supplies & travel reduced to fund positions:

- Grant-funded professional development reduced:
  - Safe & Civil Schools, Response to Intervention (RTI), Alaska Statewide Leadership Institute (ALSI), and Alaska Society for Technology in Education (ASTE)
- Extra Duty Contracts
- Staff Travel
- Supplies & Software

### 3. District Health Plan costs - Offering stipend to staff that opt out of the District Health Insurance plan

# FY25 General Fund Budget

REVENUE	
Other Local Revenue	\$600,000
Earnings on Investments	\$770,000
Borough Appropriation	\$6,645,111
E-Rate Program	\$7,205,220
State Foundation	\$37,806,494
Other State Revenue	\$125,278
TRS On-Behalf	\$2,505,160
PERS On-Behalf	\$447,788
Impact Aid Program	\$4,206,505
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$60,311,556</b>

EXPENDITURES	
Salaries & Benefits	\$40,687,404
Professional & Technical Services	\$4,502,827
Travel	\$1,677,627
Utilities	\$12,734,446
Other Purchased Services	\$4,470,556
Property & Liability Insurance	\$1,350,000
Supplies, Materials & Media	\$1,736,504
Tuition, Dues & Fees & Equipment	182,680
Indirect Cost Recovery	(\$250,000)
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$67,092,044</b>

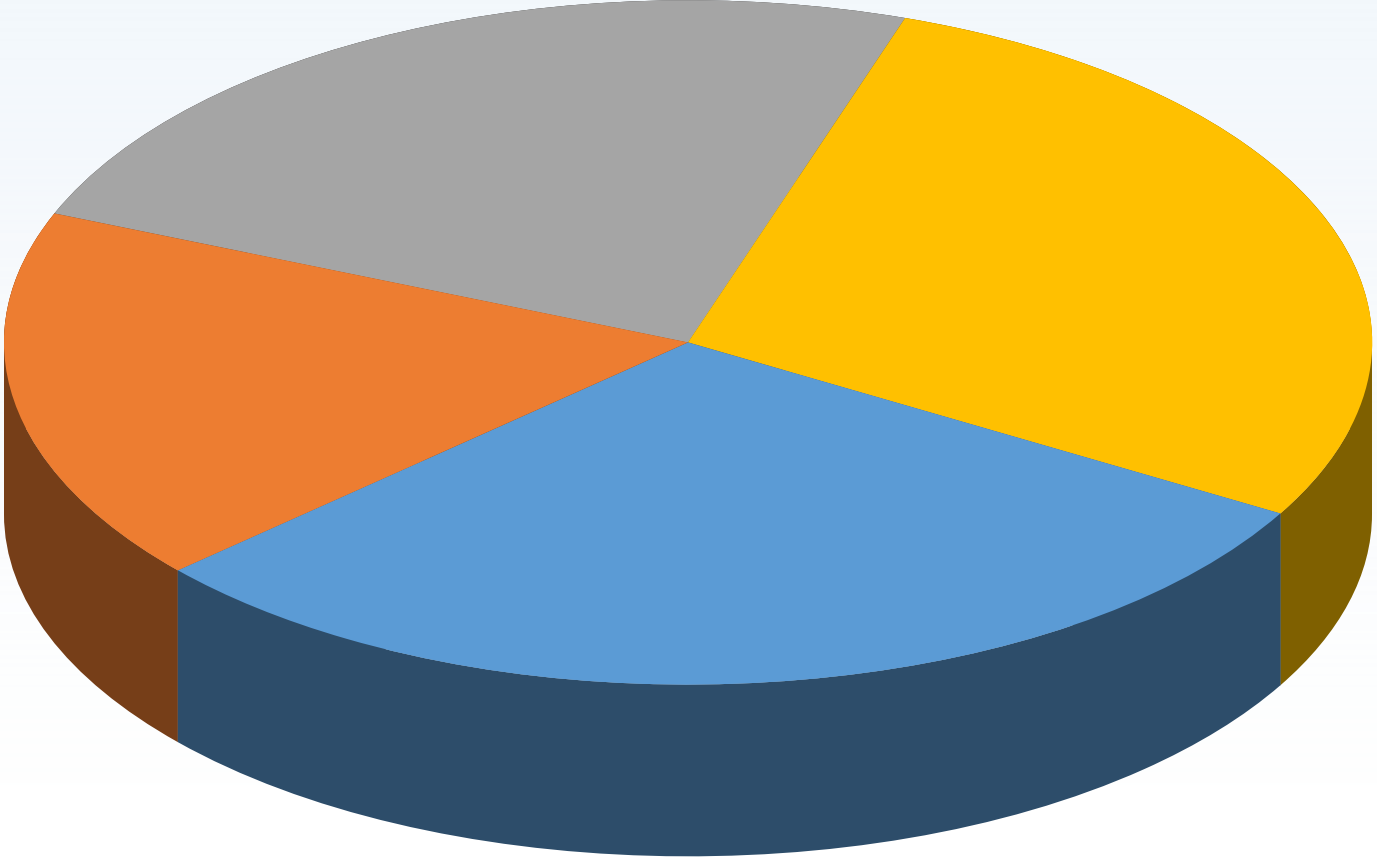
TRANSFERS OUT	
Food Service	\$1,200,000
Alaska Technical Center	\$668,000
Star Magnet School	\$100,000
Teacher Housing	\$450,000
Student Transportation	\$150,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$2,568,000</b>

