

Save The Music **Community Meeting**

April 17, 2024

Reminders

- Mute your mic, except when speaking.
- Please save questions for the end - we have a few slides and the rest of the time will be for questions and discussion.
- Use the “Hand” feature for speaking.
- Use the “Chat” feature.
- Be respectful to others.
- Recognize there are different solutions.
- Remember, we are parents and learning too.

Mute

Camera

Attendees

Chat

Hand



Unmute



Start Video



Participants



Chat



Share Screen



Summary



AI Companion



Record



Show Captions



Reactions



Raise Hand



Apps



Whiteboards



Notes

Leave

Agenda

1. School Budget Process Overview
2. Music Class Cuts Status
3. Arts Endowment Fund Update
4. Call To Action
5. Open Q&A

Speakers

1. Jen Castle, President, Edmonds-Woodway High School Music Boosters
2. Carolyn Harvey, President, Mountlake Terrace High School Music Boosters
3. Deborah Brandi, Executive Director, Foundation for Edmonds School District
4. Brett Holt, Gig Coordinator, Mountlake Terrace High School Music Boosters

School Budget Process Overview

- District Funding Sources: 72% State, 15% local taxes, 9% other (grants, interest income), 4% federal
- State Fiscal year is July-July; District is Sept-August
- During the Jan-May legislative session in Olympia, funds are determined for the following year using the “prototypical schools” funding model to determine the majority of money allocated to the district
- Various bills can also result in more money for the district, or more unfunded mandates.

School Budget Process Overview

- The district develops a budget in Jan-March
- Enrollment and known mandatory expenses as a base. Modified with enrollment numbers in March, and final enrollment in September.
- If there will be a budget shortfall, cuts are recommended during March-May.
- ESD budget for 23-24 is approx. \$394 Million – 87% is staffing.
- January 2024 \$16M shortfall was reduced to \$10M in March (2.5% of TTL Budget).
- Due to restricted funding and mandates, many categories cannot be cut; electives are vulnerable.
- Due to the union's requirements on RIF notices, the current PLAN to cut staff must be announced by the May 15th deadline. (voted on next week, 4/23 board meeting)
- District budget is voted on in July, changes can happen, including bringing back RIF'd staff until Sept.

ESD HIGH SCHOOL ENSEMBLE REDUCTIONS

| | Edmonds-Woodway | Lynnwood | Meadowdale | Mountlake Terrace |
|----------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| 2022-23 classes offered | 3 concert bands 2 jazz bands 1 choir (.2) Piano for one semester (.1) Guitar for one year (.2 fte) 1 jazz choir (.2) 3 orchestras (.2 each) IB Music (.2) | Jazz 1 & 2 Percussion Ensemble Choir Concert Band Wind Ensemble Concert Orchestra Symphonic Orchestra Chamber Orchestra Guitar (2 semesters) | Jazz 1 and 2 (0.2 FTE) Symphonic Band Wind Ensemble Guitar Class Impressions Chamber Choir Concert Choir Symphony Strings Chamber Orchestra | Jazz 1 Jazz 2 Percussion Ensemble Symphonic Band Chamber Winds Chamber Orchestra Concert Orchestra Choir |
| 2023-24 cuts | Orchestra Class (Symphonic) Band Class (Symphonic) | Jazz Ensemble 2 Percussion Ensemble | Concert Orchestra Beginning Choir (1 semester) Guitar Class (1 semester) Percussion Ensemble | Jazz 2 Percussion Ensemble Choir |
| 2024-25 cuts* | TBD | .1 FTE (Guitar?) | Jazz Band Guitar A floating .2 ensemble | none |

* Projected numbers for 2024-25 based on information from ESD staff

ESD MIDDLE SCHOOL ENSEMBLE REDUCTIONS

| | Alderwood | Brier Terrace | College Place | Madrona K-8 | Maplewood K-8 | Meadowdale MS |
|-------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|--|
| 2022-23 classes offered | Concert Band (7th) Symphonic Band (8th) Jazz Band (primarily 8th) Choir Concert Orchestra (7th) Symphonic Orchestra (8th) | Band Percussion Ensemble Jazz Band (8th) Orchestra | <i>info not available</i> | Jazz 1 & 2 (0.2 FTE Total) MS Concert Band MS Orchestra Choir Guitar | Band Orchestra Choir .1 Jazz Band .1 (All classes combined 7th/8th) | 7th Grade Band (2 classes) 8th Grade Band Jazz Band Intermediate Orchestra Advanced Orchestra Choir (7th) Choir (8th) jazz choir (club) |
| 2023-24 cuts | none | none | none | none | none | Jazz choir (club) 7th and 8th grade choirs combined into one choir |
| 2024-25 cuts* | Jazz Band - 1 semester | none | Jazz Band (combined 7 & 8th grade band - only 1 class) One other section | Jazz 1 & 2 (1 class, split into 2 sections. 0.2 FTE) MS Concert Band MS Orchestra | none | One class TBD .2 FTE (Jazz band or one class of 7th grade band) |

* Projected numbers for 2024-25 based on information from ESD staff

REDUCTION OF ESD ENSEMBLE TEACHING POSITIONS

To reduce spending, the Edmonds School District reduced music ensemble teaching positions in the 2023–24 school year, and plans further reductions.

