

**June 2026 Election  
Alameda County  
Board of Education Trustee**

**Dr Joseph “Doc” Grcar**



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Alyse Castro, Superintendent

1. 3 Tiers of Oversight
2. Problems at Alameda School Districts
3. Problems at Alameda Board of Education



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# Tiers of Budget\* Oversight

Tier 1. California Department of Education

Tier 2. County Office of Education (COE)

Tier 3. School District (LEA)

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*COEs and LEAs must certify whether they can meet obligations\* for 3 years*

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**Positive certification = will meet**

**Qualified certification = maybe meet**

- Requires “stabilization plan”

**Negative certification = unable to meet**

- Higher tiers can force changes

# Problems at Alameda School Districts

Problems can be caused by

- **Bond** repayments
- **Excess staff** funded by grants that were plentiful in the COVID plandemic

Trustee Area 7

## Negative Certification

- Pleasanton USD

Area 7

Area 5

Area 6

Area 1, 2, 3

## Qualified Certification

- Dublin USD
- Hayward USD
- Newark USD
- Oakland USD

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# Negative certification: Pleasanton Unified slides into worse deficit, but admin hopeful budget can turn around

*'We do believe that through vigilance in our spending ... we can improve the ending fund balance'*



by **Christian Trujano**

March 18, 2026 2:31 pm



# Problems at Alameda COE?

Watch the Board adopt the 2025-2026 budget.

[https://acoe.org/54394\\_2#videos](https://acoe.org/54394_2#videos)

## Meeting Videos

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Board of Education    Facilities Committee    Policy & Legislation Cmmte

Program & Agency Budget Cmmte    Ad Hoc Committees

2025 ▾		Action	Date	Event title
All Months		Open	Jun 10th	<b>June 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting</b>
Jan	Feb	Mar		
Apr	May	Jun		
Jul	Aug	Sep		
Oct	Nov	Dec		



Timeline	
<b>Local Control and Accountability Plans</b>	
00:24:02	<a href="#">General Items</a>
00:55:11	<a href="#">Charter Items</a>
01:33:26	<a href="#">Budget Committee</a>
01:35:58	<b><a href="#">2025-2026 Budget</a></b>
02:01:39	<a href="#">Policy &amp; Legislation Committee</a>
02:16:20	<a href="#">American Indian Public School II</a>

**June 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting**  
Tuesday, June 10, 2025



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“This presentation tonight is going to be slightly unusual in that the discussion of the budget committee convinced us that we should work on a little more depth of understanding as we went through our budget presentation tonight.

“I am going to step in to co-present in a couple of the areas tonight.