EXPENSE OVER REVENUE	
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$9,348,488</b>

**A survey went out after the March 20<sup>th</sup> Board Budget Worksession to receive input and community priorities in reference to the District's FY25 Budget Deficit.**

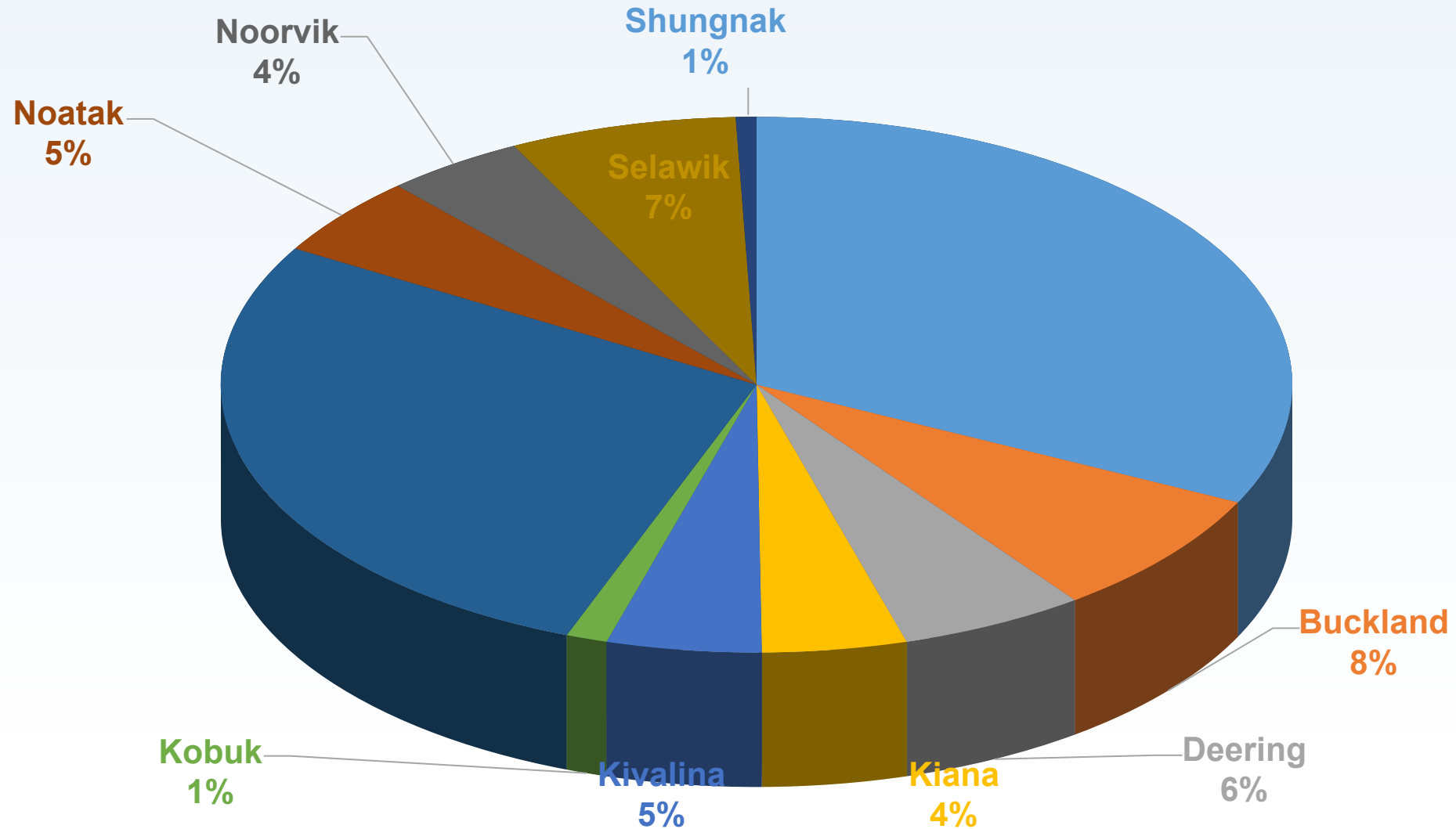
