

# *Avon Elementary School*

*Cultivating students to become happy, healthy,  
productive adults and informed, responsible citizens.*

**Mr. John Russo** - Interim Superintendent/Principal

**Mrs. Amy Lerner** - School Business Administrator, Board Secretary



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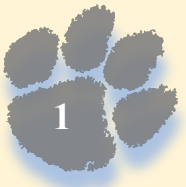




# **2025-2026** **Budget Basics**



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# Budget Basics: Purpose

The school budget is developed with the goal of maintaining and refining the integrity of the instructional program while providing a comprehensive and caring educational environment that will offer opportunities to develop the potential of every child

This includes resources for general education as well as required special education students age 3 through 21, any out of district K-12 placements, public high school tuition, and transportation to both public and private schools as required by law

Even though there are about 120 students in the building, the 2025-2026 Avon School Budget must support the thorough and efficient education of approximately 152 students from Preschool age through Grade 12



# Budget Basics: **Timeline**

**Late Fall** - data collection, program needs assessments, historical spending analysis

**Early Winter** - begin to formalize fixed and growth spending estimates

**January** - other LEA tuition estimates begin, staff spending plan requests, supply account analysis estimates

**February** - begin to prioritize needs, rough tentative budget outline

**Late February** - Governor's Budget Address (state aid figures within 48 hours)

**Early March** - Board Committee review of proposed tentative budget

**Mid March** - local approval, submission of Tentative Budget to County Office

**April** - Public Hearing and Board ratification of Final Budget

*After the public meeting tonight, the tentative budget will become the District Budget and will operate to serve the needs of the district for the 2025-2026 school year*



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# Budget Basics: **Process**

All supply lines are developed through zero-based budgeting

Fixed Spending vs. Growth Spending

Anticipated spending changes and needs estimated

## Funding Considerations

- Review Revenue Streams:
  - Tax Base, Grants, Tuition Program



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# Budget Basics: Responsibilities

## District Educational Responsibilities

- Thorough and efficient education for all children of the community
- Campus Safety and Security for staff and students
- Federal and State DOE mandated accountability, reporting, and training requirements
- Standards-based curriculum and multi-tiered system of supports
- Progressive and diverse programming focused on teaching, learning, and improving student achievement
- High quality staff and administrative professional development



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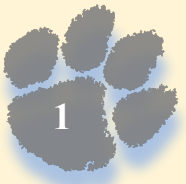


# **2025-2026** **Investments**



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# Investment Area: **Facilities**

- Renovation of 2009
  - Modernized systems of heating, cooling, lighting
  - Building-wide network infrastructure
- Technology and device-rich classroom environments (instructional technology and one to one student mobile devices)
- Building safety and security measures





# Investment Area: **Staffing**

## District Employees

### 10 Month Employees

- Instructional Staff
- Support Staff (Paraprofessionals, Lunch Program Coordinator, Media Center Aide, Lunchroom Aide, Technology Support)

### 12 Month Employees

- Administration
  - CSA (1.0), Director (1.0), Business Administrator (0.4)
- Secretarial and Custodial Staff
  - School Operations, Business Assistant, Head Custodian, Part-Time Evening Custodians



# Investment Area: **Program**

- Standards-Based Curriculum driving instruction and assessment
- Comprehensive Social Emotional Learning Program
- Multi-tiered system (continuum) of supports for students and families in need: both at-risk and gifted and/or talented
- Integrated systems of curriculum, instruction, assessment, culture and climate, and professional learning communities focused on supporting and advancing student learning
- Continuous opportunities for teacher professional growth & development
- Revisions to instruction, and assessment practices
- Instructional transformation through technology-rich learning environments and strategic implementation that modifies and redefines learning tasks



# Investment Area: **Mandatory Spending**

- **Contracted Salaries**

Negotiated, then fixed for three years

- **Contracted Benefits**

Negotiated, then package is fixed for three years - but costs are not

- **Mandated Special Education**

Instructional and related service costs

- **Mandated Professional Services**

Examples: Attorney, Auditor

- **Essential Building Maintenance**

Required system maintenance, testing, and repairs

- **Transportation**

High School, Private School, Special Education as required by law

- **Insurance**

Examples: Property, Liability



# Challenges

- Unfunded Federal and State Mandates
- Facility Maintenance (systems, security, and technology)
- Constantly changing needs
- Relatively small budget (reduced ability to absorb change)
- Increase in tuition costs above 2%
- Reductions to state aid



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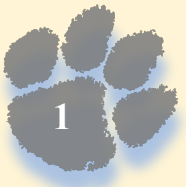




