

2025-2026 Pottstown School District 5/8/24 Finance Committee

Budget Work Session



Maureen K. Oakley, Business Administrator

2025 - 2026 BUDGET TIMELINE

9/30/2024	ACT 1 Base Index 4% & Pottstown Adjusted Index 5.8% Released by PDE
11/14/2024	Finance Committee Meeting- Opt out Resolution discussion
11/21/2024	Board Action- Opt out Resolution
02/13/2025	Finance Committee First Look Budget Presentation
3/13/2025	Finance Committee Second Look Budget Presentation
04/10/2025	Finance Committee Third Look Budget Presentation
5/8/2025	Finance Committee- Budget Work Session
5/22/2025	Preliminary Budget Adoption* Special Meeting 6:30 PM Zoom
6/26/2025	Final Budget Adoption- including HF Resolution & 2024-2025 READY-TO-LEARN BLOCK GRANT TAX EQUITY SUPPLEMENT *** June Board Action Meeting 6:30 PM Administration Building
6/30/2025	School District Deadline to Adopt 2024/2025 Budget
7/15/2025	Deadline to File PDE 2028 (or 15 days within Final Budget Adoption)

REVENUES

REVENUES: Breakdown by Source

LOCAL CURRENT TAX	\$	31,870,394
TOTAL LOCAL	\$	35,358,940
TOTAL STATE	\$	47,795,322
TOTAL FEDERAL	\$	3,643,759
TOTAL	\$	86,798,021

Revenue: Local Taxes

Year	Assessed Value	Actual R6111 Current Tax Collections
2015	\$810,196,679	\$28,416,527
2016	\$804,630,169	\$28,764,958
2017	\$803,638,619	\$28,573,686
2018	\$772,937,259	\$28,236,935
2019	\$764,248,589	\$28,188,038*
2020	\$761,992,039	\$28,955,555*
2021	\$761,470,629	\$29,021,452
2022	\$762,090,941	\$29,076,270
2023	\$761,331,952	\$28,730,859

REVENUES: Local \$ 35,358,940

		2025-2026 BUDGET
R6000	<u>LOCAL</u>	
R6111	CURRENT REAL ESTATE TAX	\$ 28,130,394
R6112	INTERM REAL ESTATE TAX	\$ 100,000
R6113	PUBLIC UTILITY TAX	\$ 30,000
R6114	PAYMENT LIEU OF TAXES	\$ 30,000
R6120	CURRENT PER CAP (679)	\$ 30,000
R6141	CUR ACT 511 PER CAPITA	\$ 30,000
R6143	CURR ACT 511 OCCUPATION	\$ 45,000
R6151	CUR ACT 511 EARN INCOME	\$ 2,850,000
R6152	CUR 511 OCCUPATION-MILL	\$ 175,000
R6153	REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TX	\$ 450,000
R6411	DELINQ REAL ESTATE TAX	\$ 950,000
R6420	DELINQ PER CAPITA (679)	\$ 26,000
R6441	DELINQ ACT 511 PER CAP	\$ 26,000
R6452	DELINQ ACT 511 OCCUPT	\$ 220,000
R6510	INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	\$ 1,000,000
R6710	REVENUE-ADMINSSIONS	\$ 20,000
R6832	IDEA 611	\$ 886,000
R6839	TITLE III (IDEA 619)	\$ 5,000
R6910	RENTALS	\$ 175,000
R6920	PHEOBE SIME	\$ 45,000
R6990	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$ 20,000
R6999	ALL OTHER REVENUE	\$ 115,546

Historical ACT 1 Index & Millage

<u>Year</u>	<u>BASE</u>	<u>ADJUSTED</u>	<u>Millage</u>
2025-2026	4.0%	5.8%	44.39* recommended
2024-2025	5.3%	7.9%	41.96
2023-2024	4.1%	6.0%	41.96
2022-2023	3.4%	5.0%	41.96
2021-2022	3%	4.4%	41.96

***PSD raised taxes to half (50%) of the allowable rate as indicated by the index for the 2012-13 school year while there was no tax increase in the 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years. The district raised taxes to the adjusted index 3.5% for a millage rate of 40.62 in 2018-2019 and raised taxes to the adjusted index 3.3% for a millage rate of 41.96 in 2019-2020. The District did not raise taxes in 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, or 2024-25 the millage rate remains at 41.96.

In the Past 10 years the school district raised taxes **2 times** (18/19 & 19/20) the year the Hospital came off the tax role and the following year.

