

Southern Huntingdon County School District Fact Sheet

Key Drivers for Consolidation:

1. Declining enrollment
2. Budget Constraints
3. Building infrastructure issues



Past Information:

- **January 2019**, the SHCSD Board of Directors approved EI Associates to conduct a feasibility study for an elementary building renovation/building project. In accordance with the RFP, accepting the proposal for EI Associates would include the following services: 1. feasibility study; 2. architectural planning; 3. any other pre-construction services; 4. construction management; 5. cost estimating; 6. Engineering services; and other services the Board recommends.
- **March 2020** - COVID pandemic hit and delayed building project
- **August 2022** – Injunction was granted to ORJMA and the District is prohibited from adding any new sewer connection to the Authority's Sewerage Treatment System.
- **January 2023** – Spring Farms Oil Release, Spring Farm students were immediately relocated to the HS/MS building.

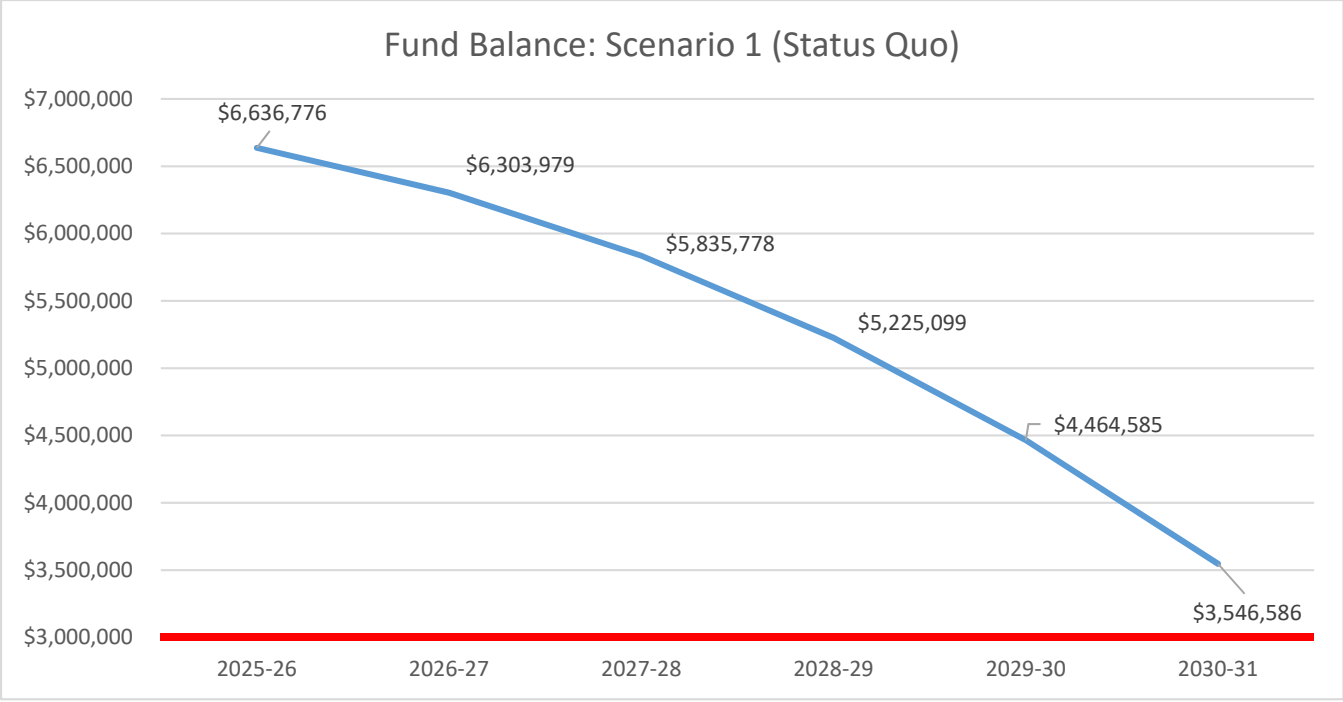
Present Information:

- Sewer lawsuit is ongoing and the District is still prohibited from adding any new sewer connection.
- Student capacity:
 - HS/MS PDE total student capacity 926, current enrollment 724 (includes Spring Farms students)
 - Rockhill PDE total student capacity 250, current enrollment 151
 - Shade Gap total student capacity 200, current enrollment 84
- Spring Farms Elementary Site has NOT been cleared by the DEP. The DEP has requested additional testing be completed.

