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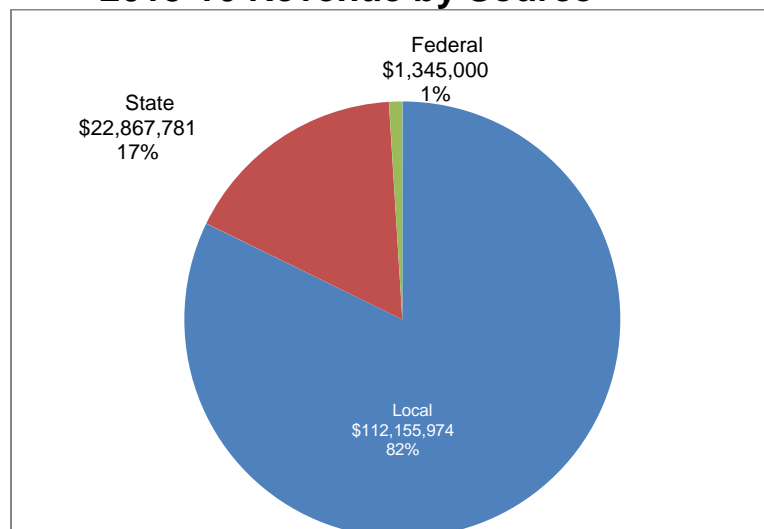
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**STATE COLLEGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2015-16 FINAL BUDGET SUMMARY**

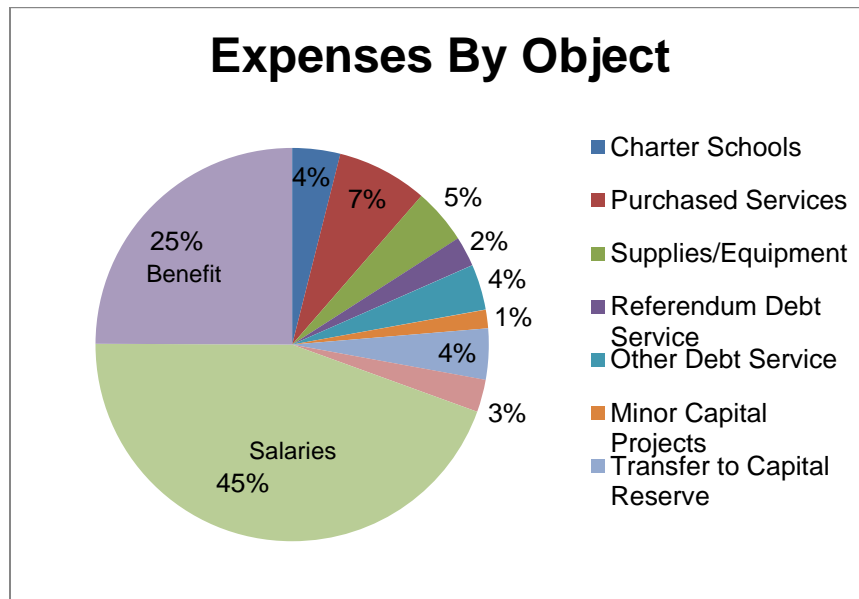
**Budget Hearing Date: June 1, 2015, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Budget Adoption Date: June 8, 2015, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Location: Administration Building Board Room**

- Education is an investment in the future that requires a partnership between schools and the entire community. The State College Area School District is committed to using its resources wisely and to delivering quality educational programs.
- The Board of School Directors allocates revenue and expenditures to support the educational programs as defined by the district's mission and goals articulated through its strategic plan as well as its financial and operating policies. They must balance the educational needs of students with the ability and willingness of the community to provide the necessary financial support.
- The Proposed Final Budget for 2015-16 currently consists of revenues in the amount of \$136,368,756, which consists of a \$10,442,513 increase or 8.3% over the 2014-15 Budget. Of that increase \$3,183,420 is related to the payments for the debt approved through the referendum for the State High Project.
- The proposed increase in real estate tax rate is 5.49%, or a 2.1684 mill increase to 41.6740 mills of real estate tax.
- Total cost to the average residential taxpayer is \$156 per year.
- The 5.49% millage increase represents an amount of 3.59% for the referendum exception above the 1.9% Act 1 Index. The district received approval by the PA Department of Education for the increase above the Act 1 Index.
- The district is primarily locally funded at 82%. The majority of the local revenue comes from real estate taxes.

