

FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT THREE

PRELIMINARY FIRST READING

**General Fund Budget
Fiscal Year 2026-2027**

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MISSION

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



2026-2027 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
• 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	2,752.41	(75.35)
• 2024-2025	2,638.57	(113.84)
• 2025-2026	2,452.47	(186.10) 45 th Day ADM
• 2026-2027	2,302.47	(150.00) Projection

135 DAY AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP CHART



BASIS OF BUDGET FY 2027 GENERAL FUND BUDGET (WAYS AND MEANS)

EDUCATION FUNDING REFORM: AID TO CLASSROOMS PROGRAM –PROPOSED in FY 26-27 Has Not Finalized and Distributed to the District. The Following is Estimates

- ❖ 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 per cell of \$2,000 costs would be **\$79,890**.
- ❖ 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 2027 GENERAL FUND BUDGET (WAYS AND MEANS)

- ❖ **Teacher Pay:** The State Minimum Teacher Salary Schedule has been recommended for a \$2,000 increase per cell with the beginning teacher salary at \$50,500.
- ❖ **Bus Driver: 2.0% - Proviso 117.141 School Bus Driver salary and fringe funding to school districts shall be increased by two percent.**
- ❖ **Step Increase:** Teachers (152 days) Classified (80% contract days)
salaries only- not on stipend scales
- ❖ **Health Insurance** –Proviso 108.6 updates the State Health Plan to January 2027. It sets the employer premium at the present amount. There is no percentage increase at this time.
- ❖ **State Retirement** – TBD
 - 25-26 rate 26.81 % (20.56 % + 6.25%)
 - 26-27 rate 26.81 % (20.56 % + 6.25%)**

MILLAGE HISTORY FOR OPERATIONS

	Mills	CAP Mill Percentage	Increase Mills	Rate Of Change	Total Mills
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
25-26	243.85	0.0295	10.08	0.43	253.93
26-27	253.93	0.0263	6.68	-3.40	260.61

**FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS
MILLAGE LEVY FY 2025-26 CHART**

DISTRICT	SCHOOL OPERATIONS	SCHOOL BONDS	SCHOOL TOTALS
Florence 1	213.70	45.00	258.70
Florence 2	246.10	27.90	274.00
Florence 3	253.90	26.10	280.00
Florence 4*	213.70	45.00	258.70
Florence 5	283.00	23.20	306.20
* 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 6.68 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 .25390	x .26061	
Taxes		\$507.80	\$521.22	\$13.42
Fair Market value of home		\$100,000	\$100,000	
Assesment ratio		x 4%	x 4%	
Assessed value		\$4,000	\$4,000	
Mills		x. 25390	x. 26061	
Taxes		\$1,015.60	\$1,042.44	\$26.84

**PRELIMINARY
GENERAL FUND BUDGET
FY 2026-2027**

FY 26-27			
GENERAL FUND			
REVENUE:			
	LOCAL		9,458,535.00
	STATE*		\$8,002,029.00
NEW FORMULA	STATE*		\$17,560,597.00
	TRANSFER		\$227,000.00
TOTAL	REVENUES		\$35,248,161.00

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

PRELIMINARY

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

FY 2026-2027

100-001-110-0000-00	PROPERTY TAXES	6,685,816.00
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	PENALTIES 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	9,458,535.00

PRELIMINARY GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2026-2027

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	1,338,177.00
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)	3,620,995.00
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	468,500.00
		\$ -----
	TOTAL STATE REVENUE	8,002,029.00

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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 2026-2027 BUDGET APPROVAL

 Thursday, March 19 2026	1st Reading of PROPOSED Budget
Thursday, April 16, 2026	1st Public Hearing @ 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 28, 2026	2nd Reading
Monday June 01, 2026	2nd Public Hearing @ 12:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 18, 2026	FINAL Reading