

Middletown City School District

Legacy Makers

Budget Proposal

2025-2026

Instructional

March 20, 2025



OUR VISION

The Middletown school district strives to provide fiscally sound educational opportunities in a safe environment that continuously supports our student population.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to enable all students to graduate, to reach their full potential, to become lifelong learners, and to be competitive, productive members of society.

WE VALUE



Collaboration

We value diversity of ideas and viewpoints and work together towards our goals in order to achieve success.



Trust

We commit to creating safe spaces to share our thinking and find common ground in order to do what is best for scholars.



Growth

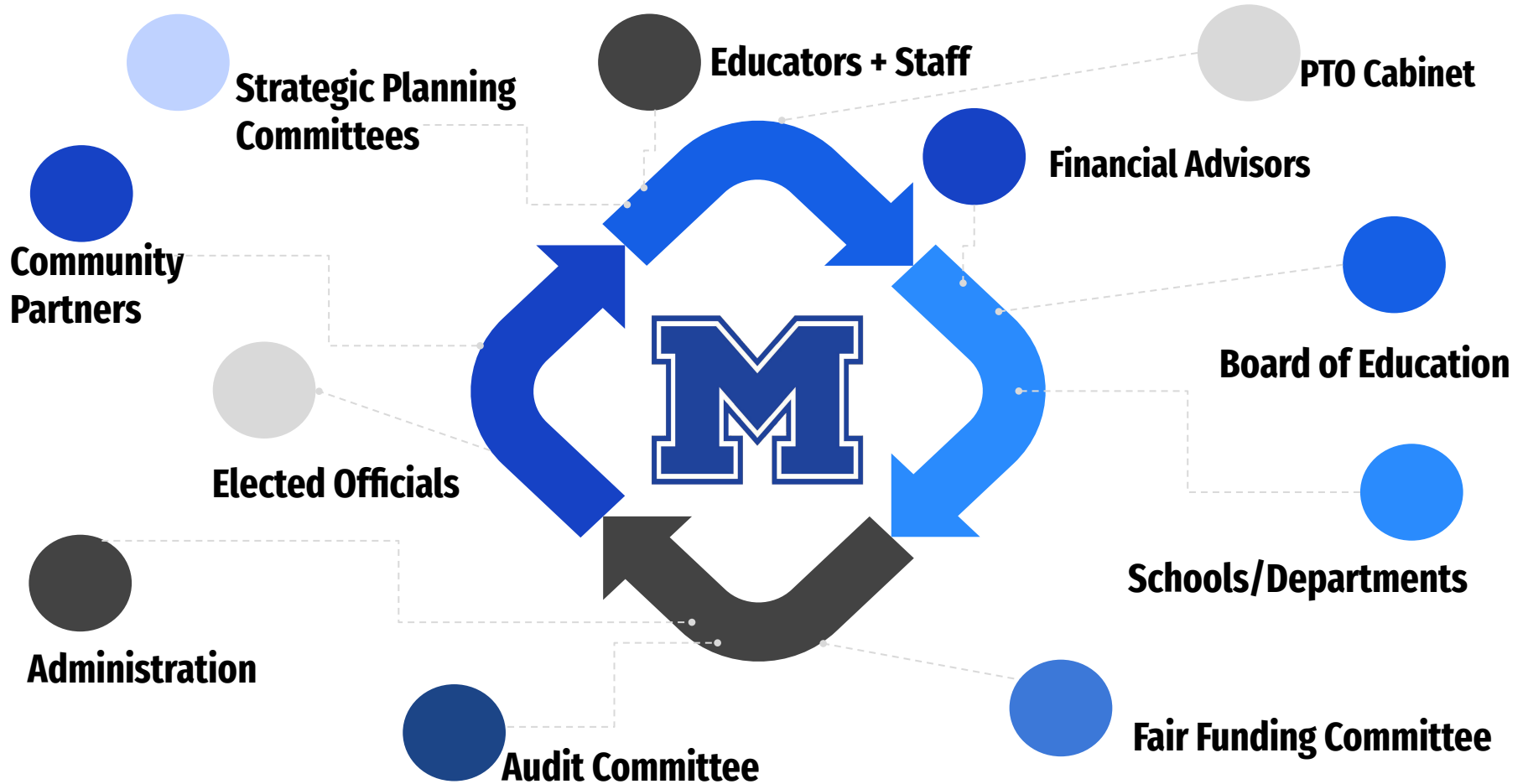
We celebrate and honor our journey as a team and understand that learning from success and failure shapes who we are.



