

FY26 Budget Considerations



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BOE Priorities



Academic achievement
with a focus on math,
reading, and language
arts

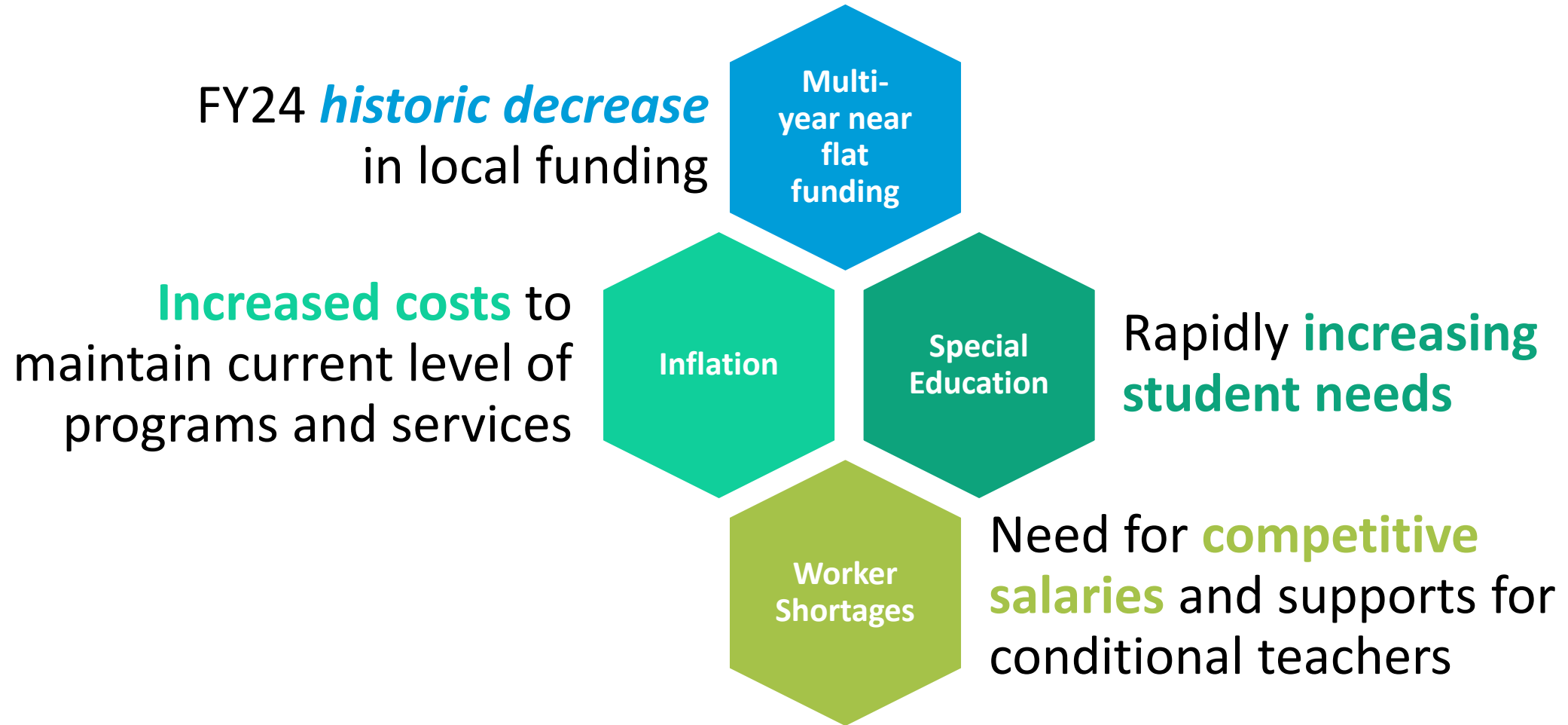


Improve school
environments with an
emphasis on
attendance and safety



Increasing community
and parental and
guardian trust through
partnerships and
transparency

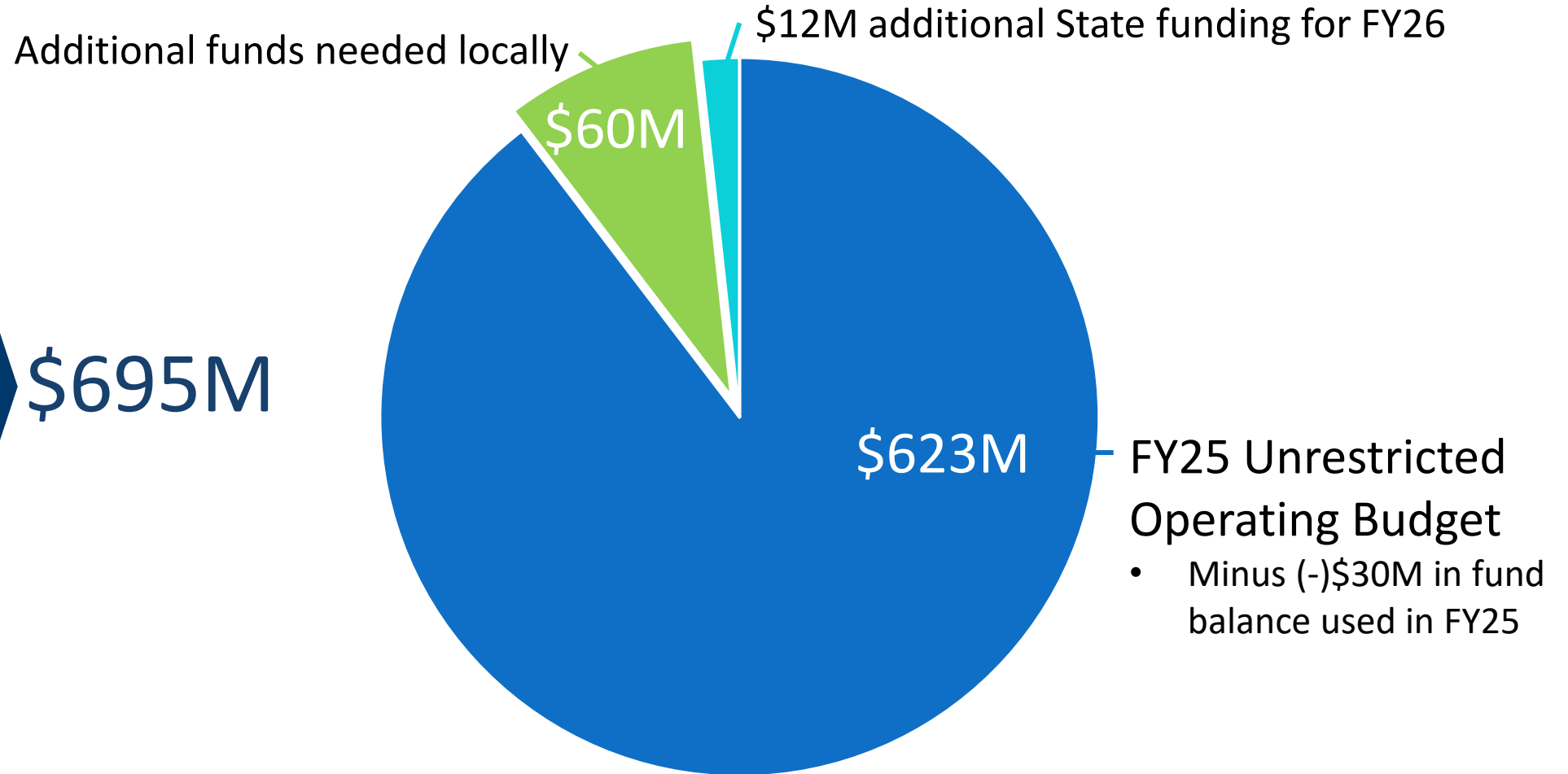
Local Budget Cost Drivers



Anticipated FY26 Budget to Maintain Current Service

Identified need of \$60M to *maintain current* positions, services, and programs

\$695M



What could our students lose without \$60M?

Teachers

600

\$60M



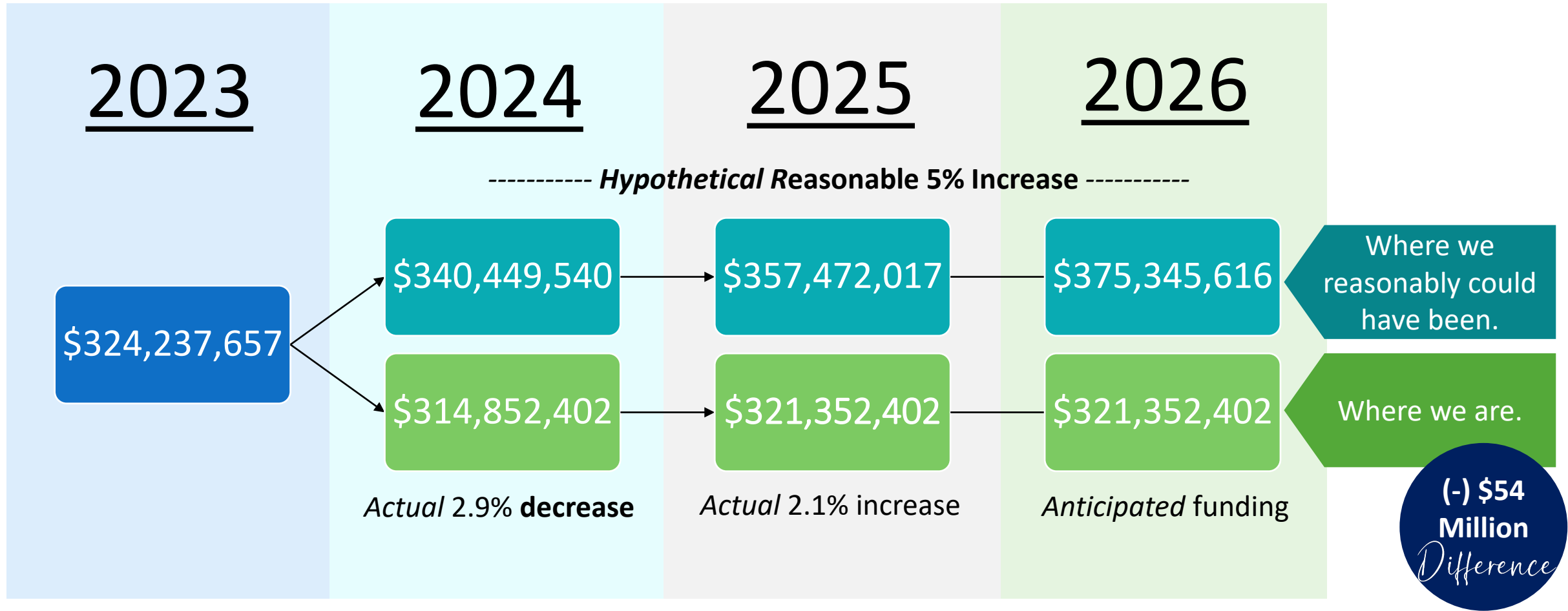
What is the history of local funding to HCPS?



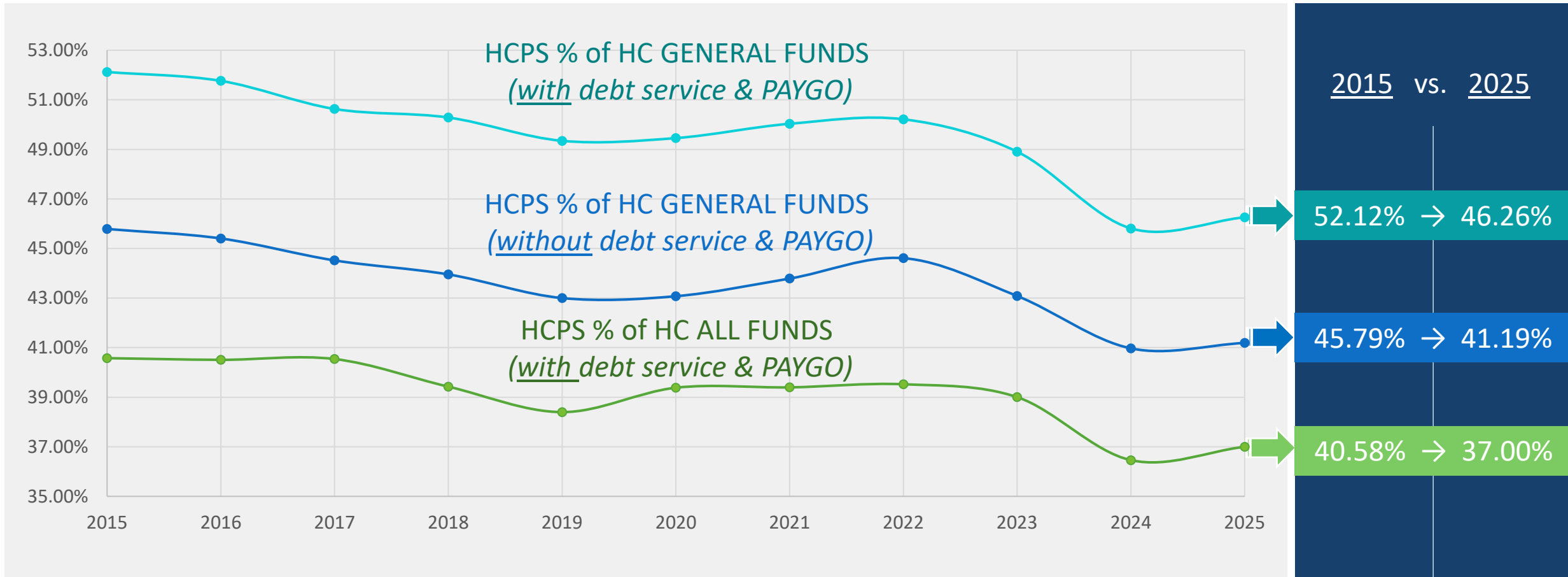
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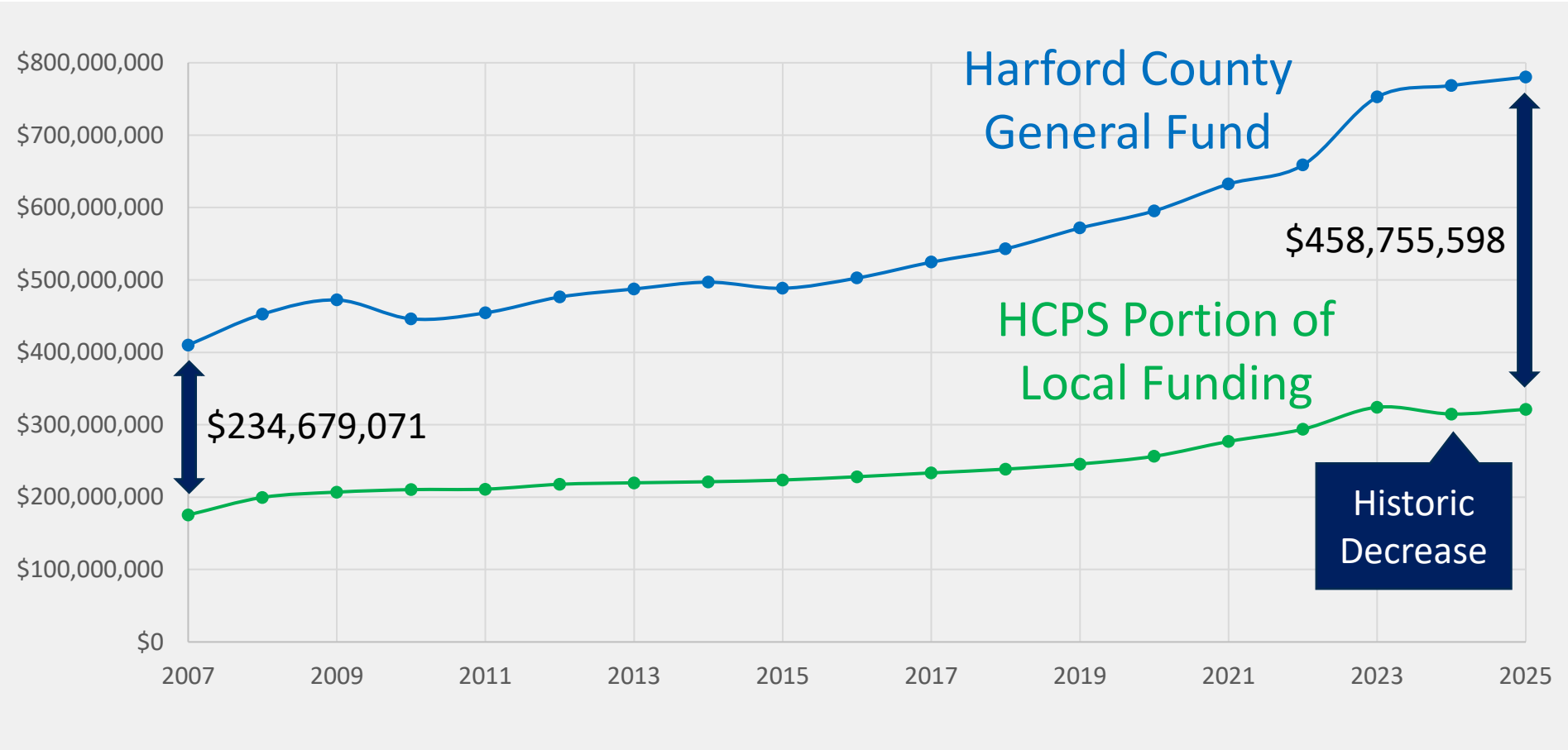
Legacy of Unsustainable Local Funding



HCPS Share of County Budget is Decreasing

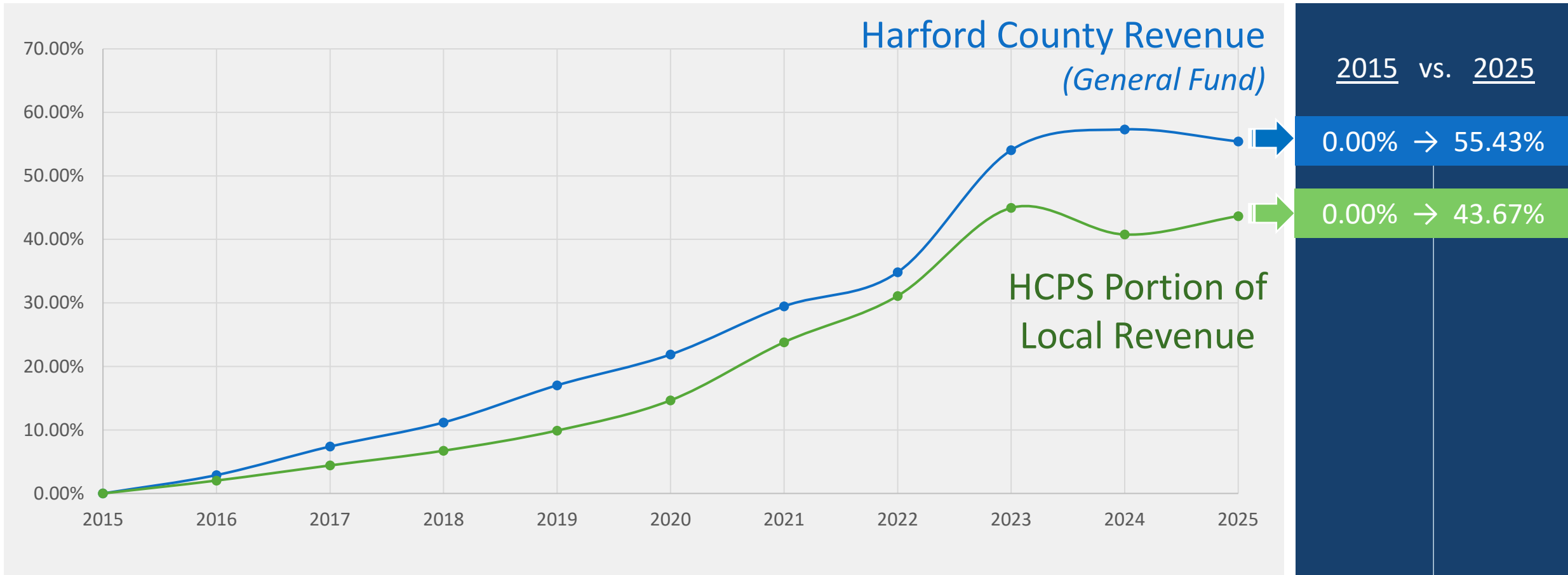


HC Budget is Growing Faster than HCPS Local Share



Since 2007, Harford County Government spending outside of HCPS has nearly doubled (+\$224M).

HC Budget is Growing More than HCPS Local Share



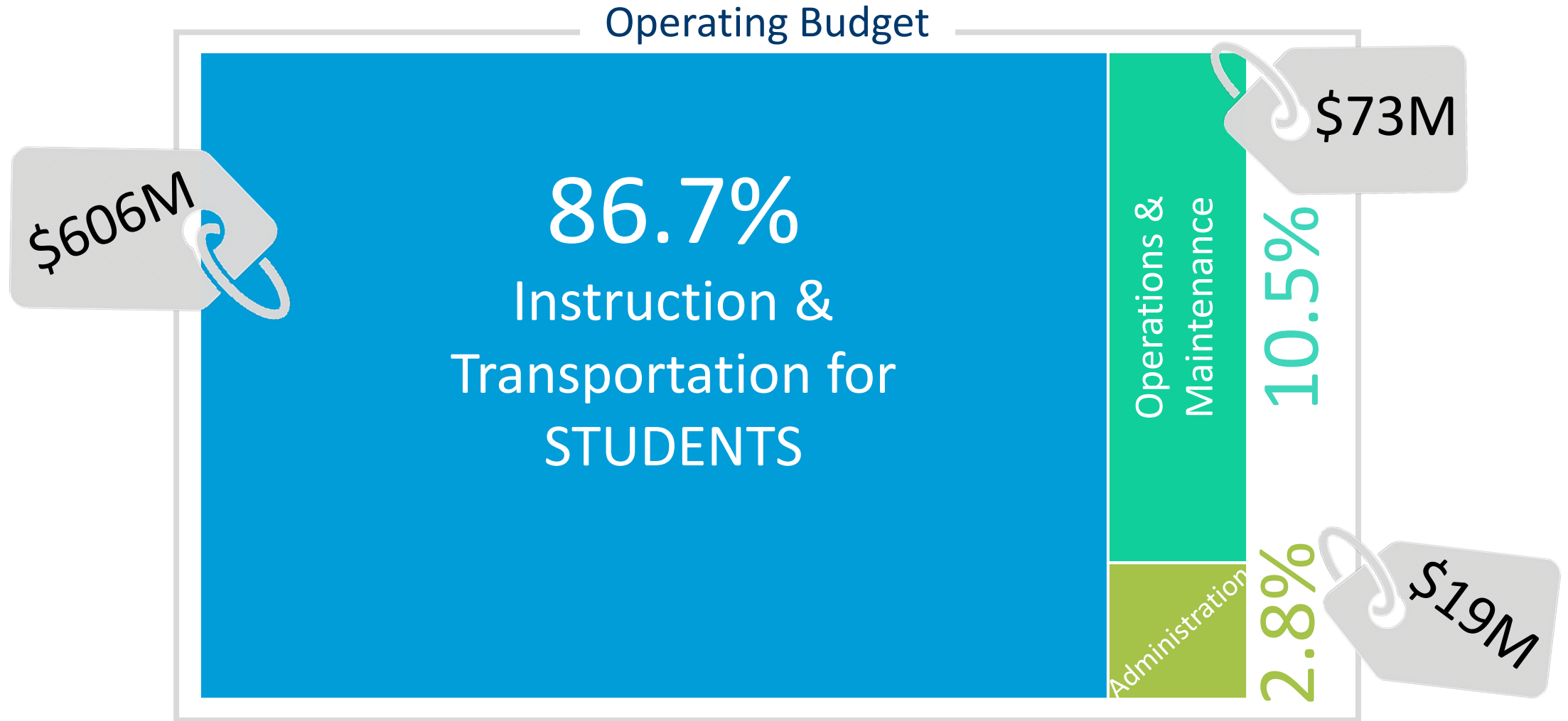
How does the HCPS budget serve students?



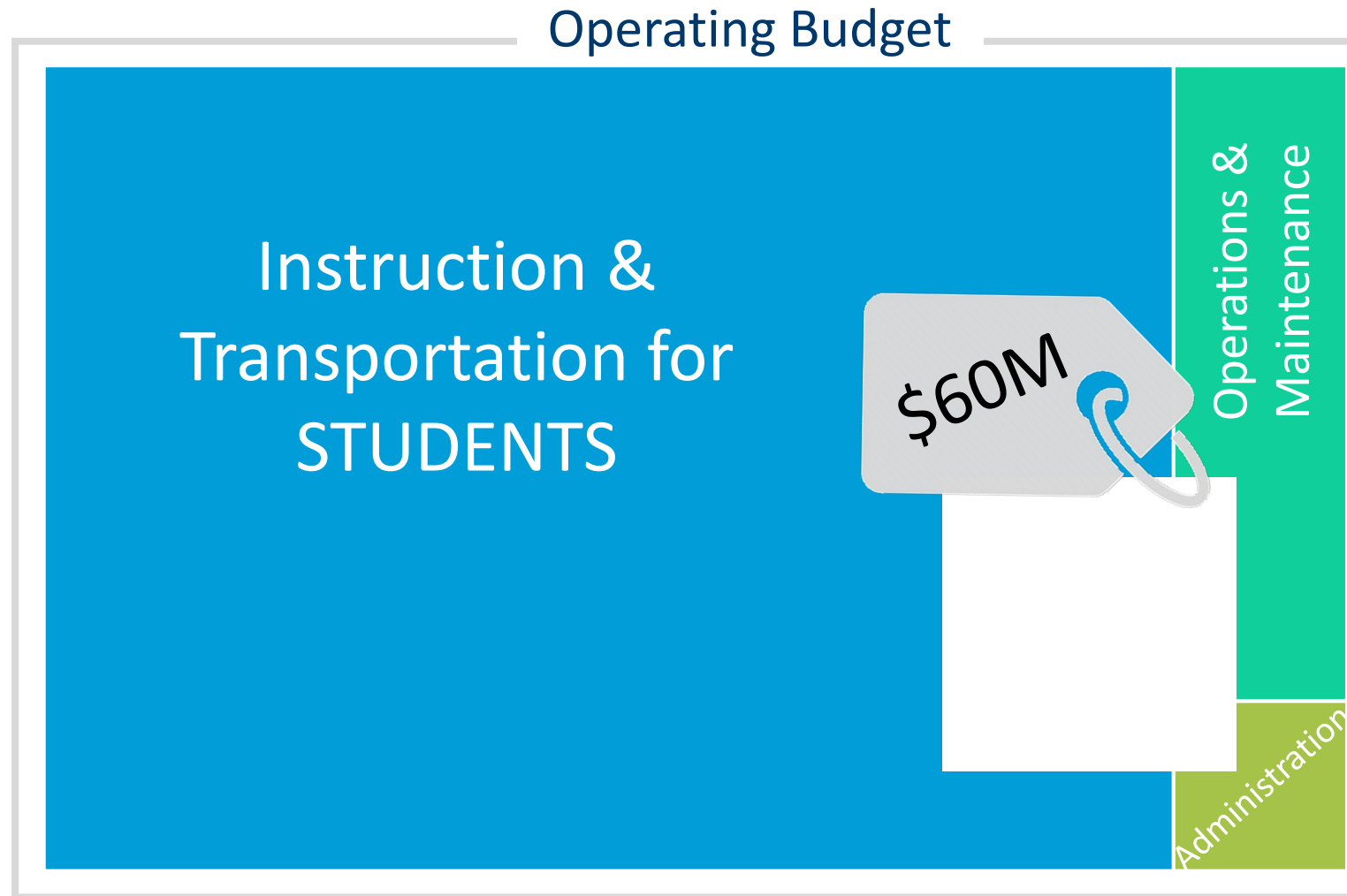
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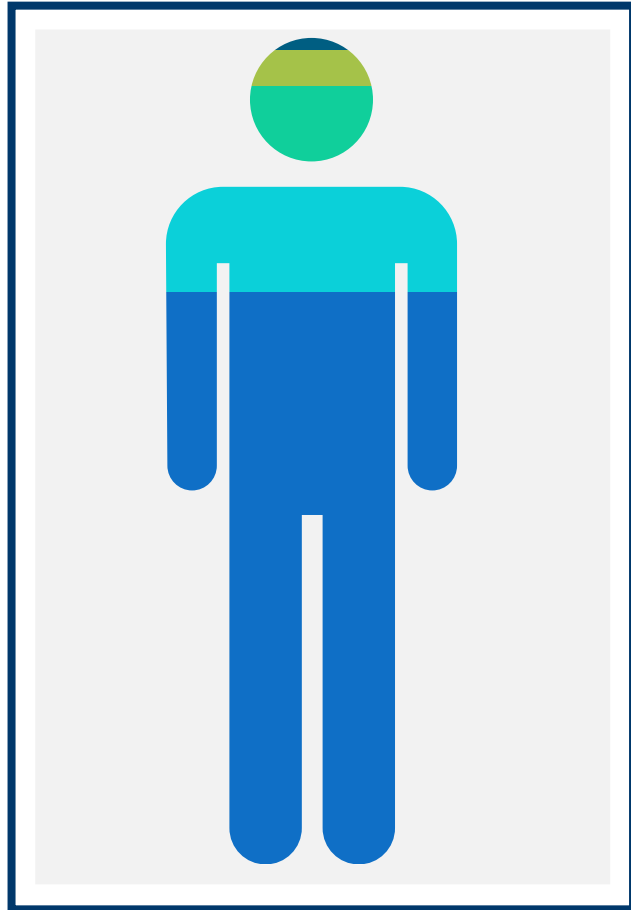
86.7% of the Budget is Direct Service to Students



