Program and School Costs (39%)
$357,827,303 – This includes all costs spent directly on schools and programs. It is the largest category for Rochester, and any other school district.

Non-Instructional Costs (21%)
$192,749,162 - This includes transportation, debt, school lunches, and adult education programs. Rochester has high transportation costs and has taken on a lot of debt to renovate old buildings.

Payments to Non-District Schools (15%)
$135,647,437 – If an RCSD student enrolls at a charter school or in BOCES the money follows the student. RCSD must pay those school districts for each student that leaves RCSD. Over 6,200 students are enrolled at charter schools.

General Support – Administrative (13%)
$115,191,817 - Administrative costs include general support and academic support. General supports do not support student learning but are needed to run a school district. This includes things like building maintenance and the finance department.

Academic Support – Administrative (9%)
$86,804,858 - These costs directly support student learning but are run centrally. This includes things like research, planning, and professional development.

Post-Employment Benefits (3%)
$23,412,600 - Post-employment benefits are mostly health care benefits for retired teachers and staff.