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**Orange County
Public Schools**

An aerial photograph of a city skyline, likely Miami, with a white outline of the state of Florida overlaid on the left side. The background is a gradient of purple and blue.

8th

Largest District
in the U.S.

4th

Largest District
in Florida



101 "A"
Traditional
Schools

100%
A, B, or C



Graduation Rate

2025

97.2%

Traditional High Schools

2000

49.5%



VISION

Every student graduates
PREPARED and **INSPIRED** for
a thriving future.

MISSION

Together with our families and the
community, we **EMPOWER**
students with a superior academic
experience, essential life skills, and
boundless opportunities.



PREPARE



INSPIRE



EMPOWER

Why Public Schools Matter

The Public-School Advantage

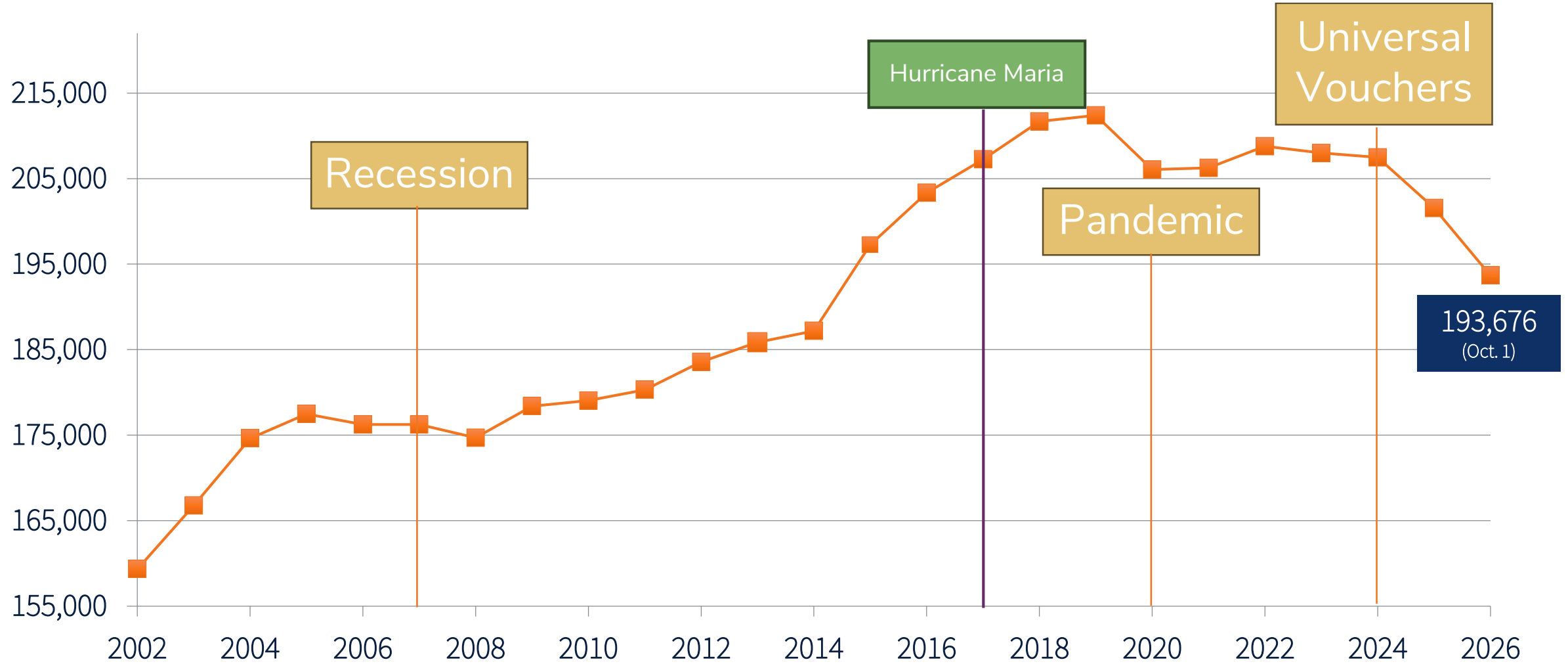
- Community- and neighborhood-based
- Certified, trained teachers
- Nationally benchmarked, Cognia-accredited district
- Highest-quality academics, arts and extracurriculars
- All students, all meals, no charge (2026-27)
- Outstanding support services for all:
 - Special education, gifted, English-language learners



