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LEAN: A Multi-Year Framework for Resource Stabilization

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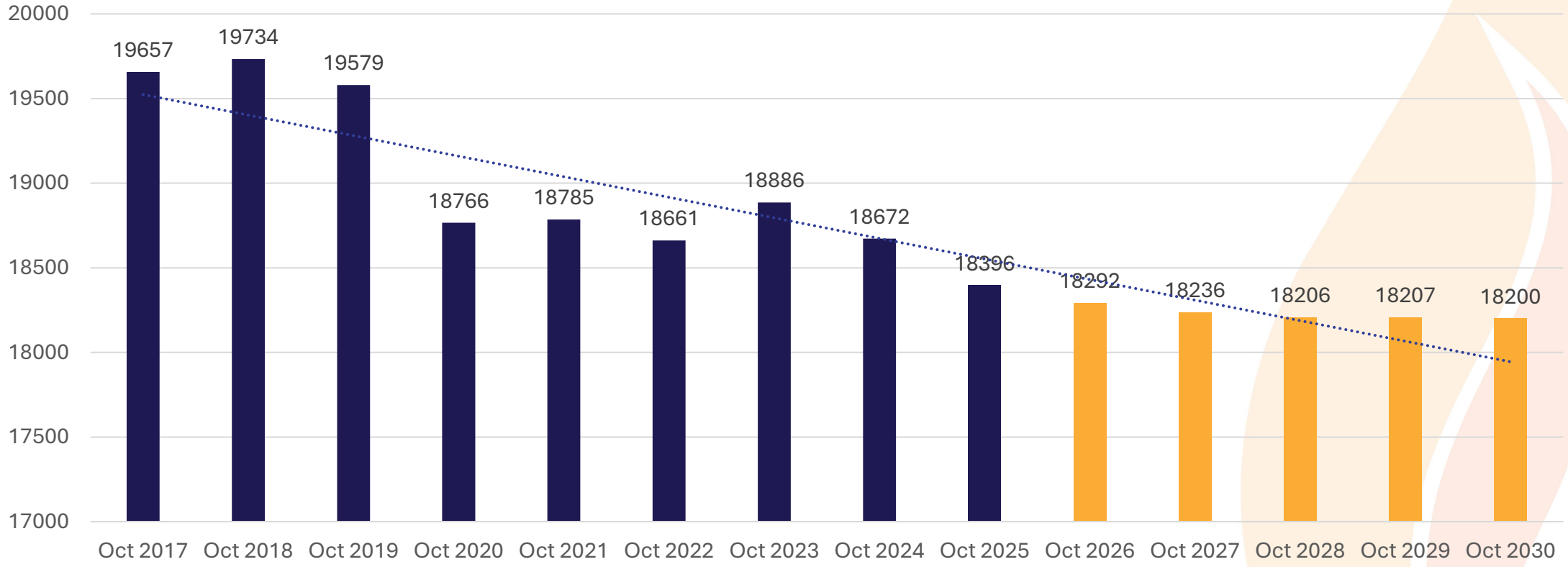


