

How Are Schools Funded?

Expense Variables and Trends

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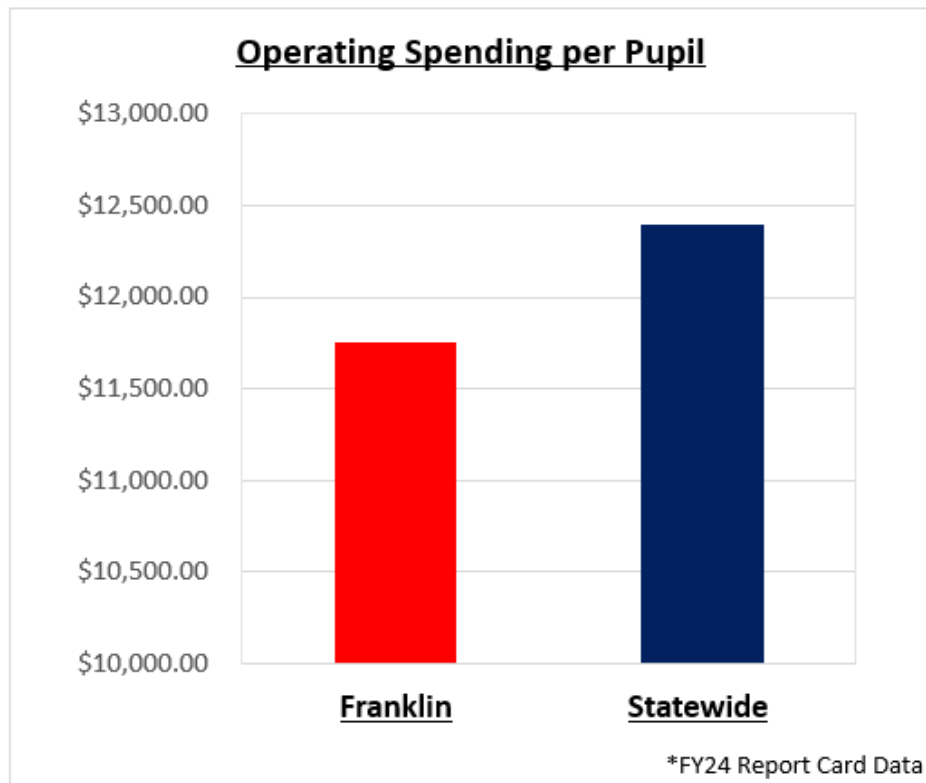


School Funding – Operating Spending per Pupil

Franklin City Schools spends approximately 5% less per pupil than the State average. The district also has a higher performance index while spending less than the State average.

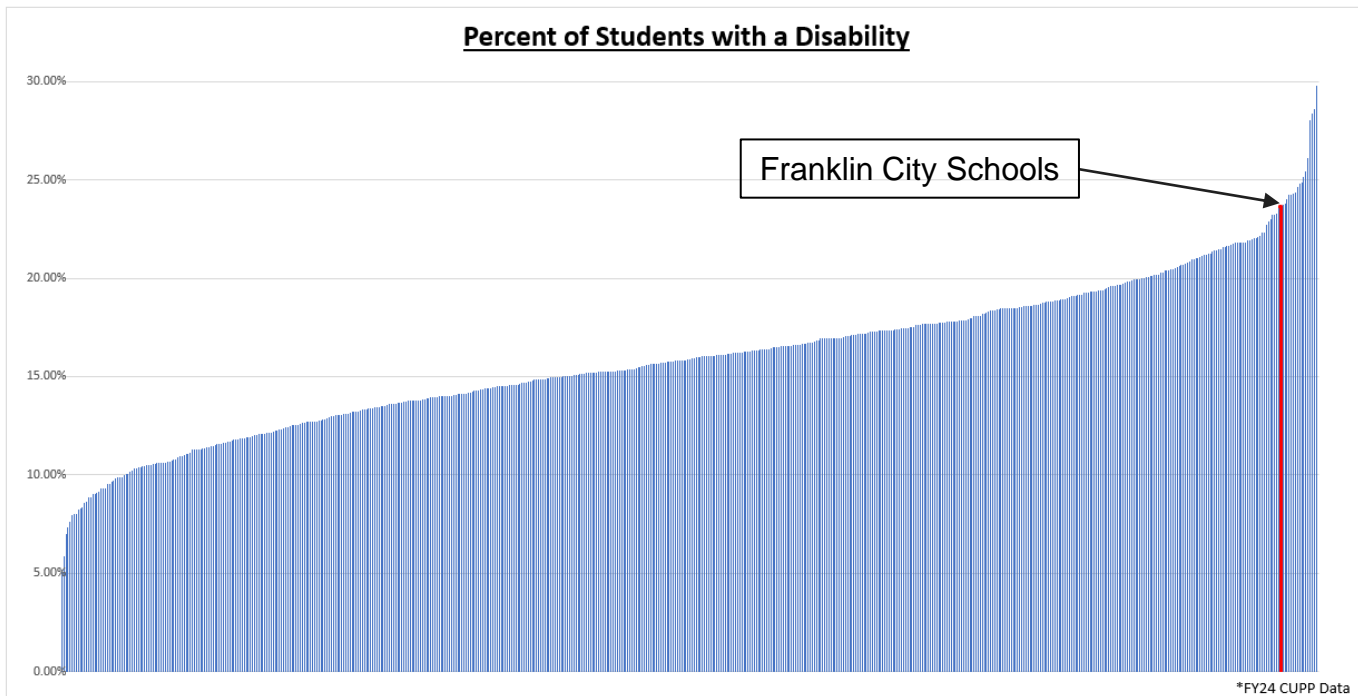
If Franklin City Schools spent similarly to the State it would be an additional \$1,628,814 annually.

