



# **Annual Report of Certain Financial and Local Debt Information**

**Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2024**



## ☑ Overview of Certain Financial/Bond Ratings

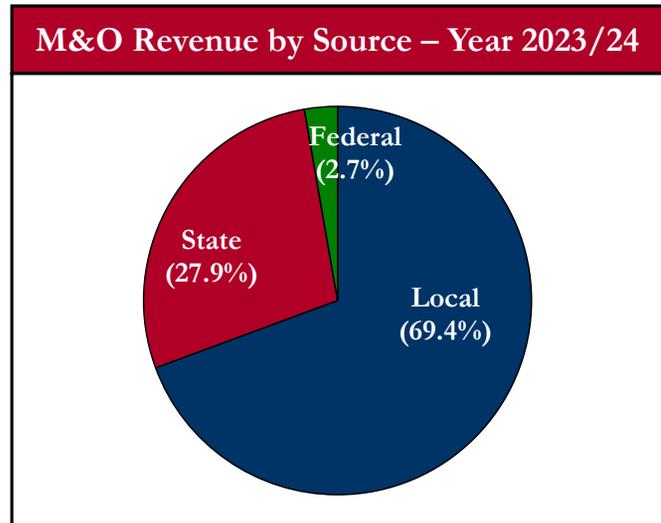
- ☐ **Overview:** Gonzales Independent School District (the “District”) has been assigned the following independent financial/bond ratings that indicate the relative strength of the District’s financial and debt management:
  - **School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (“FIRST”):** Pursuant to Subchapter D, Chapter 39 of the Texas Education Code, the State annually deploys a financial accountability rating system to distinguish the level of a school district’s financial performance based upon certain uniform criteria.
    - ✓ Based on data for year 2022/23, the District was assigned a 2023/24 FIRST Rating of “A = Superior Achievement” and the District’s score was 98 out of a possible 100 points.
  - **Credit Ratings:** The District also maintains independent ratings from certain nationally recognized credit rating agencies, such as S&P Global Ratings that evaluates the District’s financial strength and its ability to pay its existing bonds.
    - ✓ **S&P Global Ratings:** Assigns a “A+” credit rating to the District, defined as “Having a strong capacity to meet its financial commitments but is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligors in higher-rated categories.”



# Overview of State Funding System

- ❑ **State Funding System – Where Do the District’s Revenues Come From:** Gonzales ISD is legally required to operate pursuant to the requirements of the Texas Education Code. In particular, the Texas Education Code determines the District’s ability to generate local tax revenues for maintenance & operation purposes and for the repayment of voter-approved bonds. In this regard, the District annually sets two (2) separate tax rates that are levied upon its certified taxable value that is independently determined by the Gonzales County Appraisal District and Caldwell County Appraisal District :
- **Maintenance & Operations (“M&O”) Tax Rate:** To provide funds for the “day to day” operational expenses of the District, including instructional programs, teacher salaries, instructional supplies, security, student transportation, extracurricular activities, utilities, facility infrastructure/maintenance, etc.

✓ The District’s annual funds for maintenance & operation purposes primarily consist of a combination of State funding and local M&O taxes. In general, the dollar amount of each component is determined by the District’s “Equalized Wealth per Student” (i.e. taxable value / weighted average daily attendance) as set by the State. For year 2023/24, the District’s sources for M&O revenues are summarized to the right.



✓ Beginning in year 2019/20, the District’s M&O tax rate is subject to compression pursuant to House Bill 3 that was enacted during the 2019 legislative session.



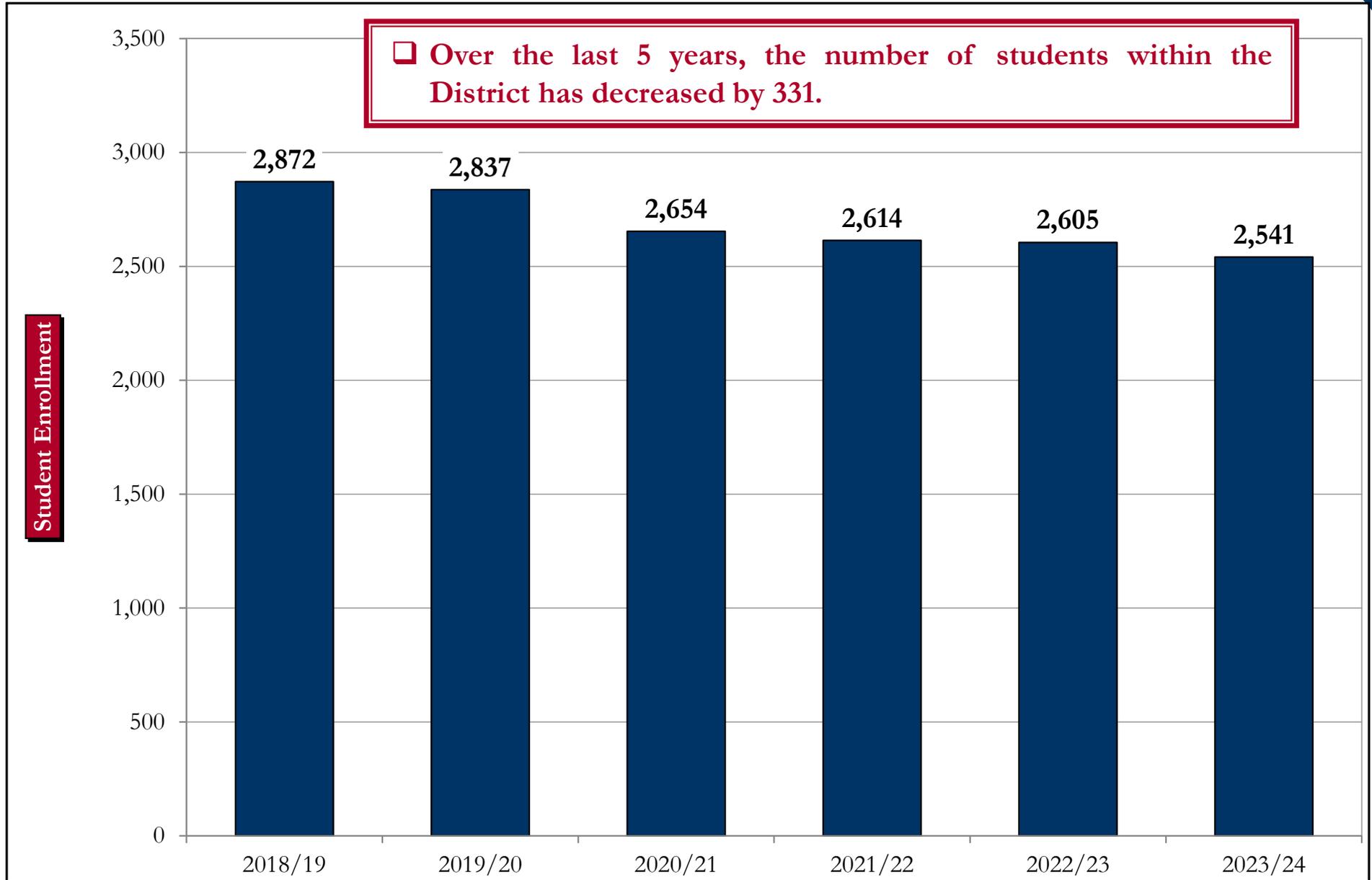
## ☑ Overview of State Funding System

- **Interest & Sinking Fund (“I&S”) Tax Rate:** To provide funds to pay the principal and interest on bonds approved by a majority of voters for capital improvements. The District does not receive any facilities funding from the State for the payment of bonds. The following summarizes the District’s bond programs approved by voters since 1997:

<b>District’s Historical Bond Elections Approved By Voters</b>				
<b>Election Date</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Student Enrollment</b>	<b>Election Amount</b>	<b>Dollar Amount Of Bonds Remaining To Be Issued</b>
December 6, 1997	School Building Improvements	2,696	\$7,345,000	\$0
November 5, 2013	School Building, Technology & Buses	2,769	\$24,985,000	\$0
November 5, 2013	School Building & Security	2,605	\$50,600,000	\$0
<b>Total Dollar Amount Of Authorized But Unissued Bonds - As of August 31, 2024:</b>				<b>\$0</b>

