

Budget Update – School Board Work Session

September 15, 2026

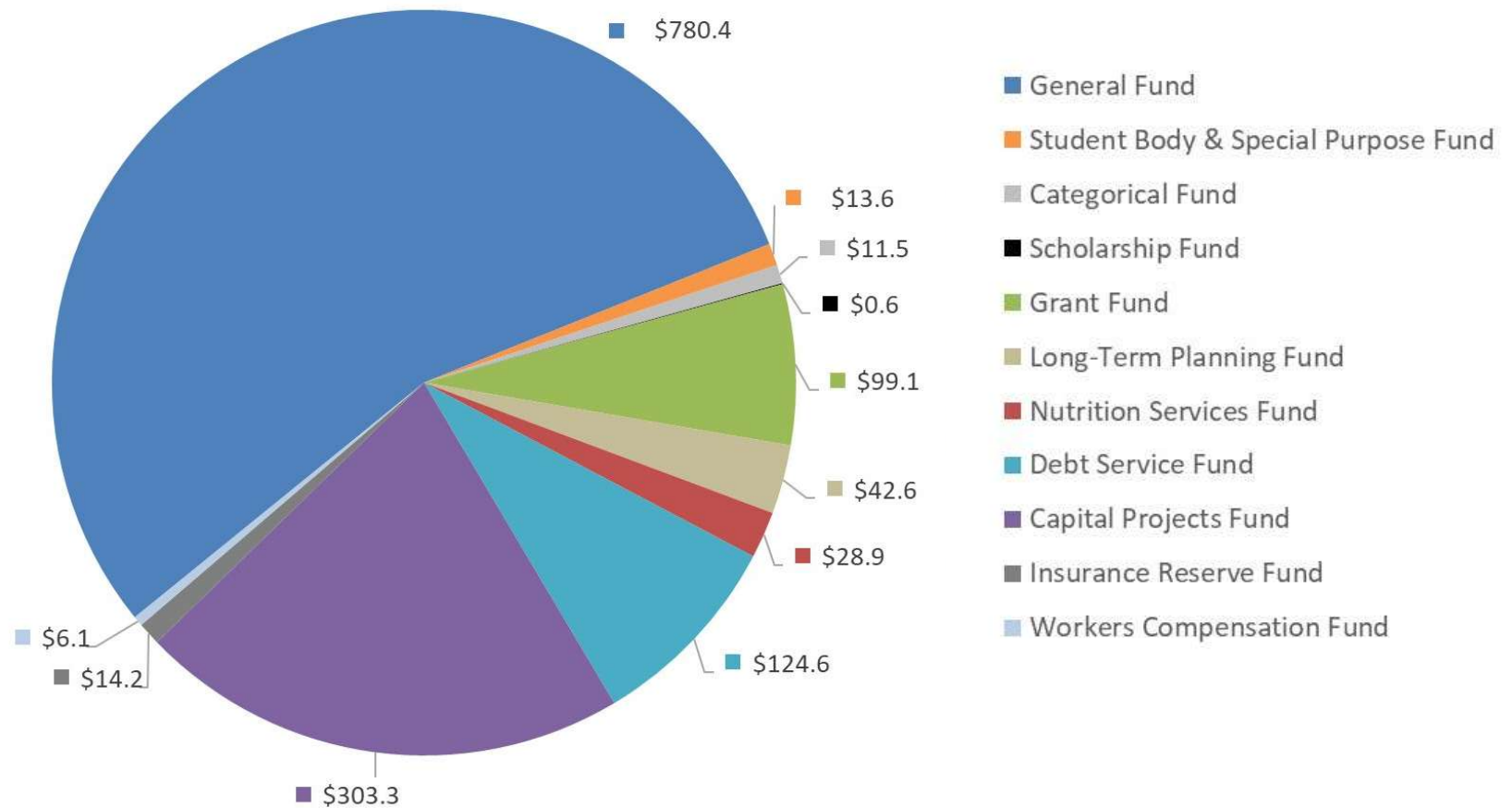
Presentation Agenda

- Background
 - Understanding Components of the Budget (Fund Sources and Uses)
 - Where the money comes from
 - How we spend it
 - How we compare
 - Enrollment / Staffing History
- Staffing Allocation Methodology (SAM) Overview

