The coming school year is about to start, the Skagit School District is looking at a budget for the 2022-23 school year. The budget includes a $45.6 million budget for the district, which includes a $3.5 million budget for the district's 2022-23 budget.

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For the 2022-23 school year, the district is estimating 2,387 students, a drop from 2,412 in 2021-22 school year. Enrollment has been declining here for years, but the largest drop came after the start of the COVID-19 pandemic when enrollment dropped to 2,813 in 2020-21 from 3,088 in 2019-20.

State funding is provided on a per-pupil basis.

An enrollment and other factors come into play when districts determine how much they will receive from the state budget. This is an important factor when making a budget advisory council made up of community members who meet and recommend where cuts should be made, Sullivan said. Other district stakeholders, including parents, can attend the annual meeting and learn more about how schools are funded, he said.