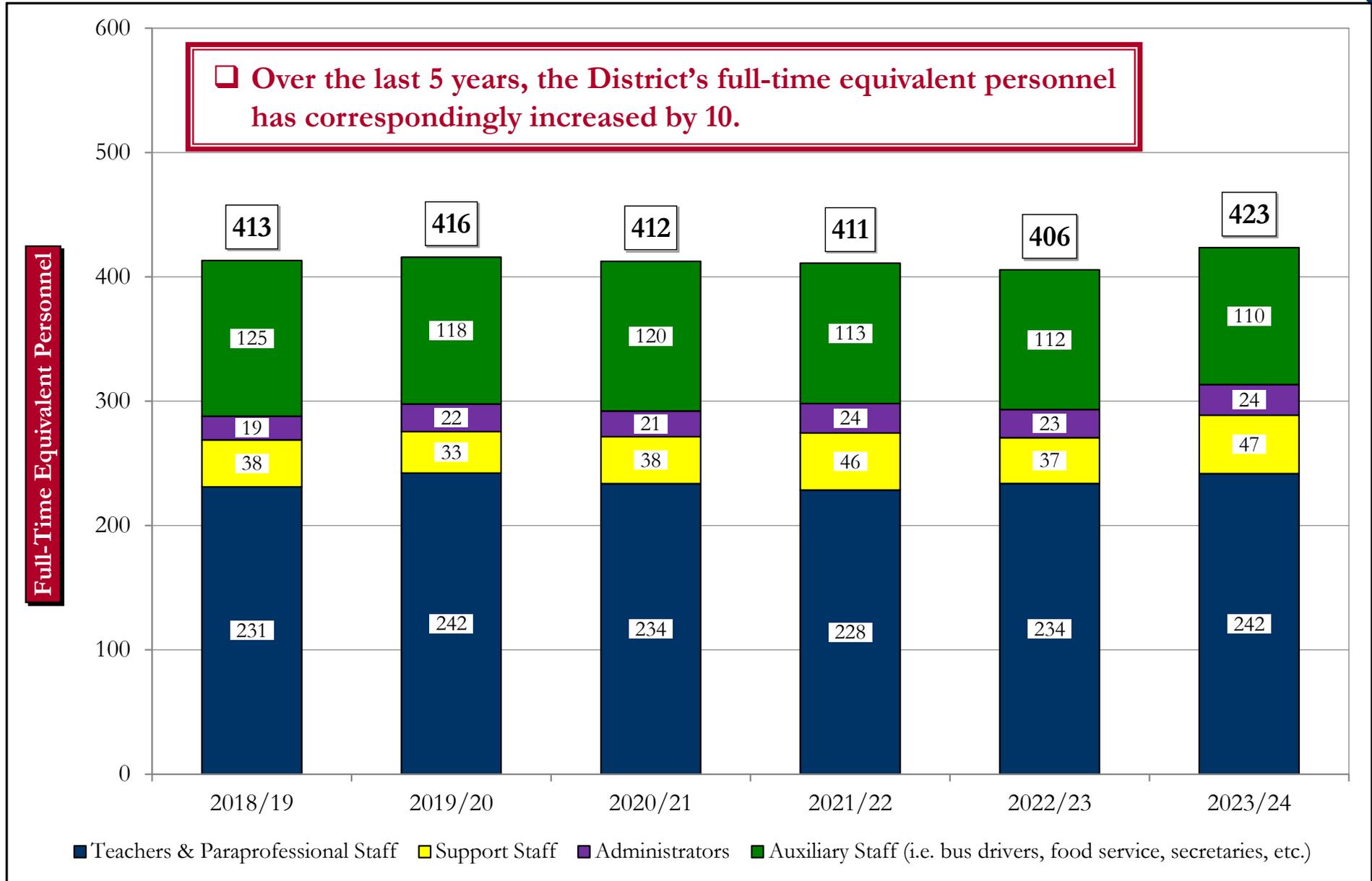


# Historical Student Enrollment



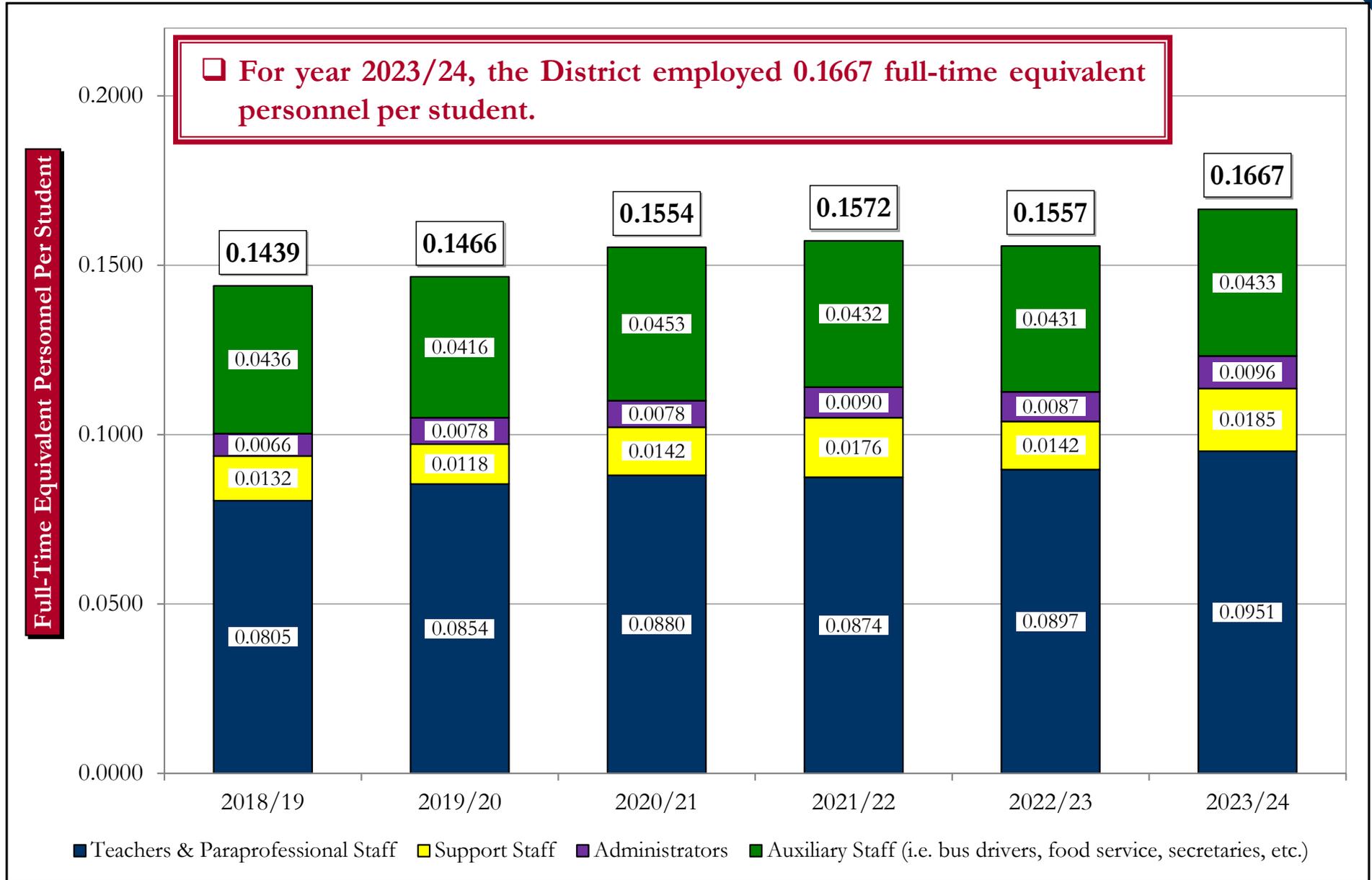


# Full-Time Equivalent Personnel



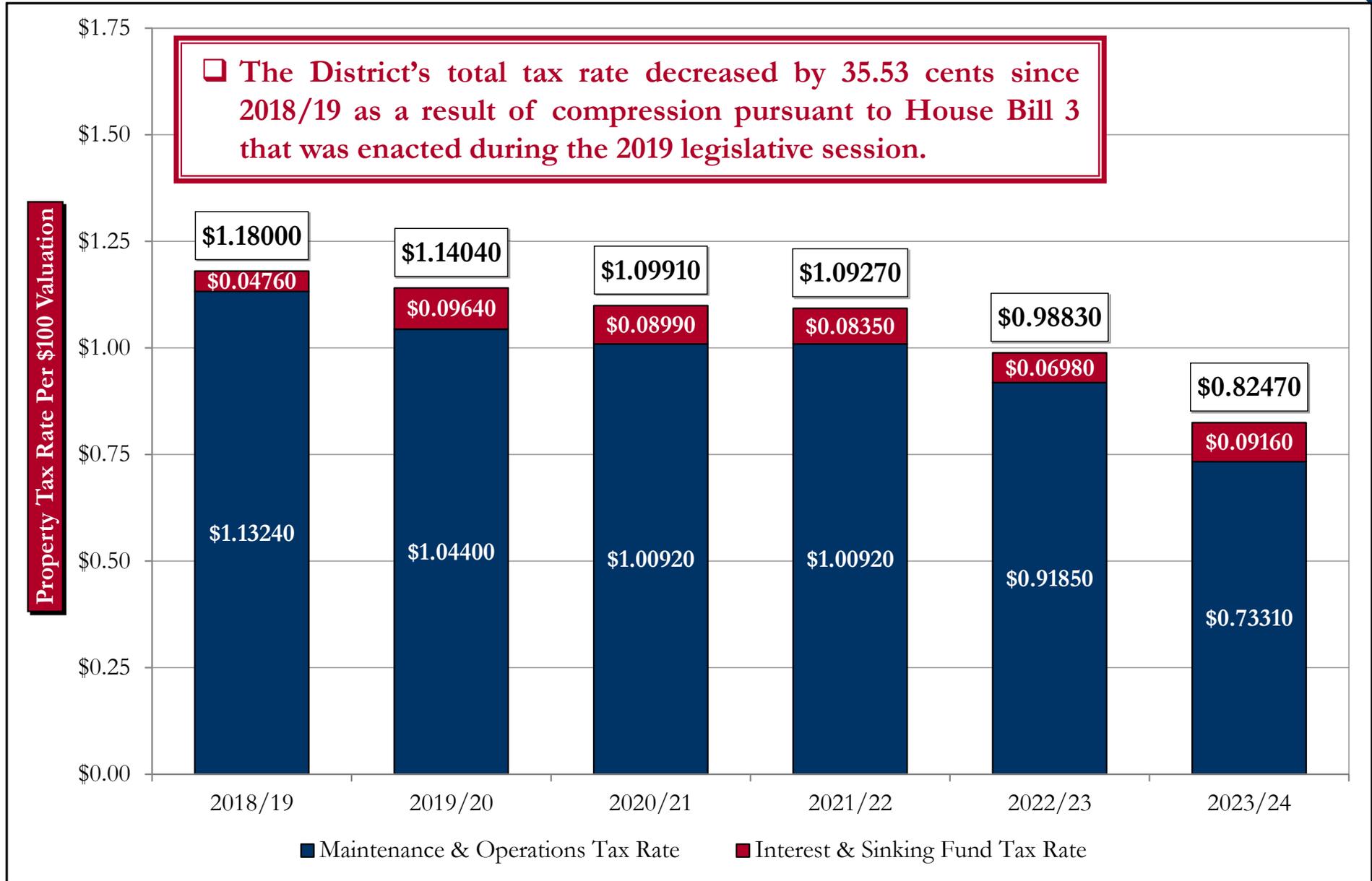


# Full-Time Equivalent Personnel Per Student



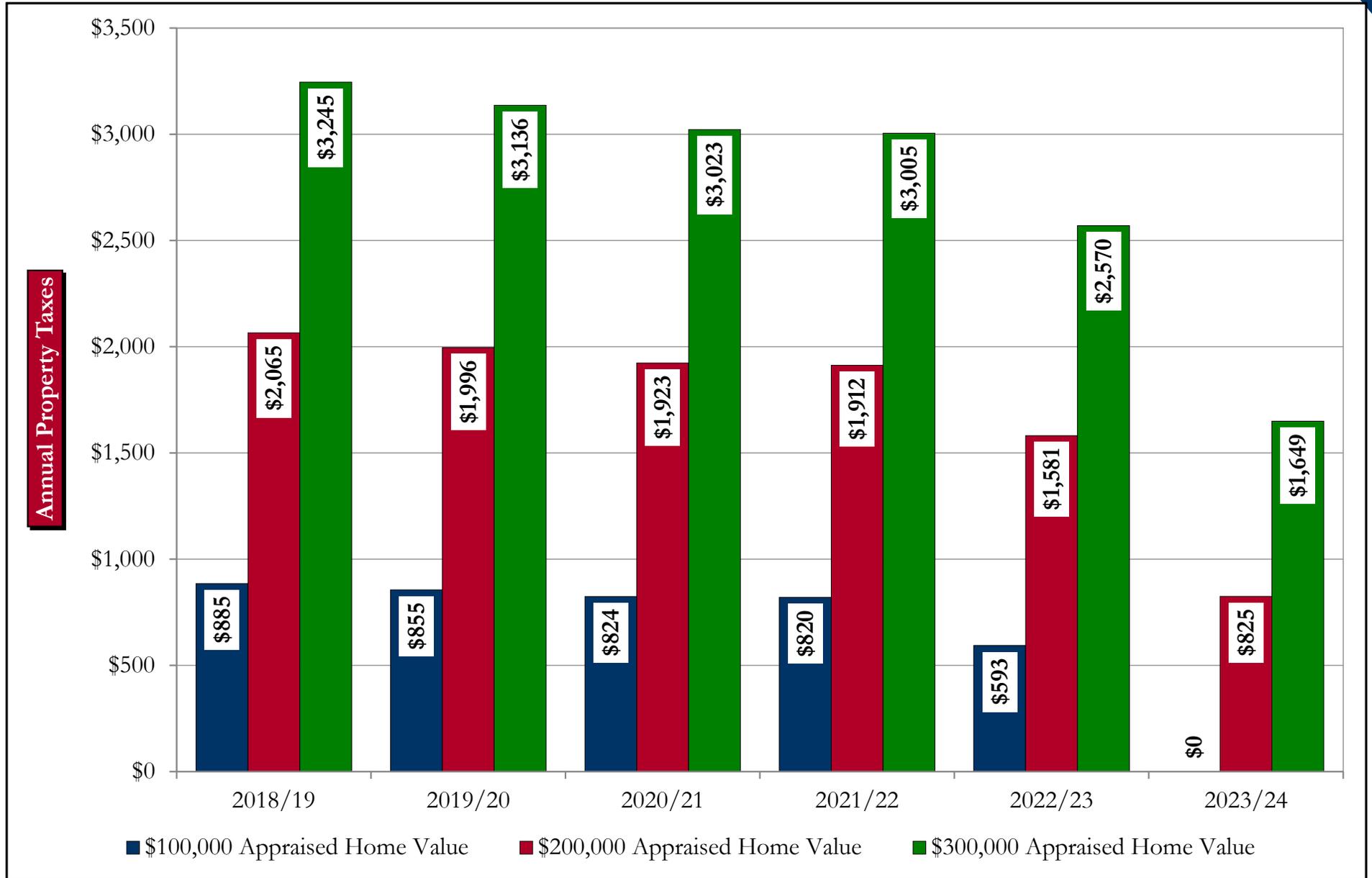


# Historical Tax Rates





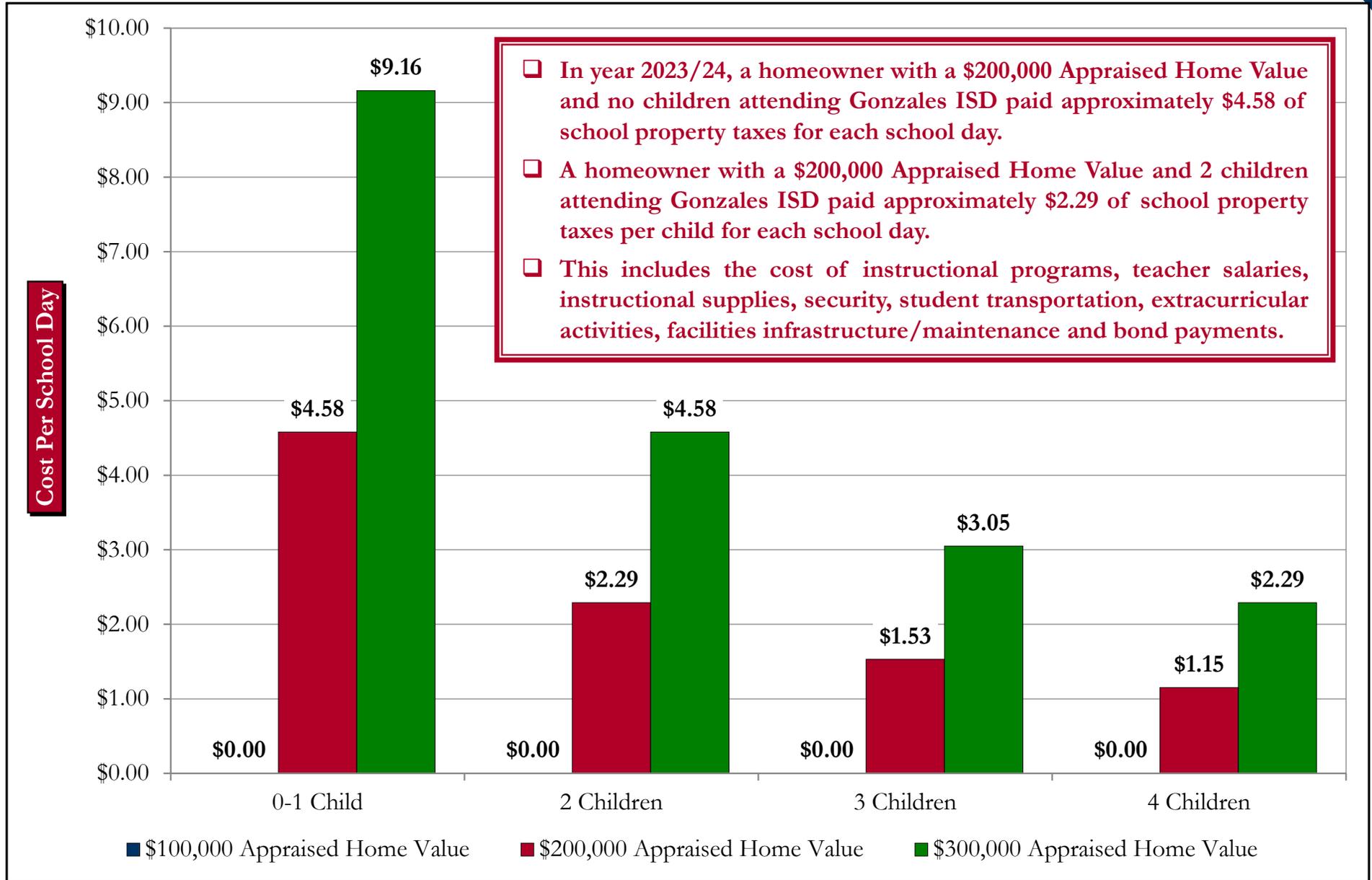