A \$60M Reduction Impacts Service to Students



How are Funds Used for a General Ed. Student?



- Instruction & Instructional Support **\$13,024**
- Student Transportation **\$1,374**
- Operations & Maintenance **\$1,570**
- Administration **\$428**
- Pupil Personnel and Health Services **\$295**

Based on FY 2025 Budget

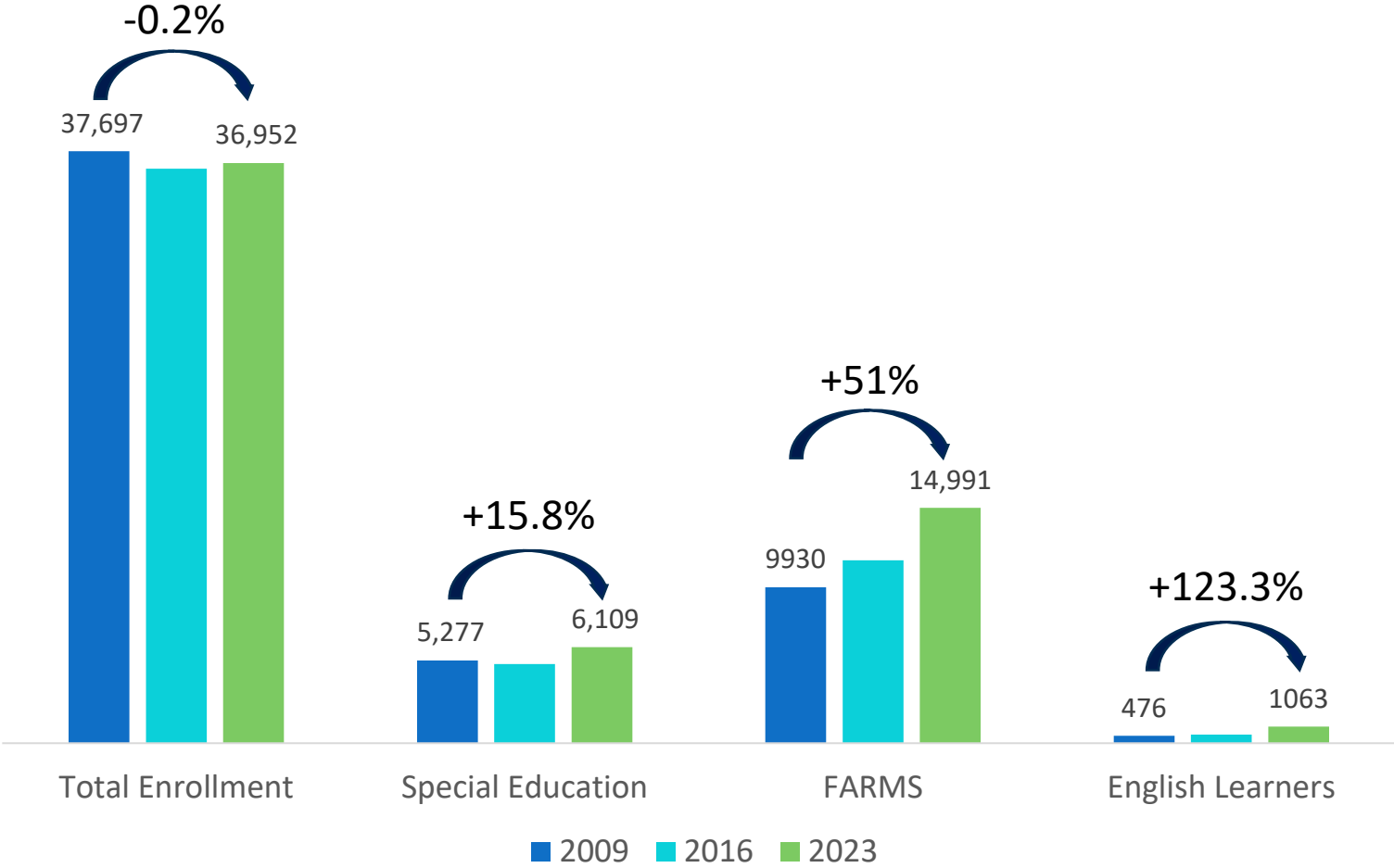
A \$60M Reduction is about \$1500 per Student



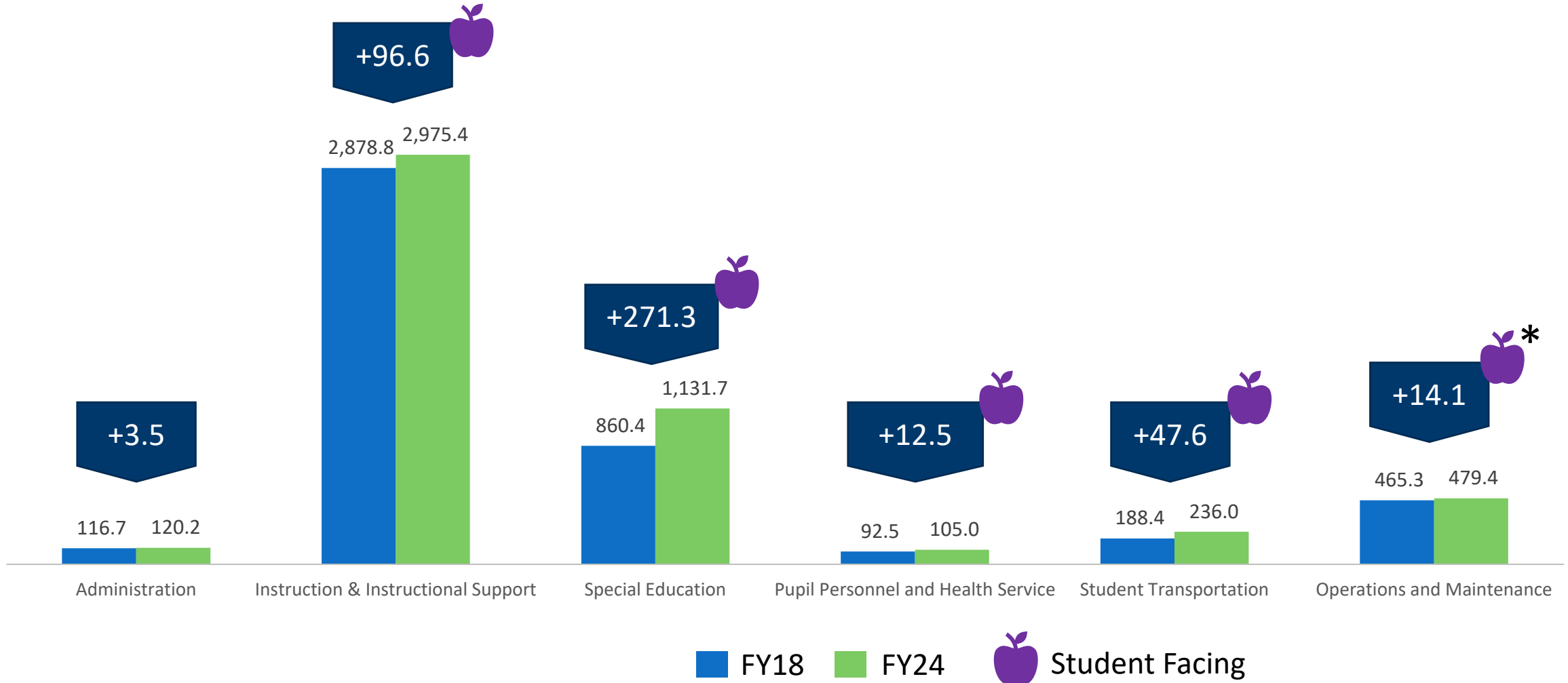
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Our Students Have Changed

