

ELIZABETHTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

FY2026-27 Working Budget Report

Prepared for the Board of Education pursuant to KRS 160.461 and 702 KAR 3:110

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This report accompanies the FY2026-27 Working Budget report and satisfies the written-report requirement under KRS 160.461.

1. Projected Revenues from the District's Tax Levies

The District's local tax revenue for FY27 is projected as follows:

Tax Levy / Local Source	FY27 Budget
General Real Property Tax	\$7,000,000
PSC Real Property Tax	\$392,000
Delinquent Property Tax	\$40,000
Motor Vehicle Tax	\$492,000
Omitted Property Tax	\$10,000
Utilities Tax	\$890,000
Building Fund Levy (5-Cent Equivalent)	\$1,189,176 (local portion)

Total revenue from local sources (General Fund): \$9,423,000.

2. Anticipated State and Federal Appropriations

Source	FY27 Budget
SEEK Program	\$12,365,384
NBCT Reimbursement	\$6,000
Audio and Speech Certification	\$10,000
Revenue in Lieu of Taxes/State	\$110,000
Total State Sources (Fund 1)	\$12,491,384
Total Federal Sources (Fund 1, direct)	\$75,000
Food Service Fund (51) Federal Reimbursement	\$1,500,000

State funding is driven primarily by the SEEK formula. Federal funding flowing directly through the General Fund is limited; the bulk of federal support (Title I, IDEA, Title II, Title IV, Perkins, and related programs) is budgeted in the Special Revenue Fund (Fund 2), summarized in Section 5.

3. Projected Expenditures – Personnel, Transportation, Maintenance, and Materials

General Fund expenditures by function:

Function / Category	FY27 Budget
Instruction (1000)	\$12,681,132.60
Student Support Services (2100)	\$1,029,570.00
Instructional Staff Support (2200)	\$694,795.00
District Admin Support (2300)	\$879,685.00
School Admin Support (2400)	\$1,466,475.00
Business Support Services (2500)	\$1,077,835.58
Plant Operations & Maintenance (2600)	\$4,219,640.25

Student Transportation (2700)	\$1,054,852.00
Fund Transfers (5200)	\$369,150.00
Contingency (5300)	\$5,211,248.57
Total General Fund Expenditures	\$28,684,384.00

Personnel costs (salaries and benefits) are embedded across all instructional and support functions above and total approximately \$16.1 million in salary plus \$1.6 million in employer-paid benefits district-wide in Fund 1, reflecting the Board-approved 1% cost-of-living adjustment and current staffing. Transportation (Function 2700) and Plant Operations & Maintenance (Function 2600) are budgeted separately above. Instructional materials and supplies (textbooks, technology supplies, and general classroom supplies) are budgeted within Function 1000 and related support functions.

4. One-Time Major Expenses (Special Projects/Programs)

The District completed phase one of the HVAC replacement project at Morningside Elementary. Phase two will commence next summer. Helmwood Heights Elementary HVAC replacement will occur during FY27. These projects were funded through Building Fund transfers to the Construction Fund totaling approximately \$576,000, rather than the General Fund operating budget.

These projects are funded through restricted Building and Construction Fund resources and do not draw on the General Fund's operating budget or its contingency reserve.

5. Projected Revenue/Expenditures for Restricted Funds, Including Facilities Funds

Fund	FY27 Budgeted Revenue	FY27 Budgeted Expenditures
Special Revenue (Fund 2) - Grants	\$2,958,253.88	\$2,958,253.88
Capital Outlay (Fund 310)	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
Building Fund, 5-Cent Levy (Fund 320)	\$3,119,894.00	\$3,119,894.00
Construction Fund (Fund 360)*	N/A - multi-year	N/A - multi-year
Food Service Fund (51)	\$1,635,000.00	\$2,735,000.00**

* Fund 360 (Construction) is a multi-year capital fund; project budgets are established once at inception and carried forward until project completion, rather than re-budgeted annually.

** Food Service Fund expenditures include a locally-designated reserve of \$540,650; the fund is substantially self-supporting through federal meal reimbursements and local receipts, supplemented by a modest General Fund allocation where needed.

6. Costs Associated with District Debt

Debt service is budgeted primarily in the Debt Service Fund (400), which is balanced at \$2,569,150 in both budgeted revenue and expenditure for FY27, funded through dedicated local revenue, state equalization funding, and federal interest-rate subsidy reimbursements. Minor miscellaneous debt-related costs (approximately \$9,550-\$39,750 depending on location) are also budgeted within individual General Fund.

7. Maintenance of the Required Minimum Reserve

KRS 160.461(2) requires a minimum budgeted contingency of 2% of General Fund and Food Service Fund expenditures. The District's FY27 Working Budget maintains a General Fund contingency (Object 0840) of \$5,211,248.57, which represents approximately 19.9% of total qualifying expenditures – well in excess of the statutory minimum.

This reserve is maintained through conservative revenue estimation, careful management of the General Fund's fund balance, and a disciplined budget amendment process throughout the fiscal year that ensures new or unbudgeted costs are offset within existing appropriations wherever possible before drawing on contingency. The Building Fund (320) and Food Service Fund (51) each also carry their own locally-designated reserves (\$484,894 and \$540,650 respectively) to support facilities and food service operations.

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