Alysse Castro

County Superintendent of Schools

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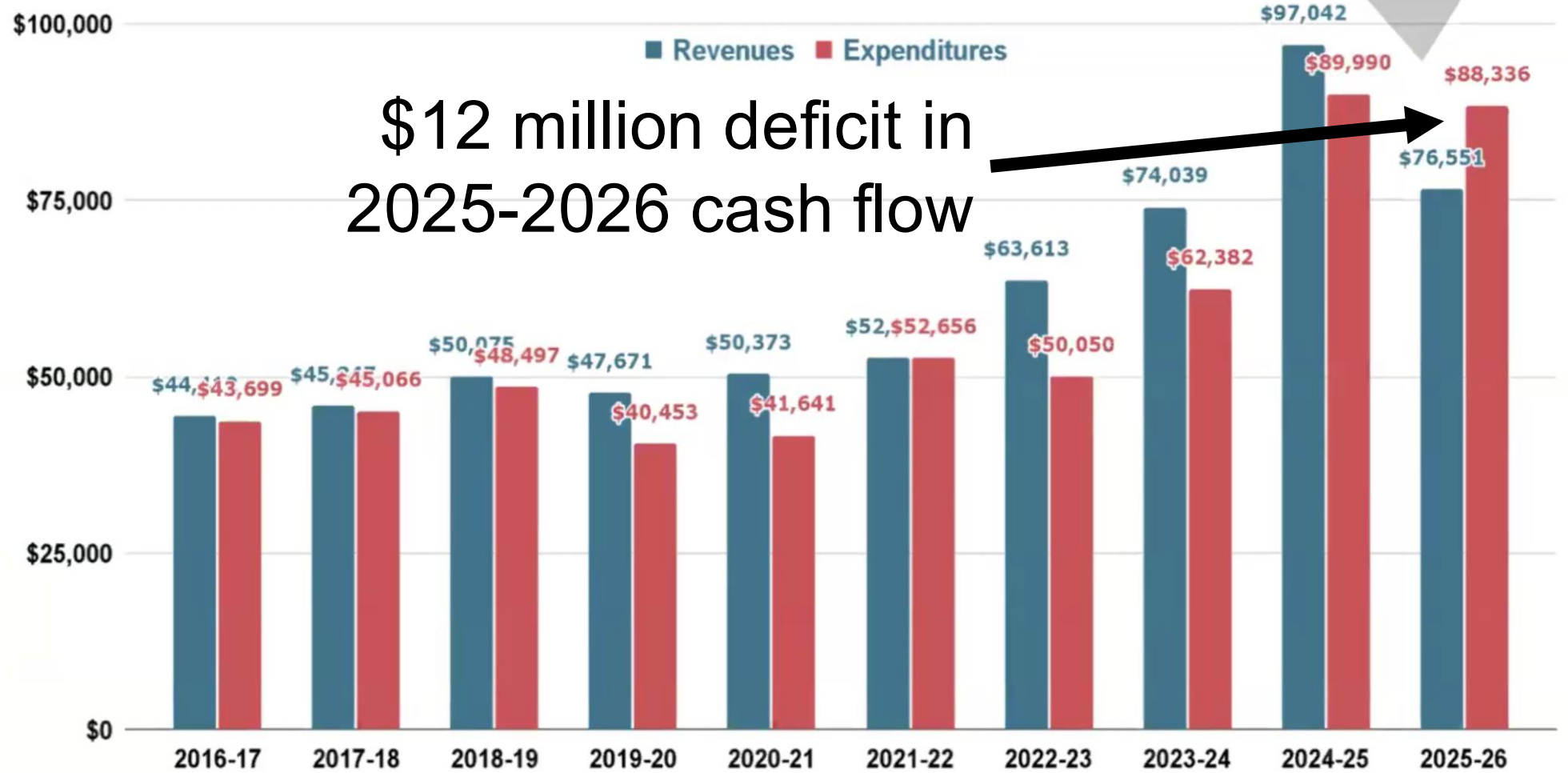
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# Revenues & Expenditures

10 Year History (in thousands)

Positive growth in the overall budget (Revenues and Expenditures)



\$12 million deficit in 2025-2026 cash flow



# Reserves for One-Time Uses

## Fund Balance Assignments



Reserves and Assignments for One-Time Uses	June 2025
25% Board Reserve Policy	\$21,991,635.00
Unbudgeted or Unplanned Costs	\$12,512,460.00
Budgeted or Upcoming Planned Costs	\$16,956,067.00
Unassigned Reserves	\$0.00
Total Reserves and Assignments	\$51,460,162.00