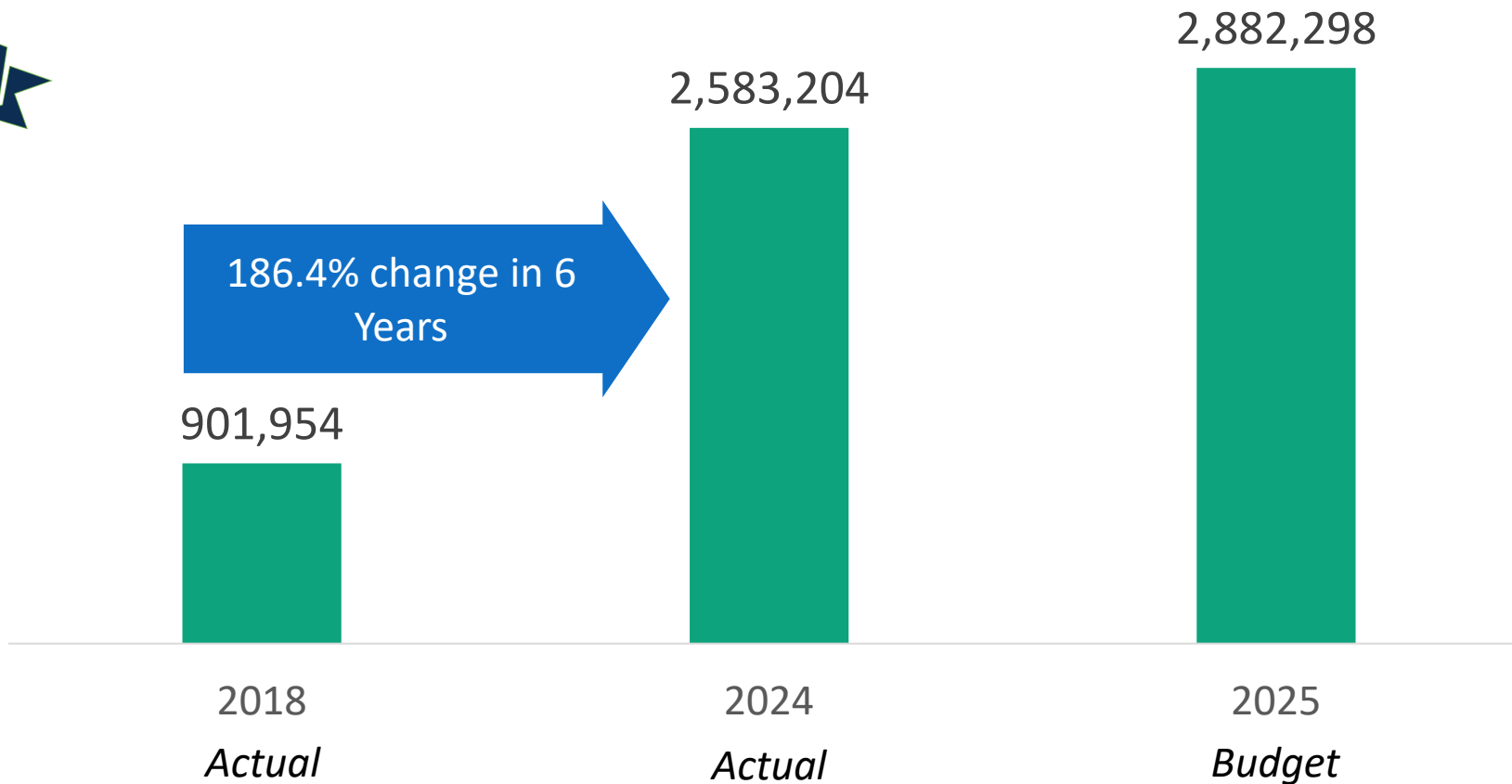


HCPS has Invested in Student Facing Positions



* Operations FTE increases are Student Safety Liaisons

HCPS Continues to Invest In Safety



What is the overall picture of the HCPS budget?

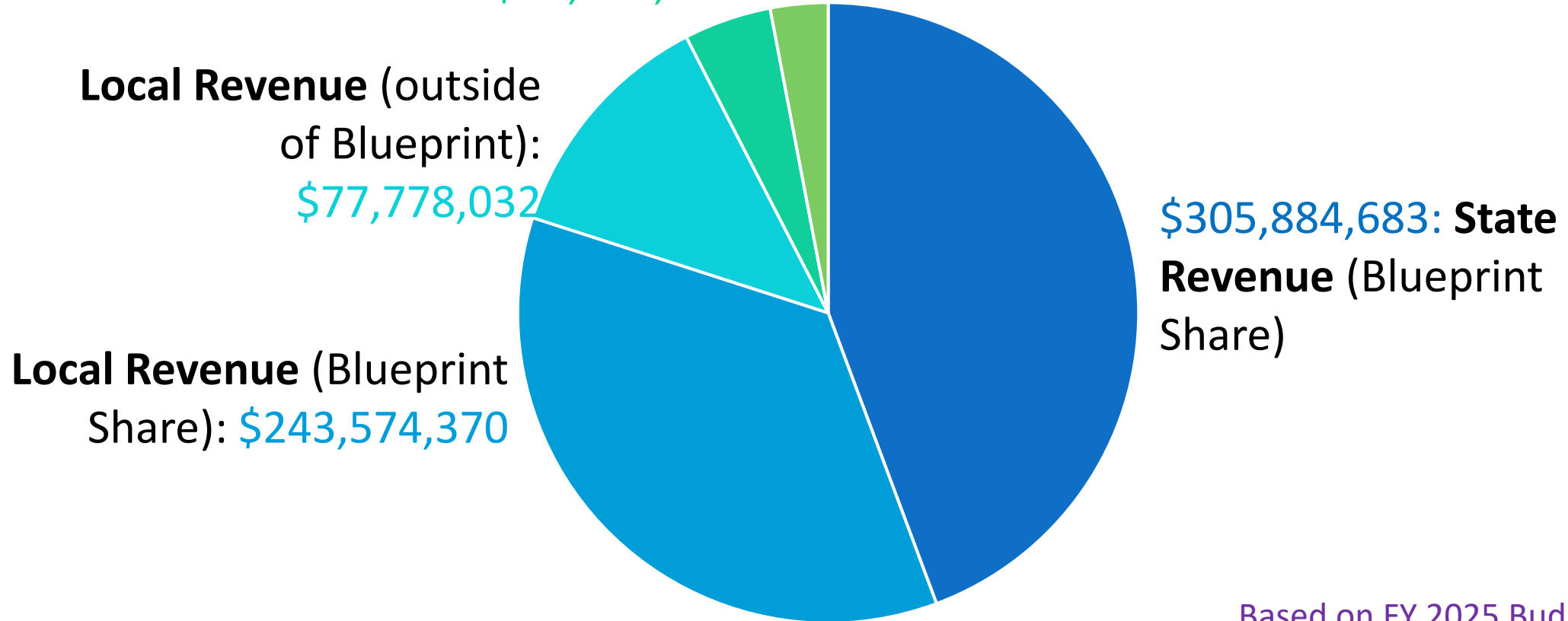


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HCPS Revenue Overview

All Restricted Revenue: \$35,282,791 \$35,842,288: Other Revenue Sources



Based on FY 2025 Budgeted Revenue

Fund Balance as of June 30, 2024

Reconciliation between Budget Basis & GAAP* Basis
 (82.6M Fund Balance Per Financial Statements)

Unassigned Fund Balance at June 30, 2024	\$26,288,896	Budgetary Basis
Total purchases on order	\$4,671,418	
Fiscal year 2025 unrestricted expenditures	\$30,211,788	Reconciled Assignments
Rate stabilization	\$9,885,423	
Student activities	\$2,665,305	
Future health insurance call	\$5,000,000	
Emergency fuel reserve	\$1,000,000	
Future lease payments for devices	\$4,000,000	
Total non-spendable	\$ 734,052	
Revenues adjusted by encumbrances of expenditure driven grants	(1,859,469)	Financial Statements GAAP Basis
	\$82,597,413	

HCPS Requires Local Revenue

State revenue and required HCPS services have increased due to the Blueprint

Counties must provide minimum funding prescribed in the Blueprint.