# Historical Total Property Taxes For Maintenance and Operations and Voter-Approved Bonds – For Various Appraised Home Values



Note: Taxes are net of the \$100,000 State-mandated residential homestead exemption.



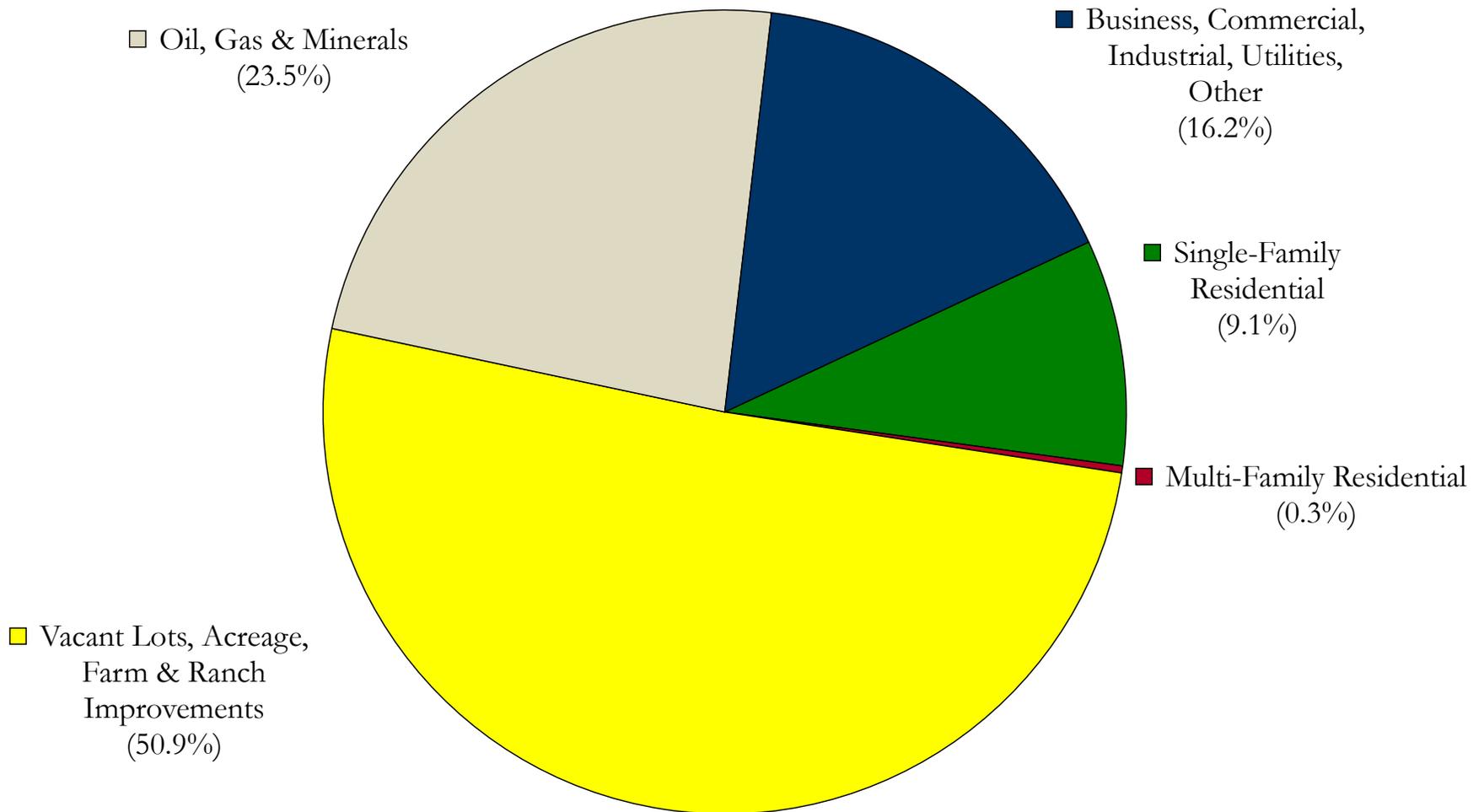
# Summary of Property Tax Cost Per School Day – For Various Appraised Home Values – Year 2023/24





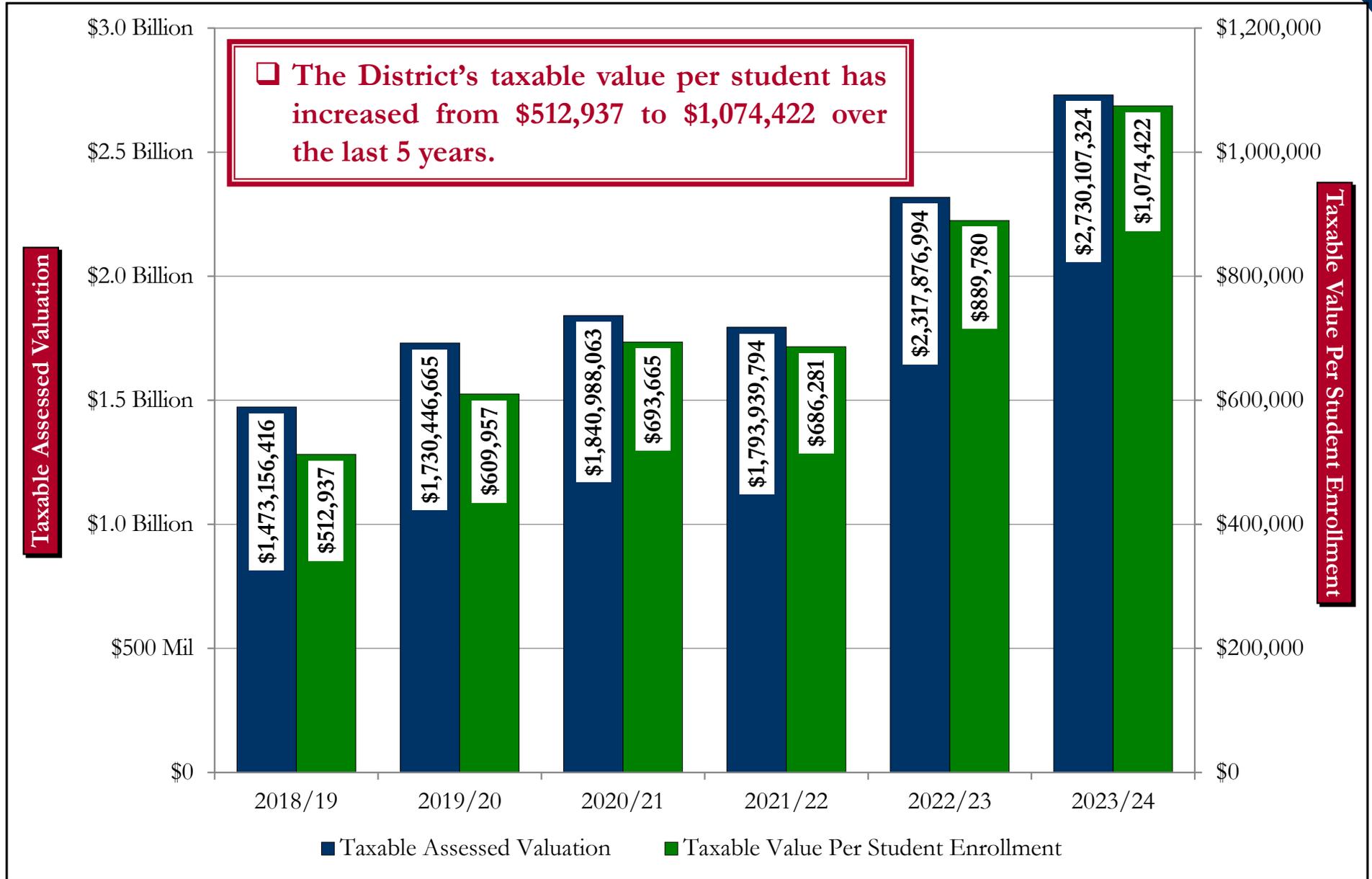
# Composition of Total Assessed Valuation – Year 2023/24

