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TROY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

2026 - 2027 Budget Hearing

Presented May 6, 2026

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

District Achievement Highlights

We continue to be proud of all that is happening throughout the district

- District proficiency rates have once again increased in both ELA and Math
- District proficiency rates are significantly above the pre-pandemic proficiency rates
- Three out of our six schools had a double-digit Math proficiency rate increase
    - PS18 - highest percent increase at 18%
- School 16 and School 18 outperformed the State proficiency rate in both ELA and Math
    - Both are nearly 10% higher than NYS in ELA
- PS 2 is no longer designated as a Receivership School
- We are a district in good standing, with no schools or subgroups on any designated state list

- We are committed to building on these successes and doing what is necessary to continue to improve and grow as a district

- 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, and we have once again done that in a fiscally responsible way

2026-2027 Budget

$146,348,609

Approved by the
Board of Education on April 15, 2026

We are proud to have developed a budget that is *fiscally responsible* and *educationally sound*

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Fiscally Responsible

- **0% Tax Levy Increase**
- $862,156 below the allowable final tax cap (2.23% this year)
- Under the tax cap for the last fourteen years
- Always mindful of our overburdened taxpayers
- We have been conservative and strategic with our choices
  - Attrition
  - Other funding sources

Tax levy increases over the last ten years

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%

2025-2026 – 1.75%

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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
  - Strong partnerships with community organizations and local trade unions

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Additions

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- **This budget adds:**
  - Five year contract with Student Transportation of America (STA)
  - Expanded Special Ed supports, including:
    - Additional Self-contained elementary section (1 teacher, 2 TAs)
    - Speech Therapist
    - Secondary Special Ed teachers (2 teachers)
    - Secondary Special Ed TA
  - Attendance Liaison (1 FT)

Annexation of the WUFSD

- In August 2025, the Boards of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District (WUFSD) and TCSD approved a feasibility study to explore annexation
- Multiple community forums and stakeholder meetings were held to review the merger implications.
- The Feasibility Study showed that annexation would result in positive benefits to both districts and communities. WUFSD held a special vote to approve annexation on March 31, 2026, which passed
- After the positive vote in the Wynantskill community in March, the Troy BOE passed a resolution approving the annexation. These results were submitted to NYSED Commissioner with a letter of support from Questar III BOCES District Superintendent
- We are waiting a final order from the Commissioner
- We anticipate a July 1, 2027 for the official start date
- The expected incentive aid is approximately $241 M paid out over fifteen years
- Great news for the students, staff and community of both districts
- The future is bright!

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Additions for Transition

- There is much work to be done
- We need to allocate approximately $1M in anticipation of a July 1, 2027 start
- We need to plan for a seamless integration of GD students and staff -- this will cover centralization of student and staff records, back-end data systems, central office transition needs, and other operational components
- Begin expansion of classroom resources
  - Adding an instructional coach at GD
  - Begin re-implementing the co-teach model by adding seven teachers in our schools
- This is an evolving process that is new and unique. We may find there is a need for additional positions as we go along.

Proposition-Capital Reserve

- Community will vote on a proposition to authorize the creation of a Capital Reserve Fund (savings account) for the purpose of helping to finance the local share of future capital projects – which are aidable at 98% for ten years following the merger.
- The Reserve allows Capital Projects to be completed with no additional cost to taxpayers
- The Reserve may be funded up to a maximum of $6 M over the course of ten years
- The Reserve would be funded by setting aside one time revenues and surplus funds
- There is no tax increase involved in the creation of the Reserve
- The Reserve allows us to plan for the future in a proactive way by putting aside money and leveraging state funding for those additional and necessary projects identified in the Building Condition Survey, as well as any opportunities that may arise

What happens if the Budget is voted down?

- We have the option of putting the same or a revised budget up for a re-vote, 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 $1.1 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.

We could not be more excited about the future of the district!

Polling Locations

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

Polling locations are:
School 2
School 12
School 14
School 16
School 18
Carroll Hill School

Budget Vote

and

Board of Education Election

Please vote

on

May 19th

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

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We Will
End Of Story