

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Written comments were accepted by online form submission from May 5, 2026 through 12 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. The following comments followed all the posted guidelines listed on the comment form and below.

- Comments are limited to 1,000 characters. One comment per person, comments listed oldest first.
- The budget committee will not hear charges or complaints against any district employee. District staff and board members cannot be named specifically in testimony.

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Christine Seaman	Parent/Guardian	Adequate Funding for WTV Elementary in Proposed Budget	<p>Dear Members of the School Board,</p> <p>We are writing as a group of West Tualatin View Elementary (West TV) parents and community members to share findings from an analysis of the proposed 2026–27 elementary school budget. Based on the available data, we have identified several areas where the proposed allocation for West TV appears inconsistent with district-wide patterns and equity goals.</p> <p>Our observations are grounded in publicly available data, including district budget materials and school-level comparisons. Please see the attached graphs, which visually illustrate these trends and the relative positioning of West TV compared to peer schools.</p> <p>Key Findings:</p> <p>School Context (Demographics &amp; Enrollment)</p> <p>-West TV ranks tied for 28th of 33 elementary schools in the share of low-income students (per GreatSchools data) and has the second smallest projected enrollment for 2026–27. While both factors are relevant in funding considerations, they do not currently correspond to disproportionately higher funding levels.</p> <p>Cost Per Student</p> <p>-West TV currently ranks 13th of 33 schools in cost per student. Under the proposed budget, it would drop to 26th, placing it among the lowest-funded schools per student in the district. This represents one of the largest projected decreases in per-student funding across BSD elementary schools.</p> <p>Students per Licensed Staff (Class Size Proxy)</p> <p>-West TV currently ranks 14th of 33 in students per licensed staff member. Under the proposed</p>

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			<p>budget, it would move to 3rd highest in the district, indicating a significant increase in class size relative to peers.            Additionally, if fewer than 12 classroom teachers are allocated (two per grade level), multi-grade classrooms would likely be required.</p> <p><b>Magnitude of Impact</b>            -When considering both funding reductions and staffing changes together, West TV appears to experience the largest combined increase in class size and decrease in funding per student among elementary schools in the district.</p> <p><b>Comparison to Similar Schools</b>            -Schools with similar size and demographics do not show comparable changes. For example, Cooper Mountain Elementary—closely aligned to West TV in size, demographics, and current funding—would see:            --An increase in cost per student, and            --A decrease in students per licensed staff (smaller class sizes)            This contrast is not isolated. Among the 10 schools most comparable to West TV, 7 are projected to receive increased funding per student and/or improved staffing ratios.</p> <p><b>Alignment with District Equity Goals</b>            We recognize and support the district’s efforts to reduce small-school subsidization and advance equity. However, the proposed changes for West TV do not appear aligned with these principles when evaluated against peer schools with similar profiles.            Request for Consideration:</p> <p>Given these findings, we respectfully request that the Board reevaluate the proposed allocation for West TV to ensure consistency, transparency, and alignment with district-wide equity goals.</p> <p>Analysis indicates that bringing West TV closer to district norms in cost per student would provide sufficient resources to:</p> <p>Retain existing teaching staff,            Maintain stable class sizes, and            Avoid the need for multi-grade classrooms.</p> <p>We appreciate the complexity of district-wide budgeting decisions and are grateful for your leadership and commitment to equitable outcomes for all students. Our goal is to ensure that West TV is treated consistently and relative to comparable schools.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration</p>