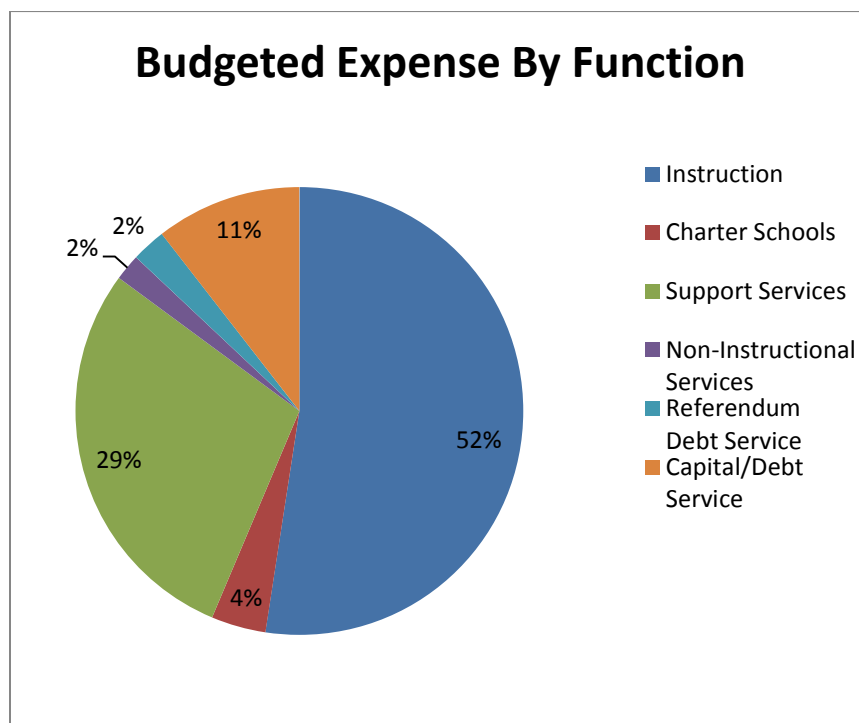
**2015-16 Revenue by Source**



- The district's budget consists of salary and benefit costs, amounting to 70%.
- The budget contains an allocation of approximately 11% to debt service and capital expenses, showing a commitment to maintaining and upgrading the district facilities.



- Over half of budgeted expenses consist of direct contact with students through instruction (52%).



*Mission: To prepare students for lifelong success through excellence in education.*

### **Educational Opportunities**

- Nine elementary schools
- Two middle schools
- One high school campus including intensive Career and Technical Center
- Alternative program – Delta
  - Middle and high school

### **Student Demographics**

- Enrollment: approximately 7,000
- Pupil to teacher ratio:
  - Elementary 23 to 1
  - Secondary 24 to 1

### **District Facts**

- 1,200 employees
- Covers 150 square miles
- Transportation system providing service to public and non-public students
- District operated school breakfast and lunch program
- Community education programs including after school and summer extended learning opportunities

### **Pennsylvania School Law**

The School Law of Pennsylvania, as enacted by the Commonwealth legislature, requires that public school districts approve an annual budget on the modified accrual basis for the operation of the General Revenue fund prior to the start of the fiscal year. The Board of School Directors of each district is further required to make these budgets available for public inspection at least 20 days prior to their adoption. Once approved by the district's Board of School Directors, these budgets become the approved spending plan of the district for the coming year, and the Board is prohibited from spending or obligating funds in excess of these amounts. The Board is authorized to transfer funds within the budget during the last nine months of the fiscal year. Unused appropriations revert to the fund balance at the end of each fiscal year. The school district designates a portion of this fund balance by an amount equal to outstanding encumbrances at year end.

### **Board of School Directors**

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### **Administration**

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