# FY25 Budget Survey Participants

**A total of  
642 Surveys  
were  
completed**

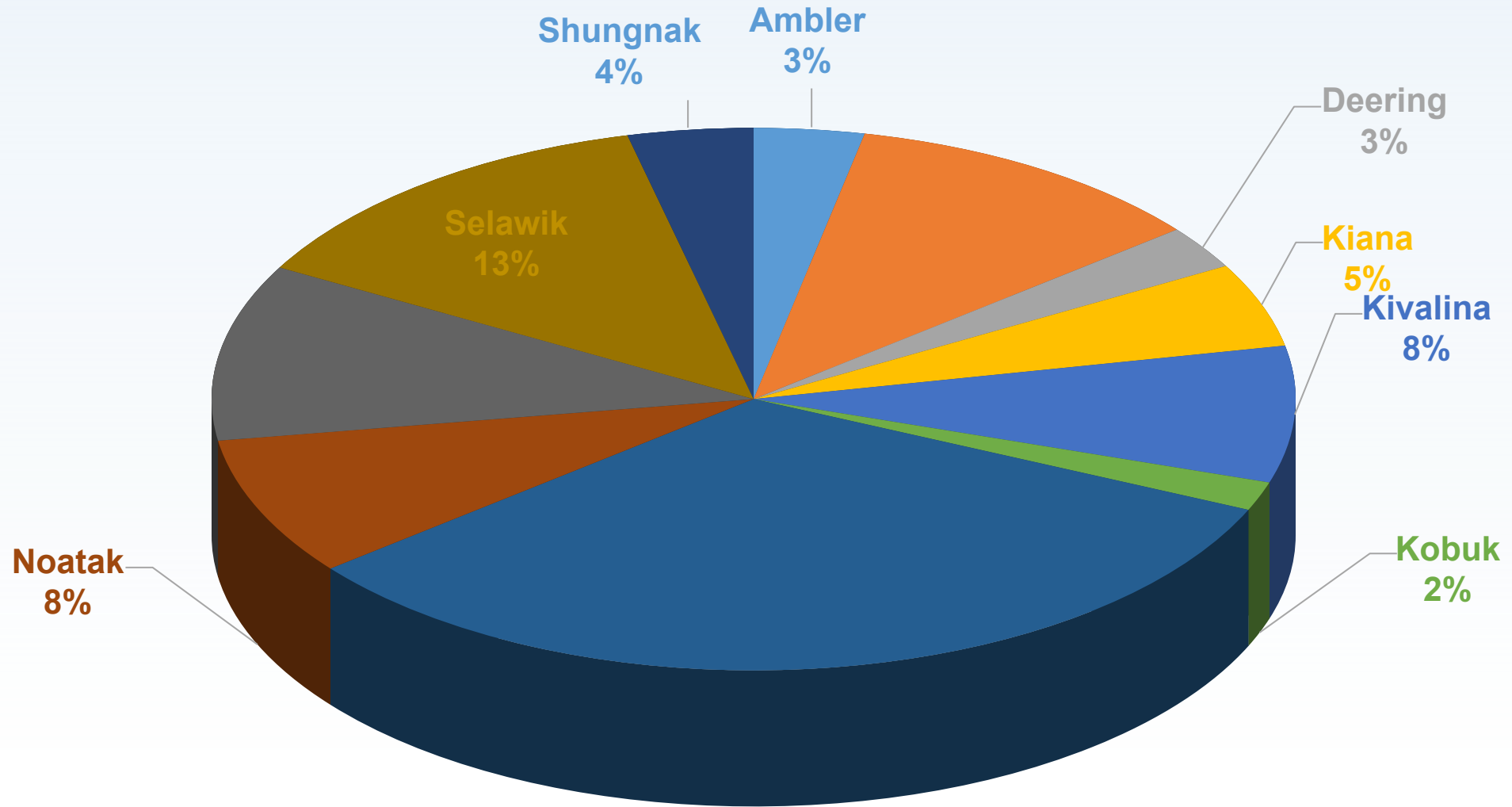


Student Participation by Site	
ABL	81
BKC	14
DRG	9
IAN	22
KVL	1
OBU	0
OTZ	40
WTK	3
ORV	9
WLK	2
SHG	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>181</b>

