SUPERINTENDENT'S **PROPOSED BUDGET**

Dr. Francisco Durán, Superintendent

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Investing in Our Priorities: Students, Staff, Schools

FY 2024 Budget Direction

Based on School Board Budget Direction, the budget will:

- Be a needs-based budget
- Align to the 2022-2023 School Board Priorities:
 - o Ensure student well being and academic progress with a focus on innovation, equity, and evidence-based practices
 - o Advance 2018-2024 Strategic Plan goals with focus on innovation and equity
 - Recruit, hire, retain, and invest in a high-quality and diverse workforce to ensure APS is the place where talented individuals choose to work
 - o Improve operational efficiency
- Maintain our commitment to recruit, hire, retain, and invest in a highquality and diverse workforce by sustainably funding marketcompetitive salary scales and benefits

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FY 2024 Budget Direction (cont'd)

• Ensure resources are allocated for a study of planning factors with an equity lens. Include a review of planning factors for services for students with disabilities, English Learners, and students with additional needs based on current and historical data. Provide a phased, multi-year plan for adjusting Planning Factors that addresses staffing, supplies, and other supports as necessary to meet student needs. As resources allow, propose changes to planning factors for FY 2024.

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How We Built the Budget

- Compensation increase funded first
- Focus on funding for the School Board's Priorities
 - New budget requests limited to those that were most needed and reflected the School Board's Priorities
 - Efficiencies in baseline budgets and increases aligned with the School Board's Priorities
- Strategic use of reserves for compensation, debt service, onetime costs

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FY 2024 Superintendent's Proposed Budget

Total FY 2024 budget = \$803.3 million

Budget increases 7.14% over FY 2023

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

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PRIORITY #1

Ensure student well-being and academic progress with a focus on innovation, equity, and evidence-based practices

- Identify, report and address all students' strengths and needs.
- Innovate new strategies to improve secondary literacy.
 Continue to strengthen elementary literacy and mathematics at all levels.
- Invest in improving supports for students with disabilities, English learners, and Black and Hispanic students, based on current and historical data.

FY 2023 Funding Highlights – Priority #1



- Enrollment changes (\$6.0M; 54.1 FTE)
- Student social-emotional (SEL) and mental health supports (\$1.8M; 15.0 FTE)
- Increased supports for special populations (\$2.4M; 10.4 FTE)
- Instructional resources and supports (\$4.3M; 20.5 FTE)

Total Investment: \$14.5 million

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Priority #1 Investments Enrollment Changes

- Elementary staffing (26.5 FTE)
- Secondary staffing (22.4 FTE)
- Other school-based staffing (2.0 FTE)
- Special education staffing (3.2 FTE)
- Spring staffing update placeholder (\$0.8M)

Italics denotes equity-related items

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Priority #1 Investments Student Social-Emotional and Mental Health Supports

- Intervention school counselors for secondary schools (10.0 FTE)
- Dean of Students for comprehensive high schools (3.0 FTE)
- Substance abuse counselors (2.0 FTE)
- School health supervisor (1.0 FTE)
- Stipends for social-emotional learning (SEL) leads at every school (1 per school + 1 additional over 2,000 students)
- Psychologist and social worker to maintain current staffing (2.0 FTE)

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Priority #1 Investments Increased Supports for Special Populations

- Targeted resources for all schools (\$1M)
- K-8 math interventionists (4.0 FTE)
- Additional translators (Arabic, Amharic, Mongolian & Spanish) (4.0 FTE)
- Additional psychologist for Child Find/PreK screenings (0.4 FTE)
- Summer school meals for all elementary students
- English language development teachers for dual immersion (2.0 FTE)
- EL office 5-year strategic plan consultant (Year 2)
- Consultant to review inclusive practices in APS (\$0.15M)
- Planning factor study funding (\$0.08M)

Italics denotes equity-related items

Priority #1 Investments Instructional Resources and Supports

- Math coaches at elementary, ACC, and HBW (8.5 FTE)
- School testing coordinators at non-Title I ES (8.5 FTE)
- Career and Technical Education teacher specialist (1.0 FTE)
- Early childhood teacher specialist (1.0 FTE)
- Spanish language arts resources for dual immersion (\$0.25M)
- Instructional resources and software (\$0.4M)
- Additional summer school resources (\$0.5M)
- Commercial bus transportation for high school athletics (\$0.5M)
- Interactive classroom technology replacement cycle shortened (\$0.3M)

