



Doland School District Opt-Out Meeting

June 2, 2025



School Finance 101

Capital Outlay

Capital Outlay funds can be used for “buildings and busses”, tangible items.

- Capital Outlay fund is in good condition
- 45% of Capital Outlay funds, yearly, can be transferred to the General Fund. This severely diminishes the fund however.

General Fund

General Fund is used for salaries, utilities, and program fees.

- This is where the school board is considering an opt-out.

General Fund Issues

- The state funding formula is designed around student enrollment.
 - Less students = less money
- This past legislative session, a 1.25% increase in the funding formula was made. This increase does not keep up with the rising costs of utilities, insurance, supplies, etc.
 - 2025 - 1.25%
 - 2024 - 4%
 - 2023 - 7%
 - 2022 - 6%
- The past two years, the Doland School Board has approved a transfer of funds from the Capital Outlay fund to the General Fund.
 - This is not sustainable
 - Only 45% of the money received in the Capital Outlay fund, per year, can be transferred to the General Fund.
 - Doing so, significantly reduces the amount of funds in Capital Outlay and will eventually lead to a lack of funds for building maintenance, vehicle/bus purchases, etc.

What will the Opt-Out money be used for?

- General Fund expenditures
 - Teacher/Staff Salaries & Benefits
 - Yearly curriculum and textbook purchases (subscription, not long term)
 - Utilities
 - Insurance
- The Opt-Out will also allow the Capital Outlay fund to be restored so proper building maintenance can occur
 - Replace Elementary/Gym roof
 - Continue upgrading vehicle fleet
 - Safe/Reliable busses
- Provides a level of financial stability and certainty for the next 10 years



How common is an Opt-Out?

- In the payable year 2024, 62 out of 148 public districts had an Opt-Out in place
 - Faulkton - \$400,000
 - Groton - passed a \$1.25M/year resolution in April 2024
 - Hitchcock-Tulare - \$450,000
 - Iroquois - \$300,000
 - Langford - passed a \$575,000/year resolution in March 2025