Equity

We make decisions ensuring individuals develop a strong sense of agency and empowerment for life success across race, gender, ethnicity, language, disability, family background, and/or income.

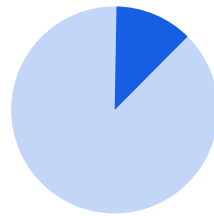
Budget Development Collaboration



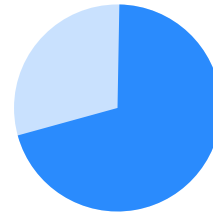
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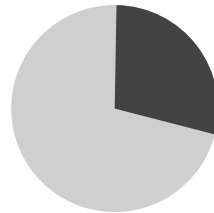
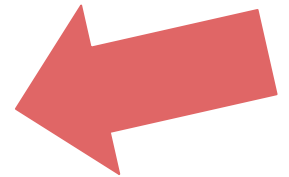
Estimated Percentage of Total Budget



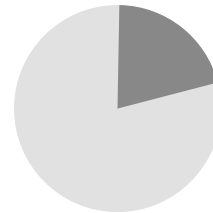
Administrative
9%



Instructional
58%



Benefits
20%

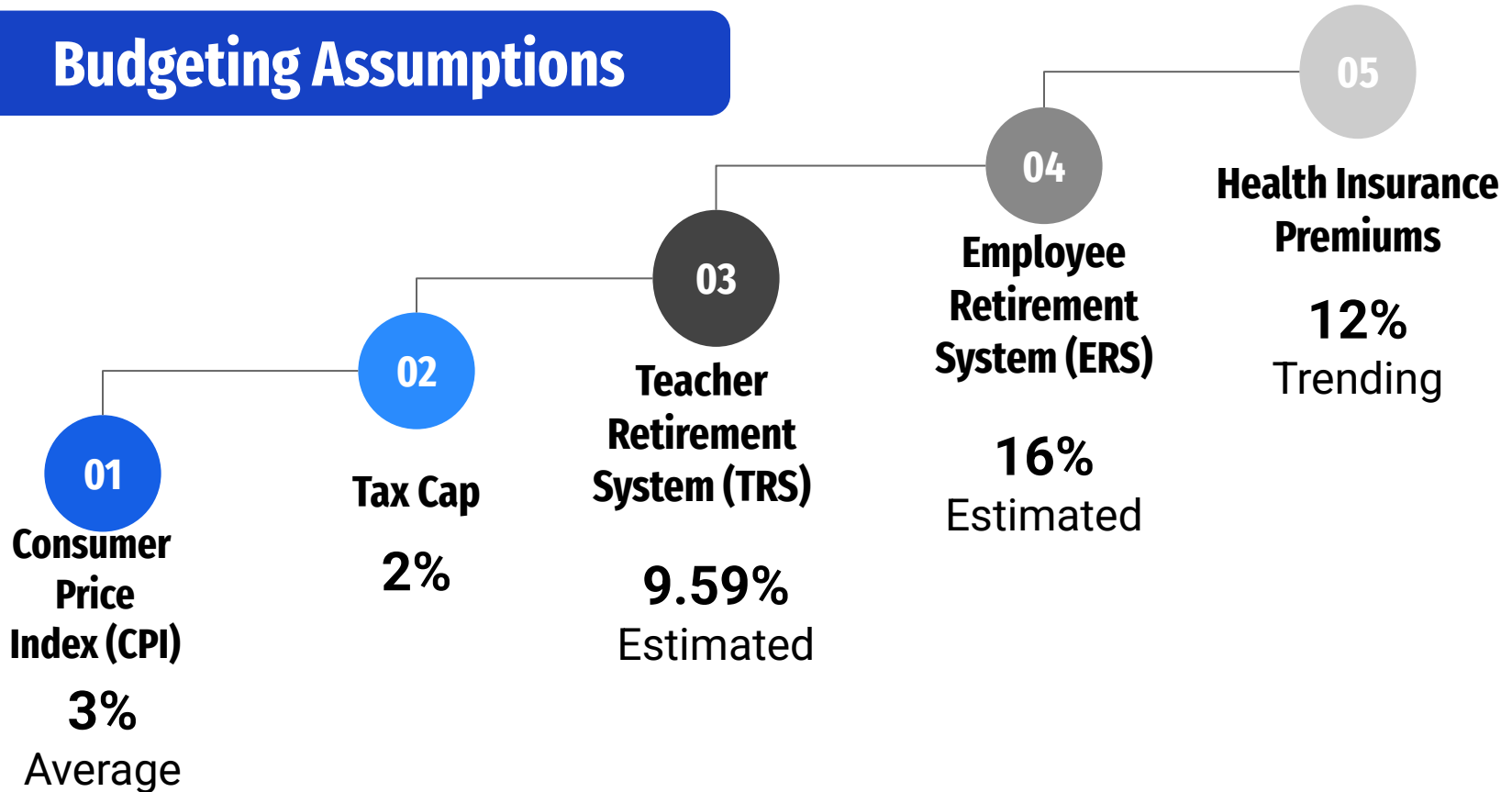


Capital
13%



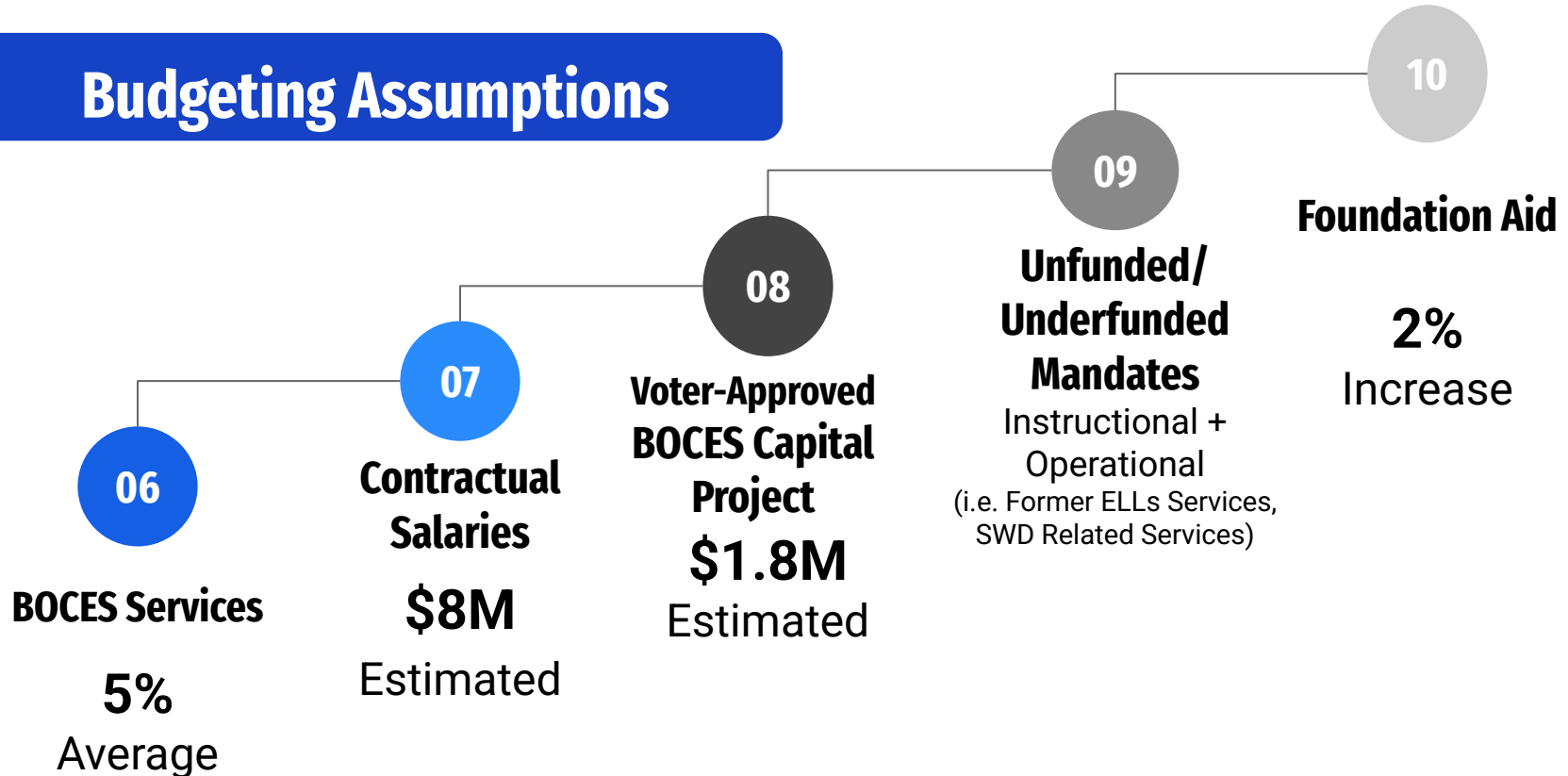
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Budgeting Assumptions



