

2024-25 BUDGET BOOK

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**MERCED COMMUNITY
COLLEGE DISTRICT**

OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE

California community college districts are required by regulations (*CCR* §58300 et seq.) to prepare financial reports and annual budgets that report all their actual and projected revenues and expenditures on forms as provided by the Chancellor's Office.

The objective of this document is to provide an overview of the District's fund structure, and revenue and expenditure classifications that feeds into the District's annual budget. The annual budget is an important element in communicating to the District's constituents and one of the most significant responsibilities and requirements for a community college district.

The community college district budget is a plan of proposed expenditures for operations and estimated revenue for a given period of time (fiscal year). The budget represents the operational plans of the district in terms of economic decisions. Budget requirements and processes are described in the California Code of Regulations, beginning with Section 58300.

Once the budget is adopted, the total amount designated as proposed expenditures for each major object of expenditure classification is the maximum allowed without additional governing board authorization for transfers between major classifications or from the reserve for contingencies, in accordance with California Code of Regulations Section 58307.

GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL DATA SUMMARY

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE CLASSIFICATIONS

For reporting revenues and expenditures, uniform major account classifications are required of California community college districts. Revenue classification is primarily by source and purpose. Expenditure classification is by object and by activity.

The following is a summation of the revenue and expenditure reporting classifications:

Revenue Classifications

- A. Federal (8100)
- B. State (8600)
- C. Local (8800)
- D. Other Financing Sources (8900)

Expenditure Classifications

- A. Academic Salaries (1000)
- B. Classified Salaries (2000)
- C. Employee Benefits (3000)
- D. Supplies and Materials (4000)
- E. Other Operating Expenses (5000)
- F. Capital Outlay (6000)
- G. Other Outgo (7000)

UNRESTRICTED REVENUE SUMMARY

A. Federal Revenues

Unrestricted federal revenue represents a small percentage of the total General Fund revenue. The District's General Fund Federal revenues are for PELL administrative costs.

B. State Revenues

Unrestricted State revenues account for the major part of the total General Fund budget. These revenues include general state apportionment, accounted for in the Student-Centered Funding Formula (SCFF). The SCFF is used to calculate the District's primary operational revenue, also referred to as "Total Computational Revenue" (TCR). TCR is comprised of the following sources: state general apportionment, state Educational Protection Account (EPA), local property taxes (including revenues from Redevelopment Agencies (RDAs), and student enrollment fees. Other major revenues from the State in this classification are unrestricted lottery funds and mandated cost reimbursements.

C. Local Revenues

Local revenues account for a quarter of the total General Fund budget. Primary sources of local revenue include property taxes, enrollment fees, non-resident and international student tuition, interest income, community services fees, facility rentals, and student fees and fines. These sources also include other miscellaneous local revenue accounts.

D. Other Financing Sources

Other financing sources represent a small percent of total General Fund revenue and includes sale of assets and transfers into the General Fund from other District funding sources.

APPROPRIATIONS SUMMARY

A. Academic Salaries

The 1000 series object codes are used to record salary expenditures for employees in academic positions requiring minimum qualifications pursuant to Education Code §87356. A consideration in the budget process is the “50% Law” requiring at least 50% of the current expense of education be for salaries and benefits of classroom instructors.

B. Classified Salaries

Classified Salaries reflect appropriations for salaries of employees in positions that do not require minimum qualifications established by the Board of Governors. The 2000 series object codes are used to record classified salaries.

C. Employee Benefits

Employee benefits, object code series 3000, represent all expenditures for the employer’s share of contributions to retirement plans, as well as other benefit costs such as worker’s compensations, FICA, Health and Welfare, and State Unemployment Insurance.

D. Supplies and Materials

The Supplies and Materials classification 4000 is used to record all expenditures for instructional and non-instructional supplies and materials, including costs of freight, sales/use tax and handling charges. Supplies and materials are items that are expendable and quickly consumed or easily broken, damaged, or lost.

E. Other Operating Expenses

Object classification 5000 is used for expenditures for services, leases, rents, travel, and other operating expenses.

F. Capital Outlay

Capital Outlay classification 6000 is used to record amounts paid for the acquisition of fixed assets or additions to fixed assets including land and site improvements, building purchase, construction or improvement, and equipment.

G. Other Outgo

The Other Outgo classification 7000 is used to record other expenses and non-expenditure disbursements, including inter-fund transfers.

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FUND ACCOUNTING

California's community colleges utilize governmental accounting and operate on a fund basis. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts recording cash and other financial resources, together with all related liabilities and residual equities or balances, and changes therein. Funds are segregated for carrying on specific activities or obtaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations.

Fund accounting, therefore, is used as a control device to separate financial resources and ensure that they are used for their intended purposes with the fund as the basic recording entity for reporting specified assets and liabilities and related transactional movements of its resources. Generally, funds are established to account for revenues and expenditures with common purposes and activities.

The District's financial statement reporting is on a full accrual basis. The District will utilize the following funds to account for its various programs, revenues and expenditures:

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GENERAL FUND (UNRESTRICTED SUB FUNDS) 10:

The primary operating fund of the District. It is used to account for the basic educational programs and ordinary operations of the District including instruction, student services, administration, maintenance, operations and unrestricted resources to be used for a specific purpose, as stipulated by the Board.

	GENERAL FUND (110)			BOARD DESIGNATED (112)		
	2022-23 ACTUAL	2023-24 ACTUAL	2024-25 BUDGET	2022-23 ACTUAL	2023-24 ACTUAL	2024-25 BUDGET
Beginning Balance	13,456,348	15,750,905	16,687,032	1,834,897	1,416,485	1,250,835
Prior Year Adjustment						
Adjusted Beginning Balance	13,456,348	15,750,905	16,687,032	1,834,897	1,416,485	1,250,835
481 - Federal	20,025	28,275	25,000	-	-	-
486 - State	65,318,208	72,887,861	75,571,090	-	-	-
488 - Local	22,705,732	25,300,194	25,510,383	9,000	2,000	-
489 - Other	826,908	555,141	713,895	170,846	356,584	30,000
Total Revenue	88,870,873	98,771,471	101,820,367	179,846	358,584	30,000
1000 - Academic Salaries	28,353,558	30,983,057	33,288,753	-	-	-
2000 - Classified Salaries	14,676,539	16,925,729	19,148,024	-	-	-
3000 - Employee Benefits	24,461,679	28,000,702	30,092,700	-	-	-
4000 - Supplies and Materials	856,649	721,559	787,910	-	-	-
5000 - Other Operating	7,709,129	8,238,197	11,586,382	129,845	72,670	645,465
6000 - Capital Outlay	713,393	987,113	700,821	33,819	-	512,188
7000 - Other Outgo	9,805,367	11,978,988	5,683,097	434,594	451,564	-
Total Expenses	86,576,316	97,835,344	101,287,687	598,258	524,234	1,157,653
Net Income (Loss)	2,294,557	936,127	532,680	(418,412)	(165,650)	(1,127,653)
Ending Balance	15,750,905	16,687,032	17,219,712	1,416,485	1,250,835	123,182

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GENERAL FUND (RESTRICTED SUB FUNDS) 12:

The Restricted sub fund is used to account for resources available for the operation and support of the educational programs that are specifically restricted by laws, regulations, donors, or other outside agencies as to their expenditure. Restricted general funds accounts for grants and categorical program, as well as activity related to work study students.

