

# 2025 - 2026 Budget Proposal

## DRAFT 2

Presented March 26, 2025



*Today's Students.  
Tomorrow's Leaders.*

# 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.

- We continue to be proud of all that is happening throughout the district (from October 2, 2024 Board Presentation)
  - District proficiency rates well above the pre-pandemic proficiency rates in both ELA and Math
  - Met District Goal #1
  - Five of our six schools had their highest recorded Math proficiency rate
  - Three out of our six schools had a double-digit Math proficiency rate increase
    - PS2 - highest percent increase at 19%
  - CHS increased in both ELA and Math proficiency rates
  - PS 16 outperformed the State proficiency rate in both ELA and Math
  - PS 2 has been removed from Receivership



# Budget Development Process

- How do we sustain this progress and build on our successes?
- How do we ensure that we are meeting the needs of all of our students?
- How do we maintain our environment of continuous improvement?
- How do we do this in the most fiscally responsible way possible?



# Budget Development Process

- Educationally Sound

What do our students need to be successful?

- Mission Statement
- Staffing/Programs
- Supports
- Academic Achievement - How do we fully support our students going forward

- Fiscally Responsible

Good stewards of the taxpayers' money

- Mindful of our overburdened taxpayers
- Continue to search for other funding sources
- Under the tax cap for the last twelve years
- State and Federal money
- Long-term financial (strategic) planning



# Tax Cap

Year	Tax Cap (What we could have done)	Tax Levy We Chose (What we did)
2012-2013	3.61%	2.89%
2013-2014	4.01%	2.99%
2014-2015	3.61%	2.99%
2015-2016	2.75%	2.49%
2016-2017	.13%	0%
2017-2018	.45%	.45%
2018-2019	1.88%	1.54%
2019-2020	1.89%	1.00%
2020-2021	2.13%	1.99%
2021-2022	1.4%	0%
2022-2023	1.15%	0%
2023-2024	2.46%	0%
2024-2025	2.68%	0%



# Proposed Budget Draft 1

2024-2025 Budget

\$133,067,785

## **2025-26 Budget**

Draft 1 Revenues

\$139,596,851

Draft 1 Expenditures

\$143,716,818

Current Deficit

\$(4,119,967)

Includes Transfer to Capital

\$3,600,000



# Changes since Draft 1

- Reduction in positions— still planning/hoping for no lay-offs due to the budget
  - 4 elementary sections –based on class sizes
  - 4 co-teach positions
  - 2 special education positions (remain unfilled)
  - 1 instructional coach (unfilled)
  - 3 social workers (funding shifted to IDEA grant)
- Cost savings of above -- \$1,276,975
- Attrition Plan
  - Any open positions will be thoroughly reviewed





# Proposed Budget Draft 2

2024-2025 Budget

\$133,067,785

## **2025-26 Budget**

Draft 2 Revenues

\$139,596,851

Draft 2 Expenditures

\$142,439,843

Current Deficit

\$(2,842,992)

Gap to be addressed by  
State budget revenues, Tax Levy and Reserves



# Comparing the Proposals

	Governor	Senate	Assembly
<b>Foundation Aid</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1.46 billion increase</li> <li>• 2% minimum increase</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$680 million increase over the Executive Budget</li> <li>• 3% minimum increase</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$569 million increase over the Executive Budget</li> <li>• 2.9% minimum increase</li> </ul>
<b>Changes to FA formula</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update student poverty factors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update student poverty factors</li> <li>• Update regional cost index</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update student poverty factors</li> <li>• Update regional cost index</li> <li>• Update ELL weighting</li> <li>• Update Income Wealth Index</li> </ul>
<b>Cell Phones and Smart Devices</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandatory bell-to-bell prohibition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bell-to-bell (instructional time)</li> <li>• Allows districts to adopt policies regarding use during non-instructional time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reject this as part of the budget</li> <li>• Introduce separate legislation requiring districts to adopt local policy</li> <li>• fund \$25m to support policy implementation state-wide</li> </ul>
<b>Retiree Earnings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NONE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extend waiver until 2027</li> <li>• Increase limit from \$35K to \$65K</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NONE</li> </ul>



# Tax Levy Options

**With a levy  
increase of...**

**Revenue  
Raised...**

**Approximate increase to  
average homeowner  
(\$160,000)...**

0.5%

\$189,705

\$1.50 per month

1.0%

\$379,411

\$3.00 per month

1.5%

\$569,116

\$4.50 per month

2.0%

\$758,822

\$6.00 per month

2.57%  
(cap)

\$975,086

\$7.65 per month



# Reserve Usage

- Non-recurring revenue should not be used for recurring expenditures
- In our case, we are combining Reserve utilization with our Attrition Plan to minimize significant cuts to resources, programs and staff
- Recommending between \$1- \$1.5M



# Next Steps

- Continue to monitor the State budget process
- Continue our advocacy
- Continue the review, analysis and discussion of our current budget
- Draft 3 is scheduled to be presented at the April 9<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
- Adopt the budget on April 22, 2025
- Budget Vote is May 20, 2025



**TROY**  
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**We Can.  
We Will.  
End Of Story**