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Dan Sherman	Parent/Guardian	Proposed FY 2026-2027 Budget Allocation (re: West TV Elementary)	<p>Dear Members of the Beaverton School District (BSD) Budget Committee,</p> <p>Our names are Alice Huang and Dan Sherman. We are the parents of two West TV students – Max, who is in second grade, and Vincent, who is in kindergarten. For nearly three years, Dan has also run the West TV chess club (as a parent volunteer), which meets weekly with 24 students across all grade levels. We are writing to ask the Board and the Budget Committee to revisit the proposed FY 2026-27 allocation for West TV.</p> <p>We want to begin by acknowledging the significant work that goes into the Staffing Allocation Methodology and the equity priorities that guide it. Reducing the degree to which large schools subsidize small ones, and directing additional resources to schools serving higher concentrations of students in poverty, are the right priorities. We support these priorities, and we appreciate that you have advanced these goals deliberately over many years. This letter is not a request to set those priorities aside for West TV – rather, it is a request to apply them consistently.</p> <p>As shown by a fellow West TV parent who prepared and shared with the district a detailed analysis of the underlying data, when the proposed budget is examined against the district's own stated framework, West TV's treatment does not fit the pattern.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. West TV is not currently an outlier in resourcing – Across BSD's 33 elementary schools, West TV currently ranks 13th in cost per student and 14th in students per licensed staff member, squarely in the middle of the district on both measures. The school is small (276 students, 2nd-smallest in BSD) and serves a relatively low share of low-income students (tied for 28th of 33). However, West TV's current per-student allocation and class sizes do not reflect a school that is disproportionately resourced relative to its peers.</li> <li>2. Under the proposed budget, West TV would become an outlier (in the opposite direction) – If the proposed allocation is adopted, West TV would drop from 13th to 26th in cost per student, and rise from 14th to the 3rd-highest students-per-licensed-staff ratio in the district. This would be the single largest negative swing on both measures of any elementary school in the district. The result would be a staffing level that forces blended 2nd/3rd and 4th/5th grade classrooms. Our older son Max would be in one of those classrooms next year (a structural change to his education driven by the allocation, not by any pedagogical choice about whether the blended model is right for him or his classmates).</li> <li>3. The proposed treatment is inconsistent with how demographically similar schools are being treated – Cooper Mountain Elementary is the closest demographic and structural match to West TV in the district: nearly identical share of low-income students (13%), comparable enrollment (326 vs. 276), and comparable current per-student cost and class size. Under the proposed budget, Cooper Mountain would see a substantial increase in per-student funding and a meaningful decrease in class size — moving to the 9th-highest cost per student and 24th-highest class size in the district, while West TV would move in the opposite direction on both measures.</li> </ol>

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			<p>This is not an isolated comparison. Of the ten schools most similar to West TV in size and demographics, seven would see per-student costs increase and students-per-licensed-staff decrease under the proposed budget. West TV is the exception, not the pattern.</p> <p>The ask that we are making is modest and consistent with the district's framework – bringing West TV's allocation in line with how comparable schools are being resourced would require approximately one to three additional classroom teachers relative to the current proposal. The total cost is well under one one-hundredth of one percent of the district budget. This would not require revisiting the equity framework, reducing allocations to higher-poverty schools, or finding offsetting administrative cuts. It would simply mean applying the existing framework to West TV the way it appears to have been applied to similar schools.</p> <p>Thank you for your service to BSD students and for your consideration of this request. We are happy to discuss any of the above in more detail and can be reached at <a href="mailto:danielsolomonsherman@gmail.com">danielsolomonsherman@gmail.com</a> or 510-435-2312.</p>
Martha Pedden	Parent/Guardian	West TV disproportionate cuts	<p>My son is in 1st grade at West TV Elementary School. Our school is being disproportionately impacted by proposed staffing cuts in BSD, and we urge the district to review the outliers in the algorithm. Instead of the reported district-wide 1 additional student per licensed staff, the proposed changes will result in an avg 7 more students per licensed staff. West TV will also house the Flex online school, so office staff and other resources will be more efficient.</p> <p>Despite a modest student decline (4%) that should be covered by incorporating Flex, our school is proposed to cut 26% of teachers, and experience the highest increase in students per licensed staff (31%). To accommodate these drastic cuts, Principal Valentine is forced to blend grades. Not only will our teachers be dealing with the highest increase in student ratios, but they'll be shifting to a new model and teaching multiple grades. I do not believe this outcome was the intent and look forward to seeing the revised plan.</p>
Christine Seaman	Parent/Guardian	Disproportionate budget cuts at West TV Elementary	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I strongly urge you to reconsider the proposed budget cuts affecting West TV Elementary for the 2026–2027 school year. The plan to shift the school toward predominantly blended classrooms creates an inequitable situation within the district. Due to its smaller size, West TV would be impacted far more significantly than other schools, where only a few grades—if any—would be affected.</p> <p>It is unfair to expect a smaller school to meet the same per-student cost targets as larger schools, which naturally benefit from economies of scale. Larger schools can spread fixed costs—such as facilities and administrative staff—across a greater number of students, an efficiency that smaller schools simply cannot replicate.</p> <p>I encourage the district to pause and consider a long-term, sustainable plan to achieve funding</p>

