



# 2026-2027 COMMUNITY BUDGET GUIDE



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# BY THE NUMBERS



**40,000 STUDENTS**



**74 SCHOOLS**



**5,800 EMPLOYEES**



**\$22,422 PER STUDENT**

# BUILDING THE BUDGET

EBR receives funding from local and state sources, federal grants, and other contributions, like donations.



**LOCAL**



**STATE**



**FEDERAL**

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 2026-27 school year, the district expects to spend **\$836.4 million overall**, or about **\$22,422 per student**.

# BUDGET ENGAGEMENT

During the spring of 2025-2026, the district engaged the community to get input on the budget priorities and process.

- Focus Groups
- Online Survey
- Community Meeting
- Social Media

## **We heard that our community values:**

- Early Childhood Education
- Literacy and Foundational Learning
- Workforce Development and Career Readiness
- Security and Facilities
- Competitive Compensation



To learn more about this year's Budget Engagement check out the What We Heard Report.

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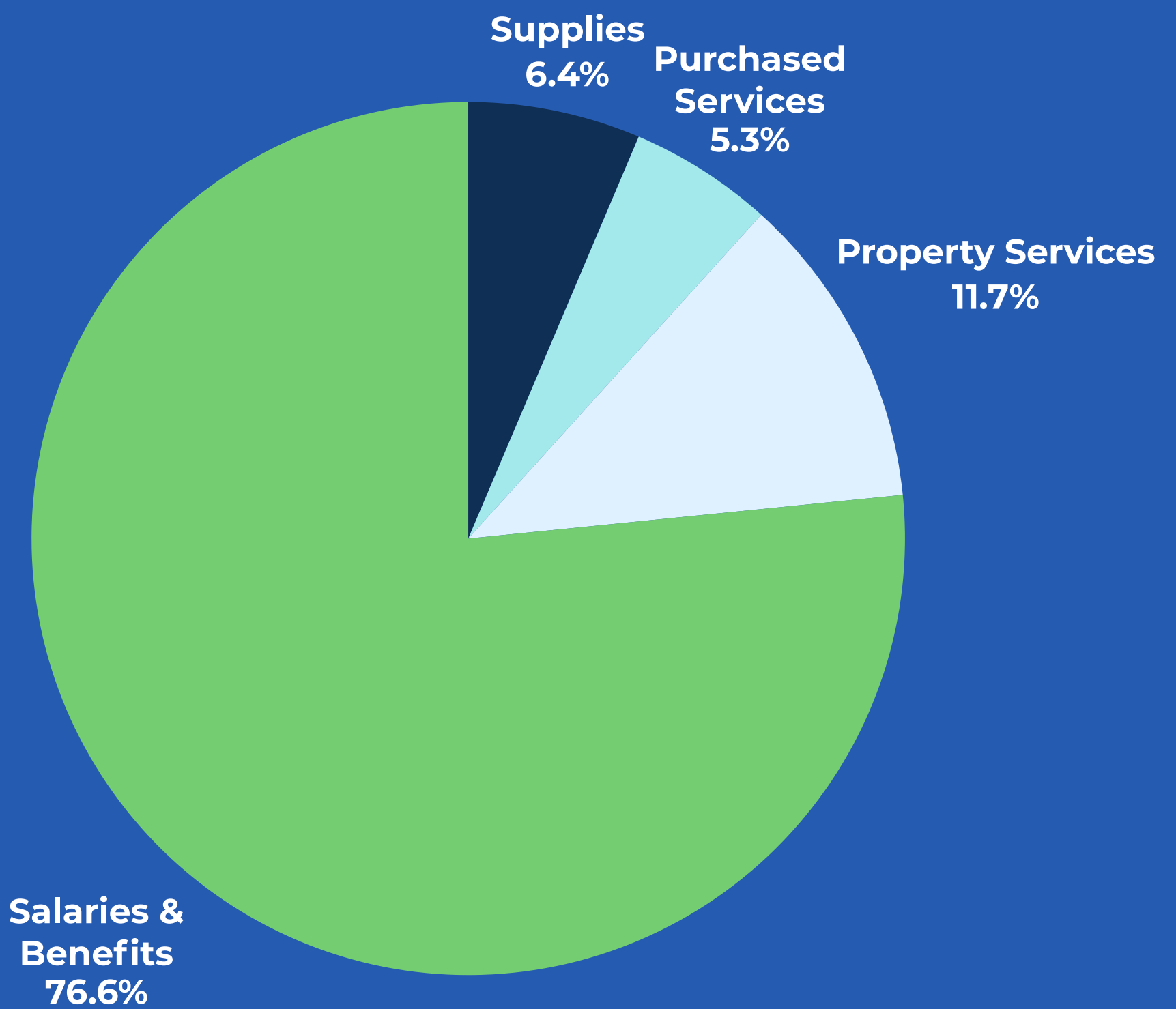
# BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- \$70.6 million for **Facilities Improvements and Security** to improve the learning climate for students.
- \$17.1 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.
- \$18.8 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.
- \$9.6 million for **Early Childhood Education** programs that provide a strong start for the youngest learners.
- \$21.8 million for **Competitive Compensation** to provide a starting salary of \$56,000 for teachers.

# SPENDING

EBR's largest investment for school year 2026-27 is in the salaries and benefits for the educators and staff who serve our 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.



## 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.



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# LEARN AND SHARE

To learn more about the EBR Budget:



## BUDGET RESOURCES

### PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

June 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.  
Board Meeting Room 1050  
South Foster Drive



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