

EBR FY26 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

QUICK FACTS



40,000
STUDENTS



74
SCHOOLS



5,800
EMPLOYEES



\$823.1M
OVERALL

ABOUT \$21,052 PER STUDENT

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

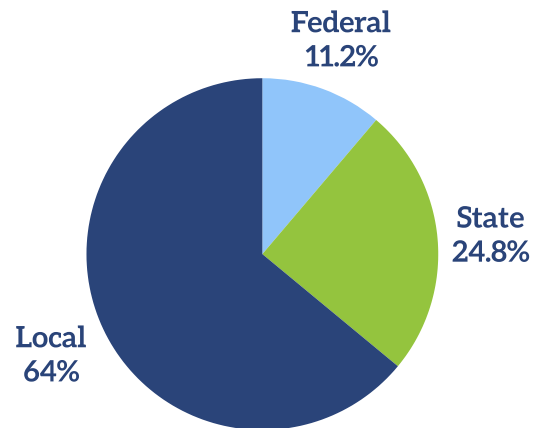
EBR receives funding from local and state sources, federal grants, and other contributions, like donations. EBR distributes money to schools based on a staffing model, ensuring that each school gets the resources it needs to support its unique student population.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

EBR is committed to creating a more collaborative, strategic, and responsive budget process. During the fall and winter of 2024-2025, the district engaged the community to get input on both the budget priorities and process. The top spending priorities from the community were:

- Early Childhood Education
- Literacy and Foundational
- Learning Facilities Improvements
- Workforce Development and Career Readiness
- Safety and Security

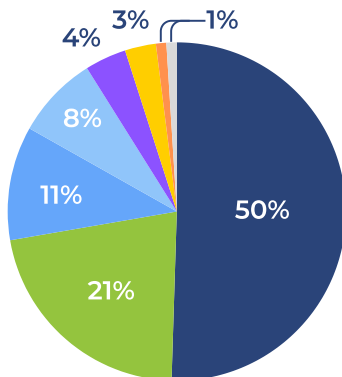
FY26 REVENUE RESOURCES



STRATEGIC PLAN 2025-2028

Community feedback also informed the district's new Strategic Plan for the period of January 2025-December 2028, which has three key commitments:

- Student Achievement
- Operational Excellence
- Employee Development



REALIGNMENT

In April 2025, the School Board approved a realignment plan that seeks to concentrate resources, improve school environments, and enhance educational opportunities for all students. The plan includes closing and consolidating selected schools and making adjustments to attendance zones and programming other sites.

SPENDING

EBR's largest investment for the school year 2025-26 is in the salaries and benefits for the educators and staff who serve students.



KEY INVESTMENTS IN THE STRATEGIC PLAN

Guided by the priorities set in the Strategic Plan and community input, we developed a budget that strategically directs resources where they are needed most. The proposed \$823.1 million budget (about \$21.052 per student) includes key investments* such as:

- **Early Childhood Education** - \$11.6 million for programs that provide a strong start for the youngest learners.
- **Literacy and Foundational Learning** - \$20.5 million to accelerate students' reading growth and to pilot new staffing approaches in the early grades at two elementary schools.
- **Workforce Development and Career Readiness** - \$15.5 million for programs that prepare students for what's next after high school. Programs include internships, dual enrollment, and career and technical education.
- **Safety and Security** - \$6.3 million provides security guards, AI-powered metal detectors, and improved building security measures, such as fencing.
- **Facilities Improvements** - \$39.5 million to improve the learning climate for students.



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