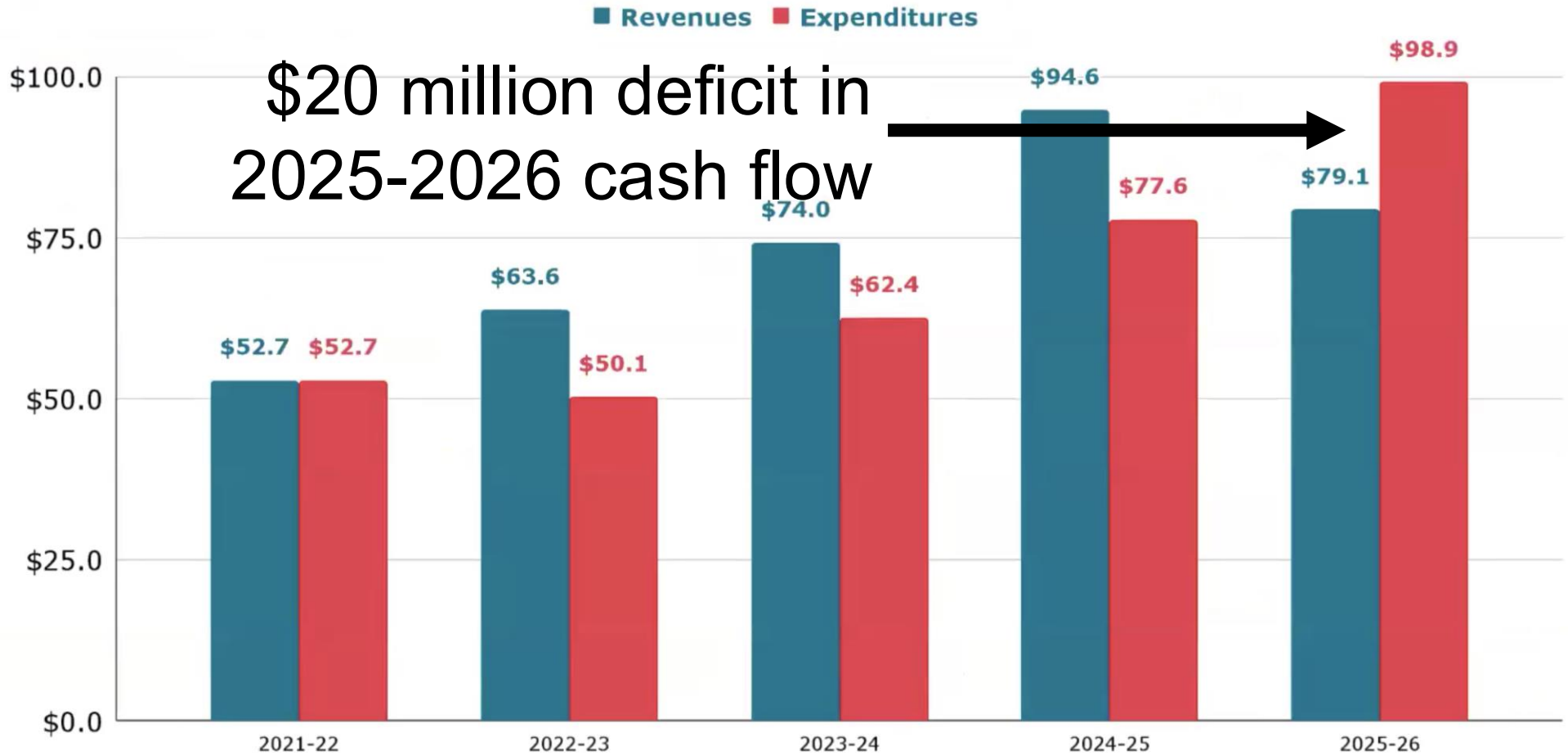


Mar 2026

9 months later!

# Revenues & Expenditures

5 Year History (in millions)



# Reserves and Assignments Over Time

Combined General Fund



Reserves and Assignments	Detail	June 2025	June 2026	June 2027	June 2028
25% Board Reserve Policy		\$21,991,635	\$21,948,852	\$21,886,234	\$20,973,922
Reserves for Unbudgeted or Unplanned Costs	Compensated Absences	\$1,497,926	\$1,497,926	\$1,497,926	\$1,497,926
	Facilities Master Plan	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000
	Disaster Response Contingency	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
	Other Post Employment Benefit	\$1,479,533	\$1,479,533	\$1,479,533	\$1,479,533
	Revolving Cash	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
Reserves for Planned Expenditures	SPaS Program Stability	\$3,397,211	\$2,647,211	\$2,147,211	\$1,147,211
	Support Programs	\$3,610,131	\$2,458,857	\$2,458,857	\$2,458,857
	Vehicle & IT Equipment Replacement	\$2,200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
	Growth in unassigned reserves over time	\$7,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$0	\$0
Unassigned Reserves		\$0	\$2,875,157	\$4,935,839	\$7,573,087
Restricted Grants		\$19,930,653	\$13,736,984	\$6,105,733	\$3,821,285
Total Reserves and Assignments		\$71,390,815	\$59,879,520	\$50,246,333	\$48,686,821



Very rare divided  
vote to pass the  
deficit-budget.

NO

\*Retiring

\*\*Up for election

1\*

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Joaquín  
Rivera



Janevette  
Cole



Eileen  
McDonald

2

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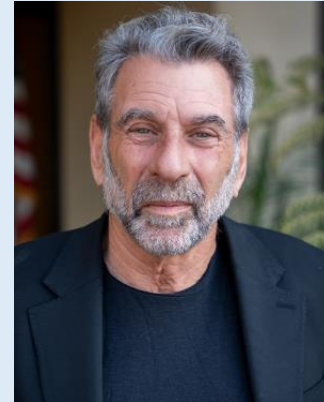
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yes



Angela  
Normand



Ken  
Berrick



Aisha  
Knowles



Cheryl  
Cook-Kallio

# ACOOE Expenditures

\$90,000,000  
\$80,000,000  
\$70,000,000  
\$60,000,000  
\$50,000,000  
\$40,000,000  
\$30,000,000  
\$20,000,000  
\$10,000,000  
\$0



Court Schools

Oversight of school districts

Discretionary Bloat

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