

# Introduction to DC School Budgets

Presentation to PAVE: Parents Amplifying Voices in Education

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#### **About DCFPI**



The DC Fiscal Policy Institute shapes racially-just tax, budget, and policy decisions by centering Black and brown communities in our research and analysis, community partnerships, and advocacy efforts to advance an antiracist, equitable future.

#### Agenda

- DCFPI's Principles on Equitable Education Financing
- How DC Funds its Schools
- Deep Dive into Individual School Budgets
- Tips on How to Effectively Engage on School Budgets



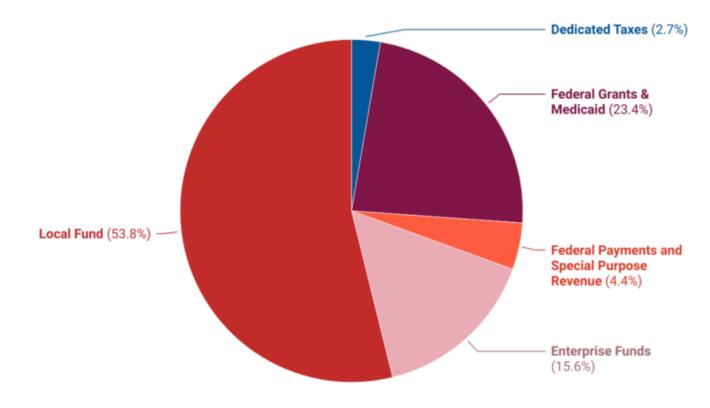
#### **Key Principles on Equitable School Financing**

- Adequacy: Is the overall budget enough to support an adequate education for all?
- Equity: Is the money allocated in a way to address systemic inequities and to provide each student what they need to succeed?
- Transparency: Is the budget information clear and available?
- Engagement: How are parents, students, and school staff engaged?

#### Collective Public Investments Made Possible by DC's Diverse Revenue Sources

#### Where the Money Comes From

Source of Gross Funds for FY 2023 (\$20 Billion), Excluding Intra-District Funds



Source: Fiscal Year 2023 Budget & Financial Plan • Created with Datawrapper

#### **ESSER**

- ESSER III expires September 30, 2024
- ~\$246 million left to be spent by all LEAs as of 8/2023
- Most of the ESSER money has funded accelerated learning (support staff for recovery learning, tutoring, and additional supports for students with disabilities)
- Important to avoid fiscal cliffs by reinvesting in these programs



### **DCPS Funding**

#### DCPS Fiscal Year 2021 Approved Budget

Funding Source, as a Percentage of DCPS Gross Budget

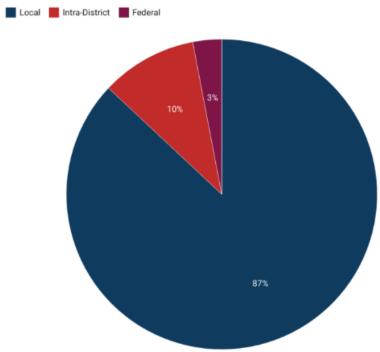


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#### **Charter funding**

#### DC Public Charter Schools Fiscal Year 2021 Revenue

Funding Source, as a Percentage of PCS Gross Budget

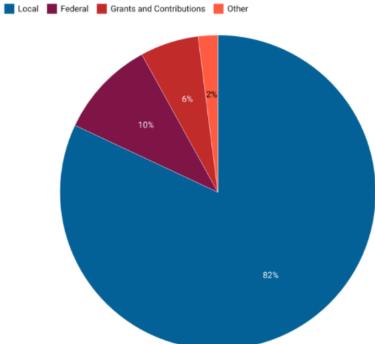


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#### Following the Funding from Local Education Agencies to Schools

Not all money from the UPSFF follows the student to their school. The UPSFF is multiplied by LEA projected enrollment, and LEA leaders are responsible for directing funding to schools.



