Pickerington 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.

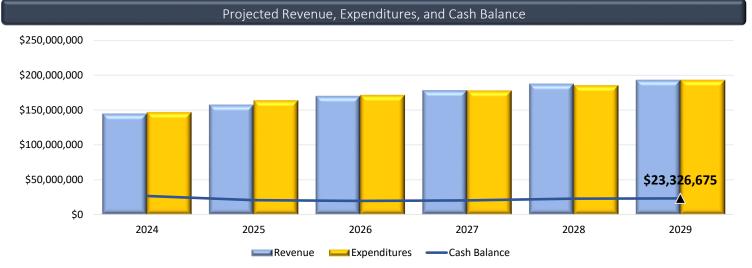
2. To serve as a basis for determining the school district's ability to sign the certificate required by O.R.C. §5705.412, commonly known as the "412 certificate."

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 esti mates 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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Financial Forecast Summary

	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year
	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Beginning Balance (Line 7.010) + Renewal/New Levies Modeled	26,697,382	20,709,577	19,641,743	20,324,914	22,876,472
+ Revenue	157,420,219	170,028,560	178,001,844	187,431,961	193,017,562
- Expenditures	(163,408,024)	(171,096,394)	(177,318,673)	(184,880,403)	(192,567,360
= Revenue Surplus or Deficit	(5,987,805)	(1,067,834)	683,171	2,551,558	450,202
Line 7.020 Ending Balance with Renewal/New Levies	20,709,577	19,641,743	20,324,914	22,876,472	23,326,675

Financial Summary Notes

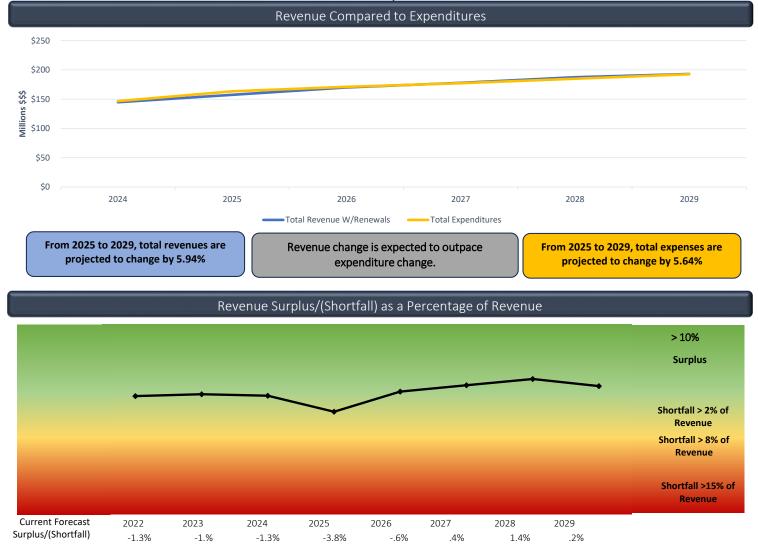
Expenditure growth is projected to outpace revenue change. By the end of 2029, the cash balance is projected to decline by a total of \$3,370,708 compared to 2024. For fiscal year 2029, expenditures are currently projected to be under revenue, resulting in a revenue surplus the final year of the forecast period.

For revenue, projected change is expected to be greater than the historical average.Over the past five years, revenue increased by 3.51% (\$4,561,785 annually). However, it is projected to increase by 5.94% (\$9,642,901 annually) through fiscal year 2029. Notably, State Funding, is expected to be \$4,666,815 more per year compared to history, and is the biggest driver of trend change on the revenue side.

For expenses, projected change is forecasted to increase at a faster pace than the historical trend. Expenditures increased by 4.08% (\$5,272,615 annually) during the past 5-year period, and are projected to increase by 5.64% (\$9,182,212 annually) through 2029. The forecast line with the most change on the expense side, Salaries, is anticpated to be \$1,810,830 more 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)	2,555,351	2,560,206	2,565,070	2,569,687	2,574,827

Forecast Analysis

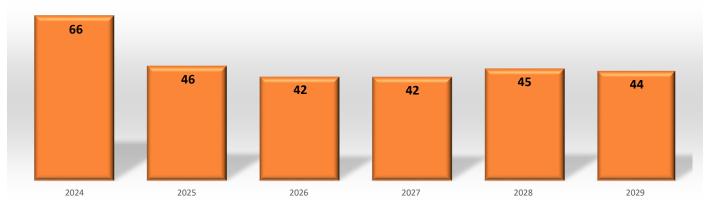


The district is remaining financially stable, but with the revenues increasing faster than expenditures.

A revenue surplus of 0.23% could develop in fiscal year 2029.

- The largest contributor to the projected revenue trend is the change in State Funding.