# **2025-2026** **Budget Details**



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# Budget Details: Funding Breakdown

I. General Fund:  
**\$5,587,163**

Local Tax Levy:  
**\$4,331,590**

*This is the portion of the budget raised thru taxes*

Other Revenue:  
**\$1,255,573**

- State Aid
- Tuition
- Interest
- Excess Surplus
- Miscellaneous
- Withdrawal Tuition and Capital Reserve

II. Special Revenue:  
**\$30,793**

Federal and State Grants

- Title I
- Title IIA
- Title IV
- IDEA

III. Debt Service:  
**\$410,575**

*Principal and interest payments on bonds approved for addition and renovation*

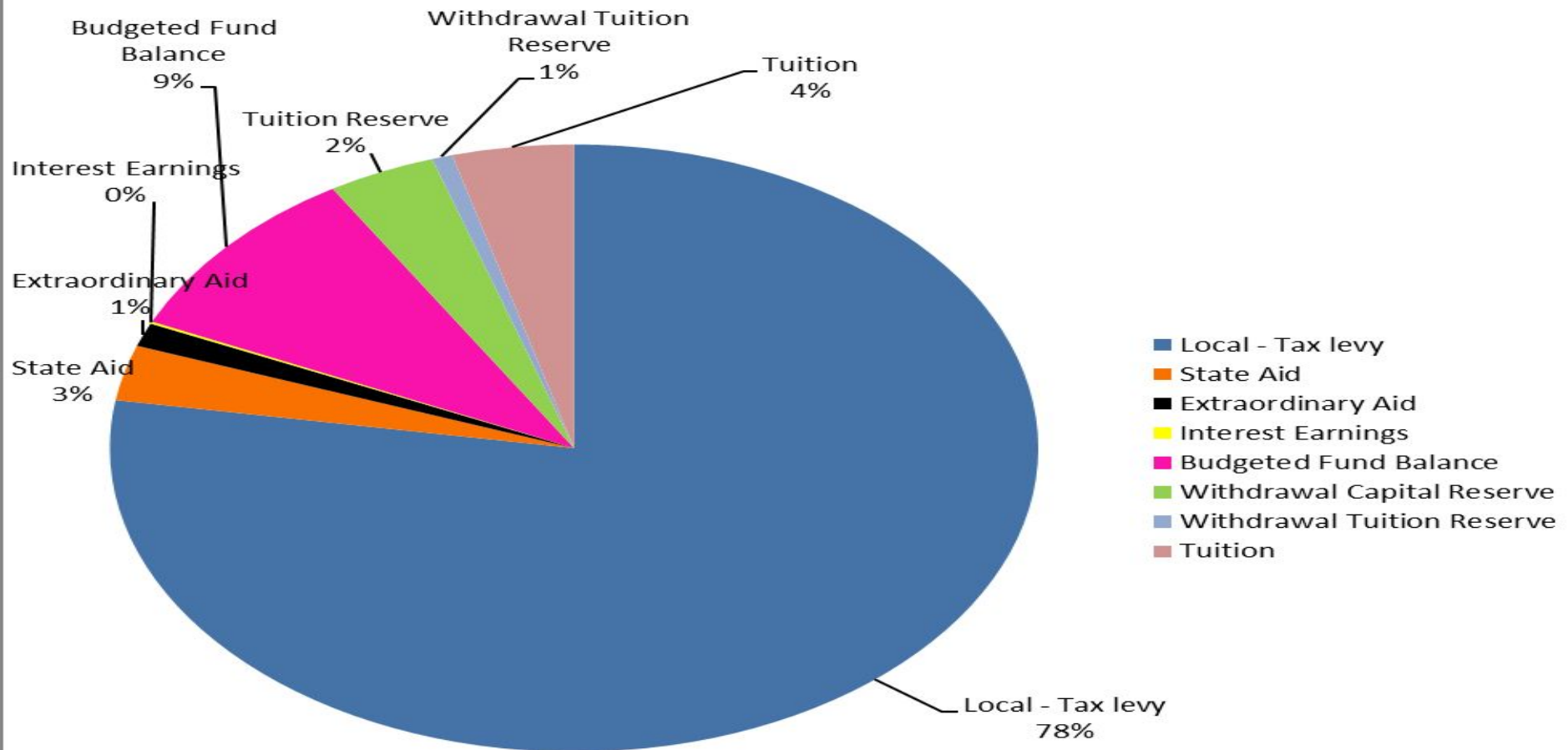


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# Budget Details: Revenue Sources