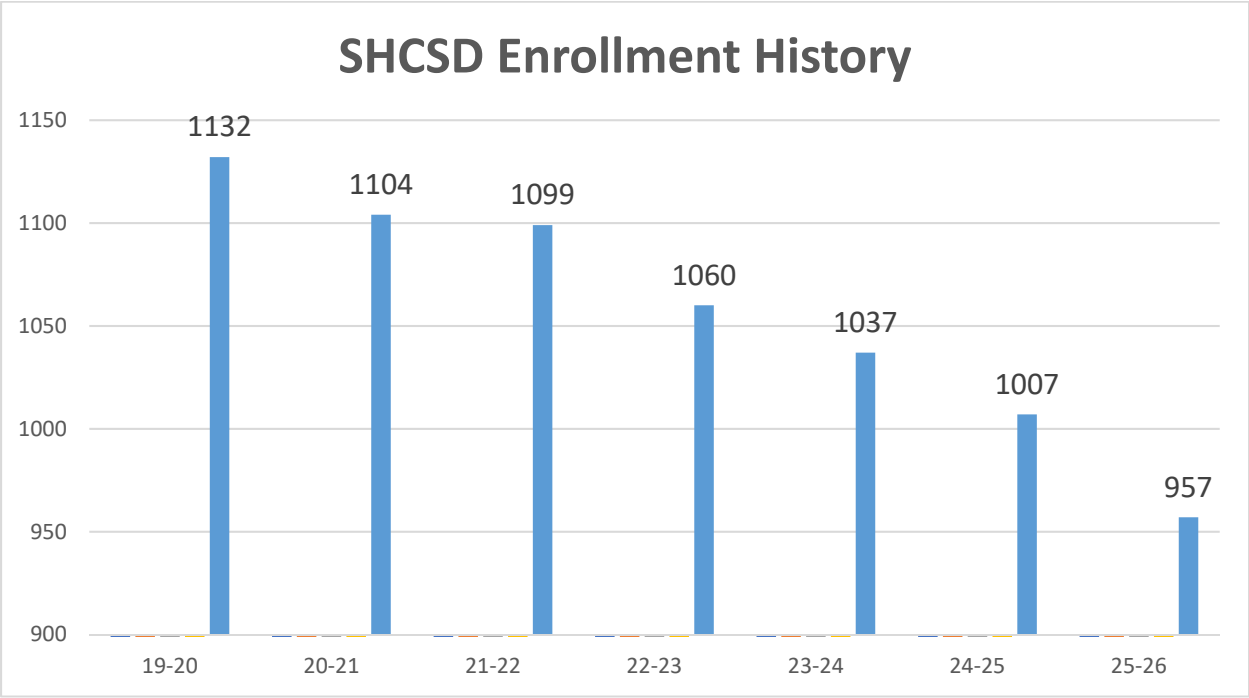
- District continues to experience declining enrollment.
- District is currently maintaining three stand-alone elementary buildings that need major upgrades.

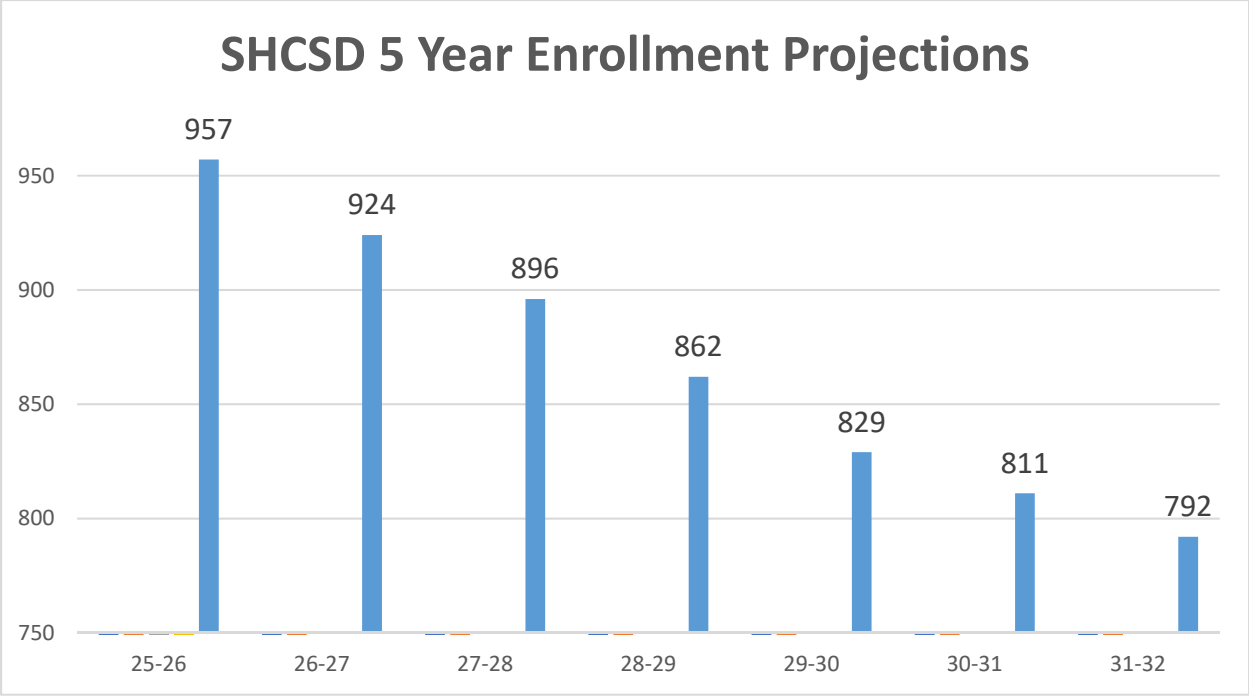
Current Financial Status of the District:

1. FY 2024-25: Fund balance decreased by **(\$180K)**
 - a. Current Fund Balance is \$6.6 million
 2. Expense Drivers:
 - a. Salaries –\$7.8 million annually (4.5% avg. annual increase)
 - b. Healthcare –\$5.7 million annually (12.5% avg. annual increase)
 - c. Charter Schools – \$1.1 million annually
 - i. 2025-26 Enrollment:
 1. Regular Education: 31 students, \$14,436.47/ student = \$447,531
 2. Special Education: 19 students, \$24,868.36/student = \$472,499
3. NO “rainy day” funds included in the FY 2025-26 budget as was in previous years
4. If the district continues on the current financial path and no cost saving measures are taken, the district’s fund balance will be drastically reduced over the next 5 years. (See graph below)



Enrollment Information:

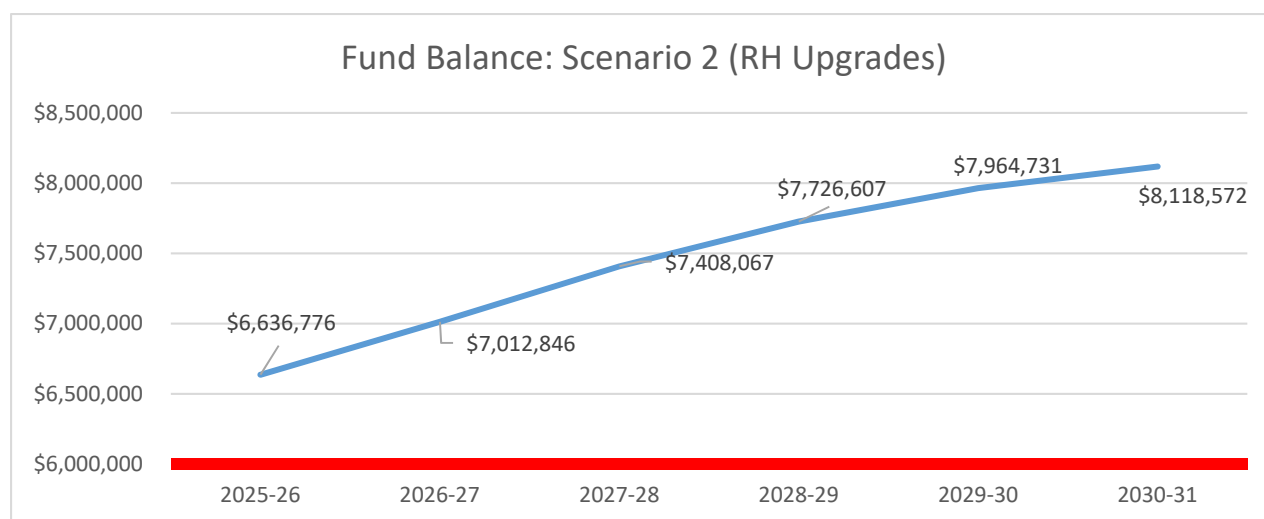




[Source: PDE](#)

Planning: Options to be Considered:

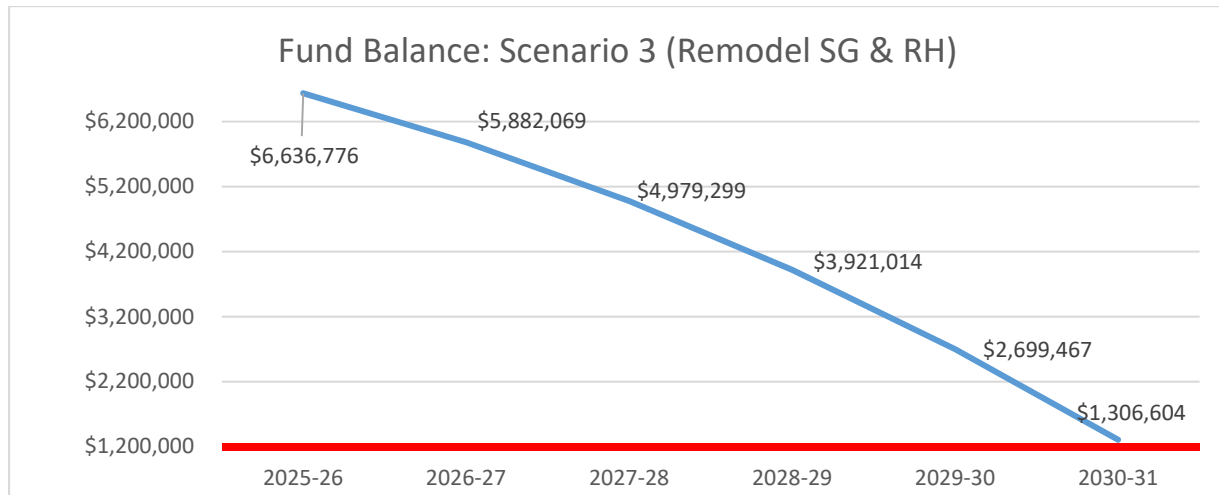
1. Adding elementary wing to HS/MS with cafeteria/gymnasium
(Proposed by Board of Directors)
 - a. Annual Operational Savings: \$842,500
 - b. Not feasible due to sewer injunction
2. Rockhill becomes a KG-2nd grade building, 3rd-5th grade will come to the HS/MS building, upgrades to RH and HS/MS will be performed **(Proposed by Board of Directors)**
 - a. Annual Operational Savings: \$842,500
 - b. Estimated cost of upgrades \$3.9 million



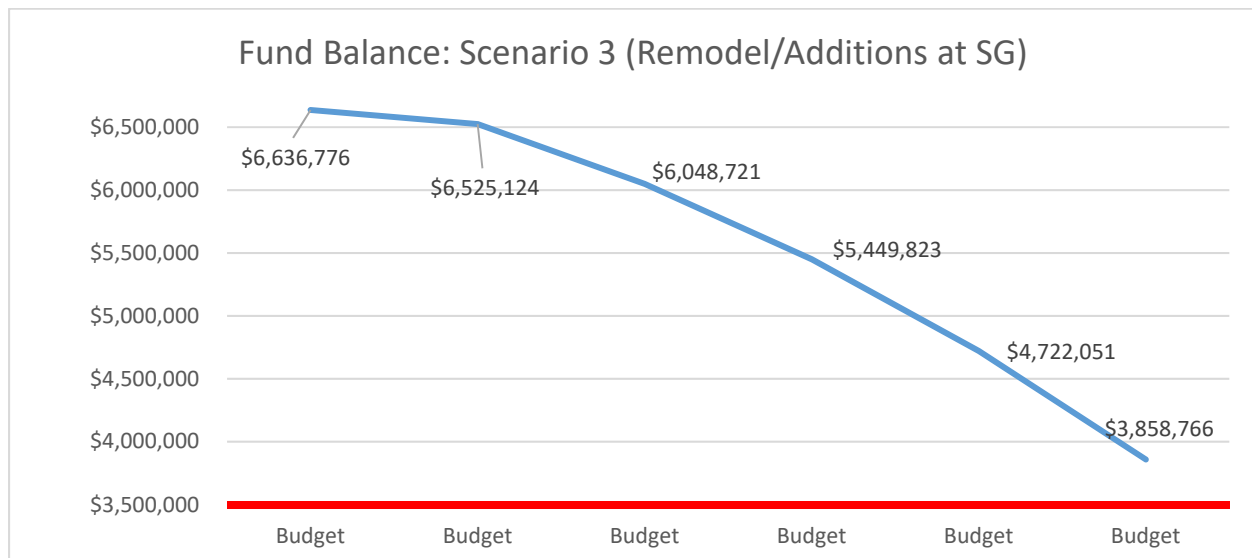
Key Factors in Selecting Rockhill Elementary for Upgrades:

1. Central Location
2. Size of building, no additions needed
3. Student capacity and class room capacity

3. Remodel SG & RH, realign the SG lines to capture more RH students, all SF students will move to RH **(Proposed by Public)**
 - a. Annual Operational Savings: \$75,000 (Close Spring Farms)
 - b. Estimated cost of upgrades \$7.2 million (SG & RH)



4. Remodel/additions SG to become a Kg-3rd grade building, 4th & 5th grades will move to the HS/MS building **(Proposed by Public)**
 - a. Annual Operational Savings: \$653,000 (Close RH & SF)
 - b. Estimated cost of upgrades \$6.0 million (SG Only)



5. Initial stages of investigating running sewer lines to Three Springs for an elementary wing at the HS/MS. Approval from Cromwell Township will be needed to do this.