



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
PHILADELPHIA

Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget Board of Education Budget Hearing

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Superintendent Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Summary

The Fiscal Year 2024 Budget will focus on three priority areas:

<i>Strengthening School Safety</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Invest in physical, social/ emotional, and environmental safety at schools.○ Invest in additional staff resources in high-needs schools.	Guardrail #1
<i>Partnering with Parents and Community</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Invest in family and staff resources to increase attendance and reduce dropouts.○ Invest in a two-way communication system and customer service training.	Guardrail #1 and Guardrail #3 Goals #1-#5
<i>Accelerating Academic Achievement</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Invest in research-based, standards aligned core curricula and high impact tutoring.○ Invest in increased and equitable CTE and Dual Enrollment opportunities.	Guardrail #4 Goal #1, Goal #2, Goal #3

Fiscal Year 2024 Budgeted Revenue and Expenditures

(Operating Fund and Federal Recovery Funds)


Revenues (\$ in Thousands)	FY 2023 Projected	FY 2024 Projected	% Change
Local Revenue	\$1,824,182	\$1,863,389	2.1%
State Revenue	\$1,981,548	\$2,073,797	4.7%
Federal Revenue	\$16,403	\$16,246	(1.0%)
Federal Recovery Funds	\$420,812	\$528,400	25.6%
Other Financing Sources	\$13,309	\$15,069	13.2%
Total Revenues & Other Financing Sources	\$4,256,253	\$4,496,901	5.7%


Expenditures (\$ in Thousands)	FY 2023 Revised Adopted	FY 2024 Projected	% Change
District-Operated Schools	\$2,241,925	\$2,412,203	7.6%
Non-District Operated Schools	\$1,286,205	\$1,502,886	19.0%
Administration, Debt Service, Undistributed Budget Adjustments and Net Transfers	\$538,618	\$532,391	(1.1%)
Total Expenses and Other Financing Sources	\$4,040,815	\$4,444,671	10.0%

Note on Non-District Operated School Change

- **Rate Setting:** Greater than 90% of this FY 2024 increase is driven by changes in District expenditures between FY 2022 and FY 2023 (as Charter School rates are based on expenditures one year in arrears).
- **Federal Recovery Grants:** In FY 2023 (compared to FY 2022) the District spent more in federal COVID-19 grants (not included in Charter rate formula) and less in operating funds (included in Charter rate formulas).
- **Other Key Factors:** Overall District expenditures increased in FY 2023 due to expense associated with negotiated labor contracts, inflation and other areas.

FY 2024 School Budgets


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	FY 2023	FY 2024 Projected	% Change (FY 2024 - FY 2023)
Enrollment	113,739	113,220	-0.5%
Economically Disadvantaged Percentage	76.6%	76.6%	0.1%

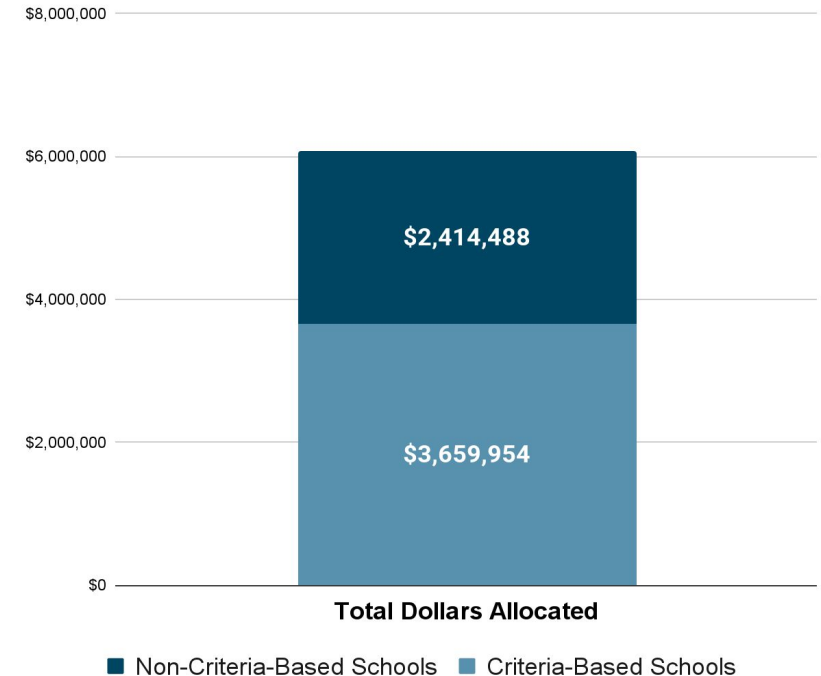
Position/Expenditure	FY 2023	FY 2024 Projected	% Change (FY 2024 - FY 2023)
Principals/Assistant Principals	486.5	491.5	1.0%
Teachers - General Education	6,817.2	6,924.6	1.6%
Teachers - Special Education	1,726.0	1,765.0	2.3%
Classroom Assistants/Teacher Assistants	2,577.0	2,602.0	1.0%
Counselors, Climate & Behavioral Specialists, and Student/Community Supports	1,122.6	1,152.0	2.6%
Nurses/Health Services	231.0	236.0	2.2%
Secretaries	268.0	268.0	0.0%
Student Climate Staff and Support Services Assistants	1,472.0	1,510.0	2.6%
Other	74.0	88.0	18.9%
Total Positions	14,774.3	15,037.1	1.8%
Total Positions (\$)	\$1,633,741,517	\$1,687,970,168	3.3%
Contracts/Supplies/Equipment/Part-Time/ Centrally-Managed Supports	\$783,262,964	\$845,772,022	8.0%
Total School Budget	\$2,417,004,481	\$2,533,742,190	4.8%
Per Pupil Budget	\$21,250	\$22,379	5.3%