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PRIORITY #2

Recruit, hire, retain, and invest in a highquality workforce to ensure APS is the place where talented individuals choose to work

- Sustainably fund market competitive salary scales and benefits.
- Engage collaboratively in the negotiations process to reach collective bargaining agreements that will be in place beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

FY 2024 Funding Highlights – Priority #2

- Provide a Compensation Adjustment to All Employees (\$25.6M)
- Compensation Changes (\$2.0M)
- Recruitment and Retention (\$0.6M; -2.0 FTE)

Total Investment: \$28.2 million



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Priority #2 Investments Provide a Compensation Adjustment to All Employees

- Provide a step increase to all eligible employees
- Provide a 3% cost of living adjustment to all employees
- For Teacher Pay Scales (T)
 - Average pay increase = 5.2%
- For Administrator and Professional Pay Scales (P, E)
 - Average pay increase = 5.13%
- For Support Staff Pay Scales (A, C, D, G, M, X)
 - Average pay increase = 6.18%
- Overall average pay increase = 5.26%

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Priority #2 Investments Compensation Changes

- Negotiated salary grade adjustment for assistant principals
- Summer School incentive for teachers (\$2K) and assistants (\$1K) (\$1.2M)
- Substitute coverage pay for teachers and increased substitute pay rates (\$0.3M)
- Mentor Teacher stipends to meet demand (\$0.1M)
- Additional advanced degrees stipends for administrative staff (\$0.1M)
- Compensation Study continuation funding (\$0.2M)

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Priority #2 Investments Recruitment and Retention

- Professional learning specialist classified/support staff (1.0 FTE)
- Additional recruitment funding (\$0.2M)
- Expanded professional development (\$0.2M)
- Employee Assistance Program changes
 - Contracted service with CIGNA
 - Reduction of 3.0 FTE

PRIORITY #3 Improve operational efficiency

- Systematically review departmental organizational structures and practices to identify potential savings to APS.
- Continue efforts to realign all operational systems and infrastructure with industry best practices concentrating on student and staff safety, customer service, and cost savings.
- Prioritize maintenance and renovation of APS facilities and outdoor spaces in an equitable manner.

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FY 2024 Funding Highlights – Priority #3



- Safety and Security Enhancements (\$1.4M; 9.0 FTE)
- Network infrastructure and technology supports (\$1.4M; 4.0 FTE)
- System-wide operations improvements (\$6.0M; 7.0 FTE)

Total Investment: \$8.8 million

Priority #3 Investments Safety and Security Enhancements

- Threat Assessment Specialist (1.0 FTE)
- Additional School Safety Coordinators (8.0 FTE)
- Security camera licensing and additional cameras (\$0.6M)
- Additional safety and security resources (\$0.1M)

Italics denotes equity-related items

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Priority #3 Investments Network Infrastructure and Technology Supports

- Content filtering system enhancements (\$0.2M)
- Customer relations management system expansion (\$0.1M)
- IS technicians for schools (4.0 FTE)
- ERP upgrade support (\$0.3M)
- Wireless network infrastructure (\$0.5M)

Priority #3 Investments System-wide Operations Improvements

- Assistant General Counsel Special Education (1.0 FTE)
- Lease for Arlington Community High School (\$1.0M)
- Replacement of synthetic turf fields (W-L; Williamsburg)
- Reclassification of registrars to 12-month positions (\$0.23M)
- Procurement specialist (1.0 FTE)
- Additional custodial support (1.0 FTE)
- Increased facilities maintenance costs (\$0.9M)
- Increased contractual obligations (\$0.5M)
- Replacement buses (\$1.2M)