	WORKSTUDY (122)			CATEGORICAL 1 (123)			CATEGORICAL 2 (124)		
	2022-23 ACTUAL	2023-24 ACTUAL	2024-25 BUDGET	2022-23 ACTUAL	2023-24 ACTUAL	2024-25 BUDGET	2022-23 ACTUAL	2023-24 ACTUAL	2024-25 BUDGET
Beginning Balance	-	-	-	254,802	14,783,295	8,242,018	2,297,814	3,024,052	6,354,054
Prior Year Adjustment									
Adjusted Beginning Balance	-	-	-	254,802	14,783,295	8,242,018	2,297,814	3,024,052	6,354,054
481 - Federal	443,961	483,527	464,548	848,305	3,064,517	16,045,503	3,427,694	6,224,432	1,542,483
486 - State	-	-	-	25,773,781	14,074,963	31,352,380	7,126,186	13,279,345	18,035,338
488 - Local	-	-	-	118,372	557,632	1,872,052	1,164,219	1,316,300	1,647,993
489 - Other	94,734	178,860	285,000	2,557,865	462,578	425,728	3,973,087	4,059,147	3,936,743
Total Revenue	538,695	662,387	749,548	29,298,323	18,159,690	49,695,663	15,691,186	24,879,224	25,162,557
1000 - Academic Salaries	-	-	-	3,049,689	3,434,423	5,325,091	1,394,684	1,455,168	2,493,214
2000 - Classified Salaries	485,816	608,766	685,262	2,295,927	2,863,231	4,305,402	1,706,260	2,111,473	6,378,549
3000 - Employee Benefits	6,425	7,167	17,832	2,489,960	3,068,314	4,718,151	1,620,664	1,995,483	3,422,840
4000 - Supplies and Materials	-	-	-	274,956	689,474	688,002	906,049	1,121,274	3,503,981
5000 - Other Operating				1,568,508	5,799,618	25,404,509	1,991,828	2,509,856	4,838,205
6000 - Capital Outlay				626,122	1,203,279	1,459,885	2,188,768	2,317,353	2,817,825
7000 - Other Outgo	46,454	46,454	46,454	4,464,667	7,642,628	16,036,641	5,156,694	10,038,615	7,893,796
Total Expenses	538,695	662,387	749,548	14,769,830	24,700,967	57,937,681	14,964,948	21,549,222	31,348,410
Net Income (Loss)	-	-	-	14,528,493	(6,541,277)	(8,242,018)	726,238	3,330,002	(6,185,853)
Ending Balance	-	-	-	14,783,295	8,242,018	0	3,024,052	6,354,054	168,201

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BOND INTEREST AND REDEMPTION FUND (21):

This fund is to be used only to record transactions related to the receipt and expenditure of local revenues derived from the property tax levied for the payment of the principal and interest on outstanding bonds of the district. The fund is typically maintained by the County Treasury as the county assessor's office accounts for property tax receipts and the related principal and interest payment to the bond holders.

	BOND DEBT REDEMPTION SFID 1 210 (MERCED)			BOND DEBT REDEMPTION SFID 2 211 (LOS BANOS)		
	2022-23 ACTUAL	2023-24 ACTUAL	2024-25 BUDGET	2022-23 ACTUAL	2023-24 ACTUAL	2024-25 BUDGET
Beginning Balance	3,344,087	3,358,491	3,159,267	1,354,820	1,464,183	1,530,608
Prior Year Adjustment						
Adjusted Beginning Balance	3,344,087	3,358,491	3,159,267	1,354,820	1,464,183	1,530,608
481 - Federal				-	-	-
486 - State				-	-	-
488 - Local	3,038,565	2,934,372	3,658,121	1,339,429	1,359,077	1,374,857
489 - Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	3,038,565	2,934,372	3,658,121	1,339,429	1,359,077	1,374,857
1000 - Academic Salaries	-	-	-	-	-	-
2000 - Classified Salaries	-	-	-	-	-	-
3000 - Employee Benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-
4000 - Supplies and Materials	-	-	-	-	-	-
5000 - Other Operating	-	-	-	-	-	-
6000 - Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-
7000 - Other Outgo	3,024,161	3,133,596	3,593,121	1,230,066	1,292,652	1,344,857
Total Expenses	3,024,161	3,133,596	3,593,121	1,230,066	1,292,652	1,344,857
Net Income (Loss)	14,404	(199,224)	65,000	109,363	66,425	30,000
Ending Balance	3,358,491	3,159,267	3,224,267	1,464,183	1,530,608	1,560,608

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CHILD DEVELOPMENT FUND (33):

The Child Development Fund is the fund designated to account for all revenues for, or from the operation of, child care and development services, including student fees for child development services.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT (330)	2022-23 ACTUAL	2023-24 ACTUAL	2024-25 BUDGET
Beginning Balance	-	13,497	27,987
Prior Year Adjustment			
Adjusted Beginning Balance	-	13,497	27,987
481 - Federal	800,013	1,262,130	2,766,900
486 - State	1,344,028	1,451,100	1,995,300
488 - Local	26,472	45,532	30,805
489 - Other	-	-	-
Total Revenue	2,170,513	2,758,762	4,793,005
1000 - Academic Salaries	-	-	-
2000 - Classified Salaries	1,012,813	1,233,248	1,918,821
3000 - Employee Benefits	819,337	1,034,217	1,473,333
4000 - Supplies and Materials	175,760	174,332	218,037
5000 - Other Operating	54,004	95,106	1,031,848
6000 - Capital Outlay	56,629	159,993	81,400
7000 - Other Outgo	38,473	47,376	97,553
Total Expenses	2,157,016	2,744,272	4,820,992
Net Income (Loss)	13,497	14,490	(27,987)
Ending Balance	13,497	27,987	0

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FARM FUND (34):

The Farm Operation Fund is the fund designated to receive all moneys from the sale of produce, livestock, and other products of any farm operation of the district.