It is important to understand that all districts are not created equal. What makes a district and community unique impacts costs.





Expense Variables – Special Education



Franklin City Schools has a significantly higher percentage of Students with a Disability. FCS has the 18th highest percentage in Ohio (606 reported districts). FCS is in the top 3% of all districts.



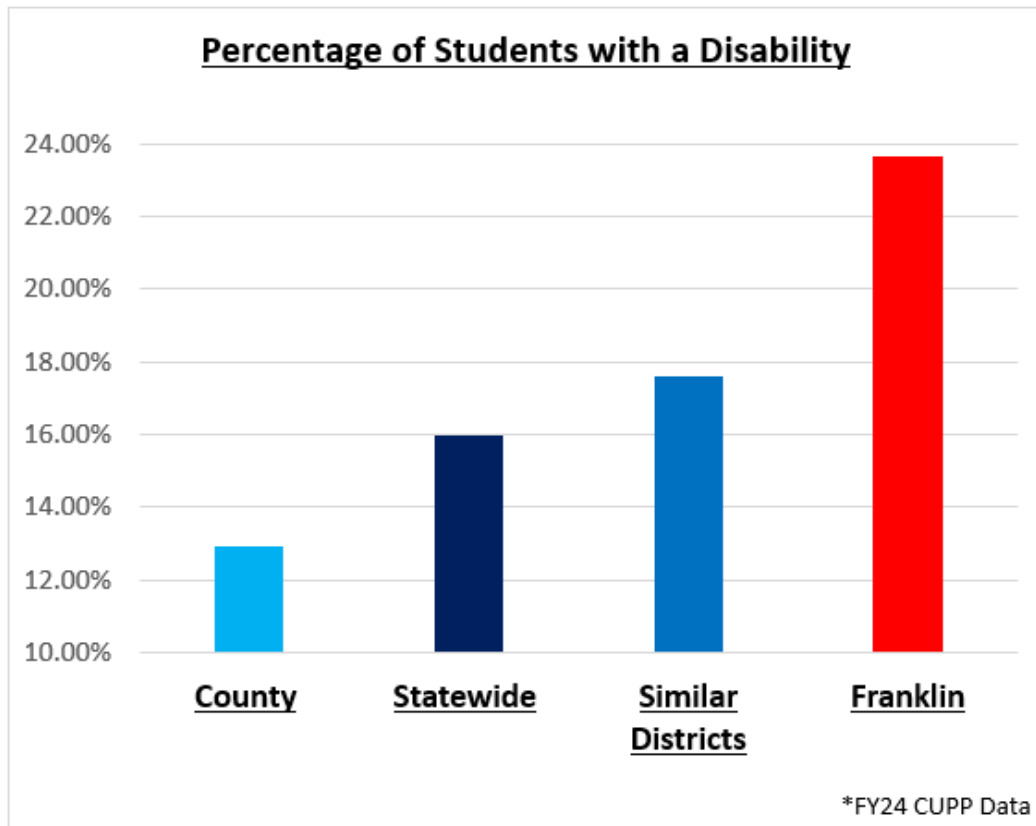


Expense Variables – Special Education

Franklin City Schools has a much higher percentage of Students with a Disability compared to Similar Districts, County and the State.

Students with a Disability have higher general operating costs because of additional services/staffing.

For this reason, and others about our demographics, our Per Pupil Spending comparison to the County and Similar Districts are not the best comparison.