Declining Enrollment

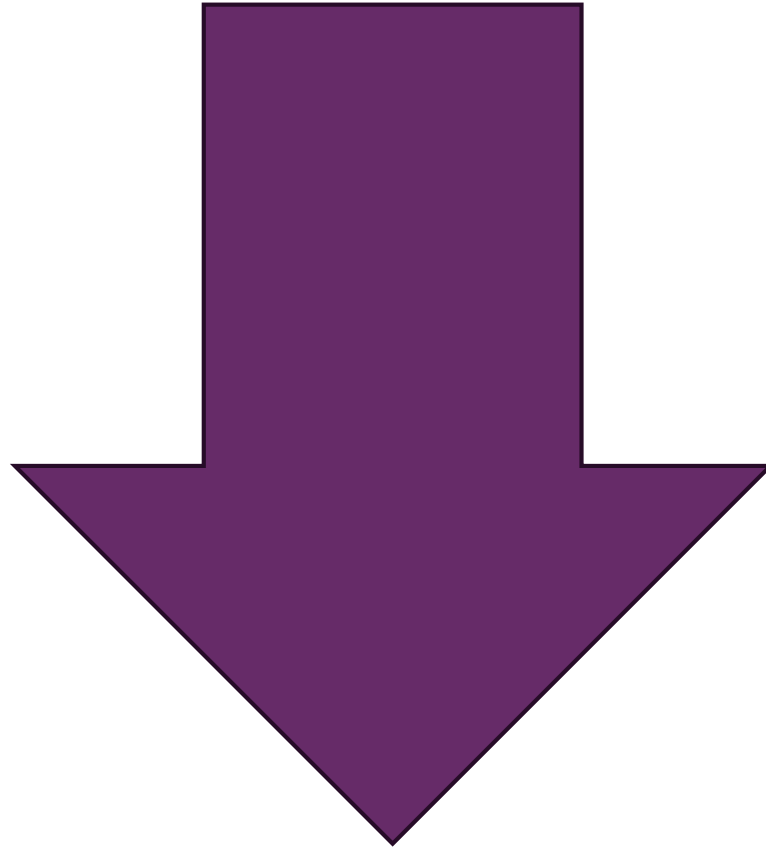
Student Enrollment

Traditional, Charter, Exceptional and Alternative Schools*



*Includes Pre-K

Declining OCPS Student Enrollment



15,122 students (7.2%)
Oct. 2022 – Oct. 2026

Factors Driving Declining Enrollment

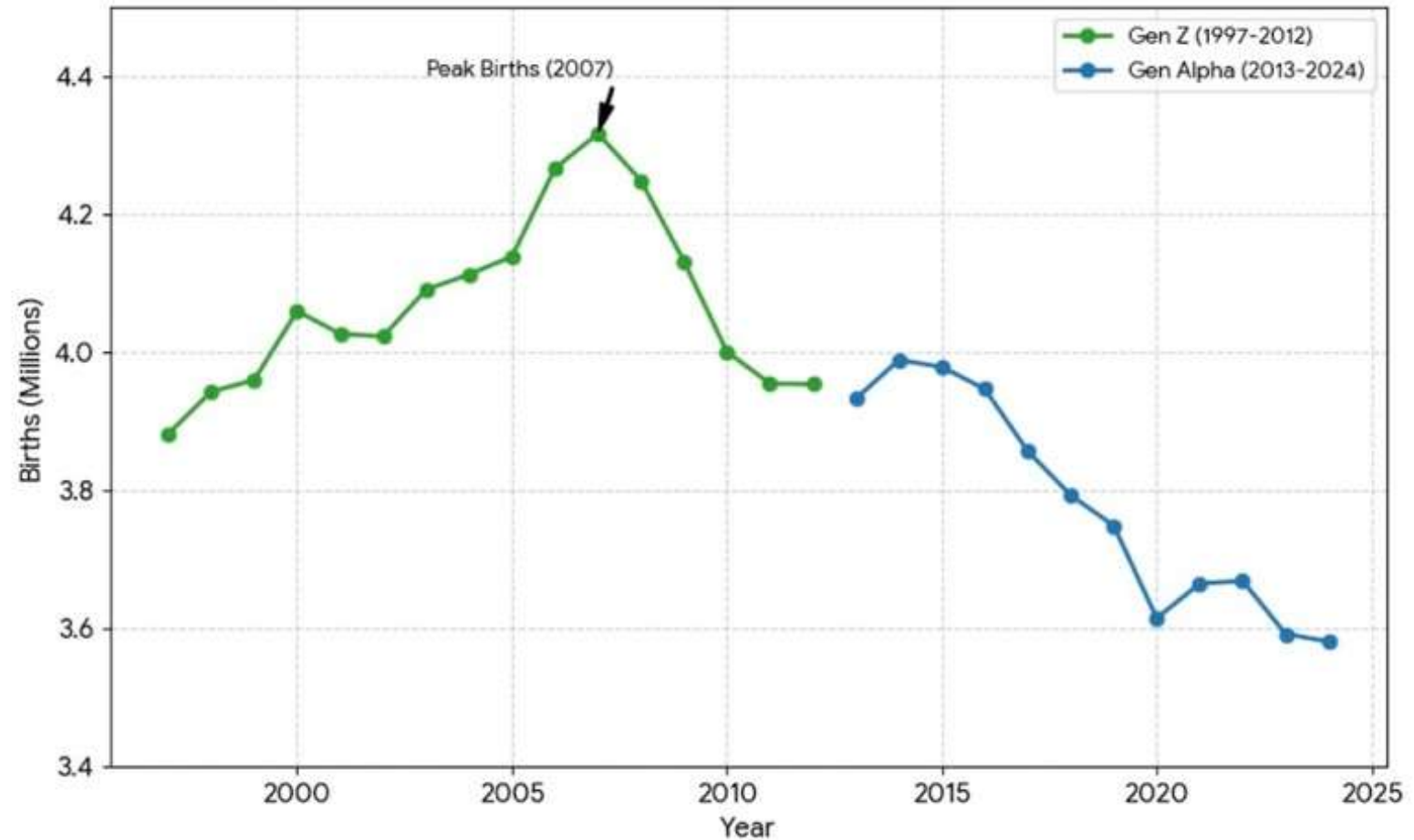
Declining Births

2025: Lowest in U.S. History

Factors Driving Declining Enrollment

Declining Births

- Lowest in U.S. history last two years
- Highest in 2007: Those students graduated last year



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Housing Trends

"Aging in Place"

Housing Trends

88-95%

of adults 50+ want to remain in their current home

41%

drop in turnover since 2021 peak

Key Factors:

- Low existing mortgage rates vs. today's higher rates
- Rising insurance, property tax and relocation costs
- Strong emotional and social ties to neighborhoods
- Home modification preferred over relocation.

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Family Empowerment Scholarships