FARM (340)	2022-23 ACTUAL	2023-24 ACTUAL	2024-25 BUDGET
Beginning Balance	79,353	72,706	97,957
Prior Year Adjustment			
Adjusted Beginning Balance	79,353	72,706	97,957
481 - Federal	-	-	-
486 - State	-	-	-
488 - Local	85,733	109,951	55,501
489 - Other	25,328	-	-
Total Revenue	111,061	109,951	55,501
1000 - Academic Salaries	-	-	-
2000 - Classified Salaries	-	-	-
3000 - Employee Benefits	-	-	-
4000 - Supplies and Materials	64,480	50,741	49,079
5000 - Other Operating	27,782	33,959	28,604
6000 - Capital Outlay	25,446	-	-
7000 - Other Outgo	-	-	-
Total Expenses	117,708	84,700	77,683
Net Income (Loss)	(6,647)	25,251	(22,182)
Ending Balance	72,706	97,957	75,775

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CAPITAL PROJECTS (41):

The Capital Outlay Projects Fund is used to account for the accumulation and expenditure of moneys for the acquisition or construction of significant capital outlay items, and Scheduled Maintenance.

CAPITAL PROJECTS (410)	2022-23 ACTUAL	2023-24 ACTUAL	2024-25 BUDGET
Beginning Balance	9,050,868	12,253,905	20,884,237
Prior Year Adjustment			
Adjusted Beginning Balance	9,050,868	12,253,905	20,884,237
481 - Federal	-	2,010,153	13,164,042
486 - State	3,015,567	1,365,280	2,147,359
488 - Local	421,438	644,601	467,251
489 - Other	9,931,401	19,964,262	6,692,108
Total Revenue	13,368,406	23,984,296	22,470,760
1000 - Academic Salaries	-	-	-
2000 - Classified Salaries	7,142	-	-
3000 - Employee Benefits	668	-	-
4000 - Supplies and Materials	-	-	-
5000 - Other Operating	151,971	1,524,235	1,146,511
6000 - Capital Outlay	9,771,095	13,733,532	40,521,497
7000 - Other Outgo	234,493	96,197	-
Total Expenses	10,165,369	15,353,964	41,668,008
Net Income (Loss)	3,203,037	8,630,332	(19,197,248)
Ending Balance	12,253,905	20,884,237	1,686,989

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BOND CONSTRUCTION FUND (42):

Bond Construction Fund is the fund designated in *EC §81961* for the deposit of proceeds from the sale of all community college revenue bonds authorized under the provisions of *EC §81901*. Such deposits are used to meet the costs of acquisition or construction and all expenses of authorized projects.

	BOND CONSTRUCTION SFID#1 MERCED (420)			BOND CONSTRUCTION SFID#2 LOS BANOS (421)		
	2022-23 ACTUAL	2023-24 ACTUAL	2024-25 BUDGET	2022-23 ACTUAL	2023-24 ACTUAL	2024-25 BUDGET
Beginning Balance	13,065,818	5,532,256	460,217	81,598	81,404	82,029
Prior Year Adjustment						
Adjusted Beginning Balance	13,065,818	5,532,256	460,217	81,598	81,404	82,029
481 - Federal	-	-	-	-	-	-
486 - State	-	-	-	-	-	-
488 - Local	268,237	191,532	15,000	1,786	2,803	2,000
489 - Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	268,237	191,532	15,000	1,786	2,803	2,000
1000 - Academic Salaries	-	-	-	-	-	-
2000 - Classified Salaries	-	-	-	-	-	-
3000 - Employee Benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-
4000 - Supplies and Materials	-	-	-	-	-	-
5000 - Other Operating	1,250	1,500	1,500	1,980	2,178	2,178
6000 - Capital Outlay	7,655,234	5,262,071	473,717	-	-	81,851
7000 - Other Outgo	145,315	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	7,801,799	5,263,571	475,217	1,980	2,178	84,029
Net Income (Loss)	(7,533,562)	(5,072,039)	(460,217)	(194)	625	(82,029)
Ending Balance	5,532,256	460,217	-	81,404	82,029	0

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ENTERPRISE FUND (51):

Enterprise fund is used for the District's Bookstore operation. The Bookstore Fund is the fund designated to receive the proceeds derived from the operation of a community college bookstore pursuant to *EC §81676* when it is the intent of the governing board to recover, in whole or in part, the costs of providing the services.

BOOKSTORE (510)	2022-23 ACTUAL	2023-24 ACTUAL	2024-25 BUDGET
Beginning Balance	(797,437)	(701,614)	(306,087)
Prior Year Adjustment			
Adjusted Beginning Balance	(797,437)	(701,614)	(306,087)
481 - Federal	-	-	-
486 - State	-	-	-
488 - Local	478,750	640,144	205,000
489 - Other	-	-	-
Total Revenue	478,750	640,144	205,000
1000 - Academic Salaries	-	-	-
2000 - Classified Salaries	121,862	132,966	-
3000 - Employee Benefits	95,814	101,414	-
4000 - Supplies and Materials	-	-	-
5000 - Other Operating	165,251	10,237	791
6000 - Capital Outlay	-	-	-
7000 - Other Outgo	-	-	-
Total Expenses	382,927	244,617	791
Net Income (Loss)	95,823	395,527	204,209
Ending Balance	(701,614)	(306,087)	(101,878)

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SELF INSURANCE FUND (61):

Designated to account for the accumulation of moneys set aside to offset the total cost of retiree health benefits.

RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS (610)	2022-23 ACTUAL	2023-24 ACTUAL	2024-25 BUDGET
Beginning Balance	4,025,749	4,114,401	4,100,281
Prior Year Adjustment			
Adjusted Beginning Balance	4,025,749	4,114,401	4,100,281
481 - Federal	-	-	-
486 - State	-	-	-
488 - Local	88,652	135,880	125,000
489 - Other	-	250,000	-
Total Revenue	88,652	385,880	125,000
1000 - Academic Salaries	-	-	-
2000 - Classified Salaries	-	-	-
3000 - Employee Benefits	-	400,000	-
4000 - Supplies and Materials	-	-	-
5000 - Other Operating	-	-	-
6000 - Capital Outlay	-	-	-
7000 - Other Outgo	-	-	-
Total Expenses	-	400,000	-
Net Income (Loss)	88,652	(14,120)	125,000
Ending Balance	4,114,401	4,100,281	4,225,281