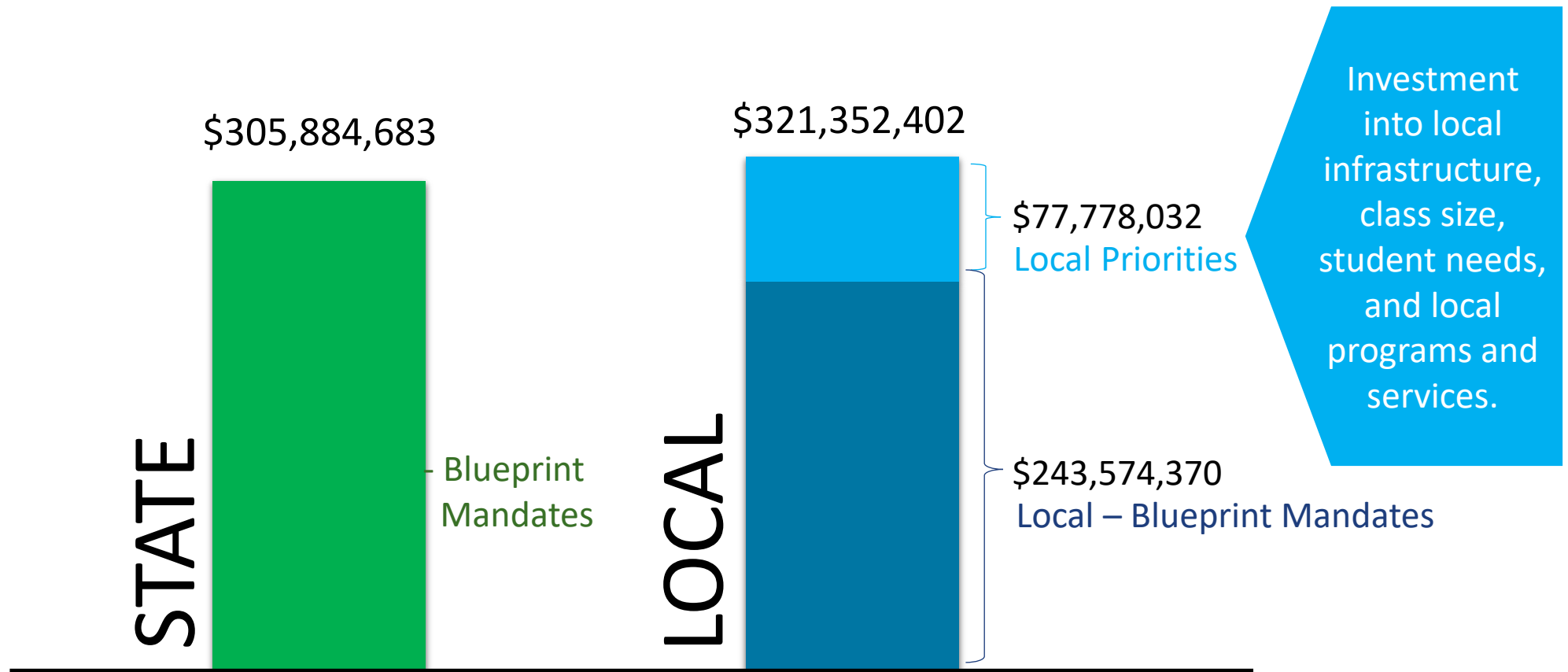
Local services and programs, class size, and non-Blueprint activities *require local funding*



The Blueprint does not account for:

- all school needs, like transportation & extracurriculars,
- inflation, and
- the full cost of special education.

State & Local Revenue is Tied to Blueprint Mandates



Based on FY 2025 Budget

Why is Special Education a cost driver of the budget?

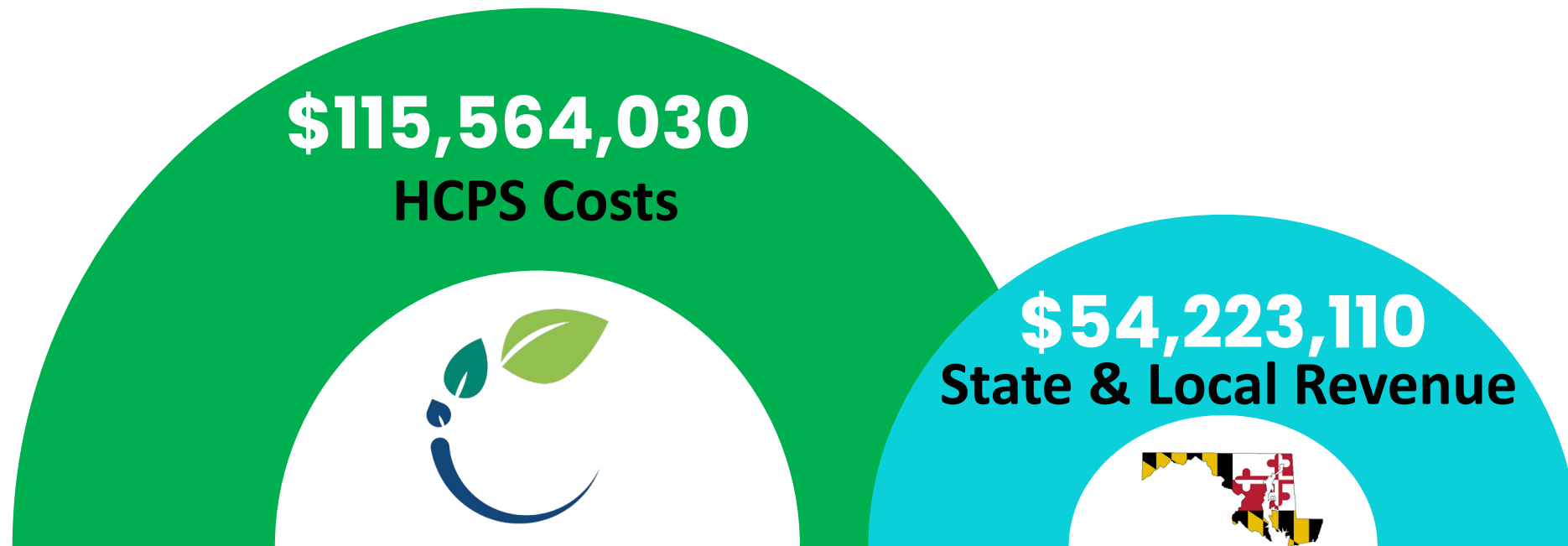


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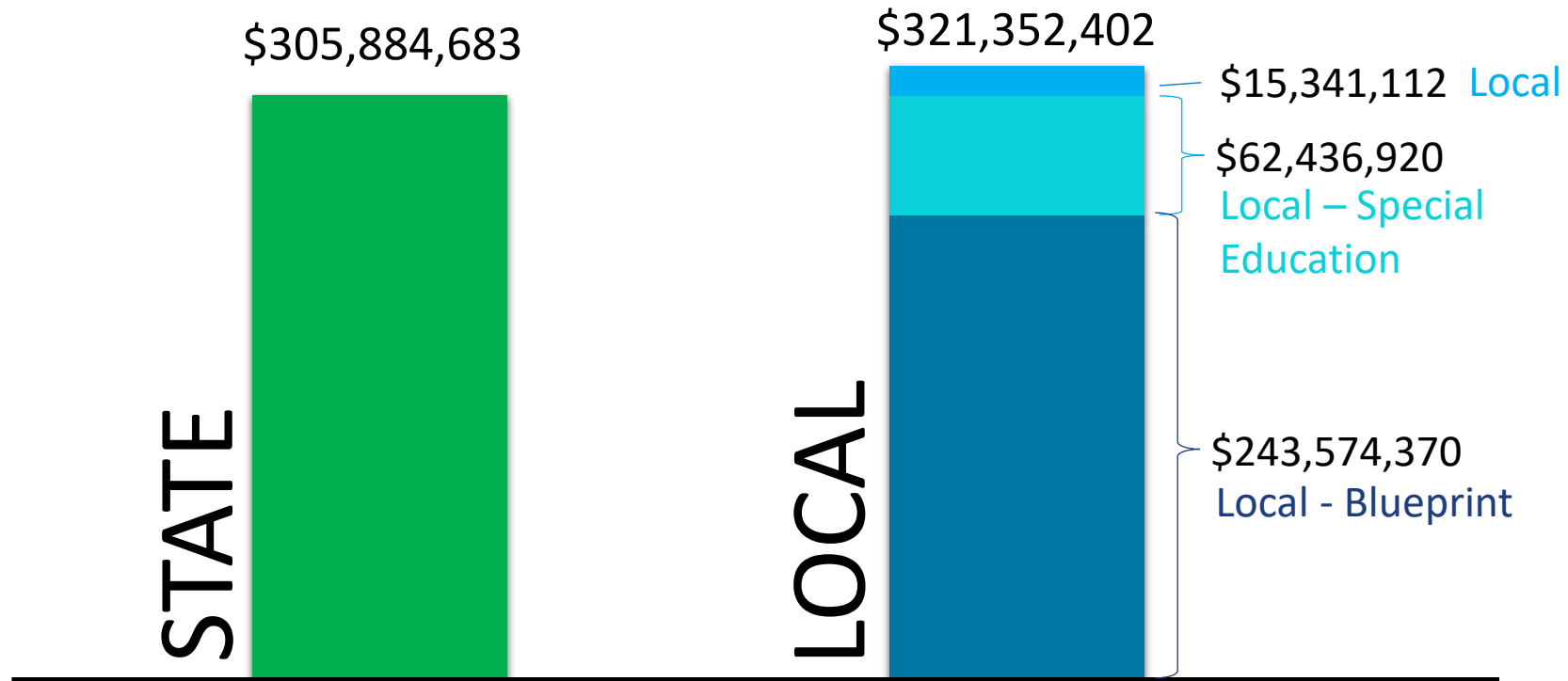
Special Education Has a Funding Gap

