

Overview

Illinois law (105 ILCS 5/17-1) establishes specific requirements for the preparation, public display, hearing, and adoption of school district budgets. These steps ensure transparency and compliance with the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) reporting standards.

First, the District must prepare a tentative annual budget in the format prescribed by ISBE that includes the estimated revenues, expenditures, and fund balances for all funds. The tentative budget was prepared and presented to the Board of Education during the August 11, 2025, Regular Meeting.

The Board of Education then must make the tentative budget available for public inspection for at least 30 days before adoption, and publish a notice of availability in a local newspaper, stating the budget is on file and open to inspection. The notice was published on August 1, and August 8, 2025, in the Daily Herald and was available for inspection from August 12 through September 15.

The Board of Education must also hold at least one public hearing on the budget before adopting the final budget. The first public hearing presented the tentative budget to the public at the **August 11, 2025 Board Meeting**; and the final budget will be presented at the **September 15, 2025 Board Meeting**.

The final step in the budget adoption process will be to approve the Budget at the September 15th Regular Meeting formally, and then file a certified copy of the adopted budget with ISBE and the county clerk within 30 days of the **September 30th** adoption deadline.

Additional Statutory Budgetary Requirements

- Public Act 103-0394** added a financial reserve reporting requirement for Illinois school districts starting with fiscal year 2024 budgets. [Slide 2] To comply with PA 103-0394, the District must report its fund balance ratios as measured against the three-year average expenditures from each major operating fund [ED/OM/TRANS/WC]. The District would need to submit a Fund Balance reduction plan for any Fund holding reserves over 2.5 times the annual average expenditures. (250%) The District is not currently in jeopardy of eclipsing this threshold.
- Public Act 102-0895** each school district shall disclose to the public, at the public hearing at which the district certifies its budget and levy for the taxable year, the cash reserve balance of all funds held by the district related to its operational levy and, if applicable, any obligations secured by those funds.” 105 ILCS 5/17-1.3.The District is required to report current fund balances as part of the budget hearing.

FY26 Final Budget Summary

Revenue Summary

The following chart lists the District’s Revenues, categorized by Local, State, and Federal Sources for both Fiscal Year 2025 and Fiscal Year 2026 to provide a comparison with the previous year. The % column lists the ratio of Local, State, and Federal Sources in relation to total budgeted revenues. The last row of the chart reveals that FY26 revenues are projected to decrease by nearly 52%, or \$8,804,917. This is due to the reissuing of the \$9m Working Cash Bond in FY25.

RECEIPTS/REVENUES (without Student Activity)		FY25	FY26	%	Change
LOCAL SOURCES	1000	\$14,235,577	15,076,671	90.10%	\$841,094
FLOW-THROUGH RECEIPTS	2000	\$0	0		
STATE SOURCES	3000	\$1,041,958	1,214,520	7.26%	\$172,562
FEDERAL SOURCES	4000	\$422,492	442,055	2.64%	\$19,563
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues 8		\$15,700,027	16,733,246		\$1,033,219
Other Sources	3998	\$9,838,136	0	0	\$0
Total Receipts/Revenues		\$25,538,163	16,733,246	-52.62%	\$8,804,917

Expenditures Summary

The following chart lists the District’s Expenditures, categorized by Object and Fund for FY26, as well as the total spent from each category in FY25. The “Change” column provides insight regarding the % increase or % decrease in Object spending from FY25 to FY26. Any decrease in spending is attributed directly to reductions in capital expenditures.

Description	-10 Educational	-20 O/M	-30 Debt Service	-40 Trans	-50 IMRF/SS	-60 Capital	-70 Working Cash	-80 Tort	Total By Object	FY25	Change
Object Name											
Salaries	8,723,365	101,000		0		0		0	8,824,365	8,398,767	4.82%
Employee Benefits	1,796,845	10,479		0	382,761	0		0	2,190,085	1,970,843	10.01%
Purchased Services	808,656	789,487	0	974,698		547,000		148,906	3,268,747	4,134,841	-26.50%
Supplies & Materials	863,055	239,223		0		500		0	1,102,778	1,080,532	2.02%
Capital Outlay	18,100	135,900		0		4,606,580		0	4,760,580	11,466,965	-140.87%
Other Objects	541,500	0	1,117,009	0	0	0		0	1,658,509	1,630,053	1.72%
Non-Capitalized Equipment	4,300	0		0		0		0	4,300	5,500	-27.91%
Termination Benefits	0	0		0				0	0	0	0.00%
Total Expenditures	12,755,821	1,276,089	1,117,009	974,698	382,761	5,154,080		148,906	21,809,364	28,687,501	-31.54% -\$6,878,137.00

FY26 Budget Summary

The following chart compares the Final FY26 Budget to the Tentative Budget presented in August, and the projected ending balances for each Fund. The row highlighted in green represents the total difference between the two Budgets.

	-10 Educational	-20 O/M	-30 Debt Service	-40 Trans	-50 IMRF/SS	-60 Capital	-70 WC	-80 Tort	-90 HLS	Total
FY26 Tentative Budget										
ESTIMATED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$6,428,143	\$2,166,582	\$710,626	\$1,056,914	\$1,050,177	\$5,398,289	\$227,509	\$162,759		\$17,200,999
Total Receipts/Revenues	\$12,725,555	\$1,234,031	\$1,117,009	\$842,725	\$149,700	\$111,000	\$35,000	\$148,906		\$16,363,926
Total Disbursements/Expenditures	\$12,715,019	\$1,177,389	\$1,117,009	\$974,698	\$312,160	\$5,298,564		\$148,906		\$21,743,745
Excess of Direct Receipts/Revenues	\$10,536	\$56,642	\$0	-\$131,973	-\$162,460	-\$5,187,564	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	-\$5,379,819
ESTIMATED ENDING FUND BALANCE as of June 30, 2026	\$6,438,679	\$2,127,224	\$710,626	\$924,941	\$887,717	\$306,725	\$262,509	\$162,759	\$0	\$11,821,180
FY26 Final Budget										
ESTIMATED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$6,472,675	\$1,339,228	\$970,083	\$1,058,655	\$1,059,205	\$6,213,397	\$323,171	\$162,759		\$17,599,173
Total Receipts/Revenues	\$12,792,205	\$1,304,031	\$1,117,009	\$1,065,395	\$149,700	\$116,000	\$35,000	\$153,906		\$16,733,246
Total Disbursements/Expenditures	\$12,755,821	\$1,276,089	\$1,117,009	\$974,698	\$382,761	\$5,154,080		\$148,906	\$0	\$21,809,364
Excess of Direct Receipts/Revenues	\$36,384	\$27,942	\$0	\$90,697	-\$233,061	-\$5,038,080	\$35,000	\$5,000	\$0	-\$5,076,118
ESTIMATED ENDING FUND BALANCE as of June 30, 2026	\$6,509,059	\$1,367,170	\$970,083	\$1,149,352	\$826,144	\$1,175,317	\$358,171	\$167,759	\$0	\$12,523,055
Difference From Tentative to Final	\$70,380	-\$760,054	\$259,457	\$224,411	-\$61,573	\$868,592	\$95,662	\$5,000	\$0	\$701,875

Respectfully submitted,

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