



East Lansing  
Public Schools

## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** ELPS Board of Education, Dori Leyko, Superintendent

**FROM:** Lisa Allen, Director of Finance

**SUBJECT:** Action Items – 2026-27 Original Budget

**DATE:** June 22, 2026

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the 2026-27 Original Budget resolution for the General Fund, as presented on pages 5-6 of the Budget Book.

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the 2026-27 Original Budget resolution for the Food Service Fund, as presented on page 7 of the Budget Book.

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the 2026-27 Original Budget resolution for the Student/School Activity Fund, as presented on page 8 of the Budget Book.

Background:

The Finance Committee reviewed the major assumptions and summary comparisons for the 2026-27 Budget on June 1, 2026. A detailed comparison of assumptions, revenues, and expenditures is provided on page 9.

**General Fund**

The budget reflects a revenue increase of \$378,743 and an expenditure increase of \$300,222 (net of favorable variances).

**Main Revenue Drivers**

- Increase in taxable values.
- Increase to per pupil rate and slight increase in blended enrollment.
- Decrease to MPSERS funding and non-continuation of 147(g) funding;
- Net decrease to categorical funding;
  - 27L-Educator Compensation is not included in the current proposal,
  - 32D-GSRP proposed increase.
- Increase in ISD Special Education funding due to the updated calculation formula (Year 2 of implementation).

**Main Expenditure Drivers**

- Contractual wage increases and staffing adjustments, including additional grant-funded positions.

- Decrease in benefits; insurance increases offset by reduced rates for MPSERS contributions and non-continuation of one-time payments such as 27L and 147(g)

### **Fund Balance**

The projected ending fund balance is \$12,616,906, representing approximately 21.4% of total revenues (excluding Other Financing Sources). This reflects a decrease of \$1,126,615 from the 2025-26 Final Budget Revision. Operational expenditures continue to be reviewed for efficiencies and cost containment opportunities.

### **Food Service Fund (Page 24)**

Revenue is projected to increase by \$91,312, primarily due to the stable proposal for funding and a slight increase to the meal rate. Expenditures reflect contractual wage increases, the approved Chartwells rate increase, and inflationary increases for food and supplies.

The projected ending fund balance is \$698,103, basically flat as compared to the 2025-26 Final Budget Revision.

### **Student/School Activity Fund (Page 25)**

The projected ending fund balance is \$477,311, an increase of \$21,510 from 2025-26 Final Budget Revision.

### **Additional Information**

While formal board action is not required under the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act for Debt Service and Capital Project Funds, these budgets are included in the budget document for transparency and information.