

Amity Regional School District 2025-2026 Public Budget Hearing

Amity BOE Approved Budget
April 6, 2026



PORTRAIT OF THE GRADUATE

The BOWA Portrait of the Graduate illustrates a respectful, self aware citizen who, through a determined course of scholastic experiences, displays the following characteristics...



Board of Education

MISSION

To enable every Amity student to become a lifelong learner and a literate, caring, creative, and effective world citizen.

GOALS

1. Continuously improve instruction, cultivate creativity, and enhance student engagement and performance.
2. Enhance the efficient and effective use of resources.
3. Foster a supportive climate for students and adults.

COLLABORATOR

- Recognizes themselves as a steward of a greater community
- Listens openly to various perspectives
- Advocates respectfully for one's own ideas
- Establishes meaningful connections with others
- Takes responsibility for authentic contributions

EMPATHIZER

- Acknowledges and affirms the feelings of self and others
- Connects and understands their own thoughts, needs, and perspectives as well as those of others
- Respects differences and demonstrates humility
- Demonstrates compassion through helping and supporting others

PROBLEM SOLVER

- Observes and asks questions willingly
- Analyzes and synthesizes information from multiple sources
- Perseveres through adversity
- Acknowledges limitations and seeks helpful resources
- Views challenges as opportunities for growth