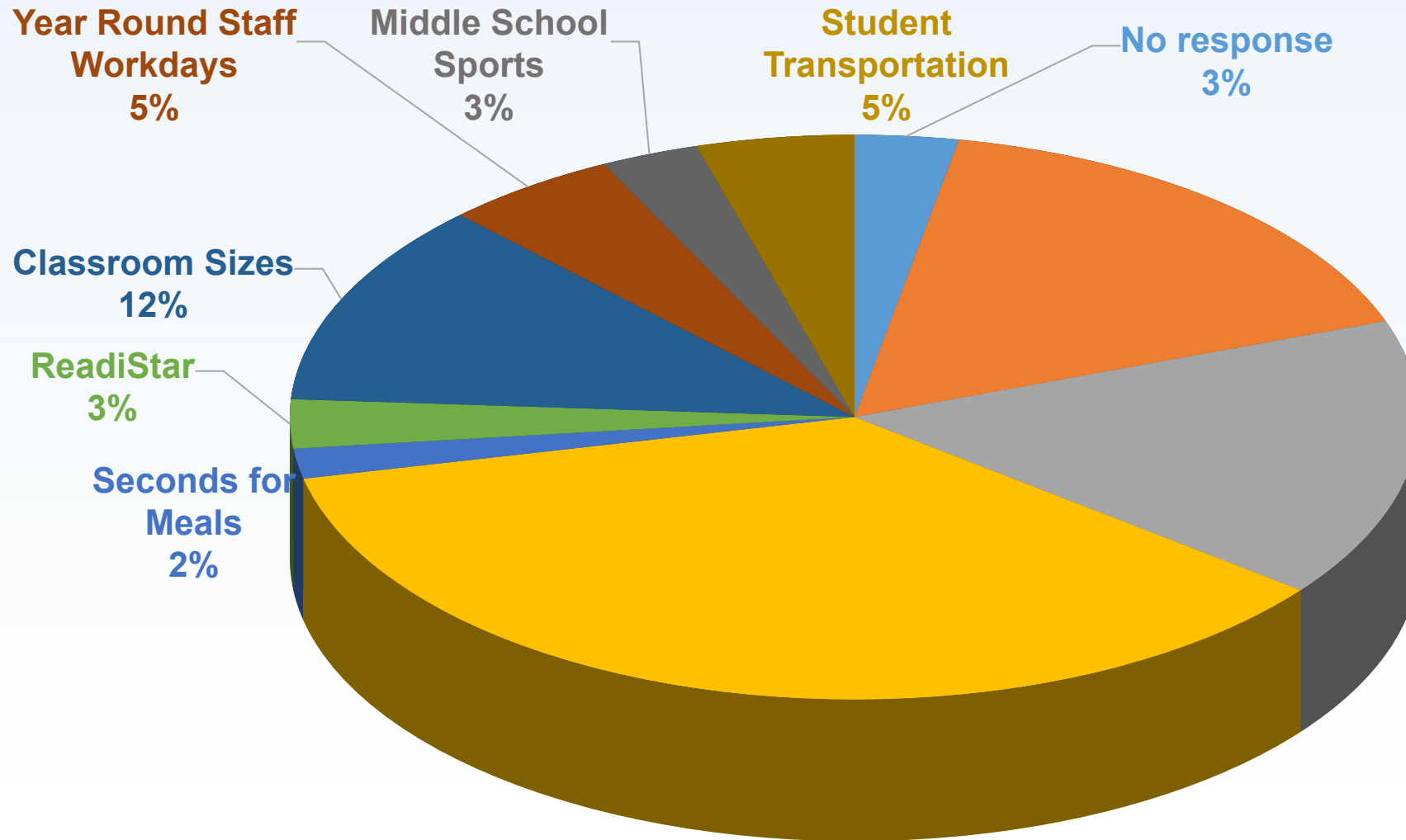
# Survey Participation by Community



# District Enrollment by Community



# Survey Participant #1 Priority





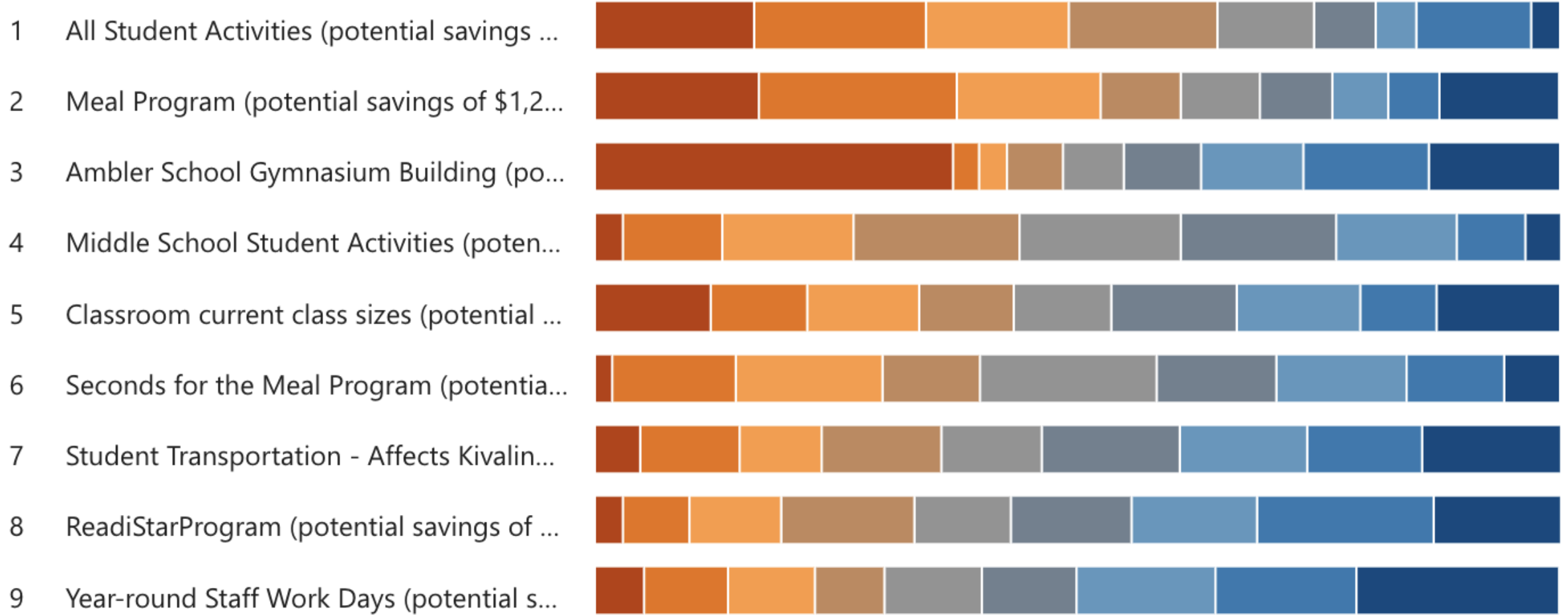
# Survey Participant #1 Priority

Priority in order by # of votes	
AMBLER GYM	231
MEAL PROGRAM	106
STUDENT ACTIVITIES	103
CLASSROOM SIZES	75
