Southwest Local School District





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Forecast Purpose/Objectives

Ohio Department of Education and Workforce's purposes/objectives for the five-year forecast are:

1. To engage the local board of education and the community in the long range planning and discussions of financial issues facing the school district.

2. To serve as a basis for determining the school district's ability to sign the certificate required by O.R.C. §5705.412, commonly known as the "412 certificate."

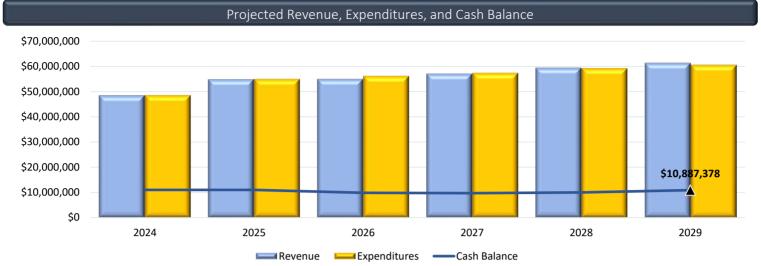
3. To provide a method for the Department of Education and Auditor of State to identify school districts with potential financial problems.

Forecast Methodology

This forecast is prepared based upon historical trends and current factors. This information is then extrapolated into estimates for subsequent years. The forecast variables can change multiple times throughout the fiscal year, and while cash flow monitoring helps to identify unexpected variances, no process is guaranteed. The intent is to provide the district's financial trend over time and a roadmap for decisions aimed at encouraging financial sustainability and stability.

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Forecast Summary



Financial Forecast Summary

	Fiscal Year				
	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Beginning Balance (Line 7.010) + Renewal/New Levies Modeled	10,966,780	10,991,882	9,857,204	9,693,570	9,980,454
+ Revenue	54,902,693	54,962,325	57,119,401	59,465,695	61,352,022
- Expenditures	(54,877,591)	(56,097,003)	(57,283,035)	(59,178,812)	(60,445,098)
= Revenue Surplus or Deficit	25,102	(1,134,677)	(163,634)	286,883	906,924
Line 7.020 Ending Balance with Renewal/New Levies	10,991,882	9,857,204	9,693,570	9,980,454	10,887,378

Financial Summary Notes

Revenue change is expected to outpace expenditure change. By the end of 2029, the cash balance is projected to decline by a total of \$79,402 compared to 2024. For fiscal year 2029, expenditures are currently projected to be under revenue, resulting in a revenue surplus the final year of the forecast period.

For revenue, projected change is expected to be less than the historical average. Over the past four years, revenue increased by 6.37% (\$2,650,768 annually). However, it is projected to increase by 4.91% (\$2,574,014 annually) through fiscal year 2029. Notably, All Othr Op Rev, is expected to be -\$391,882 less per year compared to history, and is the biggest driver of change on the revenue side.

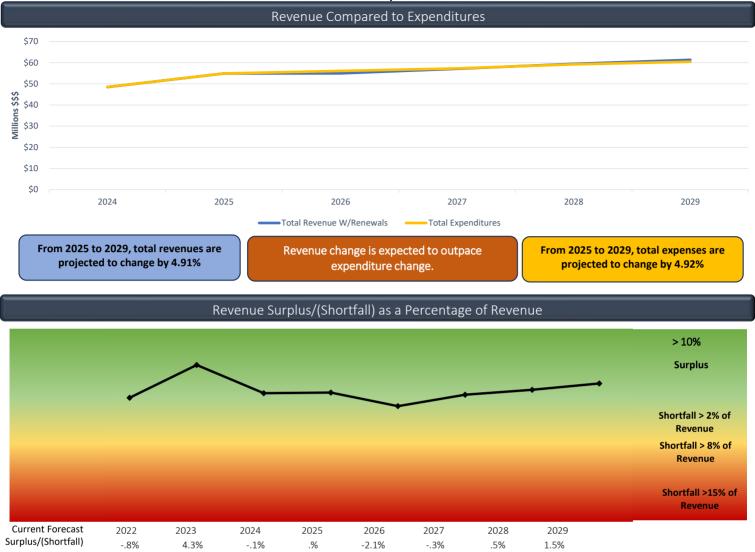
For expenditures, projected change is expected to be at a slower pace than the historical trend. Expenditures increased by 5.73% (\$2,353,373 annually) during the past 4-year period, and are projected to increase by 4.92% (\$2,387,584 annually) through 2029. The forecast line with the most change on the expense side, Purchased Services, is anticpated to be -\$572,282 less per year in the projected period compared to historical averages.

Disclosure Items:	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Modeled Renewal Levies - Annual Amount	-	-	-	-	-
Modeled New Levies - Annual Amount	-	-	-	-	-
Encumbrances (not subtracted from Cash Balance)	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000

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Forecast Analysis

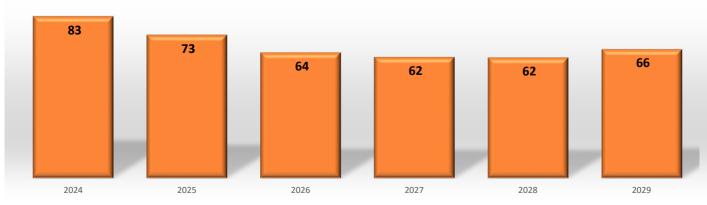


The district is remaining financially stable, but with the revenues increasing faster than expenditures.

