ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION

Administrative Offices - Board Room
Monday, April 13, 2026 at 5:00 PM

BE IT REMEMBERED: The Asheville City Board of Education met in a regularly called session on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 5:00 PM at the Administrative Offices - Board Room at 85 Mountain Street, Asheville, North Carolina, where and when the following business was transacted.

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1. MEETING OPENING

1.1 CALL TO ORDER - Board Chair, Sarah Thornburg

5:01 PM

Equity Statement:*In Asheville City Schools we are committed to equity and anti-racist policies for all students and staff to learn and thrive. We recognize that our positions come with power, responsibility, and public service for the entire ACS community. We will model our commitment to equity through our practices and decisions. During this meeting, we invite a pause if harm has taken place, a moment to name the harm, and space to practice repair.*

1.2 QUORUM DETERMINATION - Board Chair, Sarah Thornburg

1.3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Board Chair, Sarah Thornburg

Motion to Amend the Agenda to add a discussion at the very end about a possible letter to the North Carolina Legislature about a constitutional amendment that they are considering regarding property taxes.

Moved by: George Sieburg; seconded by: Liza Kelly

Aye: George Sieburg, Sarah Thornburg, Rebecca Strimer, Jesse Warren, Liza Kelly, and Pepi Acebo

The motion passed 6-0

2. CCAR Six Agreements - Dr. Maggie Fehrman, Superintendent

3. POSSIBLE ACTION/CONSENT ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

3.1 Student Releases to Buncombe County - Tanya Presha, Special Assistant to the Superintendent

Consent

3.2 **Contracts/MOUs** - Dr. Kim Dechant, Chief of Staff

Consent

Asheville Contracting Co DBA Asheville Fence - Fence Install/Repair

Contract Details: The administration requested an increase of $39,000 to an existing contract (originally around $87,000 for general repairs) with Asheville Fence.

- **Purpose:** The additional funds are needed to put a fence in the upper parking lot of the central office to safely secure equipment.
- **Relocation Rationale:** The need for the new fence and relocation stems from two issues:
    a. Relocating the operations department equipment from 441 Haywood Road due to the facility's condition (mold outbreak).
    b. Anticipated impact from the I-26 corridor DOT project, which will take away a significant portion of the current available parking for equipment.

It was requested that the item be pulled from the consent agenda for a standalone vote next week to allow for further discussion.

3.3 Policy Second Read - Dr. Maggie Fehrman, Superintendent

Consent

Policy Code: 3000 Goals and Objectives of the Educational Program

Policy 3000 Memo

Policy Code: 3000 Goals and Objectives of the Educational Program

The Board reviewed Policy Code 3000, which was on its second reading. The policy was recently revised, with the final version emailed to the Board for review. Here is a summary of the discussion and the next steps: Policy Content and Clarification

- **Request to Postpone:** One board member welcomed moving the policy back to a first read, citing that while the document is "remarkably wonderfully more developed," there have been enough changes that an additional month of review would be beneficial.
- **Referenced Documents:** A concern was raised that the document references the "ACS theory of action" and the "Portrait of a Scholar," and a suggestion was made to either embed these documents or establish them as separate policies.
    - **Response:** Dr. Ferman clarified that both documents have already been approved by the Board, and they can be linked directly into the policy text.

Procedural Next Step: The Board agreed that Policy Code 3000 will move forward as a standalone action item on second read to allow for a direct vote on approval or a motion to take more time for review.

Related Concerns (from Strategic Plan Feedback)

During the subsequent discussion, board members brought up related, high-level points

that may impact this policy or the broader strategic framework it supports:

- **"Proficiency":** Concern was raised if "proficiency" is the most appropriate level to reach as a goal.
- **Common Language for Equity:** The need for a "shared language," "common language," or "common lens" among all staff and the Board regarding equity and culturally responsive practices was emphasized.
- **Early Childhood Education:** Concern was noted that the strategic plan does not yet contain an actual, robust plan for Early Childhood Education.

3.4 FY 26 Budget Expenditure Report and Amendment 8

Consent

Budget Amendment - April (1).pdf

2026-2027 Expenditure Report 4-13-26.pdf

2026-2027 Budget Amendment #3 Cover Sheet 4-13-26 - Google Docs.pdf

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

4.1 Bus Stop Arm - April Dockery, Chief of Operations, and Amanda Rigsby, Transportation Director

April Dockery presented a request to the Board for a letter of support regarding an ordinance to implement a bus stop arm citation. The letter would advocate for giving citations to individuals who illegally pass stopped school buses.

Key Details of the Ordinance Request:

- **Goal:** To quickly change driver behavior by issuing immediate photo citations, rather than relying on the District Attorney's office, where prosecution for illegal passing can take up to two years due to constrained resources.
- **Collaboration:** Asheville City Schools (ACS) has been working with Buncombe County Schools, Buncombe County government, and local law enforcement on this initiative.
- **Implementation:** The county government will implement the ordinance first, and then the city government will either uphold it or make minor adjustments.
- **Financial Benefit:** ACS will receive revenue from the citations.
- **Timeline/Rollout:** The necessary equipment is already on the buses and ready to roll. There would be a rollout period with warnings sent before actual citations, accompanied by a public relations campaign, to avoid surprising the community.

Next Steps: The Board agreed to put the proposal on the Consent Agenda for the next Regular Meeting . April Dockery and Amanda Rigsby will draft a letter to put on the consent agenda for efficiency.

4.2 Feasibility Update - April Dockery, Chief of Operations 17

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A consultant from McMillan Pasant Smith presented a review of the district-wide

facility needs plan.

- **Total Cost Estimate:** The value of the 4,644 identified issues across all campuses is approximately $61.8 million.
- **Prioritization:** Approximately 50% of the cost is for items rated a one or two (higher priority), while the other half is for items rated a three (typical wear and tear/long-term needs).
- **Cost Breakdown by Category:**
    - **Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing (MEP):** The largest expense at 47%, focusing on infrastructure (taking out and putting in all new systems).
    - **Interiors:** 45% of the number of instances, but less costly than MEP.
    - **Health, Safety, and Security:** About 13% of the total cost ($8.3 million), a relatively low number indicating prior upgrades.
- **Cost Breakdown by Facility:** The highest costs are associated with Asheville High School (the largest campus at 30% of cost), the District Operations Facility (441 Haywood Road), and Claxton (older facilities).
- **District Operations (441 Haywood Road):** Needs significant MEP upgrades, a new roof, and new windows. The cost also incorporates remediation for mold/hazardous materials. The estimated cost to upgrade is substantially less than the $24 million replacement value.
- **Next Steps:** The consultant will integrate the assessment findings with enrollment/capacity data and present options and prioritization for capital improvements in June.

4.3 FY 27 Budget Updates -Heidi Kerns, Chief Finance Officer

Preliminary Budget Information Presentation

The CFO provided an update on the upcoming fiscal year's budget.

- **Local Funding:** The new funding formula guarantees a share of 37.76% of total property and sales taxes collected. Actual unrestricted revenue growth was 3.14% (higher than the estimated 1.89%), which should bring Asheville City Schools a minimum increase of about $1.6 million.
- **Supplemental Property Tax:** The board approved a proposal to ask the county to restore the rate to 10 cents per $100 of value (the revenue-neutral rate is 8.14 cents). Restoring it to 10 cents would generate about $2.8 million more revenue than last year.
- **State Budget:** State budget information is highly uncertain. The Leandro case (which was expected to increase education funding) was thrown out on April 2nd, which was a significant disappointment. The possibility of the governor passing a budget with retroactive raises this year adds complexity to estimating next year's budget.
- As a reminder, Dr. Fehrman presents the property tax rate request for 10 cents on Thursday, April 16, 2026 to the County Commissioners.

4.4 **Strategic Planning Presentation**- Dr. Maggie Fehrman, Superintendent

Dr. Ferman introduced the draft strategic plan, developed with staff and community input, noting that the district has lacked an active plan since 2015. The plan seeks to

address historical harm and the largest racial achievement gap in North Carolina.

- **Strategic Theme: "You can get it all in Asheville City Schools"**.
- **Vision (Student-Crafted):** "to build a joyful, innovative district that supports individual successes and strengthens our entire community".
- **Mission:** "to ensure that every student feels they belong, engages in meaningful, challenging and relevant learning experiences and graduates on time with the skills, knowledge and characteristics to pursue their passions and create a positive change".
- **Pillars for Equitable Outcomes:**
  - **Accountability:** Moving from compliance to commitment.
  - **Coherence:** Aligning efforts and moving from silos to systems.
  - **Transparency:** Moving from gatekeeping to opening doors.

