



DOUGLAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FY 2025

Superintendent's Preliminary Proposed Budget

School Committee Meeting: February 7, 2024



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"The Douglas Public Schools offer diverse learning experiences that meet the academic, social, physical, and emotional needs of all students. We provide a safe, supportive, and challenging learning environment in which students may achieve academic success and personal growth. Decisions are made in the best interest of students."



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Blueprint for Student Success

Improvement Priority Areas

Academic Excellence
Community Partnerships
The Well-Being of All
Local and Global Citizenship
Growth Mindset



*Our goal is to provide a Real Needs Budget for
the FY25 Fiscal Year*

FY 25 Preliminary Budget - Budget Drivers

- DMS Guidance/School Adjustment Counselor (1.0 FTE)
- DHS Stars and Stripes Program Teacher (1.0 FTE)
- DPS and DES STEM Teacher (.50 FTE at each school)
- Grounds Maintenance/Custodian (1.0 FTE)
- Athletic Trainer
- Panorama Program
- Remediation Paraprofessionals
- Textbooks
- Elementary, Middle, and High School Chromebook Leases
- Districtwide Wage Adjustments

FY 25 Preliminary Budget - Year to Year Budget Savings

- 3.0 FTE's Paraprofessionals and ABA reduction (attrition) -**\$69,011**
- Heating Oil bid price reduction -**\$33,593**
- DW SPED Tuitions reduction - **\$562,419**
- Staff Retirements - **\$56,708**

These year over year budget savings of **\$721,731** helped substantially to reduce the budget delta.

FY25 Preliminary Budget Summary as of 2/7/2024

FY24 General Fund Budget Appropriation (net of offsets)	\$14,918,771
FY25 Town Preliminary Additional Appropriation Amount	\$425,081
FY25 Total Preliminary Town Appropriation	\$15,343,852
FY25 Total Preliminary Proposed Budget	\$18,444,279
Use of Grants & Revolving Funds (Operating Budget Offsets)	(\$2,863,449)
FY25 Preliminary General Fund Budget (Net of Offsets)	\$15,580,830
FY 25 Budget Delta	(\$236,978)
% Increase over FY24 appropriation	2.85%

School Choice

		OVERRIDE		COVID YEAR	OVERPYT.	DOR REV.RED.		
	Fiscal 2018	Fiscal 2019	Fiscal 2020	Fiscal 2021	Fiscal 2022	Fiscal 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Description	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Projection	Projection
School Choice Revolving Fund								
	FB Chgd. byTA	DOES NOT INCL \$15,582 ENC.						
Fund Balance, Beginning	961,396	1,102,072	1,731,671	1,492,695	2,217,354	2,005,282	2,219,246	1,609,246
Regular Tuition Receipts	550,800	637,400	612,500	620,400	630,295	391,170	390,000	465,000
Special Education Increment	196,471	278,275	248,500	304,858	138,967	177,042	150,000	66,500
Total Estimated Revenue	747,271	915,675	861,000	925,258	769,262	568,212	540,000	531,500
Actual Expenditures/Budgeted (Current Yr.)	(606,596)	(286,076)	(1,099,976)	(200,599)	(981,334)	(354,248)	(1,500,000)	(1,200,000)
Carryover/reclasses from General Fund							350,000	200,000
Fund Balance, Ending	1,102,072	1,731,671	1,492,695	2,217,354	2,005,282	2,219,246	1,609,246	1,140,746
Contingency	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Fund Balance After Contingency	852,072	1,481,671	1,242,695	1,967,354	1,755,282	1,969,246	1,359,246	890,746
Amount Budgeted in Approved Budget		701,806	1,246,000	1,000,000	1,422,913	1,400,000	1,656,547	

Circuit Breaker

	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Description	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Projection	Projection
SPED Circuit Breaker Fund								
Fund Balance, Beginning	1,042,848	1,095,728	774,451	682,373	330,425	710,326	424,724	621,719
Extraordinary Relief Receipts								
SPED Transportation Reimbursement						-		
Regular Circuit Breaker Receipts	1,302,514	1,414,672	1,081,093	1,076,405	1,168,719	1,215,192	1,248,995	875,767
TOTAL Circuit Breaker Receipts	1,302,514	1,414,672	1,081,093	1,076,405	1,168,719	1,215,192	1,248,995	875,767
Planned Expenditures	(1,249,634)	(1,735,949)	(1,173,171)	(1,428,353)	(788,818)	(1,500,794)	(1,052,000)	(982,000)
FY21 Addl. OOD Tuition - Move in from NY & 2 ABA's								
Fund Balance, Ending	1,095,728	774,451	682,373	330,425	710,326	424,724	621,719	515,486
Contingency for Unanticipated Tuitions/Paraprofessionals	360,000	360,000	360,000	0	350,000	300,000	250,000	250,000
Fund Balance After Contingency	735,728	414,451	322,373	330,425	360,326	124,724	371,719	265,486
Amt. Budgeted in Original Approved Budget	1,024,087	1,511,312	954,000	900,000				

FY 2025 Budget Summary

Category	FY 2025 Gross Operating Budget	Use of Revolving Funds & Grants	FY 2025 Net General Fund Operating Budget	% of Gross Operating Budget
Salaries & Other Compensation	\$14,069,276	(\$281,449)	\$13,787,827	76.28%
Contractual (Special Ed. Tuitions, Bldg. Maint., etc.)	\$3,010,633	(\$1,725,741)	\$1,284,892	16.32%
Utilities	\$667,387	(\$639,271)	\$28,116	3.62%
Supplies	\$557,410	(\$187,322)	\$370,088	3.02%
Other	\$139,573	(\$29,666)	\$109,907	.76%
Total	\$18,444,279	(\$2,863,449)	\$15,580,830	

FY2025 Budget Information

We are cautiously optimistic that we can close the budget gap with the combination of:

- Additional reductions through additional line item analysis
- Possible additional use of revolving funds
- Possible increase in the Town's appropriation

Things are continuously evolving and these variables will become clearer over the next few months.

Next Steps

- School Committee Meeting (Update) - Wednesday, March 1, 2024 6:30PM
- Finance Committee Meeting: To be Determined
- School Committee Meeting - FY2025 Budget Public Hearing - Wednesday, April 3 , 2024 at 6:30PM
- Annual Town Meeting - Monday, May 6, 2024 at 7:00PM