

## **Financial Services**

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## Departmental Budget Development – Start, Stop and Continue

New for the 2023-24 budget development process, the district replaced the former Budgeting for Outcomes (BFO) process with a new Stop, Start, Continue (SSC) budgeting framework. The new process aligns to Jeffco Thrives 2025 and asks each department to narrate the substantive shifts that they are making on a year-over-year basis. This process helped facilitate numerous budget reductions that were essential to closing the gap between revenue and expense for the upcoming year. Their efforts supported a net reduction of \$7.9 M in the general fund, or 2.3% year over year.

<b>\$</b> in thousands Departmental General Fund Budget	Budget FY 2022-23		Reductions FY 2023-24		YoY Percent Change
Operational Support	\$	124,547	\$	(2,707)	-2.2%
Instructional/School Support	\$	202,547	\$	(5,167)	-2.6%
*Non-SBB Schools	\$	9,646	\$	-	0.0%
Departmental Total	\$	336,741	\$	(7,874)	-2.3%

<sup>\*</sup>Includes OEL, CLC, Mt. View, and Free Horizon

The Stop, Start, Continue budget forms collects the rationale behind budgetary changes in each of the respective sections below.

 Stops include activities or staffed positions that a department will stop doing for next year; departments explain the rationale for why the activity can or should be stopped. This includes activities and/or personnel where dollars tied to the activity will be re-purposed towards a new activity or staff position.

School consolidations through the Regional Opportunities for Thriving Schools (ROFTS) initiative facilitated a substantial portion of the reduced budgeted expenses for electricity, water/sewer usage, facility maintenance, custodial services, student services and school supports.

• **Starts** include new activities that a department proposes to do in response to districtwide priorities and analysis of outcomes data.

A few key district initiatives were prioritized for expansion such as increasing PreKindergarten programming, building a new Human Resources partner network, adding capacity for our parent engagement and expanding capacity to capital financial planning and accounting.

• Continue, with evaluation include two key types of activities: 1) those positions or programs that will continue but require a new funding source, and 2) activities that are under review for future potential changes that may be necessary in a future budget year.

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