

**A. FY2024 Unaudited Year End Financial Statement (Estimate as of June 30, 2024)**

FY2024 Cobb County School District General Fund Actual Performance Estimates & Financial Status		FY2024 Actual 6/30/2024 Year End Closing Estimates
Beginning Total Fund Balance		\$392,154,143
Unaudited General Fund Revenue		\$1,531,940,678
Unaudited General Fund Expenditures		\$1,547,620,342
Unaudited Total Fund Balance Subtotal Estimate		\$376,474,479
<b>Financial Metrics:</b>		
District FY2024 Credit Rating:	Aaa Moody's, AAA Standard & Poor's, AAA Kroll Bond Rating	
Debt Service Status	No Long-Term Debt since 2007	
Gen Fund Millage Rate FY2024	18.70 Mills (Note: FY2024 Decrease to 18.70 Mills)	
FY2024 Gross Digest Growth	15.10%	
FY2025 Gross Digest Growth	7.56%	
Note: Property digest growth funds teacher salary steps, the cost of student growth, and increased teacher positions & increased costs and inflation.		
<b>Accounting Data &amp; State of Georgia QBE Information</b>		
FY2024 State Local Fair Share	(\$207,828,997)	
FY2025 State Local Fair Share	(\$216,223,669)	
FY2024 Accounting Assignments	(\$178,116,376)	
Cumulative Austerity Cuts Since FY2003	(\$609,947,688)	
District Long Term Debt	\$0	
Unassigned Fund Balance Estimate - June 30, 2024		<b>\$198,358,103</b>
<b>Proforma Financial Statement Metrics - June 30, 2024</b>		
Unassigned Fund Balance in Work Days	30	
One Month Reserve Target Calculation	\$128,968,362	
Months of Unassigned Fund Balance	1.54	

**B. Cobb County Schools Financial Related Data & Comments**

(1) **Financial Impact of Revenue and Expenditure Estimates Being Off by 1%**

a The approved FY2025 Budget was prepared using an estimated lapse factor (Actual Revenue / Budget Revenue & Actual Exps < Budgeted Exps) where estimated budgets are conservative. In FY2025, actual revenue/expenditures compared to budget may increase or decrease fund balance. The impact of estimates being off by 1% is \$32.6 Million.

FY2025 Revenue	\$1,603,757,880
FY2025 Expenditure Appropriations	\$1,661,339,123
FY2025 Total	\$3,265,097,003
One Percent (1%) Rev / Exps	<b>\$32,650,970</b>

(2) **Recommendation to Utilize a Cautious/Conservative Budget Approach:**

a Utilize **conservative revenue/expenditure estimates** to support recurring cost of teacher/staff salaries & school support.

b Professionally manage taxpayer funds using best practices and guidelines.

c Preserve a professional level of Unassigned Fund Balance to maintain the district's excellent financial status:

- Governmental Finance Officers Association (GFOA)-Unassigned Fund Balance should be at least 2 Months**
- Credit Rating Agencies (Moody's, S&P and Kroll)-Unassigned Fund Balance should be 2 to 3 Months Reserve**
- Professional Independent Personal Financial Planners - Unassigned Fund Balance should be 3 Months to Six Months**
- CCSD Professional Independent Auditor (Mauldin & Jenkins) - Unassigned Fund Balance should be 2 to 3 Months Reserve**

d Annual Budget Development Process - strategically anticipate financial environment/trends/potential revenue problems.

e Maintain an understanding of one-time revenue versus recurring revenue in the General Fund.

(3) **Salary Increases (Last Six Years History):**

FY2025	4.40% - 9.00% raise, depending upon salary step eligibility.
FY2024	7.50% - 12.10% raise, depending upon salary step eligibility.
FY2023	8.50%-13.10% raise, depending upon salary step eligibility ( <b>Largest in District History</b> ).
FY2022	4.00-8.60% raise, depending upon salary step eligibility.
FY2021	Full salary step for all eligible employees.
FY2020	8.00-12.6% raise, depending upon salary step eligibility ( <b>Largest in District History</b> ).

Note: Salary increases are a significant factor for attracting and maintaining the most qualified teachers and staff.

