

Financial Services Division
General Fund Proforma Financial Statement - As of June 30, 2025 (Unaudited Estimate)
October 16, 2025



A. FY2025 Unaudited Year-End Financial Statement (Estimate as of June 30, 2025)

FY2025 Cobb County School District General Fund Actual Performance Estimates & Financial Status		FY2025 Actual 6/30/2025 Year-End Closing Estimates
Beginning Total Fund Balance		\$376,472,073
Unaudited General Fund Revenue		\$1,644,864,682
Unaudited General Fund Expenditures		\$1,674,531,555
Unaudited Estimated Ending Total Fund Balance		\$346,805,200
Financial Metrics:		
District FY2025 Credit Rating:	Aaa Moody's, AAA Standard & Poor's, AAA Kroll Bond Rating	
Debt Service Status	No Long-Term Debt since 2007	
General Fund Millage Rate FY2025	18.70 Mills	
FY2025 Gross Digest Growth	7.56%	
FY2026 Gross Digest Growth	2.09%	
Accounting Data & State of Georgia QBE Information		
FY2025 State Local Fair Share	(\$216,223,669)	
FY2026 State Local Fair Share	(\$217,941,915)	
FY2025 Accounting Assignments	\$158,469,949	
FY2025 Nonspendable	\$2,142,043	
Cumulative Austerity Cuts (Since FY2003)	(\$609,952,877)	
District Long-Term Debt	\$0	
Unassigned Fund Balance Estimate - June 30, 2025		\$186,193,208
Proforma Financial Statement Metrics - June 30, 2025		
Unassigned Fund Balance in Work Days		26
One-Month Reserve Target Calculation		\$139,544,296
Months of Unassigned Fund Balance		1.33

B. Cobb County Schools Financial Related Data & Comments

(1) **Financial Impact of Revenue and Expenditure Estimates Being Off by 1%**
 The approved FY2026 Budget was developed using a conservative lapse factor, which assumes that actual revenue will closely match budgeted revenue, while actual expenditures will be lower than budgeted. This approach ensures cautious financial planning. Depending on how actual figures compare to estimates, the fund balance may increase or decrease. A 1% variance in estimates could result in a \$33.6 million impact on the fund balance.

FY2026 Revenue	\$1,659,682,409
FY2026 Expenditure Appropriations	\$1,702,897,117
FY2026 Total	\$3,362,579,526
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One Percent (1%) Revenue / Expenditure	\$33,625,795

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

- Apply conservative revenue and expenditure estimates to responsibly fund recurring costs, including teacher and staff salaries and essential school support services.
- Manage taxpayer funds with professionalism, adhering to best practices and established financial guidelines.
- Preserve a healthy Unassigned Fund Balance to maintain the District's excellent financial standing. Recommended reserve levels include:
 - GFOA: Minimum of 2 months
 - Moody's, S&P, Kroll: 2 to 3 months
 - Mauldin & Jenkins (CCSD Auditor): 2 to 3 months
- Approach the annual budget development process strategically, anticipating financial trends and potential revenue challenges.
- Distinguish between one-time and recurring revenue sources within the General Fund to support long-term financial planning.

C. 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	Short-Term Credit Ratings
Aaa - Moody's Investor Service	MIG1 Moody's Investor Service
AAA - Standard & Poor's	A-1+ Standard & Poor's
AAA - Kroll Bond Rating Agency	K1+ Kroll Bond Rating Agency

E. Financial Dashboard

(1) **FY2026 Board Approved Balanced Budget Summary**

Local Revenue		
Property Tax Revenue & Other	\$886,337,622	
Local Revenue		
State Revenue		
Quality Basic Education (QBE)	\$741,353,105	
Grants	\$16,257,061	
Total State Revenue	\$757,610,166	
Federal & Other Revenue		
Indirect Cost, ROTC, MedACE, Medicaid	\$15,734,621	
Total Revenue	\$1,659,682,409	
Utilization of Fund Balance	\$43,214,708	
Total Resources	\$1,702,897,117	
Total Expenditures	\$1,702,897,117	

OTHER FUNDS EXPENDITURE HIGHLIGHTS

Special Revenue Funds	\$151,494,798
Grants, After School Program, Venue Mgmt., etc.	
Debt Service Fund	\$0
The District has no long-term debt	
Capital Projects Fund	\$2,016,468
Miscellaneous small capital projects	
Internal Service Funds	\$12,550,000
Unemployment, Self-Insurance	
Total Other Funds Expenditures	\$166,061,266
GENERAL FUND & OTHER FUNDS EXPENDITURES	\$1,868,958,383