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Instructional Program Categories	Budget Account State Function Code	2025-26 Proposed	2024-25 Adopted	Change \$	Change %
Inservice Training	2070	\$214,489	\$136,254	\$78,235	\$57.42
Regular School	2110	\$73,968,025	\$73,110,639	\$857,386	1.17%
Special Education	2250	\$46,907,330	\$44,096,409	\$2,810,921	6.37%
Occupational Education (CTEC)	2280	\$6,948,690	\$6,727,549	\$221,144	3.29%
Special Schools (Winter/Summer)	2330	\$1,463,000	\$750,000	\$713,000	95.07%
Instructional Media	2610	\$1,213,213	\$1,198,039	\$15,174	1.27%
Computer Assisted	2630	\$5,864,632	\$5,832,144	\$32,488	.56%

These proposals represent the total costs associated with operating departments/programs inclusive of salaries, supplies, equipment, contractual items, NYSED Ed. Law 3214, and programs.

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Instructional Program Categories	Budget Account State Function Code	2025-26 Proposed	2024-25 Adopted	Change \$	Change %
Attendance/Registration	2805	\$745,405	\$707,637	\$37,768	5.34%
Guidance Services	2810	\$2,773,398	\$2,718,709	\$54,689	2.01%
Health Services	2815	\$2,113,794	\$2,150,937	(\$2,150,937)	-1.73%
Psychological Services (non IEP)	2820	\$483,366	\$522,901	(\$39,535)	-7.56%
Social Work Services	2825	\$1,316,377	\$293,490	\$1,022,887	348.53%
Pupil Personnel Services	2830	\$393,235	\$372,716	\$20,519	5.51%

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Budget Descriptor	Budget Account State Function Code	2025-26 Proposed	2024-25 Adopted	Change \$	Change %
Co-Curricular Activities <i>Before/After School Clubs/Engagement Experiences</i>	2850	\$303,000	\$228,233	\$74,767	32.76%
Interscholastic Athletics	2855	\$2,047,837	\$1,930,275	\$117,562	6.09%
Pupil Transportation (All Students)	5510/5540	\$13,615,486	\$11,358,293	\$2,257,193	19.9%
Community Services	8060/8070	\$5,985	\$5,985	\$0	0%
Tuition	9089	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$0	0%
Transfer to Food Services	9901	\$39,400	\$39,400	\$0	0%
Transfer to Special Aid	9901	\$627,500	\$637,500	(\$10,000)	-1.57%