Partial Hold-Harmless for Declining-Enrollment Schools

\$6.1 Million Investment in School Stabilization

- District allocated \$6.1 million to help stabilize 25 schools with significant formulaic general operating fund reductions from the prior school year.
- This capped year-over-year general operating reductions at \$400,000 for schools projected to lose significant enrollment.
- Principals had considerable discretion over the use of these funds (in alignment with the regular school budget process).

Partial Hold-Harmless Allocation by Dollars Allocated



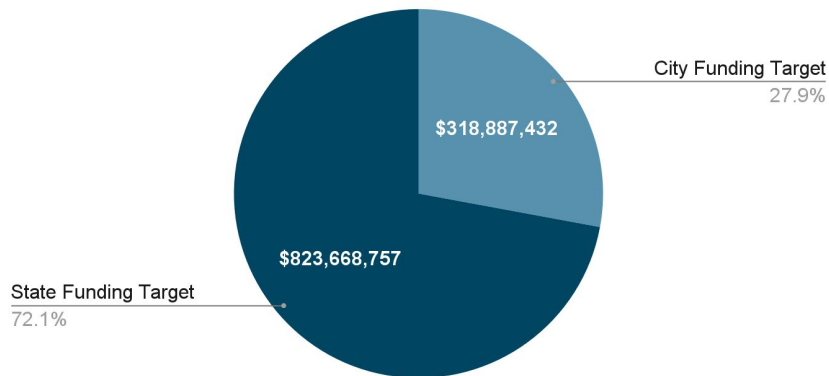
The Future of the School District

A Call to Advocacy

Unfair and Inadequate State Funding System

- On February 7, 2023, Commonwealth Court President Judge Cohn Jubelirer ruled that the current system does not adequately or equitably fund schools.
- Judge Cohn Jubelirer called on the Legislature and Executive Branch to appropriately address the issue.
- [According to The Education Law Center - PA and the Public Interest Law Center fair funding would require an additional \\$4,976 per Philadelphia student.](#)

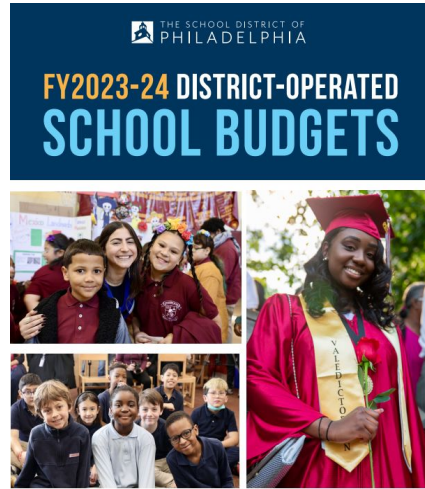
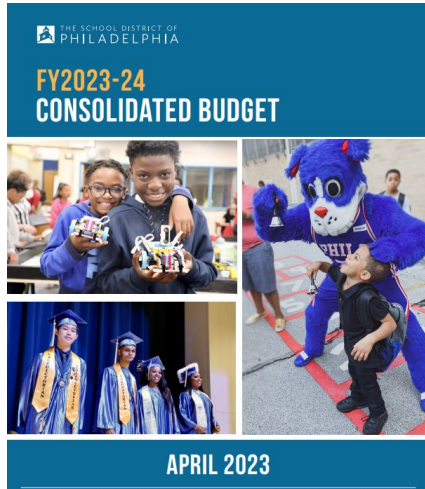
Total Annual Funding Inadequacy for the School District of Philadelphia



Source: May 1, 2021, Expert Testimony to the Commonwealth Court from Dr. Matthew Kelly, Professor at Penn State's College of Education.



Operating Budget Documents and Process



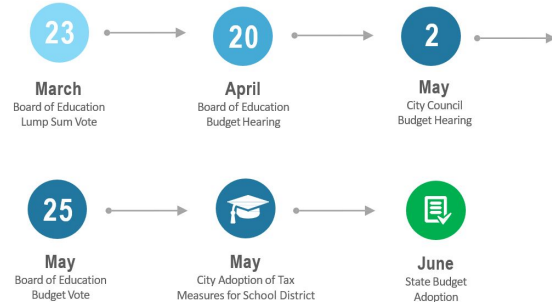
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Budget Detail Reports

- FY 2024 Consolidated Budget Book: Outlines the full revenue and expenditure budget for all funds and delineates budgeted personnel and non-personnel costs for each department.
- FY 2024 School Budget Book: Provides the full position and budget detail at each individual district-managed school.
- Understanding the District's Budget: Outlines key elements of the budget for the public.

Budget Timeline





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