

2023–24 Budget Highlights

- Funded a four percent raise for all teachers, nurses and librarians at the midpoint of each respective pay scale, establishing starting salary of \$61,000.
- Increased or created stipends for bilingual teachers and certain special education positions.
- Funded a three percent raise at the midpoint for each respective pay grade along with market adjustments for all other employees.
- Funded an Employee Retention Payment of \$750 to all qualified full-time employees and \$375 to all qualified half-time employees.
- Added additional staff to support the increased enrollment in special education programs along with additional funds for needed supplies and contract services.
- Funded increases in property, liability, vehicle and workers' compensation insurance.
- Funded increases in District utilities.
- Added two additional drivers, a routing coordinator and a mechanic for Transportation to support the increase in students utilizing District transportation.
- Added an additional assistant principal at Stowe Elementary due to enrollment.
- Increased funds for fine arts program to provide supplies, uniforms and transportation to events.
- Funded software license increases for bilingual and ESL teachers.
- Provided funds for middle school equipment, supplies and uniforms.
- Funded two door monitors for added security at Haltom High School.
- Funded a number of one-time requests for facility needs such as classroom and library furniture, flooring repairs, plumbing support and preventative maintenance, window and roof ventilation repairs, fencing needs, and parking light pole inspections.