



KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 2-YEARS OF BUDGET REDUCTIONS

Over the past two years, Kelso School District has reduced its budget by more than \$4 million to address declining enrollment, rising costs, and the end of \$16 million in federal [ESSER funds](#). These reductions were made thoughtfully to protect classroom learning and essential student services.

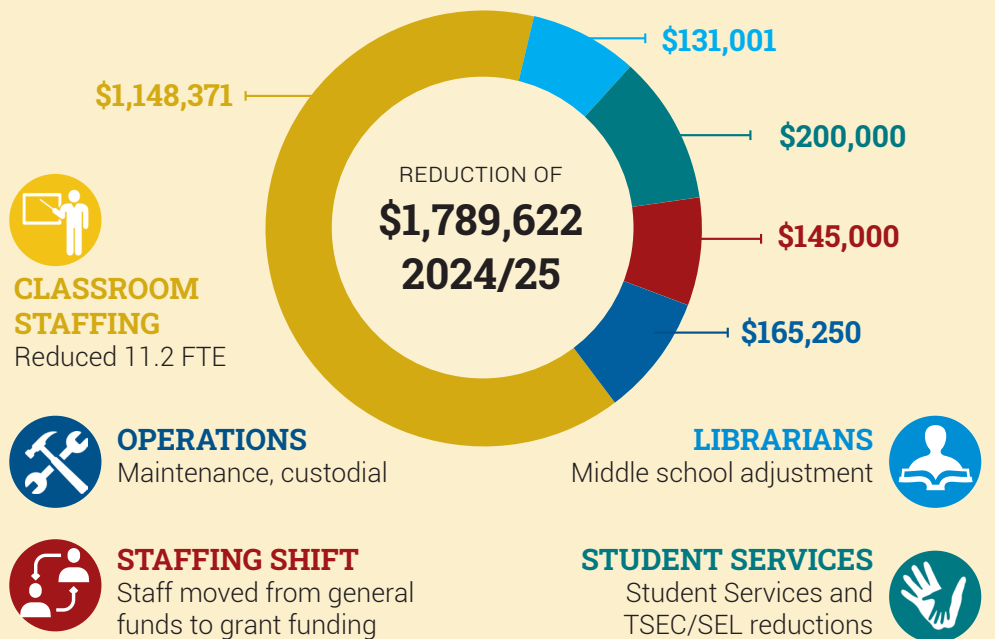
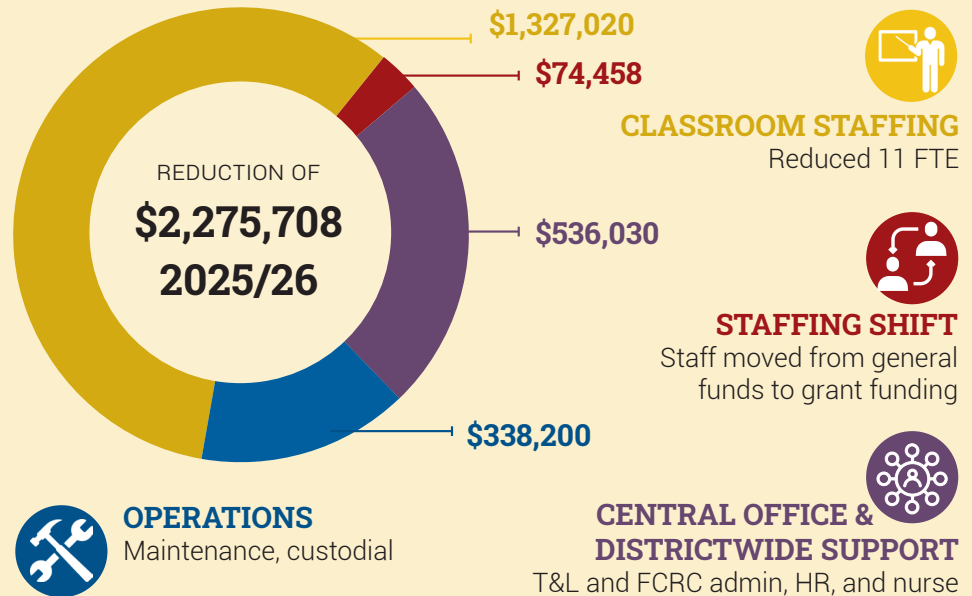
Guided by [School Board priorities](#) and [community feedback](#), the district made difficult choices to support [long-term financial health](#). While state funding has grown slightly, it hasn't kept up with inflation or increased costs for staffing, special education, substitutes, and utilities.

Despite these challenges, Kelso remains committed to responsible budgeting, transparency, and putting students and staff first.

Key Drivers of Reductions:

- Declining enrollment
- Expired federal ESSER funds
- Increased costs for staffing, insurance, utilities, substitutes, and special education

Kelso continues to plan ahead with a focus on sustainability, student success, and strong community partnerships.



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