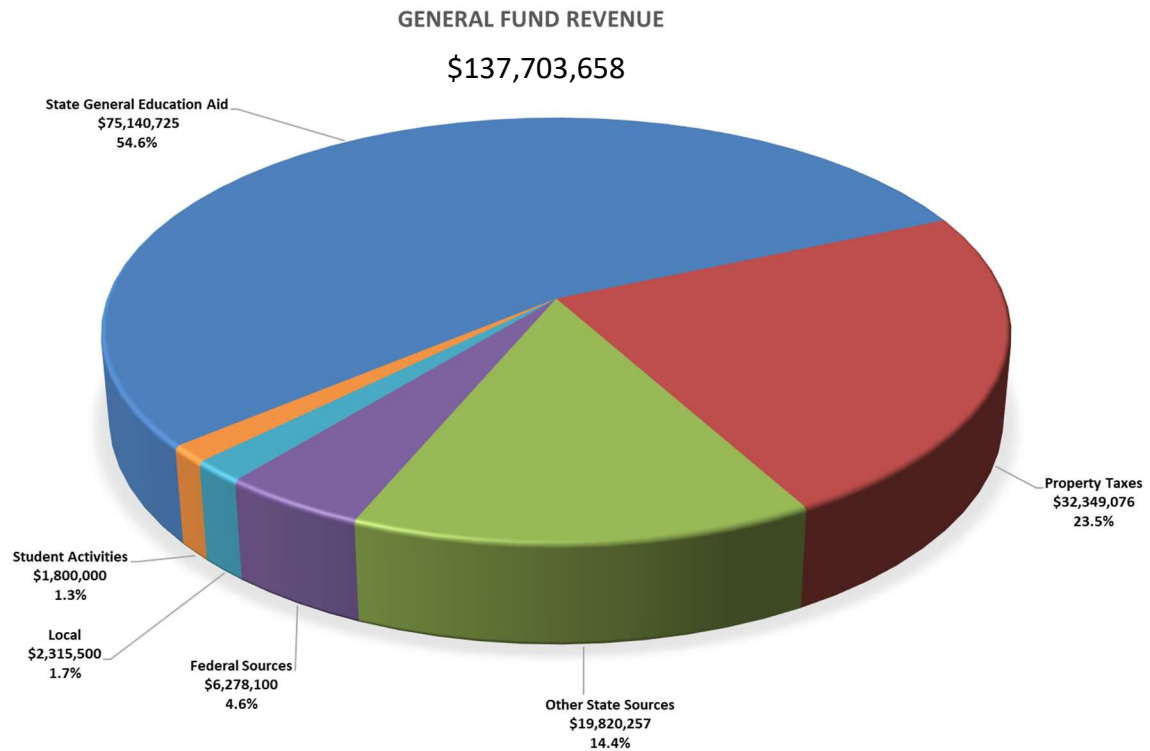




FY 24-25 Budget Assumptions

The School Board’s Executive Limitation 2.5.2 reads “There will be no financial plan that neglects to present the assumptions and timeline for the next annual budget during the third quarter of the current fiscal year.” The assumptions reflect both revenue sources and expenditures for the General Fund budget.