Calculations based on FY2025 budget



The average tuition cost for a non-public school placement is \$75,435

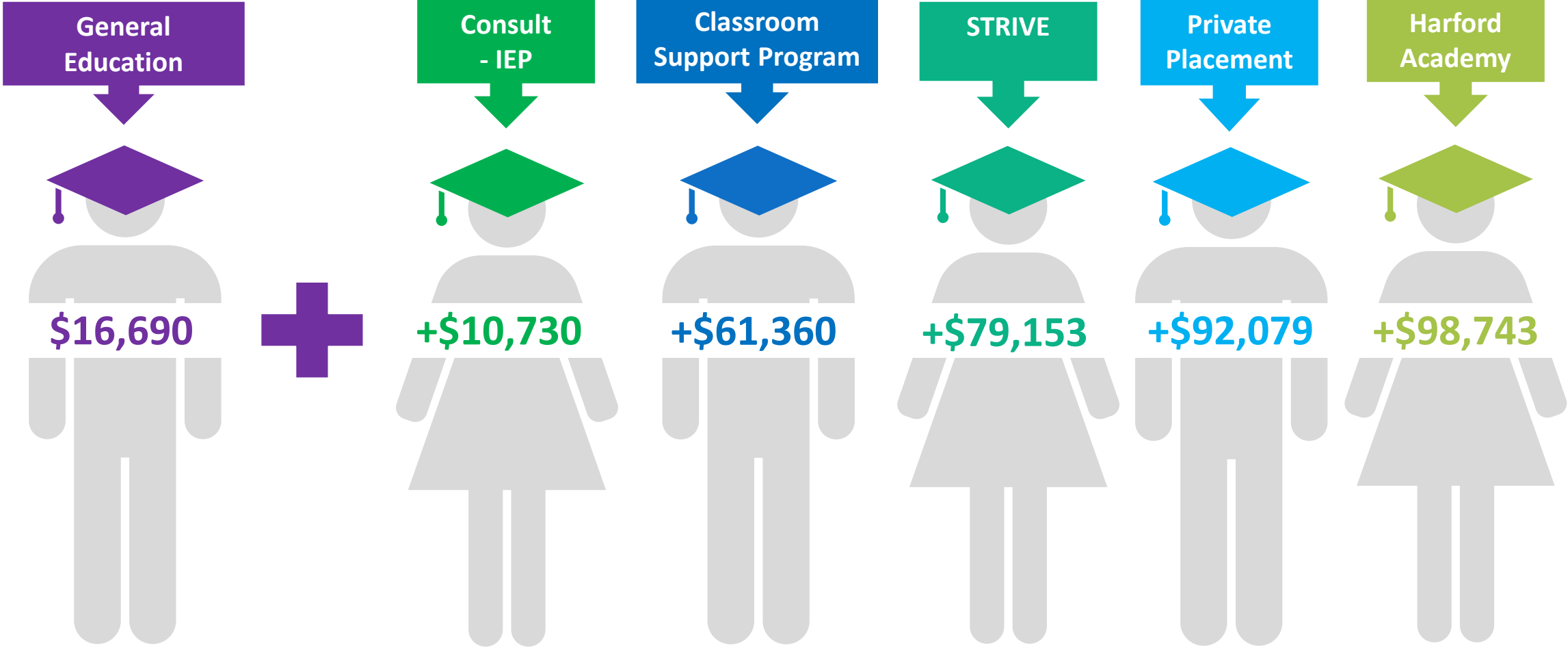
Special Education is Offset by Local Funding



Investment into local infrastructure, class size, student needs, and local programs and services.

Based on FY 2025 Budget

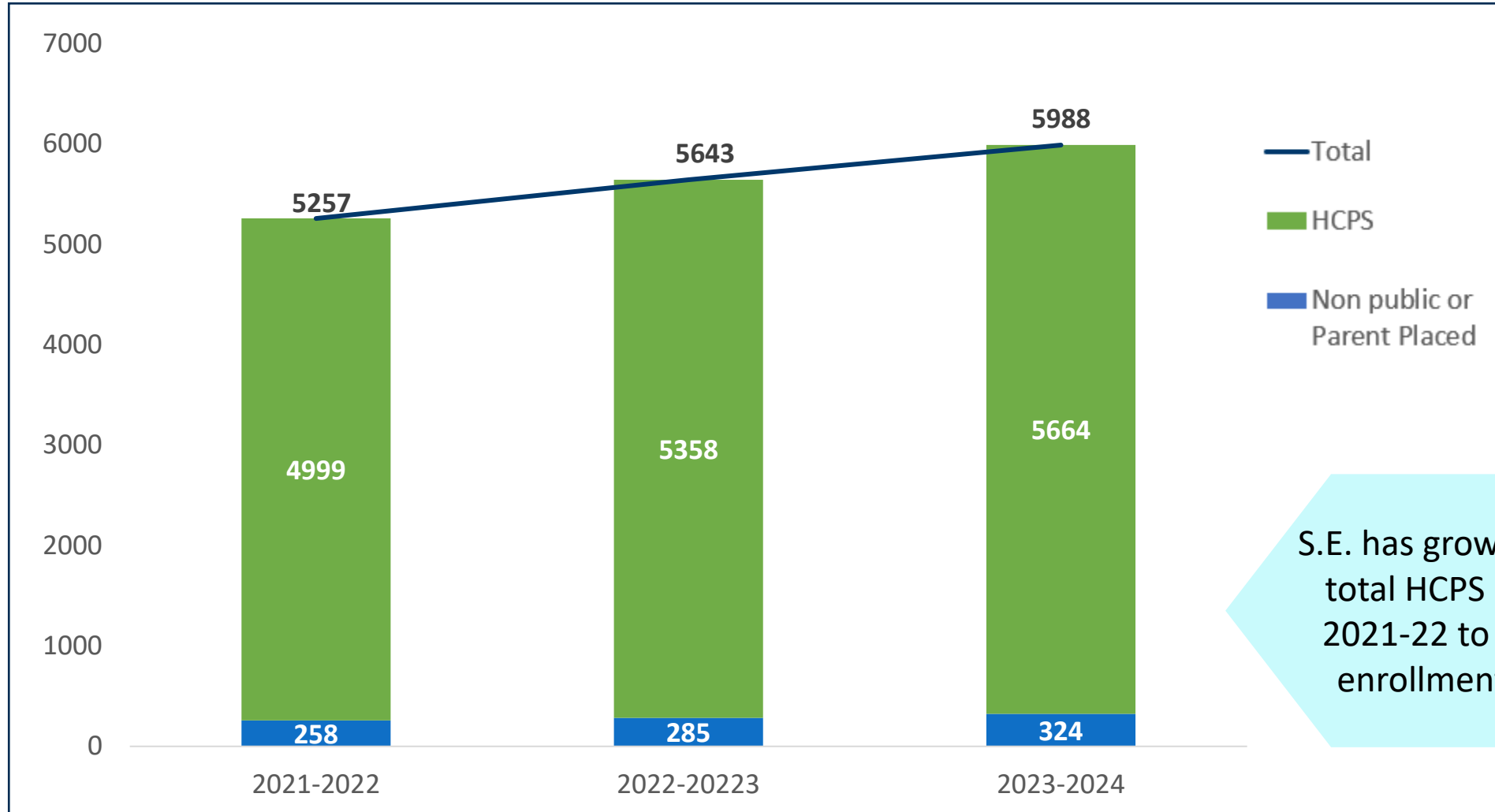
Special Education Costs Vary Per Pupil



S.E. Enrollment is Increasing

HCPS* has grown **+0.7%** since 2021-22.

S.E. has grown **+14%** since 2021-22.



S.E. has grown from **13.8%** of total HCPS enrollment* in 2021-22 to **15.6%** of HCPS enrollment* in 2023-24.

SE Data from October 1, 2023, Special Ed Enrollment Report. Inclusive of all students: Pre-K-21.

Total Population Data from the September 30, 2023, HCPS Enrollment Report, *enrollment adjusted to add non-public and parent privately placed.

Why did HCPS change the budget survey?



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The Budget Survey Introduces Tradeoffs



