

## State Board of Education Fiscal Year 2026-27 Proposed Budget

Spending Category	2026-27 Proposed Budget	Comments
Salary	1,259,100	The budget reflects 10.9 FTE staff salaries + Board stipends. It also reflects a 2% general wage increase and includes \$4,000 for contingencies.
Benefits	353,300	The budget includes the employer share of health insurance and federal and state payroll taxes.
Contracts	596,500	The budget includes \$444,500 for Mastery-Based Learning contracts.
Goods and Services	251,600	The budget includes estimated costs for communications/telecommunications, data processing services, employee and Board professional learning (e.g. registration fees), supplies and materials, facility and equipment rentals, printing and copying, software licenses and maintenance, subscriptions, and contractual services provided by state agencies or educational service districts.
Travel	110,600	The budget includes \$70,200 for Board member and Board meeting travel costs.
Equipment	3,500	The budgeted amount is lower than usual because we anticipate a smaller need for equipment purchases due to the newness of equipment purchased during prior years.
Grants	304,000	Twenty mastery-based learning cohort 2 grantees @ \$14,000 plus three living lab grantees @ \$8,000.
Unallocated	38,000	Private grant funding equal to about 2% of our base operating budget held in reserve for contingencies.
Indirect	326,400	The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has requested a 14.3% indirect rate, but the current 15.0% indirect rate remains in effect until a new rate is federally approved. Due to uncertainty regarding federal approval timing and the rate that will be approved, this budget assumes a 15.0% rate.
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$3,243,000</b>	The budget total reflects decreased Senate Bill 5189 proviso funding and Gates Foundation FutureReady funding, most of which was used during 2025-26.