YEAR-ROUND STAFF WORKDAYS	32
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	29
NO RESPONSE	19
MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS	18
READISTAR	18
SECONDS FOR MEALS	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>642</b>

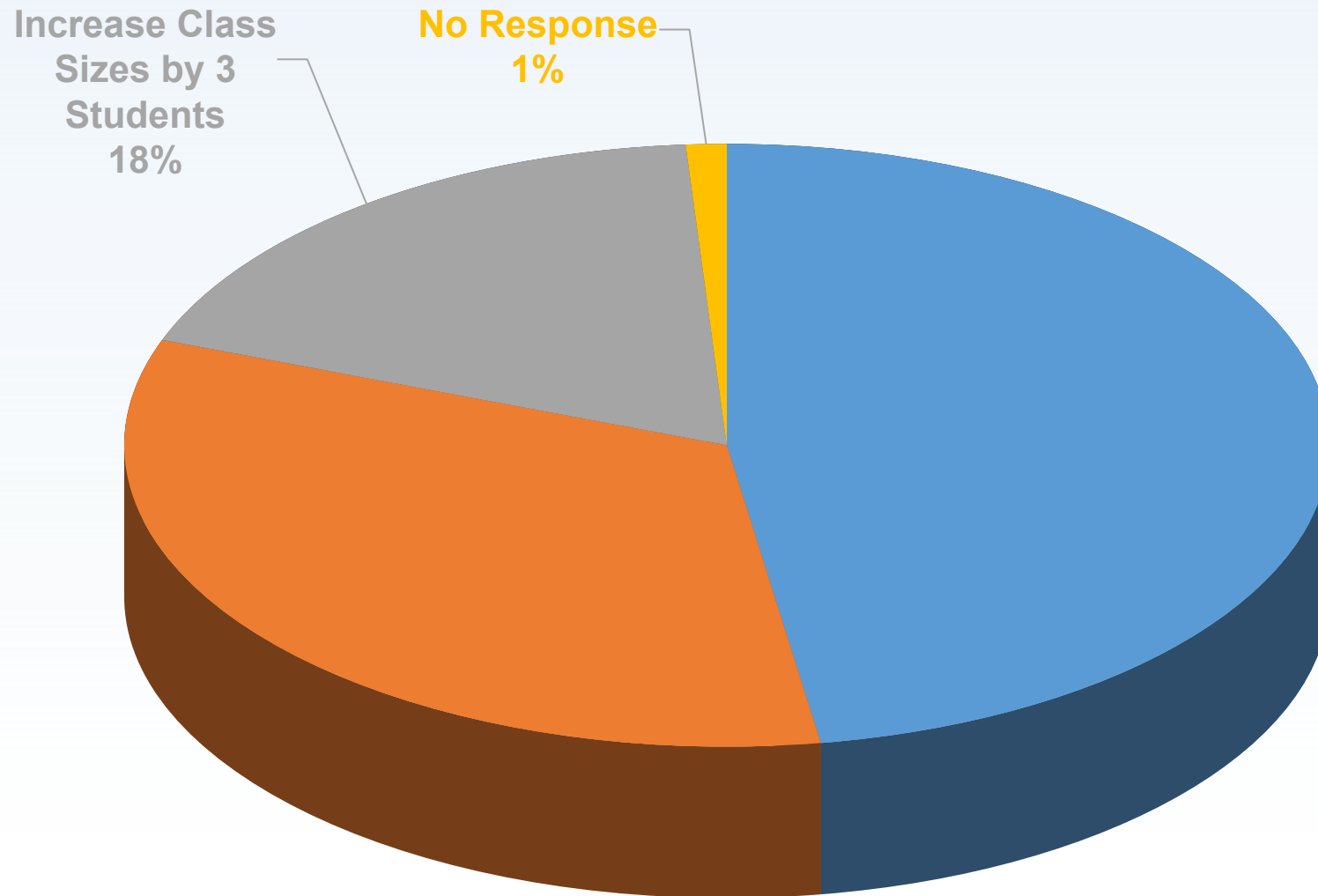
# FY25 Budget Survey – First to Last choice