1. General Fund Revenues:

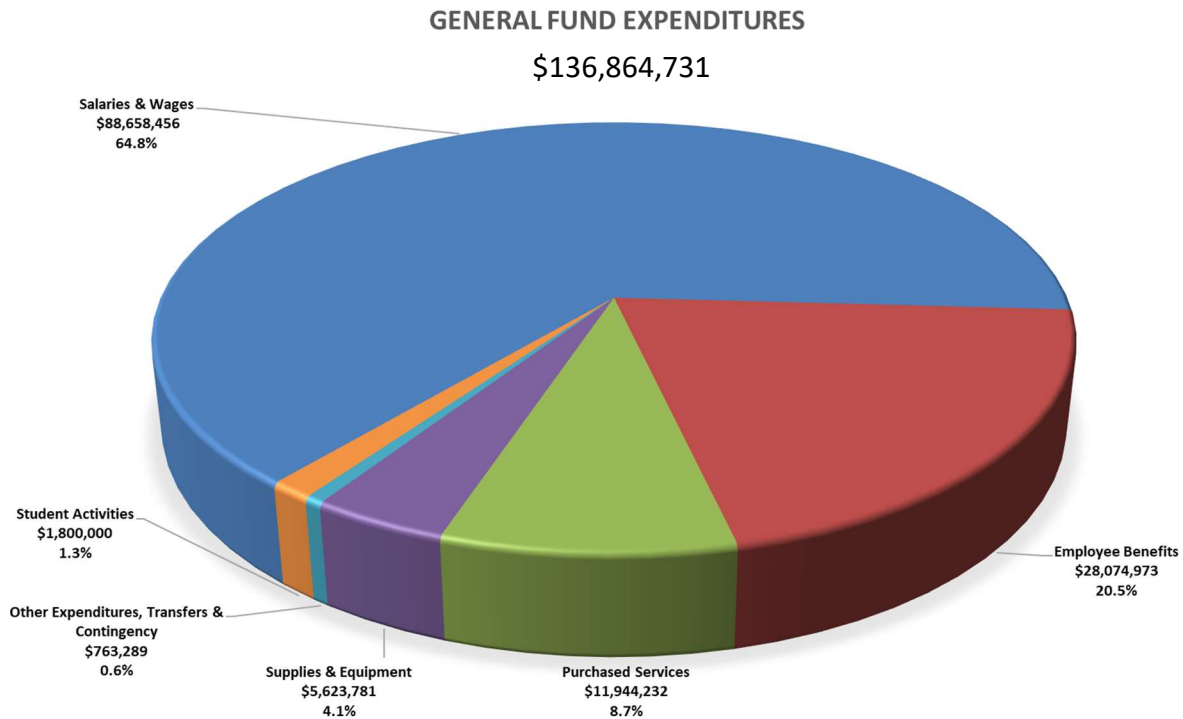


- a. State Basic General Education Aid
 - The legislature approved a 2.0% increase to the basic formula allowance.
- b. Property Taxes
 - Tax levy approved by the board in December 2023
- c. Other State Sources (Special education cross subsidy, basic skills, and other categorical aids)
 - The legislature approved increases for special education cross subsidy, school library aid, support personnel aid, and summer unemployment.
- d. Federal Sources (Grants)
 - ESSER Funding will end September 2024.
- e. Local Sources (Tuition, Fees, Admissions, Interest, Donations)
 - Assuming an increase in investment earnings

2. Estimated Enrollment

- a. October 1, 2024 Kindergarten-12th grade total estimated enrollment of 8,874-8,924 or an 8-42 student ~~decrease~~ increase from October 1, 2023.
- Includes projected 603 kindergarten students.
 - EP Online enrollment of 500-550, which represents a 9%-20% increase from October 1, 2023

3. Expenditures:



a. Salary and Benefits

- Account for 85% of General Fund expenditures
- Negotiation parameters established for unsettled union contracts:
 1. Classified Administrative and Support Staff (CLASS), Paraprofessionals (MSEA), Administrators (AST/EPSS), Confidential, and Principals, expiring June 30, 2024

b. Purchased Services, Supplies and Equipment

- 5.0% increase for utilities (Electricity, natural gas, water/sewer, etc.)
- 5.0% increase for fiscal costs (Property insurance, legal costs, etc.)
- 2.0% increase for general and instructional supplies
- 2.0% increase for Site and department budgets

4. Teacher Retirements

- a. Assuming financial savings of 3 teachers due to retirements at the end of this fiscal year, financial savings would occur next year.

5. Solar Power

- a. Assuming \$100,000 of bill credits due to generation of renewable energy
- b. The district has 22 solar arrays operational with 3 additional becoming active in 2024, generating the equivalent of approximately 20% of our electricity usage.
- c. The district also subscribes to 3 community solar gardens generating the equivalent of approximately 67% of our electricity usage.

6. Teacher Staffing – We have assumed:

- a. We will maintain the reductions in class size targets that we have made at the elementary level. There will be some variances, above or below the targets, in class size depending on building enrollment and space, but the targets will guide staffing.
- b. We will continue to maintain the 8-period day at Central Middle School including the investment that was made in 2020 to add back a team planning period for staff that is in addition to their prep time. This investment also increased choice for students within the middle school schedule.
- c. We will continue the investment we have made in the block schedule at Eden Prairie High School. The benefits relative to a traditional schedule include: increased choice for our students, fewer total amount of students for teachers due to teaching fewer classes, and longer prep periods.
- d. Elementary schools will continue to be staffed based on class size targets and secondary staffing will continue to be allocated through staffing ratios that are then used to provide course offering driven by student registration.

The following are the targets and staffing allocation ratios that will be used for staffing that will drive budget assumptions.

Elementary Schools	Class Size Targets	Secondary Schools	Staffing Allocation Ratios
Kindergarten	20.0	Grade 6	28.0
Grade 1	20.0	Grades 7-8	31.0
Grade 2	22.0	Grades 9-12	31.5
Grade 3	25.0		
Grade 4	25.0		
Grade 5	26.0		

*Class sizes may vary depending upon specific enrollment.

7. District Fees

- a. High School Parking Permits
 - Lot A & B - \$350/year – No Change
 - Lot C - \$150/year – Reduction of \$50/year. This lot is at 56% capacity, reducing the fee is expected to generate more interest and be revenue positive despite the lower cost.

8. Transportation will continue to be **Free for All.**