For year 2023/24, Single-Family Residential properties comprised 9.1% of the District's total assessed valuation and other property categories comprised 90.9%.





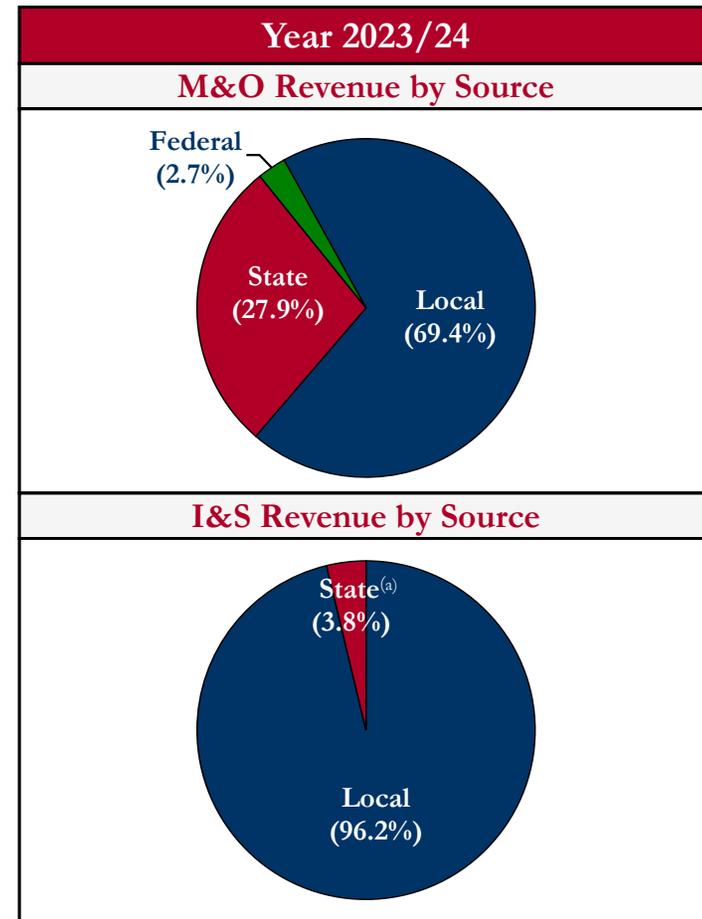
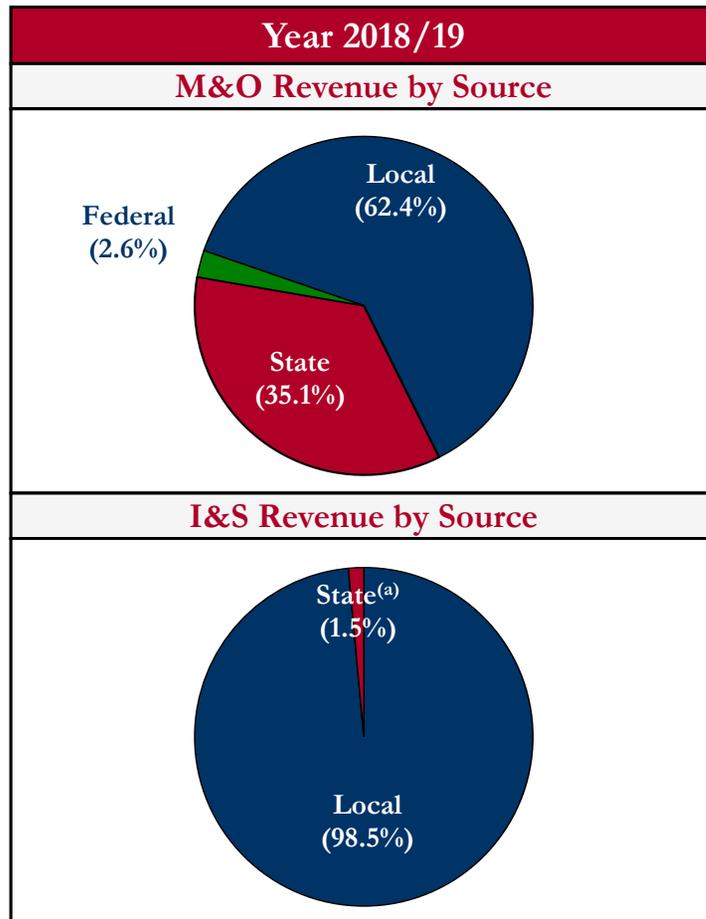
# Historical Taxable Assessed Valuation and Taxable Value Per Student Enrollment





# General Fund and Debt Service Fund – Revenue By Source

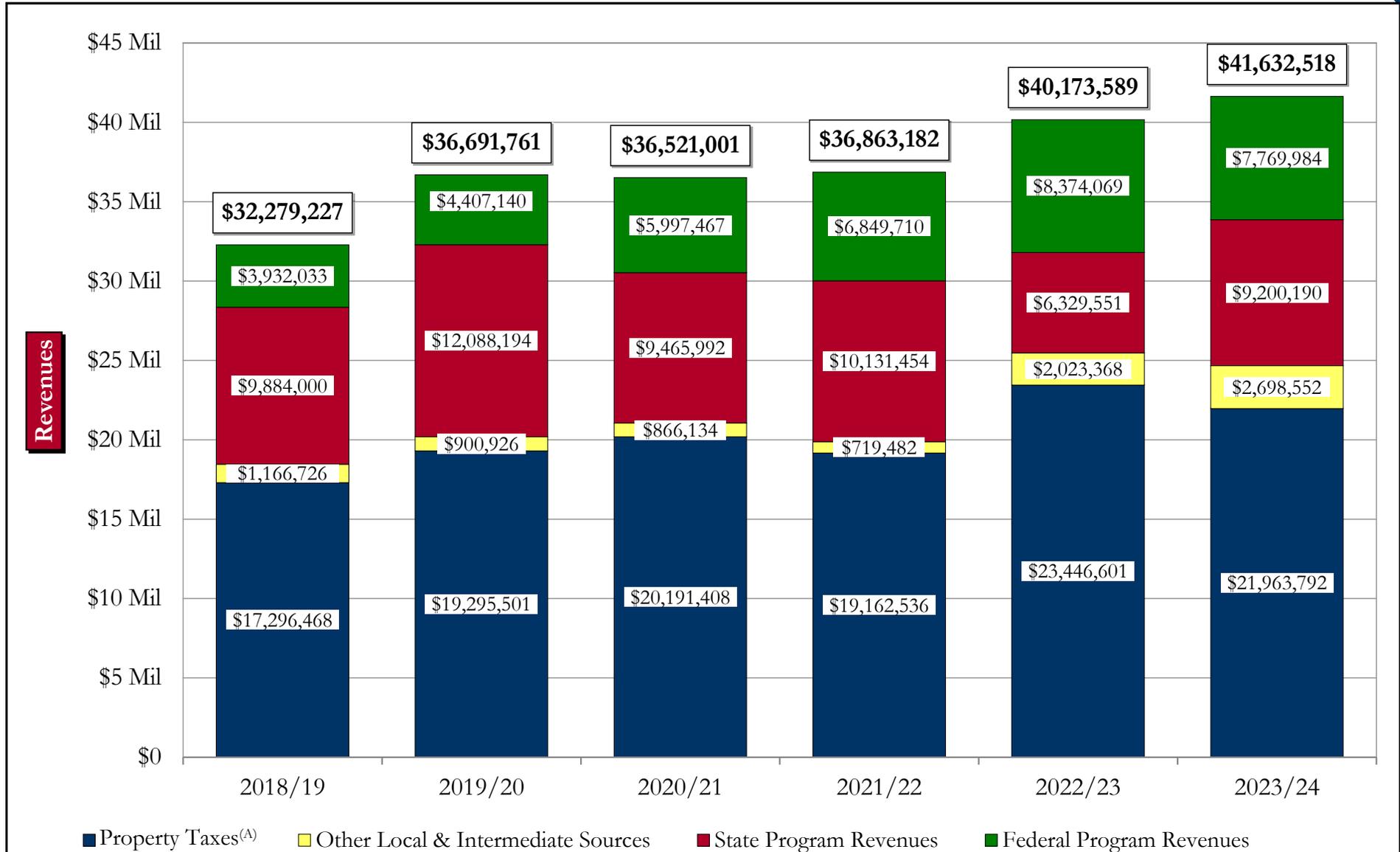
- ❑ The State funding system is structured to provide the District with an “equalized” dollar amount per student. The revenue sources for maintenance and operations and repayment of bonds is summarized below.



<sup>(a)</sup> Represents payments from the State received for lost tax revenues resulting from increases of residential homestead exemption.



