

Enlarged City School District of Troy



Budget Public Hearing

May 7, 2014



TROY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The Troy City School District will provide a strong educational and social foundation to graduate all students college and career ready.

2014-2015 Budget

- **\$106,788,863** **2.99%**
- We have developed a budget that is fiscally responsible and educationally sound
- **More than \$200,000 below the allowable State tax cap**

Two Lenses

Educational

- Need to maintain programs for our students
- Need to keep our focus on the District Mission, Vision and Goals
- Need to ensure that all future graduates will have same or better educational experiences and opportunities as previous graduates

Financial

- Need to close the Gap
- Need to be good stewards of the taxpayers' money
- Need to be fiscally responsible
- Need to make the most efficient and effective use of all of the district's resources

2014-2015 Budget

- We have balanced the two lenses very well
- Because over 140 positions were cut during the last several years, we were committed to finding cost reductions that would have the least negative impact on students and learning
- Board of Education, Central Administration, and the bargaining units for the teachers, non-instructional staff, and administrators worked collaboratively and creatively to make the necessary reductions without affecting staff or programs
- We have been fiscally responsible to our taxpayers

We Have Maintained All Programs

- For the first time in five years, our budget includes no cuts to staff or programs
- No cuts to our extensive Advanced Placement and College in the High School course offerings
- No cuts to our support services for struggling students
- No cuts to Athletics or Extra-curricular activities
- No cuts to our Music or Art programs

Advocacy Efforts

- Active Lobbying Campaign
- Face to face meeting with our Legislators
- Over 1700 letters delivered from our school community
- On-going follow-up communication with elected officials
- These efforts resulted in \$1,453,077 in additional funding from the Governor's original budget
- Thank you to all of those that helped!

Property Tax Freeze

- Because we have stayed within our tax cap, our taxpayers will receive a rebate check next fall that matches the amount of the increase in the tax bill due to the new tax levy.
- This effectively results in **NO** increase in the property taxes for our taxpayers.

Reminder

What happens if Budget is voted down?

- New SED regulations require 0% tax levy increase
- Would require an additional \$1,023,780 in expenditure cuts
- That would certainly result in cuts to staff and programs

This would have a devastating impact on the education we can offer our students!!

Thank you
for your continued support!

Please vote

on

May 20th

New Polling Hours: 7:00am to 8:00pm



**TODAY'S
STUDENTS.**

**TOMORROW'S
LEADERS.**

TROY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT