



**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
42.		Oppose	Monisha Parker	<p>When explaining the revenue and expenditures for the budget of the East Whittier City School District for the fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027, it's important to consider several key components that encapsulate the financial health and planning of the district. Here's a step-by-step guide to present this information clearly:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overview of the Budget Process Definition: Explain that the budget is a financial plan outlining expected revenues (income) and expenditures (spending) for the school district over a specified period. Purpose: Highlight the goal of the budget, which is to support educational programs, maintain facilities, and ensure fiscal responsibility while meeting the needs of students and staff. 2. Revenue Sources Discuss the primary sources of revenue for the East Whittier City School District, which typically include: Local Revenue: Property taxes, parcel taxes, and other local funding sources. State Revenue: Funding from the California Department of Education, such as the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), which adjusts funding based on student demographics and needs. Federal Revenue: Grants and funding from federal programs such as Title I, which supports low-income students. Other Revenue: This can include donations, grants from foundations, and other fundraising efforts. 3. Projected Revenue for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 Comparative Figures: Provide projected figures for each revenue source for both fiscal years. Use graphs or tables to compare year-over-year changes. Trends or Changes: Discuss any anticipated changes in funding due to changes in enrollment, local property values, or state budget shifts. 4. Expenditures Break down the expenditures into major categories: Salaries and Benefits: Largest portion typically goes to staff salaries, health benefits, and retirement contributions. Instructional Costs: Expenses related to classroom materials, technology, curricular programs, and student services. Operational Costs: Includes maintenance, utilities, transportation, and administration. Capital Projects: Any planned expenditures for facility improvements or new construction. 5. Projected Expenditures for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027



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Comparative Figures: Present projected expenditures for each category money for both years. Again, using visual aids can clarify trends and highlight significant areas of spending.

Impact on Programs: Discuss how expenditure decisions align with the district's goals (e.g., improving student performance, increasing teacher retention, etc.).

6. Budget Surplus/Deficit Outlook

Surplus/Deficit Analysis: Provide insight into whether the budget anticipates a surplus or deficit for each year.

Financial Health: Discuss any measures that might be needed to manage a deficit (e.g., potential cuts, seeking additional funding).

7. Stakeholder Engagement

Community Input: Emphasize the importance of community and stakeholder input in the budget process and how the district engages with parents, staff, and the community to align budget priorities with district goals.

8. Conclusion

Long-term Strategy: Reiterate the commitment to ensuring the financial sustainability of the district while enhancing educational quality and opportunities for all students.

Future Planning: Encourage looking ahead at upcoming fiscal trends, potential changes in state funding, and long-term planning for sustaining the budget in future years.

Additional Tips

- Use clear and accessible language, avoiding jargon where possible.
- Incorporate visuals (charts or graphs) to enhance understanding.
- Be prepared to answer questions regarding specific line items or how certain decisions were made.

By presenting the budget in this structured way, you can provide a comprehensive and understandable overview of the East Whittier City School District's financial planning for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 fiscal years.

Strengthening a school district like East Whittier City School District while simultaneously reducing expenditures in key areas such as salaries and benefits, instructional costs, operational costs, and capital projects can be a complex challenge. Here are some strategies that could be considered:

1. Salaries and Benefits

Staff Restructuring: Evaluate staffing levels and roles. Consider reducing administrative overhead or reallocating roles to enhance efficiency. Use part-time or contract staff for certain roles.

Benefit Optimization: Review employee benefits to find less costly alternatives or adjust employer contribution rates. Consider wellness programs that can help reduce long-term healthcare costs.



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Negotiation: Engage in collective bargaining with employee unions to negotiate salary increments that align with budgetary constraints.
Retention Programs: Develop strategies that improve job satisfaction and retention among current employees, reducing turnover and associated hiring costs.

2. Instructional Costs

Adopt Digital Learning: Implement online learning resources and platforms to reduce costs associated with textbooks, printed materials, and physical classroom needs.
Shared Resources: Partner with other districts or institutions to share costs associated with special education services, extracurricular programs, or vocational training.
Curriculum Evaluation: Regularly review and assess the current curriculum for efficacy and efficiency. Eliminate programs or courses that are underperforming or not meeting educational goals.
Grants and Donations: Actively seek grants and community donations to fund specific educational projects or resources, decreasing reliance on district funding.

3. Operational Costs

Energy Efficiency Initiatives: Invest in energy-efficient upgrades (like solar panels, LED lighting, etc.) to reduce utility costs over time.
Centralized Services: Create shared services within the district for administrative functions (HR, payroll, IT) to cut down on redundant costs.
Outsource Non-Core Services: Consider outsourcing non-essential services such as janitorial, maintenance, and food services, where it is financially beneficial.
Inventory Management: Implement a robust inventory management system to reduce waste and improve procurement efficiency for supplies.

4. Capital Projects

Prioritization: Conduct a thorough assessment of capital projects and prioritize those that offer the most long-term savings or essential benefits to students.
Funding Alternatives: Explore alternative funding mechanisms such as state and federal grants, public-private partnerships, or community funding initiatives to support capital projects without increasing local tax burdens.
Phased Implementation: Consider a phased approach to capital projects, spreading costs over time rather than seeking large upfront investments.
Facility Utilization: Optimize the use of existing facilities to delay the need for new construction. This may include repurposing underused spaces or increasing community access after hours.

5. Community Engagement and Transparency

Communicate Effectively: Keep the community informed about financial health and involve them in budgetary discussions. Transparency can build trust and garner support for necessary changes.
Volunteer Programs: Develop programs that leverage community volunteers

				<p>for school events, assisting staff, and providing additional support without added costs.</p> <p>6. Continuous Improvement Regular Budget Reviews: Implement a system for continuous evaluation of expenditures vs. outcomes, ensuring that funds are being effectively allocated based on actual needs and changing circumstances. Data-Driven Decisions: Use data analytics to assess areas of unnecessary spending and generate insights that can guide strategic decisions.</p> <p>By approaching the issue with a comprehensive strategy that combines innovative financing, effective resource management, and community involvement, East Whittier City School District can work toward strengthening its financial stability while maintaining quality</p>
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