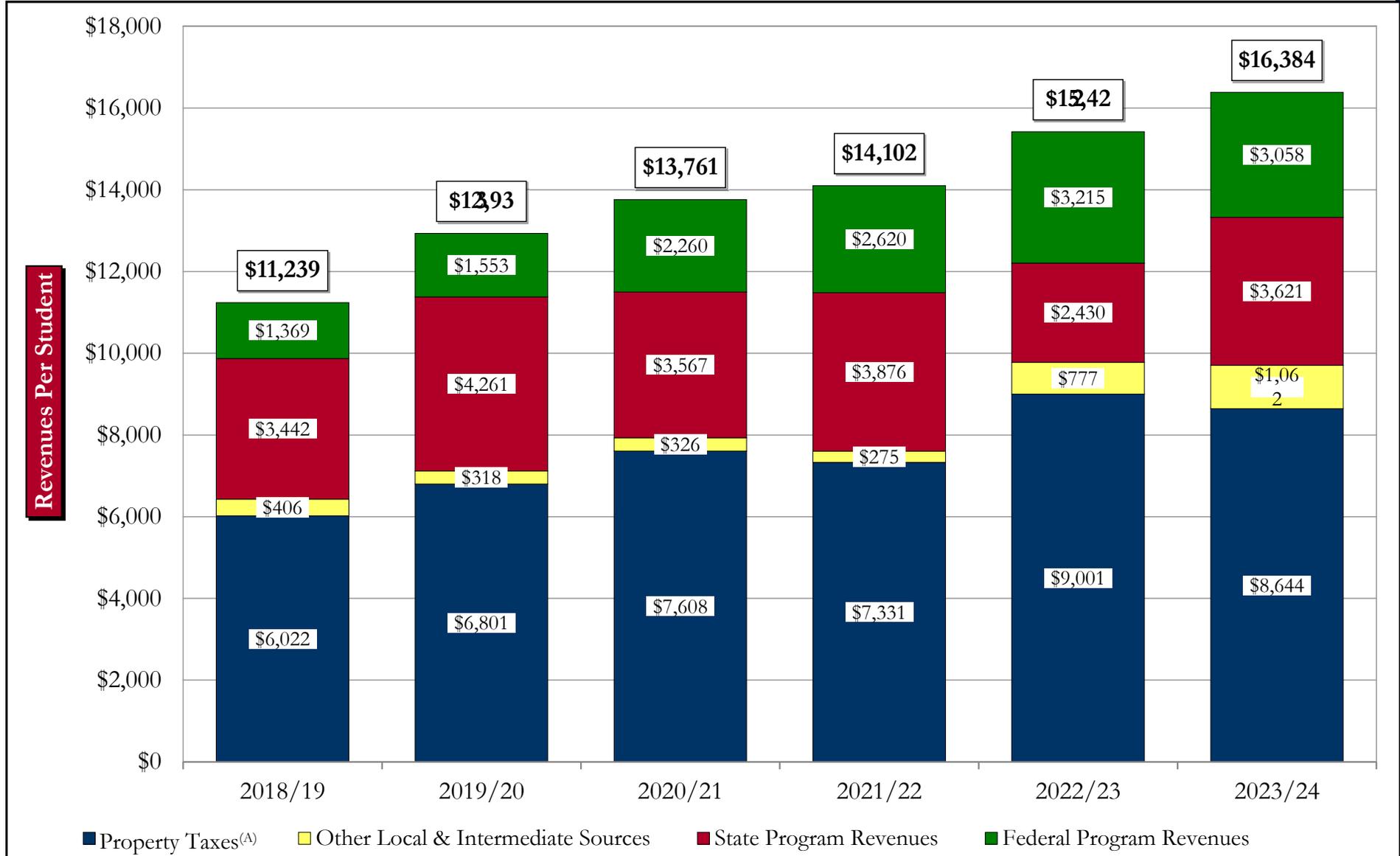
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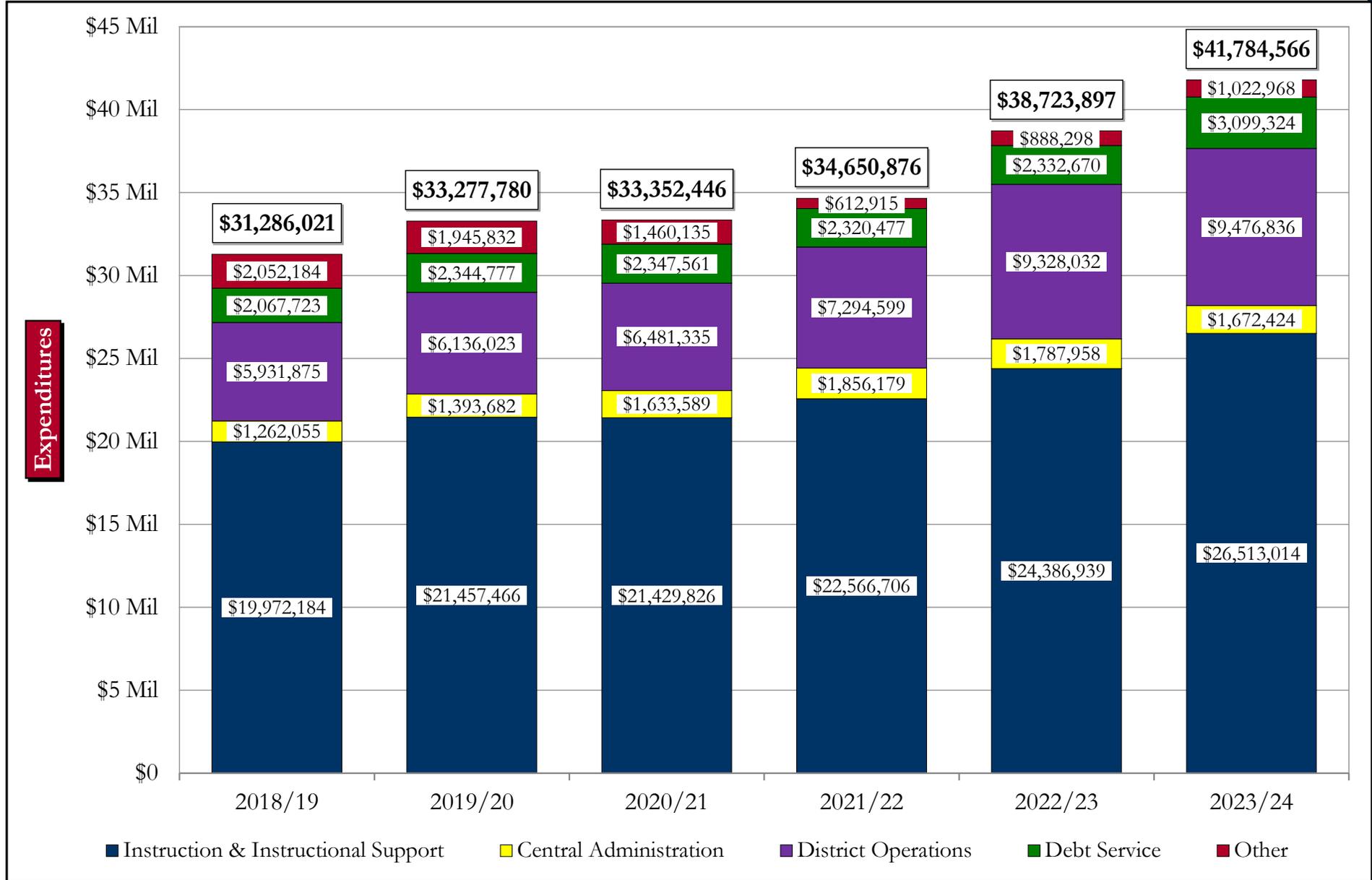
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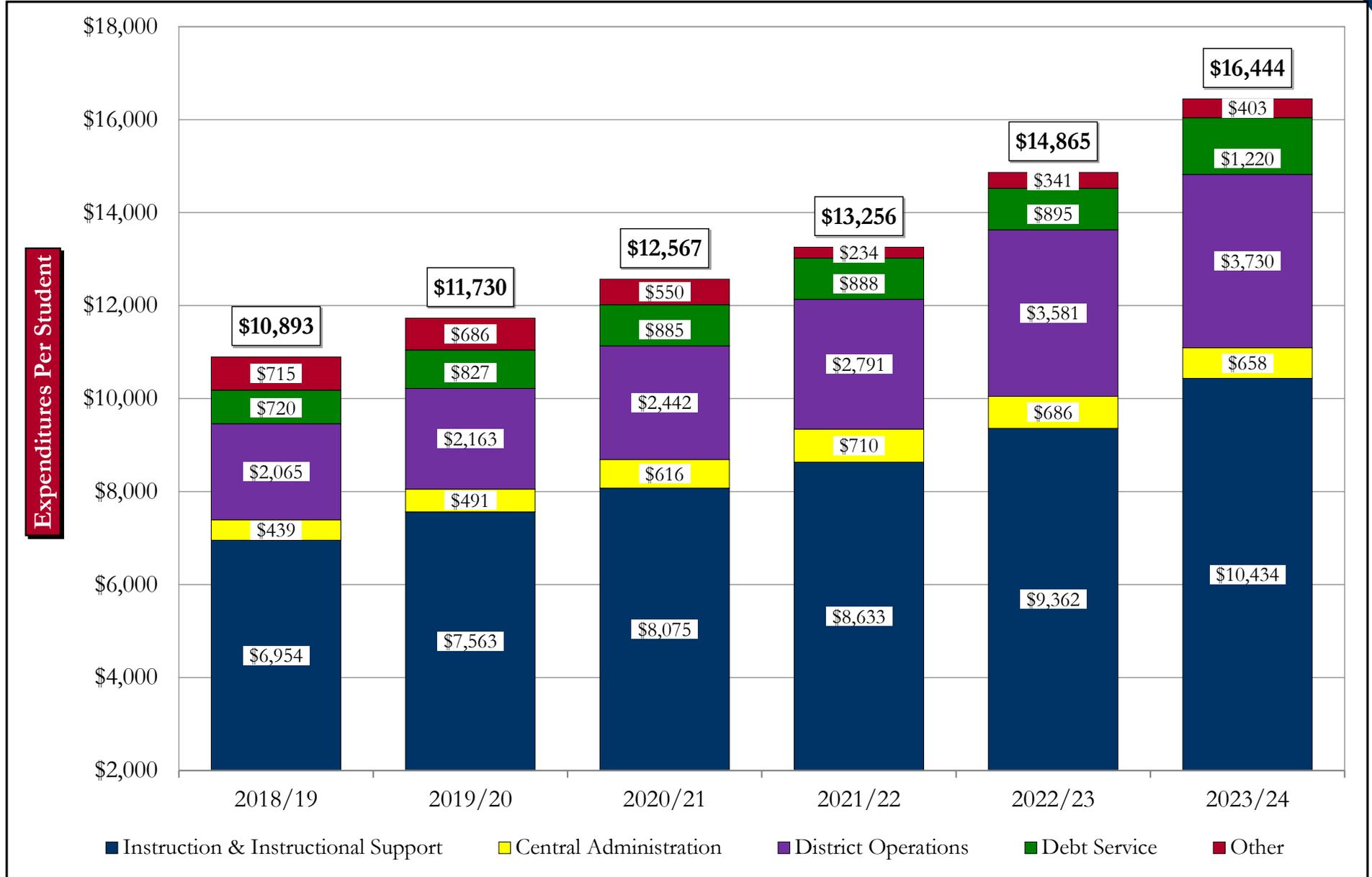
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\*Excludes Capital Projects Fund. Source: District's Audited Financial Statements and District records.