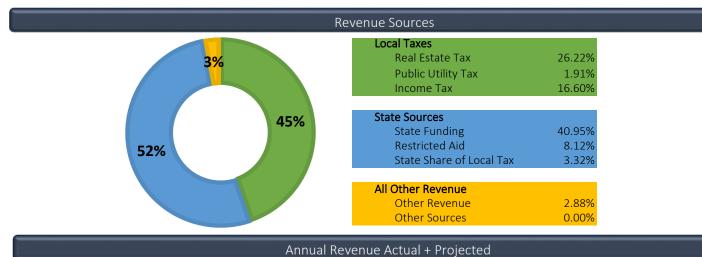
- The expenditure most impacting the changing trend is Salaries.



*based on 365 days

Days Cash on Hand at Fiscal Year-end

Revenue Overview







Historic Revenue Change versus Projected Revenue Change

	Historical	Projected	Projected	Over the past five years, revenue increased by 3.51% (\$4,561,785
	Average	Average	Compared to	annually). However, it is projected to increase by 5.94% (\$9,642,902
	Annual	Annual	Historical	annually) through fiscal year 2029. Notably, State Funding, is
	\$\$ Change	\$\$ Change	Variance	expected to be \$4,666,815 more per year compared to history, and
Real Estate	\$948,349	\$1,685,533	\$737,183	is the biggest driver of trend change on the revenue side.
Public Utility	\$182,607	\$136,496	(\$46,112)	
Income Tax	\$1,131,960	\$1,077,658	(\$54,302)	
State Funding	\$1,928,798	\$6,595,613	\$4,666,815	
State Share of Property Tax	\$96,109	\$234,718	\$138,610	
All Othr Op Rev	\$346,198	(\$87,358)	(\$433,556)	
Other Sources	(\$72,236)	\$242	\$72,478	
Total Average Annual Change	\$4,561,785	\$9,642,901	\$5,081,116	
	3.51%	5.94%	2.43%	

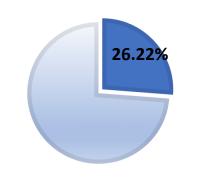
For Comparison:

Expenditure average annual change is projected to be >

\$9,182,212 On an annual average basis, expenditures are projected to grow slower 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 26.22% 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	2,039,174,680	50,097,910	21.61	-	33.33	-	99.4%
2024	2,087,175,985	48,001,305	21.55	(0.06)	33.46	0.13	99.3%
2025	2,418,550,182	331,374,197	20.00	(1.55)	32.77	(0.69)	99.3%
2026	2,463,947,830	45,397,648	20.00	-	32.92	0.15	99.3%
2027	2,507,247,830	43,300,000	20.00	-	33.07	0.15	99.3%
2028	2,751,947,830	244,700,000	20.00	-	32.36	(0.71)	99.3%

Class I, or residential/agricultural taxes make up approximately 84.22% of the real estate property tax revenue. The Class I tax rate is 21.55 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 2.55% and is projected to change at an average annual rate of 3.88% through fiscal year 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 1.91% of total district general fund revenue.



Key Assumptions & Notes

Values and Tax	<pre>k Rates</pre>	Gross Collection Rate			
Tax Year	Valuation	Value Change	Full Voted Rate	Change	Including Delinquencies
2023	40,644,800	1,449,540	71.20	-	99.9%
2024	45,762,830	5,118,030	71.20	(0.00)	93.2%
2025	46,362,830	600,000	71.20	-	100.0%
2026	46,962,830	600,000	71.20	-	100.0%
2027	47,562,830	600,000	71.20	-	100.0%
2028	48,162,830	600,000	71.20	-	100.0%

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 71.20 mills. The forecast is modeling an average gross collection rate of 98.65%. The revenue changed historically at an average annual dollar amount of \$182,607 and is projected to change at an average annual dollar amount of \$182,607 and is projected to change at an average annual dollar amount of \$136,496 through fiscal year 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.