Each Local Education Agency (LEA) has broad control and flexibility in the use of its funds:

- LEA leaders can direct funds based on the priorities of their school model
- Individual school leaders (principals) input varies widely
- Budgets are posted to PCSB and DCPS websites annually
- Currently, there is no uniform budget template or spending categories for charter schools

#### Schools first in budgeting - DCPS

- Chairman Mendelson introduced in 2022
- Based on a school's previous year budget, adjusted for inflation
- Helps to secure classroom teacher positions, year over year
- Mayor Bowser did not follow this legislation last budget season

#### What's included in a school budget?

#### School budgets could include:

- Salaries: teachers, administrators, and support staff
- Resources: literacy materials, technology, or any school supplies and equipment
- Programming: tutoring, after school programs, or social emotional learning curriculum
- Funding and services for special populations, including special education,
   English Language Learners, and students considered at-risk
- For charter school\*: facilities and overhead expenses



# Diving Into School Budgets



# **Evaluating Budget Transparency**

**The BIG Goal:** To better understand what information is *AVAILABLE* in DCPS and public charter school budgets

#### Let's take a look to see if we can find:

- Teacher and staff salaries
- Funding spend per pupil
- At-risk funding and spending
- School facilities
- Private donations (including PTO \$)



# **Viewing Budgets Across Sectors**

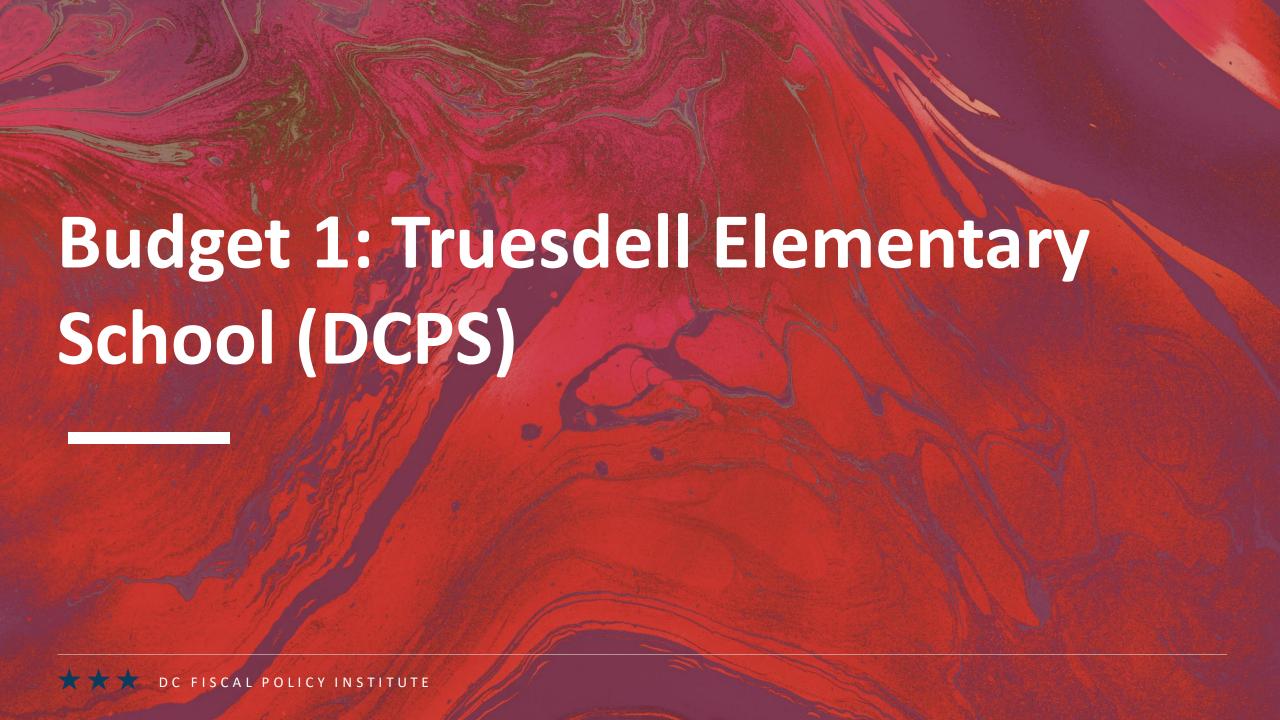
#### **DCPS**

- View DCPS budgets at DCPS Budgets
- Includes initial and submitted budgets
   up to date for this school year
- Provides information about central office funding, but does not go into specifics

#### **Public Charter Schools**

- View LEA-level budgets (not individual schools) at the <u>Public Charter School</u> <u>Board's (PCSB) Transparency Hub:</u>
- Does not include initial budgets
- Most recent budgets are from Fiscal Year 2022





#### **Truesdell Elementary Quick Facts**

- DCPS School in Ward 4
- Serves PK3-5th grade
- Total projected enrollment of 461 (increase of 17 students)
- 57% of student population is considered "at risk"
- Total FY24 Budget is \$8,744,589