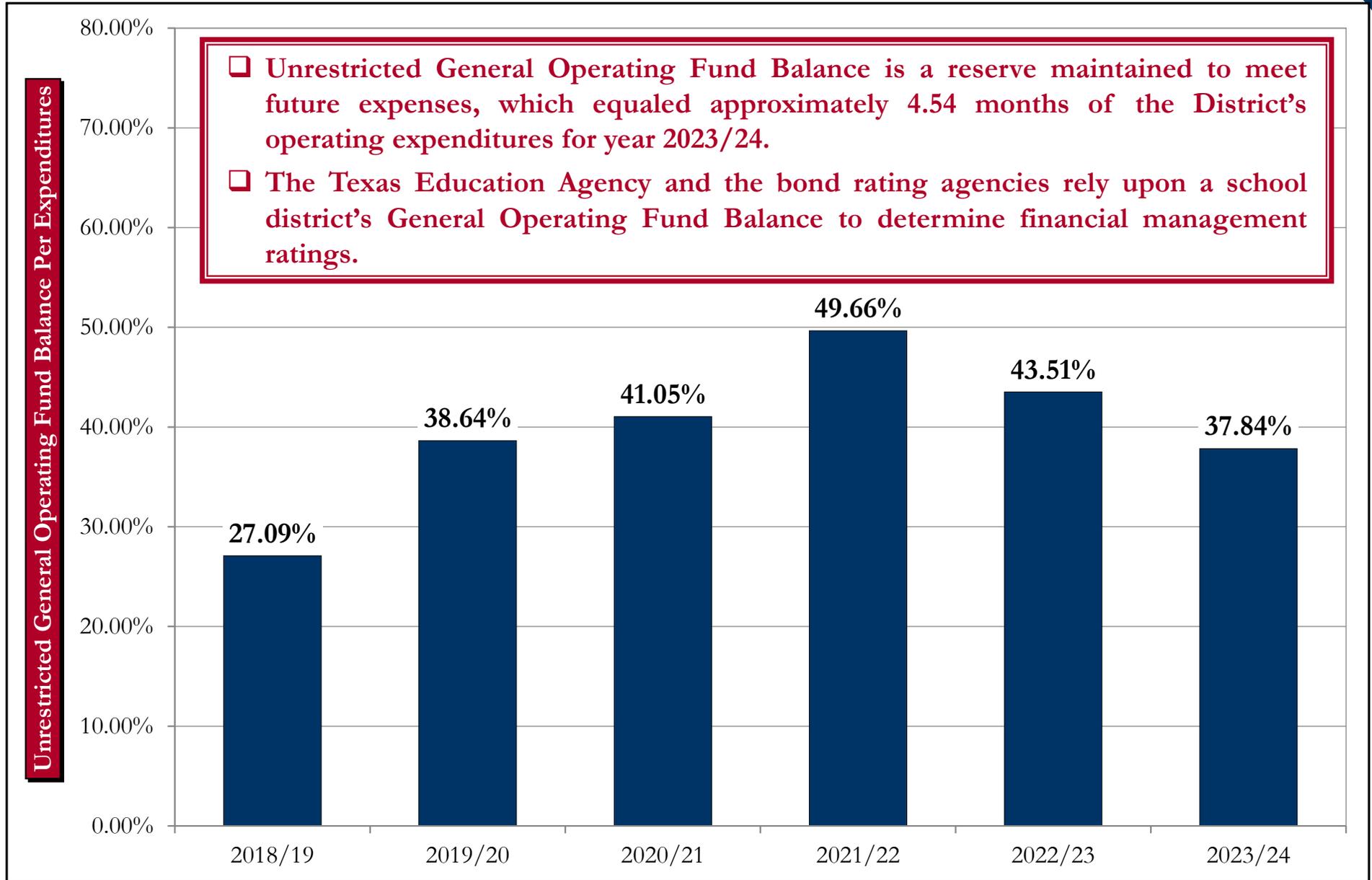
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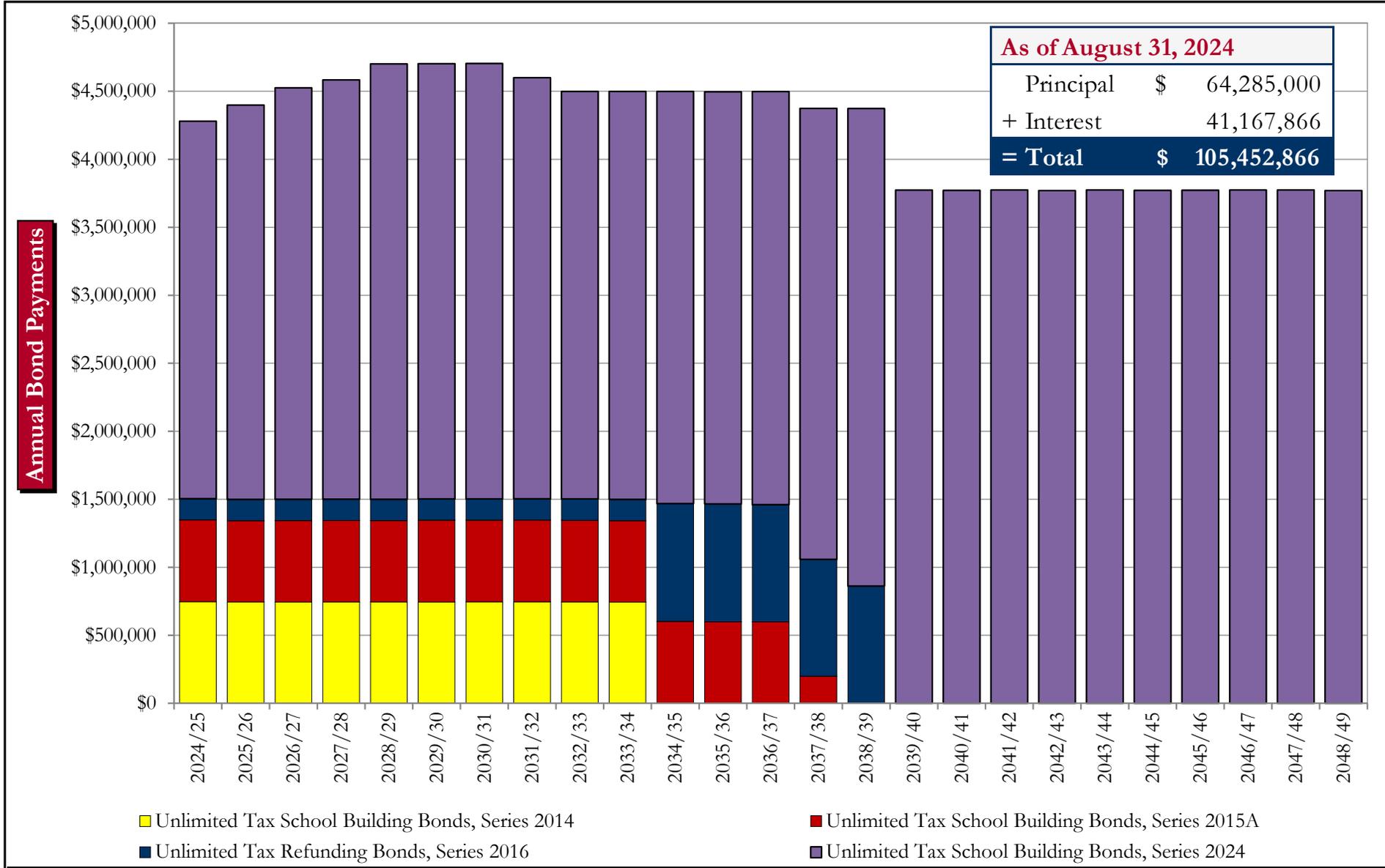


# Unrestricted General Operating Fund Balance as a Percentage of General Operating Expenditures





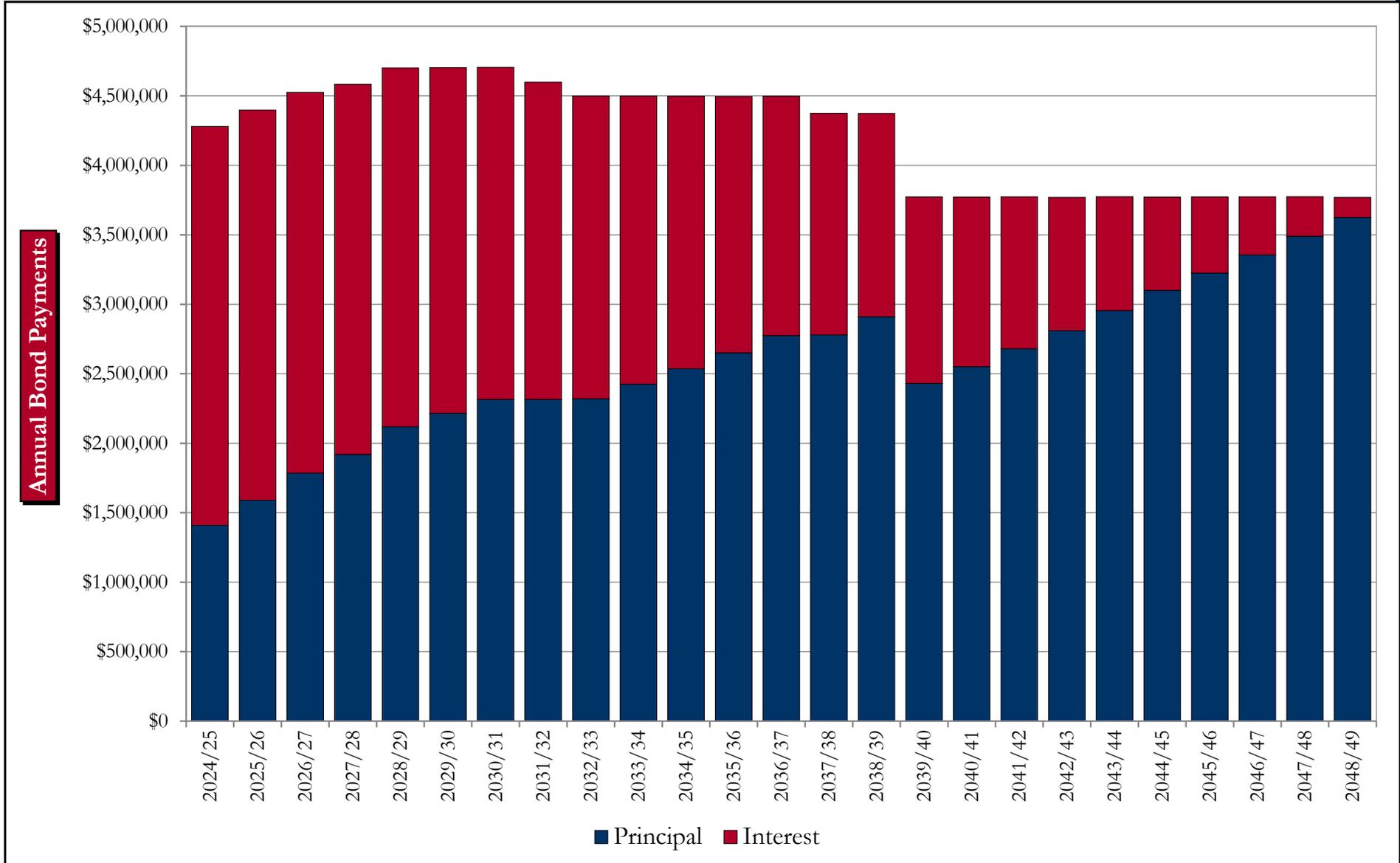
# ☑ Unlimited Tax Debt Service By Series – Existing Bonds Approved By Voters



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# Unlimited Tax Debt Service By Principal and Interest – Existing Bonds Approved By Voters



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# Savings from District's Recent Bond Refunding Programs to Lower Interest Costs

- Gonzales ISD has implemented 2 refunding and 1 prepayment programs to reduce the cost of voter-approved bonds – which have generated more than \$2.380 million of savings for District taxpayers since 2005.

