



# South Harrison Township Elementary School

## 2025-2026

# Budget Presentation

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Superintendent/Principal – Dr. Elizabeth Winterburn

Business Administrator – Christian Albadine





# District Mission

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**Provide all students with educational opportunities and learning programs that promote high levels of academic achievement, social-emotional competence, and guided preparation for the future.**

## Budget Goals

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### **Student Achievement**

Our budget prioritizes student success by funding high-quality instruction, academic interventions, and equitable access to resources. It supports professional development, mental health services, and programs that prepare students for Kingsway Regional and other High School Districts. Every dollar is aligned with our goal of improving outcomes for all learners.

### **Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability**

Our budget demonstrates fiscal responsibility and accountability by aligning expenditures with projected revenues, ensuring we live within our means. It prioritizes essential services, reduces unnecessary spending, and includes regular reviews to track performance. Transparent reporting and audits further ensure that public funds are managed efficiently and responsibly.



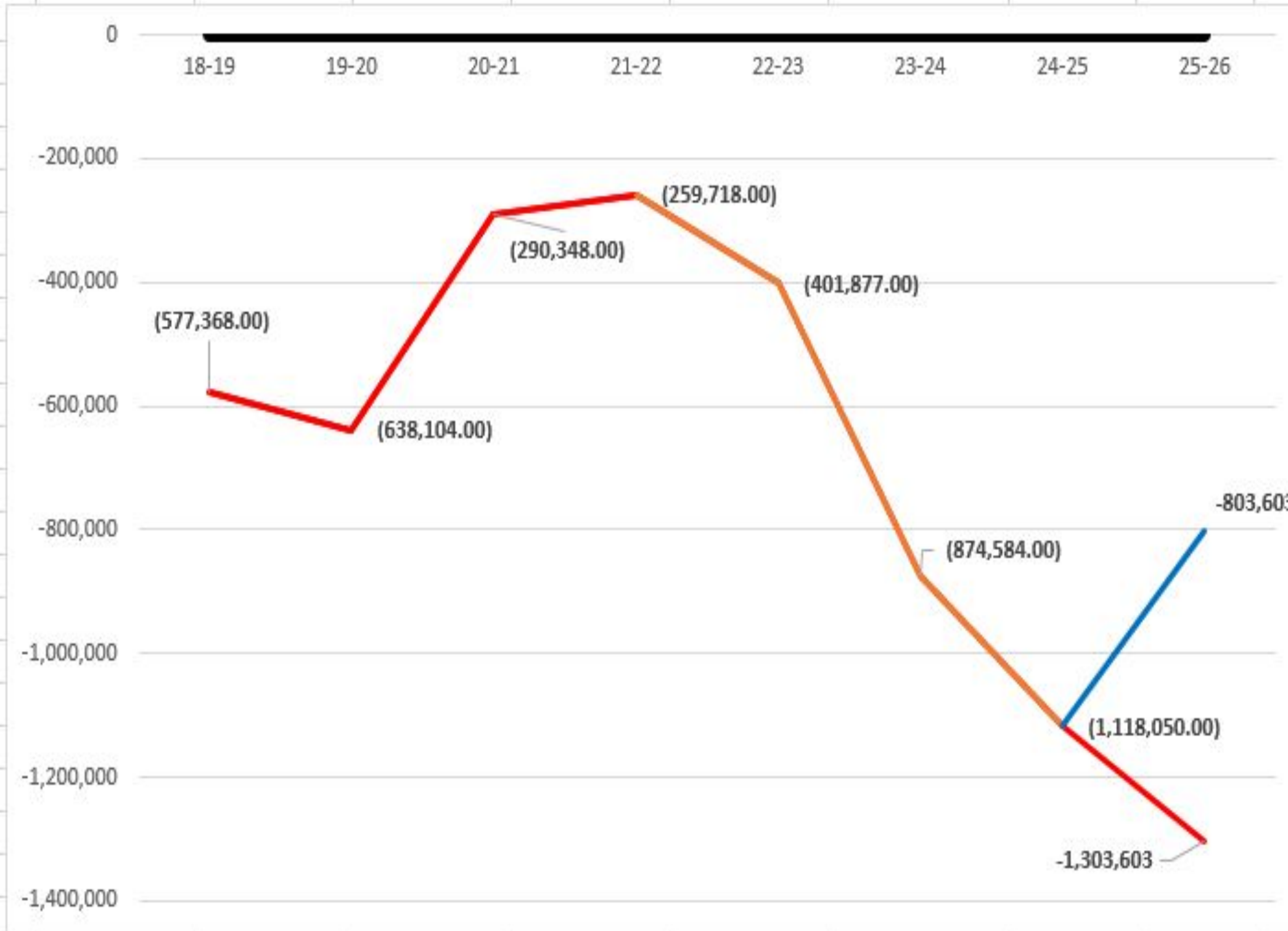
# South Harrison Enrollment

Grade Level	Current Totals	Estimated 25-26
PK	59	75
K	32	38
1	41	33
2	49	42
3	37	49
4	46	37
5	36	46
6	52	36
Resident Students	324	356
Choice Students	26	26
District Total	350	382



# Adequacy

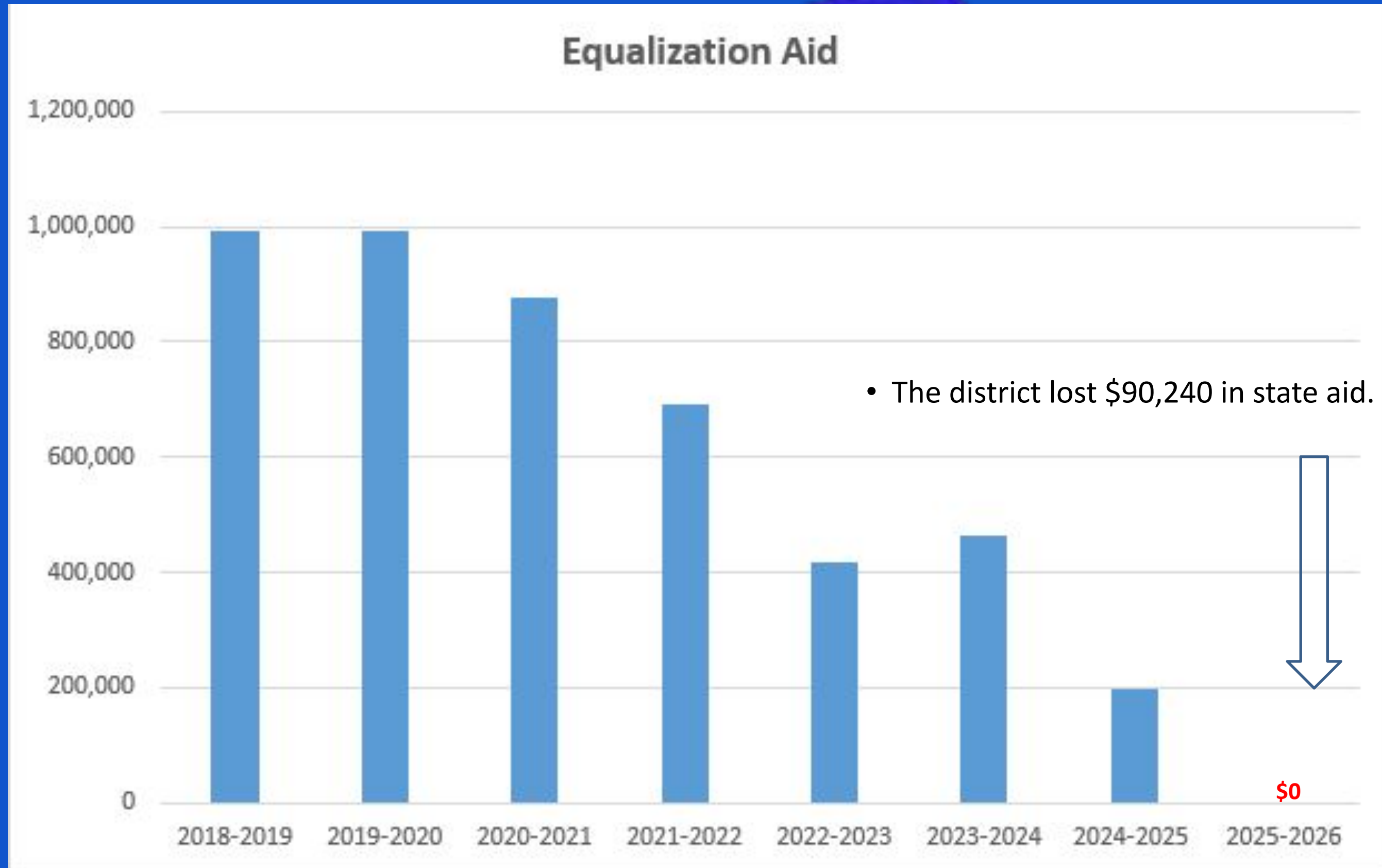
- With the Recent State Aid Cut South Harrison Elementary is \$-1,303,603 Under Adequacy
- To have a Adequate, the State believes the tax payers local Fair Share of \$5,454,687
- In a Special Meeting April 7, 2025 the district applied for additional Tax revenue of \$500,000