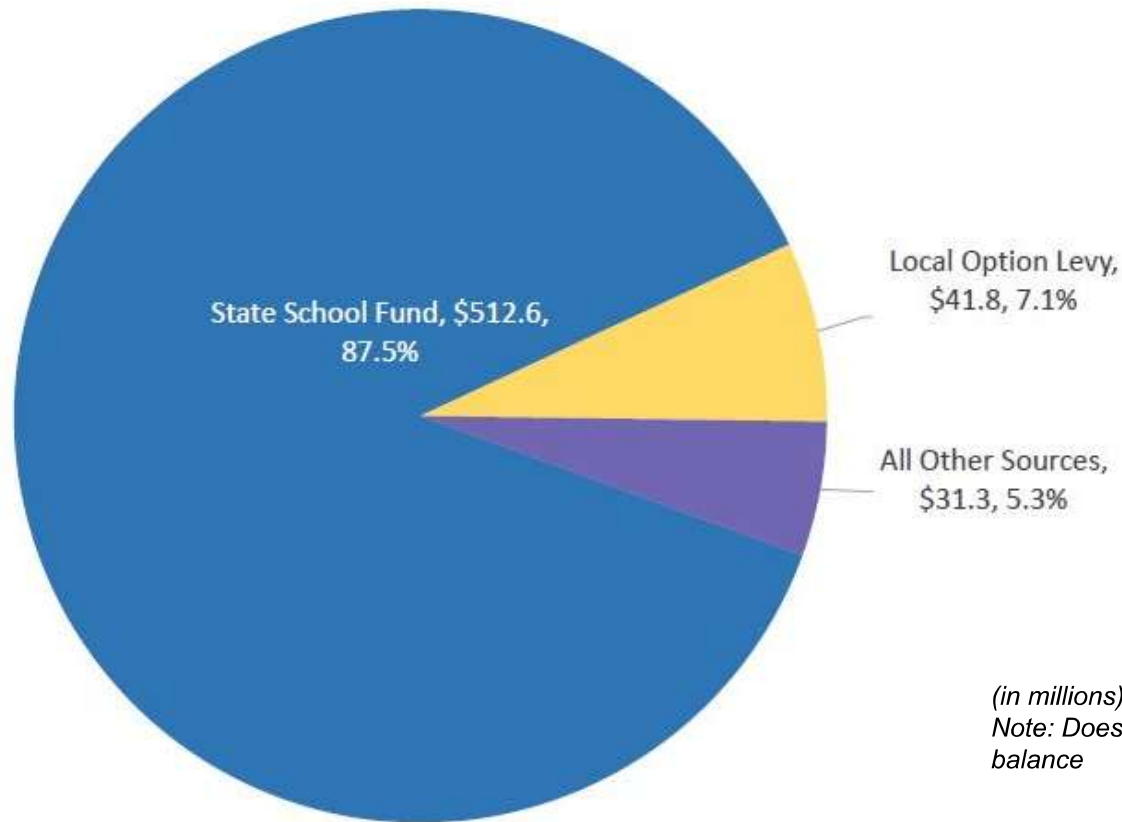
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- Other Funding Sources
- General Fund (operating fund)
 - The Numbers
 - Previous budget adjustments
- Budget Options/
Recommendations
- Budget Timeline
- Questions & Comments

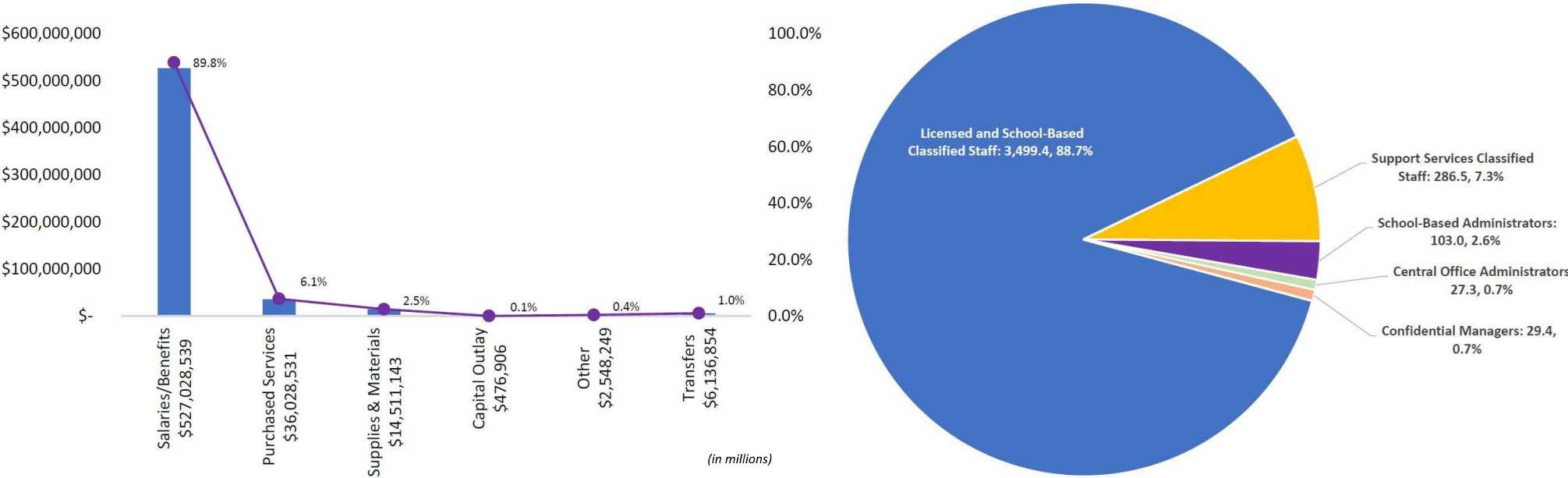
Components of the Budget – 2026–27



General Fund Revenue – 2024–25 Actuals



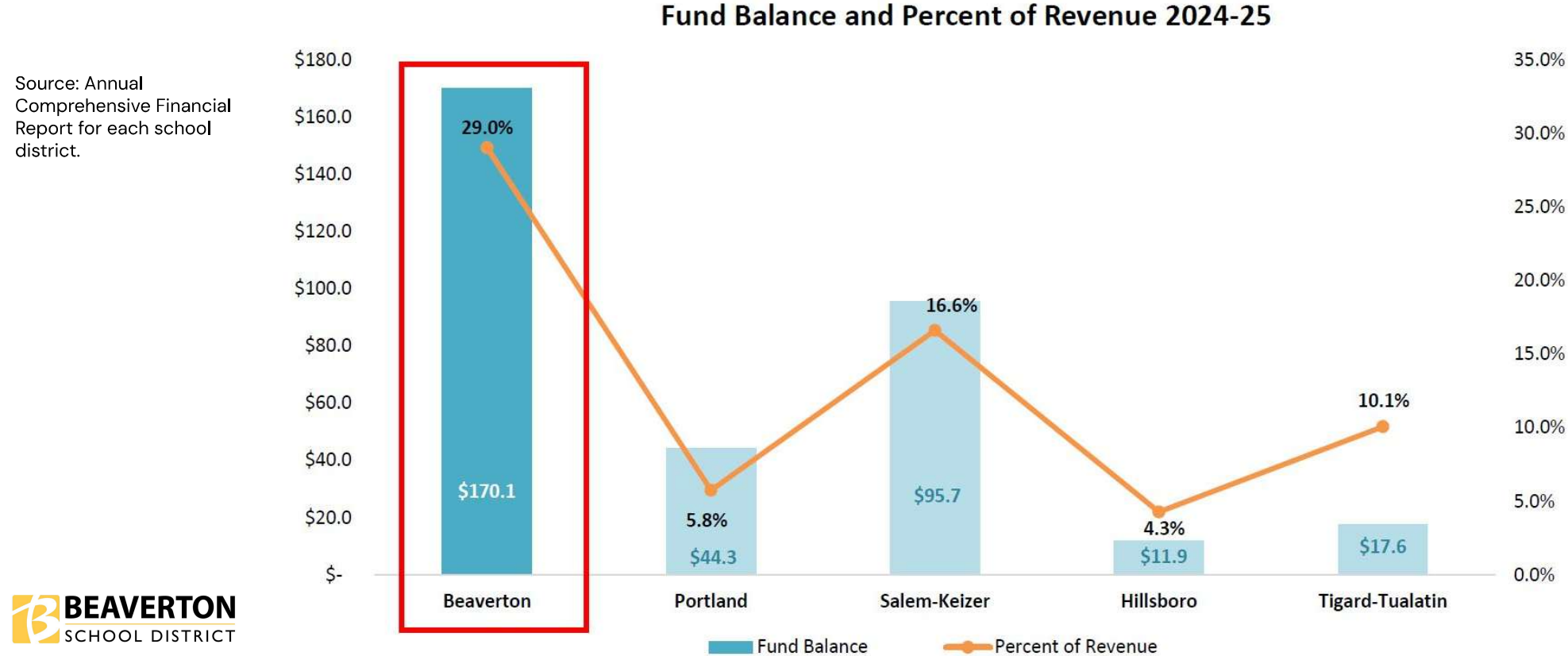
General Fund Expenditures, FTE by Type – 2024–25 Actuals



How We Compare

- Based on location and/or demographics
 - Portland Public Schools
 - Salem-Keizer Public Schools
 - Hillsboro School District
 - Tigard-Tualatin School District

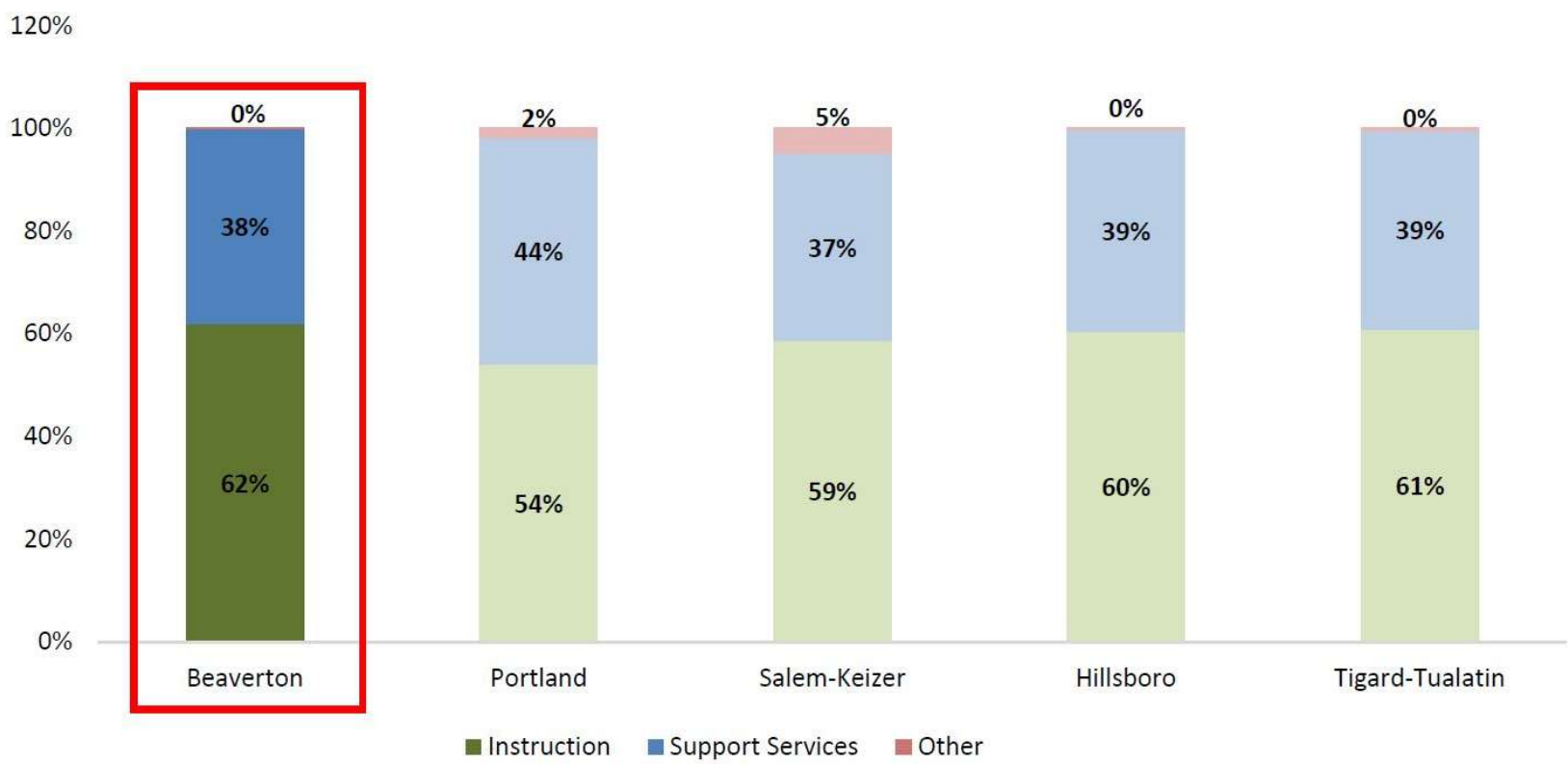
How We Compare (General Fund) – 2025 Ending Fund Balance



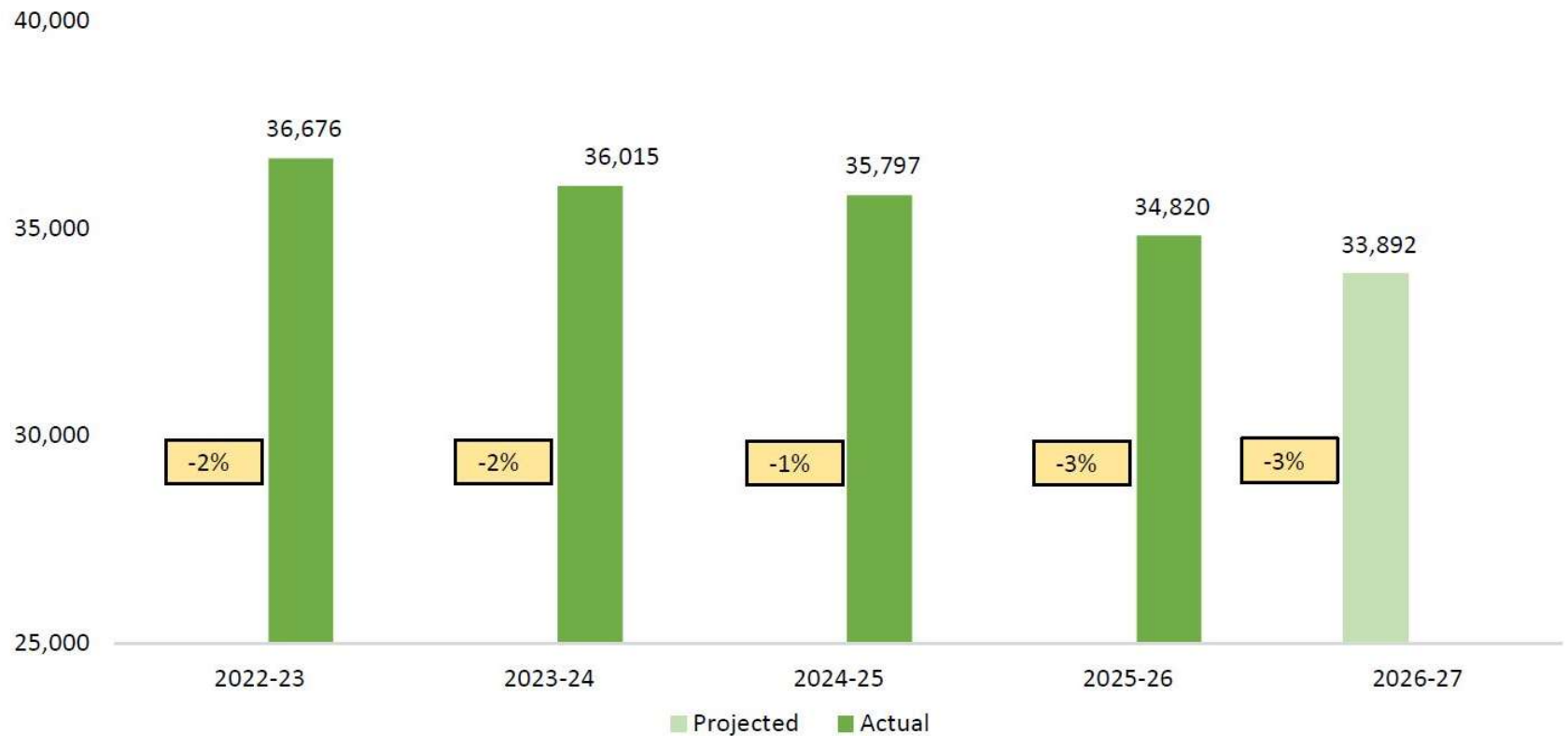
How We Compare (General Fund) – 2025 Expenditures