Taxpayer-Funded Vouchers

Why It Matters



\$64M for 2026-27
School Year

Enrollment Declines Impact

Ability to staff and operate schools

Ability to offer a variety of course offerings and programs

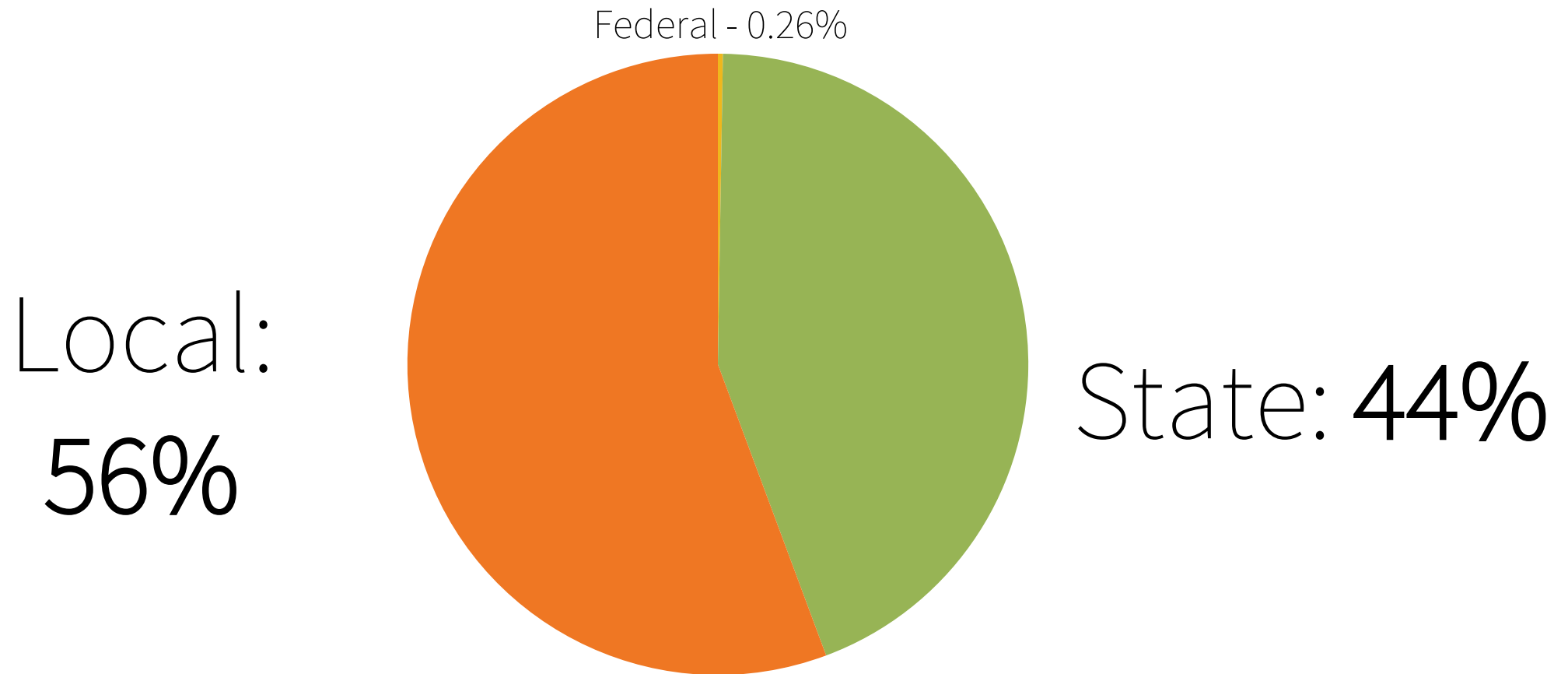
Ability to manage and maintain our existing facilities

Operational Efficiency

- Elementary: \$1.3M
- Middle: \$2.1M

District Budget

Estimated Revenues by Source



Where Your Dollar Goes

80 cents | spent on teaching, transporting, supervising and counseling students

6 cents | spent on acquiring, operating and maintaining school facilities

10 cents | spent on library materials, staff training and curriculum development

4 cents | goes toward central and fiscal services, general administration and district technology.