The next step is for the board to provide feedback, followed by a community input Town Hall on April 28, 2026, with the goal of board approval of the core plan components in May.

5. DISCUSSION - Board Chair, Sarah Thornburg

Chair Thornburg presented an emergent legislative matter regarding a North Carolina House Select Committee proposal to constitutionally limit local property tax increases. Following a formal request from the Buncombe County Commissioners for district support, the Board discussed the potential impact on school funding. Members noted that while Asheville City Schools is not a taxing authority, the district relies heavily on the county's fiscal flexibility to ensure long-term financial stability. The Board expressed a strong consensus in favor of maintaining local control and advocated for alternative tax reforms over state-level caps.

Due to the urgent legislative timeline, the Board reached a consensus to authorize the Chair to draft and submit a letter advocating for local taxing flexibility ahead of the April 15 deadline.

6. CLOSED SESSION - Board Chair, Sarah Thornburg

8:01 PM

The Chair will entertain a motion for the Board of Education to enter into a closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 for the following purposes:

- **Under subsection (a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged and confidential personnel information pursuant to G.S. 115C-319-321;**
- **Under subsection (a) (3) to discuss matters protected by the attorney-client privilege.**

AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 Personnel Report - April

6.2 Attorney Client Matters

7. FUTURE MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Board Chair, Sarah Thornburg

Regular Meeting

Monday, April 20, 2026

Administrative Office - Board Room

Work Session

Monday, May 4, 2026

Administrative Office - Board Room

Regular Meeting

Monday, May 11, 2026

Administrative Office - Board Room

Early Dismissal for Students

Friday, May 22, 2026

12:00 Noon K-5

1:00 PM 6-12

Holiday- Memorial Day - No School for Students and Staff

Monday, May 25, 2026

2025-2026 ACS Board of Education Meeting Schedule

8. ADJOURNMENT - Board Chair, Sarah Thornburg

8:19 PM

8.1 Adjourn Meeting

8:19 PM

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Liza Kelly; seconded by: George Sieburg

Aye: George Sieburg, Amy Ray, Sarah Thornburg, Rebecca Strimer, Jesse Warren, Liza Kelly, and Pepi Acebo

The motion passed 7-0

Dr. Maggie Fehrman

Dr. Maggie Fehrman,
Superintendent

Sarah Thornburg

Board Chair, or Designee

Asheville City Schools WORK SESSION, 13 Apr 2026

ASHEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS
BUDGET RESOLUTION & AMENDMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Section 1 - The following revenues are estimated to be available to the State Public School Fund – Fund 1. The following expenditure amounts are hereby appropriated at the purpose level for the operation of the school administrative unit in the State Public School Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

	Budget Resolution	Amendment #1	Amendment #2	Amendment #3	Amendment #4	Amended Budget
Revenue						
3000 - State & Federal	30,012,716	325,130	335,600	124,693	-	30,798,139
4000 - Local & Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
4910 - Fund Balance Appropriated	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total State Public School Fund Revenues	**$ 30,012,716**	**$ 325,130**	**$ 335,600**	**$ 124,693**	**$ -**	**$ 30,798,139**
Expenditures						
5000 - Instructional Services	26,963,486	37,581	335,600	124,693	-	27,461,360
6000 - System-Wide Support	2,854,230	287,549	-	-	-	3,141,779
7000 - Ancillary Services	195,000	-	-	-	-	195,000
8000 - Non-Programmed Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
9000 - Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total State Public School Fund Appropriation	**$ 30,012,716**	**$ 325,130**	**$ 335,600**	**$ 124,693**	**$ -**	**$ 30,798,139**

Section 2 - The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Local Current Expense Fund – Fund 2. The following expenditure amounts are hereby appropriated at the purpose level for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Local Current Expense Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

	Budget Resolution	Amendment #1	Amendment #2	Amendment #3	Amendment #4	Amended Budget
Revenue						
3000 - State & Federal	-	-	-	-	-	-
4000 - Local & Other	29,782,468	-	-	-	-	29,782,468
4910 - Fund Balance Appropriated	2,000,000	-	-	-	-	2,000,000
Total Local Current Expense Fund Revenues	**$ 31,782,468**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 31,782,468**
Expenditures						
5000 - Instructional Services	13,310,000	-	525,000	350,000	-	14,185,000
6000 - System-Wide Support	14,402,468	-	140,000	(200,000)	-	14,342,468
7000 - Ancillary Services	970,000	-	(565,000)	(150,000)	-	255,000
8000 - Non-Programmed Charges	3,100,000	-	(100,000)	-	-	3,000,000
9000 - Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Local Current Expense Fund Appropriation	**$ 31,782,468**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 31,782,468**

Section 3 - The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Federal Grants Fund – Fund 3. The following expenditure amounts are hereby appropriated at the purpose level for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Federal Grants Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

	Budget Resolution	Amendment #1	Amendment #2	Amendment #3	Amendment #4	Amended Budget
Revenue						
3000 - State & Federal	3,942,351	11,986	136,373	122,151	-	4,212,861
4000 - Local & Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
4910 - Fund Balance Appropriated	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Federal Grants Fund Revenues	**$ 3,942,351**	**$ 11,986**	**$ 136,373**	**$ 122,151**	**$ -**	**$ 4,212,861**
Expenditures						
5000 - Instructional Services	3,409,226	11,530	132,008	115,702	-	3,668,466
6000 - System-Wide Support	358,281	-	116	2,015	-	360,412
7000 - Ancillary Services	-	-	-	-	-	-
8000 - Non-Programmed Charges	174,844	456	4,249	4,434	-	183,983
9000 - Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Federal Grants Fund Appropriation	**$ 3,942,351**	**$ 11,986**	**$ 136,373**	**$ 122,151**	**$ -**	**$ 4,212,861**

Section 4 - The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Capital Outlay Fund – Fund 4. The following expenditure amounts are hereby appropriated at the purpose level for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Capital Outlay Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

	Budget Resolution	Amendment #1	Amendment #2	Amendment #3	Amendment #4	Amended Budget
Revenue						
3000 - State & Federal	250,000	-	-	-	-	250,000
4000 - Local & Other	3,471,992	-	-	525,000	-	3,996,992
4910 - Fund Balance Appropriated	3,000,000	-	-	-	-	3,000,000
Total Capital Outlay Fund Revenues	**$ 6,721,992**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 525,000**	**$ -**	**$ 7,246,992**
Expenditures						
5000 - Instructional Services	1,400,000	-	-	525,000	-	1,925,000
6000 - System-Wide Support	1,075,000	-	200,000	-	-	1,275,000
7000 - Ancillary Services	-	-	-	-	-	-
8000 - Non-Programmed Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
9000 - Capital	4,246,992	-	(200,000)	-	-	4,046,992
Total Capital Outlay Fund Appropriation	**$ 6,721,992**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 525,000**	**$ -**	**$ 7,246,992**

Section 5 - The following revenues are estimated to be available to the School Nutrition Fund – Fund 5. The following expenditure amounts are hereby appropriated at the purpose level for the operation of the school administrative unit in the School Nutrition Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

	Budget Resolution	Amendment #1	Amendment #2	Amendment #3	Amendment #4	Amended Budget
Revenue						
3000 - State & Federal	1,395,000	-	-	-	-	1,395,000
4000 - Local & Other	818,000	-	-	-	-	818,000
4910 - Fund Balance Appropriated	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total School Nutrition Fund Revenues	**$ 2,213,000**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 2,213,000**
Expenditures						
5000 - Instructional Services	-	-	-	-	-	-
6000 - System-Wide Support	-	-	-	-	-	-
7000 - Ancillary Services	2,213,000	-	-	-	-	2,213,000
8000 - Non-Programmed Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
9000 - Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total School Nutrition Fund Appropriation	**$ 2,213,000**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 2,213,000**

Section 6 - The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Other Special Revenue Fund – Fund 8. The following expenditure amounts are hereby appropriated at the purpose level for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Other Special Revenue Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

	Budget Resolution	Amendment #1	Amendment #2	Amendment #3	Amendment #4	Amended Budget
Revenue						
3000 - State & Federal	1,717,515	-	10,192	-	-	1,727,707
4000 - Local & Other	6,330,595	-	612,000	636,635	-	7,579,230
4910 - Fund Balance Appropriated	1,669,050	-	-	-	-	1,669,050
Total Other Special Revenue Fund Revenues	**$ 9,717,160**	**$ -**	**$ 622,192**	**$ 636,635**	**$ -**	**$ 10,975,987**
Expenditures						
5000 - Instructional Services	7,530,058	-	551,192	636,635	-	8,717,885
6000 - System-Wide Support	1,840,796	-	11,000	-	-	1,851,796
7000 - Ancillary Services	247,527	-	-	-	-	247,527
8000 - Non-Programmed Charges	98,779	-	60,000	-	-	158,779
9000 - Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Special Revenue Fund Appropriation	**$ 9,717,160**	**$ -**	**$ 622,192**	**$ 636,635**	**$ -**	**$ 10,975,987**
Grand Total - All Funds	**$ 84,389,687**	**$ 337,116**	**$ 1,094,165**	**$ 1,408,479**	**$ -**	**$ 87,229,447**

Section 7 - The Superintendent and Finance Officer are hereby authorized to transfer appropriations as contained herein under the following conditions:

A. All appropriations shall be paid first from revenue restricted as to use, and second from general unrestricted revenues.