Actual % of Operating Spend per Student by Function in 2025

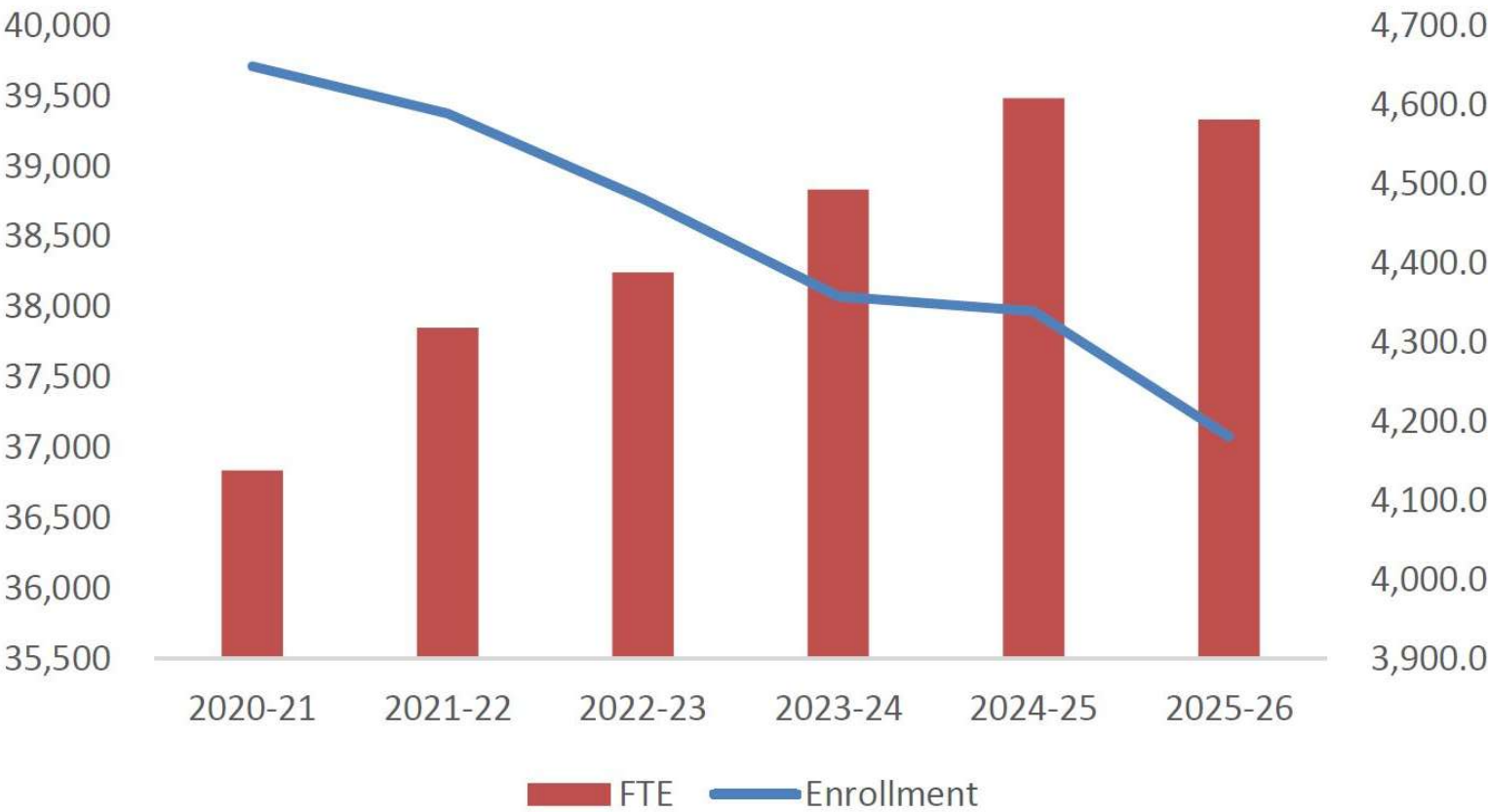
Source: Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for each school district.



District Enrollment as of September 30 (general education)