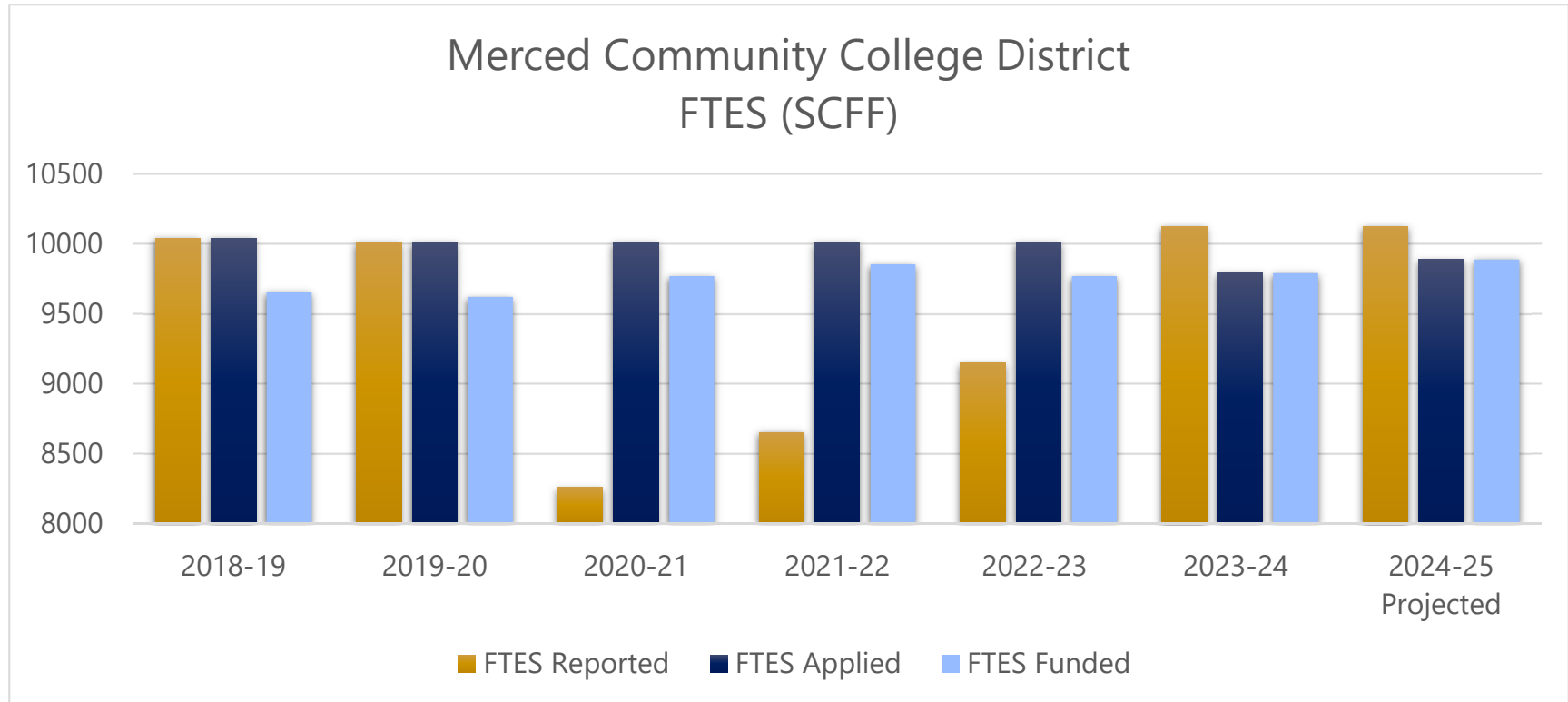
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TRUST FUNDS (70):

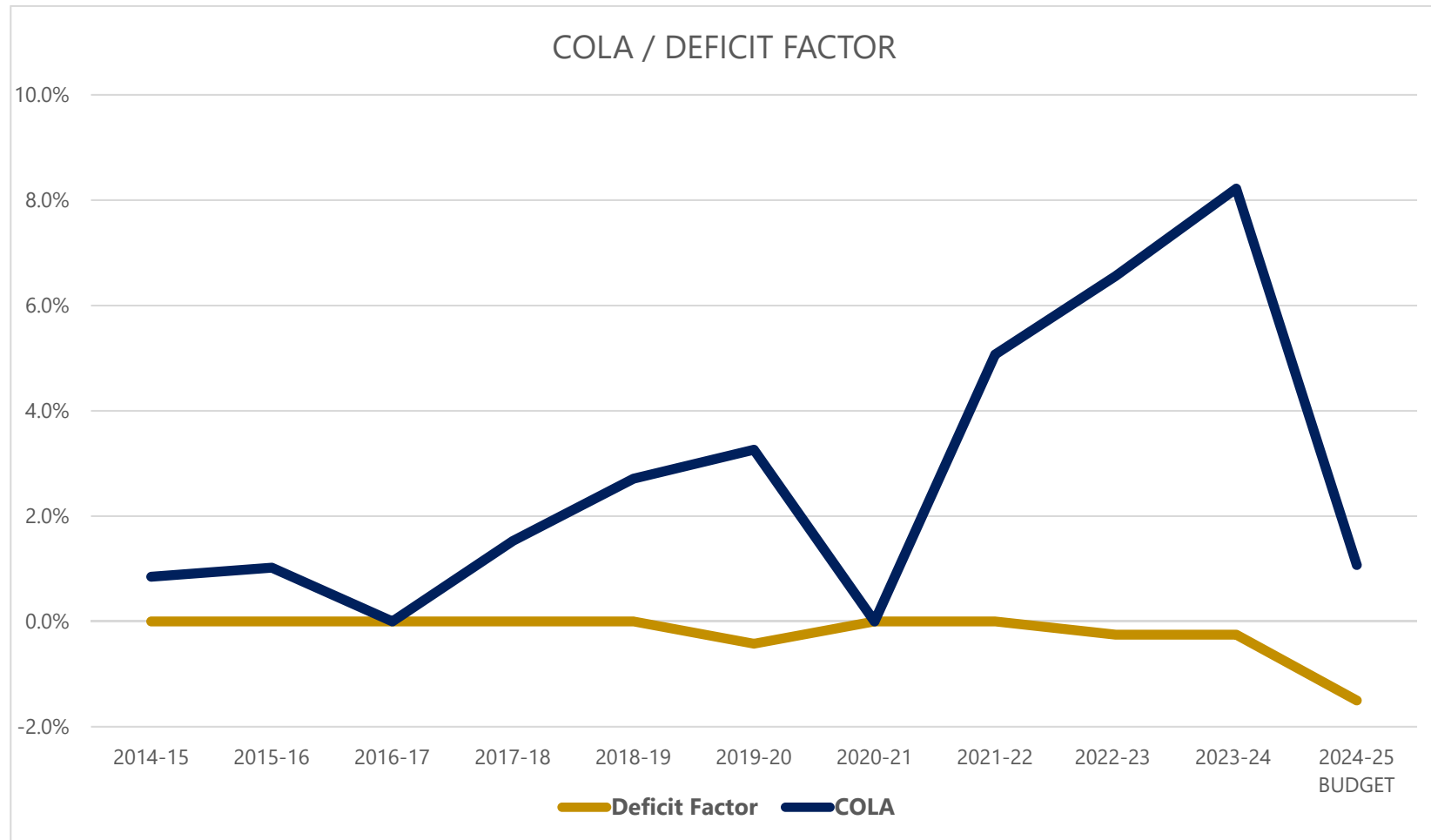
The District uses sub fund 710 for the Associated Students Trust Fund which is used to account for moneys held in trust by the district for organized student body associations. In addition, sub fund 720, the Student Representation Fee Trust Fund, is used to account for moneys collected pursuant to *EC §76060.5* that provides for a student representation fee of two dollars per semester if approved by two-thirds of the students voting in the election. Last, is the Student Financial Aid Trust Fund which is used to account for the deposit and direct payment of government-funded student financial aid, including grants and loans or other moneys intended for similar purposes and the required district matching share of payments to students.