B. The Superintendent may transfer monies from one appropriation to another within the same fund with proper justification.

C. The Board of Education may amend the budget to transfer money to or from the capital outlay fund to or from any other fund, with the approval of the Board of County Commissioners, to meet emergencies unforeseen and unforeseeable at the time the budget resolution was adopted.

D. Each local school administrative unit shall operate under an annual balanced budget resolution. A budget resolution is balanced when the sum of estimated net revenues and appropriated fund balances is equal to appropriations.

E. Fund Balance may be needed to satisfy actual expenditures during the fiscal year. The allocation of fund balance appropriated in the Budget Resolution is anticipatory only. Fund Balance is accounted for on the district's balance sheet and is adjusted at the end of the fiscal year. The actual amount of Fund Balance allocated for each fund, if any, will be reflected in the annual audit report.

Budget Summary & Board Report

Date Range 07/01/2025 - 06/31/2026

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Full Acct Code	(All)
Short Acct Cod	(All)

Fund	1 digit Purp	1 digit Purp Desc	Beginning Budget/Beg Balance	Budget Adjustments	Current Budget/Balance	Year-to-Date Exp/Rev	PO's & Encumbrances Outstanding	Remaining Balance	Escrow	Balance Including Escrow	Percent Spent
1	5XXX	Instructional Services	$26,963,486.00	$497,873.71	$27,461,359.71	$20,334,233.57	$235,844.63	$6,891,281.51	$0.00	$6,891,281.51	74.91%
	6XXX	System-Wide Support Services	$2,854,230.00	$287,549.00	$3,141,779.00	$2,709,782.24	$87,859.44	$344,137.32	$0.00	$344,137.32	89.05%
	7XXX	Ancillary Services	$195,000.00	$0.00	$195,000.00	$114,826.84	$0.00	$80,173.16	$0.00	$80,173.16	58.89%
1 Total			**$30,012,716.00**	**$785,422.71**	**$30,798,138.71**	**$23,158,842.65**	**$323,704.07**	**$7,315,591.99**	**$0.00**	**$7,315,591.99**	**76.25%**
2	5XXX	Instructional Services	$13,310,000.00	$875,000.00	$14,185,000.00	$10,885,026.27	$887,391.52	$2,412,582.21	$0.00	$2,412,582.21	82.99%
	6XXX	System-Wide Support Services	$14,402,468.00	($60,000.00)	$14,342,468.00	$9,129,047.30	$2,976,250.84	$2,237,169.86	$0.00	$2,237,169.86	84.40%
	7XXX	Ancillary Services	$970,000.00	($715,000.00)	$255,000.00	$106,594.59	$11,229.91	$137,175.50	$0.00	$137,175.50	46.21%
	8XXX	Non-Programmed Charges	$3,100,000.00	($100,000.00)	$3,000,000.00	$1,975,993.04	$0.00	$1,024,006.96	$0.00	$1,024,006.96	65.87%
2 Total			**$31,782,468.00**	**$0.00**	**$31,782,468.00**	**$22,096,661.20**	**$3,874,872.27**	**$5,810,934.53**	**$0.00**	**$5,810,934.53**	**81.72%**
3	5XXX	Instructional Services	$3,409,225.87	$259,240.23	$3,668,466.10	$1,643,039.86	$90,204.31	$1,935,221.93	$0.00	$1,935,221.93	47.25%
	6XXX	System-Wide Support Services	$358,280.76	$2,131.01	$360,411.77	$249,016.55	$1,374.73	$110,020.49	$0.00	$110,020.49	69.47%
	8XXX	Non-Programmed Charges	$174,843.91	$9,139.43	$183,983.34	$47,546.02	$106,403.94	$30,033.38	$0.00	$30,033.38	83.68%
3 Total			**$3,942,350.54**	**$270,510.67**	**$4,212,861.21**	**$1,939,602.43**	**$197,982.98**	**$2,075,275.80**	**$0.00**	**$2,075,275.80**	**50.74%**
4	5XXX	Instructional Services	$1,400,000.00	$525,000.00	$1,925,000.00	$898,899.97	$710,981.96	$315,118.07	$0.00	$315,118.07	83.63%
	6XXX	System-Wide Support Services	$1,075,000.00	$200,000.00	$1,275,000.00	$670,262.75	$437,285.74	$167,451.51	$0.00	$167,451.51	86.87%
	9XXX	Capital Outlay	$4,246,992.00	($200,000.00)	$4,046,992.00	$594,841.62	$942,989.80	$2,509,160.58	$0.00	$2,509,160.58	38.00%
4 Total			**$6,721,992.00**	**$525,000.00**	**$7,246,992.00**	**$2,164,004.34**	**$2,091,257.50**	**$2,991,730.16**	**$0.00**	**$2,991,730.16**	**58.72%**
5	7XXX	Ancillary Services	$2,213,000.00	$0.00	$2,213,000.00	$1,491,269.18	$387,632.19	$334,098.63	$0.00	$334,098.63	84.90%
5 Total			**$2,213,000.00**	**$0.00**	**$2,213,000.00**	**$1,491,269.18**	**$387,632.19**	**$334,098.63**	**$0.00**	**$334,098.63**	**84.90%**
8	5XXX	Instructional Services	$7,530,058.59	$1,187,827.00	$8,717,885.59	$4,965,213.68	$343,975.08	$3,408,696.83	$0.00	$3,408,696.83	60.90%
	6XXX	System-Wide Support Services	$1,840,796.00	$11,000.00	$1,851,796.00	$1,264,455.88	$177,512.84	$409,827.28	$0.00	$409,827.28	77.87%
	7XXX	Ancillary Services	$247,527.18	$0.00	$247,527.18	$106,810.25	$273.32	$140,443.61	$0.00	$140,443.61	43.26%
	8XXX	Non-Programmed Charges	$98,778.71	$60,000.00	$158,778.71	$0.00	$158,778.71	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	100.00%
8 Total			**$9,717,160.48**	**$1,258,827.00**	**$10,975,987.48**	**$6,336,479.81**	**$680,539.95**	**$3,958,967.72**	**$0.00**	**$3,958,967.72**	**63.93%**
Grand Total			**$84,389,687.02**	**$2,839,760.38**	**$87,229,447.40**	**$57,186,859.61**	**$7,555,988.96**	**$22,486,598.83**	**$0.00**	**$22,486,598.83**	**74.22%**

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Budget Amendment Cover Sheet

Board Meeting Date: _____04/13/26_____

Budget Amendment Number: _____3_____

Amendment Total: $_____ 1,408,479_____

Reason for Amendment: Allotment adjustments, ABC transfers and minor line item adjustments.

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Section 1 - State Public School Fund: Continuing allotment adjustments.