A revenue surplus of 1.48% could develop.

- All Othr Op Rev is the largest contributor to the trend on the revenue side.

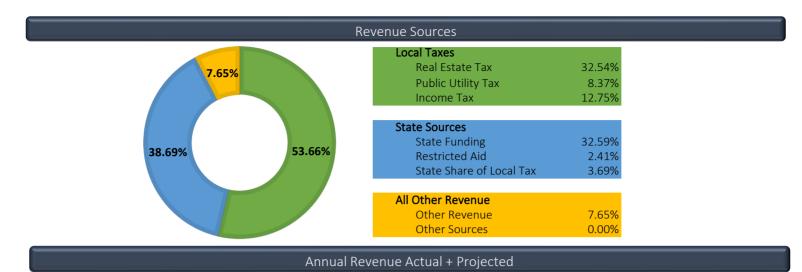
- The largest expenditure driving this trend is Purchased Services.

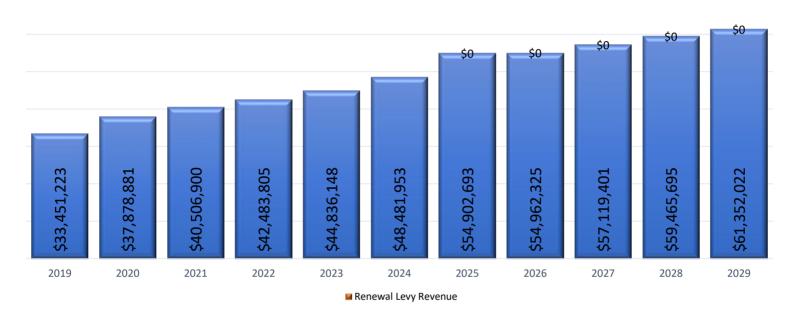


Days Cash on Hand at Fiscal Year-end

*based on 365 days

Revenue Overview





Historic Revenue Change versus Projected Revenue Change

	Historical	Projected	Projected	Over the past four years, revenue increased by 6.37% (\$2,650,768
	Average	Average	Compared to	annually). However, it is projected to increase by 4.91% (\$2,574,01
	Annual	Annual	Historical	annually) through fiscal year 2029. Notably, All Othr Op Rev, is
	\$\$ Change	\$\$ Change	Variance	expected to be -\$391,882 less per year compared to history, and is
Real Estate	1,011,892	992,584		the biggest driver of change on the revenue side.
Public Utility	(\$47,887)	\$288,997	\$336,884	
Income Tax	\$387,218	\$338,075	(\$49,143)	
State Funding	\$796,276	856,310	\$60,034	
State Share of Property Tax	\$121,040	\$103,022	(\$18,018)	
All Othr Op Rev	\$390,028	(\$1,854)	(\$391,882)	
Other Sources	(\$7,800)	(\$3,120)	\$4,679	
otal Average Annual Change	2,650,768	2,574,014	(\$76,754)	
	6.37%	4.91%	-1.46%	

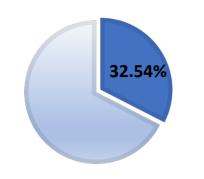
For Comparison:

Expenditure average annual change is projected to be >

\$2,387,584 On an annual average basis, expenditures are projected to grow faster than revenue.

1.010 - General Property Tax (Real Estate)

Revenue collected from taxes levied by a school district by the assessed valuation of real property using effective tax rates for class I (residential/agricultural) and class II (business).



Real estate property tax revenue accounts for 32.54% of total district general fund revenue.



Key Assumptions & Notes

Values, Ta	x Rates and Gross Co		Gross Collection Rate				
Tax Yr	Valuation	Value Change	Class I Rate	Change	Class 2 Rate	Change	Including Delinquencies
2023	987,440,530	233,251,040	20.00	-	20.00	-	99.3%
2024	1,012,940,530	25,500,000	20.00	(0.00)	20.00	(0.00)	99.3%
2025	1,038,440,530	25,500,000	20.00	-	20.00	-	99.3%
2026	1,104,940,530	66,500,000	20.00	-	20.00	-	99.3%
2027	1,130,440,530	25,500,000	20.00	-	20.00	-	99.3%
2028	1,160,440,530	30,000,000	20.00	-	20.00	-	99.3%

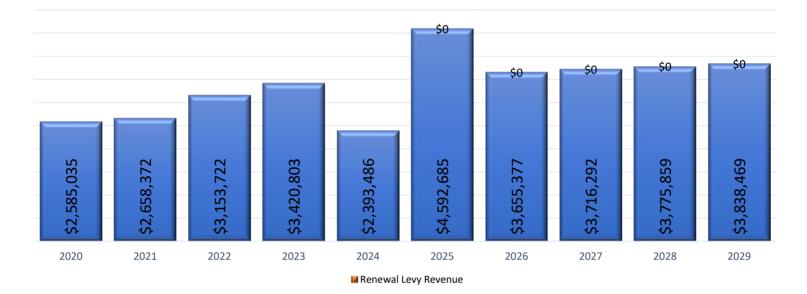
Class I, or residential/agricultural taxes make up approximately 72.88% of the real estate property tax revenue. The Class I tax rate is 20. mills in tax year 2024. The projections reflect an average gross collection rate of 99.3% annually through tax year 2028. The revenue changed at an average annual historical rate of 7.96% and is projected to change at an average annual rate of 5.83% through FY 2029.