Line	Name	Amount	Description
A	2025-26 General Fund Levy	4,151,084	
B	Equalization Aid	0	
C	Total Budgeted Adequacy Spending (A + B)	4,151,084	
D	District Adequacy Budget	5,454,687	
E	Excess Amount (C - D)	-1,303,603	
	Status	0	The proposed budget is at or below the expected local levy
	Explanation (only if Line E is positive)	0	

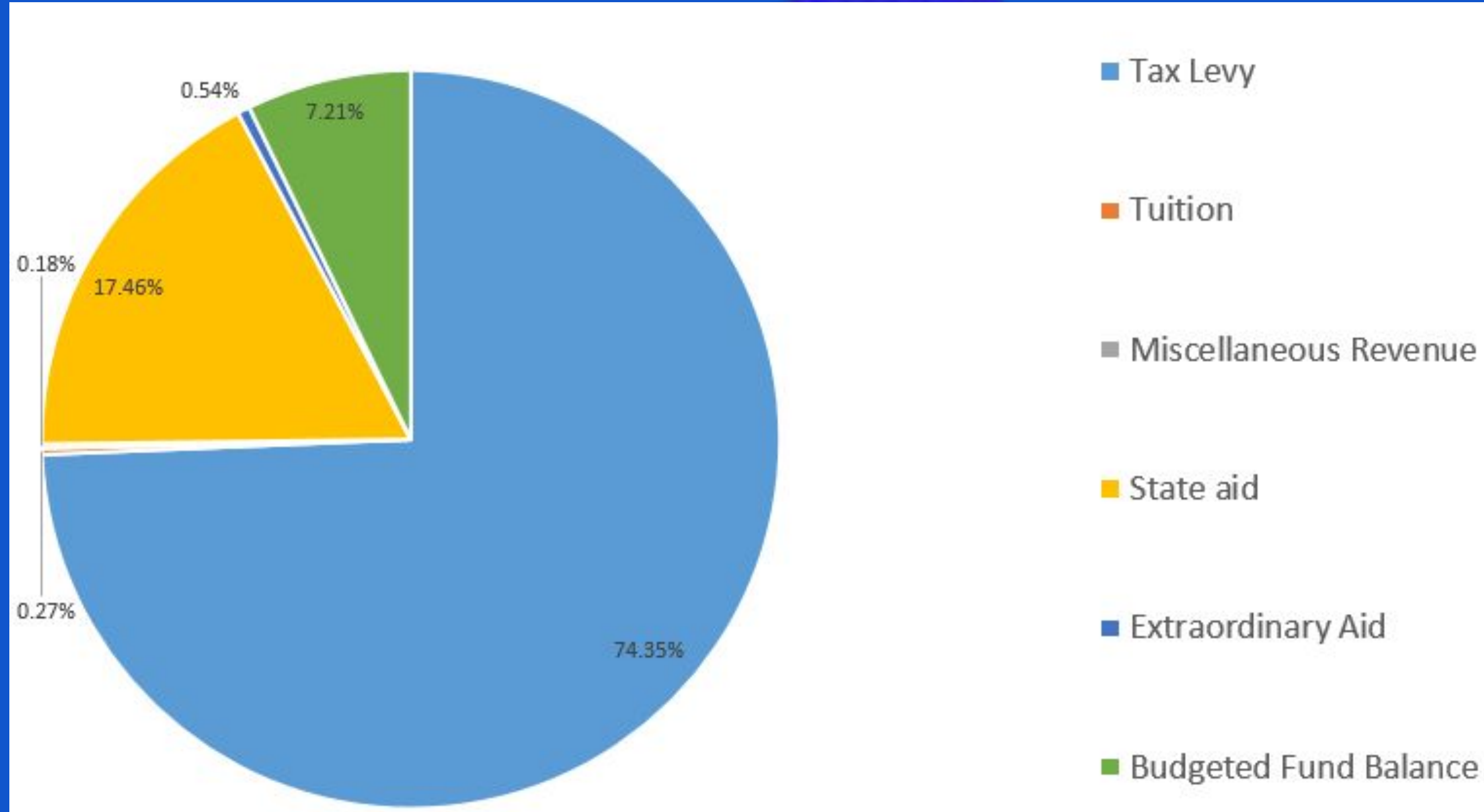


# State Aid Losses





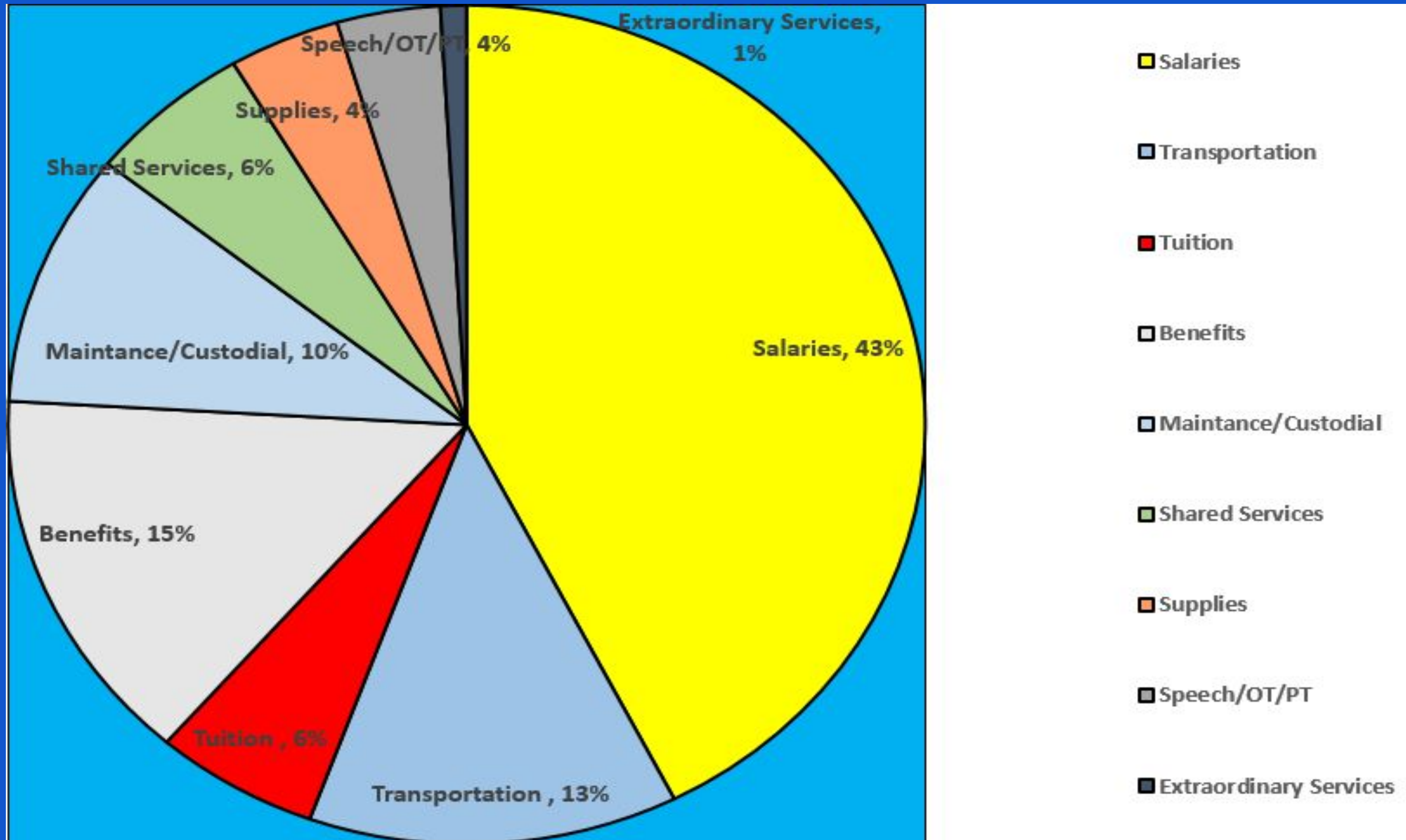
# Revenues







# Expenses







# Tax Breakdown



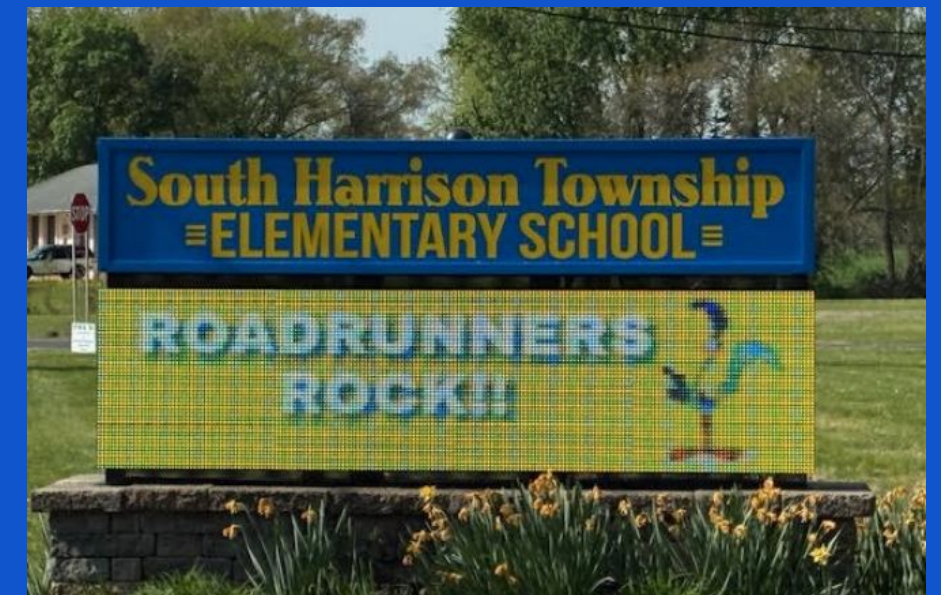