**Rank Options**

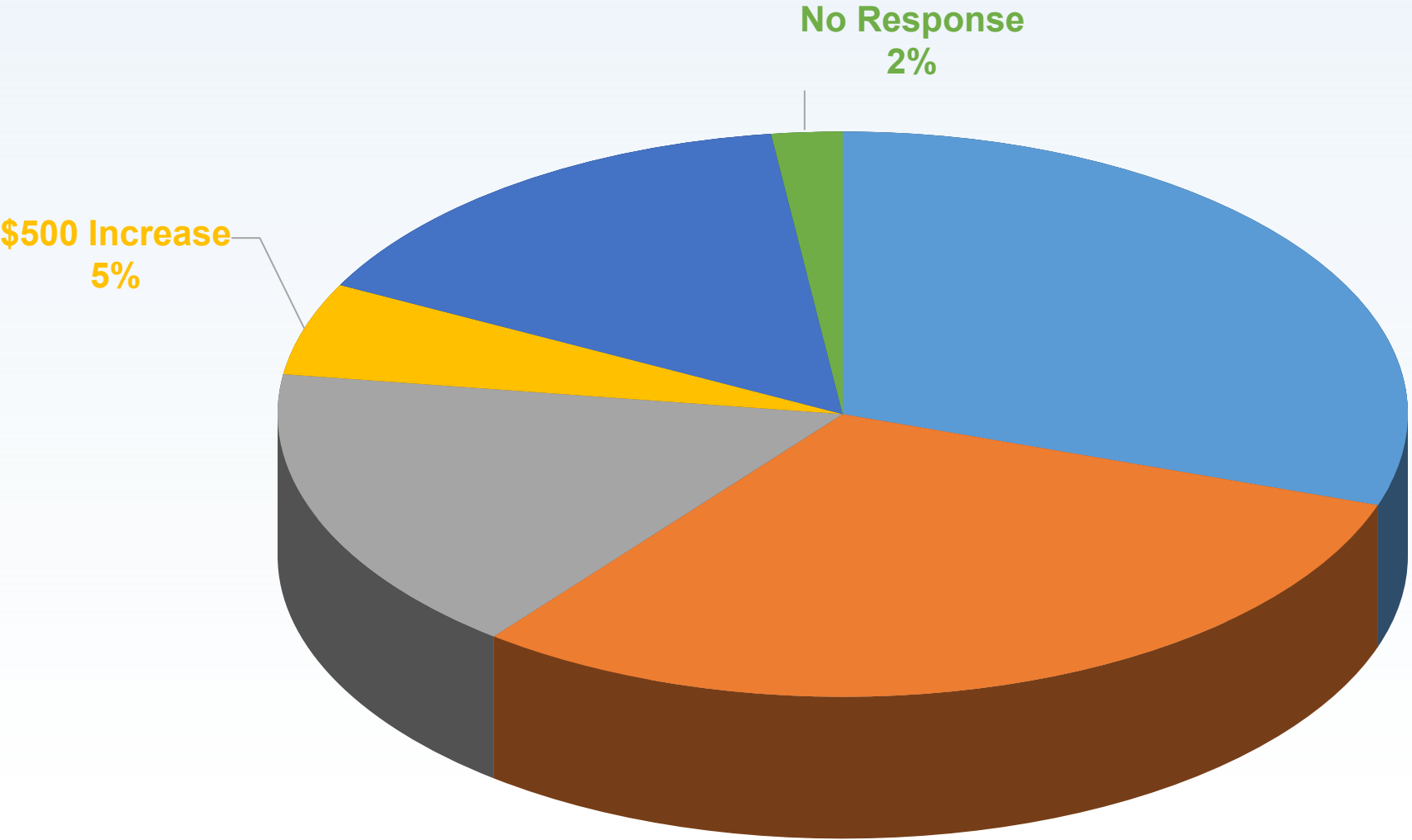
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