



Anthony Wayne Local Schools

Operational Funds Overview

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School districts and other organizations use the strategic and facilities planning process to reflect upon their progress, gather feedback and plan for the future.

Over the past year, Anthony Wayne Local Schools (AWLS) partnered with Planning Finding Leaders, an educational consultant and The Collaborative, a local architecture firm to support the District's future planning.

As a part of this process, the District consulted with a variety of stakeholders to gather feedback on the improvements our community would like to see in our schools.

The result of this work is the [Anthony Wayne Strategic Plan](#) and the [District Master Facilities Plan](#). Both were approved by the AWLS Board of Education during the 2022-23 school year.

In order to accomplish the goals identified in the Strategic Plan and move forward with the projects detailed in the Facilities Master Plan, the Board voted to add a 2.6-mill Bond Issue and a 2.9-mill Operational Levy on the November 7, 2023 ballot.

This document is intended to share how the District determined the request amount for the Operational Levy. More information about funding needs for the Facilities Master Plan is available in the [Facilities Master Plan Overview](#).

The District is committed to responsible fiscal stewardship while ensuring to provide outstanding educational opportunities for students now and into the future.

More information about the Bond Issue and Operational Levy, and the District's intended use of these funds, is available online at www.AnthonyWayneSchools.org/Levies.

Thank you for your continued interest, collaboration and support as we work together to empower students to be future ready. Questions about the Strategic Plan, Operational Levy or any other District project may be directed to: planning@anthonywayneschools.org.

Anthony Wayne Local Schools Strategic Plan Goals

Student Learning

All Generals will be provided a comprehensive and engaging learning experience whereby each can demonstrate the Portrait of a General competencies.

Curriculum & Instruction

All Generals will experience an innovative and engaging curriculum with instruction that is personalized, promotes creativity and application, and provides real-world experiences that facilitate deeper learning.

Community Engagement

Anthony Wayne Local Schools will engage in two-way communication and collaboration with stakeholders to promote community engagement and develop partnerships and relationships for the purpose of providing outstanding opportunities to all Generals and to strengthen school and community pride.

Resources for Student Success

Anthony Wayne Local Schools will continue to work with the community to provide the necessary resources to ensure all Generals are future ready.

Students and Staff Ready to Learn

All Anthony Wayne Local Schools students and staff will have access to personalized services to allow them as Generals to be successful academically and grow personally in all that they pursue to do each and every day.



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Anthony Wayne Local Schools empowers students to be future ready!



Academic Intervention

Over the last three years, the District has worked to redefine our K-12 academic intervention services. With the use of ESSER funds, the District hired six teachers to serve as instructional coaches to continue the development and implementation of academic intervention programs in our school buildings.

In doing so, the District has developed a framework for integrating comprehensive systems of student supports to address the needs of each individual student. In addition, the District hired tutors for each building as a part of this comprehensive system of support to maximize individual student success. With the ESSER funding coming to an end, the District will need additional operational funding to continue to provide these academic intervention services to students in need of additional academic support.

The District summer school program provided a variety of academic interventions and supports to students who needed their learning to continue into the summer. From high school credit recovery options to targeted support to students in the lower grades, these services are essential to ensuring our students meet their learning goals.

PERSONNEL & PROGRAMS	
INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES (6) <i>One per school building. These are current positions currently funded by ESSER (COVID Relief) funds.</i>	
TUTORS (14) <i>Two for each primary school, Fallen Timbers Middle School and AW Junior High Four for Anthony Wayne High School</i>	
SUMMER SCHOOL INTERVENTION PROGRAMS	
ESTIMATED ACADEMIC INTERVENTION COSTS	~ \$1,100,000.00



All-Day / Every Day Kindergarten

During the Facilities Master Planning Process, parents shared that they wanted Anthony Wayne to implement an all-day, every-day kindergarten program. Studies have shown that a full day of instruction in kindergarten, gives students a stronger academic foundation in preparation for first grade - particularly in the areas of reading and mathematics. A full day program also offers more flexibility in accommodating the varying academic needs of students at all developmental levels.