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Instructional Program Categories	2025-26 Proposed	2024-25 Adopted	Change \$	Change %
Proposed Instructional Budget w/o Benefits 58% of total budget	\$161,109,162	\$152,882,110	\$8,227,052	5.38%

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Strategic Reorganization - Budget Considerations

Abolish - Existing Positions	Detail
(3) - 12 Month Part Time Clerical	<i>These positions are currently vacant - We shifted the part time positions to full time to attract applicants and meet building needs.</i>
(2) - 10 Month Full Time Clerical	<i>These positions are currently vacant - We shifted the 10 month positions to 12 month positions to meet building needs during summer months.</i>
(1) - 10 Month Part Time Clerical	<i>This position is currently vacant - We shifted the part time position to full time to attract applicants and meet building needs.</i>
(1) - Human Resource Specialist	<i>This position is currently filled - We are undergoing a necessary reorganization to better align our resources with the school's evolving needs and priorities.</i>
Create - New Positions	Detail
(2) - Audio Video Production Specialist	<i>Enhance functionality ensuring efficient coordination, improved event management, and seamless operations dedicated to supporting current staff with events at the Theater, Stadium, Board Meetings, and School campuses.</i>
(2) - Human Resource Coordinator	<i>Create new HR Coordinator position to work closely with the Director of Personnel, ensuring streamlined operations, improved support for staff, and more efficient management of HR functions across the district.</i>

Proposed Proposition #2 Create 2025 Capital Reserve

\$20 Million for 20 Years

Future Capital Projects

Needs board and voter approval to spend

Additional Budget Considerations

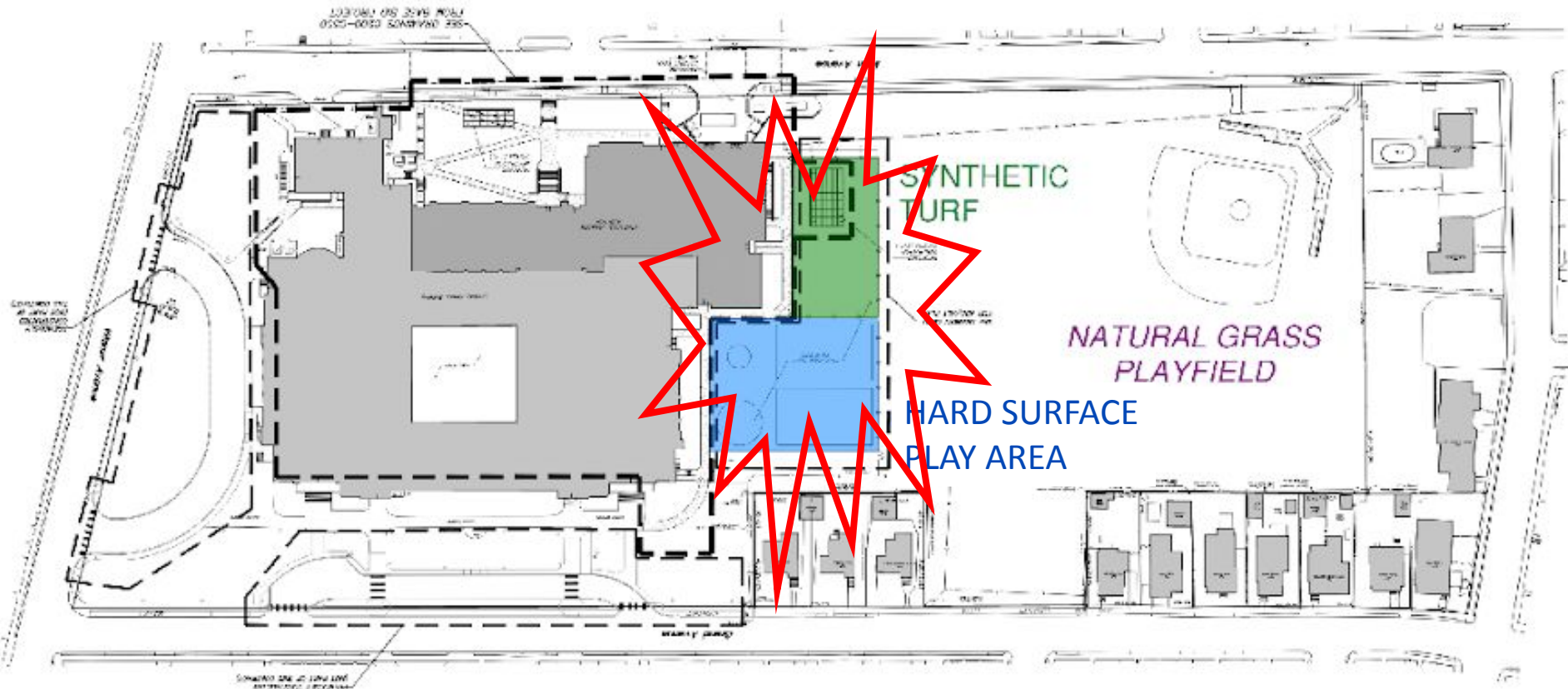
Strategic 5-Year Capital Investment Plan