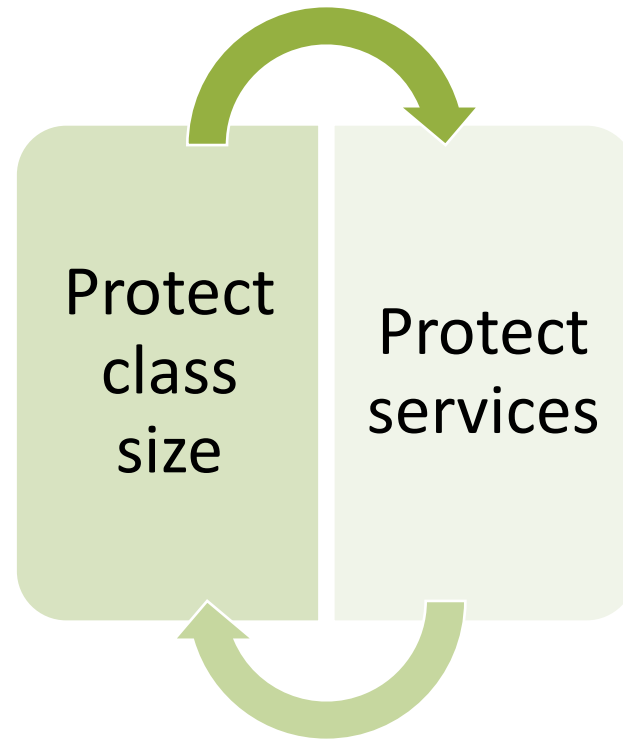
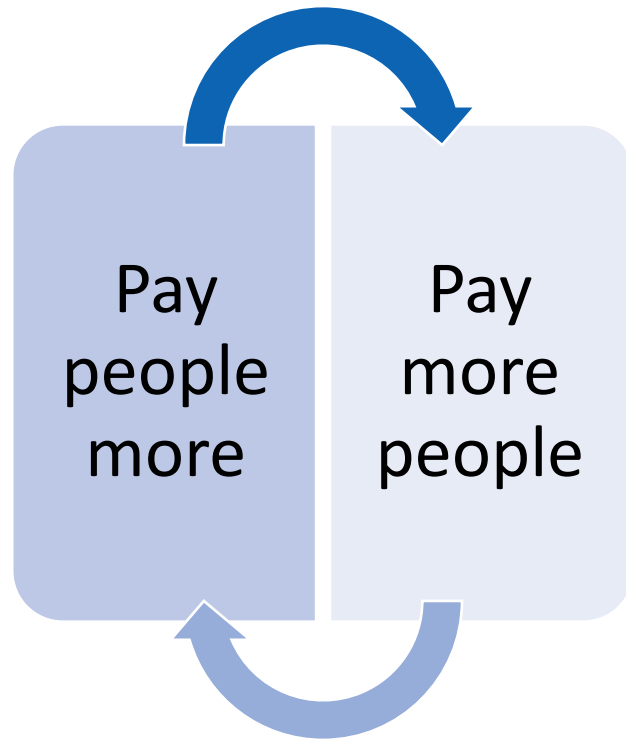
Different budget year

Cuts are unavoidable and tradeoffs are required

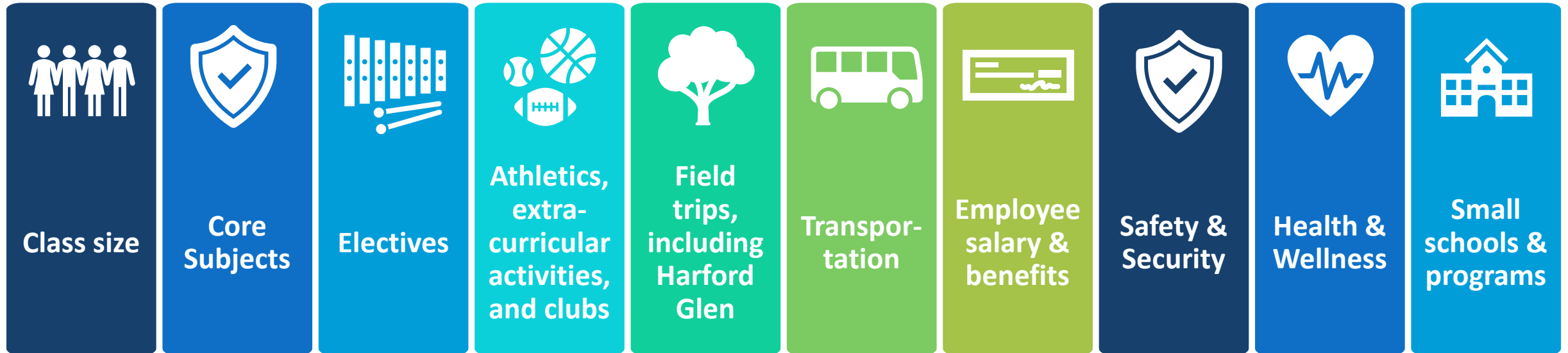
New and different budget survey

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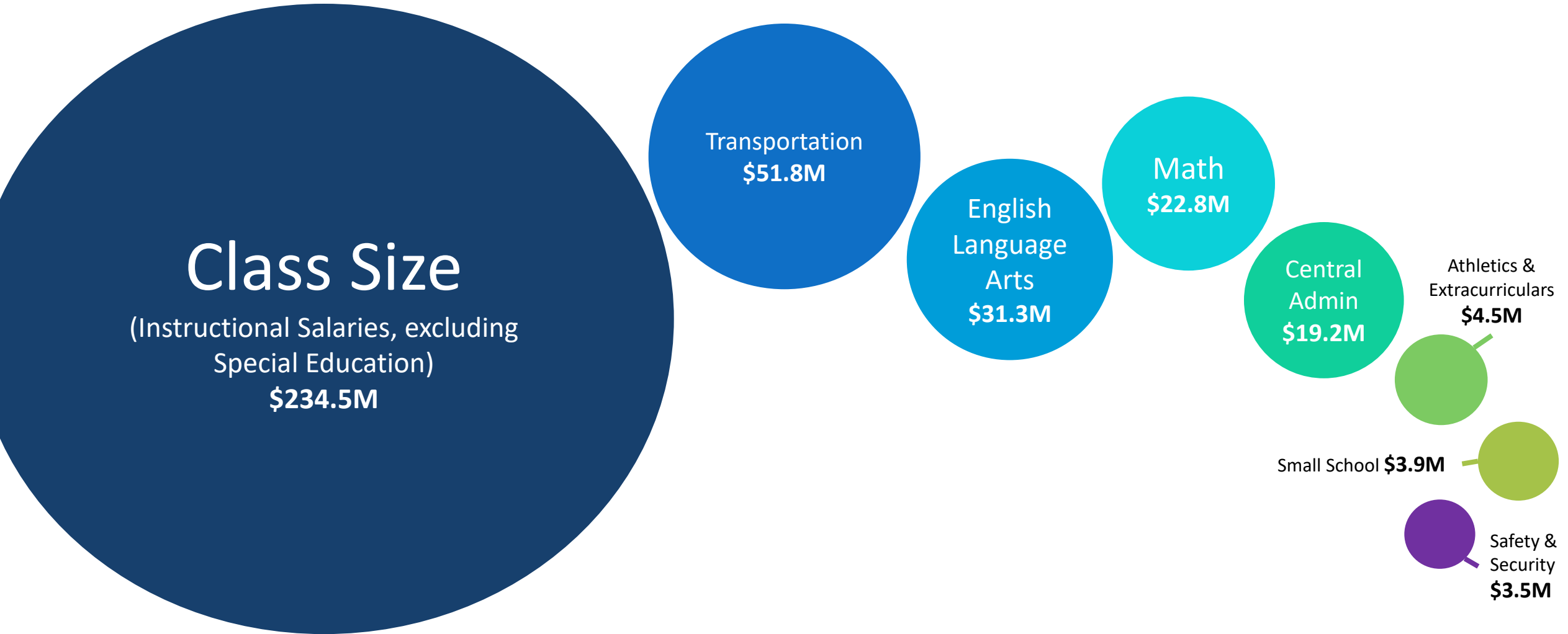
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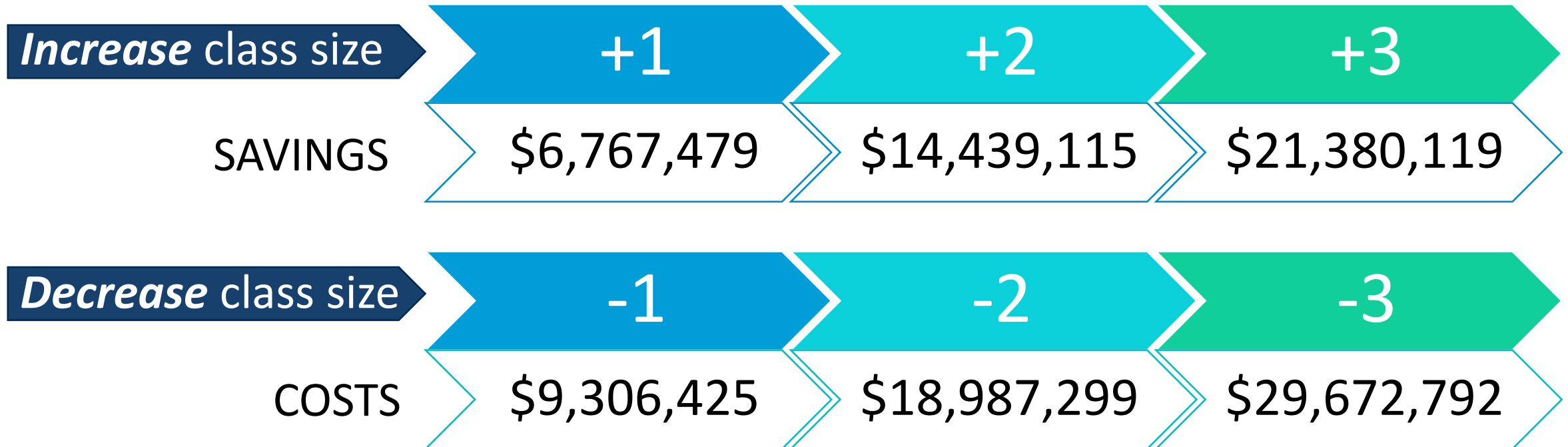


Tradeoffs are Not Proportional



Class Size is a Substantial Tradeoff

Slide represents district-wide impact based on 09/30/2023 Enrollment



What is the bottom line about the HCPS budget?



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The Budget is a Tool to Support *Every* Student



“I believe it is our job as educators is to set high expectations and use every tool we have to help children reach their greatest potential.”

Dr. Carey Wright

October 9, 2024

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