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Enrollment Projections

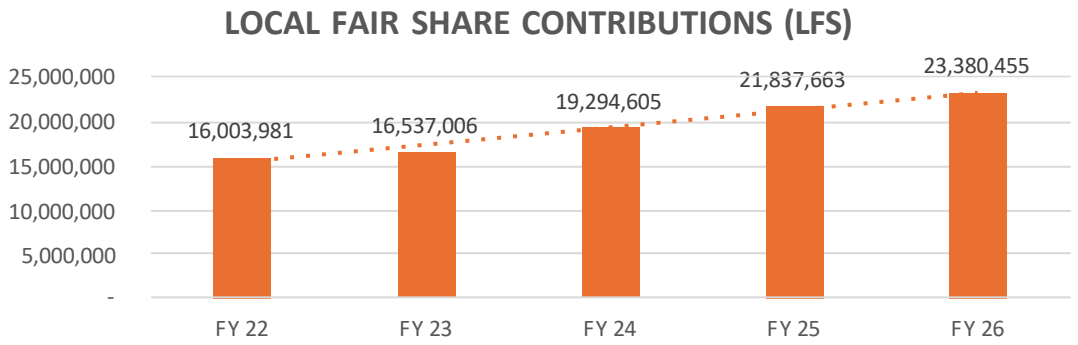


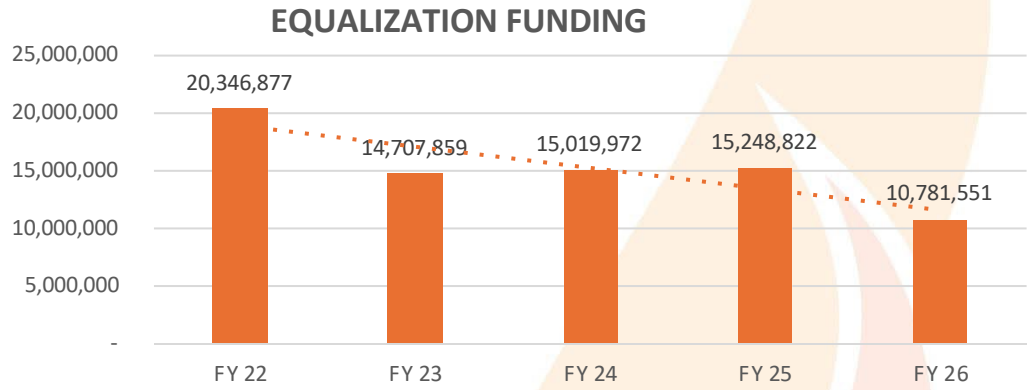
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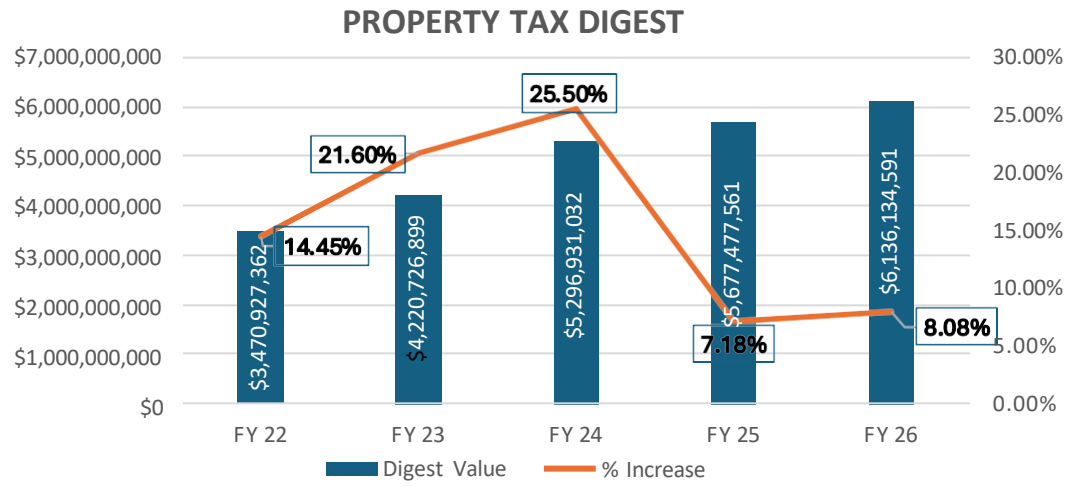
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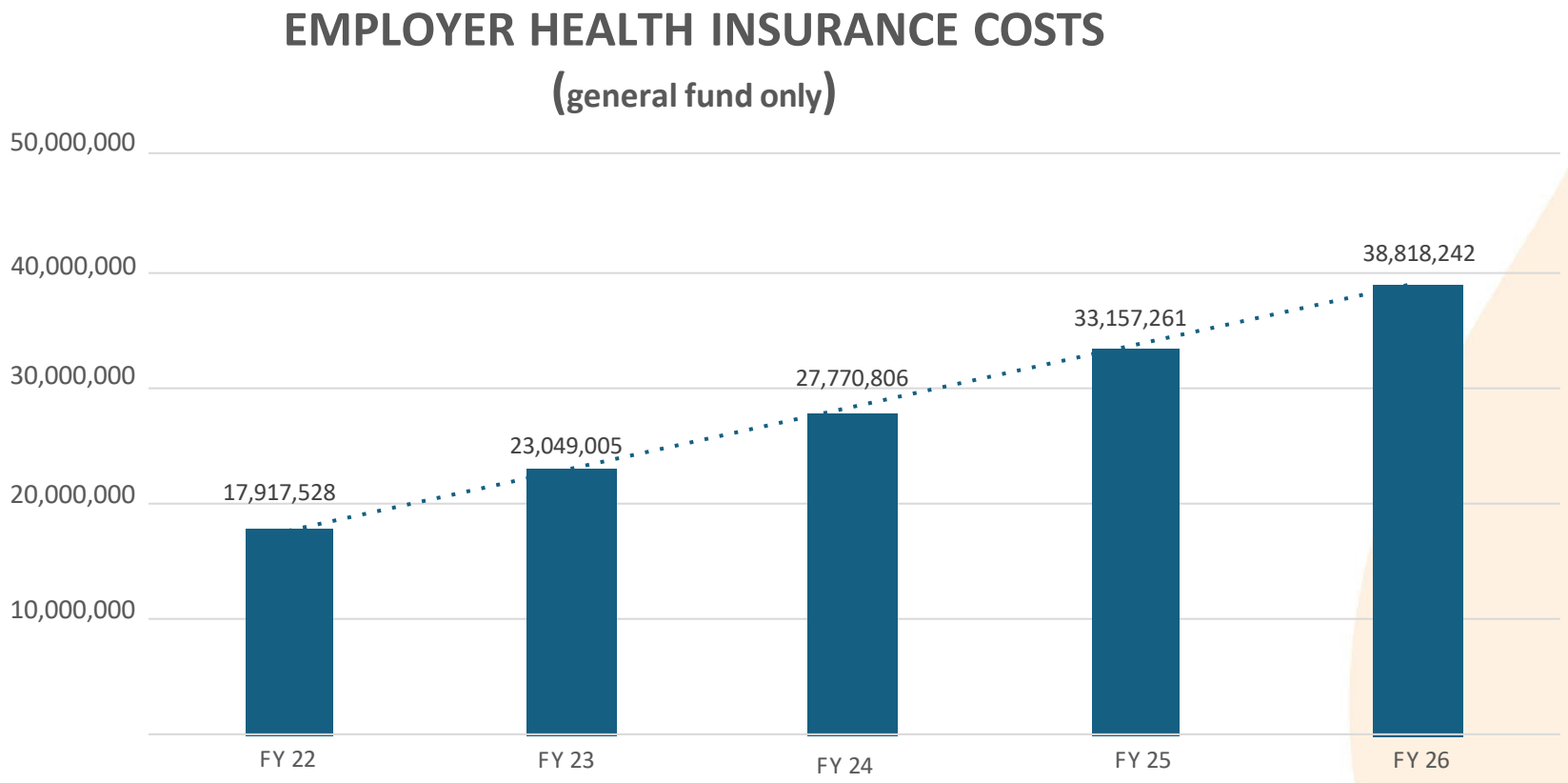


