

Florence County School District Three

PRELIMINARY FIRST READING

General Fund Budget
Fiscal Year 2024-2025

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MISSION

Ensuring Our Students are College or Career Ready and are Productive and Responsible Members of Society



2024-2025 DISTRICT GOALS

- 1. To improve the academic success of all students.*
- 2. To ensure the safety of all district schools, offices, students, and staff.*
- 3. To increase the number of students reading on grade level in grades K-3.*
- 4. To recruit, retain, and train excellent instructional and administrative staff.*
- 5. To build effective school, community and business relationships/partnerships.*
- 6. To ensure financial stability.*

135 AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP TREND

▶ SCHOOL YR	ADM	TREND
▶ 2011-2012	3,477.44	86.25
▶ 2012-2013	3,570.04	92.60
▶ 2013-2014	3,558.52	(11.52)
▶ 2014-2015	3,601.45	42.93
▶ 2015-2016	3,560.55	(40.90)
▶ 2016-2017	3,522.93	(37.62)
▶ 2017-2018	3,362.92	(160.03)
▶ 2018-2019	3,269.06	(93.86)
▶ 2019-2020	3,153.65	(115.41)
▶ 2020-2021	3,127.15	(26.50)
▶ 2021-2022	2,964.47	(162.68)
▶ 2022-2023	2,827.76	(136.71)
▶ 2023-2024	2,772.24	(55.52) 45 ADM Current Year
▶ 2024-2025	2,654.24	(118.00) Projected

New Formula Revenue Loss Due to Increase In Statewide Weighted Pupil Units and loss of District ADM = **\$765,612** Projected at the 45 Day Report

BASIS OF BUDGET FY 2025 GENERAL FUND BUDGET (WAYS AND MEANS)

EDUCATION FUNDING REFORM: AID TO CLASSROOMS PROGRAM –PROPOSED in FY 24-25 Executive Budget

- ❖ Strategy: To fund classrooms based on a statewide average student/teacher ratio (11.23:1)
- ❖ Cost of a teacher: State minimum Salary of Master's Degree + 12 years of experience and Fringe (state average)
With State Minimum Teacher Salary Increase in that cell of \$2.8K costs would be \$57,904 + \$18,854 Fringe(24.56%) = \$76,758.
- ❖ State Share at 75% and Local Share at 25% (Current formula for FSD3: 84% state and 16% Local)
- ❖ District receives its share of State Funds based upon Weighted Pupils Units & District's ability to pay (Index of Taxpaying Ability, calculated by Department of Revenue)
- ❖ Flexibility - Funding is based on number of teachers, WPU and Index of taxpaying ability, Districts will have flexibility to spend funds as determined best; However, the statewide minimum teacher salary scale must be met.

BASIS OF BUDGET FY 2025 GENERAL FUND BUDGET (WAYS AND MEANS)

- ❖ Items included in the Aid to Classrooms Program Allocation
 - ❖ General fund accounts:
 - ❖ 33XX- All Education Finance Act of 1977 (EFA)
 - ❖ 3180- Fringe Benefits
 - ❖ 3186- Teacher Salary
 - ❖ 3118- EEDA Career Specialist
 - ❖ 3127- Student Health
 - ❖ 3136- Health Fitness Nurse
 - ❖ 3199I- PMD (Profoundly Mentally Disabled)
 - ❖ Education Improvement Act of 1984 (EIA) FUNDS:
 - ❖ 3550 Teacher Salary
 - ❖ 3555 Teacher Fringe
 - ❖ 3538 Students at risk
 - ❖ 3597 Aid to districts
 - ❖ 3536 Student Health and Fitness Nurses
 - ❖ Blue Allocations Rolled Up to New Formula Aid to District in FY 23-24

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- ❖ **Teacher Pay:** The State Minimum Teacher Salary Schedule has been recommended for a radical adjustment with different increases by degree and extends the years of experience from 23 to 28 years. For instance the increases with 0 years experience for the various degrees is as follows:
Bachelors \$4,500; Bachelors + 18 \$3,424; Masters \$3,424; Masters + 30 \$1,424 and Doctorate \$424.
The proposal is projected to require \$198 million in funding.
- ❖ **Bus Driver: 1.5% - Proviso 117.142 School Bus Driver salary and fringe funding to school districts shall be increased by one and a half percent.**
- ❖ **Step Increase:** Teachers (152 days) Classified (80% contract days)
salaries only- not on stipend scales
- ❖ **Health Insurance – 11.8% Proviso 108.6 updates the State Health Plan to January 2025. It sets the employer premium increase at 11.8%**
- ❖ **State Retirement – TBD**
 - 23-24 rate 24.91 % (18.66 % + 6.25%)
 - 24-25 rate 25.91 % (19.66 % + 6.25%)

LOCAL TAX

MILLAGE FOR 24 Tax Yr. (24-25 SY)		
number of mills for 23 Tax Year (23-24 SY)		234.20
4.12% CPI (Consumer Price Index) <u>0</u> % Population increase		0.0412
cap mill increase for 24-25		9.65
TOTAL NUMBER OF MILLS		243.85
VALUE OF AN OPERATIONS MILL for 24		
100% value of a mill (11/30/23)		37,902.15
94% collection rate =		35,628.36
TOTAL AD VALOREM TAXES		8,687,975.59
(per SC Revenue and Fiscal Affairs)		