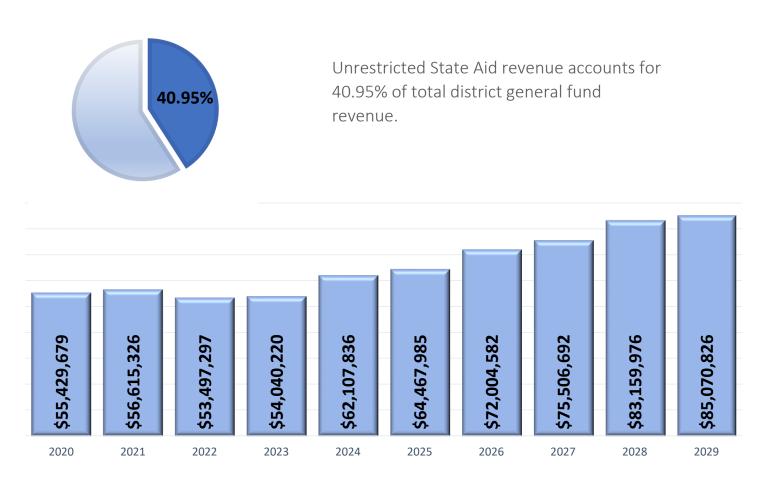


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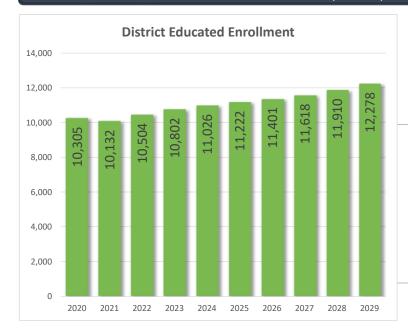
The district maintained one income tax levy in fiscal year 2025. The average annual dollar change in total income tax revenue is forecasted to be \$1,077,658 through 2029.

1.035 - Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid

Funds received through the State Foundation Program with no restriction.



Key Assumptions & Notes



Beginning in fiscal year 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 Pickerington Local School District, the calculated Base Cost total is \$89,053,209 in 2025.

The State's Share of the calculated Base Cost total is \$43,265,618, or \$3,855 per pupil.

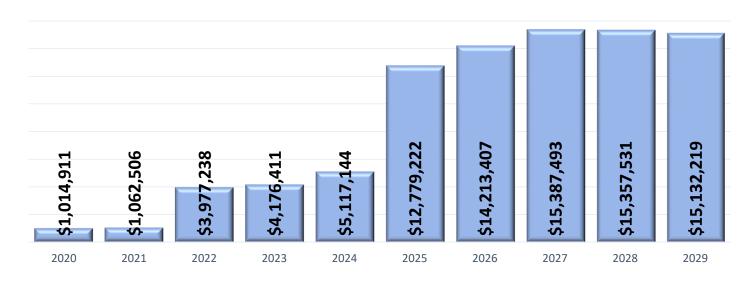
The FSFP also started funding students where they attended school. Therefore district educated enrollment is now used for per pupil funding. At the same time, the FSFP eliminated tuition transfer payments from school districts, which impacts the expense side of the forecast.

1.040 & 1.045 - Restricted Grants-in-Aid

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



Restricted State Aid revenue accounts for 8.12% of total district general fund revenue.

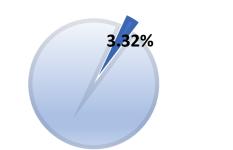


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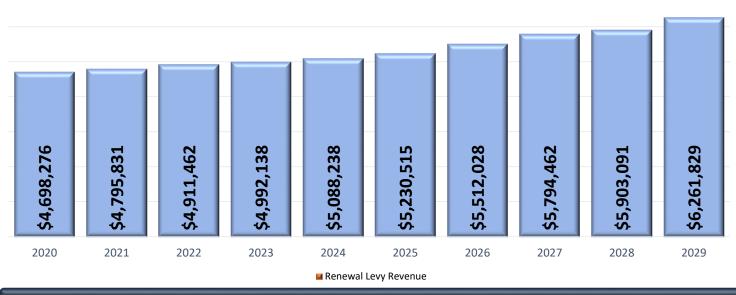
Restricted aid is the portion of state per pupil funding that must be classifed as restricted use. Historically the district's restricted state aid changed annually on average by \$1,351,546 and is projected to change annually on average by \$2,003,015. Restricted funds represent 8.12% of the district's total revenue. Starting in fiscal year 2022, the district's Success & Wellness funding became restricted; the state's share of this funding recorded as restricted is \$1,964,069. 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.



State Share of Local Property tax revenue accounts for 3.32% of total district general fund revenue.

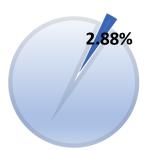


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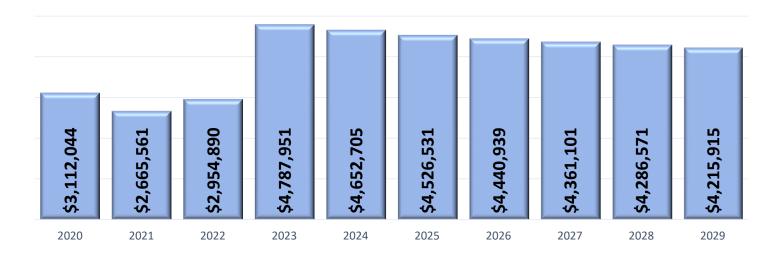
State Share of Local Property Taxes primarily consists of reimbursements from the state of Ohio for local taxpayer credits or reductions to their tax bill. The state reduces the local taxpayer's tax bill with a 10% rollback credit, and 2.5% owner-occupied rollback credit, plus a homestead credit for qualifying taxpayers. In fiscal year 2025, approximately 12.1% local residential property taxes will be reimbursed by the state in the form of rollback credits and approximately 0.9% 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 2.88% of total district general fund revenue.