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Section 2 - Local Current Expense Fund: Line item adjustments as budget development continues and state and federal grant allotments get finalized - net change $-0-._____

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Section 3 - Federal Grant Fund (NCDPI-administered): Continuing allotment adjustments._____ _____

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Section 4 - Capital Outlay Fund: Adjustment for advance laptop purchase for IT (significant cost savings). _____

Section 5 - School Nutrition Fund: No changes needed at this time. _____

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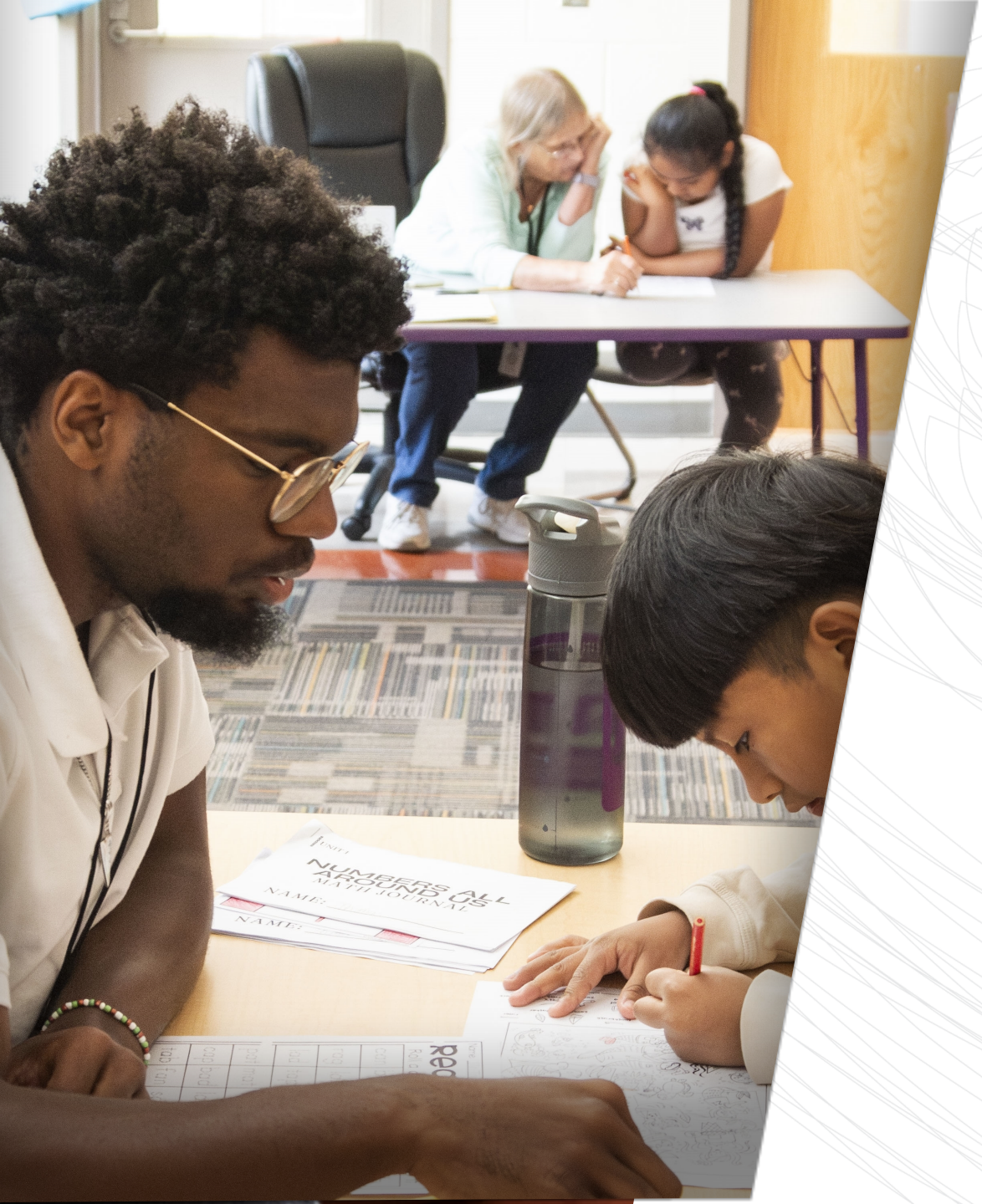
Section 6 - Other Special Revenue Fund: Budget added for sales tax refund and other minor adjustments. _____

Facility Needs Assessment Update

April 2026



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How do we keep our schools up-to-date?

Score Chart & Categories

5	4	3	2	1
5 of 5 (100%)	4 of 5 (80%)	3 of 5 (60%)	2 of 5 (40%)	1 of 5 (20%)
New or like-new condition. No issues to report, no expected failures. Reevaluate in 3 years.	**No reported issues or concerns;** No expected failures. Consider replacement and / or improvement in 7-10 years, reevaluate condition in 3 years.	**Not new, with some issues to report.** Average wear for its age. Replace or improve within 3-6 years	**Worn from use and nearing the end of it life cycle.** Replace or improve within 2-3 years as funds are available.	**Extremely worn, damaged, or inoperable.** Replace or improve in less than 2 years.

SITE
(erosion, turf condition, surface drainage)

BE - BUILDING ENVELOPE
(exterior walls, roof, windows, doors)

INT - INTERIORS
(wall finishes, flooring, ceilings, casework)

MEP - MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING
(HVAC, lighting, plumbing fixtures)

HSS - HEALTH, SAFETY AND SECURITY
(building code, ADA accessibility, security standards)

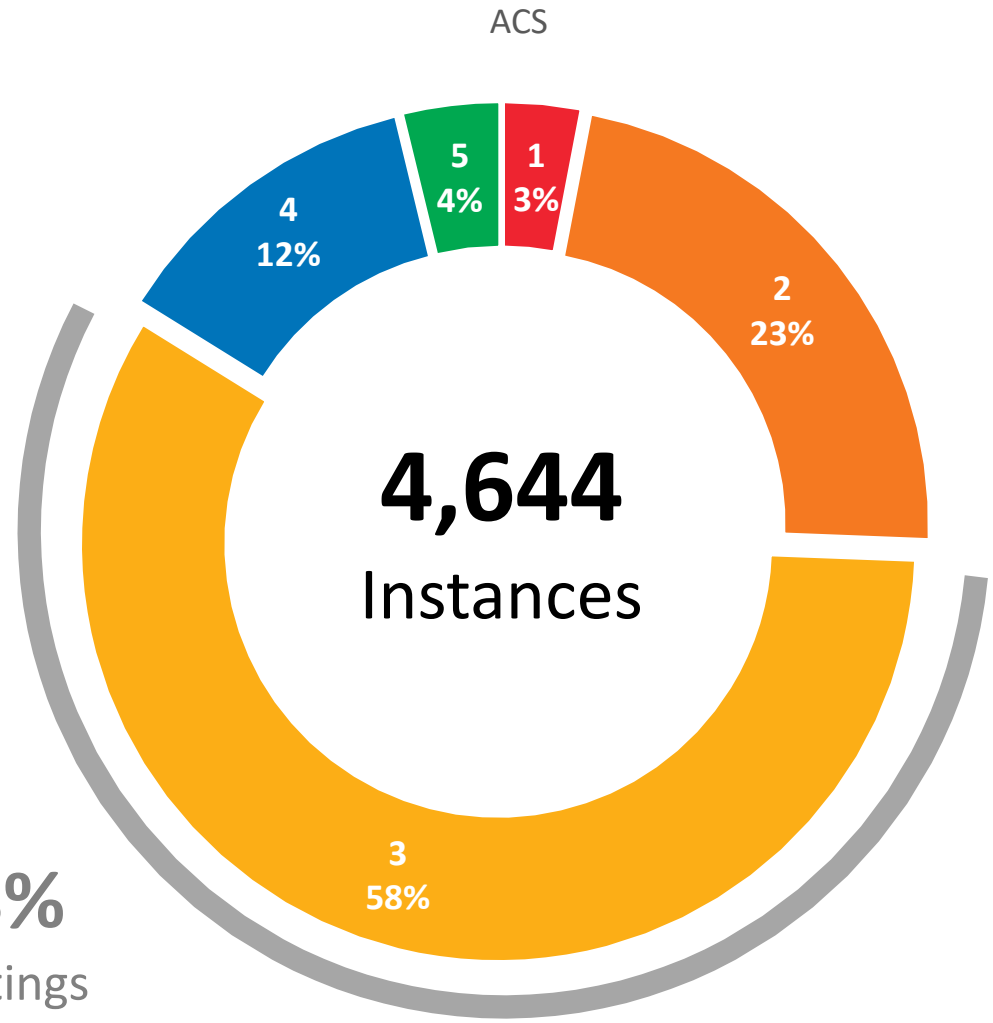
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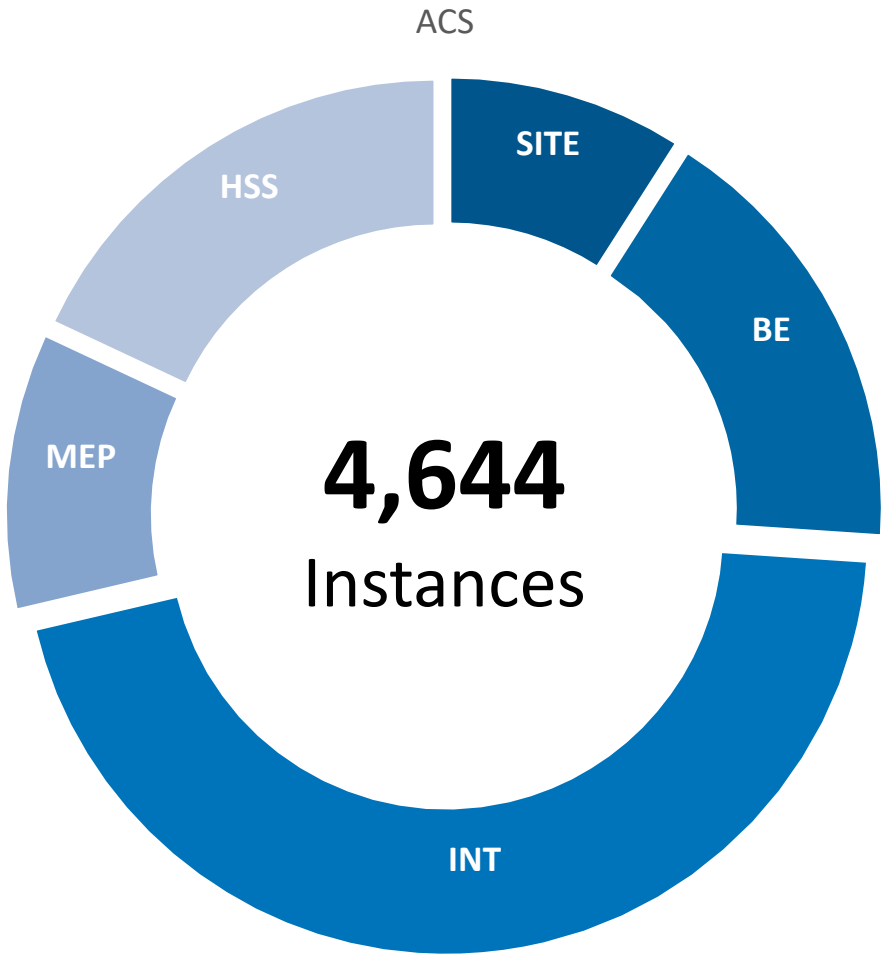
	School	Size (sf)	FY 2025-2026 Enrollment	Overall Score	SITE	BE	INT	MEP	HSS
PK-5	**Isaac Dickson Elementary School**	71,000	342	3.7	4.0	3.5	3.1	3.8	4.0
PK-5	**Lucy Herring Elementary School**	68,064	264	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.5
PK-5	**Hall Fletcher Elementary School**	89,821	279	3.0	3.4	3.1	3.0	3.2	2.6
PK-5	**Ira B Jones Elementary School**	76,786	308	2.9	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.6
K-5	**Claxton Elementary School**	76,881	415	2.8	2.9	2.5	2.8	3.0	2.9

