SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET
FY-2027

BUDGET CALENDAR

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Date(s)	Action	Responsibility
November 19, 2025	School budget templates, including Prior Year budget numbers and instructions provided to principals and administrators.	Business Office
November 19 – December 18, 2025	Schools review educational plans and use them to inform budget development.	Schools
November 24, 2025 6:30 pm	**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING** **ACT I Index - Resolution to NOT raise taxes for support of the school budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 by more than the index:** ➢ **2026-2027 index is 3.5%** ➢ **Calculated by PDE for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**	**Board**
December 16, 2025	Executive Administration Meeting: Review questions attributed to the Budget	Cabinet
December 19, 2025	All budget templates are due in the Business Office.	Schools
January 12-23, 2026	Individual Administrative Reviews with Mr. Pepe and Ms. Williams	Administration
January 26, 2026 **PRESENTATION**	**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING** **The Director of Business Services will discuss the proposed 2026-2027 budgets for:** ➢ **CLIU 21 and LCCC; and** ➢ **Provide an update on the SLSD FY 2027 Budget Process and Long Range Facilities Plan Needs**	**Board/Administration**
January 27, 2026	Executive Administration Meeting: Mr. Pepe to review and report to the cabinet on budget submissions.	Cabinet
February 2-27, 2026	**The Administration reviews school budgets and resolves open issues. Schools work with the Central Office Administration for any needed Changes**	**Administration**
February 23, 2026 **PRESENTATION**	**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING** **The Director of Business Services will provide an update on the SLSD Budget, including the 2026-2027 Lehigh Career and Technical Institute Budget and proposed resolution:** ➢ **LCTI 2026-2027 School Budget for General Operating and Academic Center Funds** ➢ **LCTI 2026-2027 Budget Adoption Resolution for SLSD**	**Board/Administration**
March 3, 2026	Executive Administration Meeting: Mr. Pepe to review and report to the cabinet on budget adjustments and progress.	Cabinet
April 14, 2026	Executive Administration Meeting: Mr. Pepe to review the PRELIMINARY with the cabinet	Cabinet
April 27, 2026 **PRESENTATION**	**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING** **The Director of Business Services will present the 2026-2027 PRELIMINARY BUDGET for consideration**	**Board/Administration**

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May 11, 2026	**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING** **Adoption of the 2026-2027 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**	**Board**
May 21, 2026 (30 days prior to the final budget adoption deadline)	School District to publish the notice in the newspaper of the 2026-2027 PRELIMINARY BUDGET and to make the proposed budget available for public inspection on the General Fund Budget from the CFRS application	Business Office
June 9, 2026 (10 days prior to the final budget adoption deadline)	School District to offer Public Notice of intent to adopt the FINAL BUDGET	Business Office
June 22, 2026	**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING** **Adoption of the 2026-2027 FINAL BUDGET** **Board adopts homestead/farmstead exclusion resolution**	**Board**
June 23, 2026	Upload the signed Certification of Use document in the CFRS application through the PDE Suite.	Business Office

Note: Dates and Presentations are subject to change in accordance with PDE Timeline for Events Related to the 2026-2027 Budget Process.