All projects were reviewed as a part of the 2022 - 5-year capital forecast and are included in the 2023 Building Condition Survey (BCS). These resources are the foundation of our facilities improvement planning.

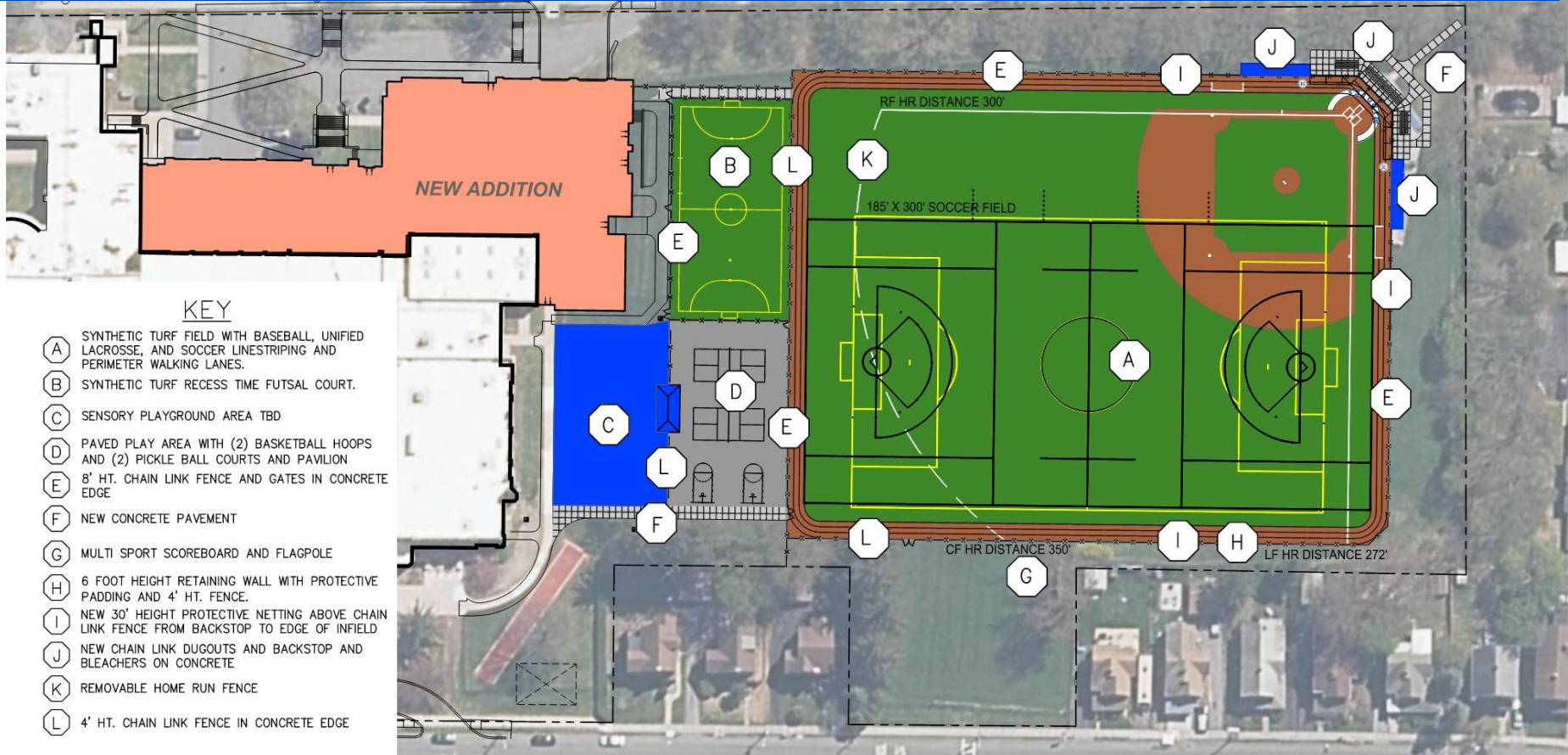
Goal: Healthy, safe spaces where **building aid is maximized** when **completing capital improvements. Building Aid = 89.9%**