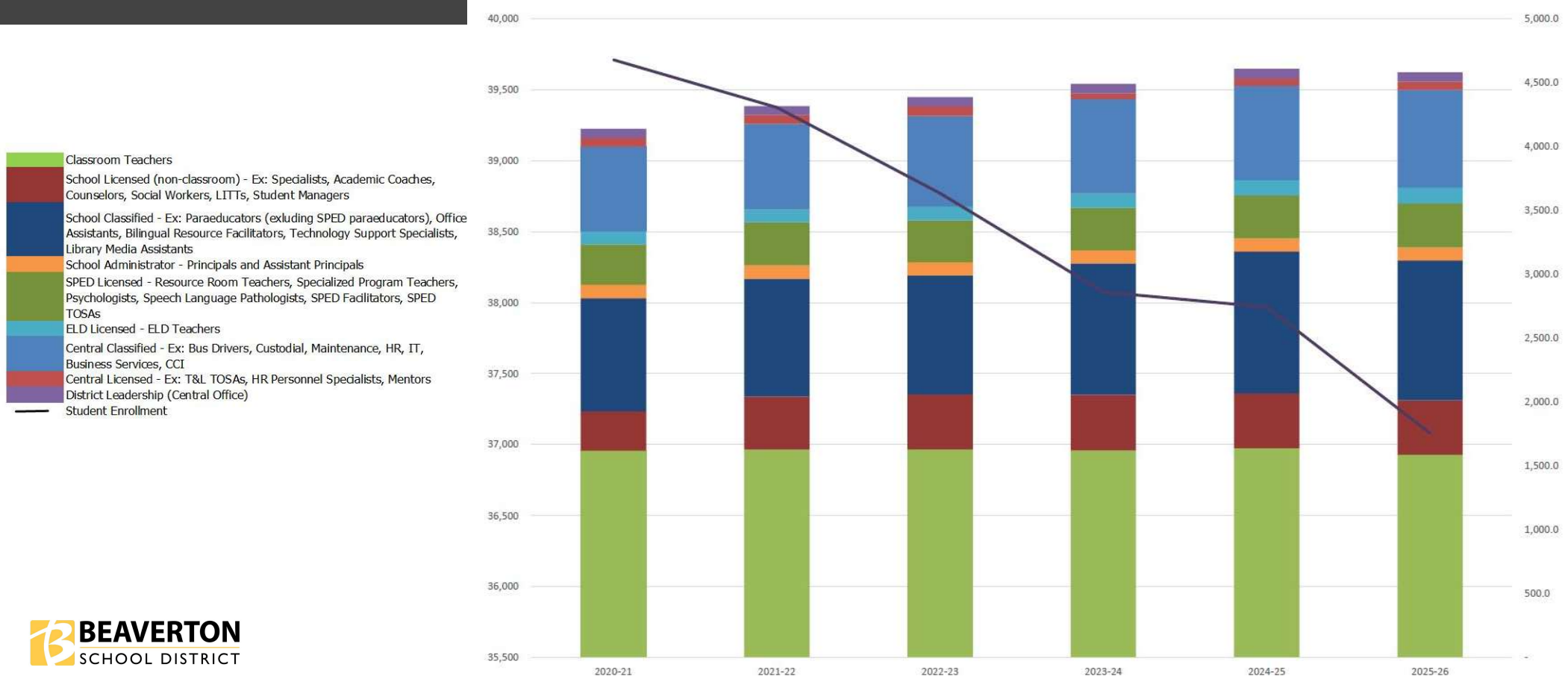


District Enrollment and Staffing (all funds)



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Staffing Allocation Methodology

2026–27 SAM

- Resource allocation methodology for schools based on students and demographics (equity lens used)
- Allocations based on weighted enrollment:
 - Classroom teachers
 - Counselors
 - Assistant principals (secondary)
 - Non-salary
- If revisions are needed:
 - Small SAM (example: adjustments to FLEX Online)
 - Big SAM (example: Changes to Poverty Weighting)
 - Continuous Improvement Model

Other Funding Sources – Not Keeping Up with Costs

- Local Option Levy
 - Slowing revenue – average growth 2.8% for last four years
 - 100% staffing (classroom teachers only)
 - Expires June 30, 2028
- Student Investment Account (SIA) / High School Success (HSS)
 - Slowing award allocations – average growth 1.9% for last three years
 - Primarily staffing
 - SIA – 96%
 - HSS – 90%

The Numbers – Assumptions

- Based on 7% SSF increase in future biennia
- Uses SSF estimates for 2025–26 as of 6/16/26 and 2026–27 as of 6/15/26.
- Includes most recent enrollment projections. Future enrollment is reduced for extended ADMw.
- Includes PERS advisory rates for new biennium, including some rate credit.
- Does not include SIA or HSS funds.
- Based on best information available at this time.

The Numbers

As of September 1, 2026

Resources	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Estimated	2026-27 Estimated	2027-28 Estimated	2028-29 Estimated	2029-30 Estimated
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 164,436,027	\$ 163,355,696	\$ 143,421,537	\$ 126,125,745	\$ 84,000,657	\$ 37,731,366
State Controlled	512,606,804	544,701,733	556,656,021	556,426,463	571,165,038	581,831,718
Locally Controlled	73,043,087	76,449,784	72,691,711	74,413,879	75,667,380	76,947,911
Total	\$ 750,085,918	\$ 784,507,213	\$ 772,769,269	\$ 756,966,087	\$ 730,833,075	\$ 696,510,996
Expenditures	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Estimated	2026-27 Estimated	2027-28 Estimated	2028-29 Estimated	2029-30 Estimated
Salaries	\$ 330,419,945	\$ 356,459,938	\$ 360,327,814	\$ 373,051,808	\$ 386,883,803	\$ 401,378,355
Benefits	196,608,594	219,353,292	214,914,683	223,585,377	225,950,450	232,954,343
All Other	59,701,684	65,272,446	71,401,027	76,328,246	80,267,455	84,505,433
Total	\$ 586,730,222	\$ 641,085,676	\$ 646,643,524	\$ 672,965,430	\$ 693,101,709	\$ 718,838,131
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,080,331)	(19,934,159)	(17,295,792)	(42,125,088)	(46,269,291)	(60,058,502)
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 163,355,696	\$ 143,421,537	\$ 126,125,745	\$ 84,000,657	\$ 37,731,366	\$ (22,327,136)
Financial Reserve (PERS)	32,913,084	42,027,396	42,527,396	43,027,396	43,527,396	44,027,396
Total Reserves	\$ 196,268,780	\$ 185,448,933	\$ 168,653,141	\$ 127,028,053	\$ 81,258,762	\$ 21,700,260

The Numbers: General Fund Revenue & Expenditure



General Fund Changes - Last Four Years



Budget Options

- Continue spending at the current service level (no reductions)
- Eliminate the deficit completely in 2027-28
- Annual reductions on a smaller scale – monitor and adjust annually

