

## 2025 - 2026 Budget Hearing

Presented May 7, 2025



Tomorrow's Leaders.

## 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
  - Proficiency rates throughout the district on the Grades 3-8 ELA and Math state assessments continue to rise, and are well above the pre-pandemic rates
  - 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



- We are committed to continuous growth and improvement, always striving to get better
- We have developed a budget that will allow us to meet the needs of all of our students and help to ensure that each student has the necessary tools to succeed
- As we plan for the future, we will continue to be conservative and strategic with our choices



#### 2025-2026 Proposed Budget

\$142,360,820

Approved by the Board of Education on April 22, 2025



#### This has been a difficult budget development process

- Extremely late State budget
- Projected to receive the Minimum Foundation Aid increase (2%)
  - For a district like ours, so dependent on State Aid, this is a real problem
- Future of State Aid is unknown
  - New Formula is expected next year

Despite all of this, we are proud that we have still been able to develop a budget that is fiscally responsible and educationally sound



#### Fiscally Responsible

- 1.75% Tax Levy Increase
- Approximately \$5.25/month for the average homeowner
- \$309,658 below the allowable final tax cap (2.57% this year)
- For the past four years, we had 0% tax levy increase
- Under the tax cap for the last thirteen years
- Always mindful of our overburdened taxpayers
- Conservative and strategic with our choices
  - Attrition
  - Other funding sources

2016-2017 - 0.00%

2017-2018 - 0.45%

2018-2019 - 1.54%

2019-2020 - 1.00%

2020-2021 - 1.99%

2021-2022 - 0.00%

2022-2023 - 0.00%

2023-2024 - 0.00%

2024-2025 - 0.00%

Less than 5% total levy increase over the last nine budget cycles



#### **Educationally Sound**

#### What do our students need to be successful?

- Mission Statement and District Goals
- This budget maintains:
  - Quality instructional programs PK 12
  - Small class sizes (especially at the elementary level)
  - Crucial support services for our students, including social emotional supports
  - Extensive Advanced Placement and College in the High School courses
  - Extra-curricular clubs and activities
  - Elementary after-school program
  - Athletic programs
  - Music and Art programs



#### Transfer to Capital

- This is budget neutral corresponding revenue and expenditure
- May 2023 Small City Capital Outlay \$5M
- Estimated \$3.6M one-time Building Aid realized this budget cycle (2025-26)
  - Accelerated Reimbursement
- Non-recurring revenue not to be used for recurring expenditures
- Propose Transfer to Capital as we did in previous years
  - Supplement Tech Wing/THS Site work/non-aidable construction upgrades
  - Tech Wing complicated project anticipate unknowns/cost escalation
  - Want to be prepared financially going into project
  - Potential upgrades/improvements for concession, storage and restrooms
- Again, this can be done without affecting the taxpayers



## What happens if the Budget is voted down?

- We have the option of putting the same or a revised budget up for a revote, or adopting a contingency budget.
- If a proposed budget is defeated twice, the District must adopt a contingency budget. This requires a 0% tax increase, and a \$1.2 million reduction in our budget. This would certainly mean significant cuts to staff and programs.
- Contingency budgets also come with certain restrictions, which include prohibiting public use of buildings for non-district events. It would also prohibit the purchase of student supplies and equipment, including computers and technology equipment.

This would be devastating to our students and the district.



#### Thank you for your continued support!

We are committed to continuing the positive trend of improved student performance, and ensuring we meet the needs of all of our students as we support them in reaching their full potential and achieving success.



#### **Polling Locations**

Many Troy election districts have recently changed.

Please verify your voting location using our address search on our website: www.troycsd.org

Polling locations are Schools 2, 12, 14, 16, 18, & Carroll Hill School



## Budget Vote

#### Board of Education Election

## Please vote on May 20<sup>th</sup>

Polling Hours: 7:30am to 8:00pm



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