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FISCAL YEAR	DIGEST	PREVIOUS YEAR'S MILLAGE RATE	ADOPTED MILLAGE RATE	MILLAGE RATE REDUCTION	FINANCIAL IMPACT
FY 20	$2,826,853,995	20.000	19.788	0.212 ↓	($599,293)
FY 21	$3,032,654,860	19.788	19.788	0.000	$0
FY 22	$3,470,927,362	19.788	18.288	1.500 ↓	($5,206,391)
FY 23	$4,220,726,899	18.288	16.788	1.500 ↓	($6,331,090)
FY 24	$5,296,931,032	16.788	16.000	0.788 ↓	($4,173,982)
FY 25	$5,677,477,561	16.000	15.750	0.250 ↓	($1,419,369)
FY 26	$6,136,134,591	15.750	15.500	0.250 ↓	($1,534,034)
TOTAL				**4.500**	**($19,264,159)**

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Per-pupil revenue collected in Newton County is lower than the state average.

State average

$6,975.96

Newton County

$5,461.24

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Improve efficiency, reduce redundancy, and streamline operations while maintaining service quality.

Align resources with district priorities and student impact.

Protect instructional services and student-facing supports as the highest priority.

Strengthen long-term financial planning and avoid short-term solutions that create instability in the future.

A Multi-Year Framework for Financial Stewardship

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Financial Projections – January 2026

General Fund	FY 2026	FY 2027
Revenue	$241,225,832	$254,282,602
Expenditures	$265,051,983	**$280,568,584**
Ending Fund Balance	$32,967,641	**$6,681,659**

Fiscal Year 2027 Tentative Budget – LEAN

General Fund	FY 2026 Amended	FY 2027 LEAN Year 1
Revenue	$245,543,367	$259,461,966
Expenditures	$270,226,281	**$269,865,415**
Ending Fund Balance	$31,741,410	**$21,337,962**

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LEAN is:

- A disciplined approach to stewardship
- A multi-year strategy for sustainability
- Focused on students and instruction
- Transparent, data-informed, and accountable
- Designed to strengthen the district

LEAN is *NOT*:

- Across-the-board, arbitrary cuts
- A short-term effort
- A retreat from academic priorities
- A collection of quick fixes
- Disconnected from teaching and learning

We are on a relentless pursuit to become the

FASTEST IMPROVING

school district in the state of Georgia - organized and led by a

HIGHLY SKILLED TEACHER & LEADER WORKFORCE

working tirelessly

on behalf of children for the benefit of our community

and **PRODUCING BREAKTHROUGH RESULTS**

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