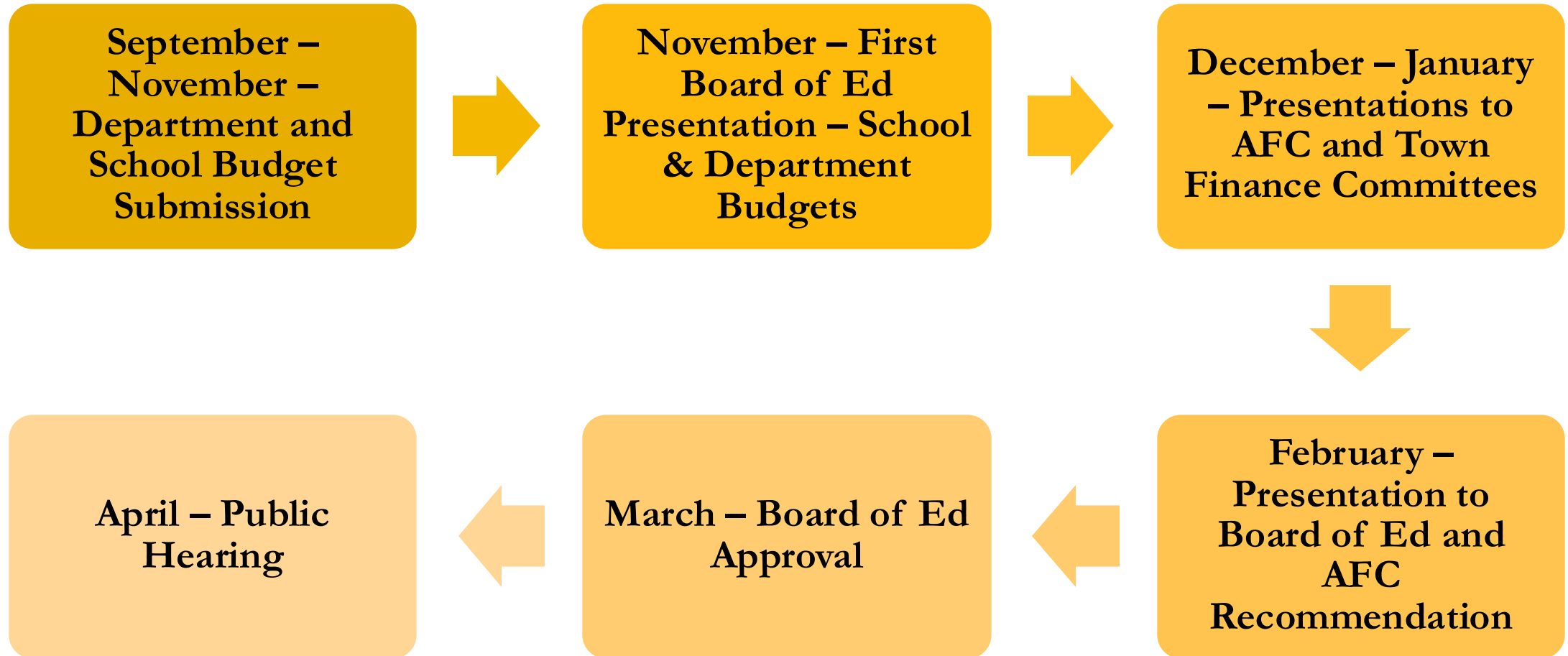
PLANNER

- Manages time
- Engages in reflection for individual improvement
- Prepares for responsible personal financial decision making
- Makes choices that promote personal wellness, joy, and contentment

COMMUNICATOR

- Takes an active role when listening and in expressing thoughts and opinions
- Takes risks to have difficult and courageous conversations to communicate divergent perspectives
- Engages and empowers others
- Understands their audience and adjusts the message

