

# SCHOOL BOARD FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY & ALIGNMENT

When it comes to the financial management of Shakopee Public Schools, the School Board, Superintendent Mike Redmond, and Director of Finance Bill Menozzi adhere to a very straightforward way of doing business. This group continues to be focused on delivering exactly what has been relayed to the community as it relates to district finances.

## FOUR FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY GOALS



**GOAL:**

The School Board will define and propose a target for the District structural budget to be implemented in FY23 and FY24.



**PROGRESS:**

A balanced budget is in place for FY23, and a balanced budget is projected for FY24. Scan the QR code to view the District budget.



**GOAL:**

The School Board will determine reasonable class size targets (reasonable class sizes = average in ECSU annual report on class sizes), and develop a plan to reach these targets.



**PROGRESS:**

- Class size targets for the 2022/23 school year were restored to the same class size targets as used in the 2020/21 school year (2020/21 was prior to large budget cuts and teacher layoffs).
- Further study, as directed by the passage of Operating Levy Question 2, is being done this school year for additional improvements in the 2023/24 school year to reach the metro average for class sizes.

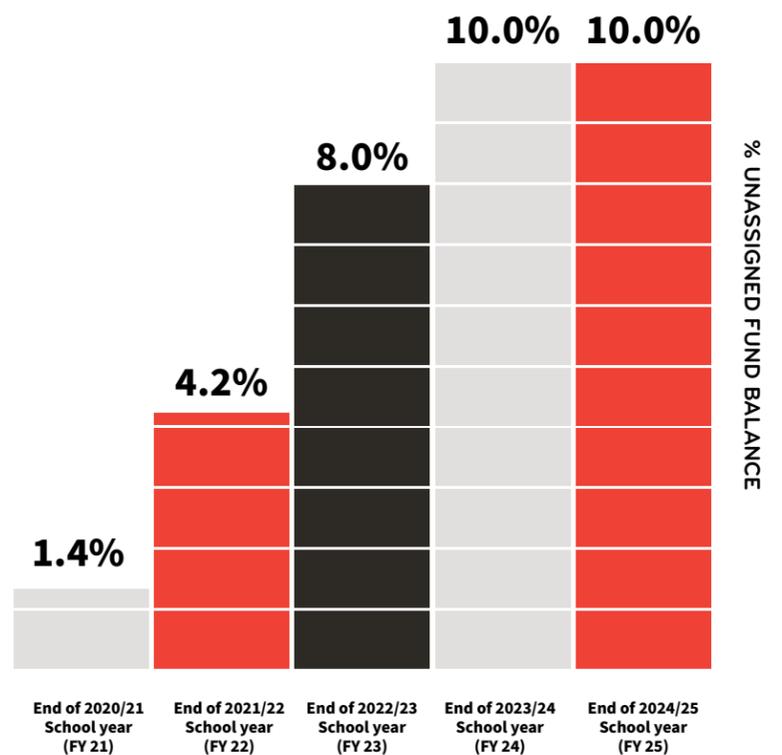


**GOAL:**

The School Board reaffirms the goal to meet the unassigned fund balance requirements as outlined in School Board Policy 714 Fund Balances. The target for the unassigned fund balance in Policy 714 is between 8-12% of the District's operating budget.



**PROGRESS:**



**WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF AN UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE? HOW DOES IT IMPACT FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY?**

Typical policy states that a school district should have an unassigned fund balance of 8-12%, which is roughly equivalent to one month's spending. Similar to a homeowner or family budget, unassigned funds allow the district to pay bills on a monthly basis without the need to take out a line of credit or loan to meet payroll and other district expenses. While the district receives funding from the State, it does not come in even increments and therefore the unassigned fund balance is critical to consistent district cash flow.



**GOAL:**

The School Board will improve pay for teachers and support staff moving them towards the mid-range of comparable districts.



**PROGRESS:**

- Approved agreements with teachers and clerical groups moving them towards the mid-range of comparable districts.
- In process of completing agreements with other employee groups moving them towards the mid-range of comparable districts.

# DISTRICT ALIGNMENT GOAL



In addition to the four financial sustainability goals, work is being done to align district spending with the values of the Shakopee community and vision of the School Board.

