

**Yuma Elementary School District No. One  
Governing Board  
Public Hearing**

The Governing Board for Yuma Elementary School District No. One held a Public Hearing **July 8, 2025**, at **4:30 p.m.** in the District Office Board Room, 450 West Sixth Street, Yuma, Arizona

**Members Present:**        **Mr. Keith Ware, President; Mr. David Ibarra, Member; and Mr. Jeff Stoner, Member**

**Members Absent:**        **Mrs. Cori Rico, Member**

**Others Present:**        **Mr. Denis Ponder, Superintendent and other members of the District Administrative Staff**

President Keith Ware called the Public Hearing to order at **4:30 PM**. The purpose of the hearing was to present the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Budget Proposal. Mrs. Jamie Walden provided a brief overview of the proposed budget to both the community and the Governing Board. She noted that there were no changes from the previous Public Hearing and confirmed that all information remained the same, as outlined below.

- **ADM (Average Daily Membership)** – Enrollment is projected to decline by 1.5% for FY26, which will impact overall funding. Enrollment figures will be reevaluated after the first days of school.
- **Group B Funding** – Budget amounts remained unchanged, with allocations for special populations (ESS, ELL) held steady due to uncertainty about next year’s enrollment.
- **Impact M&O** – The budget decreases from \$82.7 million (FY25 Revision 3) to \$72.95 million, reflecting a reduction of \$9.78 million. This decline is attributed to the expiration of ESSER grants and rising costs in transportation, staffing, specialized ESS services, and maintenance.
- **DAA (Capital/District Additional Assistance)** – The budget is reduced by \$4.4 million. Key planned investments include:
  - Technology refresh (computers, iPads)
  - New buses and furniture
  - ESS classroom furnishings
  - Campus security cameras
  - Asphalt and flooring replacements
- **Total Budget** – Carryover funds will be finalized in October with the Annual Financial Report. The budget was set conservatively below the statutory limit, leaving reserves of \$1million for M&O and \$1.5 million for DAA for future years.

**Public Comments:** There were no comments or discussion. Board President, Mr. Keith Ware adjourned the Public Hearing.

**Adjourn:** The Public Hearing adjourned at **4:34 PM**.

Respectfully submitted,

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Monica Navarro, Secretary to the Board

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Keith Ware, President

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TBD, Clerk

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Cori Rico, Member

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David Ibarra, Member

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Jeff Stoner, Member