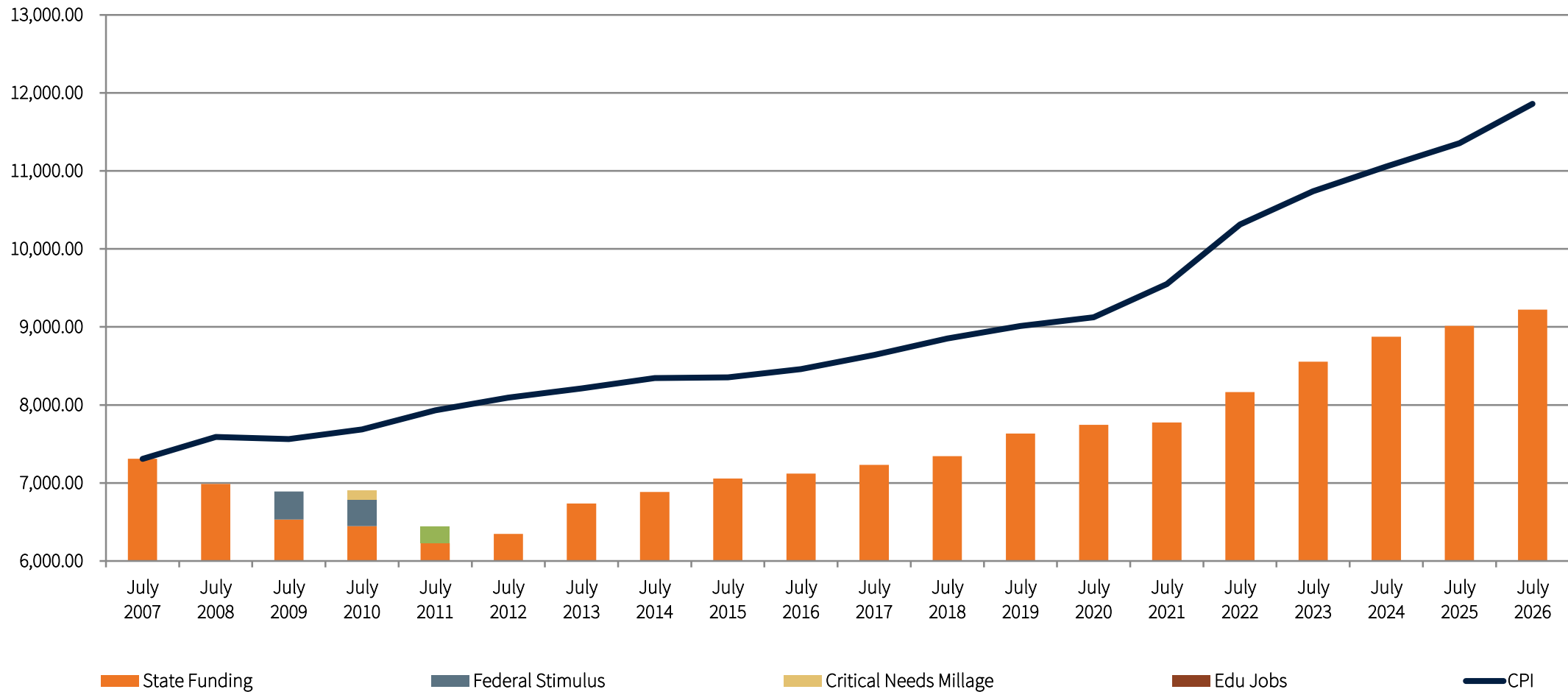
Efficient Operations

Lowest

administrative costs per student among
large urban districts in Florida

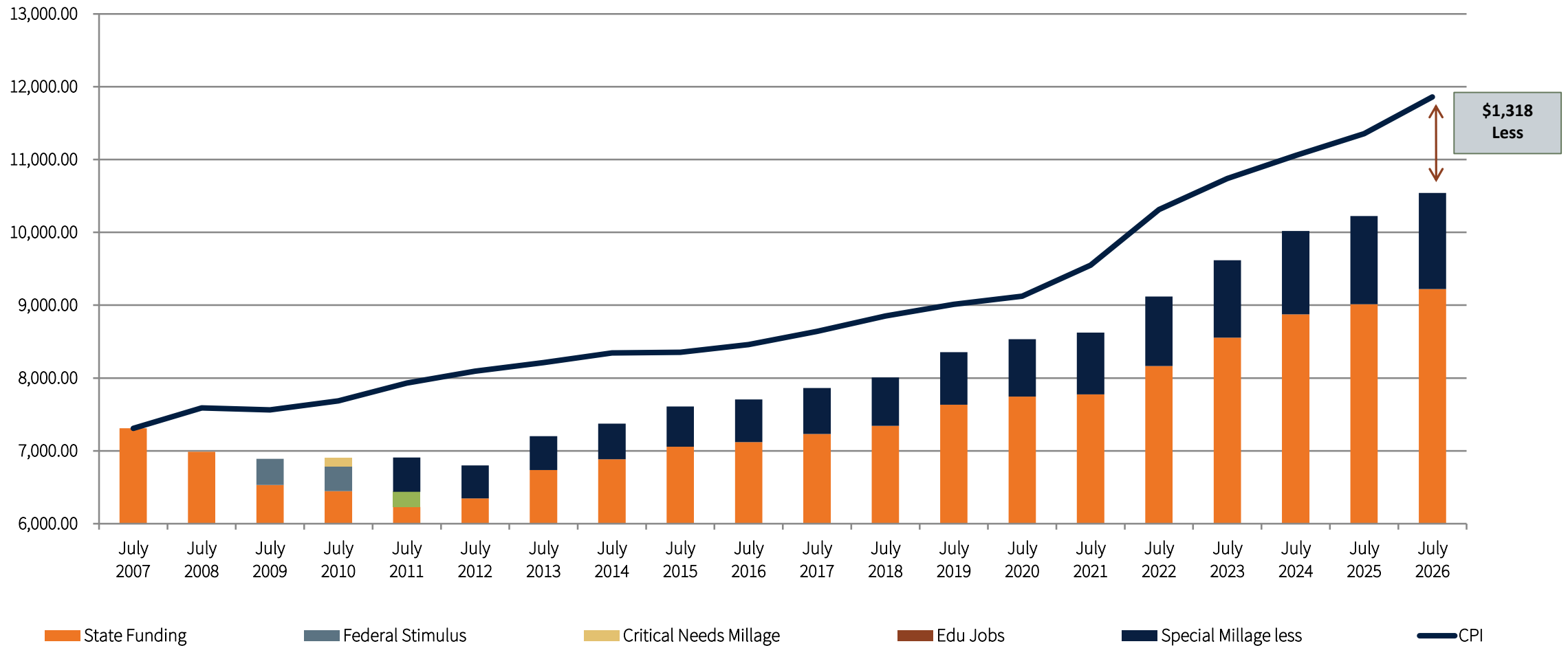
Budgeted Funding Per Student

Second Calculation FEFP with CPI Comparison

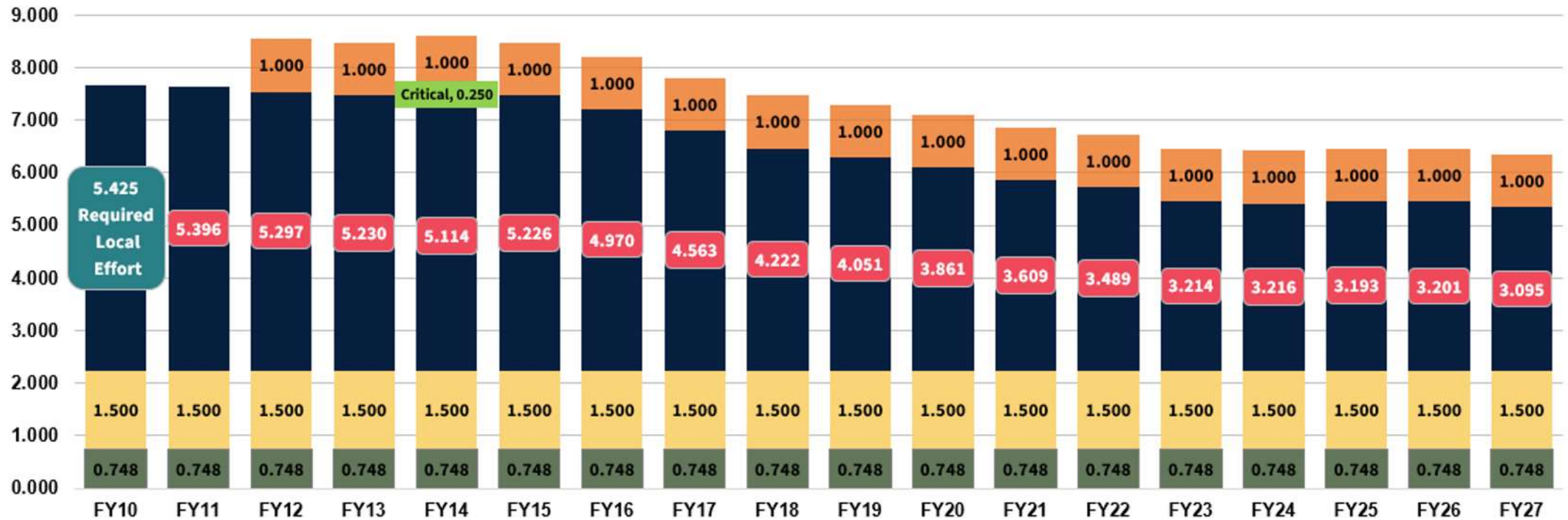


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Millage Rates



2026-27 Special Millage Revenue

Projected at \$255.2 million

	Highly Qualified Teachers (1,842): • 1042 instructional positions • 749 art, drama, music and dance teachers • 51 athletic coaches and trainers	\$163.4 million (72%)
	Recurring Staff Compensation Increases:	\$54.3 million (24%)
	Teacher Supplements for Arts and Athletics:	\$6 million (3%)
	Field Trips:	\$3.3 million (1%)
	Legally Required Charter School Share:	\$28.2 million

Millage Proceeds Comparison (FY26)

	Orange	Miami-Dade	Broward
One Mill Operating Revenues	\$242,347,050	\$560,254,555 +\$317,90,505	\$333,273,519 +\$90,926,469
Total Students (Traditional & Charter)	199,153	324,593 +125,440	236,667 +37,514