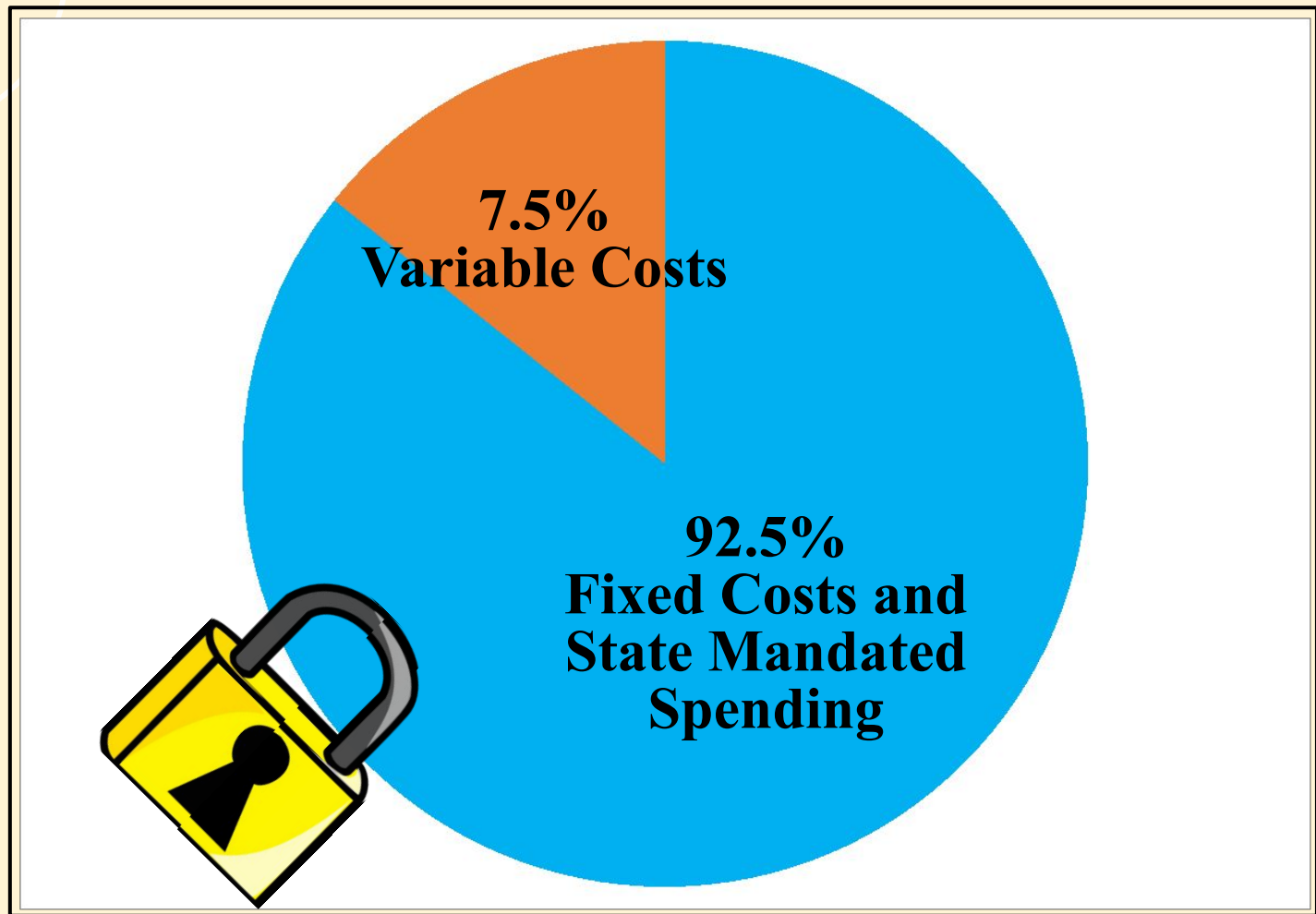
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# Budget Details: Where Does the Money Go?



