



SCHOOL BUDGET PARENT ACTION GUIDE

LOCAL LEVEL BUDGETARY PROCESS



DATES & MEETINGS



WHAT WILL BE DECIDED



YOUR VOICE MATTERS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

BOE PUBLIC BUDGET FORUM
Board of Education hears directly from residents on budget priorities.

PUBLIC INPUT GATHERED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION BEFORE BUDGET MOVES TO CITY.

SPEAK UP

Attend forum to share your views!
(Check BOE website for time/location)
visit csdnb.org/boardmeetings

FEBRUARY - MARCH

BOARD OF FINANCE & TAXATION REVIEW
Board of Finance & Taxation (BF&T) reviews BOE request and other city departments.

BF&T RECOMMENDS FUNDING LEVELS TO MAYOR. POTENTIAL FOR INITIAL CUTS.

CONTACT BF&T & MAYOR

Advocate NOW for fully funding Board of Education request.
Email Mayor Bobby Sanchez at mayor@newbritainct.gov or visit newbritainct.gov/mayor

APRIL

MAYOR PRESENTS PROPOSED BUDGET
Mayor Bobby Sanchez releases his budget based on BF&T input.

MAYOR'S OFFICIAL BUDGET PROPOSAL IS CREATED. SETS THE STAGE FOR COUNCIL DEBATE.

CONTACT COMMON COUNCIL

Contact Council members BEFORE hearing.
Find all email addresses at newbritainct.gov/commoncouncil

LATE MAY - EARLY JUNE

COMMON COUNCIL HEARING & VOTE
Crucial opportunity for public input on final budget. Council adopts final city budget and education allocation

COUNCIL LISTENS TO RESIDENTS' PRIORITIES BEFORE FINAL DELIBERATIONS. FINAL BUDGET NUMBER FOR EDUCATION IS LOCKED IN FOR THE YEAR.

SPEAK UP & STAY ENGAGED

Attend Public Hearing (usually 7pm at City Hall)
Sign up to speak online: newbritainct.gov/publicparticipation
Follow up with Council members. Keep the pressure on.

JUNE

BOARD OF ED VOTES ON REDUCTIONS
Board of Education votes on any reductions needed based on funds received from the city.

ANY NEED FOR REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS OR STAFFING WILL BE DECIDED

SPEAK UP AT BOE MEETING

Speak up at Public Comment at a Regular NB Board of Education meeting. Your voice matters!
(Check BOE website for time/location)

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STATE LEVEL ADVOCACY



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JANUARY - MAY/JUNE

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

State Budget is debated and finalized during this period.

OVERALL STATE FUNDING POT IS DETERMINED.

CONTACT DELEGATION

Contact regularly!
Sen. Rick Lopes, Rep. Manny Sanchez,
Rep. Peter Tercyak, Rep. Iris Sanchez.
Find emails at
csdnb.org/budgetadvocacy

FEBRUARY

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET ADDRESS

Governor proposes state spending plan, including education aid.

INITIAL PROPOSED LEVEL OF STATE AID FOR NEW BRITAIN (EGS, GRANTS) IS SET.

CONTACT GOVERNOR

Email or send a message to urge prioritizing equitable education funding via
portal.ct.gov/office-of-the-governor

FEBRUARY - APRIL

COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Appropriations & Education Committees hear testimony.

PUBLIC INPUT DIRECTLY INFLUENCES COMMITTEE CHANGES TO THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL.

SUBMIT TESTIMONY

Write or speak at Appropriations & Education hearings. Crucial for impact.
Sign up at cga.ct.gov

APRIL - MAY

COMMITTEE REPORTING DEADLINES

Committees finalize their budget bills.

SPECIFIC BUDGET AMOUNTS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS ARE LOCKED INTO BILLS.

CONTACT COMMITTEE LEADERS

Email Chairs and Ranking Members of Appropriations & Education Committees.
Find emails at
csdnb.org/budgetadvocacy

MAY - JUNE

FINAL HOUSE & SENATE VOTE

State budget adopted, determining final state aid to New Britain.

FINAL AMOUNT OF STATE FUNDING NEW BRITAIN WILL RECEIVE IS DECIDED.

SEND A FINAL PUSH EMAIL

Email your state legislators again before final votes to ensure New Britain schools are protected.
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