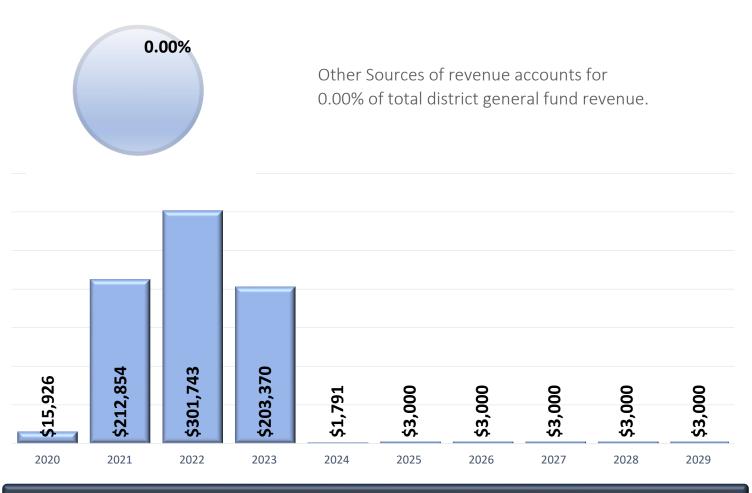


Key Assumptions & Notes

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 \$346,198. The projected average annual change is -\$87,358 through fiscal year 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.



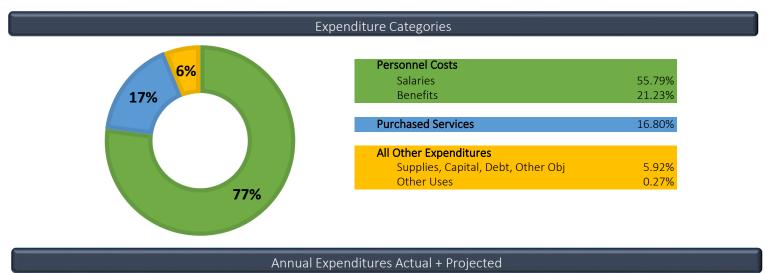
Key Assumptions & Notes

		FORECASTED					
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	
Transfers In	-	-	=	-	-	-	
Advances In	-	-	-	-	-	-	
All Other Financing Sources	1,791	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	

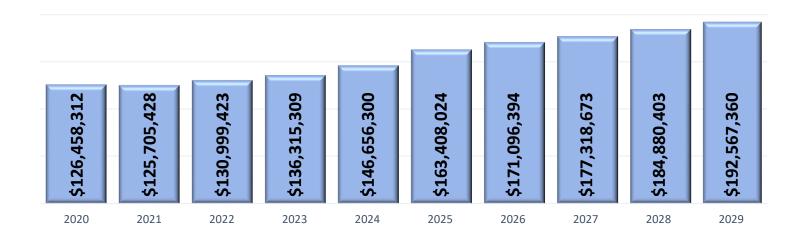
Other sources includes revenue that is generally classified as non-operating. Return advances-in are the most common revenue source. In 2024 the district receipted \$0 as advances-in and is projecting advances of \$0 in fiscal year 2025. The district also receives other financing sources such as refund of prior year expenditures in this category. The district is projecting that all other financing sources will be \$3,000 in 2025 and average \$3,000 annually through 2029.

Expenditure Overview

Pickerington Local School District







Historic Expenditures Change versus Projected Expenditures Change

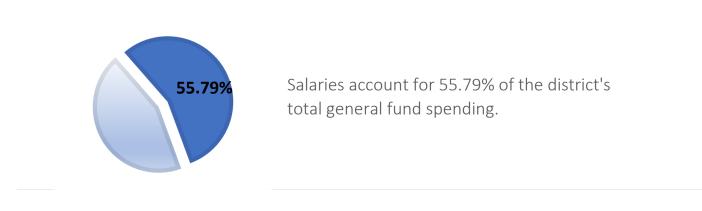
	Historical	Projected	Projected	Expenditures increased by 4.08% (\$5,272,615 annually) during the
	Average	Average	Compared to	past 5-year period, and are projected to increase by 5.64%
	Annual	Annual	Historical	(\$9,182,212 annually) through 2029. The forecast line with the mos
	\$\$ Change	\$\$ Change	Variance	change on the expense side, Salaries, is anticpated to be \$1,810,830
Salaries	\$3,092,409	\$4,903,239	\$1,810,830	more per year in the projected period compared to historical
Benefits	\$1,104,212	\$2,806,376	\$1,702,164	averages.
Purchased Services	\$1,058,671	\$877,455	(\$181,217)	
Supplies & Materials	\$135,922	\$357 <i>,</i> 633	\$221,711	
Capital Outlay	(\$38,278)	\$179,648	\$217,926	
Intergov & Debt	\$0	\$0	(\$0)	
Other Objects	\$7,909	\$36,632	\$28,723	
Other Uses	(\$88,230)	\$21,230	\$109,460	
Total Average Annual Change	\$5,272,615	\$9,182,212	\$3,909,596	
	4.08%	5.64%	1.56%	

