

State College Area School District

2020-21 Budget Development – Updated May 18, 2020

Key dates in the budget process based on PDE published filing requirements.

November 18

- *Administration Recommends adopt opt out resolution - preliminary budget process eliminated - deadline January 9.*

December 2 – Board Action Required

- Adopt Resolution Authorizing Proposed Preliminary Budget Display and Advertising or adopt opt out resolution state district will not raise the rate of any tax by more than index)
- *Adopt resolution authorizing proposed preliminary budget or opt out resolution.*

December 31

- District deadline to notify residential property owners not currently approved or whose approval is due to expire that the owner must submit a completed application to county assessment office to qualify for homestead exclusion. Deadline for submitting application is March 1.

January 6

- District deadline to make 2020-2021 Proposed Preliminary Budget on form PDE-2028 available for public inspection or adopt opt out resolution.

January 9 – Board Action Required

- Presentation of referendum exceptions for board approval (PDE deadline March 4)

January 19

- Publish notice of intent to adopt 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget.
- Publish and post on district website notice of intent to apply to PDE for referendum exceptions.

January 27 – Board Action Required

- Approve Preliminary Budget (N/A if opt out)
- Presentation of referendum exception calculation for board discussion.
- Deadline to submit to PDE copy of opt out resolution and related proposed tax rate increases January 14.

February 3

- Submit to PDE Preliminary Budget and related proposed tax rate increases (PDE-2028, including Real Estate Tax Rate Report. (85 days prior to primary election) (N/A if opt out)

February 6

- Publish and post on district website notice of intent to apply to PDE for

referendum exceptions.

February 13

- PDE deadline to file referendum exception request (75 days prior to primary election)

March 1

- Deadline for residential property owners to submit homestead application to county assessment office.

March 4

- PDE to rule on school district request for referendum exception (55 days prior to primary election)

May 18 – Board Action Required

- Approval of district Proposed Final Budget for 2020-2021 for board. (Resolution and advertising - 30 days prior to final budget adoption; PDE Deadline May 31)
- School Board President to sign and send to PDE Certification of Use of PDE-2028

April 28

- Primary Election Day- Presidential Election

June 1

- 20 days prior to final budget adoption - Proposed Final Budget on Form PDE-2028 available for public inspection

June 15

- Publish notice of intent to adopt Final Budget (10 days prior to final budget adoption)

June 15

- Public hearing for district final budget for 2020-2021

June 29 – Board Action Required

- Adopt Final Budget on Form PDE-2028 (resolution)
- Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution
- Annual Tax Levy Resolution
- Installment Payment Plan Resolution