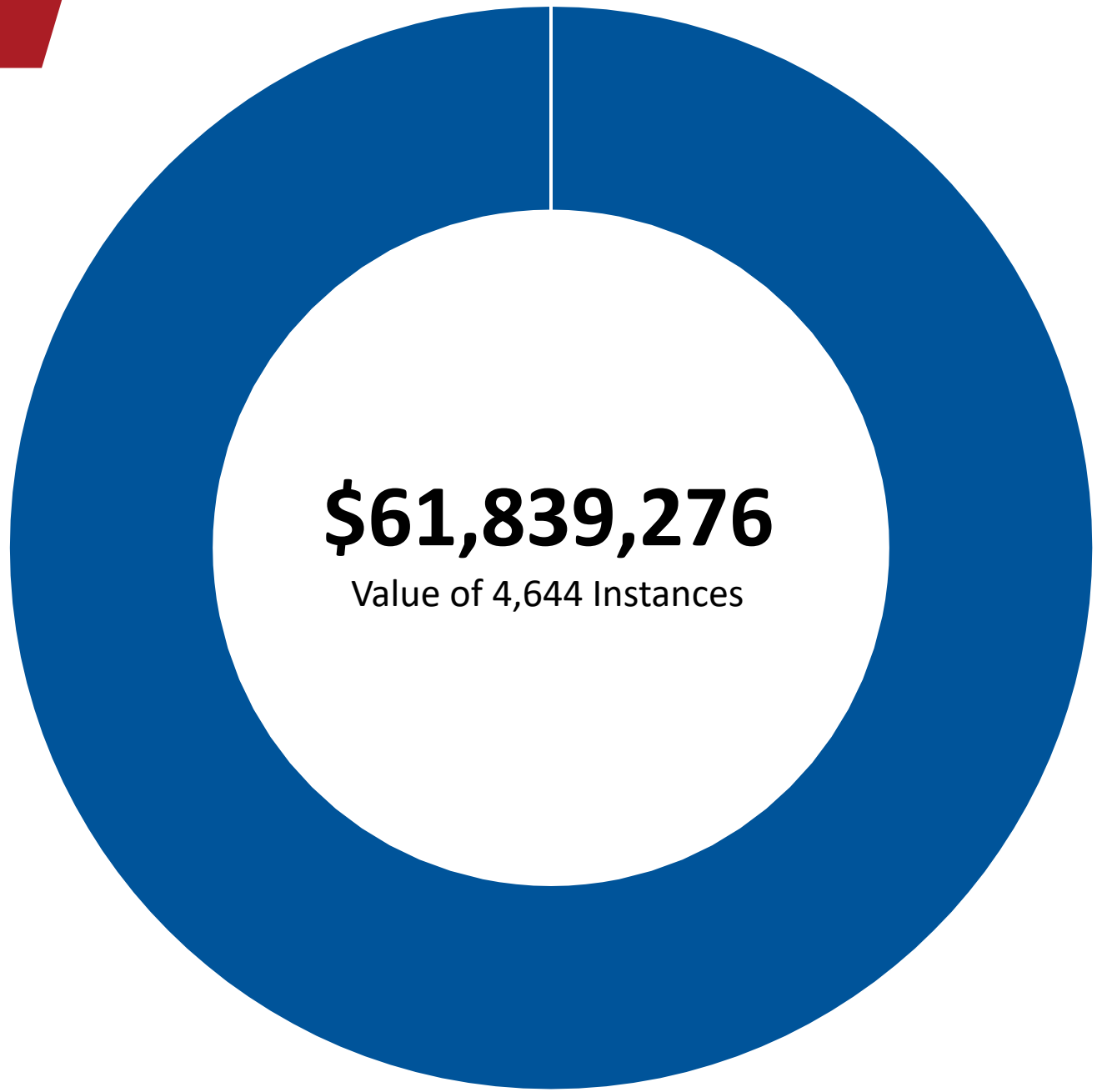
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	School	Size (sf)	FY 2025-2026 Enrollment	Overall Score	SITE	BE	INT	MEP	HSS
6th-8th	**Asheville Middle School**	163,170	684	3.4	3.7	2.9	3.1	3.5	3.9
9th-12th	**Asheville High School**	309,000	1,440	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.9
6th-12th	**William Randolph Campus**	54,949	69	3.0	3.2	3.0	2.9	3.2	2.9
	Central Office **85 Mountain St.**	25,902	--	2.7	3.0	2.3	2.7	2.5	3.3
	District Operations Facility **441 Haywood Rd**	60,013	--	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.3	2.4