# Budget 2: Rocketship PCS (Entire

LEA)

#### **Rocketship PCS Quick Facts**

- Three school campuses:
  - Infinity Community Prep (W5)
  - Legacy Prep (W7)
  - Rise Academy (W8)
- LEA serves grades PK3-5
- Total enrollment in FY22: 1,643
- 65% of LEA population is considered "at-risk"
- Total FY22 budget: \$42,554,781





#### **Truesdell Elementary FY24 Submitted Budget**

FY24 Comprehensive List of Budgeted Items

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Employee Benefits and Payroll Taxes	1,979,943	-	190,543	211,957	211,957	614,458	211,957	211,957	211,957	635,872	211,957	211,957	211,957	635,872
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## Rocketship PCS (Community Prep Campus) - At-Risk Funding

#### PART A: DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR PROGRAMS, INITIATIVES, AND ACTIVITIES

Social-Emotional Support Staff: Rocketship is making a deep investment into serving our at-risk students and becoming a leader in trauma-informed practice. Rocketship has hired school-based Wellness and MTSS staff to offer additional supports to our students and families. The positions hired to better support our students include: Senior Manager of School Wellness, Culture Specialist, BCBA and Behavioral specialists, Family support & community engagement managers, Social-emotional learning specialists and Social workers & wrap-around coordinators, and enrichment coordinators.

School Leadership: Each Rocketship campus will employ a third and, in some cases, a fourth Assistant Principal to ensure that each school has more than adequate resources to meet the unique needs of our At-Risk students and to ensure that the staff members who work directly without students have all of the coaching and support that they need to be successful. Our APs also help with social, emotional, behavioral issues. We budgeted \$125,000 of At-Risk funds for each additional assistant principal.

Regional Leadership: The Rocketship DC region will employ regional leaders who will specifically support the programming, development, and training that serves our at-risk population. This includes a Senior Manager or Wellness, a Senior Manager of Family Engagement, a Director of Community Wellness. The primary function of these roles will be to directly support our significant at-risk population at each of our Rocketship DC campuses.

Contracted Pre-school Program: Our Pre-K students are part of a separate program operated by external third party consultants, who also provide resources for At-Risk students. Rocketship expects to receive At-Risk revenue for our Pre-K students and this At-Risk revenue amount is passed through to our third party consultants.

Staff Wellness Consultants: Rocketship DC will be partnering with a wellness center which provides Rocketship DC 1.5 days per week of support this year, specifically supporting the wellness of our students. Their supports include Tier 2 and Tier 3 coaching to ensure we are meeting the needs of all of our learners, including those that come to us with significant gaps in learning, behavior, and SEL skills. Additionally, they provide direct support to all staff to build the skills that are needed to serve all students and ensure the learning environment is conducive to every student that we serve in our buildings. Finally, they will help to build our inventory of curriculum and strategies that we can use to support students and families in building their SEL awareness and skills.

McKinney Vento Expenditures: Rocketship has a large homeless student population and sets-aside funds to procure uniforms and transportation passes for our families in need.

We also provide after-care support for our MKV families, as we recognize that our families are always able to pick up their students when the school day ends at 4pm.

# **Rocketship PCS (Community Prep Campus) - At-Risk Funding**

PART B: BUDGETED AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	Budget	Ac	tual	Variance
Social-Emotional Support Staff	\$ 218,400	\$		\$ (218,400)
School Leadership	\$ 125,000	\$		\$ (125,000)
Regional Leadership	\$ 112,146	\$		\$ (112,146)
Contracted pre-school program	\$ 128,009	\$	-	\$ (128,009)
Staff Wellness Consultants	\$ 40,000	\$		\$ (40,000)
McKinney Vento Expenditures	\$ 30,000	\$		\$ (30,000)
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ESTIMATED TOTAL	\$ 653,555	\$		\$ (653,555)