## Summary of Interest Cost Savings – Bond Refunding Programs / Prepayment of Bonds

<b>Issue / Description</b>	<b>Series Refunded</b>	<b>Principal Amount Refunded</b>	<b>Total Savings</b>
Unlimited Tax Refunding Bond, Series 2005	1998	\$ 4,730,000	\$ 277,715
Unlimited Tax Refunding Bond, Series 2016	2014	4,260,000	1,454,000
Prepayment of Bonds (February 2024)	2015A	1,015,000	648,867
<b>Totals</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>\$ 10,005,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,380,582</b>

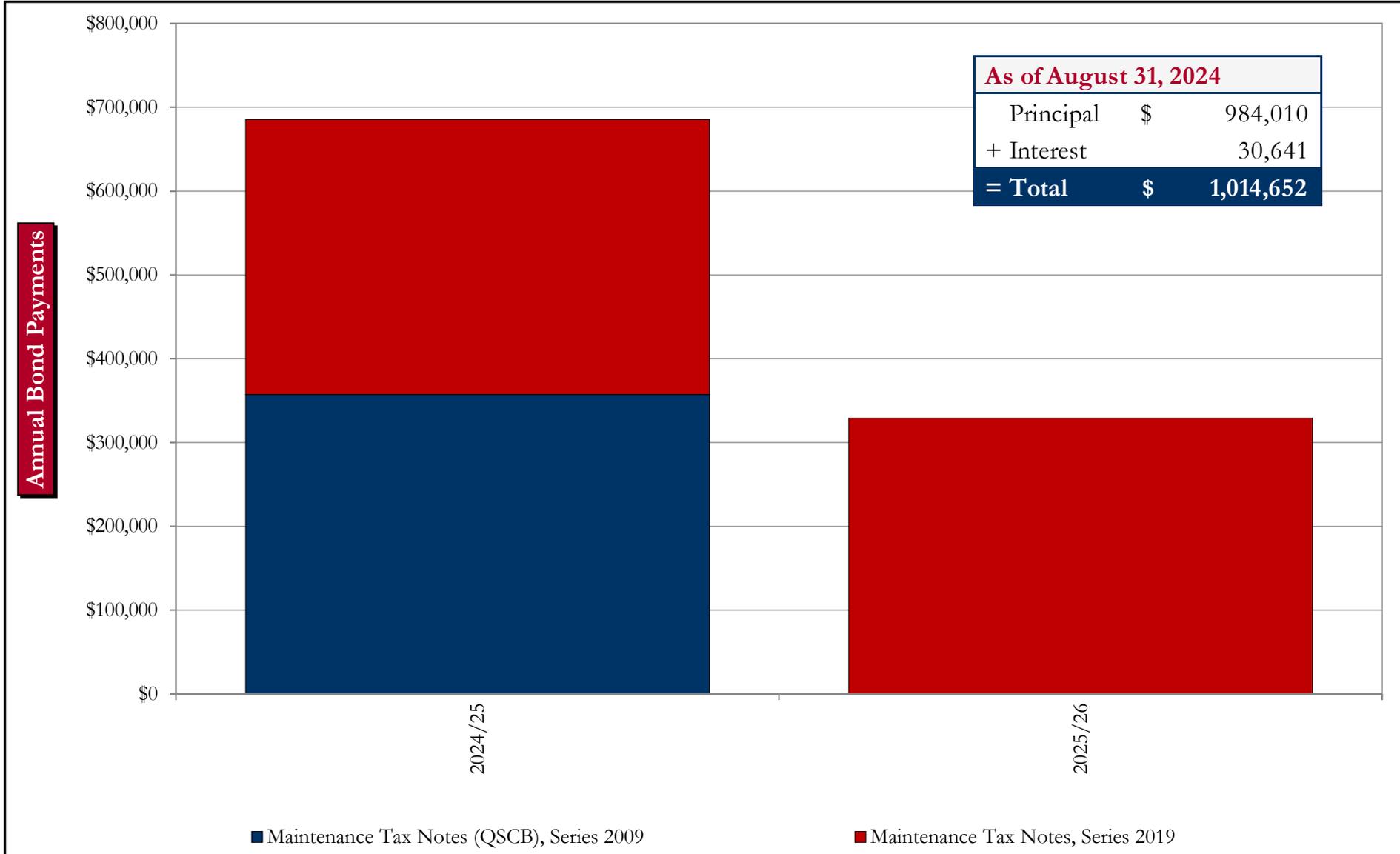


# ☑ Summary of Unlimited Tax Debt Outstanding By Series – As of Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2024

No.	Issue Description	Purpose	Original Principal Amount	Outstanding Principal	Total Outstanding Debt Service	Outstanding Principal Per Capita	Outstanding Debt Service Per Capita	Final Maturity Date	Total Proceeds Received	Spent Proceeds	Unspent Proceeds
1	Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2014	Refunding at a lower interest rate, etc.	\$14,590,000.00	\$6,250,000.00	\$7,453,890.69	\$503.71	\$600.73	02/01/2034	\$15,316,606.15	\$15,316,606.15	\$0.00
2	Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2015A	Improvements to School Building and Buses	\$8,650,000.00	\$5,950,000.00	\$7,994,175.00	\$479.53	\$644.28	08/01/2038	\$9,911,037.20	\$9,911,037.20	\$0.00
3	Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016	Refunding at a lower interest rate, etc.	\$3,915,000.00	\$3,915,000.00	\$5,884,300.00	\$315.52	\$486.86	08/01/2039	\$4,552,753.50	\$4,552,753.50	\$0.00
4	Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024	Improvements to School Building and Security	\$48,170,000.00	\$48,170,000.00	\$84,120,500.00	\$3,882.17	\$6,779.54	08/01/2049	\$51,116,743.35	\$516,743.35	\$50,600,000.00



# ☑ Maintenance Tax Notes Debt Service By Series

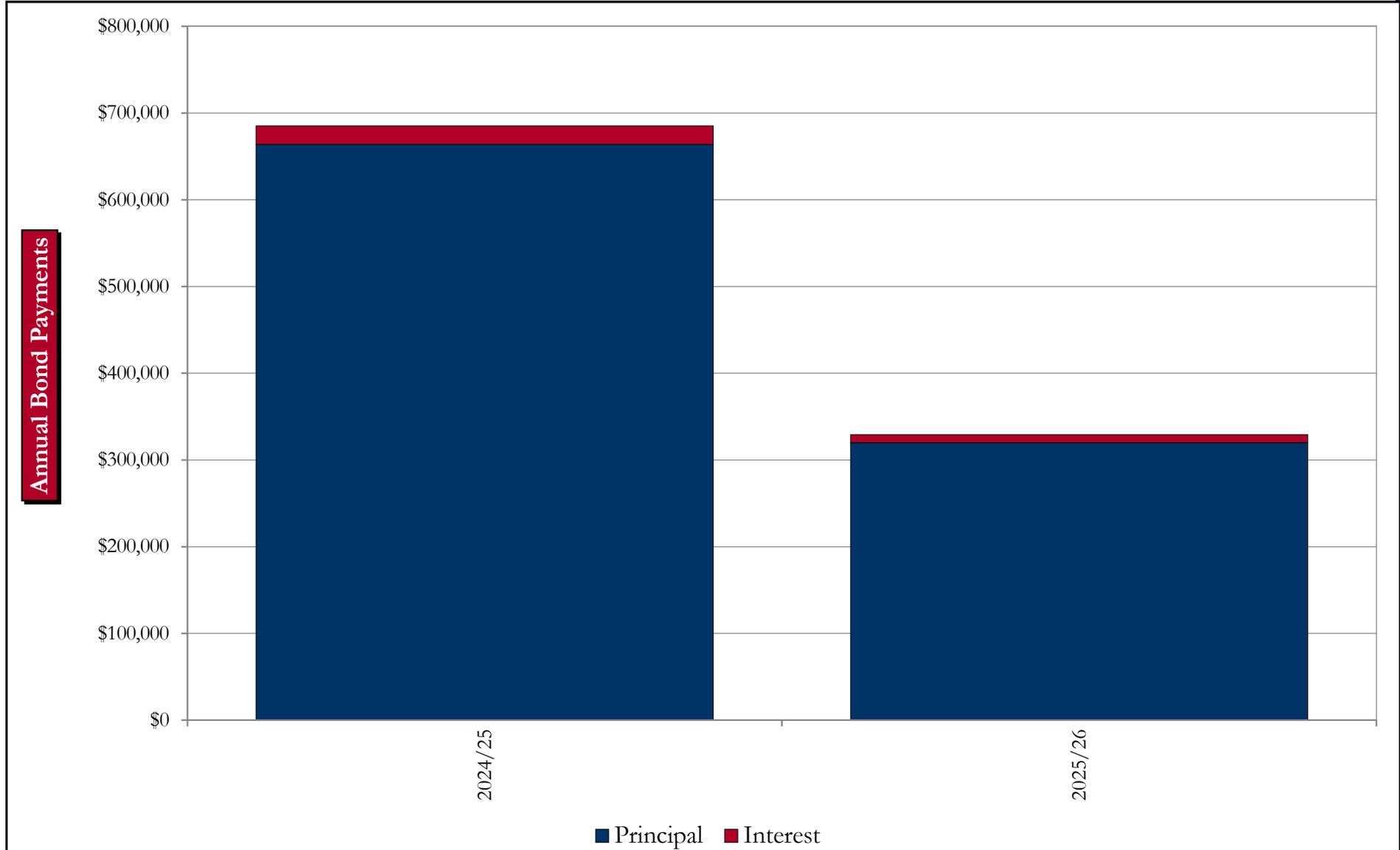


As of August 31, 2024		
Principal	\$	984,010
+ Interest		30,641
<b>= Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,014,652</b>

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# ☑ Maintenance Tax Notes Debt Service By Principal and Interest