The full day experience also allows more time to practice problem solving skills, and develop the physical and social skills that are needed to prepare them for the more structured school experience that begins in first grade.

PERSONNEL AND MATERIALS	
KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS (6)	
INCREASED HOURS FOR FOOD SERVICE EMPLOYEES	
INCREASED HOURS FOR CAFETERIA / PLAYGROUND AIDES	
CLASSROOM MATERIALS COSTS	
ESTIMATED FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM COSTS	~ \$573,000

Special Education Costs

Over the last several years, the District has experienced an increase in the number of students needing specialized services for their educational needs. These services often include the need for additional staff and/or specialized services provided by an outside agency to meet the students' academic needs, and to ensure that the District remains in compliance with state and federal laws. The District needs additional operational funding to offset the significant increase in the purchased services required to properly educate our students receiving special education services.

SERVICES	
PURCHASED SERVICES COSTS	
ESTIMATED SPECIAL EDUCATION COSTS	~ \$357,000



Other Instructional Staffing Needs

The District strives to have class sizes that allow our teachers to maximize learning and development in the classroom. Additional operational funds are needed to hire additional core subject area teachers to reduce class sizes, provide increased support and expanded instructional opportunities for individual students with a variety of academic needs, and allow for an overall improved learning experience for all students.

PERSONNEL	
HIGH SCHOOL MATH TEACHER (1)	
HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER (1)	
HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER (1)	
FALLEN TIMBERS MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER (1)	
INTERVENTION SPECIALISTS (3)	
ESTIMATED INSTRUCTIONAL STAFFING COSTS	~ \$700,000

Mental Health Intervention

Mental wellness is critical to the success of the student in school. The National Association for School Psychologists reports that 20% of K-12 students will experience a mental health issue during this school year. Anthony Wayne Local School has also seen an increase in the number of students needing prevention and intervention services. In response, the District has hired personnel to help address student mental health issues. Additional operational funds are needed to continue to be responsive to our students' wellness to ensure they are in attendance and ready to learn.

PERSONNEL & SERVICES	
SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER (2) <i>One current position currently funded by ESSER (COVID Relief) funds. One additional for 2023-24.</i>	
SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST (1)	
MENTAL HEALTH INTERVENTION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	
ESTIMATED MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS COSTS	~ \$350,000



School Safety Initiatives

The safety of our staff and the students in our care is of utmost importance. The District will continue to seek grants and other safety funds made available to schools, but their availability is not guaranteed. Operational funds support the District's ability to provide school resource officers and security personnel as well as the development of and implementation of threat assessment teams, multidisciplinary safety teams, safety protocols, and safety programming in the buildings.

PERSONNEL AND PROGRAMS	
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (1) <i>One additional position for 2024-25 and beyond.</i>	
SCHOOL SECURITY PERSONNEL	
THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAMS	
MULTIDISCIPLINARY SAFETY TEAM MEETINGS	
SAFETY PROGRAMMING FOR STUDENTS, STAFF AND PARENTS	
ESTIMATED SCHOOL SAFETY COSTS	~ \$420,000

Purchased Products Cost Increases

The District has experienced rising prices for gasoline, utilities, and other purchased products that allow our students to be transported to and from school and be educated comfortably during the day. While the District strives to find ways to minimize the increases in this area (cooperative buying programs, etc.), the new operational levy will be used to offset this rise in costs to educate the AW students.

RESOURCES & PROGRAMS

PURCHASED MATERIALS PRICE INCREASES

ESTIMATED PURCHASED MATERIALS COSTS

~ \$500,000



TOTAL ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COSTS

RESOURCE	TOTAL
Academic Intervention Programs	~ 1,100,000
Special Education Costs	~ \$357,000
All-Day / Every Day Kindergarten	~ \$573,000
Other Instructional Needs	~ \$700,000
Mental Health Interventions	~ \$350,000
School Safety Initiatives	~ \$420,000
Purchased Products Cost Increases	~ \$500,000
ESTIMATED OPERATIONAL LEVY NEEDS	~ \$3.9 - \$4.0 MILLION