	ASMC (710)			STUDENT REPRESENTATION FEE (720)			STUDENT FINANCIAL AID (740)		
	2022-23 ACTUAL	2023-24 ACTUAL	2024-25 BUDGET	2022-23 ACTUAL	2023-24 ACTUAL	2024-25 BUDGET	2022-23 ACTUAL	2023-24 ACTUAL	2024-25 BUDGET
Beginning Balance	305,452	333,697	395,015	70,511	87,780	100,360	-	-	-
Prior Year Adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adjusted Beginning Balance	305,452	333,697	395,015	70,511	87,780	100,360	-	-	-
481 - Federal	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,613,739	25,551,190	18,413,321
486 - State	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,425,663	10,624,678	9,421,735
488 - Local	181,044	198,831	192,500	35,065	38,972	35,000	-	-	-
489 - Other	1,902	-	-	-	-	-	701,336	700,195	1,094,194
Total Revenue	182,946	198,831	192,500	35,065	38,972	35,000	28,740,738	36,876,063	28,929,250
1000 - Academic Salaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2000 - Classified Salaries	36,698	42,690	44,364	-	-	-	-	-	-
3000 - Employee Benefits	25,109	29,644	31,656	-	-	-	-	-	-
4000 - Supplies and Materials	35,930	31,454	106,360	15,468	626	6,500	-	-	-
5000 - Other Operating	19,582	30,784	57,900	-	23,273	25,750	-	-	-
6000 - Capital Outlay	37,382	2,141	30,000	2,328	-	20,000	-	-	-
7000 - Other Outgo	-	800	3,000	-	2,493	1,190	28,740,738	36,876,063	28,929,250
Total Expenses	154,701	137,513	273,280	17,796	26,392	53,440	28,740,738	36,876,063	28,929,250
Net Income (Loss)	28,245	61,318	(80,780)	17,269	12,580	(18,440)	-	0	-
Ending Balance	333,697	395,015	314,235	87,780	100,360	81,920	-	0	-