1.020 - Public Utility Personal Property

Revenue generated from public utility personal property valuations multiplied by the district's full voted tax rate.



Public Utility Personal Property tax revenue accounts for 8.37% of total district general fund revenue.



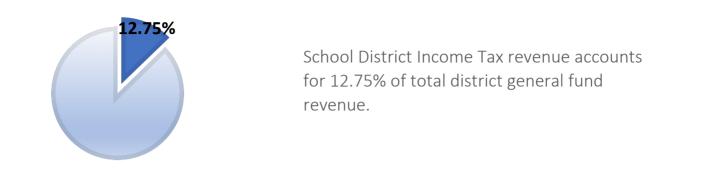
Key Assumptions & Notes

Values and Ta	x Rates	Gross Collection Rate			
Tax Year	Valuation	Value Change	Full Voted Rate	Change	Including Delinquencies
2023	85,413,920	1,930,210	41.68	-	100.0%
2024	86,913,920	1,500,000	41.68	-	100.3%
2025	88,413,920	1,500,000	41.68	-	100.3%
2026	89,913,920	1,500,000	41.68	-	100.3%
2027	91,413,920	1,500,000	41.68	-	100.1%
2028	92,913,920	1,500,000	41.68	-	100.1%

The public utility personal property tax revenue is generated from the personal property values, additions, and depreciation reported by the utility companies. The property is taxed at the full voted tax rate which in tax year 2024 is 41.68 mills. The forecast is modeling an average gross collection rate of 100.22%. The revenue changed historically at an average annual dollar amount of -\$47,887 and is projected to change at an average annual dollar amount of \$288,997 through FY 2029.

1.030 - School District Income Tax

Revenue collected from income tax earmarked specifically to support schools with a voter approved tax by residents of the school district; separate from federal, state and municipal income taxes.



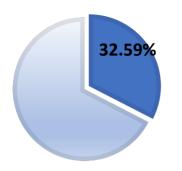


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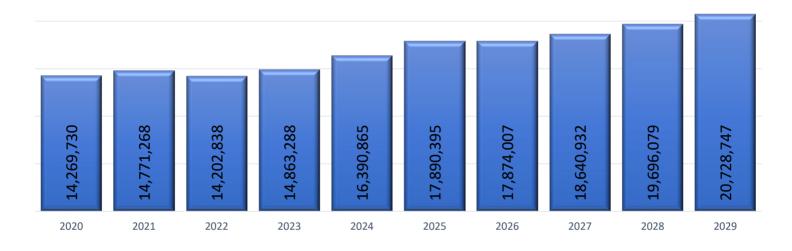
The district maintained one income tax levy in FY 2025. The average annual dollar change in total income tax revenue is forecasted to be \$338,075 through FY 2029. Income tax revenue is projected to account for 13.7% of total district revenue in FY 2029.

1.035 - Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid

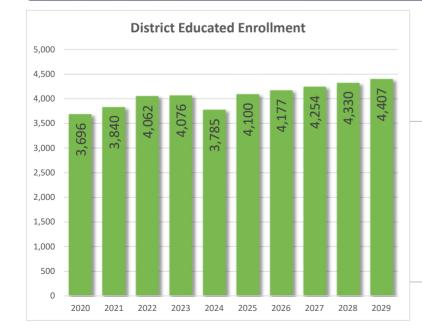
Funds received through the State Foundation Program with no restriction.



Unrestricted State Aid revenue accounts for 32.59% of total district general fund revenue.



Key Assumptions & Notes



Beginning in FY 2022 Ohio adopted the Fair School Funding Plan (FSFP). Funding is driven by a base cost methodology that incorporates the four components identified as necessary to the education process. The Base Cost is currently calculated for two years using a statewide average from historical actual data.

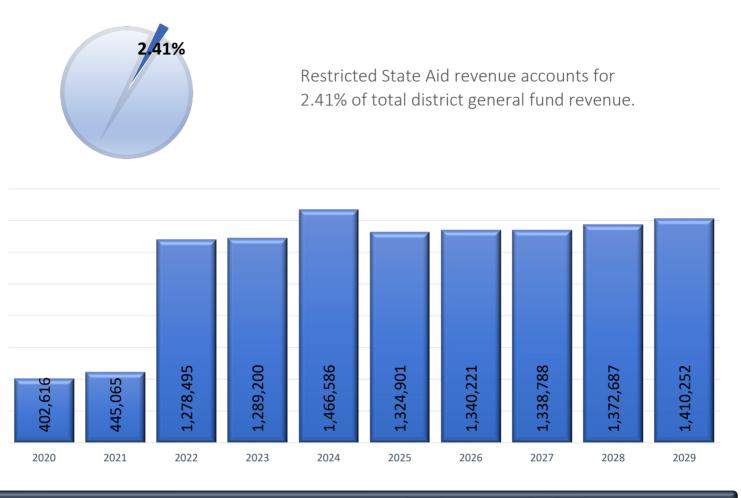
For Southwest Local School District the calculated Base Cost total is \$32,538,622 in FY 2024.

The state's share of the calculated Base Cost total is \$12,414,733 or \$3,028 per pupil.