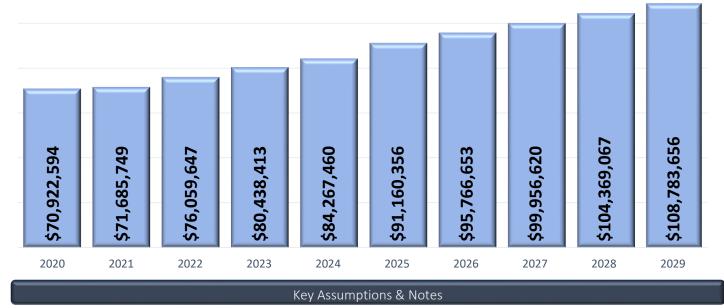
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3.010 - Personnel Services

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

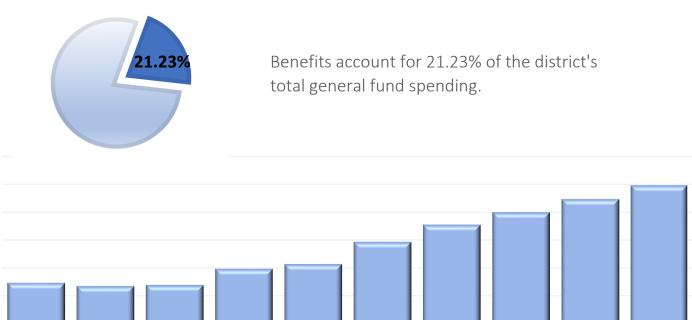




Salaries represent 55.79% of total expenditures and increased at a historical average annual rate of 4.15% (or \$3,092,409). This category of expenditure is projected to grow at an annual average rate of 5.25% (or \$4,903,239) through fiscal year 2029. The projected average annual rate of change is 1.10% more 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.



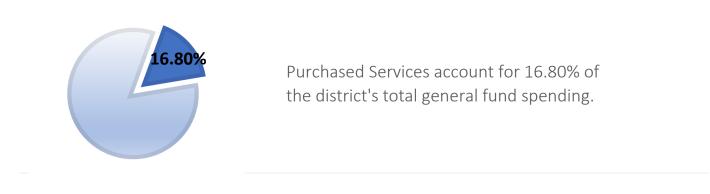


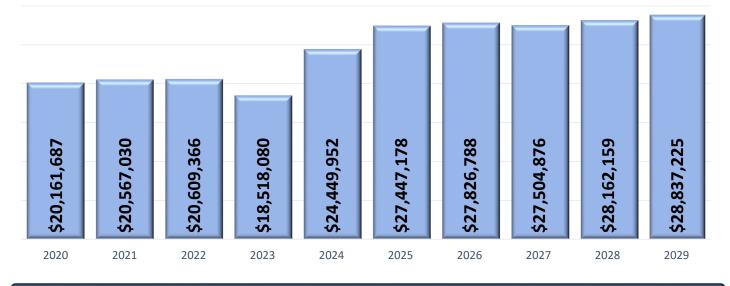
Key Assumptions & Notes

Benefits represent 21.23% of total expenditures and increased at a historical average annual rate of 4.15%. This category of expenditure is projected to grow at an annual average rate of 7.85% through fiscal year 2029. The projected average annual rate of change is 3.70% more than the five year historical annual average.

3.030 - Purchased Services

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





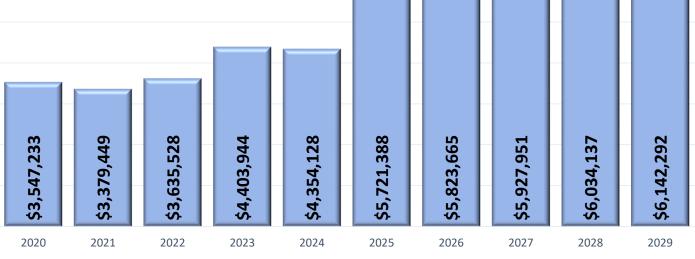
Key Assumptions & Notes

Purchased Services represent 16.80% of total expenditures and increased at a historical average annual rate of 5.87%. This category of expenditure is projected to grow at an annual average rate of 3.45% through fiscal year 2029. Starting in 2022, the Fair School Funding Plan (State Funding) only accounted for district educated enrollment, thereby reducing district tuition costs for open enrollment 'out,' community schools, STEM, and scholarship students. This change resulted in lower district costs, but also less per pupil state revenue since per pupil funding is now paid directly by the state to the district students attend.