Italics denotes equity-related items

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SUMMARY OF OUR INVESTMENTS

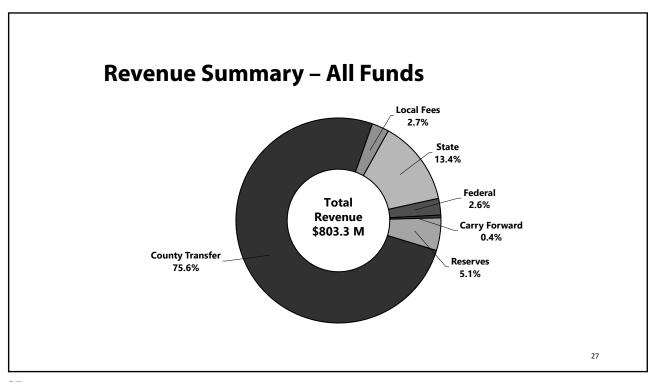
Summary of Investments

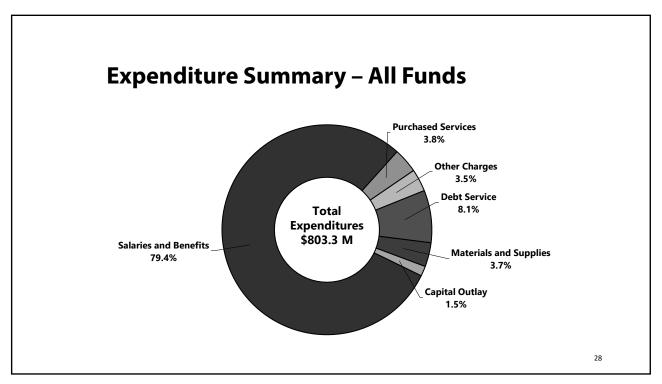
Description	Amount (\$ in millions)	FTE
Compensation Changes	\$27.15	
School-based Investments		
Direct services and supports for Students	\$12.26	91.0
Direct services and supports for Schools and School Operations	\$9.73	23.0
Total School-based Investments	\$21.99	114.0
Central Office Investments	\$2.37	3.0
Total Investments	\$51.51	117.0

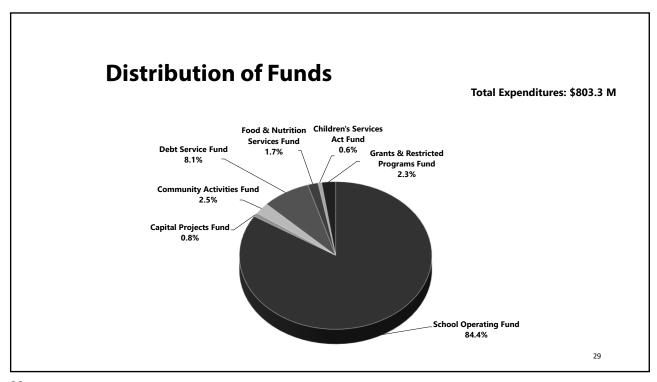
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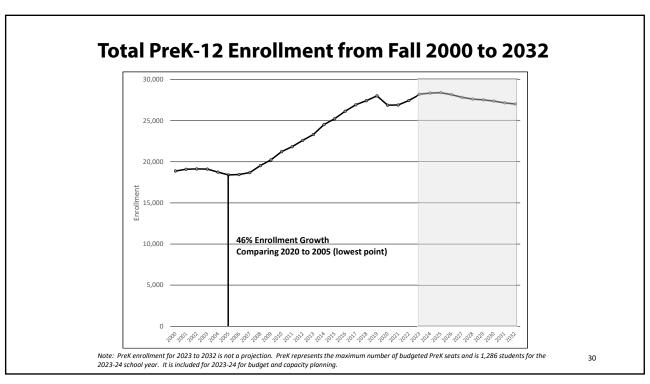
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FY 2024 BUDGET BY THE NUMBERS









FY 2024 Budget Calendar

Feb 23: Superintendent's Proposed FY 2024 Budget

Feb 23: Work Session #1Mar 7: Work Session #2Mar 14: Work Session #3

Mar 21: Work Session #4

Mar 23: Public Hearing on Superintendent's Proposed Budget

Mar 30: School Board's Proposed FY 2024 Budget (Action)

Mar 31: School Board's Budget Presentation to County Board

Apr 18: Work Session #5 (with Budget Advisory Council)

Apr 25: Public Hearing on School Board's Proposed Budget

May 2: Work Session #6

May 11: School Board's Adopted FY 2024 Budget

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