*FY24 CUPP Data



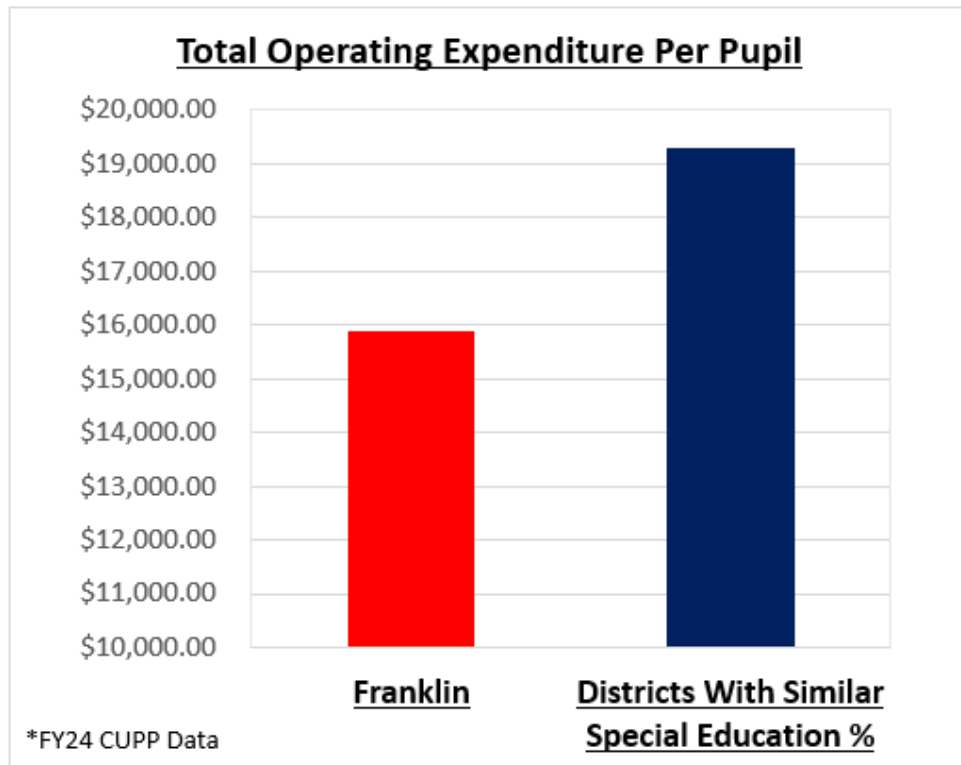


Expense Variables – Special Education

Franklin City Schools spends \$3,395.85 or 21% less per student than districts with a similar percentage of Students with a Disability.

If we spent at a similar rate, Franklin City Schools would spend an additional \$8,803,795 annually.

This calculation is based on the 10 districts above and the 10 districts below Franklin City Schools on the CUPP report for the percentage of Students with a Disability . Their average percentage of Students with a Disability is just below Franklin's percentage.





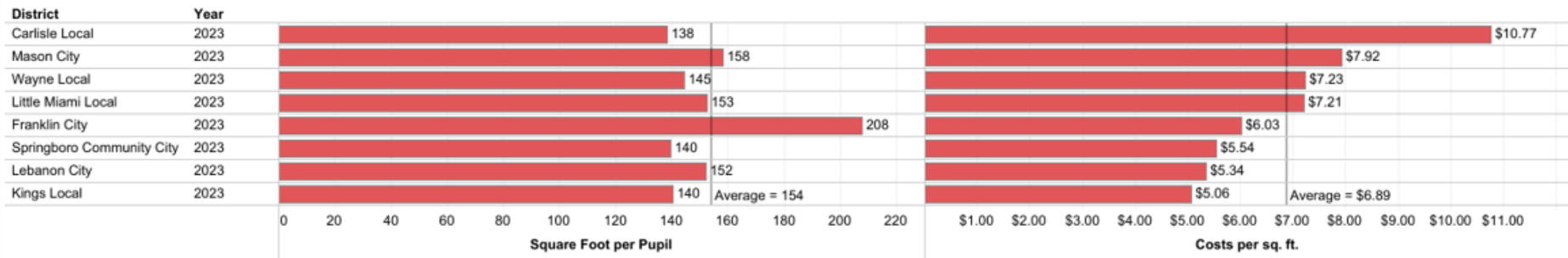
Expense Variables – Buildings

Square Footage Comparison

District(s): All

Year(s): 2023

Source: ODE Fiscal Benchmark Report



Prior to FY25 (Current Year), Franklin had 42% more square footage per pupil but spent 14% less than the average per square foot compared to the rest of Warren County.