**C. DISTRICT DEBT SERVICE**

Current Debt Service Millage Rate **0.000** Mills

Note:  
 Since FY2007, the Cobb County School District has **NO LONG TERM DEBT.....**

**F. FY2025 Financial Planning Budget/Financial Dashboard**

(1) **FY2025 Board Approved Balanced General Fund Budget Summary**

FY2025 GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY	
Revenue Appropriations	\$1,603,757,880
Utilization of Estimated Budgeted Fund Balance	\$57,581,243
<b>Revenue &amp; Budgeted Use of Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$1,661,339,123</b>
<b>Expenditure Appropriations</b>	
	<b>\$1,661,339,123</b>

(2) **FY2025 GENERAL FUND REVENUE HIGHLIGHTS**

<b>Local Revenue</b>	\$873,547,837
Property Tax Revenue & Miscellaneous Local Revenue	
Gross Digest Growth - 15.10%	
<b>State Revenue</b>	
QBE - Quality Basic Ed	\$705,043,420
Grants	\$13,056,826
Total State Revenue	\$718,100,246
<b>Federal &amp; Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$12,109,797</b>
(Indirect Cost, ROTC, MedACE, Medicaid, Erate)	
Total Revenue	<b>\$1,603,757,880</b>

(3) **FY2025 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE HIGHLIGHTS**

<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,661,339,123</b>
<b>FY2025 General Fund Budget Expenditure Highlights:</b>	
- Full Salary Step Increase for Eligible Employees	
- No Employee Furlough Days or Employee Pay Cuts	
- Salary/Fringe Benefits - <b>94.00%</b> of the General Fund	
- Instruction - 71.68% of the General Fund Budget	
- Gen Admin - <b>1.01%</b> of the General Fund Budget	

(4) **OTHER FUNDS EXPENDITURE HIGHLIGHTS**

<b>Special Revenue Funds</b>	\$157,493,415
State/Federal Grants, ASP, Facility Use, etc.	
<b>Debt Service Fund</b>	\$0
The District has no long term debt	
<b>Capital Projects Fund</b>	\$21,307,008
Miscellaneous Small Projects	
<b>Internal Service Funds</b>	\$12,550,000
Unemployment, Self-Insurance	
<b>Total Other Funds Expenditures</b>	<b>\$191,350,423</b>

**GENERAL FUND & OTHER FUNDS EXPENDITURES** **\$1,852,689,546**

**D. DISTRICT CREDIT RATINGS**

Cobb County School District Credit Rating Summary  
**Highest long term & short term credit ratings in the U.S.**

**Long Term Credit Ratings**  
 Aaa - Moody's Investor Service  
 AAA - Standard & Poor's  
 AAA - Kroll Bond Rating Agency

**Short Term Credit Ratings**  
 MIG1 Moody's Investor Service  
 A-1 Standard & Poor's  
 A-1 Kroll Bond Rating Agency

**CCSD is the only school entity or corporation in the United States with 3 AAA Ratings**

**E. ANNUAL DISTRICT FINANCIAL AUDITS**

Cobb County School District Independent Financial Audit Summary

1. **Annual CCSD Financial Audit** - (General Fund, Other Funds, SPLOST Funds)  
 Mauldin & Jenkins CPAs & Advisors - No Financial Statement Audit Findings  
 Professional Independent Audit - **Clean, Unmodified Audit CPA Opinion**

2. **Annual Independent SPLOST Performance Audit** - (SPLOST Funds)  
 Mauldin & Jenkins CPAs and Advisors - No Performance Audit Findings  
 Professional Independent Audit - **Clean, Unmodified Audit CPA Opinion**

(2) **FY2025 Property Value Digest Data**

The Property Digest growth rate is unknown in future years. For every 1%, our estimate is off, the district could lose \$7-\$9 Million.

