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Buffalo Public Schools 2026– 2027 Budget Priorities

1. *We support the Governor's proposal for UPK*

2. *Health Services Grant*

Current Grant is \$5.3 million. We request an increase of \$6 million. The grant has remained stagnant for at least 10 years while the nursing contract costs have dramatically escalated. We supplement the funding for the program through the General Fund.

3. *Smart School Bond Act*

Establish an additional Fund. This fund has provided critical financial assistance for essential student devices. Request for an additional \$10 million.

4. *SPED/ELL Financial Assistance*

Review Foundation Aide formula for additional weighting. While total enrollments have not grown the needs of the student population have increased dramatically.

5. *Social Workers, Guidance Counselors and School Psychologists*

An additional \$3 million in funding to offset the loss of ARP/ESSER funds.

6. Charter School Issues:

	<i>District Enrollment K- 12</i>	<i>Charter Enrollment</i>	<i>Charter Tuition Expenditures</i>
FY 20-21	29,613	9,749	135,178,018
FY 21-22	28,504	10,021	141,618,546
FY 22-23	27,776	10,322	148,185,100
FY 23-24	27,495	10,533	158,918,700
FY 24-25	27,762	10,775	168,473,942
FY 25-26 (initial BEDS day)	27,762	11,000	188,740,000

Charter enrollments represent approximately 28% of the total Buffalo school age children. The large increase in 25-26 tuitions includes an estimated \$11 million increase in SPED tuitions. Requests include a moratorium on new Charters, independent receiver for closed Charter Schools, changes to the current intercept process and allowing "Reverse Intercept" to the district. Two recent examples, Charters grabbing of district IDEA monies and refusal to pay year end reconciliations.