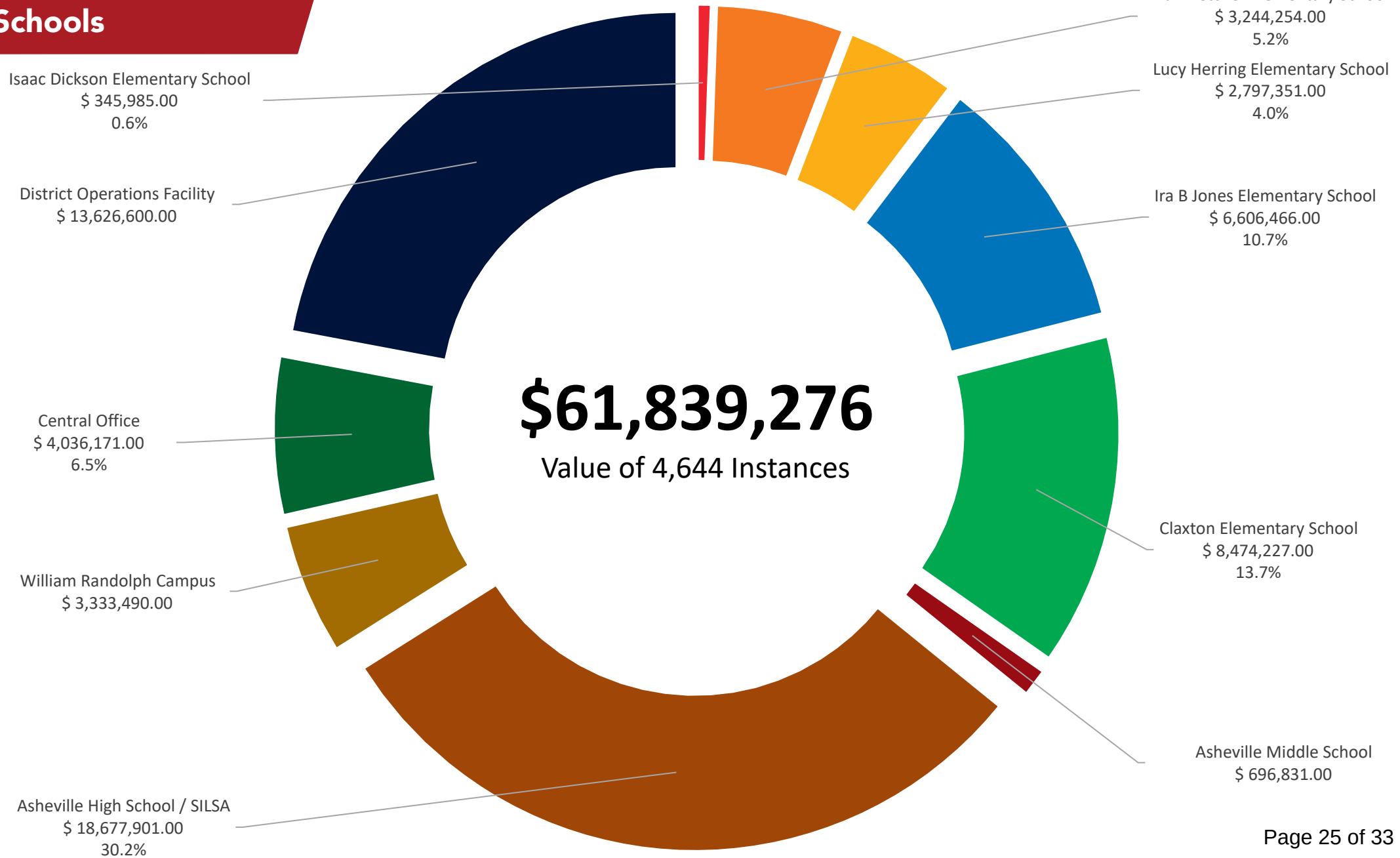
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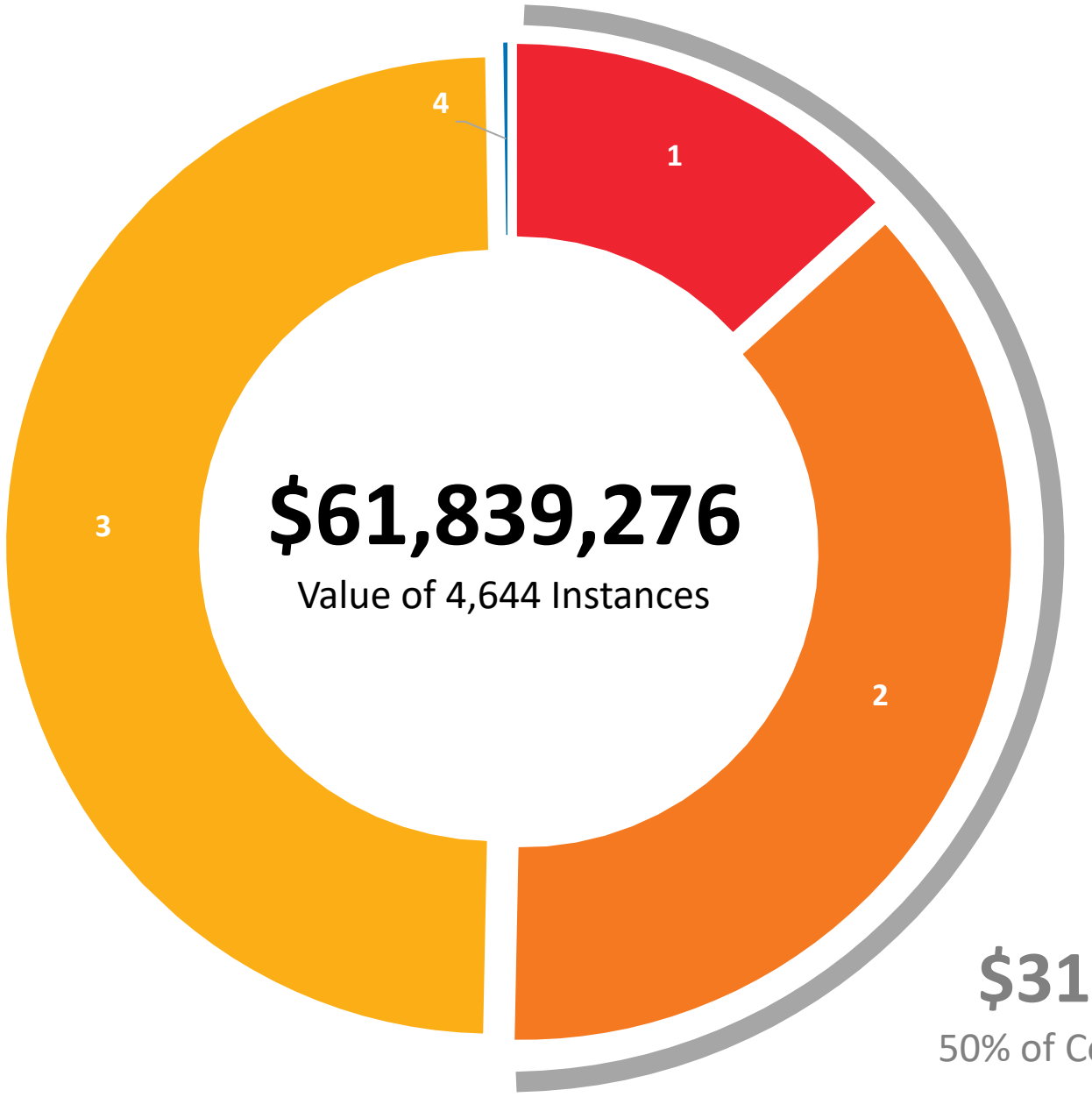