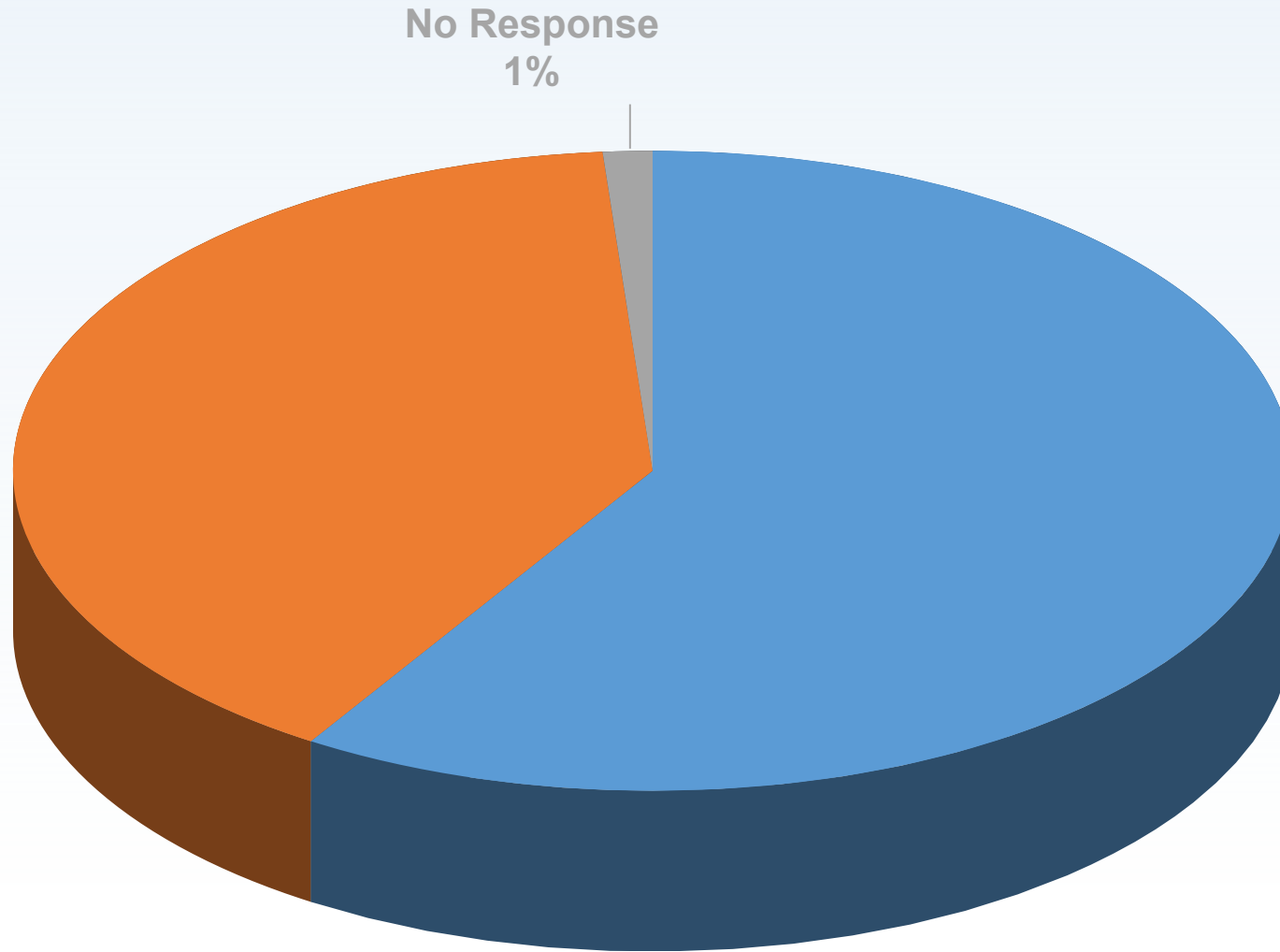
# Change in Classroom Sizes