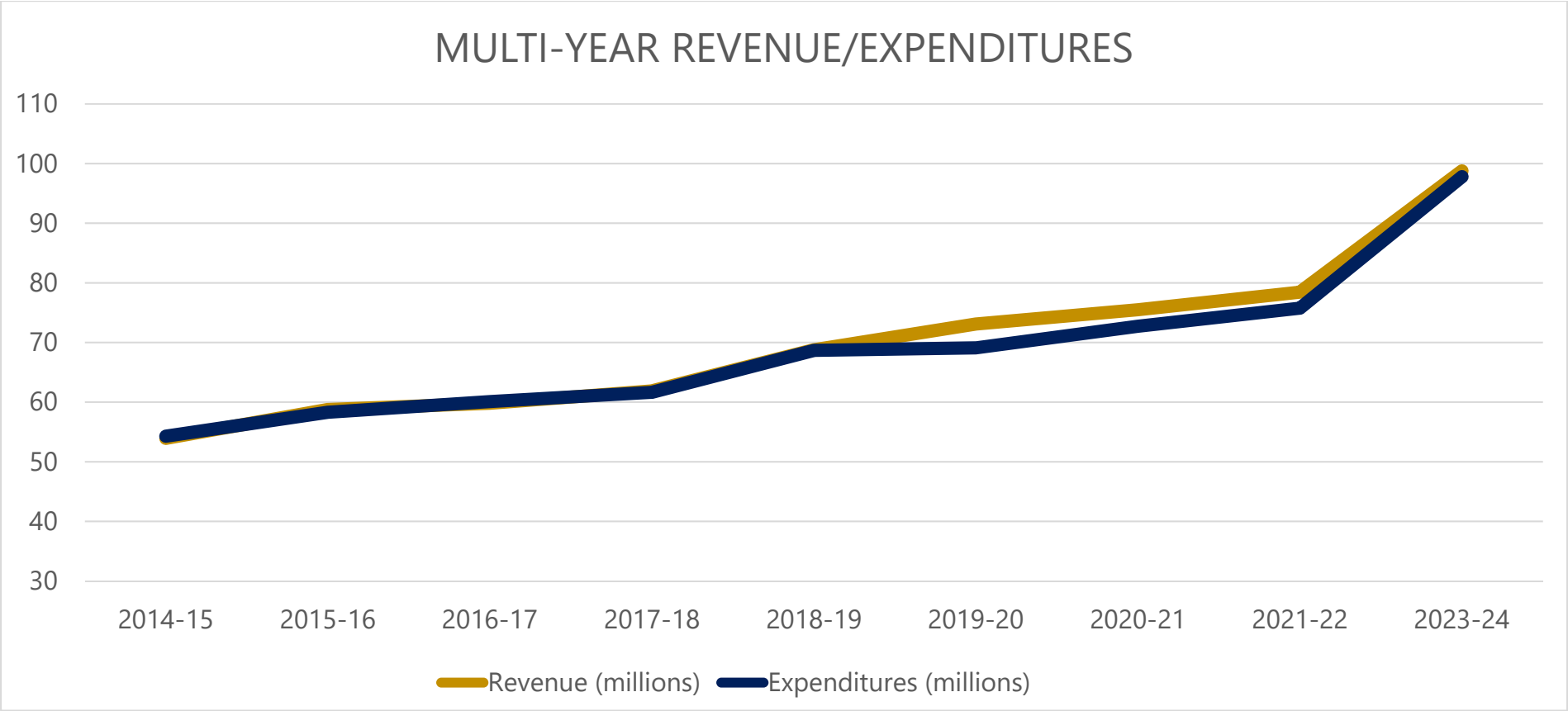
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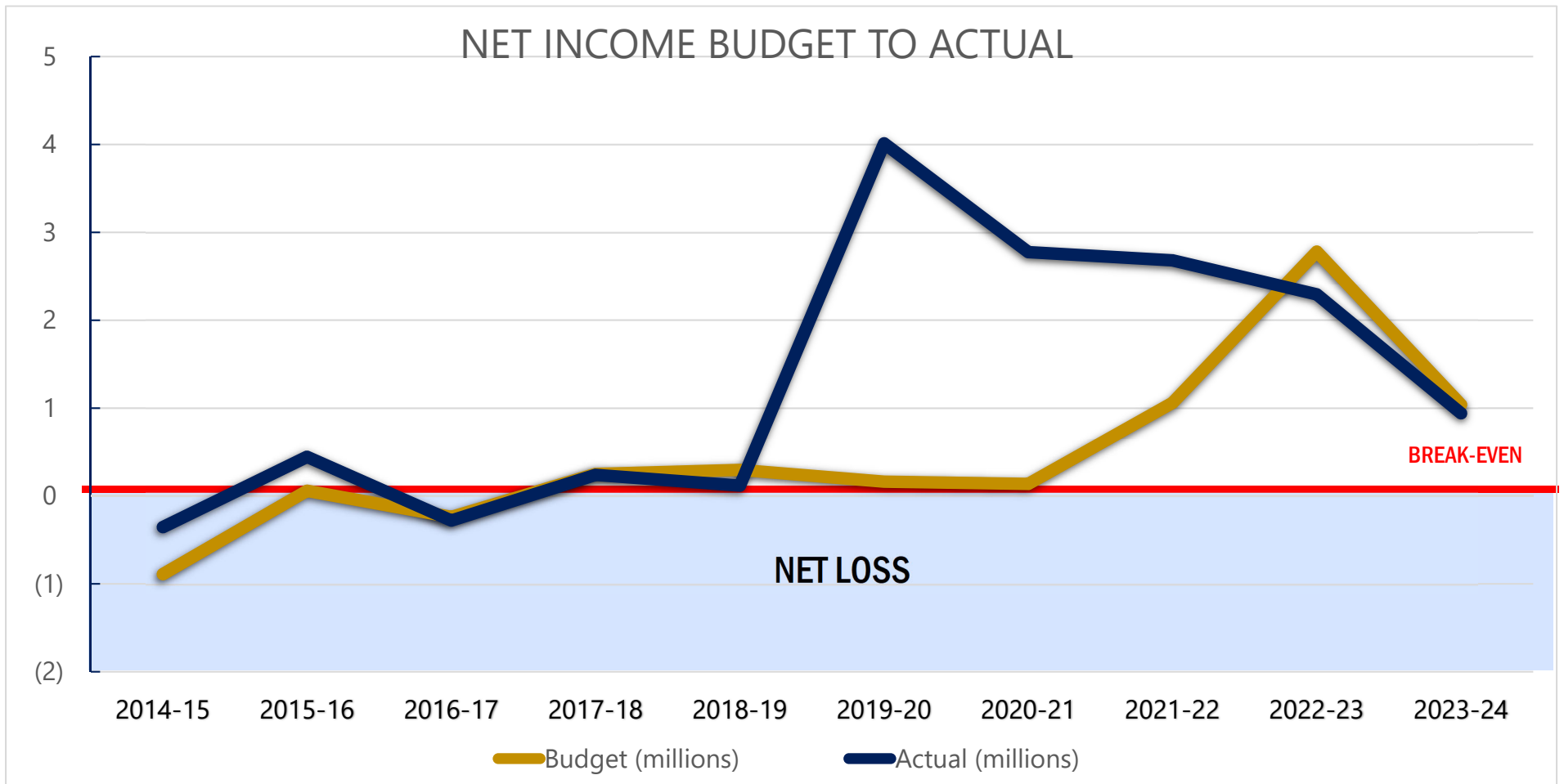
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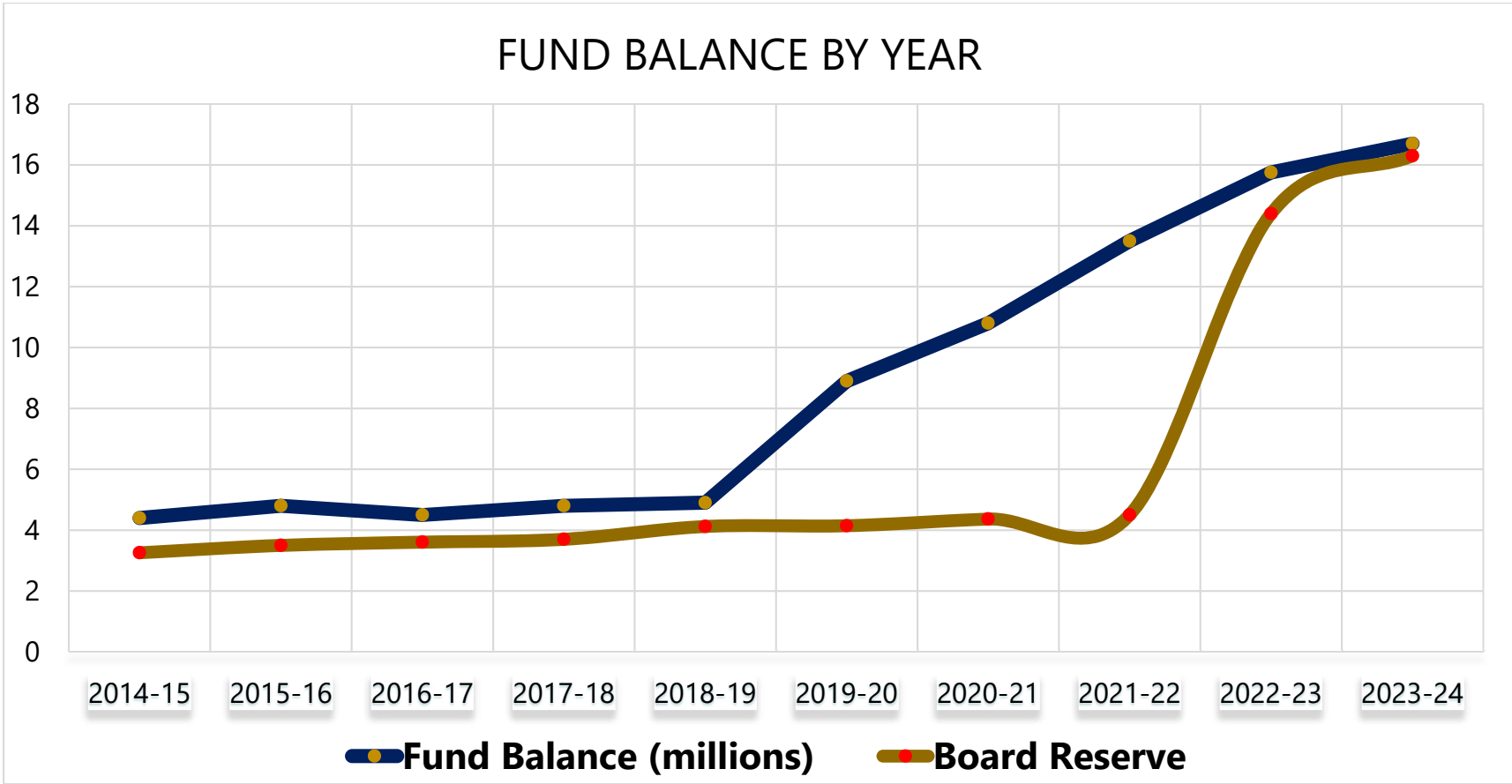
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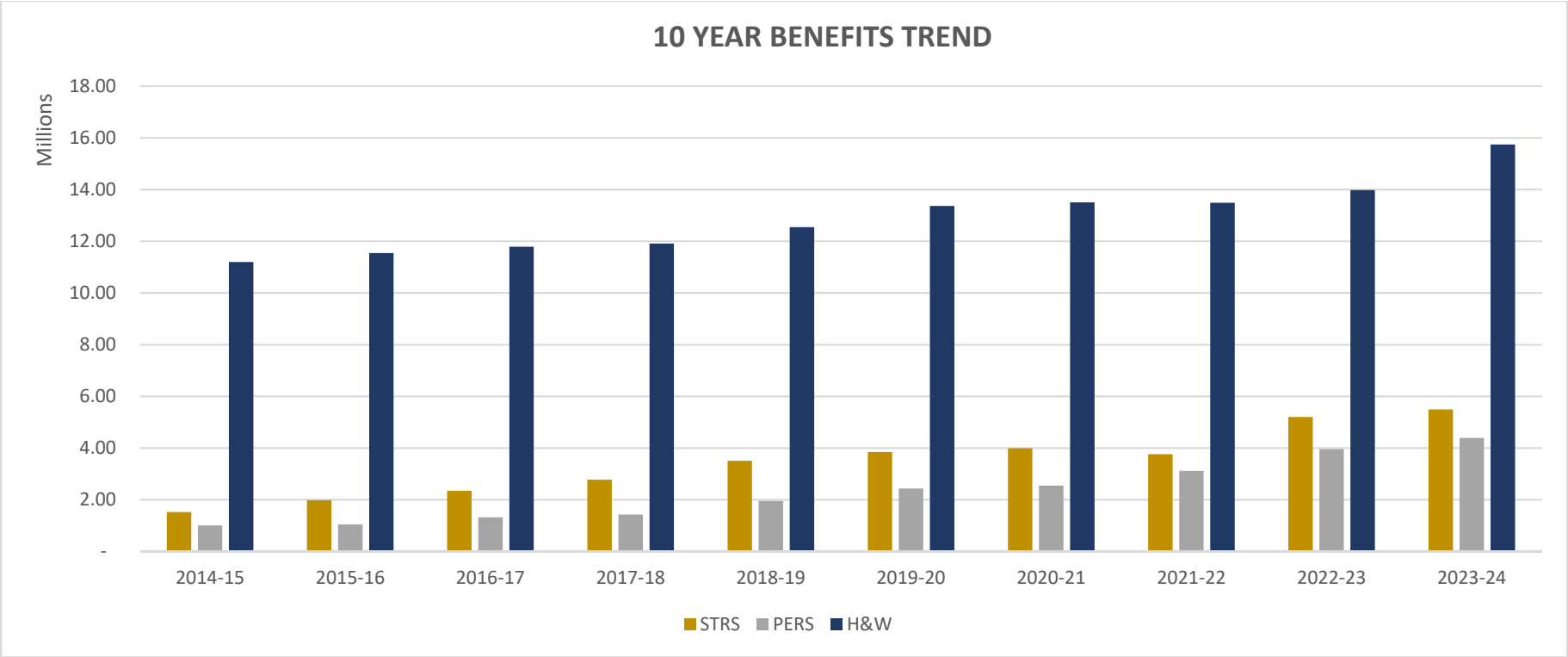
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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Use of terms was compiled from the following sources: Understanding Funding, Finance and Budgeting" from the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges, "Trustee Handbook" from Community College League of California and "California Postsecondary Education Commission -Glossary of Terms".