The FSFP also started funding students where they attended school. Therefore district educated enrollment is now used for per pupil funding. At the same time, the FSFP eliminated tuition transfer payments from school districts.

1.040 & 1.045 - Restricted Grants-in-Aid

Funds received through the State Foundation Program or other allocations that are restricted for specific purposes.



Key Assumptions & Notes

Restricted aid is the portion of state per pupil funding that must be classifed as restricted use. Historically the district's restricted state aid changed annually on average by \$340,507 and is projected to change annually on average by -\$11,267. Restricted funds represent 2.41% of total revenue. Starting in FY 2022 the district's Success & Wellness funding is considered restricted, the state's share of this funding is recorded as restricted is \$545,416. This funding has implications on general fund expenditures in that certain spending now occuring in a fund external to the general fund could shift to the general fund. The expenditures in this forecast are adjusted to reflect this change.

1.050 - State Share of Local Property Taxes

Includes funds received for Tangible Personal Property Tax Reimbursement, Electric Deregulation, Homestead and Rollback.



Key Assumptions & Notes

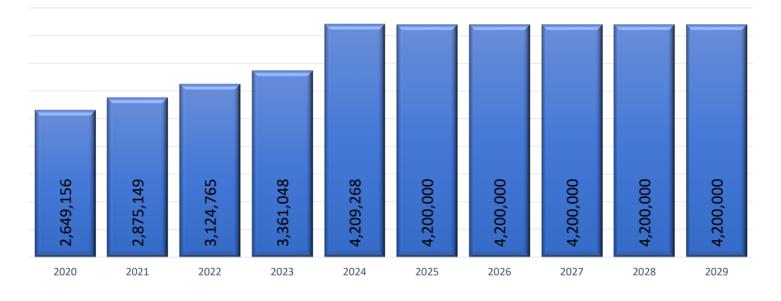
State Share of Local Property Taxes primarily consists of reimbursements from the state of Ohio for local taxpayer credits or reductions. The state reduces the local taxpayer's tax bill with a 10% rollback credit, and 2.5% owner-occupied rollback credit, plus a homestead credit for qualifying taxpayers. In FY 2025, approximately 11.9% local residential property taxes will be reimbursed by the state in the form of rollback credits and approximately 1.3% will be reimbursed in the form of qualifying homestead exemption credits.

1.060 - All Other Operating Revenues

Operating revenue sources not included in other lines; examples include tuition, fees, earnings on investments, rentals, and donations.



All Other Revenue accounts for 7.65% of total district general fund revenue.

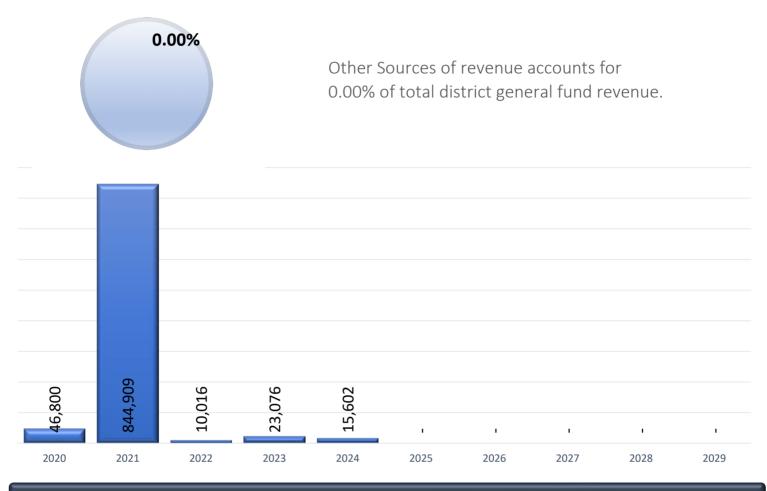


Key Assumptions & Notes

Other revenue includes tuition received by the district for non-resident students educated by the district. It also includes interest income, payments in lieu of taxes, and miscellaneous revenue. The historical average annual change was \$390,028. The projected average annual change is -\$1,854 through FY 2029.

2.070 - Total Other Financing Sources

Includes proceeds from sale of notes, state emergency loans and advancements, operating transfers-in, and all other financing sources like sale and loss of assets, and refund of prior year expenditures.

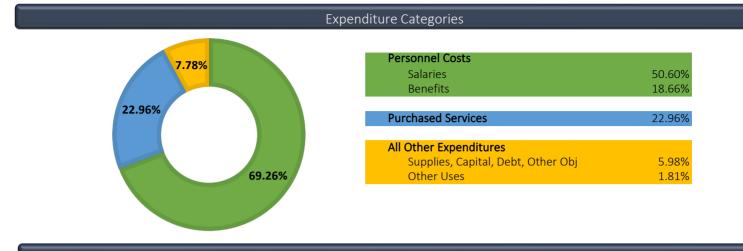


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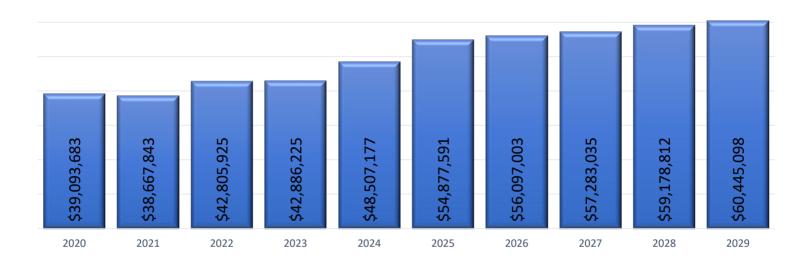
		FORECASTED					
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Advances In	-	-	-	-	-	-	
All Other Financing Sources	15,602	-	-	-	-	-	

Other sources includes revenue that is generally classified as non-operating. Return advances-in are the most common revenue source. In FY 2025 the district receipted \$0 as advances-in and is projecting advances of \$0 in FY 2026. The district also receives other financing sources such as refund of prior year expenditures in this category. The district is projecting that all other financing sources will be \$0 in FY 2026 and average \$0 annually through FY 2029.

