

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2024-2025 BUDGET



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Sharing Our Budget Insights

We are pleased to share some of the key factors in our budget request for the 2024-2025 school year. Stay tuned for more information in the new year. - Dr. Martin J. Semmel, Superintendent

Budget Facts - What Do We Need to Maintain Success?

\$126,133,448 TOTAL BUDGET



5.34% ↑
Recommended Increase



SUCCESS AT A GLANCE

- 7th out of 196 towns in Connecticut on the [Next Generation Accountability Report](#)
- 7 out of 9 Trumbull Schools earn [School of Distinction](#) recognition from the State Department of Education
- Trumbull High rates in the Top 20 Best High Schools according to [US News](#)

SUPERINTENDENT'S BUDGET



Salaries 63.4%



Benefits 18.5%



Supplies & Equipment 9.3%



Transportation 6.3%



Utilities & Energy 1.5%



Future Ready Initiatives 1.0%

Goals & Hurdles in Preparing Future Ready Students

BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS



To ensure **physical, social, and emotional well-being** at every school, Trumbull Public Schools will use resources and implement practices that maintain and/or further develop **safe, inclusive, nurturing, and positive learning environments**.



To provide **high quality teaching** that emphasizes the use of **high-leverage instructional strategies** in which educators **deliver our TPS Curriculum** with fidelity.



To implement **coherent systems** that generate leading and lagging data points to **inform continuous improvement**.

MADE STRONGER THROUGH



Instructional Leadership & Coaching- Skilled teachers, literacy consultants, math specialists, and key administrative positions.



Effective Teaching & Learning- High quality curriculum created and delivered by TPS educators with supported materials, professional learning, and time.



Access to Future-Ready Experiences- Provided by TPS educators through technology, effective scheduling and within a Vision of the Graduate lens.



Home to School Collaboration- Supported by strong communication, PTSA, and partnering around the goals and visions we have for students.



CONCERNS IF NOT ADOPTED

If the budget is not adopted, we will need to look for areas to reduce.

LAST YEAR'S REDUCTIONS:

- Eliminated the Talented & Gifted Program
- Reduced Math Specialists
- Reduced High School Elective Options
- Reduced Music and PE Staffing
- Delayed technology replacement
- Delayed reduction to Pay to Play Fee Structures
- Delayed Late School Start Time Change

LIKELY REDUCTIONS IF ONLY GRANTED A 3.3% BUDGET (as we received last year):

- Increase in class sizes due to staff cuts
- Likely further reduction to literacy consultants, bilingual education support, and math specialists
- Significantly reduce technology investment
- Reduction to extra curricular activities, while increasing participation fees
- Reevaluation of programming for potential cuts
- Reduction in professional development and curriculum writing
- And likely much more



HURDLES



SUSTAINING ABILITY TO MEET STUDENT NEEDS

Trumbull students need and deserve instruction that will meet their needs. Specialty positions support students and teachers in delivering strong programming. Cuts to our budget affect the ability to deliver programming.

INCREASED OPERATING COSTS & INFLATION

Inflation has impacted the total budget with rises in contracted services, electricity, outplacement tuition, paper and more.

ARP ESSER FUNDING ENDING- \$1,720,898 (over 3 yrs)

The almost \$2 million worth of government funding used to support literacy, math, and counseling over the last three years is ending. To continue these supports we will need to add them to the budget.

CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

We are bound to fulfill increases to salary as well as other district contracts affected by inflation.

UNFUNDED STATE MANDATES

We are mandated to purchase materials for mandates that are not supported by federal nor state funding-- Science of Reading texts is an example of such a mandate.

LISTEN TO THE NEED



From a Teacher



Click on the picture for the video.



From a Parent



Important Dates & Information for Family Voice

- ★ Attend January 9th & January 11th Board of Education Budget Meetings
- ★ Attend the Board of Finance Meetings in March and express your views
- ★ Attend the Town Council Meeting in April and express your views
- ★ Write to the [BOE](#), the [1st Selectman](#), or [Board of Finance](#), [Town Council](#) with your views