Accounting- The process of identifying, measuring and communicating financial information to permit informed judgments and decisions by users.

Accounts Payable - Accounts due and owing to persons, business firms, governmental units or others for goods and services not yet paid.

Accounts Receivable - Amounts due and owing from persons, business firms, governmental units or others for goods and services provided, but not yet collected.

Allocation - Division or distribution of resources according to a predetermined plan.

Apportionment - A state allocation to each district based on a funding formula. The three types of revenues that comprise the allocation amount are enrollment fees, local property taxes and state funds.

Apportionment Attendance Report (CCFS 320) - A report submitted three times a year for summer, fall and spring terms to report full-time equivalent student (FTES) attendance at Period 1 (P1), Period 2 (P2) and Annual. It is the primary basis of District's funding by the state.

Audit - An examination of documents, records and accounts for the purpose of determining; 1) that all present fairly the financial position of the district; 2) that they are in conformity with prescribed accounting procedures; and 3) that they are consistent with the preceding year.

Auxiliary Foundation - A separate entity created by a district as an auxiliary organization to receive, raise and manage funds from private sources.

Auxiliary Operations - Service activities indirectly related to teaching and learning. Food service and bookstore are considered auxiliary operations.

Backfill - Funds allocated by the Legislature to make up for revenues (e.g. student fee, property taxes) that were projected but not received.

Beginning Fund Balance - The funds that the district begins the year with, that include cash, accounts receivable, less accounts payable.

Block Grant -A fixed sum of money, not linked to enrollment measures, provided to a college district by the state.

Bonds - Investment securities or notes sold by a district through a financial firm for the purpose of raising funds for various capital expenditures. Prop 39 general obligation bonds are the most significant and require at least 55% vote of the electorate.