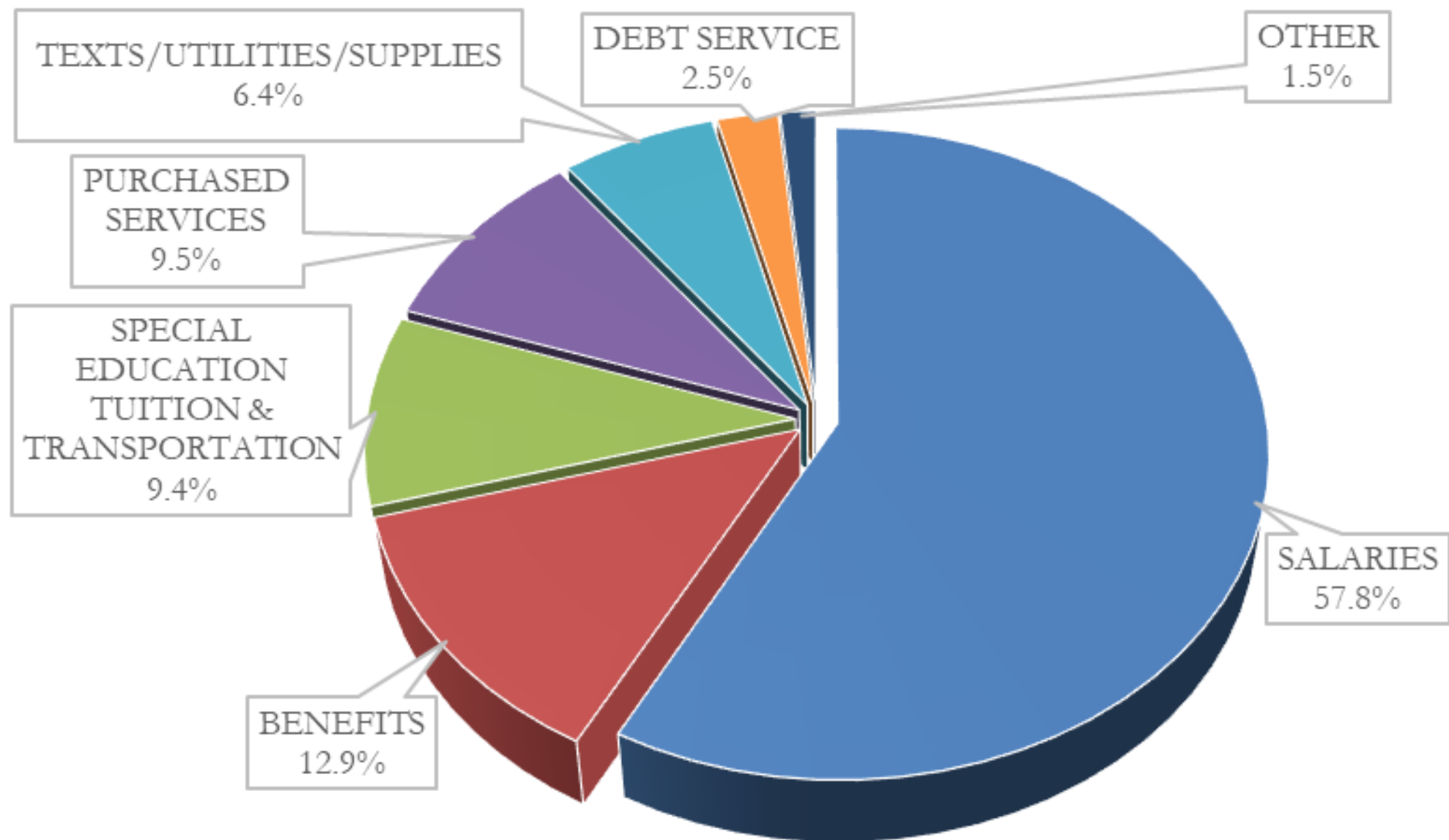
Budget Development Process



2026-2027 Budget Overview



PROPOSED 2026-2027 BUDGET



What this Budget Supports

- Contractual Obligations to maintain excellence in Academics, Athletics, and the Arts
- Development of Career Pathways & expansion of Dual Enrollment at high school
- Increased student choice via a revised middle school schedule
- Additional opportunity for access to advanced high school mathematics





What this Budget Supports

- Student Activities
 - *The Trident*
 - Coaches for growing athletic programs
- Technology Needs
 - Digital Environment
 - Specialty Labs
 - Technology Infrastructure

What this Budget Supports

- Curriculum and Instruction
 - Curriculum Writing, Revision, and Fidelity of Implementation
 - High Quality Instruction (HQI) Professional Learning and Strategies
- Pupil Services and Student Mental Health
 - Addresses increases in students receiving special education services
- Short- and Long-Term Facilities Improvements



Average Daily Membership

| | <u>October 2024</u> | | <u>October 2025</u> | | <u>Change</u> |
|------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|
| | <u>Number</u> | <u>Percent</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Percent</u> | |
| Bethany | 347 | 16.117% | 353 | 16.457% | 0.340% |
| Orange | 1043 | 48.444% | 1025 | 47.786% | (0.658%) |
| Woodbridge | 763 | 35.493% | 767 | 35.757% | 0.264% |
| Total | <i>2153</i> | | <i>2145</i> | | |

2026-2027 Town Allocations

| | <u>2025-2026</u> | <u>2026-2027</u> | <u>\$ Variance</u> | <u>% Variance</u> |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Bethany | \$9,160,226 | \$9,423,586 | \$263,360 | 2.88% |
| Orange | \$27,533,537 | \$27,363,157 | (\$170,380) | (0.62%) |
| Woodbridge | \$20,142,040 | \$20,475,127 | \$333,087 | 1.65% |
| Other Revenue | \$1,273,196 | \$1,547,342 | \$274,146 | 21.50% |
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| Total | \$58,108,999 | \$58,809,212 | \$700,213 | 1.20% |

State Budget Perspective

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|--------------------------------------------------|-------|
| CT Superintendents' <i>Average</i> | 5.23% |
| DRG-B <i>Average</i> | 5.30% |
| Regional School Districts <i>Average</i> | 3.88% |
| Board of Education Adopted Budget <i>Average</i> | 4.98% |

Amity has the lowest budget increase in the state, ranking 138th out of 138 reporting districts.

BOWA Budget Perspective

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|----------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Initial Requests (11/24/2025) | 2.97% |
| Superintendent's Initial Proposal (1/12/2026) | 2.21% |
| Superintendent's Revised Proposal (2/23/2026) | 1.53% |
| Amity Finance Committee Recommendation (2/24/2026) | 1.53% |
| Superintendent's Revised Proposal (3/9/2026) | 1.35% |
| Amity Board of Education Approved (3/9/2026) | 1.20% |

| | Bethany | Orange | Woodbridge | Amity |
|--------------------------------------------|---------|--------|------------|-------|
| Elementary District Budget Increase | 4.70% | 2.08% | 2.80% | 1.20% |
| Town Department Budget Increase | 1.36% | 5.40% | 1.40% | |



Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, May 4, 2026 – Annual District Meeting
- Tuesday, May 5, 2026 – Referendum
 - 6:00 am – 8:00 pm
 - Bethany Town Hall - Bethany
 - High Plains Community Center - Orange
 - The Center Gym - Woodbridge



Thank you for supporting your
Amity Students