



Budget Update

May 5, 2025 Board Meeting

Key Items for This Budget Update

- Continued Investigation of Health Insurance with Highmark
- State Property Tax Reduction Allocation – released May 1, 2025
- Aside from budget amendment for 2024-2025 set for approval at the May 5th board meeting, the budget has not changed since the April 21st presentation:
 - Budget presentation assumes a 4% tax increase in 2025-2026 and a 2% tax increase in the following years which will structure the budget similarly to the adopted 2024-2025 budget.
 - Growth in budget is predominately attributable to the growth in personnel costs (salaries & benefits).
 - State Property Tax Allocation Reduction Allocation (unknown as of April 30th) will impact final budget
- Average Taxpayer Impact
- Supplemental Property Tax Rebate
- Next Steps

Budget 2025-26

Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 13,944,310
Revenue	\$ 207,523,588
Local	\$ 164,485,829
State	\$ 41,562,759
Federal	\$ 1,475,000
Expense (including Capital Reserve transfer)	\$ 211,522,675
Revenue less of expense	\$ (3,999,087)
Funding/(Use) of Committed Fund Balance - Debt Service	\$ (2,984,000)
Funding/(Use) of Committed Fund Balance - Health Insurance	\$ -
Change in Committed Fund Balance	\$ (2,984,000)
Change in Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ (1,015,087)
Ending Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 12,929,223
Unassigned Fund Balance Percentage	6.11%

Budget 2025-26

LOCAL	
CURRENT REAL ESTATE TAX	\$ 125,037,712
REAL ESTATE TAX-REFERENDUM DEBT	\$ 4,943,153
EARNED INCOME TAX	\$ 23,340,000
REALTY TRANSFER TAX	\$ 2,500,000
DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX	\$ 1,100,000
INTERIM REAL ESTATE TAX	\$ 600,000
IDEA-B	\$ 1,041,465
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAX	\$ 700,000
LOCAL SERVICES TAX	\$ 371,000
TUITION	\$ 1,906,071
MISC LOCAL REVENUE	\$ 579,238
PUBLIC UTILITY REALTY TAX	\$ 117,190
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	\$ 2,250,000
TOTAL LOCAL	\$ 164,485,829
STATE	
BASIC ED INSTR SUBSIDY	\$ 13,884,000
SPECIAL ED REVENUE	\$ 3,655,188
REV. FOR RETIREMENT	\$ 15,806,908
REV. FOR SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 3,527,061
PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION	\$ 2,169,431
TRANSPORTATION REVENUE	\$ 800,000
BOND REIMBURSEMENTS	\$ 914,158
HEALTH SERVICES REVENUE	\$ 140,000
READY TO LEARN GRANT	\$ 310,013
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	\$ 226,000
OTHER STATE REVENUE (4)	\$ -
TUITION - 1305/1306	\$ 130,000
TOTAL STATE	\$ 41,562,759
FEDERAL	
TITLE I REVENUE	\$ 825,000
TITLE II REVENUE	\$ 155,000
ACCESS FUNDS	\$ 350,000
OTHER FEDERAL REVENUE (5)	\$ 110,000
TITLE III REVENUE	\$ 35,000
TOTAL FEDERAL	\$ 1,475,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 207,523,588

Budget 2025-26

Salaries	\$ 94,092,593
Health Insurance	\$ 21,211,679
PSERS	\$ 31,613,816
Other Benefits	\$ 9,057,781
Professional Services	\$ 5,583,625
Purchased Property Services	\$ 1,787,324
Charter School Expense	\$ 7,116,000
Other Purchased Services	\$ 8,580,206
Supplies/Equipment	\$ 10,463,755
Deferred Maintenance	\$ 2,486,752
Transfers/contingencies/fees	\$ 2,058,344
Debt Service	\$ 12,215,425
Debt Service - Referendum Debt	\$ 5,255,375
Total Expense Before Transfers	\$ 211,522,675
Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$ -
Total Expense including Transfers	\$ 211,522,675
Fund Balance Commitment/Use (Debt Service)	\$ (2,984,000)
Total Fund Balance Commitment/(Use)	\$ (2,984,000)
Total Expenses and Transfers	\$ 208,538,675

Changes in Projected Expense

- Salaries and Benefits
 - Contracts have had an impact on the budget
 - New Positions Proposed for FY 2025-26 including one of each of the following:
 - Special Education Teacher
 - Business Education Teacher
 - School Psychologist
 - Student Activities and Athletic Manager
 - Clerical Position for the Special Education Department
 - Custodial Position for the Physical Plant Department
 - Increased Substitute Rates

Budget 2025-26 – Taxpayer Impact

2024-25 tax data used to calc impact of tax increase on property types (impact on FY 26 tax bills)				
Property Type	2024-25 Tax	Count of Parcels	Average Tax	Impact of Tax Increase
Residential	\$ 75,045,387	20,400	\$ 3,679	\$ 147
Commercial and Industrial	\$ 46,422,427	1,590	\$ 29,196	\$ 1,168
Agricultural	\$ 3,118,449	575	\$ 5,423	\$ 217
All Taxable Properties (1)	\$ 126,624,740	24,588	\$ 5,150	\$ 206

(1) Includes properties summarized in the three subgroups above, plus other properties such as vacant land and non-commercial apartments.

*Excludes the impact of any change in the homestead/farmstead exclusion

<u>Avg Taxpayer Impact - Estimated</u>						
			HS/FS Exclusion	50.9228		52.9597
			\$ 3,312	Tax Rate - 2024	Tax Inc	Tax Rate - 2025
	Assessed Value	HS Approved	Net Assessed Value	7/1/2024	of 4%	7/1/2025
Property Assessed at approx \$50,000	\$ 50,070	Y	\$ 46,758	\$ 2,381.05	\$ 95.24	\$ 2,476.29
Property Assessed at approx \$100,000	\$ 100,065	Y	\$ 96,753	\$ 4,926.93	\$ 197.08	\$ 5,124.01
Property Assessed at approx \$200,000	\$ 200,040	N	\$ 200,040	\$ 10,186.60	\$ 407.46	\$ 10,594.06
Median Assessed Value of HS Properties - 2024	\$ 74,208	Y	\$ 70,896	\$ 3,610.22	\$ 144.41	\$ 3,754.63

Supplemental Property Tax Rebate

- \$100,000 is dedicated to the program for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 – the same amount since inception of the program.
- Because of the expansion of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's program, which the District matches, rebates have increased dramatically this year.
- As of April 30, \$89,000 in rebates have been paid, leaving \$11,000 remaining in the program for the 2024-2025 year
- Staff projects ending the 2024-2025 year at approximately \$110,000 in rebates.
- \$100,000 allocation is insufficient to cover all applications received
- Board options:
 - 2024-2025
 - Hold allocation firm – not all applications will be paid
 - Approve increase in allocation
 - 2025-2026
 - Hold allocation at \$100,000 – potentially adjusting later
- Applications will not be processed until staff receives board direction

Next Steps

- May 12 – District publishes notice of intent to adopt Final Budget
- May 19 - Board Meeting and Budget Hearing
 - Final budget 2025-2026
- June 2 - Committee of the Whole
 - Board Action Required:
 - Adopt Final Budget on Form PDE-2028 (Resolution)
 - Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution
 - Annual Tax Levy Resolution
 - Installment Payment Plan Resolution
- July 15 – Deadline to submit 2025-2026 Final Budget on Form PDE-2028

Are there any questions?

