2025-26 Preliminary Budget Assumptions Budget Development Timelines

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Legislative Funding Proposals

	Governor	Senate
Foundation	+\$392	+\$400 restricted use
Transportation	Maintains Funding	Maintains Funding
School Safety/ Mental Health	Maintains Funding	On-Going Funding @ 50% + 1x Funding
Employee Healthcare Retirement Offset	1x Funding @ 50%	1x Funding @ ~85%
Child Nutrition	Maintains Funding	Maintains Funding

Note: Current House bill only funds essential services in case of a government shutdown

Senate Budget Proposal, Section 18d (NEW) Requirements for Foundation Allowance Increases

- At least 50% of foundation increase to be used for permanent increases to educator compensation
 - No definition of educator
 - Prior: work directly with students, employed 32 hrs/week
 - Compensation = wages only
 - Does not include retirement & fica at 37.56%
- Senate proposal example: \$400/pupil increase
 - \$200/pupil = \$925,000 for educator compensation
 - Retirement & fica = \$347,000 or \$75/pupil
 - \$400-\$200-\$75 = \$125 remaining

2024–25 Preliminary Budget Revisions #2 & Carryforward Impact on 2025–26 Budget

	Budget Impact
2024-25 Net Change in Fund Balance, Budget Revision #1	(\$1,639,177)
ISD Revenue, SE & Medicaid	267,500
	(1,371,677)
2024-25 Non-Structural, 1x revisions	
Reductions in Grants	(621,327)
Environmental remediation	939,973
Curriculum/New textbooks	(205,000)
ISD SE Funding, addl due to 23-24 final & medicaid	(435,500)
SE State Aid, prior year final reconciliation	(286,620)
Equipment Needs	170,500
Kindergarten Classroom Aides	40,000
Software Subscriptions	66,000
Interest Income	25,000
All Other 1-time	(49,851)
Net Impact of Changes	(\$356,825)
Occurs forward Effect on Occurs English Start 2005 00	(\$4.700.500)
Carry forward Effect on General Fund Budget 2025-26	(\$1,728,502)

2025-26 Expenditure Increases/Revenue Decreases

Decreases to General Fund	Optimistic	Most Likely	Worst Case
Health insurance (MESSA 1/2 yr +16%/10.2%, WMHIP +10.2%)*	641,572	641,572	641,572
MPSERS Cost Offset Revenue (state aid)	1,882,774	1,882,774	1,882,774
ISD Special Education Funding, change in formula	470,000	470,000	470,000
20f Hold Harmless Guarantee	239,545	239,545	239,545
24-25 Wage/Position adjustments to full year	11,951	11,951	11,951
Teacher division advancement (15,18,21)	130,200	156,240	182,280
Cleaning Contract	70,170	70,170	70,170
Compensation Reference Steps = \$927,110 1% wages = \$467,935	\$3,446,212	\$3,472,252	\$3,498,292

^{*-} subject to negotiations

2025-26 Revenue Increases/Expenditure Decreases

Increases to General Fund	Optimistic	Most Likely	Worst Case
Increase in Foundation Allowance (\$392,\$196,\$100)	1,817,700	908,850	463,700
Enrollment (Feb 25 +40.52; Oct 25: +50, +25, 0) Blend 10/90	490,500	260,300	39,320
MPSERS Expense rate decrease (-1.45 pts to 29.91%)	498,180	498,180	498,180
MPSERS 3% Health Subsidy Reimb, 1-time state aid	485,000	287,000	0
Increased Spec Ed Categorical State Aid	366,525	366,525	366,525
K-8 New Curriculum, 1x savings	150,000	150,000	150,000
Savings from teacher retirements/resignations (20,15,8)	791,760	593,820	316,720
Reduction in Sections (HS 3; Elem 3, 1,0)	689,420	449,420	329,420
Childcare Tuition Increase	350,000	350,000	350,000
	\$5,639,085	\$3,864,095	\$2,513,865

2025-26 Projected Impact on General Fund Budget

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Expenditure Increases/Revenue Decreases	(\$3,446,212)	(\$3,472,252)	(\$3,498,292)
Revenue Increases/Expenditures Decreases	5,639,085	3,864,095	2,513,865
Net Impact on General Fund Balance	\$2,192,873	\$391,843	(\$984,427)
Carryforward effect on GF Budget (6/30/25)	(1,728,502)	(1,728,502)	(1,728,502)
Total Impact on General Fund Balance	\$464,371	(\$1,336,659)	(\$2,712,929)
Fund Balance as a % of Expenditures	14.8%	12.0%	9.8%

Compensation Reference

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Impending Budget Discussion 2025-26 Topics w/financial impact not in assumptions

- State Aid
- Staffing Levels, Contractual Requirements
- Negotiations
- Grant Availability
- ISD Special Education revenue
- Other Variable Sources of General Fund Revenue

Budget Development Timeline

2024-25 Fiscal Year		
Monitor Revenue and Expense Activity	Feb– May	
2 nd Budget Revision	May/June	

2025-26 Fiscal Year		
Budget Review & Work with Leadership	Jan-May	
Budget Development & Updated Assumptions	Feb– May (Board)	
Budget Work Session 1	May 19	
Budget Work Session 2	May 27	
Proposed Budget	June 9	
Budget Adoption	June 23	