Although FCS spends less than the average per square foot, we spend the second most per pupil because of the amount of buildings.

The previous configuration of Local community elementary buildings requires greater maintenance costs and increased staffing, both maintenance and teaching staff.

Buildings were consolidated in FY25.





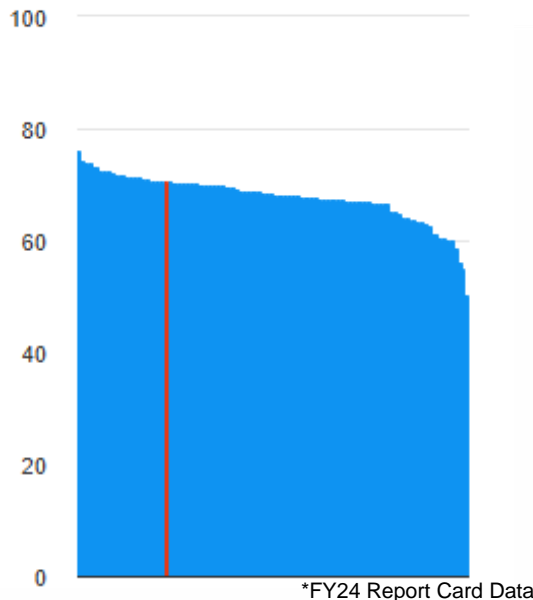
Expense Variables – Instructional Spending

What percent of funds are
spent on classroom
instruction?

70.8%

How does this district rank
in comparison to other
districts of similar size?

24 out of 104



Franklin City Schools spends a greater percentage on classroom instruction than its peers.

The State Average is 66.4% for FY24. Franklin City Schools is #92 out of 607 reported school districts. That puts the district just outside the top 15% in the State and top 25% of similar sized schools.



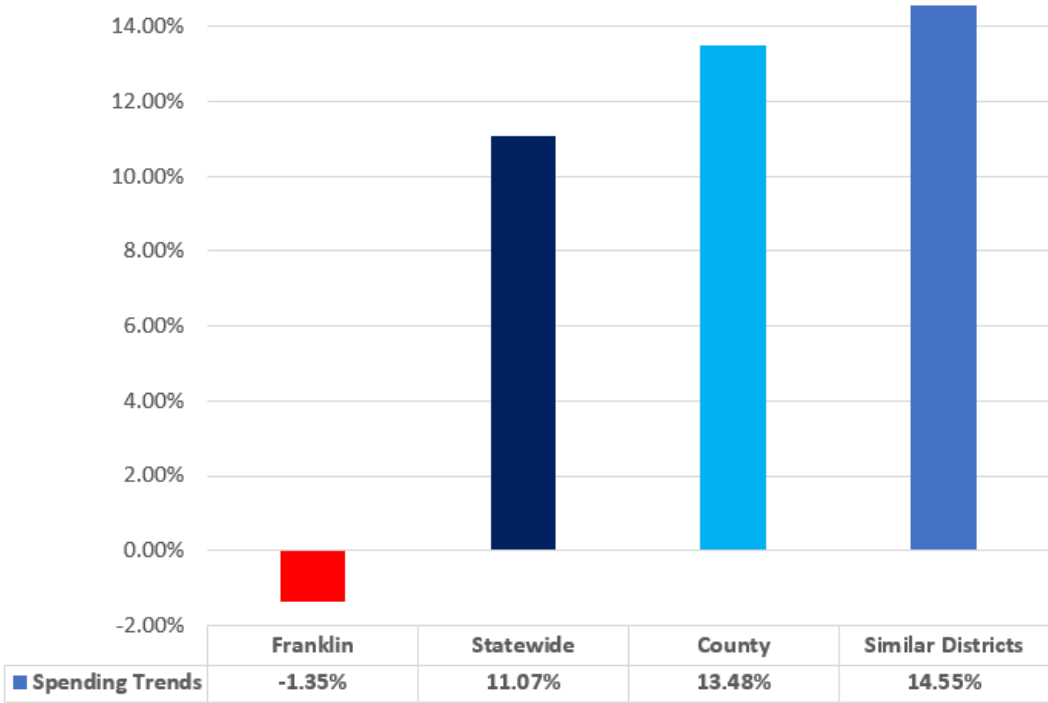


Operating Expenses - Trends

Franklin City Schools has decreased Total Operating Per Pupil expenses over the last two years. This is not similar to other districts.

Over the last three fiscal years, Franklin City Schools has proactively cut expenses to make the current revenue levels and projections last as long as possible.

Total Operating Expenditure Per Pupil % Change - FY22 to FY24



*FY22 - FY24 CUPP Data





Questions?

