

## Rainy Day Recess – Episode 39 Show Notes

# School Board - Budget Work Session + Guardrails



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### Episode description

In this episode of *Rainy Day Recess*, we break down the Seattle Public Schools board's May 21, 2025 special meeting. We cover the 2025–26 budget proposal, which balances through a mix of one-time fixes and new state funding, though the district's structural deficit remains unresolved. We also explore the development of interim guardrail metrics meant to hold the district accountable to its core values of safety, equity, and community engagement. With the superintendent transition underway, the board discusses how to move forward with these metrics amid leadership changes.

--Christie Robertson

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- Ideas and support for sustaining and growing the podcast

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- May 21, 2025 Special Board Meeting
  - [Agenda & materials](#)
  - [Video](#)
- Upcoming [June 4, 2025 School Board Meeting](#) - Public Hearing on the Budget
- Upcoming [July 1, 2025 School Board Meeting](#) - Board Vote on the 2025–26 Budget

## Other policy governance school districts

- [University Place Policy Governance Resources](#)
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