

**Addendum  
BUUSD Board  
Informational Meeting  
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# Budget Development and Board Guidance

The Budget Development Process begins in September/October with a building based meeting with the Superintendent.

In November, we ask the School Board for guidance, (refer to policy, Education Quality Standards, review school operations for efficiencies, level program or level funded budget)

FY27 School Board Guidance - Level Program Budget + Summer School

## Review State Mandates and Key Budget Drivers

- ❖ Insurance 7.4 BCBS/  
VSBIT
- ❖ Negotiations if applicable
- ❖ Special Education contract  
costs
- ❖ Transportation
- ❖ Building energy costs

## Other Factors Affecting the Budget

LTWADM: Less weighted students

Grants: Reduction in projected allocations

Decision to use the District Tax Stabilization Funds \$957,000 to support summer school (\$100,000).

Decision not to use Capital Improvement which is currently \$1,015,000.

# Vote One March 5, 2026

Overall increase of 3.41 Level Program Budget

Included reductions in staffing 3.5 due to class size policy

Summer school and use of \$100,000, in tax stabilization money to fund.

Move two interventionist positions to the GOB, not in grants.

We did not include the building principals recommendations which would have increased the budget by \$872,500 (6.85%)

Includes Negotiations

# Responsive to the community

- **Opposition Drivers:** The primary reason for "No" votes was the **Tax Impact (33.3%)**, followed by concerns over the rate of budget growth compared to the previous year.
- **Spending Concerns:** Respondents are most worried about **Overall Spending Levels (34.7%)** and **Administrative Costs (31.9%)**.
- **Desired Growth Rate:** There is a strong preference for a lower increase. Over **30%** of respondents prefer a 0–2% increase, while only **25%** find the current proposal acceptable as is.
- **Reserve Fund Utilization:** A clear majority (**69.4%**) advocate for using **\$1.2 million from the tax stabilization fund** to provide immediate tax relief.

# Vote Two May 12, 2026

Approximately 85% of school budget votes have passed.

BUUSD overall budget increase of 2.73% one of the lowest in 5 years, lower than inflation, lower than the Governor's stated expectations

State Per pupil spending \$10-24,000; BUUSD \$12,748 (below threshold amount \$16,331)

\$50,000 Savings in combining SRO for two schools

Moving intervention positions back to grant funds.

Removal of summer school \$100,000

Reduction of the per square feet in building and maintenance costs from \$1.00 to \$.85 square feet

Increase the use of tax stabilization (300,000) and surplus funds(\$269,518)

# What will happen if this budget is defeated?

- School Board can decide schedule a re-vote by the end of June.
- If we do not pass a budget the district will need to apply for a CEN. This means we can only spend 87% of the current year budget until we pass a budget.
- The School Board will need to decide if further reductions are warranted before going back out to a vote.

**Thank you for spending the time to  
learn more about our budget!**



**Please exercise your right to vote on May 12, 2026**

QUESTIONS?