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Board of Governors - The statewide governing board of the community colleges. The members are appointed by the Governor. The Board hires the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges System and makes policy decisions that affect all districts. The Board may be directed by the Legislature to regulate certain matters and it may choose to regulate others.

Board of Trustees -The local governing board of each community college district. Its members are elected by the voters in the District. The board hires the chief administrator of the district and directs the operations of the district. It makes policy decisions that are permitted or mandated at the local level.

Budget - A plan of financial operation for a given period for a specified purpose consisting of an estimate of revenue and expenditures.

Budget and Accounting Manual - Education Code Section 70901 enumerates the responsibilities of the Board of Governors, which includes the establishing, maintaining, revising, and updating the uniform budgeting and accounting structures and procedures for the California Community Colleges. This responsibility is embodied in the California Community Colleges Budget and Accounting Manual (BAM).

Capital Projects - Capital Projects Funds are used for the acquisition or construction of capital outlay items, e.g. buildings, major equipment.

Categorical Funds - Also called restricted funds, these are monies that can only be spent for the designated purpose. Examples: funding to serve students with disabilities (DSPS) or the economically disadvantaged, low-income (EOPS), scheduled maintenance, instructional equipment, and student success (formerly matriculation).

Chart of Accounts - A systematic list of funds and accounts developed according to the California Community Colleges Budget and Accounting Manual (BAM) to uniformly capture revenues, expenditures and balance sheet activity.

Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) - An increase in funding for revenue limits or categorical programs. Current law ties COLA to indices of inflation, although different amounts are appropriated in some years. There is no mandate that requires the state to provide COLA funding.

Deficit - In the context of a budget, a deficit is when revenues for the year are less than planned expenditures.

Deficit Factor - The percentage by which an expected allocation of funds to a school district or county office of education is reduced.

Disabled Student Programs & Services (DSPS) - Categorical funds designated to support and assist disabled students into the general college program.

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Encumbered Funds - Obligations in the form of purchase orders, contracts, salaries, and other commitments for which budget are reserved.

Ending Balance - The funds remaining once the fiscal year end is closed and available for the new fiscal year.

Enrollment Cap - The state limits how many full-time equivalent students (FTES) that it will fund for the Community College System, and in turn, individual districts.

Estimated Income - Expected receipt or accruals of monies from revenue or nonrevenue sources (abatements, loan receipts) during a given period.

Expenditures - Amounts disbursed for all purposes.

Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) - Categorical funds designated for supplemental services for disadvantaged students.

Fifty-Percent Law - State compliance requirement that mandates fifty percent of district expenditures in certain categories be spent for classroom instruction salaries and benefits.

Final Budget - The district budget that must approved by the board by September 15th, generally after the state allocation is determined. The Final Budget is also referred to as the Adopted Budget.

Fiscal Year - In California, it is defined as the period "beginning July 1 and ending June 30. Some federal grants use a fiscal year beginning October 1 and ending September 30.

FON (Full-Time Faculty Obligation Number) - State compliance requirement that a district's full-time faculty meet a mandated figure based on various measurements, including FTES growth. The goal established by AB1725 for the ration for full-time faculty to part-time faculty is also known at 75/25.

Full Time Equivalent Students (FTES) - A standardized measure used to indicate enrollment and workload. The State General Apportionment is primarily based on FTES.

Fund -A self-balanced set of accounts for recording cash and other financial resources, together with all related liabilities as permitted by the Budget and Accounting Manual (BAM).

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Fund Balance - The difference between assets and liabilities.

Gann Limitation - A ceiling on each year's appropriations supported by tax dollars. The limit applies to all governmental entities, including school districts. The base year was 1978-79. The amount is adjusted each year, based on a price index and the growth of the student population.

Governor's Budget - The Governor proposes a budget for the state each January for the fiscal year beginning the next July. It is the starting point for the budget development at the state level.

Growth - Enrollment growth is expressed in terms of FTES. Growth in FTES and growth in revenue both refer to an increase in excess of the prior year's funded enrollment level. When referring to the growth rate, the reference is to the rate at which the State will provide funding for FTES in excess of the prior year's funded enrollment.

Headcount - An unduplicated count of enrolled students.

Interfund Transfer -An interfund transfer is a transfer of monies from one fund to another fund. As an example, a transfer from the unrestricted general fund to the child development fund is an interfund transfer.

Lottery Funds -The minimum of 34 percent of lottery revenues distributed to public schools and colleges must be used for "education of pupils". Lottery income has added about 1-3 percent to community college funding. The funding has two components unrestricted (Non-Prop 20) and restricted (Prop 20).

Mandated Costs - College district expenditures that occur as a result of federal or state law, court decisions, administrative regulations, or initiative measures.

May Revise -The Governor's revised budget proposal in May for the next fiscal year in accordance with up-to-date projections in revenues and expenses.

State Deferrals - When apportionment revenue payments due to the district from the state for the fiscal year are delayed and paid later.

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Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) - The SCFF is the formula that is used by the State of California to determine the allocation of funding for California Community Colleges. The formula is a weighted measurement of Full Time Equivalent Students (FTES); Supplemental data such as Pell and Promise grant recipients; and Student Success metrics such as associated degrees awarded, career technical education credits, transfer degrees awarded, and living wage earners.

STRS- State Teacher's Retirement System. State law requires that school district employees, school districts and the State contribute to the fund for full-time certificated employees.

Student Financial Aid Funds- Funds designated for grants and loans to students. Includes federal Pell grants, College Work-Study, and the state funds EOPS grants and fee waiver programs.

Sub fund- A fund may have multiple accounts that are also established as funds. Sub funds are combined for reporting purposes under the primary fund category.

Title 5- The Section of the State Administrative Code that governs community colleges. The Board of Governors may change or add regulations to Title 5.

TOP Code- Taxonomy of Programs. Numbers assigned to programs to use in budgeting and reporting expenditures. The program code details the area of operations and specifies if a program is instructional or non-instructional.

TRANS- Districts finance short-term cash flow needs by issuing Tax Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS) through bond underwriters. The notes are paid off as cash is received by the district from enrollment fees, property taxes and state apportionment.

Transfers- Monies that are transferred from one object level account to another or fund one fund to another. Example: Transfer from supplies to equipment or transfer from the general fund to the capital projects fund.

Unfunded FTES- FTES that are generated in excess of the enrollment/FTES cap.

Warrants- A written order drawn to pay a specified amount to a designated payee, also referred to as checks.

Workload Reduction- Reduced level of FTES for which districts are funded.

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Workload Restoration - Increased level of FTES for which districts are funded for previous workload reduction.

WSCH - Weekly Student Contact Hours is part of the formula used to calculate FTES.