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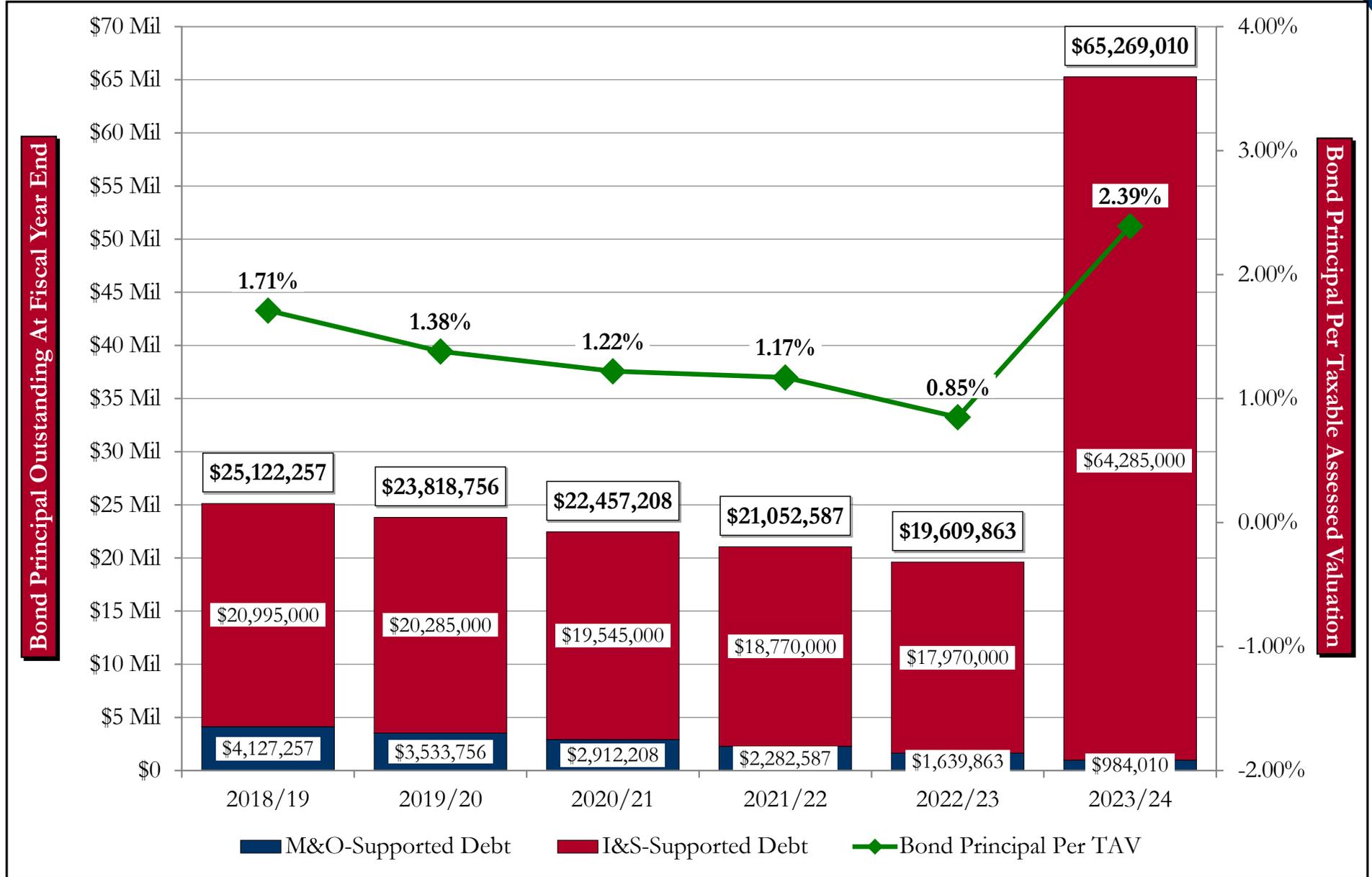


# ☑ Summary of Maintenance Tax Debt Outstanding – As of Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2024

No.	Issue Description	Purpose	Original Principal Amount	Outstanding Principal	Total Outstanding Debt Service	Outstanding Principal Per Capita	Outstanding Debt Service Per Capita	Final Maturity Date	Total Proceeds Received	Spent Proceeds	Unspent Proceeds
1	Maintenance Tax Notes (Qualified School Construction Bonds), Series 2009	Maintenance & Equipment	\$5,000,000.00	\$354,010.46	\$357,196.55	\$28.53	\$28.79	09/15/2024	\$5,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$0.00
2	Maintenance Tax Notes, Series 2019	Maintenance & Equipment	\$2,050,000.00	\$630,000.00	\$657,455.00	\$50.77	\$52.99	08/01/2026	\$2,050,000.00	\$2,050,000.00	\$0.00



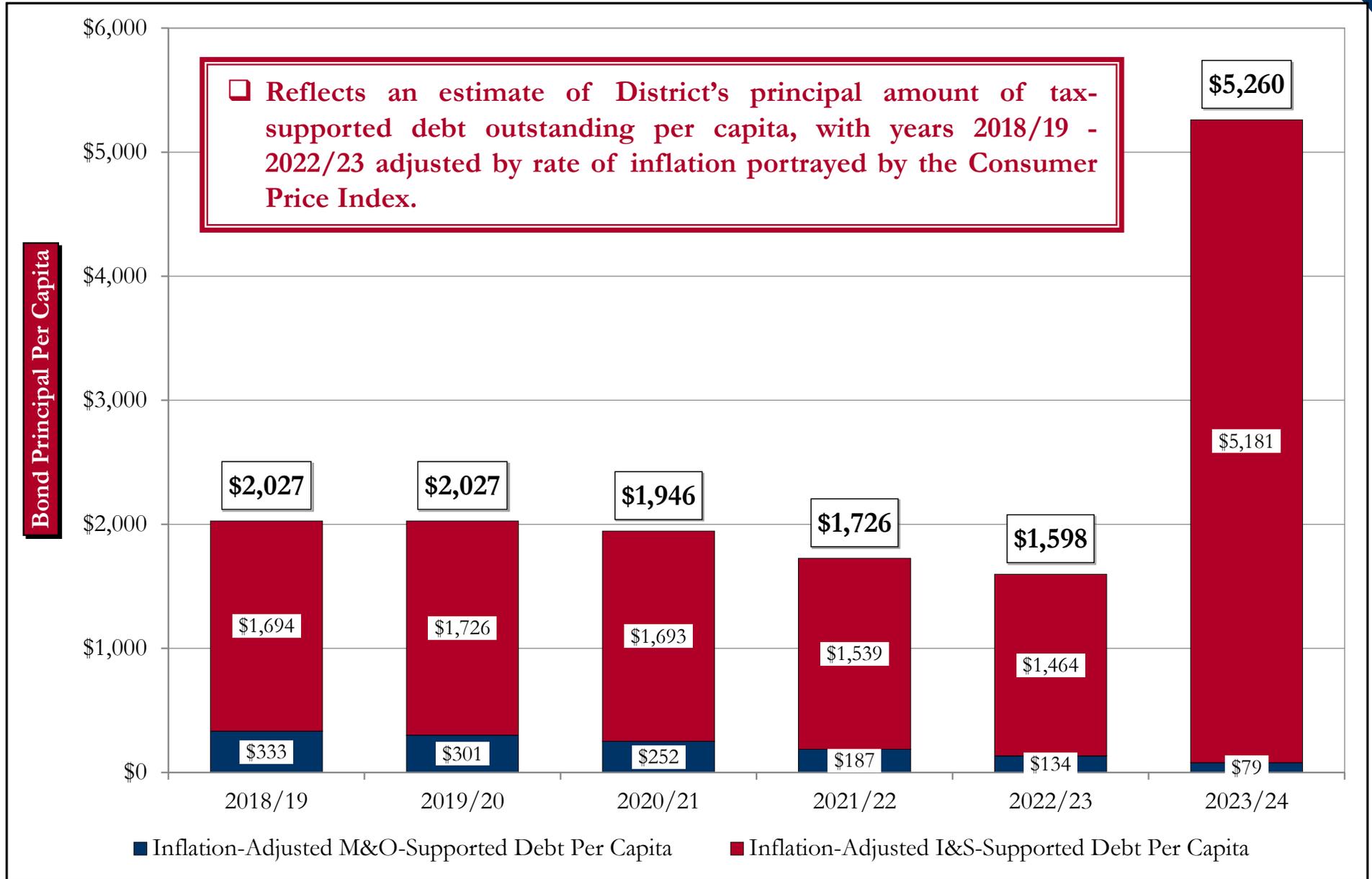
# Tax-Supported Debt Obligations At Fiscal Year End and As a Percentage of Taxable Assessed Valuation



Source: District's Audited Financial Statements, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts - Property Tax Assistance Division and District records.

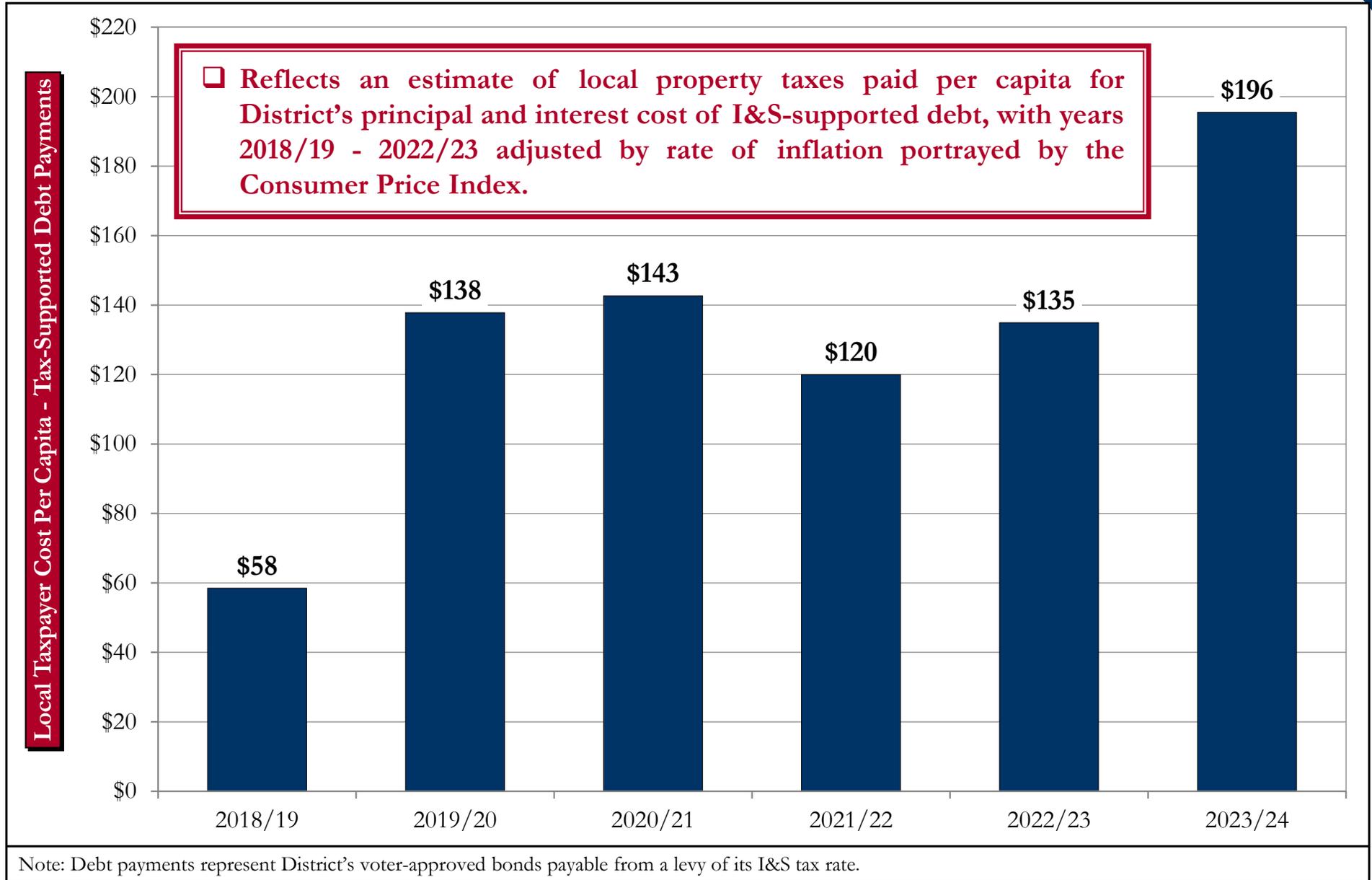


# Inflation-Adjusted Tax-Supported Debt Per Capita





# Inflation-Adjusted Tax-Supported Debt Cost Per Capita – Principal and Interest In Each of the Last 5 Years





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### Links to Additional Resources:

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