Prior to the November 2021 operating levy, in response to questions about administrative expenses within Shakopee Public Schools, a means of capturing 'student-based' versus 'other' expenditures was created. This comparison used what are called UFARS (Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards) codes as listed to the right.

In listening to the community, a goal was set by the School Board to reach having at least 85% of the District's operating expenditures be made on items classified as 'student-based'.

### STUDENT-BASED

- 200-299 Regular Instruction
- 300-399 Vocational Instruction
- 400-499 Special Education Instruction
- 600-699 Instructional Support Services
- 700-799 Pupil Support Services

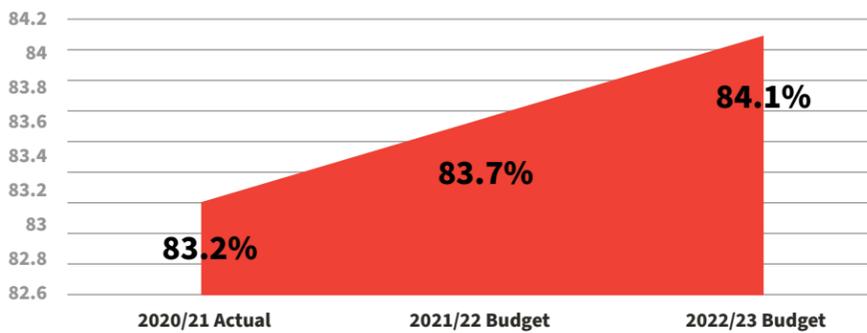
### OTHER

- 000-199 Administration and District Support Services
- 800-899 Sites, Buildings and Equipment
- 900-999 Fiscal and Other

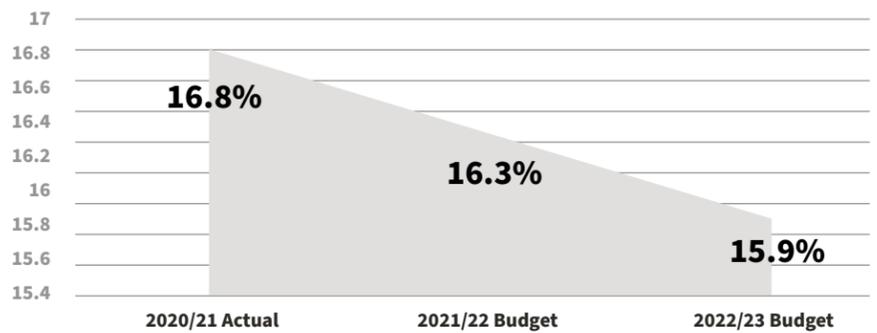


## PROGRESS:

**STUDENT-BASED EXPENDITURES AS % OF THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET**



**NON-STUDENT BASED EXPENDITURES AS % OF THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET**



When last measured, none of the eleven suburban districts in the surrounding area, those we compare our district to, had a student-based spending percentage of 85% or higher. As is shown on the diagram above, Shakopee Public Schools is moving towards reaching the goal of 85% for student-based expenditures.

## SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

### NOVEMBER 8, 2022 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Shakopee Public Schools will be on the November 8, 2022 ballot for the purpose of electing four (4) school board members for four (4) year terms.



**EIGHT (8) CANDIDATES** will be on the ballot.



**FOUR (4) SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS** will be elected to serve four (4) year terms.



**ELECTION DAY** is November 8, 2022.



**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** on the election can be found online at [bit.ly/SPSSBElection2022](https://bit.ly/SPSSBElection2022) or by scanning the QR code above with your smartphone.



### SHAKOPEE SCHOOL BOARD APPOINTS TWO STUDENT MEMBERS - AADITYA PARANJAPE AND DANIELLE DAKE

Shakopee Public Schools is pleased to have Shakopee High School students Aaditya Paranjape, Class of 2024, and Danielle Dake, Class of 2023, as ex-officio members of the School Board.

A student member of the School Board will be considered an ex officio member and serve in many of the same capacities as full Board members; absent is the ability to vote on School Board matters. Aaditya and Danielle have already participated in School Board meetings and work sessions, and have been integral members in back to school engagement efforts with students and families!

*"I really wanted to have a say in the community, and this is a great opportunity to improve my leadership and social skills,"* shared Aaditya.

*"I wanted to be able to serve and help my community, and give voice to all Shakopee students. It's such an amazing opportunity,"* noted Danielle.