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Teacher - 3rd Grade	General Education Teachers	3	\$345.5K	\$345.5K	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Per Pupil Facilities Allowance	5,175,253		465,760	465,760	465,760	1,397,280	465,760	465,760	465,760	1,397,280	465,760	465,760	465,760	1,397,280
Federal Funding	4,520,197		394,401	472,409	597,958	1,464,768	598,131	598,305	598,479	1,794,916	598,653	598,827	599,001	1,796,481
Other Government Funding/Grants	3,594,921		254,839	254,839	341,884	851,562	341,884	341,884	341,884	1,025,651	341,884	341,884	334,106	1,017,873
Private Grants and Donations	-		-	-	-	- [	-	200,000	-	200,000	-	-	-	-
Activity Fees	-		-	-	-	- [	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In-kind revenue	-		-	-	-	-[	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income	781,641		34,080	39,980	96,317	170,377	95,617	94,267	92,867	282,752	92,067	92,067	92,067	276,202
TOTAL REVENUES	36,036,599		3,107,605	3,191,513	3,588,831	9,887,948	3,588,304	3,787,128	3,585,902	10,961,335	3,585,276	3,585,450	3,577,846	10,748,572
FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES														
Personnel Salaries and Benefits		No. of Positions												
Principal/Executive Salary	1,744,000	13	164,848	164,848	164,848	494,543	164,848	164,848	164,848	494,543	164,848	164,848	164,848	494,543
Teachers Salaries	2,608,500	46	283,329	283,329	283,329	849,986	283,329	283,329	283,329	849,986	283,329	283,329	283,329	849,986
Special Education Salaries	1,871,506	34	178,329	178,205	178,205	534,738	178,205	178,205	178,205	534,614	178,205	178,205	178,205	534,614
Other Education Professionals Salaries	2,287,710	47	195,023	225,918	225,918	646,859	225,918	225,918	225,918	677,755	225,918	225,918	225,918	677,755
Business/Operations Salaries	1,583,640	27	102,663	162,393	162,390	427,446	162,390	162,390	162,390	487,171	162,390	162,390	162,390	487,171
Administrative/Other Staff Salaries	207,000	6	36,523	36,479	36,479	109,481	36,479	36,479	36,479	109,436	36,479	36,479	36,479	109,436
Employee Benefits and Payroll Taxes	1,979,943	-	190,543	211,957	211,957	614,458	211,957	211,957	211,957	635,872	211,957	211,957	211,957	635,872
Subtotal: Personnel Expense	12,282,299	173	1,151,257	1,263,128	1,263,125	3,677,510	1,263,125	1,263,125	1,263,125	3,789,376	1,263,125	1,263,125	1,263,125	3,789,376



# **Truesdell ES Facilities Funding**

Item Name	Item Category	FTE	Total Budget	Local	At-Risk	EL UPSFF	Title I	Title II	21stCC
General Supplies	Non-Personnel Spending	0	\$25.0K	\$25.0K	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Supplies	Non-Personnel Spending	0	\$500.00	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
IT Equipment/Hardware	Non-Personnel Spending	0	\$10.0K	\$10.0K	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Library MOU	Non-Personnel Spending	0	\$9.6K	\$9.6K	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Office Supplies	Non-Personnel Spending	0	\$3.0K	\$3.0K	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Out of City Travel (Staff and students - more than 50 miles Including International)	Non-Personnel Spending	0	\$5.5K	\$5.5K	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Printing	Non-Personnel Spending	0	\$500.00	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Recreational Supplies (including admissions tickets)	Non-Personnel Spending	0	\$20.0K	\$20.0K	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Title I Parental Involvement	Non-Personnel Spending	0	\$2.4K	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2.4K	\$0	\$0