For every \$1.00 we spend, we receive \$0.89 returned.

TTMS Voter-Approved Outdoor Recreation Area



TTMS: Proposed Sensory Area, Outdoor Recess/Gym Space and Turf Field



Healthy Spaces, Healthy Minds: Enhancing School Environments for Play, Safety, and Well-being

Twin Towers Middle School	
Proposed Sensory Area, Outdoor Recess/Gym Space and Turf Field	\$ 8,000,000
Transfer funds to Capital for the voter-approved 2021 Twin Towers Project	
<i>As requested by the NYSED Facilities Planning Office audit</i>	\$ 9,500,000
Campus Total	\$ 17,500,000

Healthy Spaces, Healthy Minds: Enhancing School Environments for Play, Safety, and Well-being

William Carter Elementary School	
Restroom Upgrades: Multi-user	\$ 4,635,000
Restroom Upgrades: Single-user	\$ 1,160,000
Hallway Light Replacement	\$ 290,000
Playground Shade Structure	\$ 235,000
Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Abatement: Room 95 pipe insulation joints in entrance hallway and pump room	\$ 80,000
Campus Total	\$ 6,400,000

Healthy Spaces, Healthy Minds: Enhancing School Environments for Play, Safety, and Well-being

Maple Hill Elementary School	
Restroom Upgrades: Multi-user	\$ 3,865,000
Restroom Upgrades: Single-user	\$ 1,275,000
Classroom Sink Areas	\$ 1,515,000
Security Alarm Replacement	\$ 390,000
Library Media Center Upgrades	\$ 2,755,000
Cafeteria Ceiling Tile Replacement	\$ 125,000
Cafeteria Acoustic Treatments	\$ 65,000
Campus Total	\$ 9,990,000

Please note: Maple Hill Annex at Truman Moon is currently undergoing capital improvements to replace the boiler, the air conditioning was just upgraded and the roof was replaced on a portion of the building. There is no more building aid available for MHA at this time.

Healthy Spaces, Healthy Minds: Enhancing School Environments for Play, Safety, and Well-being

Presidential Park Elementary School	
Remove Sheetrock in Classroom Restrooms and Replace with Moisture-Resistant Tile Improved Durability and Moisture Control	\$ 620,000
Upgrade/Replace District Network Room AC System	\$ 150,000
Remove Old Pavilion Structures	\$ 235,000
Additional Playground Shade Structures	\$ 235,000
Campus Total	\$ 1,240,000

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Monhagen Middle School	
Replace Fire Alarm System	\$ 700,000
Replace Security Alarm System	\$ 390,000
Library Media Center Upgrades	\$ 2,755,000
Campus Total	\$ 3,845,000