# Budget Based on Increase to BSA



# Use of Fund Balance(s)



**\$4.9 million  
is estimated  
at year end  
for use in  
FY25**

# General Comments

Of the 642 surveys submitted, 265 participants left comments/feedback:

## 3+ COMMENTS

- Reduce ATC programs & make building more efficient
- Cut staff travel
- Do not refresh (math) curriculum
- Move to a 4-day school week
- Keep sports
- Cut part of sports
- Keep Ambler gym open – Important to community
- Reduce year-round staff workdays
- Cut all staff inservice
- Cut District Office staff budget (staffing/salaries)
- Change School Calendar
- Keep Meals

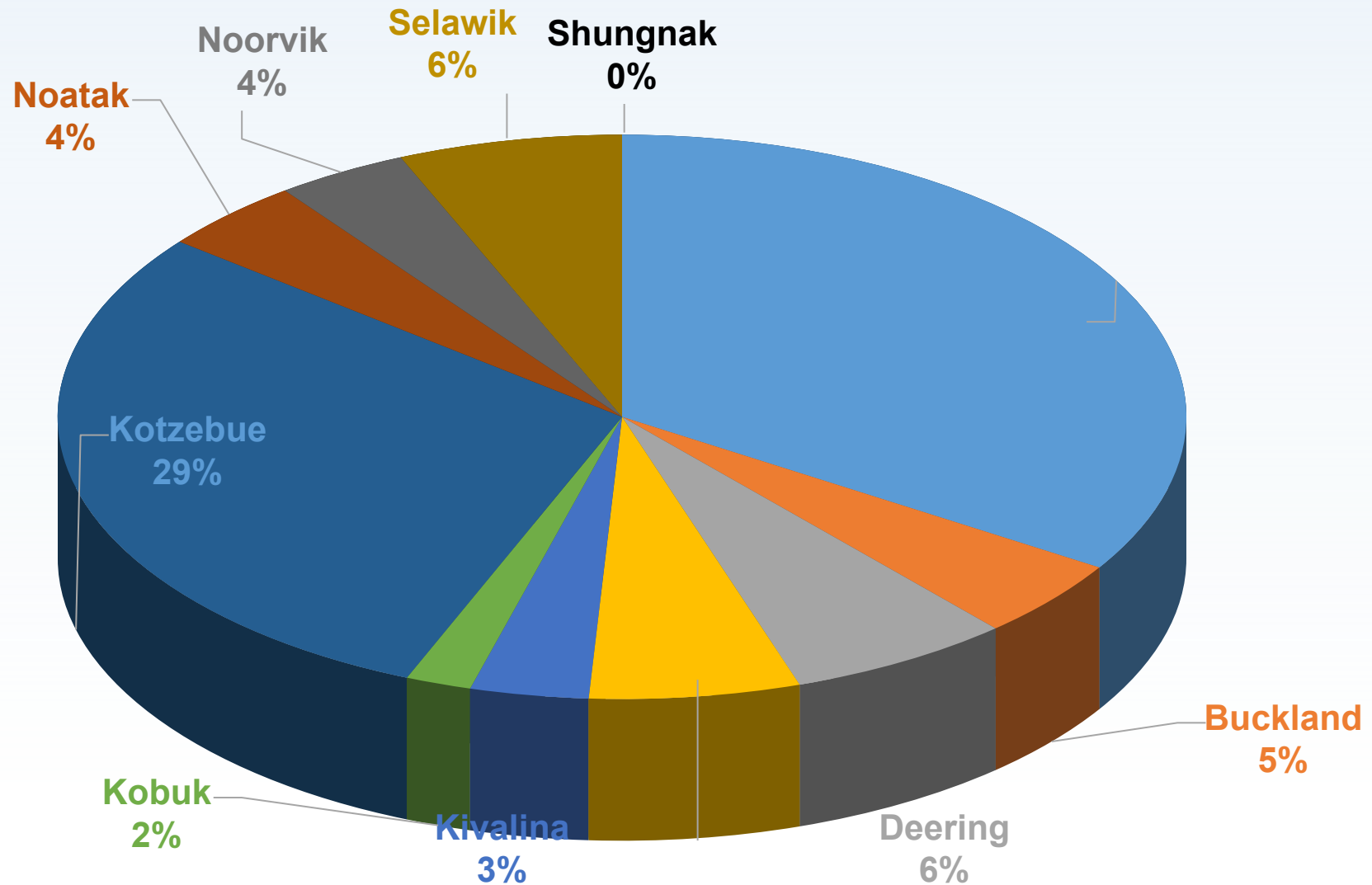
## 2 COMMENTS

- Quit buying/sell D.O. vehicles
- Better School Lunches
- Keep current class sizes
- Increase class sizes
- Keep Student Transportation
- Have more online classes
- More activities & parent participation
- Should not expect “non-guaranteed” money
- Student Activity participation fee
- Partner with NANA, Tribes & Maniilaq
- Charge more for use of buildings & open gym

## 1 COMMENT

- Have parents provide school supplies
- Reduce waste (food & curriculum consumables)
- Relocate D.O. Staff to villages & close current building
- Thank you for listening 😊
- Allocate funding for Science equipment
- Don't cut teachers!
- Cut District newsletter
- Shut down magnet school
- Add Head Start
- Add budget for teacher retention
- Demolish old school buildings

# Comments by Community



# Possible Actions to balance the FY25 Operating Budget

## Budget items for reduction:

- Increase average classroom size
  - 18:1 in Elementary; 25:1 MS/HS = \$1,055,349
  - 20:1 in Elementary; 25:1 MS/HS = \$2,900,972
- Whole Program cuts:
  - Meal Program = \$1,200,000
  - Readistar Program = \$292,000
  - Student Activities = \$1,795,224
  - Student Transportation = \$150,000
- Partial Program cuts:
  - Seconds for meals = \$251,840
  - Middle School Sports = \$252,000
- Close part of a school building
  - School Gymnasium - \$300,000
- Reduce year-round staff workdays
  - 261 days to 251 days - \$272,208

## Use of other funds

Budget an increase to Base Student Allocation (BSA):

- \$100 = \$689,235
- \$300 = \$2,067,704
- \$500 = \$3,446,174
- \$680 = \$4,686,797

## Use of fund balances (savings)

- General Fund Balance = \$4,972,495 estimated for FY25
- Capital Improvement Fund Balance = \$1,207,598 estimated for FY25



