
MEMORANDUM

TO: House Committee on Ways and Means
FROM: Kelly Murphy, Director of Education Finance
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SUBJECT: Education Spending
DATE: January 27, 2026

This is the first preliminary report on School Board approved, pre-Town Meeting Day, School District budgets. This reporting is intended to be iterative, as AOE receives budgets, results will be provided. The deadline for this collection is 2/15/2026. The final collection will follow Town Meeting Day and will be representative of voter approved budgets. These results will be available in April.

To date 29 records have been collected, 7 are still pending Superintendent signature, but have been included in this summary.

- Received 29 responses of budgeted expenditures, offsetting revenue, and calculated education spending.
- Of the 119 Districts, 91 Districts are pending submission, 24% of Districts have submitted budgets for this collection.
- Responses represent 32% of FY26 LTWADM.
- Responding District's average increase is 3.5%, representing a drop from the December 1st letter of 5.8%. These results are highly preliminary and subject to change as more Districts report.



Table. 1 – Warned budget data (n=29)

Table 1	FY2027	FY2026	\$ Change	% Change
Budgeted Expenditures	804,153,802	789,191,680	14,962,122	1.9%
Offsetting Revenues	130,968,138	138,819,637	(7,851,499)	-5.7%
Education Spending	673,185,664	650,372,043	22,813,621	3.5%

Table. 2 – Total Education Spending (projected based on 3.5% average increase)

Table 2	FY2027	FY2026	\$ Change	% Change
Education Spending	2,058,148,349	1,988,399,661	69,748,688	3.5%