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Cathy Bernhard	Other Community Member	Budget	<p>I believe administrative positions should be combined or eliminated to save funds and that instead of hiring expensive consultants to recommend solutions to problems with closing schools and redistricting, community members and school representatives should work together to solve these problems. The way McKay school solved this problem should be a model to follow!! Everything should be done to preserve teaching staff to provide a quality education for our children.</p>
Anika Hedstrom	Parent/Guardian	West TV Elementary School	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I am writing to urge the Budget Committee to approve a higher overall funding level for the 2026–2027 district budget, with a clear priority placed on preserving elementary instruction.</p> <p>As you know, the Committee cannot make targeted adjustments to individual schools or line items. However, you can approve a higher total budget for the General Fund—an action that would provide the district with the flexibility needed to protect critical instructional elements, including maintaining single-grade classrooms.</p> <p>This flexibility is especially important for West TV Elementary.</p> <p>The current proposal to shift toward predominantly blended classrooms would have a disproportionately negative impact on West TV due to its smaller size. While larger schools may experience minimal disruption, West TV would see widespread changes across multiple grades. This creates an inequitable situation where one school bears a far greater burden than others.</p> <p>Smaller schools inherently lack the economies of scale that larger schools benefit from. Fixed costs cannot be spread as efficiently, making it unrealistic—and unfair—to expect identical per-student</p>

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Stacey VanDeWalle	Parent/Guardian	Class size increases at west TV elementary	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I am a parent of a second grader at West Tualatin View Elementary and am writing with concerns about the teacher cuts proposed for next year. The cuts will require blending of class levels, and that is not what I'm worried about as much as the size that these blended classes will be. The increase in class size with the blends at our school will jump West TV elementary to above the average Beaverton School District and will disproportionately affect this school more than any other. I am concerned for students with diverse learning needs, such as my daughter. I am concerned about there being a lack of individual attention, and for the strain this will cause our teachers without time to implement training.</p> <p>The West TV community, parents, and staff are asking you to please keep our teachers that are proposed be cut. Please provide our students the stable classrooms and manageable class sizes that they have always had. Show us that Beaverton school district cares about learning environments where students and teachers can all succeed more than putting money towards other areas.</p> <p>We are asking that you do not accept the proposed budget and instead request additional funding above the district's current proposal. A higher budget total for additional funding for the General Fund which can be directed toward the Instruction portion of the fund. Please keep our teachers.</p>

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			<p>Thank you for your time and consideration,</p> <p>Stacey VanDeWalle</p>
Rayla Geppert	Parent/Guardian	Additional Funding	<p>I am writing as a parent of West TV elementary to encourage additional funding above the district's current proposal to maintain staffing levels at the elementary schools.</p> <p>We are not the only school being affected by reallocation of staff but in the small elementary schools it is much more apparent. At our school this is resulting in large classroom sizes of 29 and up in multigrade classrooms. It is difficult enough to manage the diverse emotional and educational needs and abilities of one grade, let alone multiple grades in a single classroom. While I acknowledge that blended classrooms can be effectively implemented, such an outcome is only possible if teachers are sufficiently prepared and resourced to tackle the specific and demanding challenges of multigrade learning. I know other elementary schools are also facing similar concerns.</p> <p>I know that we share the same goal and are all deeply invested in providing the best possible educational environment for both the learners and the educators in our community. I believe that can be done by increasing funding to prioritize classroom staffing and our students core experience.</p> <p>Thank you for considering.</p>
Vicki Finn	Other Community Member	Budget	<p>As you work through the budget decisions, I ask that you prioritize retaining teachers in community schools, especially title schools, and focus on cutting administrative district personnel and any new or ongoing contracts similar to the one done for the LRFP, which based on my attendance at these meetings and products produced was a waste of \$240K. We need more local driven models of dealing with budget shortfalls similar to what was done at McKay where the principal, PTO, and school community came together to identify what they wanted in a consolidation scenario and then worked collaboratively with the district to shape the outcome. Thank you.</p>
Tim Roshak	Parent/Guardian	2026-27 Budget Adoption - Request to Increase The Proposed Appropriation for General Fund.	<p>Dear Chair Garg, Vice-Chair Rajee, and Members of the Budget Committee,</p> <p>I am writing to urge this committee to exercise its full statutory authority under Oregon Local Budget Law to increase the proposed budget appropriation for the General Fund, specifically directing those additional resources to Instruction to protect elementary school staffing levels.</p> <p>As a committee, your role is not to simply "rubber-stamp" an administrative proposal. You are tasked with setting the spending ceilings that protect the educational environments of our students and the working conditions of our educators. The current proposal compromises both through reactive planning that disproportionately punishes small community schools like West Tualatin View</p>

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