3.040 - Supplies & Materials

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



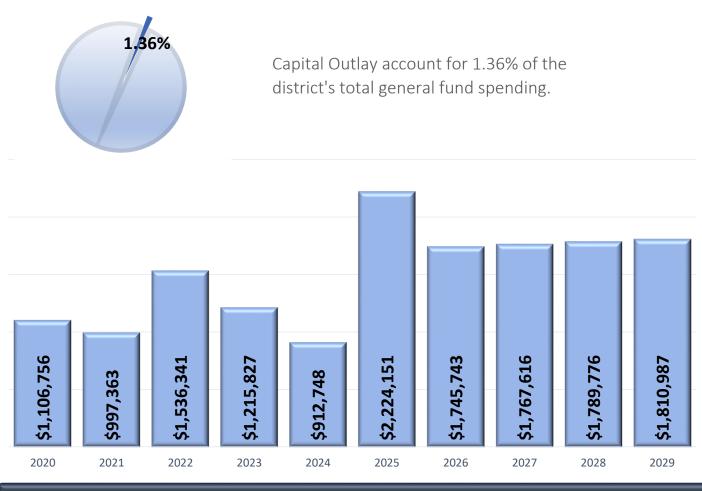


Key Assumptions & Notes

Supplies & Materials represent 3.50% of total expenditures and increased at a historical average annual rate of 3.88%. This category of expenditure is projected to grow at an annual average rate of 7.71% through fiscal year 2029. The projected average annual rate of change is 3.83% more 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.

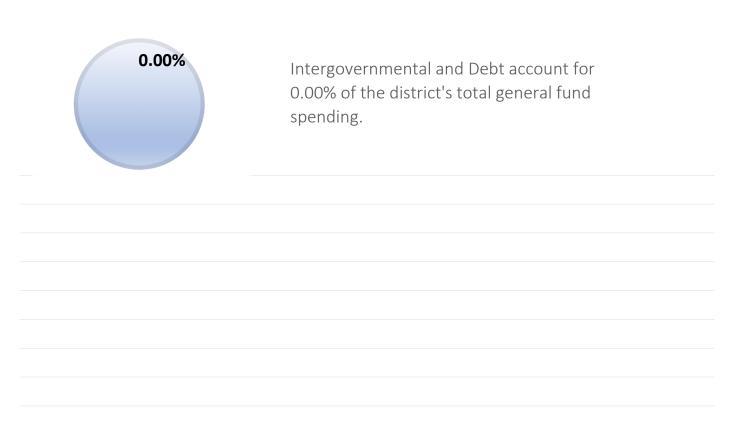


Key Assumptions & Notes

Capital Outlay represent 1.36% of total expenditures and decreased at a historical average annual amount of \$38,278. This category of expenditure is projected to grow at an annual average rate of \$179,648 through 2029. The projected average annual change is more 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.



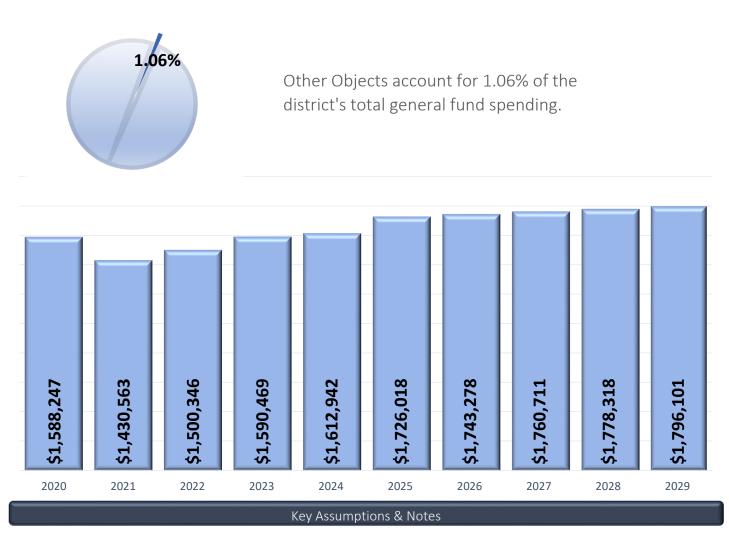
ŞO	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	ŞΟ
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029

Key Assumptions & Notes

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

4.300 - Other Objects

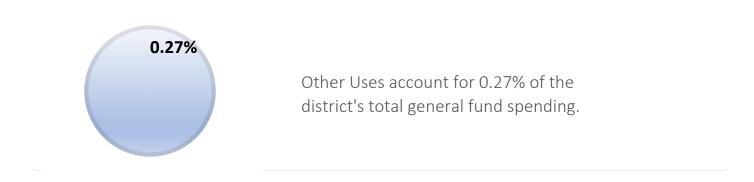
Primary components for this expenditure line are membership dues and fees, ESC contract deductions, County Auditor/Treasurer fees, audit expenses, and election expenses.

