

Hamilton County Department of Education
Work Session
April 17, 2025 4:30 PM
3074 Hickory Valley Road
Chattanooga, TN 37421

I. Call to Order

II. Delegations

- A. Amanda Shaw - Current State of HCS Standardized Testing
- B. Trevor Fuller - Chronic Absenteeism and Edgenuity Abuse
- C. Breanna Harvey - Student Support Coaches and the Students Served
- D. Emmie Wilkins - Protect Children from the Current Bill in State Legislation
- E. Emily Harmon - Importance of Nursing in Schools
- F. Greg Wilkey - Budget Concerns, Immigration Bills, and Supporting School Leadership
- G. Amanda Edens - SB0836 and Impending Passage of its Associated House Bill
- H. Kyle Carrasco - SB0836 and Impending Passage of its Associated House Bill
- I. Aiden Mills - Potential Budget Cuts to the SEAD Staff
- J. Rebecca Day - Impact of Recent and Proposed Budget Reductions and Staff Cuts
- K. Heather Beal - Why School Social Workers are Crucial to the School District
- L. Christine DiPietro - SB0836/HB0793
- M. Yoland Jones - SB0836 and Impending Passage of its Associated House Bill
- N. Jeremy Barrett - Benchmark Testing
- O. Lindsey Gibson, RN - Hamilton County Schools Nurses
- P. Andrew Benson - Budget Cuts to HCS Nurses and Magnet Transportation
- Q. B. W. Rufner - The Need to Increase Funding for Our Public Schools
- R. Dr. Edna Varner - Social Emotional and Academic Development Budget Cuts
- S. Ashlee Hubbard-Heitz - Student Support Coaches
- T. Ernest Reid, Jr. - Social Emotional and Academic Development Budget Cuts
- U. Harriette Reid - Budget Issues
- V. Lauren Tepley Sloan - Magnet School Transportation
- W. Annie Boggs - Budget Cuts to School Social Workers
- X. Laura Massey - Social Emotional and Academic Development Budget Cuts
- Y. Tara Phillips - School Vouchers
- Z. Danielle Rudd - Proposed Budget
- AA. Donovan Davis - School Counselors Positions
- BB. Beeta Baghaevaji - The Passing of the Bill for Undocumented Students
- CC. Elizabeth Ruffner - The Fiscal Irresponsibility of Bill 0836
- DD. Alena Johnston - Hamilton County Schools Nurses
- EE. Moises Rodriguez Cruz - SB0836 and Impending Passage of its Associated House Bill

III. Presentations

A. Budget Review

IV. Committee Chair Updates

V. Discussion of the Board Meeting Agenda

- A. Exceptional Education Staffing and Placement
- B. Washington Alternative School Staffing
- C. Dawn School Staffing

D, Soddy Daisy High School Weight Room
E. Benchmark Testing

VI. Adjourn

To: Hamilton County Board of Education
Dr. Justin Robertson, Superintendent

From: Mary Ellen Heuton, Chief Financial Officer, Finance

Date: April 17, 2025

Subject: Presentation: Budget Review

Board Agenda Category:

- Consent Agenda
- Action Item
- Reports and Information

We respectfully request the opportunity to provide the Board with an update for Every School Equipped, in alignment with Opportunity 2030. This presentation will include the sharing of information on our Proposed FY26 Operating Budget.

Opportunity 2030 Commitment Connection

- Every Student Learns
- Every Student Belongs
- Every School Equipped
- Every Employee Valued
- Every Community Served