Fiscal Year	Digest Year	Gross Digest	Exemptions	Net Digest	Increase
FY2025	2024	\$57,252,330,142	(\$14,137,126,953)	\$43,115,203,189	\$2,938,939,290
FY2024	2023	\$52,866,921,287	(\$12,690,657,388)	\$40,176,263,899	\$5,076,549,889
FY2023	2022	\$45,928,887,067	(\$10,829,173,057)	\$35,099,714,010	\$3,634,201,226
FY2022	2021	\$40,936,630,667	(\$9,471,117,883)	\$31,465,512,784	\$1,704,915,475
FY2021	2020	\$38,527,331,012	(\$8,766,733,703)	\$29,760,597,309	\$1,377,851,450
FY2020	2019	\$36,652,903,125	(\$8,270,157,266)	\$28,382,745,859	

Fiscal Year	FY2025 Property Value Exemptions	FY2025 Revenue Exempt	FY2024 Revenue Exempt
Homestead (\$10,000) - Property tax break-legal residence	(\$874,318,386)	(\$16,349,754)	(\$16,239,769)
Age 62 and Older - Property tax break for older citizens	(\$11,908,882,093)	(\$222,696,095)	(\$196,198,209)
Disabled Veteran	(\$155,192,384)	(\$2,902,098)	(\$2,341,288)
Social Security Disability	(\$4,356,000)	(\$81,457)	(\$87,217)
Unmarried Surviving Spouse (Firefighter/Police Officer)	(\$650,652)	(\$12,167)	(\$14,571)
Conservation - Real property devoted to conservation uses	(\$123,383,099)	(\$2,307,264)	(\$2,318,931)
Environmentally Sensitive Property	(\$1,829,798)	(\$34,217)	(\$29,497)
Freeport - Business Inventory Exempt from property taxes	(\$1,007,505,698)	(\$18,840,357)	(\$19,478,819)
Personal Property - Property not attached to home or bldg	(\$4,561,440)	(\$85,299)	(\$96,678)
Brownfield Property - Potentially hazardous real property	<b>(\$56,447,403)</b>	<b>(\$1,055,566)</b>	<b>(\$510,316)</b>
Totals	(\$14,137,126,953)	(\$264,364,274)	(\$237,315,295)

Note: Exemption % of Total Gross Property Value Digest 24% 24%

(3) **State of GA Local Five Mill**

FY	Reduction
FY2025	(\$216,223,669)
FY2024	(\$207,828,997)
FY2023	(\$184,085,315)
FY2022	(\$172,787,491)
FY2021	(\$166,638,238)
FY2020	(\$161,428,591)
FY2019	(\$155,355,360)
FY2018	(\$144,570,519)
FY2017	(\$136,707,956)
FY2016	(\$132,140,110)
FY2015	(\$133,378,963)
FY2014	(\$131,545,629)
FY2013	(\$135,582,243)
FY2012	(\$134,918,836)

(4) **FY2025 State of GA QBE Revenue**

Revenue	FY2025 Budget
QBE Earnings	\$903,599,770
Transportation	\$15,102,829
Nurses	\$2,564,490
Local Five Mill Share	<b>(\$216,223,669)</b>
Total QBE Revenue	\$705,043,420

(5) **Age 62 Revenue Exempt**

FY2025	(\$222,696,095)
FY2024	(\$196,198,209)
FY2023	(\$167,343,658)
FY2022	(\$144,461,759)
FY2021	(\$132,178,610)
FY2020	(\$122,730,091)

(6) **Cobb Schools Property Tax Calculation**

Average Home Value - The value of an average priced home in Cobb County	\$400,000
40% Assessment Rate - Homes in Georgia are assessed at 40% of FMV	<b>X 0.40</b>
Assessed Value	\$160,000
Cobb Homestead Exemption	<b>(\$10,000)</b>
Tax Base for Property Tax	\$150,000
18.700 Cobb County School District Millage Rate	<b>X 0.0187</b>
FY2025 General Fund School Taxes Calculation	<b>\$2,805</b>

(7) **Large Metro Atlanta Millage Rate Data**

	Metro Atlanta FY2025 Millage Rate (High to Low)	Homestead Exemption	Taxes on a \$400,000 Home
DeKalb County School District	22.980	\$12,500	\$3,390
Gwinnett County School District	20.650	\$4,000	\$3,221
Atlanta Public Schools (APS)	20.500	\$50,000	\$2,255
Cobb County School District ( <b>Second Lowest</b> )	<b>18.700</b>	\$10,000	<b>\$2,805</b>
Fulton County School District	17.240	\$2,000	\$2,724

Note: Cobb Schools General Fund Millage Rate of 18.70 Mills is 1.30 Mills below the 20 Mill State of GA Millage Rate Cap  
 Note: The Value of 1.0 Mill is \$41.9 Million & the value of 1.3 Mills is \$54.5 Million