Expenditure Overview



Annual Expenditures Actual + Projected



Historic Expenditures Change versus Projected Expenditures Change

	Historical	Projected	Projected	Expenditures increased by 5.73% (\$2,353,373 annually) during the
	Average	Average	Compared to	past 4-year period, and are projected to increase by 4.92%
	Annual	Annual	Historical	(\$2,387,584 annually) through 2029. The forecast line with the mos
	\$\$ Change	\$\$ Change	Variance	change on the expense side, Purchased Services, is anticpated to be
Salaries	1,096,042	1,137,094	\$41,052	\$572,282 less per year in the projected period compared to
Benefits	\$154,719	\$649,048	\$494,329	historical averages.
Purchased Services	\$921,960	\$349,678	(\$572,282)	
Supplies & Materials	\$109,326	\$169,712	\$60,387	
Capital Outlay	\$53,046	\$82,472	\$29,425	
Intergov & Debt	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Other Objects	\$102,967	\$19,298	(\$83,669)	
Other Uses	(\$84,687)	(\$19,718)	\$64,969	
Total Average Annual Change	\$2,353,373	\$2,387,584	\$34,211	
	5.73%	4.92%	-0.80%	

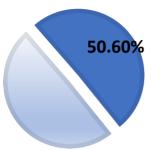
For Comparison:

Revenue average annual change is projected to be >

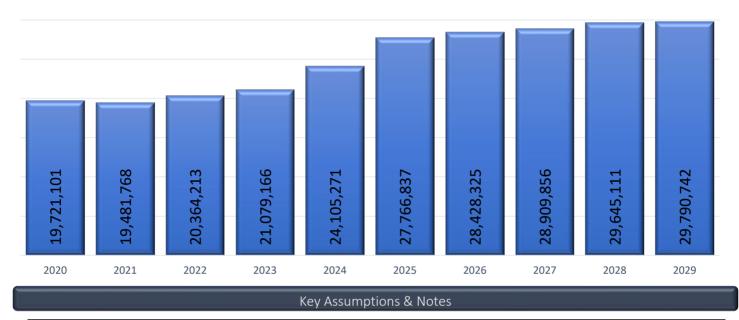
\$2,574,014 On an annual average basis, revenues are projected to grow slower than expenditures.

3.010 - Personnel Services

Employee salaries and wages, including extended time, severance pay, supplemental contracts, etc.



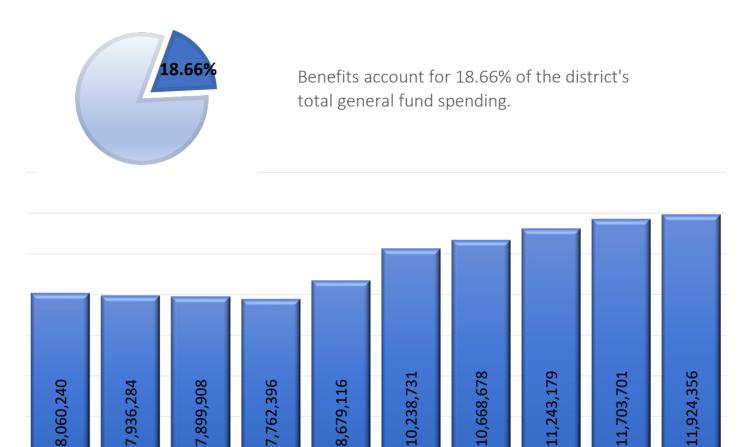
Salaries account for 50.60% of the district's total general fund spending.



Salaries represent 50.60% of total expenditures and increased at a historical average annual rate of 5.30% or \$1,096,042. This category of expenditure is projected to grow at an annual average rate of 4.46% or \$1,137,094 through FY 2029. The projected average annual rate of change is -0.84% less than the five year historical annual average.

3.020 - Employees' Benefits

Retirement for all employees, Workers Compensation, early retirement incentives, Medicare, unemployment, pickup on pickup, and all health-related insurances.



Benefits represent 18.66% of total expenditures and increased at a historical average annual rate of 2.02% This category of expenditure is projected to grow at an annual average rate of 6.71% through FY 2029. The projected average annual rate of change is 4.69% more than the five year historical annual average.

