

COMMUNITY BUDGET GUIDE

School Year 2025-2026



Investing in a Stronger,
Smarter Future!



EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM

BY THE NUMBERS



40,000 STUDENTS



74 SCHOOLS



5,800 EMPLOYEES



\$21,052 PER STUDENT

BUILDING THE BUDGET

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 each school gets the resources it needs to support its unique student population.



For the 2025-26 school year, the district expects to spend **\$823.1 million overall**, or about **\$21,052 per student**.

BUDGET ENGAGEMENT

During the fall and winter of 2024-2025, the district engaged the community to get input on the budget priorities and process.

- Focus Groups
- Online Survey
- Community Meeting
- Interviews



We heard that our community values:

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



To learn more about this year's Budget Engagement check out the [What We Heard Report](#).

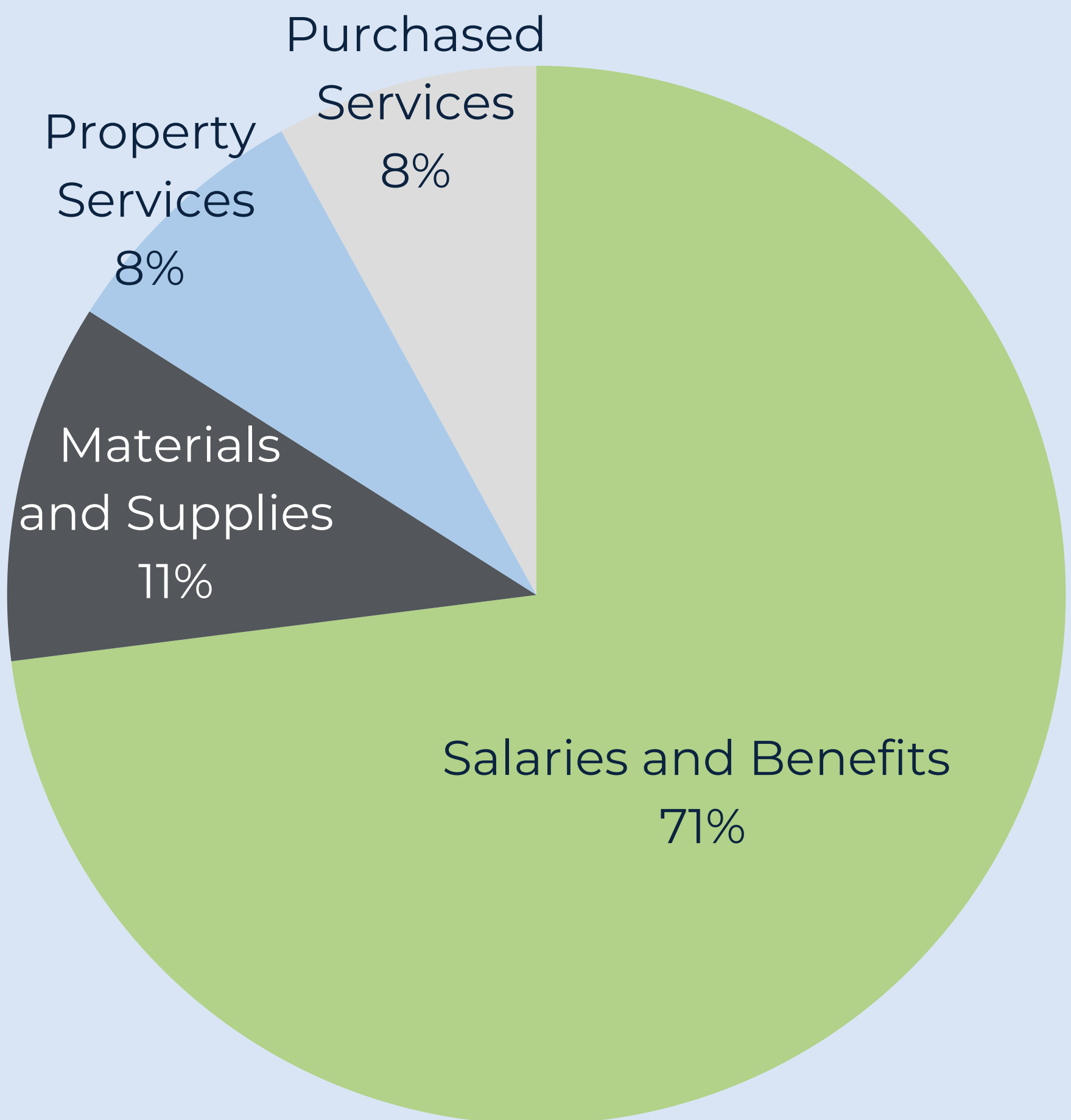
BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

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

SPENDING

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

INVESTMENTS BY TYPE*



*General fund investments, excluding charter appropriations.

INVESTMENT TYPES

PROPERTY SERVICES

This includes building maintenance and repairs, as well as technology.

PURCHASED SERVICES

This includes contracts such as enrichments, arts programs, and mental health supports.

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

This includes general supplies like paper and markers, as well as some utilities.

SCHOOL BUDGETS 101

Enrollment projections:

The district projects expected student enrollment counts for the next school year to inform staffing and other needs for each school.

Initial funding:

The Superintendent proposes a student-centered budget that includes staff and other resources for each school based on each school's unique population. [Click here to review individual schools' budgets.](#)

Review and approval:

The district compiles proposed adjustments from principals and Board members and prepares a final budget for the Board's review and approval.

LEARN AND SHARE

To learn more about the EBR Budget:



BUDGET RESOURCES

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

June 5 at 4:00 p.m.

Board Meeting Room

1050 South Foster Drive



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