



Superintendent's Report



April 2026

Understanding the
2026-2027 budget



INVESTING IN AVON GROVE

UNDERSTANDING THE 2026-2027 BUDGET

Each year, the Avon Grove School District develops a budget that balances responsible financial stewardship with our commitment to providing students with a high-quality educational experience. As we continue planning for the 2026–2027 school year, the district has introduced a proposed budget that includes a potential 3.5% tax increase.

This proposal is the result of months of effort and collaboration between the administration, educators, and the Board of School Directors. The district will continue working over the course of the next month prior to the adoption of the final budget to identify areas for cost savings and efficiencies without impacting the effectiveness of our educational programs.

WHY ARE COSTS INCREASING?

Like school districts across Pennsylvania, Avon Grove is experiencing rising operational costs in several areas. Here, we take a look at key cost drivers.

SALARIES AND WAGES

To remain competitive, ongoing increases are necessary to retain high-quality staff who support student learning.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

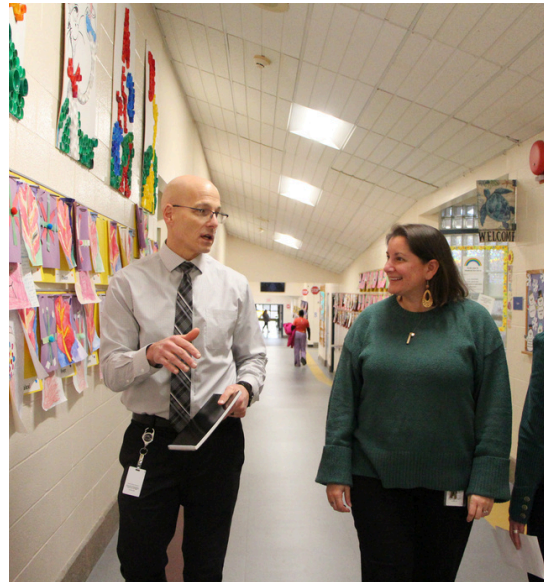
The district has seen increased demand for specialized student services, including Personal Care Assistants and professional support services, to ensure all students receive the individualized support they need to succeed.

CHARTER SCHOOL TUITION

Payments to charter schools have increased due to a growing number of Avon Grove students enrolling in charter programs, including Avon Grove Charter School.

TRANSPORTATION

To ensure reliable transportation for students, the district has seen rising costs especially related to contracts and fuel expenses.



FICA AND PSERS CONTRIBUTIONS

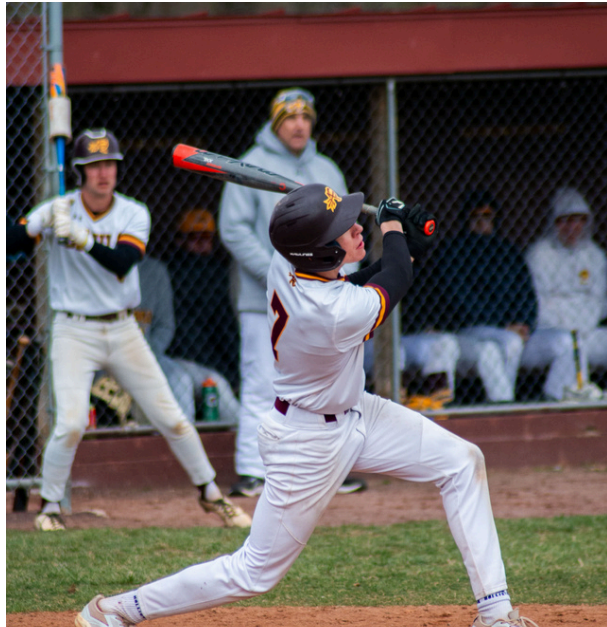
These include mandatory increases in employer contributions to Social Security (FICA) and the Pennsylvania Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS).

BUDGET WINS

At the same time, there has been some positive news. State funding to the district has increased by approximately 10%, due to higher allocations through Pennsylvania's Basic Education Subsidy, Special Education Subsidy, and Ready to Learn Block Grant.

WHAT DOES THE BUDGET SUPPORT?

The Avon Grove budget directly supports programs and services that impact students every day.



* Academic programming and classroom instruction

* Advanced Placement (AP) and college preparation opportunities

* Special education and individualized student supports

* Career and technical learning opportunities

* Arts, music, and performing arts programs

* Athletics and extracurricular activities

* Technology and instructional resources

* Safe, well-maintained school facilities



These programs help ensure Avon Grove students graduate prepared for college, careers, and future success.

STRONG SCHOOLS DELIVER STRONG RESULTS

The investments our community makes in education continue to produce strong outcomes for students.



10%

AGSD ranks among
the top districts in PA



97%

Graduation Rate



Students consistently
perform above state
averages.

OUR COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

The Avon Grove School District remains committed to balancing fiscal responsibility with educational excellence. Every budget decision is made with the goal of supporting students while being mindful of the impact on taxpayers.

By continuing to invest strategically in our schools, we ensure that Avon Grove remains a district where students thrive, educators excel, and the community takes pride in its public schools.