(7) **Salary Increases (Last Seven Years History)**

FY2026	Full salary step for all eligible employees.
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.
	(Largest in District History)
FY2022	4.00% - 8.60% raise, depending upon salary step eligibility.
FY2021	Full salary step for all eligible employees.
FY2020	8.00% - 12.60% raise, depending upon salary step eligibility.
	(Largest in District History)

D. District Supplemental Financial Data

- No long-term debt since 2007
- Annual financial audit is unmodified; performed by Mauldin & Jenkins, CPA
- Annual performance audit for SPLOST program is unmodified; performed by Mauldin & Jenkins, CPA

FY2026 General Fund Budget Highlights:

- Full salary step increase for all eligible employees
- Adjust all non-temporary staff workdays by 4 days
- Salary & fringe benefits are 94% of the General Fund budget
- Instructional expenditures account for 70% of the General Fund budget
- General administration accounts for 1% of the General Fund budget

(2) **FY2026 Property Value Digest Data**
 The Property Digest growth rate is unknown in future years. For every 1%, up or down, the District could gain/lose \$8-\$9 Million.

Fiscal Year	Digest Year	Net Digest	Increase
FY2026	2025	\$44,045,018,089	\$929,814,900
FY2025	2024	\$43,115,203,189	\$2,938,939,290
FY2024	2023	\$40,176,263,899	\$5,076,549,889
FY2023	2022	\$35,099,714,010	\$3,634,201,226
FY2022	2021	\$31,465,512,784	\$1,704,915,475
FY2021	2020	\$29,760,597,309	

FY2026 Property Exemptions

Property Exemptions	Revenue Exempt
Homestead (\$10,000) - Property tax break - legal residence	(\$875,406,732) (\$16,370,106)
Age 62 and Older - Property tax break for older citizens	(\$12,731,609,713) (\$238,081,102)
Disabled Veteran	(\$185,983,876) (\$3,477,898)
Social Security Disability	(\$3,894,000) (\$72,818)
Unmarried Surviving Spouse (Firefighter/Police Officer)	(\$794,312) (\$14,854)
Conservation - Real property devoted to conservation uses	(\$126,992,029) (\$2,374,751)
Environmentally Sensitive Property	(\$1,913,529) (\$35,783)
Freeport - Business Inventory Exempt from property taxes	(\$909,627,244) (\$17,010,029)
Personal Property - Property not attached to home or building	(\$9,700,686) (\$181,403)
Brownfield Property - Potentially hazardous real property	(\$63,323,592) (\$1,184,151)
Totals	(\$14,909,245,713) (\$278,802,895)

Exemption % of Total Gross Property Value Digest: 25%

(3) **State of Georgia Local Five Mill Share Reduction**

FY2026	(\$217,941,915)
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) **FY2026 State of Georgia QBE**

Revenue	FY2026 Budget
QBE Earnings	\$940,150,693
Transportation	\$16,519,187
Nurses	\$2,571,365
Military Counselors	\$53,775
Local Five Mill Share	(\$217,941,915)
Total QBE Revenue	\$741,353,105

(5) **Age 62 Revenue Exempt**

FY2026	(\$238,081,102)
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	\$450,000
40% Assessment Rate - Homes in Georgia are assessed at 40% of FMV	X 0.40
Assessed Value	\$180,000
Cobb Homestead Exemption	(\$10,000)
Tax Base for Property Tax	\$170,000
18.700 Cobb County School District Millage Rate	X 0.0187
FY2026 General Fund School Property Tax Calculation	\$3,179

(8) **Metro Atlanta General Fund Millage Rate Data**

	General Fund Millage Rate	Bond Millage Rate	Homestead Exemption	Taxes on a \$450,000 Home
DeKalb County School District	22.980	0.000	\$12,500	\$3,849
Atlanta Public Schools (APS)	20.500	0.000	\$50,000	\$2,665
Gwinnett County School District	19.200	1.450	\$4,000	\$3,634
Cobb County School District (Second Lowest)	18.700	0.000	\$10,000	\$3,179
Fulton County School District	17.140	0.000	\$2,000	\$3,051

Cobb Schools General Fund Millage Rate of 18.70 Mills is 1.30 Mills below the 20.00 Mill State of Georgia Millage Rate Cap
 The value of 1.00 Mill is \$43.0 Million & the value of 1.30 Mills is \$55.3 Million