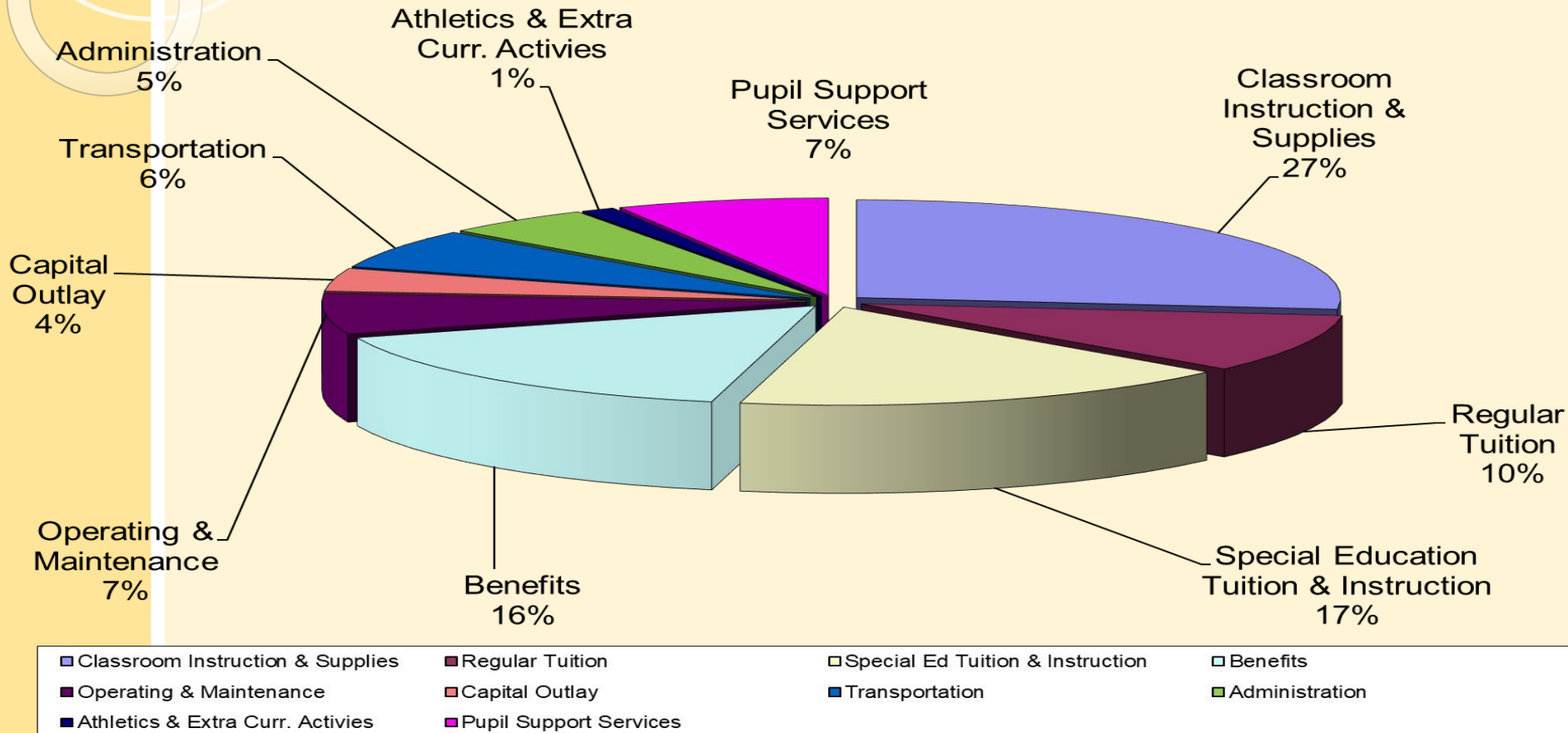
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# Budget Details: Expenditures

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2025-2026 School Budget  
Expenditures