Revenue: Local Tax Base

*2015 Certified Tax Duplicate	\$810,196,679
2020 Certified Tax Duplicate	\$761,992,039
2021 Certified Tax Duplicate	\$761,470,629
2022 Certified Tax Duplicate	\$762,090,941
2023 Certified Tax Duplicate	\$ 761,331,952
2024 Certified Tax Duplicate	\$ 758,342,862
2025 Certified Tax Duplicate	\$ 760,445,232

Revenue: Local Act 1 Index Generated Revenue

<u>Index</u>	<u>Millage+ / -</u>	<u>New Millage</u>	<u>Addl Revenue</u>
0.5	0.21	42.17	\$ 132,413
1	0.42	42.38	\$ 285,247
1.75	0.73	42.69	\$ 514,499
2	0.84	42.80	\$ 590,916
2.5	1.05	43.01	\$ 743,750
3	1.26	43.22	\$ 896,584
3.5	1.47	43.43	\$ 1,049,419
4	1.68	43.64	\$ 1,202,253
4.5	1.89	43.85	\$ 1,355,087
4.75	1.99	43.95	\$ 1,431,504
5	2.10	44.06	\$ 1,507,922
5.25	2.20	44.16	\$ 1,584,339
5.8	2.43	44.39	\$ 1,752,456

ACT 1 Tax Increase per Homestead at adjusted index 5.8%

Average Assessed Value Residential Property	\$79,020
CURRENT Millage Rate 41.96 Tax Per Residential Property	\$3,315
NEW: Millage 44.39 Rate Tax Per Residential Property	\$3,507
Net Annual Tax Per Household Increase 5.8%	\$192
2024-2025 Homestead Farmstead Rebate	\$670.55
2025-2026 Homestead Farmstead Rebate	\$777.38
Homestead Farmstead Rebate Increase	\$106.83
“Real feel” Tax Increase per Approved Homestead	\$85.17

Homestead Farmstead Rebate

	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
Allocation	\$2,047,500	\$2,456,885	\$2,817,199
Homesteads	3,645	3,664	3,624
HF Reduction	\$561	\$670.55	\$777.38
Reduction in Assessed Value	\$13,388	\$15,980	**TBD based on final millage

8,767 Total Parcels
7,620 Residential
809 (Commercial, Industrial, Apartment)
338 (Utility & Exempt)
Median 2025 Value 79,020

Revenue Decline Due to Inflation

Inflation Adjustment & Diminished resources:

When taxes are held flat, the purchasing power of the tax revenue decreases over time. The amount of money the district receives won't stretch as far as it did in previous years because the cost of goods and services, including services, supplies, and utilities, is increasing. The district might not be able to afford the same level of services or programs it once did.

	2024	2023	2022	2021
Tax Increase	0%	0%	0%	0%
Median House	\$235,000	\$215,000	\$189,500	\$167,000
Energy	14%	3%	-3%	16%
Inflation	2.9%	3.4%	6.5%	7%

Millage / Assessment

Montgomery County, PA, doesn't currently have a county-wide reassessment, and assessments are based on a 1996 base year value, with all properties assessed at 100% of that value.

No County-Wide Reassessment:

Montgomery County does not conduct periodic county-wide reassessments to reflect current market values.

Base Year Assessment:

Currently, all properties in Montgomery County are assessed at 100% of their 1996 base year value.

REVENUES: State \$ 47,795,322

		2025-2026 BUDGET
R7000	STATE	
R7111	BASIC ED EQUALIZED SUBS	\$ 20,549,721
R7160	ORPHANS/CHILD PRIVATE H	\$ 80,000
R7220	VOCATIONAL ED - INOVT L	\$ 243,748
R7271	SPECIAL ED SCHOOL AGE	\$ 3,632,108
R7292	REC'D PA PREK COUNTS	\$ 2,541,000
R7311	PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$ 727,394
R7312	NON PUBLIC-CHARTER TRANS	\$ 10,000
R7320	RENTALS/SINKING FUNDS	\$ 1,212,495
R7330	HEALTH MED/DENTAL/NURSE	\$ 65,000
R7340	SUPPL REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 2,456,885
R7360	SAFE SCHOOLS	\$ 200,000
R7531	READY TO LEARN READY TO L	\$ 5,078,163
R7532	READY TO LEARN READY TO L	\$ 891,827
R7599	OTHER STATE REVENUE	\$ 500,000
R7810	STATESHARE SS & MEDICR	\$ 1,553,159
R7820	STATE SHARE RETIREMENT	\$ 8,053,822

REVENUES: Proposed State Revenue from Governor's Proposal R7111 (Basic Ed. Subsidy)

Budget = \$20,549,721

<i>25/26 Base</i>	<i>\$20,018,806</i>
<i>25/26 Proposed BEF (Feb 2025)</i>	<i>\$21,081,638</i>
<i>25/26 Budgeted BEF</i>	<i>\$20,549,721</i>
<i>23/24 Actual</i>	<i>\$19,577,500</i>
<i>24/25 Projected</i>	<i>\$20,810,644</i>

REVENUES: Proposed State Revenue from Governor's Proposal R7531 & R7532 (Ready To Learn)

Budget = \$5,969,990

<i>25/26 R2L Foundation</i>	\$4,999,655
<i>25/26 Proposed Adequacy</i>	\$892,056
<i>25/26 Proposed Tax Equity</i>	\$1,048,614
<i>25/26 TOTAL R2L Proposed</i>	\$6,940,327
<i>24/25 R2L Foundation</i>	\$3,059,007
<i>24/25 Proposed Adequacy</i>	\$891,826
<i>24/25 Proposed Tax Equity</i>	\$1,048,614
<i>24/25 TOTAL R2L</i>	\$4,999,448

