



KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT

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KELSO SCHOOL
DISTRICT IS TO
PREPARE EVERY
STUDENT FOR
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AND ACHIEVING
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2025 Final Legislative Update

As of May 15, 2025

- **Summary**

- * 2025/27 State Operating Budget, \$77.87B
- * Total K-12 Increase, \$2.1 B (Maint Lvl & Policy Lvl)
- * Only \$376.9M above Maintenance Level
- * 2019/20 Biennium, K-12 is 52% of Budget
- * 2023/24 Biennium, 43.4% of Budget
- * 2025/27 Biennium, 43.2% of Budget



- **Compensation (IPD, Implicit Price Deflator)**

- * 2025/26 – 2.5%
- * 2026/27 – Estimated at 2.6%

- **Material, Supplies & Operating Costs**

- * Funding increase of 2.93% from Maintenance Level
- * 8 MSOC categories merged into one lump payment
- * IPD inflation increase from previous calendar year
- * Not for salary increase

- **Special Education**

- * Eliminates funding cap of 16%. Kelso SD at 17%
- * Increases rate per student by 4%
- * Lowers Safety Net threshold for high need students
- * May enhance SPED Program in Kelso SD

- **Levy Authority & Local Effort Assistance (LEA)**

- * For Kelso SD, max levy rate remains at \$2.50 per \$1,000 AV
- * Levy enhancements for Districts well below \$2.50 cap
- * LEA inflation enhancements added to benefit Kelso
- * Brings Kelso back up to pre-McCleary (2018) funding

- **Transition to Kindergarten (TTK)**

- * Caps enrollment funding at 2024/25 level which is 156 FTE
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