Positions are measured in FTE (full-time equivalent), with 1 FTE equal to one full-time teaching position.



HIGH SCHOOL

High school ensembles.



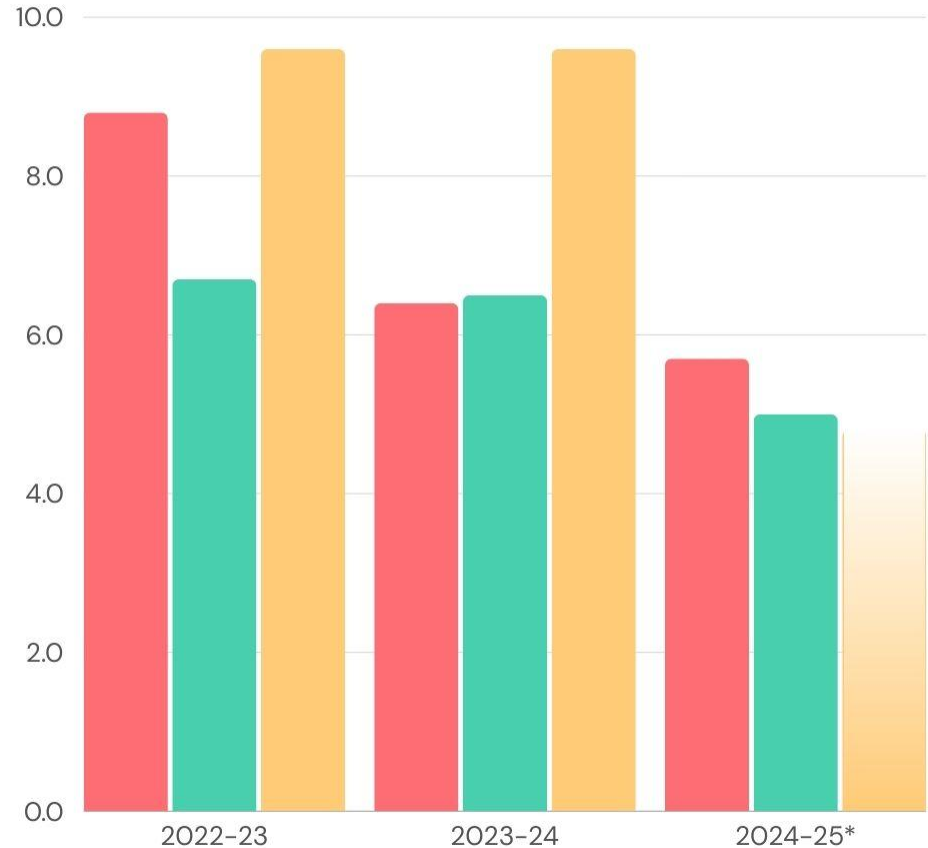
MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle school ensembles, including Madrona K-8 and Maplewood K-8.



ELEMENTARY

Elementary band and orchestra requires 9.6 FTE. Eliminating 5th grade only would equal 4.8; eliminating 5th and 6th would leave 0 FTE for elementary ensembles.



* Projected numbers for 2024–25 based on information from ESD staff and proposed elementary cuts from the Balancing Act tool

Arts Endowment Fund

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Actions You Can Take

1. Write and voice your support for [5th & 6th grade Band and Orchestra](#) to the [Edmonds School District school board](#).
2. Show up and speak at [school board meetings](#).
 - a. Tuesday, April 23 @ 5pm-6pm - study session on the budget - open to public viewing
 - b. Tuesday, April 23 @ 6:30pm - regular meeting - open for public comment
 - c. All board meetings through May
3. Write your school principal to voice your support for music.
4. Get to know and write the [state legislators](#) and ask them to fully fund education at the district.
5. Voice your support for the Arts Endowment Fund

Q&A

Websites

- Mountlake Terrace High School Music Boosters: mthsmusic.org/save
- Edmonds-Woodway High School Music Boosters: ewhsmusic.com/take-action/
- Edmonds School District Budget Information:
edmonds.wednet.edu/our-district/district-information-reports/budget-information

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