One Mill Operating Revenues per Student	\$1,217	\$1,726 +509	\$1,408 \$191
Non-classroom, School-based Instructional (School Counselors, School Psychologists, Librarian/Audio Visional Workers, Other Professional Instructional Staff, Visiting Teachers and Social Workers)	2,965	2,403 -562	1,903 -1,062
Average Teacher Salaries	\$60,030.32	\$57,100.78	\$59,062.61

Special Millage Election Results

August 2010

- 54% Approval

November 2014

- 76% Approval

August 2018

- 84 % Approval

August 2022

- 82% Approval

Ballot Language

On May 12, 2026, the School Board of Orange County Florida passed a resolution to call for a millage election at the November 3, 2026 General Election. The Resolution contained the following ballot title and ballot summary:

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA AD VALOREM MILLAGE ELECTION

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the School Board of Orange County, Florida, continue the current one mill ad valorem millage for essential operating expenses, including **compensating teachers and educational support employees, preserving academic programs, arts, athletics, and student activities**, beginning July 1, 2027, and ending four fiscal years later on June 30, 2031, shared proportionately with charter schools as legally required, with annual reporting to ensure proper fiscal stewardship of these funds to the citizens of Orange County?

_____ YES FOR APPROVAL

_____ NO FOR REJECTION

Summary

November 3 ballot proposal is to continue the current one-mill ad valorem millage

- Cost to homeowner with a \$355,800 median-assessed home value is \$28/month (Source: Orange County Property Appraiser)

One Mill for essential operating expenses, to compensate teachers and support staff, preserve academic programs, arts, athletics and student activities

Important Dates

- Voter Registration Deadline: Oct. 5
- Mail Ballot Request Deadline: Oct. 22
- Mail Ballots Sent: Sept. 17
- Early Voting: Oct. 19 – Nov. 1
- Election Day: Nov. 3



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