DASD Committee of the Whole

April 1, 2026

Forging strong connections that nurture the whole student and empower them to reach their full potential.



Academic Affairs and Mental Health

End-of-Year Testing Schedule: PSSAs at Liberty Valley

2025-2026 PSSA Exam	Dates of Exam	Location
English Language Arts	Tuesday, April 21 Wednesday, April 22 Thursday, April 23	Liberty Valley
Math	Tuesday, April 28 Wednesday, April 29	Liberty Valley
Science -5th Grade	Thursday, April 30 Friday, May 1	Liberty Valley

End-of-Year Testing Schedule: PSSAs at DMS

2025-2026 PSSA Exam	Dates of Exam	Location
English Language Arts	Monday, April 20 Tuesday, April 21 Wednesday, April 22	Danville Middle School
Math	Monday, April 27 Tuesday, April 28	Danville Middle School
Science -8th Grade	Thursday, April 30 Friday, May 1	Danville Middle School

End-of-Year Testing Schedule: Keystones at DMS

Spring Keystone Exam	Dates of Exam	Location
Algebra 1	Monday, May 11 Tuesday, May 12	Danville Middle School

Two classes of 7th grade students and two classes of 8th grade students enrolled in Keystone Algebra 1

End-of-Year Testing Schedule: Keystones at DHS

Spring Keystone Exam	Dates of Exam	Location
Algebra 1	Monday, May 11 Tuesday, May 12	Danville High School
Literature	Wednesday, May 13 Thursday, May 14	Danville High School
Biology	Monday, May 18 Tuesday, May 19	Danville High School

End-of-Year Testing Schedule: Benchmark Assessments at DPS

Assessment	Dates of Assessment Window	Student Population
NWEA Reading Fluency	Monday, May 4th-Friday, May 8th: K Monday, May 11th-Friday, May 15th: 1st & 2nd	Grades K, 1 and 2
NWEA Reading Growth	Monday, May 4th-Friday, May 8th: K Monday, May 11th-Friday, May 15th: 1st & 2nd	Grades K, 1 and 2
Ready Math Diagnostic	Monday, May 4th-Friday, May 8th: K Monday, May 11th-Friday, May 15th: 1st & 2nd	Grades K, 1 and 2
NWEA MAPs: Math Early Numeracy & Early Literacy Screener	Kindergarten Screenings begin on Monday, May 18th	Incoming Kindergarten Students

End-of-Year Testing Schedule:
Benchmark Assessments at LV & DMS

Assessment	Dates of Assessment Window	Student Population
NWEA MAPs Reading Growth	Monday, May 18th through Friday, May 22nd	Grades 3-8
NWEA MAPs Math Growth	Monday, May 18th through Friday, May 22nd	Grades 3-8

End-of-Year Testing Schedule:
Additional Assessments at DHS

Assessment	Dates of Assessment Window	Student Population
NOCTI: **National Occupational Competency Testing Institute Exam**	Monday, April 13th through Friday, April 17th	Agriculture & Business Students
CDT: Classroom Diagnostic Test	Monday, April 20th through Friday, May 1st	Students enrolled in Foundations of Bio I & Foundations of Bio II
Firefly Assessment	Monday, April 20th through Friday, May 1st	Algebra IA / IB / Accelerated English 9 / 9H / 10 / 10 H AP Seminar Honors Bio (PILOT)
Advanced Placement Exams	Monday, May 4th through Friday, May 15th	Students enrolled in AP courses
Final Exams	Tuesday, June 2nd through Friday, June 5th	Students enrolled in courses with Final Exams

Use of Instructional Time Post Testing

Based on 3 year Beginning of Year (BOY) benchmark data in ELA and Math, we will begin to shift our End of Year (EOY) instructional focus. Once state testing concludes, the priority for all K-8 classrooms will transition to a process of covering pre-requisites for the upcoming school year that still honors cherished end of year, grade level traditions our students and teachers look forward to.

Why is This Focus Essential for our Students & Teachers:

- Creates an Instructional Bridge
- Reduces Extended BOY Re-learning and Remediation
- Refinement of Instructional Areas
- Maintaining High EOY Student Engagement
- Maximizing Instructional Time

We aren't asking teachers to finish the next grade curriculum; we are asking them to pave the road for it!

2026-2027 Student Handbooks



Finance

2026-2027 Budget

2026-2027 Updated Expenditures

- $50,688,358.57
  - Includes $505,000.00 of additional annual debt service for a bond issue for Capital Projects
  - Includes $283,996.49 projected transfer to Capital Reserve
  - Includes $593,000.00 budgetary reserve
  - Updates since March 4, 2025
    - Monitoring enrollment and potential need for additional special education teacher and adjustment to budgetary reserve
    - Verified positional need for additional DHS CTE teacher
  - Health Care
    - PSHIC Agreement - One time impact of no premium increase in 25-26 (due to 18 month initial period)
    - 26-27, 27-28 can expect 15% increases
      - PSHIC has a 25% year over year true rate cap
      - Change from 15% to 25% could add ~$450,000 in premium costs
      - PSHIC rates are released in late April/early May
    - Possibility for higher increases based on Medical Loss Ratio (claims paid out by insurance being higher than insurance premiums paid by the District)

