



UPDATE ON PPS FINANCES

PPS recently filed its financial statement for the fiscal year ending in 2023. Our analysis shows while district leaders say there's no money when educators demand funds go to directly meet student needs, they continue to increase spending for administration, and have millions left over year after year.

Consistent with previous years spending patterns, in 2023:

- PPS forecasted a shortfall like previous years, made classroom staff cuts, but had \$7 million left over. PPS grew its General Fund Ending balance from \$99 to \$106 million.
- PPS decreased spending on instruction while increasing central office spending by 13% and business spending by 19%.
- PPS increased salaries for central office and administration (managers) while instruction related salaries (teachers, counselors, paraeducators) stagnated.
- PPS spent \$27 million more on outside contracts in 2023.



Alisha Chavez, Atkinson Elementary

“PPS spending for 2023 is just more of the same. There's always money for admin, but not enough for what our students need.

Our strike won much-needed pay increases for educators and resources for students and schools. Now, we need to push PPS to shift its budget priorities. There must not be cuts to classrooms or schools.

We must stand with our union co-workers in their fight for a fair contract, including paraeducators, education and school assistants, nutrition service workers, and custodians in SEIU 503, PFSP and DCU.

More info on PPS finances at <https://bit.ly/ppsauditupdate>