# **Rocketship PCS Facilities Funding**

Quarter 4

Rocketship Education DC PCS												
FY22 Annual Budget												
	FY21	July	August	September	Q1	October	November	December	Q2	January	February	March
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Educational Supplies and Textbooks	524,060	245,142	260,513	260,513	766,167	33,126	23,611	23,611	80.348	23,611	23,611	23,611
Student Assessment Materials/Program Evaluation	67,065	14.338	18.682	18.682	51,703	5,871	2,280	2,280	10,430	2,280	2,280	2,280
Contracted Student Services	7.958.616	515.660	542,283	830.012	1.887.955	840.012	830.012	830,012	2,500,036	830.012	830.012	830.012
Food Service	1.053.280	313,000	126.092	126,092	252,183	126,092	126,092	126,092	378,275	126.092	126.092	126,092
Other Direct Student Expense	335,000	88.458	96.298	96.298	281.054	78,349	78.343	78.343	235.036	78.343	78.343	78,343
Subtotal: Direct Student Expense	9,938,022	863,597	1,043,868	1,331,597	3,239,063	1,083,450	1,060,338	1,060,338	3,204,126	1,060,338	1,060,338	1,060,338
Occupancy Expenses		442.222	442.222	442.000			442.222	442.222			442.000	442.000
Rent	5,966,035	613,920	613,920	613,920	1,841,759	613,920	613,920	613,920	1,841,759	613,920	613,920	613,920
Depreciation (facilities only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest (facilities only)	<del>-</del>	-	-	-		-	-	-		-	-	-
Building Maintenance and Repairs	147,000	12,333	12,333	12,333	37,000	12,333	12,333	12,333	37,000	12,333	12,333	12,333
Contracted Building Services	952,200	89,017	89,017	89,017	267,050	89,017	89,017	89,017	267,050	89,017	89,017	89,017
Other Occupancy Expenses	347,500	30,333	30,333	30,333	91,000	30,333	30,333	30,333	91,000	30,333	30,333	30,333
Subtotal: Occupancy Expenses	7,412,735	745,603	745,603	745,603	2,236,809	745,603	745,603	745,603	2,236,809	745,603	745,603	745,603
General and Administrative Expenses												
Office Supplies and Materials	205,196	23,740	40,951	40,661	105,352	26,293	10,336	10,336	46,966	10,336	10,336	10,336
Office Equipment Rental and Maintenance	131,400	833	13,779	13,779	28,391	13,779	13,779	13,779	41,336	13,779	13,779	13,779
Telephone/Telecommunications	124,365	11,644	11,644	11,644	34,932	11,644	11,644	11,644	34,932	11,644	11,644	11,644
Legal, Accounting and Payroll Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	38,875	3,423	3,423	3,423	10,269	3,423	3,423	3,423	10,269	3,423	3,423	3,423
Transportation	21,175	5,280	5,280	5,444	16,005	5,444	5,444	5,444	16,332	5,444	5,444	5,444
Professional Development	42,517	25,856	25,856	25,856	77,567	12,413	12,408	12,408	37,230	12,408	12,408	12,408
PCSB Administrative Fee	277,865	25,270	25,270	25,533	76,072	25,533	25,533	25,533	76,599	25,533	25,533	25,533
Management Fee	4,448,919	371,901	371,901	411,347	1,155,148	411,347	411,347	411,347	1,234,040	411,347	411,347	410,180
Interest Expense (non-facility)	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
Depreciation and Amortization (non-facility)	-	_	-	-	- 1	_	_	-	-	_	_	_
Other General Expense	331,845	52,174	62,211	58,611	172,996	32,329	32,320	32,320	96,969	32,320	32,320	32,320
Subtotal: General Expenses	5,622,156	520,121	560,314	596,297	1,676,732	542,205	526,234	526,234	1,594,672	526,234	526,234	525,067



#### **Private Sources of Funds**

- Private donations are NOT required to be shared on DCPS school budgets
- Grants and other contributions ARE shared in PCSB's Financial Analysis Reports
- Funding from charity or Parent Teacher Organizations (PTOs) looks very different across all our schools, but the majority of schools do not raise significant amounts



# Tips for Effectively Engaging in School Budgets

#### **Family and Community Budget Engagement**

# What are the current avenues for engagement? System:

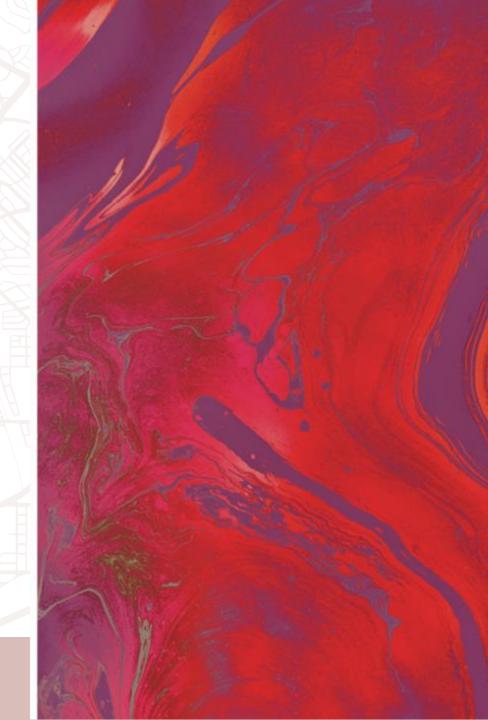
- Performance and budget oversight hearings
- Roundtable hearings

#### School-Level:

- Local School Advisory Teams (LSAT) DCPS
- Family engagement teams public charters schools

#### What limitations exist?

- Timeline quick turnaround
- Ongoing pandemic and its significant impacts
- Creating a budget that accounts for inflation, includes adequate salary increases, and adjusts for enrollment changes
- Looking at budgets can be wonky!!!





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