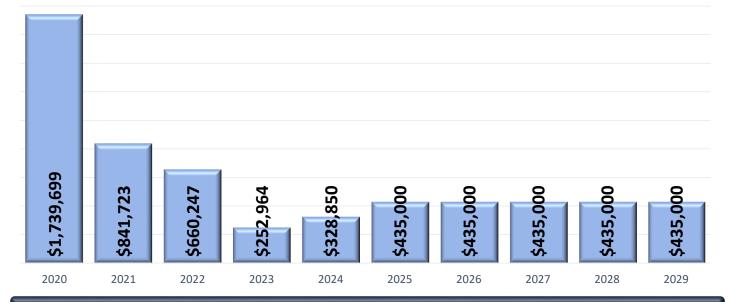


Other Objects represent 1.06% of total expenditures and increased at a historical average annual rate of 0.66%. This category of expenditure is projected to grow at an annual average rate of 2.20% through fiscal year 2029. The projected average annual rate of change is 1.54% more than the five year historical 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	328,850	435,000	435,000	435,000	435,000	435,000			
Advances Out	-	-	-	-	-	-			
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 2024 the district had no advances-out and has no advances-out forecasted through fiscal year 2029. The district can also move general funds permanently to other funds, and as the schedule above presents, the district has transfers forecasted through fiscal year 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.

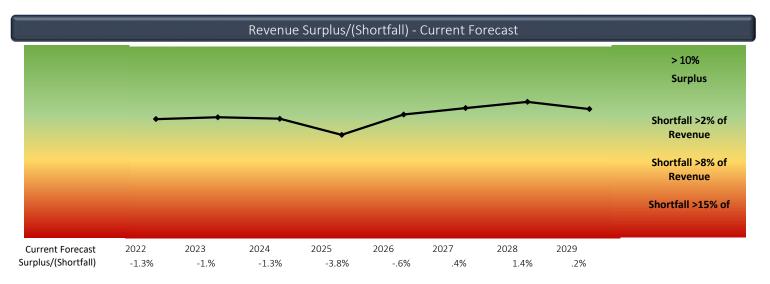
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Five Year Forecast

November Fiscal Year 2025

Г	Actual			FORECASTED		
Fiscal Year:	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Revenue:						
1.010 - General Property Tax (Real Estate)	40,351,263	41,282,145	43,376,379	45,317,849	46,148,969	48,778,926
1.020 - Public Utility Personal Property	2,727,014	2,999,678	3,281,331	3,324,052	3,366,772	3,409,492
1.030 - Income Tax	24,757,065	26,131,142	27,196,894	28,307,196	29,206,051	30,145,355
1.035 - Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid	62,107,836	64,467,985	72,004,582	75,506,692	83,159,976	85,070,826
1.040 - Restricted Grants-in-Aid	5,117,144	12,779,222	14,213,407	15,387,493	15,357,531	15,132,219
1.050 - State Share-Local Property Taxes	5,088,238	5,230,515	5,512,028	5,794,462	5,903,091	6,261,829
1.060 - All Other Operating Revenues	4,652,705	4,526,531	4,440,939	4,361,101	4,286,571	4,215,915
1.070 - Total Revenue	144,801,265	157,417,219	170,025,560	177,998,844	187,428,961	193,014,562
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	1,791	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
2.070 - Total Other Financing Sources	1,791	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
2.080 - Total Rev & Other Sources	144,803,057	157,420,219	170,028,560	178,001,844	187,431,961	193,017,562
Expenditures:						
3.010 - Personnel Services	84,267,460	91,160,356	95,766,653	99,956,620	104,369,067	108,783,656
3.020 - Employee Benefits	30,730,219	34,693,933	37,755,267	39,965,899	42,311,947	44,762,099
3.030 - Purchased Services	24,449,952	27,447,178	27,826,788	27,504,876	28,162,159	28,837,225
3.040 - Supplies and Materials	4,354,128	5,721,388	5,823,665	5,927,951	6,034,137	6,142,292
3.050 - Capital Outlay	912,748	2,224,151	1,745,743	1,767,616	1,789,776	1,810,987
Intergovernmental & Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.300 - Other Objects	1,612,942	1,726,018	1,743,278	1,760,711	1,778,318	1,796,101
4.500 - Total Expenditures	146,327,450	162,973,024	170,661,394	176,883,673	184,445,403	192,132,360
Other Financing Uses						
5.010 - Operating Transfers-Out	328,850	435,000	435,000	435,000	435,000	435,000
5.020 - Advances-Out	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.030 - All Other Financing Uses	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.040 - Total Other Financing Uses	328,850	435,000	435,000	435,000	435,000	435,000
5.050 - Total Exp and Other Financing Uses	146,656,300	163,408,024	171,096,394	177,318,673	184,880,403	192,567,360
6.010 - Excess of Rev Over/(Under) Exp	(1,853,243)	(5,987,805)	(1,067,834)	683,171	2,551,558	450,202
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7.010 - Cash Balance July 1 (No Levies)	28,550,626	26,697,382	20,709,577	19,641,743	20,324,914	22,876,472
7.020 - Cash Balance June 30 (No Levies)	26,697,382	20,709,577	19,641,743	20,324,914	22,876,472	23,326,675
		eservations				
8.010 - Estimated Encumbrances June 30	2,550,250	2,555,351	2,560,206	2,565,070	2,569,687	2,574,827
9.080 - Reservations Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.010 - Fund Bal June 30 for Cert of App	24,147,132	18,154,227	17,081,537	17,759,844	20,306,785	20,751,848
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	24,147,132	18,154,227	17,081,537	17,759,844	20,306,785	20,751,848
Revenue from New Levies						
13.010 & 13.020 - New Levies		-	-	-	-	-
13.030 - Cumulative Balance of New Levies	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.010 - Unreserved Fund Balance June 30	24,147,132	18,154,227	17,081,537	17,759,844	20,306,785	20,751,848