Key Assumptions & Notes

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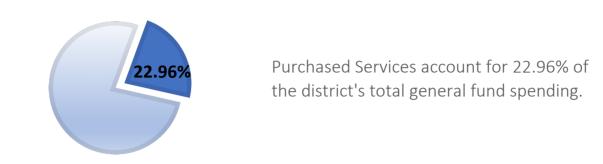
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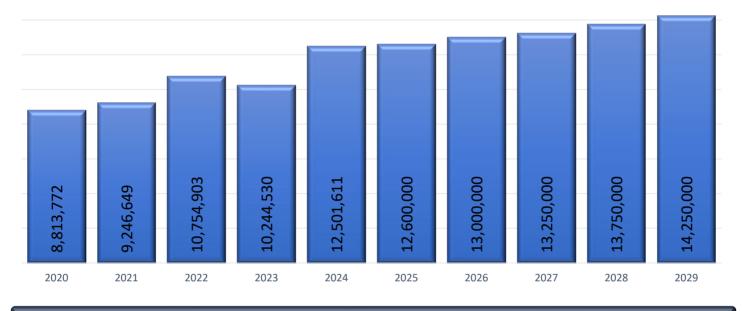
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3.030 - Purchased Services

Amounts paid for personal services rendered by personnel who are not on the payroll of the school district, expenses for tuition paid to other districts, utilities costs and other services which the school district may purchase.



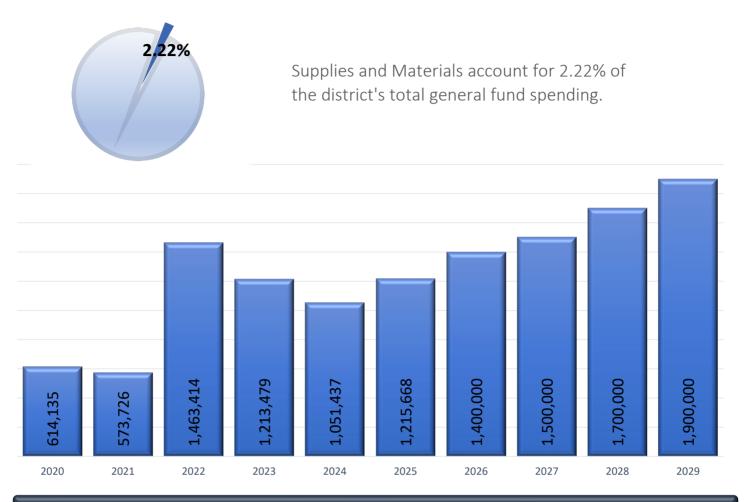


Key Assumptions & Notes

Purchased Services represent 22.96% of total expenditures and increased at a historical average annual rate of 9.63%. This category of expenditure is projected to grow at an annual average rate of 2.66% through FY 2029 The FSFP funds only district educated enrollment thereby reducing tuition cost for open enrollment out, community schools, STEM, and scholarships starting in FY 2022. This change resulted in lower district cost but also less per pupil state revnue since per pupil funding was paid directly by the state to the attending school.

3.040 - Supplies & Materials

Expenditures for general supplies, instructional materials including textbooks and media material, bus fuel and tires, and all other maintenance supplies.

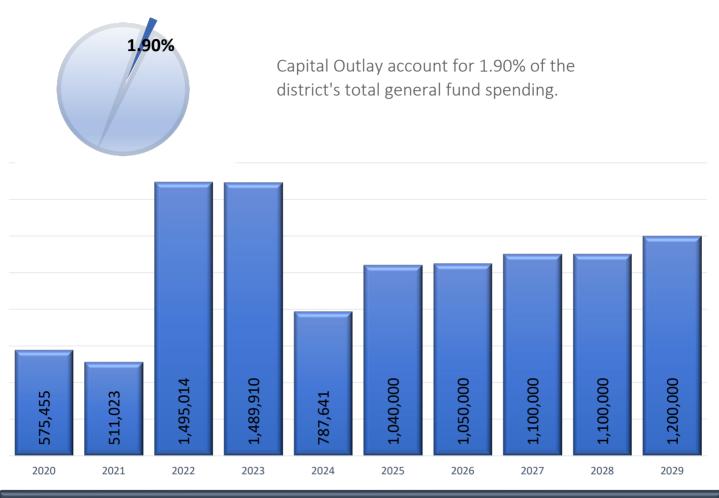


Key Assumptions & Notes

Supplies & Materials represent 2.22% of total expenditures and increased at a historical average annual rate of 29.51%. This category of expenditure is projected to grow at an annual average rate of 12.60% through FY 2029. The projected average annual rate of change is -16.91% less than the five year historical annual average.

3.050 - Capital Outlay

This line includes expenditures for items having at least a five-year life expectancy, such as land, buildings, improvements of grounds, equipment, computers/technology, furnishings, and buses.



Key Assumptions & Notes

Capital Outlay represent 1.90% of total expenditures and increased at a historical average annual amount of \$53,046. This category of expenditure is projected to grow at an annual average rate of \$82,472 through FY 2029. The projected average annual change is less than the five year historical annual average.

3.060-4.060 - Intergovernmental & Debt

These lines account for pass through payments, as well as monies received by a district on behalf of another governmental entity, plus principal and interest payments for general fund borrowing.

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2020	- 2021	ı 2022	ı 2023	1 2024	ı 2025	1 2026	ı 2027	ı 2028	۲ 2029

Key Assumptions & Notes

The Intergovernmental/Debt expenditure category details general fund debt issued by the District.

