
Pittsford Schools

2025-2026 BUDGET GUIDELINES

Develop a student-based budget focused on:

- Implementation of rigorous, engaging, equitable, and authentic curriculum, instruction, assessments, and resources.
- Maintain excellence while supporting responsive and relevant offerings.
- Providing experiences, both curricular and extracurricular, that support the varied interests and abilities of the whole child.
- Social emotional learning and mental health supports.
- Supporting diverse academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs.

Provide high quality professional development centered on:

- Tiered supports addressing the range of learners in classroom.
- Curriculum, assessment, grading and instructional practices.
- Equity and Inclusion practices aligned with District goals.
- Social emotional, wellness, and mental health topics.
- Continuous improvement for instructional and non-instructional staff members.

Balance the investment in education with sensitivity to limited community resources by:

- Balancing community expectations for services and programs, with the need to be cognizant of changes in property values, income levels, new state/federal tax laws, and other economic uncertainties.
- Engaging in thoughtful short- and long-range financial planning.
- Collaborating with local partners/districts to share services.
- Sustaining transportation reserve for transition to electric buses/vehicles.
- Planning for the cessation of Federal funds and impact of minimum wage increases.
- Engaging legislators to increase NYS foundation aid.
- Recruiting, hiring, and retaining diverse employees of the highest caliber.
- Seeking cost efficiencies to further mitigate the burdensome and fiscal impact of underfunded and unfunded mandates.

Maintain fiscal stability now and into the future through:

- Financially prudent and sustainable reserve accounts.
- Review and adjust staffing to align with revenue sources.
- Partnerships, shared services, audits.
- Protecting and maintaining our Aa1 bond rating.
- Protecting the community's investment in facilities and infrastructure.
- Advocacy with legislators relative to appropriate levels of funding.
- Implementing research-based sustainability practices.

Meet legal mandates and contractual obligations.