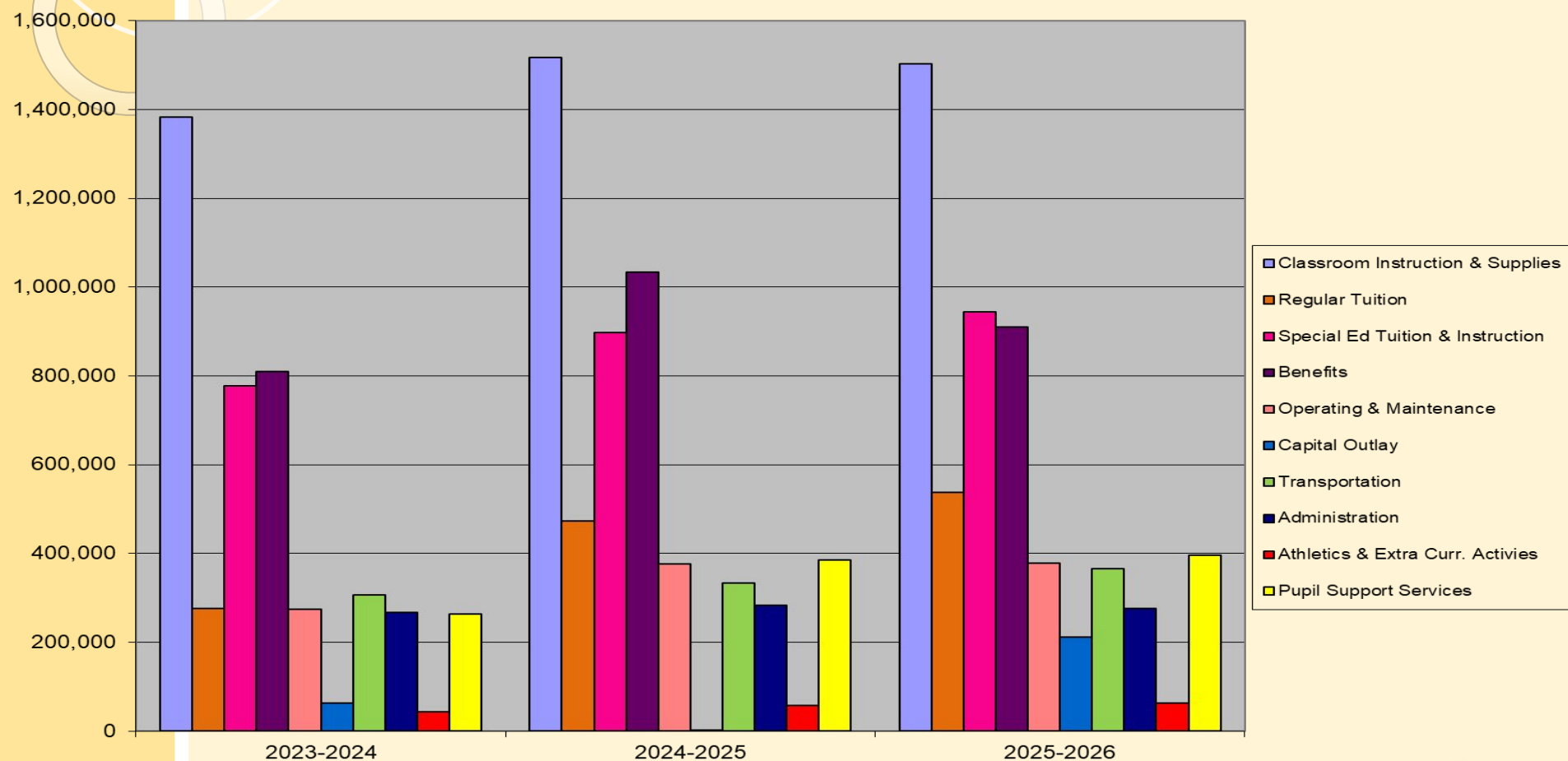
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# Budget Details: Expenditures Comparison

Avon-by-the-Sea Board of Education  
2025-2026 School Budget  
Budget Expenditures for the past 3 years



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# **2025-2026** **Tax Impact**



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# Tax Impact: Increase Estimates

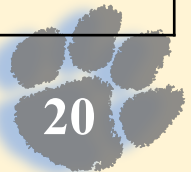
5.23% Budget Increase = \$215,091

Property Assessment	2024-2025 SCHOOL TAX/YEAR	2025-2026 SCHOOL TAX/YEAR	ANNUAL INCREASE
\$600,000	\$2,506	\$2,637	\$131
\$750,000	\$3,132	\$3,296	\$164
\$850,000	\$3,550	\$3,550	\$186
\$900,000	\$3,758	\$3,955	\$197
\$1,050,000	\$4,385	\$4,614	\$230
\$1,200,000	\$5,011	\$5,274	\$262
\$1,350,000	\$5,637	\$5,933	\$295
\$1,500,000	\$6,264	\$6,592	\$328
\$1,800,000	\$7,517	\$7,910	\$394



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# Questions and Discussion



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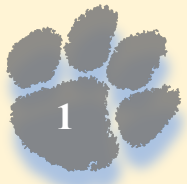
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2025-2026 User Friendly Budget  
2025-2026 Advertised Budget



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# Tuition Program Advertising

Avon-by-the-Sea Elementary School



## Preschool, Kindergarten, Grades 1-8 **TUITION PROGRAM**

*Accepting Applications for Enrollment*

**In Search of a top-rated elementary education?** Look no further! Avon School offers tuition programming for families who are not residents of Avon-by-the-Sea.

- Safe and nurturing environment
- Innovative learning opportunities
- Small class sizes
- Affordable tuition

**Limited Seats Available**

Please visit our website to get started:



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