4.300 - Other Objects

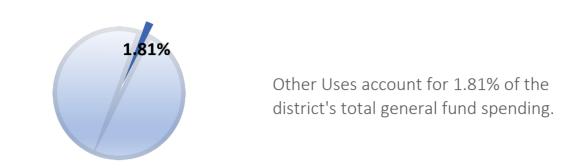
Primary components for this expenditure line are membership dues and fees, ESC contract deductions, County Auditor/Treasurer fees, audit expenses, and election expenses.

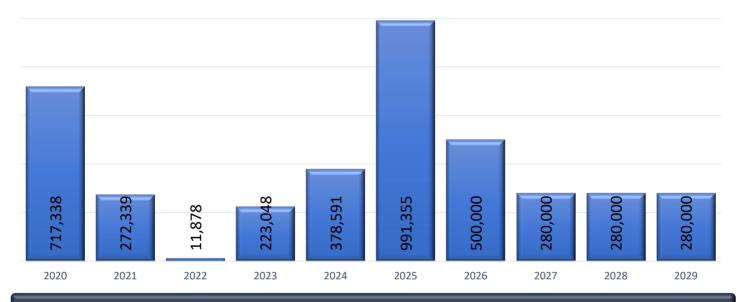


Other Objects represent 1.87% of total expenditures and increased at a historical average annual rate of 14.36%. This category of expenditure is projected to grow at an annual average rate of 1.96% through FY 2029. The projected average annual rate of change is -12.40% less than the five year historical annual average.

5.040 - Total Other Financing Uses

Operating transfers-out, advances out to other funds, and all other general fund financing uses.





Key Assumptions & Notes

		FORECASTED						
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029		
Transfers Out	366,208	991,355	500,000	280,000	280,000	280,000		
Advances Out	12,383	-	-	-	-	-		
Other Financing Uses	-							

Other uses includes expenditures that are generally classified as non-operating. It is typically in the form of advances-out which are then repaid into the general fund from the other district funds. In FY 2025 the district had advances-out and has no advances-out forecasted through FY 2029. The district can also move general funds permanently to other funds and as the schedule above presents, the district has transfers forecasted through FY 2029. The table above presents the district's planned advances and transfers. The district can also have other uses of funds which is reflected in the table above.

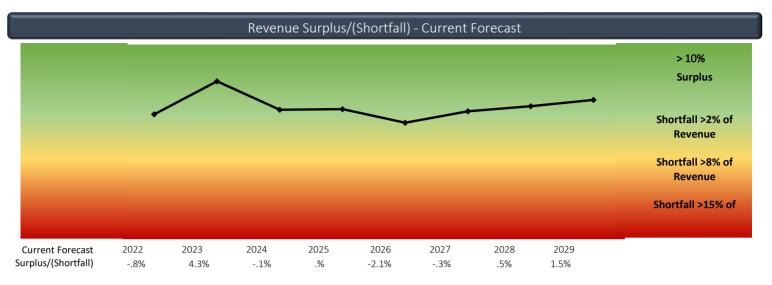
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Five Year Forecast

November Fiscal Year 2025

Γ	Actual			FORECASTED		
Fiscal Year:	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Revenue:						
1.010 - General Property Tax (Real Estate)	15,467,844	17,866,424	18,310,310	19,137,351	19,931,404	20,430,764
1.020 - Public Utility Personal Property	2,393,486	4,592,685	3,655,377	3,716,292	3,775,859	3,838,469
1.030 - Income Tax	6,709,623	7,000,000	7,500,000	7,900,000	8,200,000	8,400,000
1.035 - Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid	16,390,865	17,890,395	17,874,007	18,640,932	19,696,079	20,728,747
1.040 - Restricted Grants-in-Aid	1,466,586	1,324,901	1,340,221	1,338,788	1,372,687	1,410,252
1.050 - State Share-Local Property Taxes	1,828,679	2,028,287	2,082,410	2,186,038	2,289,666	2,343,790
1.060 - All Other Operating Revenues	4,209,268	4,200,000	4,200,000	4,200,000	4,200,000	4,200,000
1.070 - Total Revenue	48,466,351	54,902,693	54,962,325	57,119,401	59,465,695	61,352,022
Other Financing Sources:						
2.010 - Proceeds from Sale of Notes	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.020 - State Emergency Loans and Adv	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.040 - Operating Transfers-In	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.050 - Advances-In	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.060 - All Other Financing Sources	15,602	-	-	-	-	-
2.070 - Total Other Financing Sources	15,602	-	-	-	-	-
2.080 - Total Rev & Other Sources	48,481,953	54,902,693	54,962,325	57,119,401	59,465,695	61,352,022
Expenditures:		, ,	, ,	, ,	, ,	
3.010 - Personnel Services	24,105,271	27,766,837	28,428,325	28,909,856	29,645,111	29,790,742
3.020 - Employee Benefits	8,679,116	10,238,731	10,668,678	11,243,179	11,703,701	11,924,356
3.030 - Purchased Services	12,501,611	12,600,000	13,000,000	13,250,000	13,750,000	14,250,000
3.040 - Supplies and Materials	1,051,437	1,215,668	1,400,000	1,500,000	1,700,000	1,900,000
3.050 - Capital Outlay	787,641	1,040,000	1,050,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,200,000
Intergovernmental & Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.300 - Other Objects	1,003,510	1,025,000	1,050,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,100,000
4.500 - Total Expenditures	48,128,586	53,886,236	55,597,003	57,003,035	58,898,812	60,165,098
Other Financing Uses						
5.010 - Operating Transfers-Out	366,208	991,355	500,000	280,000	280,000	280,000
5.020 - Advances-Out	12,383	-	-	-	-	-
5.030 - All Other Financing Uses	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.040 - Total Other Financing Uses	378,591	991,355	500,000	280,000	280,000	280,000
5.050 - Total Exp and Other Financing Uses	48,507,177	54,877,591	56,097,003	57,283,035	59,178,812	60,445,098
6.010 - Excess of Rev Over/(Under) Exp	(25,224)	25,102	(1,134,677)	(163,634)	286,883	906,924
7.010 - Cash Balance July 1 (No Levies)	10,992,004	10,966,780	10,991,882	9,857,204	9,693,570	9,980,454
7.020 - Cash Balance June 30 (No Levies)	10,966,780	10,991,882	9,857,204	9,693,570	9,980,454	10,887,378
	R	eservations				
8.010 - Estimated Encumbrances June 30	400,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000
9.080 - Reservations Subtotal			-	-	- ,	-
10.010 - Fund Bal June 30 for Cert of App	10,566,780	10,191,882	9,057,204	8,893,570	9,180,454	10,087,378
Rev from Replacement/Renewal Levies			· ·		· ·	
11.010 & 11.020 - Renewal Levies		-	-	-	-	-
11.030 - Cumulative Balance of Levies	-	-	-	-	-	-
12.010 - Fund Bal June 30 for Cert of Obligations	10,566,780	10,191,882	9,057,204	8,893,570	9,180,454	10,087,378
Revenue from New Levies		, ,			. ,	
13.010 & 13.020 - New Levies		-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-



