



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
40.		<b>Favor</b>	Cassandra F Bolden	
			Nicole Osyka	
		<b>Oppose</b>	Aleks Navasardyan	
			Bryan Ranger	
			Monisha Parker	<p>To explain the revenue and expenditures for the budget of 2025-2026 for the Manhattan Beach Unified School District (MBUSD), you can follow these steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Overview of the Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Begin with a brief introduction to the significance of the budget, stating that it outlines the district's financial plan for the academic year.</li> <li>- Mention the goal of the budget is to ensure that funds are allocated effectively to support educational programs, staff, facilities, and student services.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Revenue Sources <p>State Funding: Discuss the primary source of revenue, which typically comes from the state. This can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) that adjusts for student enrollment and demographic factors.</li> <li>- Additional funding for specific programs (e.g., Special Education, Title I).</li> </ul> <p>Local Revenue: Outline local sources such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Property taxes collected in the district.</li> <li>- Grants and donations from community members and organizations.</li> <li>- Fees for extracurricular activities and services.</li> </ul> <p>Federal Funding: Note any federal contributions that may be applicable, especially regarding programs like food assistance or special education support.</p> </li> <li>3. Expenditures <p>Instructional Costs: Highlight the largest portion of expenditures, which typically covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Salaries and benefits for teachers and staff.</li> <li>- Curriculum materials and educational resources.</li> </ul> <p>Administrative Costs: Briefly explain the expenses associated with district administration and support services, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Salaries for administrative staff.</li> <li>- Office supplies and operational costs.</li> </ul> <p>Facilities Maintenance: Discuss funds allocated for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maintenance and repair of school facilities.</li> <li>- Utility costs such as electricity, water, and internet.</li> </ul> <p>Student Services: Explain expenditures to support:</p> </li> </ol>



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- Counseling and mental health services.
- Transportation and meals for students.

### 4. Projected Budget Balance

- Discuss the importance of budgeting for a balanced budget or identifying any areas where there may be a deficit.
- Explain the impact of reserves or contingencies in the budget to ensure financial stability.

### 5. Community Engagement

- Mention how the district seeks input from parents, teachers, and community members in the budgeting process.
- Highlight any public meetings or forums planned for discussing the budget.

### 6. Challenges and Considerations

- Address any potential financial challenges, such as declining enrollment or increases in costs (like health benefits).
- Discuss potential changes in state funding formulas and how they might affect the district's financial outlook.

### 7. Future Goals and Priorities

- Conclude by stating the district's priorities for the budget year, which may include improving educational outcomes, enhancing student services, investing in technology, or addressing facility modernization needs.

### Conclusion

By structuring your explanation around these points, you can provide a comprehensive overview of the Manhattan Beach Unified School District's budget for 2025-2026, highlighting how revenue and expenditures align with the district's educational goals. Adjust the details based on the actual budget figures and specific initiatives relevant to the upcoming budget year.

To strengthen and reduce expenditures in areas such as Instructional Costs, Administrative Costs, Facilities Maintenance, and Student Services for the Manhattan Beach Unified School District, consider the following strategies:

#### 1. Instructional Costs

**Curriculum Review and Optimization:** Regularly assess curriculum effectiveness and eliminate or replace underperforming programs or resources. Focus on evidence-based practices that yield the best educational outcomes.

**Professional Development:** Invest in ongoing professional development for teachers that focuses on cost-effective teaching strategies and technology integration, which can improve student outcomes without significantly increasing costs.

**Leverage Technology:** Utilize online resources and tools that offer lower-cost instructional materials. Digital textbooks and open educational resources can provide significant cost savings.



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Increase Collaboration: Encourage collaborative teaching strategies to reduce staff levels while maintaining student-teacher interaction. Team-teaching models can be effective in reducing instructional costs while maximizing resources.

### 2. Administrative Costs

Process Optimization: Review administrative processes for efficiency. Streamline operations with technology solutions (e.g., automated systems for scheduling, payroll, and record-keeping) to reduce labor costs.

Shared Services: Consider partnerships with neighboring school districts for shared administrative services (HR, IT support, etc.) to reduce redundancy and costs.

Transparent Budgeting: Implement transparent budgeting practices that engage stakeholders in decision-making, ensuring that all expenditures are justified and add value to the educational mission.

### 3. Facilities Maintenance

Preventive Maintenance: Invest in a preventive maintenance program to address issues before they become costly repairs. This can save on long-term facility costs by extending the life of infrastructure and equipment.

Energy Efficiency: Implement energy-efficient upgrades (e.g., LED lighting, smart thermostats) to reduce utility bills. Seek grants or partnerships for renewable energy projects that can lower long-term energy costs.

Collaborate with Community: Partner with local businesses and organizations for facility use, combined events, or community service projects that help maintain facilities at lower costs.

### 4. Student Services

Needs Assessment: Conduct assessments of student services to identify and prioritize the most effective programs. Streamline or eliminate underutilized services to focus resources on what students need most.

Peer Support Programs: Develop peer mentoring or tutoring programs that utilize older or more experienced students to assist younger peers, reducing the need for costly professional staff.

Engage Families and Community: Create strong partnerships with families and community organizations to promote volunteerism and resource-sharing for activities, which can help reduce direct costs.

### 5. Additional Strategies

Grant Opportunities: Actively seek grants and funding opportunities from state, federal, and private sources to offset costs in all categories.

Long-term Financial Planning: Develop a long-term financial plan that includes forecasts for revenues and expenses, identifying areas where savings can be made and where investments will yield the greatest return.

Data-Driven Decisions: Use data analytics to assess spending in all areas, identify trends, and make informed decisions on where cuts can be made without sacrificing quality.

Conclusion

				By employing a multifaceted approach that includes efficiency, collaboration, and community engagement, the Manhattan Beach Unified School District can strengthen its offerings while effectively managing and reducing expenditures in key areas. Regular evaluation and adaptation of strategies are essential to ensure continued effectiveness and responsiveness to changing needs.
		<b>Item Total</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>5</b>	