Budget Recommendation

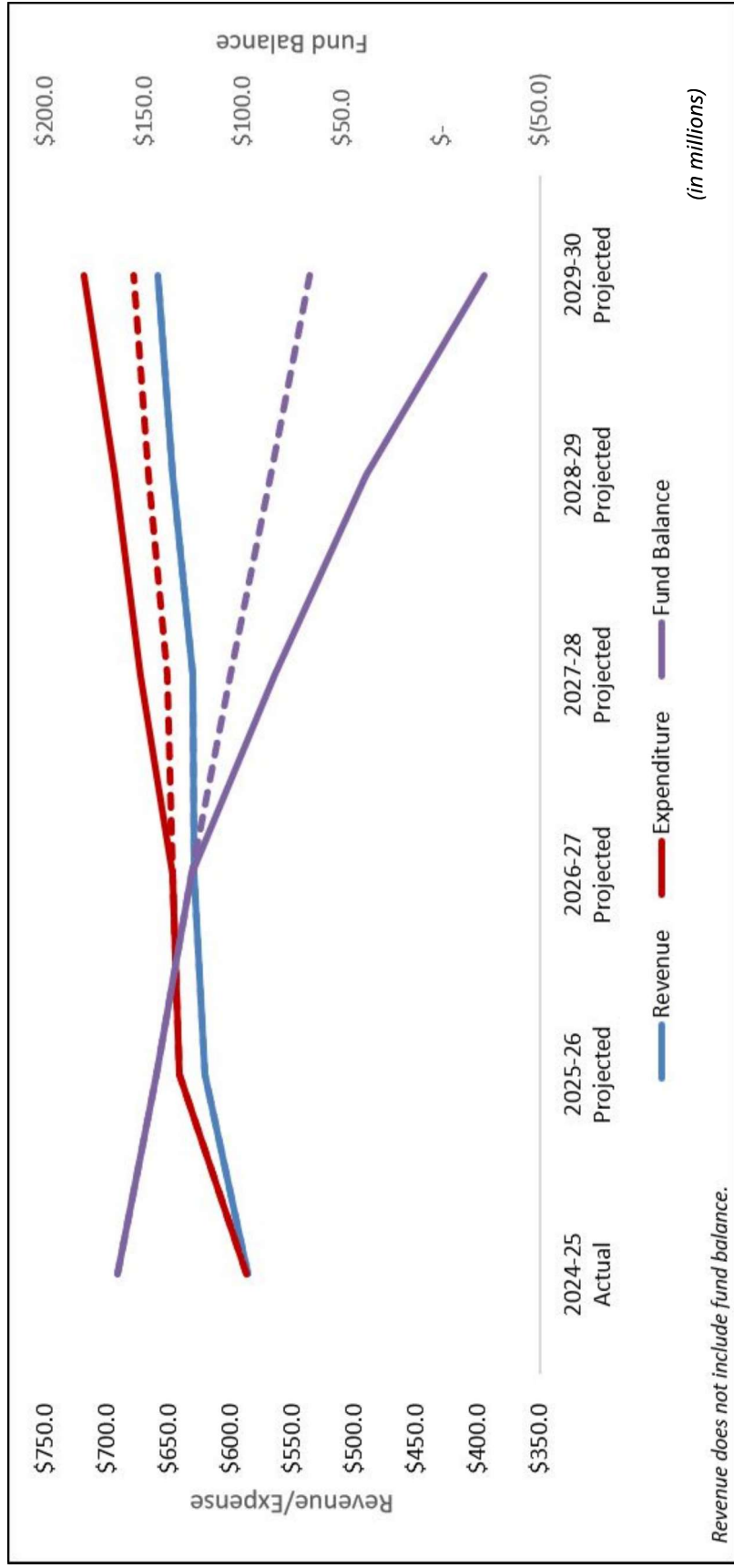
- Review the current Staffing Allocation Methodology (SAM) used for schools to identify priorities for potential reduction
- Make budget reductions to spend down reserves by maintaining an approximately \$20M deficit for the next three years
- Monitor and adjust the amount annually based on updated forecasts and the 2027–2029 biennial funding appropriation

Budget Reduction Scenario

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Reduction Year 1	-	-	-	(22,000,000)	(22,658,278)	(23,499,630)
Reduction Year 2	-	-	-	-	(3,600,000)	(3,733,676)
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Budget Reduction Scenario (dashed line represents recommendation)



Budget Timeline

- Fall – Large SAM work
- December – SAM makes recommendation to Superintendent
- January – Share outcomes and recommendations for reductions with School Board
- February – Student, Staff and Community Engagement (Budget Listening & Learning)
- March – Budget 101
- May – Budget Proposal/Approval
- June – Budget Adoption

Questions & Comments?