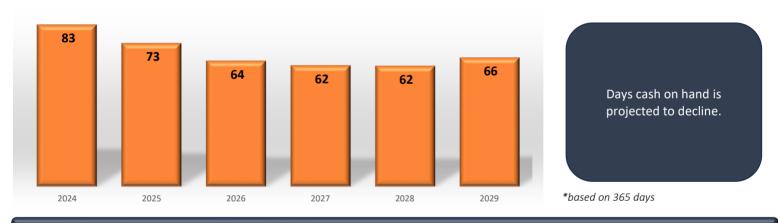


The district is remaining financially stable, but with the revenues increasing faster than expenditures. A revenue surplus of 1.48% could develop.

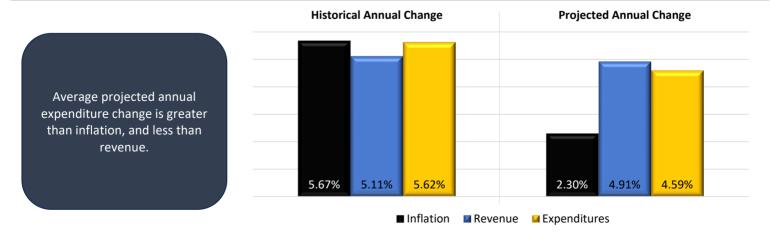
- All Othr Op Rev is the largest contributor to the trend on the revenue side.

- The largest expenditure driving this trend is Purchased Services.

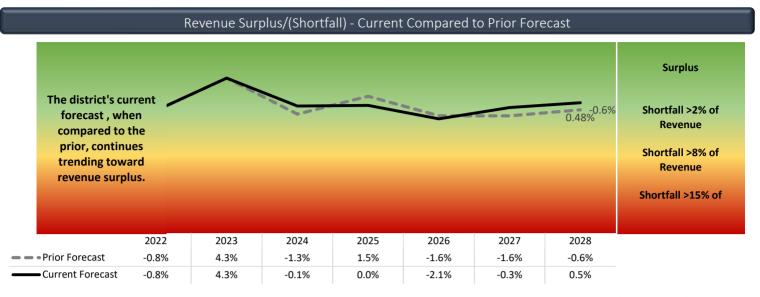
Days Cash on Hand - Current Forecast



5-Year Average Annual Change - Inflation, Revenue and Expenditures



CPI (Inflation) Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (September 23, 2024) https://alfred.stlouisfed.org



Note: 2029 not included in prior forecast

Days Cash on Hand - Current Compared to Prior Forecast



Revenue and Expenditure Variances - Current Compared to Prior Forecast

	<u>Revenue</u>	Variance	
Cumulative Unfavorable Revenue Variance	-1.61%	(\$4,501,747)	
	Largest Reve	nue Variances	The current revenue
1.035,1.040 State	-1.90%	(\$5,316,149)	forecast is down -
1.060 All Other 2.xx Other Sources	0.65%	\$1,824,871	1.61% compared to
1.03 Income Tax	-0.32%	(\$900,000)	the prior forecast.
All Other Revenue Categories	-0.04%	(\$110,469)	

NET cumulative forecast impact for the forecast period 2024 - 2028 of Revenue and Expense variances is .34% or \$997,031.

		<u>Expenditur</u>	<u>e Variance</u>	
(The current forecast	-1.95%	(\$5,498,779)	Cumulative Favorable Expenditure Variance
	for expenditures is	Largest Expend	iture Variances	
	down -01.95%	-1.20%	(\$3,380,554)	3.01 Salaries
	compared to the prior	-0.86%	(\$2,406,590)	3.02 Benefits
	forecast.	0.33%	\$930,228	3.03 Purchased Serv.
		-0.23%	(\$641,863)	All Other Expenditure Categories