Millage History for Operations

19-20	206.00	0.0244	5.03	0.71	211.03
19-20	reassessment year: rollback				
20-21	207.80	0.0181	3.76	-1.27	211.50
21-22	211.50	0.0123	2.60	-1.16	214.10
22-23	214.10	0.0470	10.06	7.46	224.23
23-24	224.20	0.0858	19.24	9.18	243.44
24-25	234.20	0.0412	9.65	-9.59	243.85

FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS MILLAGE LEVY FY 2023-24 CHART

DISTRICT	SCHOOL OPERATIONS	SCHOOL BONDS	SCHOOL TOTALS
Florence 1	214.30	41.40	255.70
Florence 2	236.10	40.00	276.10
Florence 3	234.20	12.30	246.50
Florence 4*	214.30	25.10	239.40
Florence 5	266.80	30.90	297.70
* Merged with Florence 1			

LOCAL TAX

The property tax is determined:

Fair market value x assessment ratio x the millage rate.

Example comparison of current to 9.65 mills increase

Fair Market value of home		\$50,000	\$50,000	
Assesment ratio		x 4%	x 4%	
Assessed value		2,000	\$2,000	
Mills		x .23420	x .24385	
Taxes		\$468.40	487.70	\$19.30
Fair Market value of home		\$100,000	\$100,000	
Assesment ratio		x 4%	x 4%	
Assessed value		\$4,000	\$4,000	
Mills		x. 23420	x. 24385	
Taxes		\$936.80	\$975.40	\$38.60

PRELIMINARY
GENERAL FUND BUDGET
FY 2024-2025

FY 24-25			
GENERAL FUND			
REVENUE:			
	LOCAL		8,687,976.00
	STATE*		\$7,258,617.00
NEW FORMULA	STATE*		\$17,497,766.00
	TRANSFER		\$227,000.00
TOTAL	REVENUES		\$33,671,359.00

***House Ways and Means Budget Estimates, the District has not received projections from the State Department of Education**

PRELIMINARY

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

FY 2024-2025

100-001-110-0000-00	PROPERTY TAXES	5,915,257.00
100-001-110-0010-00	DLQT TAXES	362,865.00
100-001-110-0020-00	VEHILCE TAXES	1,706,325.00
100-001-140-0000-00	PENALITIES AND INTEREST	11,740.00
100-001-190-0000-00	OTHER TAXES (WATERCRAFT)	56,877.00
100-001-280-0000-00	REVENUE IN LIEU OF TAXES	567,712.00
100-001-310-0000-00	STUDENT TUITION PAYMENTS	5,000.00
100-001-320-0000-00	TUITION PAYMENT FROM OTHER	15,000.00
100-001-510-0000-00	INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	15,000.00
100-001-510-0020-00	INTEREST ON CHECKING	3,500.00
100-001-910-0000-00	RENTAL OF PROPERTY	3,000.00
100-001-999-0000-00	MISC ELLANEOUS REVENUE	20,000.00
100-001-999-0040-00	TRANSCRIPTS	5,700.00
		\$ -----
	LOCAL REVENUE	8,687,976.00

PRELIMINARY GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2024-2025

100-003-160-0000-00	SCHOOL BUS DRIVER SALARY	246,129.00
100-003-162-0000-00	TRANSPORTATION WORKERS COM	12,353.00
100-003-180-0000-00	EMPLOYEE FRINGE	0.00
100-003-181-0000-00	RETIREE INSURANCE	1,046,328.00
100-003-810-0000-00	PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (TIER I)	802,083.00
100-003-820-0000-00	HOMESTEAD TAX EXMPT (TIERII)	429,027.00
100-003-825-0000-00	REIMB FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (TIER III)	3,416,275.00
100-003-830-0000-00	MERCHANT'S INVENTORY	94,239.00
100-003-840-0000-00	MANUFACTURER'S DEPRC	836,418.00
100-003-840-0010-00	MANUFACTURER'S (PROPERTY VALUATION EXEMP)	119,108.00
100-003-890-0000-00	OTHER STATE	35,000.00
100-003-993-0000-00	PEBA ON BEHALF PAYMENTS	221,657.00
		\$ -----
	TOTAL STATE REVENUE	7,258,617.00

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TRANSFERS

100-005-280-0201-00	TRANSFER - INDIRECT COST: FUND 201	40,000.00
100-005-280-0203-00	TRANSFER - INDIRECT COST: FUND 203	30,000.00
100-005-280-0210-00	TRANSFER - INDIRECT COST: FUND 210	3,000.00
100-005-280-0224-00	TRANSFER - INDIRECT COST: FUND 224	8,000.00
100-005-280-0237-00	TRANSFER - INDIRECT COST: FUND 239	3,000.00
100-005-280-0267-00	TRANSFER - INDIRECT COST: FUND 267	3,000.00
100-005-280-0600-00	TRANSFER - INDIRECT COST: FUND 600	140,000.00
	TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$227,000.00

TIMELINE FOR 2024-2025 BUDGET APPROVAL

Thursday, March 21 2024 1st Reading of PROPOSED Budget

 **Thursday, April 18, 2024 1st Public Hearing @ 5:00 p.m.**

Thursday, May 16, 2024 2nd Public Hearing @ 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 16, 2024 2nd Reading

Thursday, June 20, 2024 FINAL Reading