

2023 Legislative Agenda

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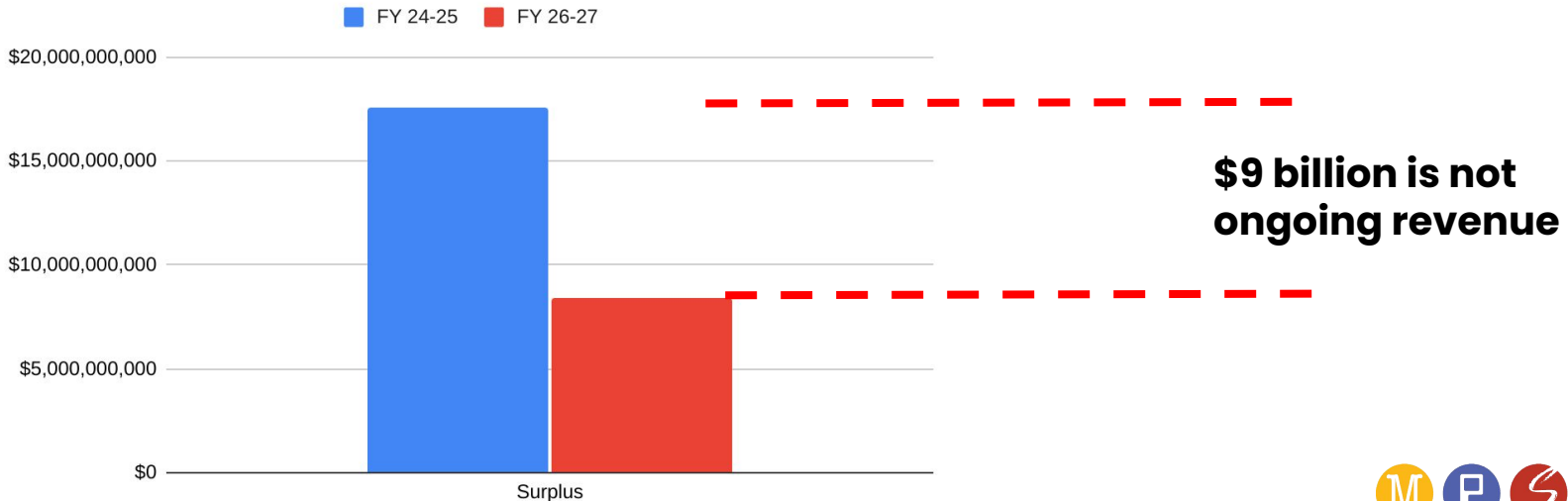
Key Dates and Events

- **November Election** – Governor, State House and State Senate
 - Slim DFL majorities in House and Senate
 - 47 new House members and 24 new Senators – more than a third of members are first term members
 - Mpls well represented in House and Senate leadership
- **State Budget Forecasts** – Early December and Late February
 - \$17.6 billion surplus – largest in State history
- **Legislative Session** – Began January 3, ends May 22, 2023

Ongoing vs One-time Revenue

Not all of the \$17.6 billion projected budget surplus for FY 2024-25 is available to spend on costs that obligate the state in future fiscal years. \$9 billion may only be used on one-time costs.

FY 24-25 and FY 26-27



Focus Areas

- Stable, Predictable Funding
- Safe Schools and Communities
- Special Education Funding and Policy
- Stable, Healthy Engaged Families
- Equitable Access to Proven Programs and Supports

Stable, Predictable Funding

- Tie the general education aid formula to inflation
- Renew Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten funding and expand school-based pre-kindergarten programs so more families have access to all day PreK
- Allow elected school boards to renew existing operating and capital projects levies that have been approved by voters without requiring additional referenda elections
- Increase English Learner funding to close the funding gap

Safe Schools and Communities

- Triple safe schools funding with state aid and an equalized levy
- Support legislation to limit children's access to guns and provide more supports for students at risk of harming themselves or others

Special Education Funding and Policy

- Fully fund special education
- Address the mismatch of open enrollment and special education tuition billing statutes so resident district budgets do not take a disproportionate share of the cost
- Address the rapidly rising cost of special education tuition billing due to some schools' ability to bill back 100% of their costs
- Allow districts to access federal Medical Assistance for social work services

Stable, Healthy Engaged Families

- Support increases in state funding for Full Service Community Schools
- Expand funding for school-linked mental health grants
- Address the underfunding of transportation services for students experiencing homelessness and students in foster care
- Ensure access to safe and affordable housing for students and families

Equitable Access to Proven Programs and Supports

- Expand state support of teacher residency, recruitment and retention programs with a focus on teachers of color, special education, career and technical education, math and ESL/bilingual education
- Transfer district of residence to the serving district after one year for students who open enroll
- Make ethnic studies a state graduation requirement for high school students
- Support athletic directors association's proposal to incentivize athletic directors to seek professional certifications - Certified Athletic Administrator, CMAA and Masters would receive an annual stipend if they achieve these levels anywhere from \$1700 to \$3500.

Get Involved

How may parents and community members get involved in advocating for their schools?

- **Join the Minneapolis Public Schools Parent Legislative Action Committee** – Fill out the Google form at the MPS Government Relation section of the district website
https://mpls.k12.mn.us/government_relations
- **Find out who represents you**
<https://www.gis.lcc.mn.gov/iMaps/districts/>
- **Email or write your MN House and Senate members**