

DISTRICT 65 BUDGET SNAPSHOT

LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

District 65 is responsible for an annual budget totaling **\$125 MILLION**



The District 65 budget is made up of two major funds used for specific purposes or expenditures:



Operating Fund expenditures include salaries, benefits, special education, health services, buildings and grounds maintenance, transportation, utilities, instructional materials, nutrition services, insurance, furniture, equipment, and more

Capital Fund expenditures include construction to school buildings and grounds, capital technology projects, computer leases, equipment, and principal and interest payments for bonds sold



REVENUES

Where does the money come from?



75%

Property Taxes
Property taxes paid by Evanston/Skokie residents



11%

State Revenues
Includes General State Aid and State grants



8%

Federal Revenues
Includes Title Grants, Medicaid, Head Start Grants, and special education grants



4%

Other Local Revenues
Includes student fees, lunch sales revenue, permit revenue, and interest income

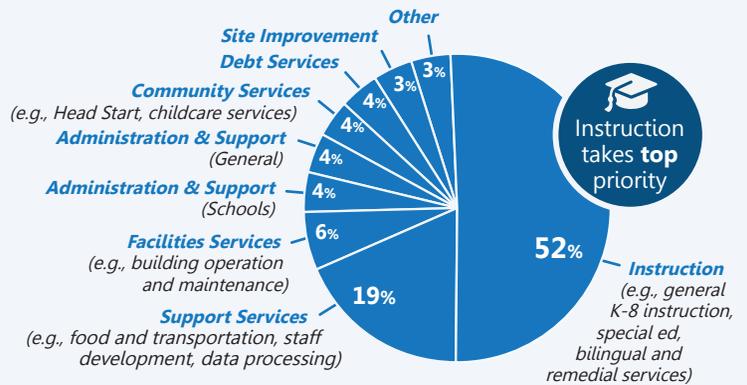


2%

Corporate Personal Property Replacement Taxes
Part of state income taxes paid by Illinois businesses

EXPENDITURES

Where does the money go?



Per Student Spending

\$12,821

State of Illinois

\$14,150

District 65

\$21,939

Evanston Township High School

LOOKING AHEAD

84% of expenditures are spent on salaries and benefits

Expenditures
+3.9% per year*

\$ Out

Revenues
+1.9% per year*

\$ In

A **structural deficit** occurs when expenditures grow faster than revenues. District expenditures are expected to grow at an average rate of 3.9% while revenues are expected to grow at approximately 1.9%.

The structural deficit started in the mid 1990's when tax caps limited the District's largest revenue source (property taxes) to an annual increase of 5% or CPI (historically 2% or less), whichever is less.

In addition to the projected deficits, District 65 stands to lose millions due to potential state funding changes (e.g., property tax freeze, general state aid funding formula).



Projected Deficits:	-\$5.1M**	-\$8.8M	-\$8.3M	-\$12M
With Potential State Threats:	-\$7.9M	-\$15M	-\$18M	-\$24.2M

* Estimated based on most recent projections

** This deficit includes a prepayment from FY17

THE BOTTOM LINE

There are two ways to address our financial crisis:

1

Referendum - increase revenues
(\$14.5 million per year)

2

Reductions - decrease spending
(\$8.8 million over next 2 years alone)



An operating referendum gives Evanston residents the opportunity to vote to increase revenues before drastic cuts would have to be made.

On **April 4**, registered voters in the Evanston/Skokie community will have the opportunity to vote on a referendum that would increase property taxes to further support school operations in District 65.

For more information, please visit district65.net or watch recent finance committee meetings at district65.net/meetingcoverage.



EVANSTON/SKOKIE SCHOOL DISTRICT 65

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