$61,839,276
Value of 4,644 Instances

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Total Cost by Rating



$31,097,551

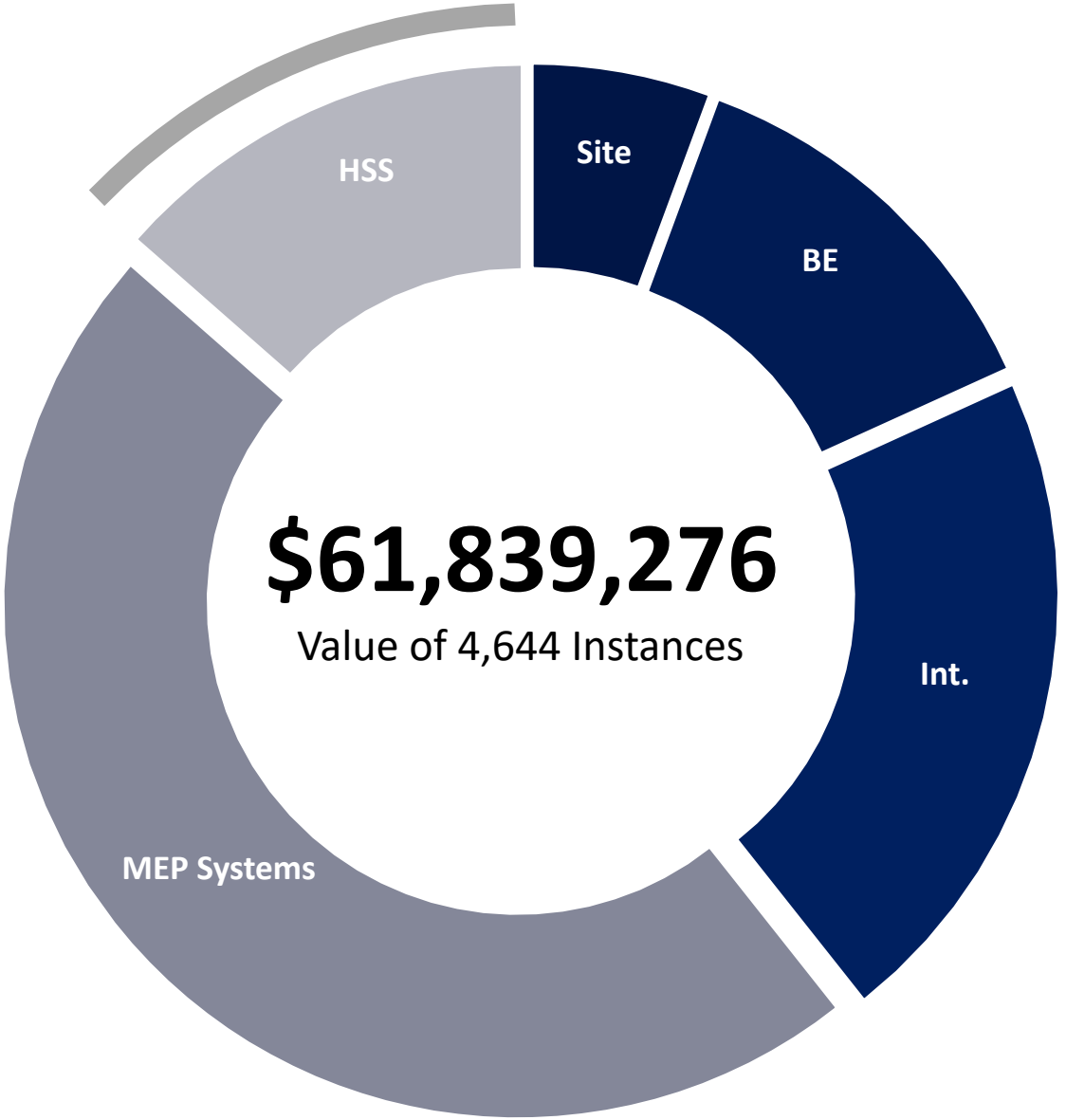
50% of Cost for 1-2 Ratings

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$8,369,875

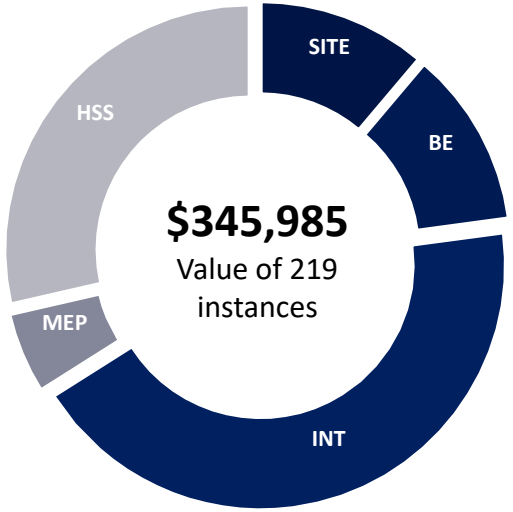
13% of Cost for HSS

Total Cost by Category

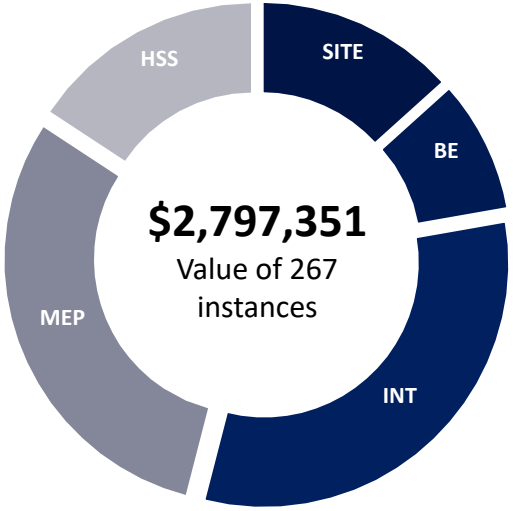


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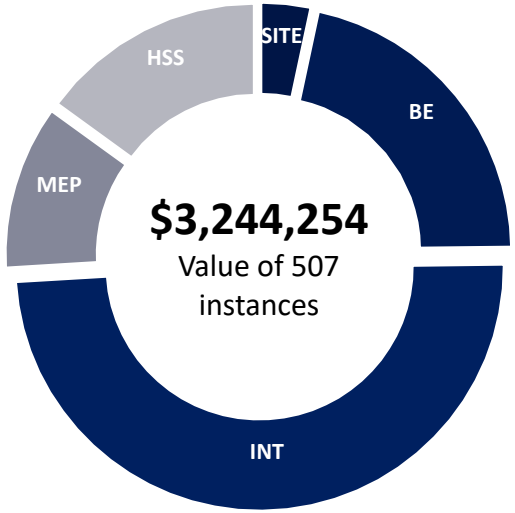
Isaac Dickson Elementary



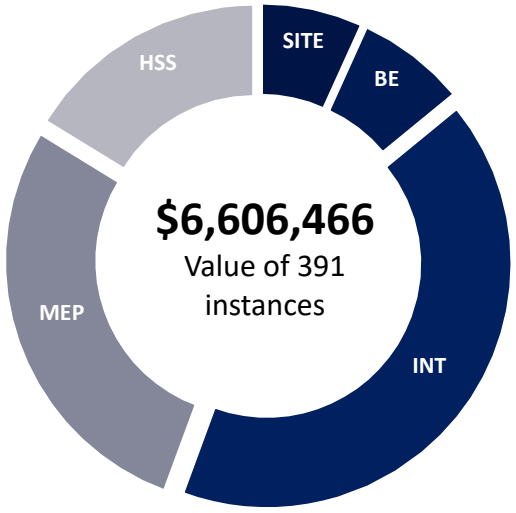
Lucy Herring Elementary



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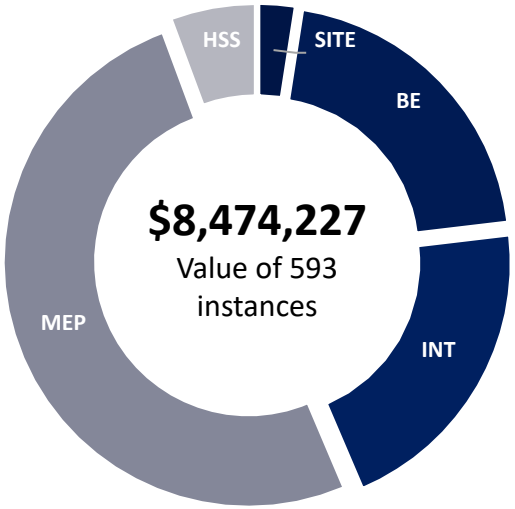


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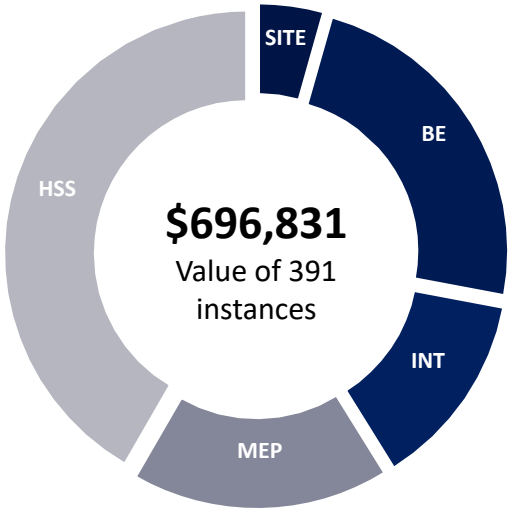


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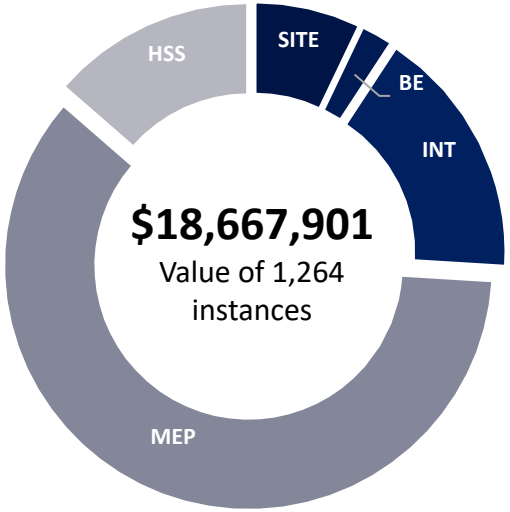
Claxton Elementary



