



**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
47.		Oppose	Monisha Parker	<p>Explaining the revenue and expenditures for the Hermosa Beach City School District's budget for the years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 involves breaking down several key components:</p> <p>1. Overview of the Budgeting Process Purpose of the Budget: The budget reflects the district's priorities, funding sources, and projected expenses for educational programs and services. Stakeholder Involvement: Explain the involvement of various stakeholders, including district officials, educators, parents, and community members, in the budget development process.</p> <p>2. Revenues Funding Sources: Highlight the primary sources of revenue for the district, which typically include: State Funding: The majority of revenue often comes from the state, based on formulas that consider student enrollment and local funding levels. Local Property Taxes: Discuss how property taxes contribute to the funding, including any assessments or bonds that might be in place. Federal Funds: Mention any federal grants or assistance programs that the district may receive. Other Revenue Sources: This can include fundraising, grants, and fees for services such as after-school programs or adult education.</p> <p>3. Expenditures Key Areas of Spending: Describe the main areas where money is spent: Instructional Services: Cost of teacher salaries, classroom materials, and resources for students. Support Services: Spending on counseling, special education, and other student support programs. Administrative Costs: Salaries for administrative staff, facilities management, and operational expenses. Capital Expenditures: Investments in infrastructure, technology upgrades, and maintenance of school facilities. Debt Service: Any payments related to previously incurred debt (e.g., bonds for building projects).</p> <p>4. Projected Changes from 2026-2027 to 2027-2028 Increase or Decrease in Revenue: Discuss expected changes due to factors like changes in enrollment, property tax assessments, or new funding legislation. Changes in Expenditure Patterns: Address how spending priorities may shift. This could include increases in salaries, benefits, special programs, or changes in staffing. Projected Budget Surplus or Deficit: Analyze if the district expects to have a</p>

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surplus or a deficit and the implications of either scenario.

5. Long-Term Financial Planning

Sustainability: Explain strategies to ensure the budget is sustainable in the long run, focusing on maintaining quality education while being fiscally responsible.

Reserves and Contingencies: Describe how the district plans to manage reserves and contingencies for unexpected expenses.

6. Community Impact

Educational Outcomes: Discuss how budget decisions will affect educational programs, student achievement, and overall community welfare.

Engagement and Transparency: Emphasize the importance of budget transparency and community engagement, highlighting forums, meetings, or communications that invite public input.

7. Conclusion

- Summarize the key points and emphasize the district's commitment to transparency and effective financial management. Encourage community involvement and feedback as the district moves forward with the budgeting process.

Additional Tips

- Use clear, concise language and avoid jargon where possible.
- Consider including visual aids such as graphs or tables to illustrate revenue and expenditure data.
- Be prepared to discuss assumptions and projections, as well as contingency plans for unexpected circumstances.
- Provide opportunities for questions and feedback from stakeholders to foster transparency.

By following this structure, you can deliver a comprehensive explanation of the revenue and expenditures for the Hermosa Beach City School District's budgets for 2026-2027 and 2027-2028.

Strengthening and reducing expenditures in specific areas like Instructional Services, Support Services, Administrative Costs, Capital Expenditures, and Debt Service for a school district like Hermosa Beach City School District involves a multi-faceted approach. Here are some strategies tailored to each category:

1. Instructional Services

Curriculum Evaluation: Regularly review the curriculum to ensure it aligns with educational standards and is cost-effective. Invest in high-quality instructional materials that have a proven return on investment.

Professional Development: Offer targeted professional development for teachers to improve instructional practices, which can lead to better student outcomes and potentially reduce the need for costly interventions later.



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Collaborative Teaching Models: Implement co-teaching models to maximize resource use and support diverse learners without significantly increasing personnel costs.

2. Support Services

Streamline Services: Evaluate support services (counseling, special education) for efficiency. Consider shared services with neighboring districts to reduce costs.

Community Partnerships: Partner with local organizations for after-school programs or counseling services that can provide support without straining district resources.

Data-Driven Decision Making: Use data to identify students who need support and provide targeted interventions, which can be more cost-effective than broad, unstructured programs.

3. Administrative Costs

Staffing Review: Conduct a thorough review of administrative positions and consider consolidating roles or using a flatter management structure to reduce overhead.

Technology Integration: Invest in technology that can automate administrative tasks, allowing staff to focus on more impactful activities, which can ultimately reduce costs.

Budget Transparency and Accountability: Create a budget oversight committee including stakeholders to ensure funds are used effectively and efficiently.

4. Capital Expenditures

Preventive Maintenance: Invest in regular maintenance of facilities to prolong their life and reduce the need for major repairs or replacements.

Energy Efficiency Improvements: Implement energy-saving initiatives (solar panels, LED lighting) to reduce utility costs in the long term.

Flexible Spaces: Design multipurpose spaces that can serve various functions, reducing the need for additional facilities.

5. Debt Service

Refinance Existing Debt: Explore opportunities to refinance existing debt at lower interest rates. Consult with financial advisors to determine the best strategies for managing debt.

Short-Term Funding Solutions: Use temporary funding sources for capital improvements to spread costs over time, minimizing immediate financial strain.

Increase Revenue through Grants and Partnerships: Actively pursue grants and partnerships that can help fund initiatives without increasing debt.

6. General Strategies

Community Engagement: Involve parents and community members in discussions about budget priorities to identify shared values and priorities, which can lead to support for needed funding increases or cost reductions.

Performance Metrics: Develop and monitor performance metrics for all areas,

				<p>enabling timely adjustments to strategies based on data.</p> <p>Continuous Improvement: Establish a culture of continuous improvement where staff is empowered to suggest and implement cost-saving measures.</p> <p>Conclusion</p> <p>Reducing expenditures while strengthening services requires careful planning, community involvement, and a focus on efficiency and effectiveness. The Hermosa Beach City School District can adopt a combination of these strategies to achieve a balanced budget that effectively supports its educational mission. Regular reviews and revisions of these strategies will ensure they remain relevant and effective.</p>
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