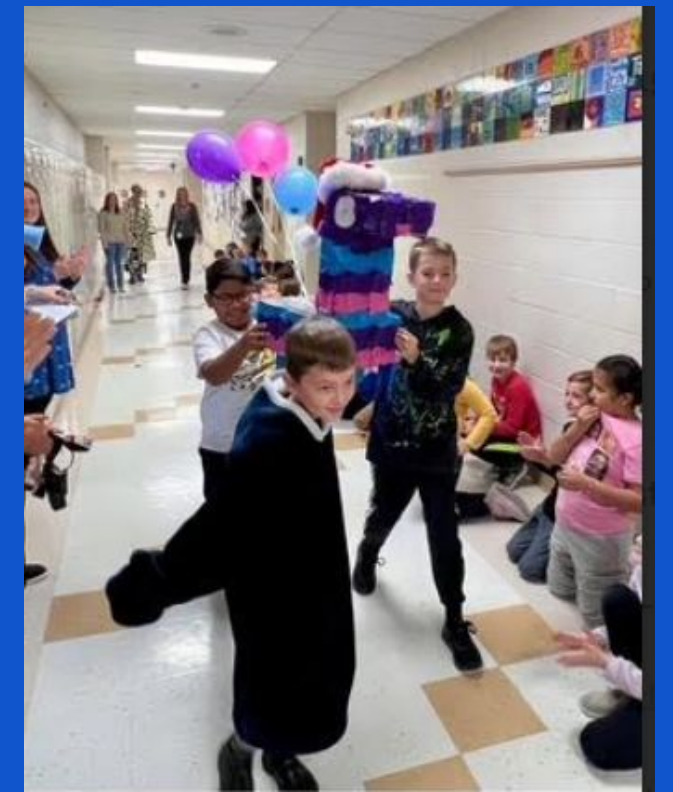
Change in Total Levy			
School Year	General Fund	Debt Service	Total
25-26	4,651,084	727,992	5,379,076
24-25	4,005,850	721,533	4,727,383
Inc(Dec)	\$ 645,234	\$ 6,459	\$ 651,693