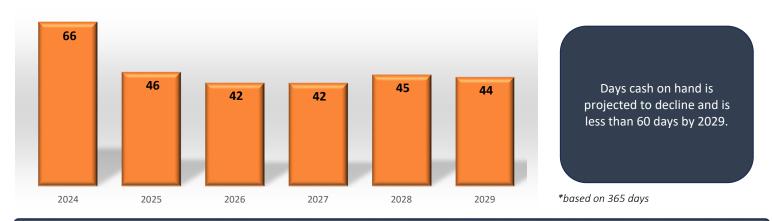


The district is remaining financially stable, but with the revenues increasing faster than expenditures.

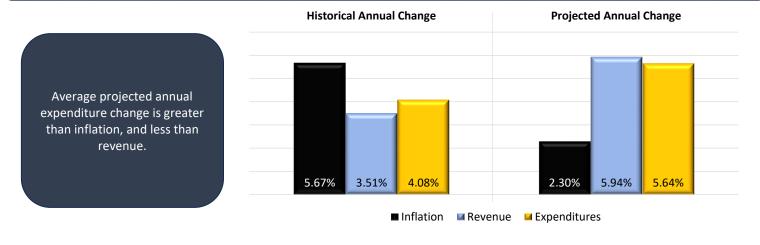
A revenue surplus of 0.23% could develop in fiscal year 2029.

- The largest contributor to the projected revenue trend is the change in State Funding.
- The expenditure most impacting the changing trend is Salaries.

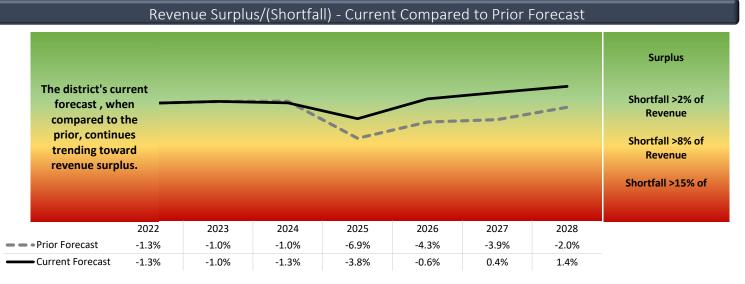
Days Cash on Hand - Current Forecast



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

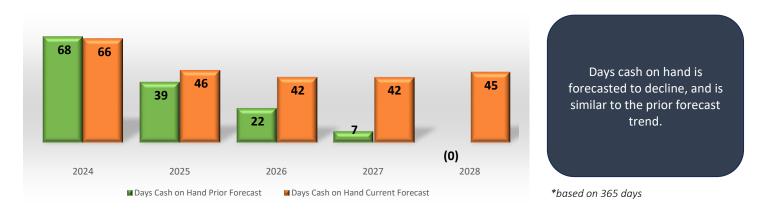


CPI (Inflation) Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (September 23, 2024) https://alfred.stlouisfed.org



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

	Revenue	variance	
Cumulative Favorable Revenue Variance	5.53%	\$43,927,949	
	Largest Reve	nue Variances	The current revenue
1.035,1.040 State	5.00%	\$39,682,696	forecast is up by
1.03 Income Tax	0.26%	\$2,029,732	5.53% compared to
1.01 Real Estate	0.16%	\$1,278,245	the prior forecast.
All Other Revenue Categories	0.12%	\$937,276	

NET cumulative forecast impact for the forecast period 2024 - 2028 of Revenue and Expense variances is 2.97% (or \$22,879,391).

	Expenditure Variance		
(2.56%	\$21,048,558	Cumulative Unfavorable Expenditure Variance
The current forecast	Largest Expenditure Variances		
for expenditures is up	1.38%	\$11,366,772	3.03 Purchased Serv.
by 2.56% compared to	0.88%	\$7,261,940	3.02 Benefits
the prior forecast.	0.28%	\$2,313,740	3.01 Salaries
	0.01%	\$106,107	All Other Expenditure Categories