



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS  
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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> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>5. Projected Expenditures for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027</p>

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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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