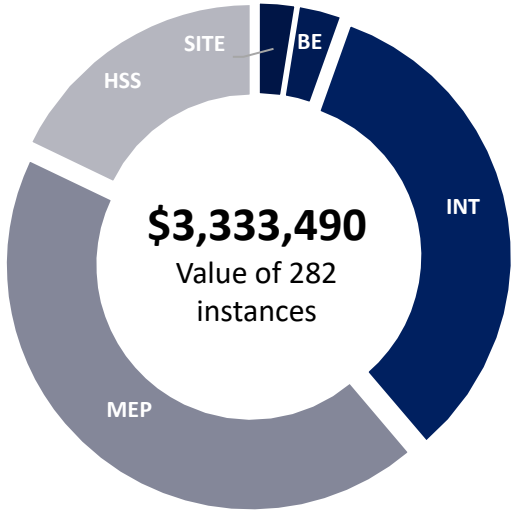
Asheville Middle School



Asheville High School

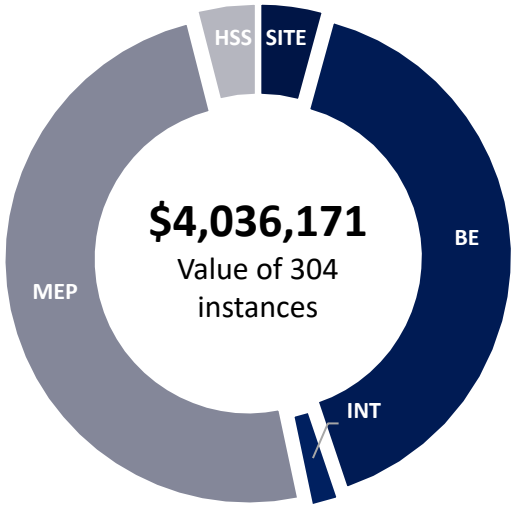


William Randolph Campus

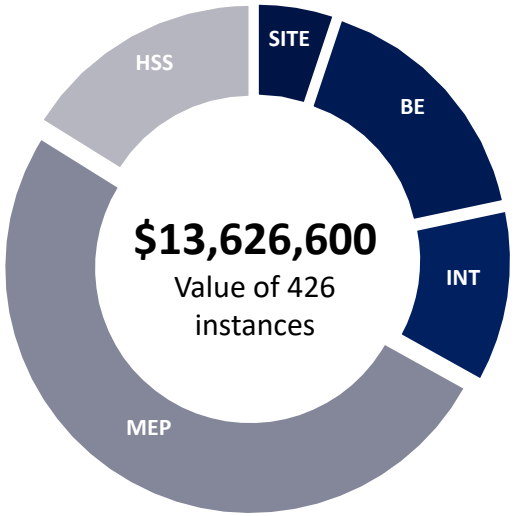


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Central Office



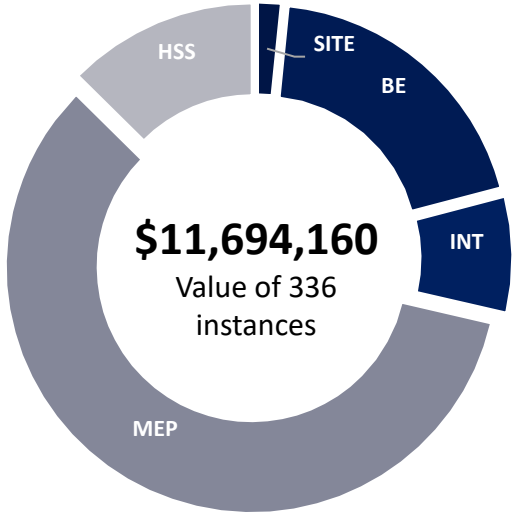
District Operations Facility



educational use facility

or

District Operations Facility



non-educational use facility

Take-Aways

Note: Ongoing maintenance is only one factor influencing long-range Capital Improvement Planning. The CIP should also consider factors such as campus capacity, operating costs, educational adequacy, program offerings, and other related considerations.

1. The largest single category for maintenance is Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing systems at 47% of the total value. These items vary but appear to be correlated by age of the building and or the age of the system. The district is facing major lifecycle replacement needs in HVAC systems, electrical distribution, plumbing systems, and technology infrastructure at the following campuses:

   Asheville HS – 60%
   District Operations Facility – 51%
   Claxton ES – 51%
   Central Office – 49%
   William Randolph – 43%

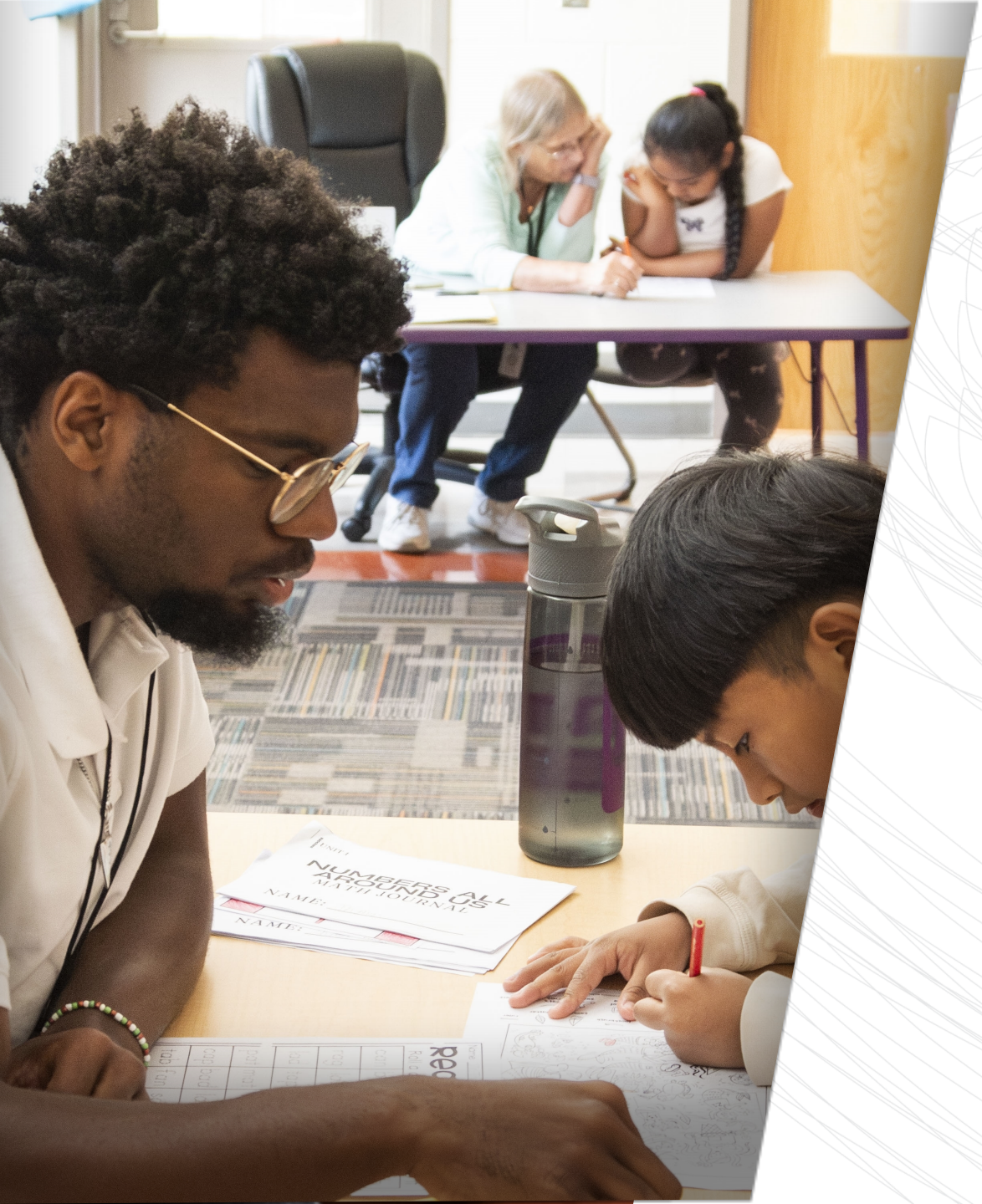
Take-Aways

2. Non-educational facilities, or support facilities, represent approximately 29% of the total value.

   Central Office – 6.5%
   District Operations Facility – 22%

3. Educational facilities represent $44,176,505 of the total value.

   Asheville HS – $18,677,901
   Claxton ES – $8,474,227
   Ira B. Jones ES – $6,606,466
   William Randolph – $3,333,490
   Hall Fletcher ES – $3,244,254
   Lucy S Herring ES – $2,797,351
   Asheville MS - $696,831
   Isaac Dickson ES – $345,985



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