Fluctuation in Taxes Per Average Assessed Property						
Avg Property Assessment	General Fund		Debt Service		Total	
	Annual	Inc(Dec)	Annual	Inc(Dec)	Annual	Inc(Dec)
\$ 285,876	\$ 3,208.48	\$ 356.42	\$ 502.19	\$ (11.52)	\$ 3,710.67	\$ 344.90
\$ 335,876	\$ 3,769.64	\$ 418.76	\$ 590.03	\$ (13.53)	\$ 4,359.67	\$ 405.22
\$ 385,876	\$ 4,330.81	\$ 481.09	\$ 677.86	\$ (15.55)	\$ 5,008.67	\$ 465.55
\$ 435,876	\$ 4,891.97	\$ 543.43	\$ 765.70	\$ (17.56)	\$ 5,657.67	\$ 525.87





# South Harrison Elementary School District Sustainability Overview







# South Harrison Township Preschool

## Key Highlights

- 5 preschool classrooms
- New preschool playground
- Preschool Instructional Coach
- Benefits for students/families by offering a full day preschool inclusion program
- Increase in Literacy/Math/Social skills
- Importance of early childhood foundational years





# Tax Incentive Program

•**Why Is South Harrison Eligible?**

- Taxing below its local fair share (defined as having a general fund tax levy in the 2024-25 school year that is less than the local fair share in the 2025-26 school year, as calculated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-52)
- Spending below adequacy, as defined pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-70.



*The district is requesting an increase in expenditures by \$525,000 to qualify for Tax Levy Incentive Aid in the amount of \$25,000. As a district classified under S2, we continue to face significant challenges with funding reductions that have had a direct impact on our ability to deliver a thorough and efficient education to all students. These financial constraints have made it increasingly difficult to maintain the essential positions and services that are critical to meeting the needs of our students.*

Items Requesting in Application
Special Education Aides
Behavioral Services for students
Speech and Related Services
LDTC position for support in the Child Study team for at risk students
Teacher Position previously lost State aid cuts







# Budget Additions



- New Math program beginning September 2025
- Two new positions
- Special Education Aides
- Maintain current transportation services
- Maintain compliance with all state regulations
- Technology improvements
- Maintenance improvements
- Sustainability
- Equity and Access
- Continuous Improvement





# Future Outlook

- Support our Independence as a District
- South Harrison continues to look to operate as a self sufficient prek-6 district
- Administration has and will continue to find creative ways to bring in revenue to support district initiatives.
- Increase in Class Offerings and programs

SOME VERY COOL  
THINGS HAPPEN IN THIS  
NEAT LITTLE PLACE  
SOUTH HARRISON TOWNSHIP  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL







Questions???

Comments...

Thoughts....

Thank you for your continued support!