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2026-2027 Updated Revenues

- $50,688,358.57
  - Balanced Budget - No Projected Use of Fund Balance
  - Local Real Estate
    - Revenue figure includes a local real estate tax increase
    - Act 1 Index is 3.5% ($599,079)
    - Millage from 12.9186 to 13.3707
    - Collection rate set at 96.5%
    - Potential for volatility
  - Earned Income Tax
    - Annual linear increase of $210,000
    - One time increase of $400,000 occurred in budget FY26
    - Potential for volatility

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2026-2027 Updated Revenues - State and Federal

- $50,688,358.57
  - Balanced Budget - No Projected Use of Fund Balance
  - State Revenue - Basic Education Funding and Adequacy Fund
    - BEF: $35k projected increase
    - 0.40% yoy increase
    - Adequacy: 105k increase
    - Impact of New Funding Paradigm
      - FY27 - Old Formula $366k (-$225k)
      - FY26 - Old Formula $366k (-$218k)
      - FY25 - Old Formula $734k (-$542k)
      - Three Year Net Ongoing Impact: -$985k
    - Potential for volatility
  - Federal Revenue
    - Projecting level funding at this time
    - Potential for volatility

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2026-2027 Act 1 Index

- Essentially, the Act 1 Index is an “education inflation index”
- Legally, establishes a measurement for determining property tax increases justified by wage inflation, without a referendum
- Takes into account statewide average weekly wage, employment cost index, base index and then an adjusted index based on locality
- The state determines each local school district’s Act 1 Index annually

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2026-2027 Act 1 Index

- For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, DASD's Act 1 Index was 4.1%; the District did not raise the rate
- For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, DASD's Act 1 Index was 6.1%; the District implemented a 3.5% tax raise
- For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, DASD's Act 1 Index was 4.0%; the District implemented a 4.0% tax rate raise (millage of 12.9186)
- For the 2026-2027 fiscal year, DASD's Act 1 Index is 3.5%; the Board may choose to raise the local real estate tax rate up to 3.5% (millage of 13.3707)

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Approximate Costs to the Median Household Per Month for Montour and Northumberland County/Total Increased Revenue Per Percentage								
Rate Increase	0.00%	1.00%	2.00%	3.00%	3.50%	2.50%	1.50%	-6.95%
Millage	12.9186	13.0477	13.1769	13.3061	13.3707	13.2415	13.1123	12.0207
Median Homestead Monthly Increase								
Montour	STEB: $7.25 Rate: $0.00 Total: $7.25	STEB: $7.32 Rate: $1.19 Total: $8.51	STEB: $7.39 Rate: $2.39 Total: $9.78	STEB: $7.47 Rate: $3.58 Total: $11.05	STEB: $7.50 Rate: $4.18 Total: $11.68	STEB: $7.43 Rate: $2.98 Total: $10.41	STEB: $7.36 Rate: $1.79 Total: $9.15	STEB: $6.74 Rate: -$8.30 Total: -$1.56
Northumberland	STEB: $9.41 Rate: $0.00 Total: $9.41	STEB: $9.50 Rate: $1.26 Total: $10.76	STEB: $9.6 Rate: $2.52 Total: $12.12	STEB: $9.69 Rate: 3.78 Total: $13.47	STEB: $9.74 Rate: $4.41 Total: $14.15	STEB: $9.64 Rate: $3.15 Total: $12.79	STEB: $9.55 Rate: $1.89 Total: $11.44	STEB: $8.75 Rate: -$8.75 Total: $0.00
Overall Increase in Revenue from Millage Rate Increase								
	$0	$171,166	$342,331	$513,497	$599,079	$427,914	$256,748	-$1,073,208
Impact on Anticipated Use of Fund Balance								
	$599,079	$427,914	$256,748	$85,583	$0	$171,166	$342,331	$1,788,680

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Timeline and Next Steps

- May 1, 2025 - PDE Releases Homestead/Farmstead Allocations
- Approval of the Proposed Budget in May
  - Special Meeting on May 6, 2026 following Committee of the Whole
  - 30 Day window between proposed and final
- Resolution Setting Tax Rates
- Homestead/Farmstead Resolution
- Adoption scheduled for June 10, 2026
- State budget approved

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Key Takeaways

- DASD is in a strong, stable financial position
- Moody's credit rating of Aa3 (Prime Investment Grade)
- Points of concern:
  - Revenue impacts beyond the control of the Board
    - Changes in state funding levels
    - Funding impacts associated with student population
    - Impact of the Cherokee plant closure
  - Expense growth areas beyond inflation (Act 1 Index)
    - Rising healthcare costs
    - General increases in supply costs
  - Expense reductions and substantial cost saving measures are already in place
    - Retirement incentive and staffing reduction without impacting programs
    - Successful internal cyber program for students
- Proposed budget positions DASD to weather uncertainty over the next several fiscal years while continuing to provide top-tier programming for students

Special Meeting on May 6th for Preliminary Budget Vote

Matching Funds for DCNR Grant

CSIU eServices Agreement

Bid Process

Farming

Long-Range Planning

Long-Range Planning Committee Update



Athletics and Extracurriculars

DHS Play and Musical Approval



Personnel

Personnel Updates

- Student Services Coordinator
  - 22 applicants
  - Offered 9 interviews / 5 accepted interviews
  - Interview team of Zach Nash, Jeff Ryan, Heaven Reinard, Molly Nied