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## **Pittsburgh Public Schools Preliminary 2025 General Fund Budget Available Online**

PITTSBURGH, November 13, 2024 – The Pittsburgh Public Schools Preliminary 2025 General Fund Budget is available for public review at [www.pghschools.org/budget](http://www.pghschools.org/budget). The Preliminary 2025 General Fund Budget of \$739 million represents an increase of 3.08 percent from the adopted 2024 General Fund Budget. The preliminary budget includes an operating deficit of \$20.8 million, which is \$9.2 million less than the 2024 operating deficit of \$30 million. The Preliminary 2025 General Fund Budget does not include a tax increase and adheres to the Board's minimum 5 percent fund balance policy.

The 2025 Preliminary Budget for the District includes no assumptions for school closures, school renovations, or delivery model changes for the 2025-2026 school year, as the District continues its review of the final recommendations presented by Education Resource Strategies (ERS) on October 15th. Following this presentation, the Board tasked Superintendent Wayne N. Walters with evaluating the feasibility of ERS's recommendations.

Additionally, the 2025 Preliminary Budget does not include the approximately \$2.4 million annual cost for the District's Summer BOOST program. Due to limited impact on student achievement and ongoing attendance challenges, the District recommends discontinuing the program for 2025 while it explores new approaches to summer programming.

The Board is expected to vote on the 2025 General Fund Budget at its December 18<sup>th</sup> Legislative Meeting. The 2025 Budget Public Hearing will take place at 5:30 PM on December 9th. For information on how to request to comment, please visit the District's website at [www.pghschools.org/publichearing](http://www.pghschools.org/publichearing).

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