



State of the School

KEY DATA*



226

K-12 Enrollment



12

Average Class Size



62%

Low Income Students



33%

BIPOC Students



9%

English Language Learners

FUNDING SUMMARY 2023-2024

(projected)

\$6,334,083

Revenue

\$6,782,749

Expenditures

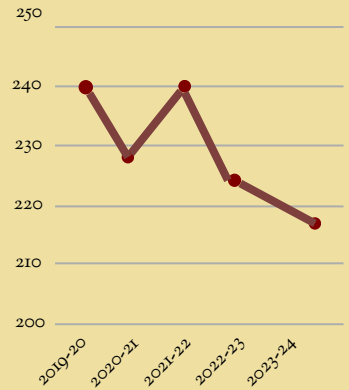
-\$448,666

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MINIMUM FUND BALANCE (RESERVES)



ENROLLMENT TRENDS



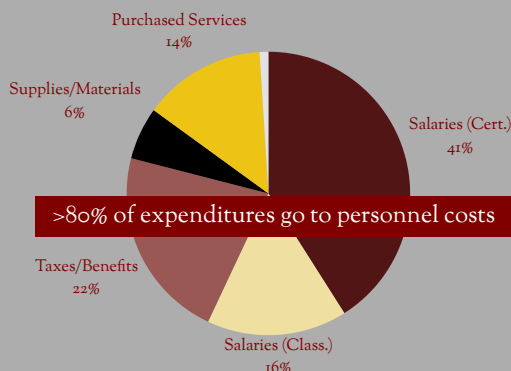
THE PROBLEM

- LISD has run through our rainy day reserve fund and is currently projected to end the fiscal year \$25k in the red.
- LISD has to close a \$449k budget deficit in next fiscal year's planning.
- The current state funding model, brought about in 2018 by the McCleary decision, significantly disadvantages small districts like ours.
- The vast majority of our expenditures are on personnel costs. Reducing FTE requires creative restructuring of our program.
- We are facing declining student enrollment which further reduces our funding revenue.

HOW'D WE GET HERE

- A levy lid reduced our per-student collection from \$4100 to \$2500 which is a significant portion of our operating budget as a small school.
- The Prototypical Funding Model applies a universal staffing plan that disadvantages our small district.
- The Special Education funding formula is set well below our actual percentage of students served.
- Regionalization does not accurately reflect the high cost of living in San Juan County.
- Federal COVID relief funding (ESSER) expired this fiscal year further reducing revenues.

EXPENDITURES



SPECIAL EDUCATION

26% LISD Special Education Population

15% Special Education State Funding Maximum

\$325K Special Education costs to the district NOT covered by state and federal funding

LISD LEADERSHIP



Brady Smith,
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K-12 Principal

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*Data from 2022-2023 school year

ADVOCATE for our school

LEGISLATIVE OUTREACH

Contact our representatives and ask them to:

- Revise state special education funding formulas to fully fund all of our students.
- Recalculate our regionalization factor from 12% to 18% to accurately reflect the high cost of living in our county.
- Lift the levy lid.
- Increase small school funding to provide adequate resources to operate our unique district.

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You can find sample email templates, information about current bills, etc. on our district website under “Advocacy.”

FUNDRAISING

Consider joining or donating to one of our partner organizations:

Lopez Island Parent Teacher Assoc. (LIPTSA):
A member led non-profit supporting students, families, school.

Lopez Island Education Foundation (LIEF):
Supports learning-based and experiential programs for students of LISD.

The Pack: Fundraises to support our athletic programs.

Donations can also be made directly to the district to support general operating costs. Make checks payable to LISD with “donation” in the memo.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Help us partner with community organizations, businesses, and individuals to offer:

- Internships and Career Education
- Post-graduate Advisement
- Enhanced before, after-school and year-round programs for ages 0-21
- Health services to school-age youth
- Multi-generational opportunities, and MORE!

Contact bsmith@lopezislandschool.org for more information.

VOLUNTEER

Share your time and talents with our students by volunteering in the classroom, lunchroom, playground, garden, and more.

Contact volunteer@lopezislandschool.org for more information.