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Middletown High School	
Media Center Lobby Hallway - Tiling on the Walls	\$ 90,000
Events Lobby Tile Floor Repair	\$ 160,000
Replace Main Electrical Switch Gear	\$ 1,160,000
Veraldi Wing Electrical Upgrades	\$ 310,000
Auditorium HVAC Unit Replacement	\$ 1,390,000
Masonry Restoration - Veraldi Wing Walls - North and West	\$ 450,000
Auditorium Ceiling Painting	\$ 750,000
MHS Cafeteria HVAC Upgrade	\$ 1,700,000
Drainage Repair/Replacement Fairlawn Avenue Easement	\$ 500,000
Campus Total	\$ 6,510,000

Funding Sources	Amounts
Capital Reserve (Local Share)	\$8,462,662
Unappropriated Fund Balances	\$10,474,676
Bonds (15 Years)	\$26,707,662
Total Estimated Project Costs	\$45,645,000

Goal: Healthy, safe spaces where **building aid is maximized** when **completing capital improvements. Building Aid = 89.9%**

- **Total Estimated Project Cost:** \$45,645,000
- **Amount of Estimated Aid (89.9%):** \$41,034,854 (Over 15 Years)
- **Estimated Cost to Taxpayers (10.1%):** \$4,610,146 (Covered by local Share - Capital Reserve)

NO TAX LEVY INCREASE

We are funding the local share of the projects through the capital reserve, which means there will be **no increase in the tax levy**. This allows us to move forward with necessary health and safety improvements without raising taxes for homeowners.

What Is a Bond Anticipation Note (BAN)?

A Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) is a short-term interest-bearing security issued in advance of a larger, future bond issue. Bond anticipation notes are smaller short-term bonds that are issued by corporations and governments, such as local municipalities, wishing to generate funds for upcoming projects.

Bond anticipation notes are often used as a means of kick-starting funding efforts for new projects, such as building highways, bridges, or sewage systems. Once the project is started, the larger bond issue may generate enough funds to cover the bond anticipation notes in a short period of time. Often, the notes are repaid within one year of issue.

BANs are considered [money market](#) securities and are rated by Moody's Investment Grade (MIG). Bond anticipation notes are generally considered to involve a relatively low-risk exposure, and, due to their short time horizon, investors should evaluate the basis of the notes and determine if there will be enough momentum and interest in the project. Investors can find BAN opportunities through local [brokers](#), municipalities, and other financial institutions.

Middletown City Schools 2024 Moody's Rating = Aa3 (excellent for interest rates)

What Is a Bond?

A bond is a [fixed-income instrument](#) and investment product where individuals lend money to a government or company at a certain interest rate for an amount of time. The entity repays individuals with interest in addition to the original face value of the bond.

Bonds are fixed-income securities and are one of the main [asset classes](#) for individual investors, along with [equities](#) and cash equivalents. The borrower issues a bond that includes the terms of the loan, interest payments that will be made, and the [maturity date](#) the bond principal must be paid back. The interest payment is part of the return that bondholders earn for loaning their funds to the issuer.³ The interest rate that determines the payment is called the [coupon rate](#).⁴

Community Engagement + Informational Sessions

Date	Topic
November 4	Budget Informational Session & Community Input (In-Person MHS Media + Virtual lunch break option)
December 4	Budget Informational Session & Community Input (Morning Virtual Meeting)
January 21	Budget Development Overview (In Person + Virtual)
January 22	Open Office hours with the Superintendent (In Person)
April 22	Budget Recap & Q+A (Virtual + In Person)
May 6	Budget Overview - City Council Meeting (In Person)
May 6	Meet the Candidates Night
May 12	BOE Adopted Budget Review + Q & A (In Person)

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Budget Category

2025-2026 - Budget Calendar

**Administrative, Capital &
Benefits**

March 6, 2025

Instructional Program

March 20, 2025

Revenue Discussion

April 10, 2025

**Budget Adoption
BOCES Budget**

April 24, 2025

Budget Hearing

May 8, 2025

Budget/Election Vote

Tuesday, May 20, 2025



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Middletown Board of Education
Meet *the* Candidates Forum

May 6, 2025

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Middletown High School Media Center