REVENUES: Proposed State Revenue from Governor's Proposal R7271 (Special Ed. Subsidy)

Budget \$3,632,1080

	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
SEF Subsidy	2,178,878	2,232,034	2,437,714	2,437,564	2,663,200	3,024,777	3,210,321
Spl. Ed Expend	12,677,319	13,729,409	13,850,055	13,482,875	13,925,463	16,367,184	18,850,781

REVENUES: Federal \$ 3,643,759

		2025-2026 BUDGET
R8000	FEDERAL	
R8514	TITLE I IMPRV BASIC PGM	\$ 1,702,116
R8515	TITLE II	\$ 171,643
R8516	TITLE III	\$ 5,000
R8517	21ST CENTURY	\$ 425,000
R8521	VOCED - PERKINS	\$ 80,000
R8690	OTHER GTS THROUGH PA	\$ 750,000
R8810	ACCESS	\$ 500,000
R8820	MA ADMIN	\$ 10,000

EXPENDITURES

2025-2026 Budget

Expenditure by Object

\$91,948,117

100	Salaries	\$33,837,982
200	Benefits	\$21,569,245
300	Professional Services	\$8,895,531
400	Property Services	\$1,525,090
500	Other Services	\$15,580,550
600	Supplies	\$4,602,708
700	Equipment	\$1,440,000
800	Other Services	\$4,497,011

2025-2026 Budget

100 Salaries

Main Acct	Description	2025-2026 BUDGET
100	Salaries	
110	Administrative Salaries	\$ 4,230,908
120	Professional Education Salaries	\$ 20,550,401
130	Other Professional Salaries	\$ 2,595,335
140	Technical Salaries	\$ 405,285
150	Clerical Salaries	\$ 1,533,632
160	Crafts and Trade Salaries	\$ 682,516
170	Operative Salaries	\$ -
180	Service Work Salaries	\$ 1,650,215
190	Instructional Assistant Salaries	\$ 2,189,691

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200 Benefits

Main Acct	Description	2025-2026 BUDGET
200	Benefits	
210	Health Care Insurance	\$ 6,593,765
220	Social Security Contributions	\$ 2,588,599
230	Retirement Contributions	\$ 11,505,460
240	Tuition Reimbursement	\$ 100,000
250	Unemployment Compensation	\$ 30,000
260	Workers Compensation	\$ 145,421
280	Other Post Employment Benefits	\$ 5,000
290	Other Employee Benefits	\$ 601,000

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300 Professional Services

Main Acct	Description	2025-2026 BUDGET
300	Professional Services	\$ -
310	Administrative Services	\$ -
320	Professional Education Services	\$ 5,974,809
330	Other Professional Services	\$ 1,830,000
340	Technical Services	\$ -
350	Security Services	\$ 647,740
360	Safe Schools	\$ 51,982
390	Other Purchased Services	\$ 391,000

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320- Professional Educational Services \$5,974,809

1100	214,400	Regular Ed	Subs, Title 3 & Gear Up Services
1200	3,690,629	Special Ed	MCIU , CCIU, BCIU SPL Ed Cost Plan
1400	416,000	Alternate Ed	Partial Hospitalization, Behavioral Edu Serv.
1500	15,000	Non Pub	Fed Programs Pass Through
1800	10,000	Pre K	Pre K Building Subs
2100	1,322,000	Support- Student	Data Mgmt MCIU, Social Worker, Gear Up Counselor
2200	35,000	Support- Staff	Prof Development, Prof. Services
2300	6,500	Support- Admin	Prof Development, Prof. Services
2400	2,500	Support- Pupil Health	Prof Development, Prof. Services
2500	34,000	Support- Business	Prof Development, Prof. Services (Board Docs, PSBA)
2600	100,000	Support- Maintenance & Facilities	Professional Services, O&S, Design & Permit
2700	100,700	Support - Transportation	Professional Services, Data Management
2800	28,080	Support- Central Admin (IT)	MCIU Professional IT Services

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330- Other Professional Services

\$1,830,000

1100	8,000	Regular Ed	Gear Up
1200	495,000	Special Ed	Soliant Health, OT, PT, Nurse, Legal Fees
2100	100,000	Support- Student	Therapy Source, Psyc Services,
2300	482,000	Support- Admin	Legal Fees, Assessment Appeals, Sub Services
2400	615,000	Support- Pupil Health	Invo, Soliant, GHR, Therapy Traveler, Nurse Sub Fees
2500	55,000	Support- Business	Herbine Audit, Act 80 Automation, Bond Sinking Fund
2600	10,000	Support- Maintenance & Facilities	Professional Services & Fees
3200	5,000	Student Activities	Ambulance, & Band Design Fees (marching / color guard)
3300	60,000	Community Services	Family Services (Title 1)

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400 Property Services

Main Acct	Description	2025-2026 BUDGET
400	Property Services	\$ -
410	Cleaning Services	\$ 273,000
420	Utility Services	\$ 102,200
430	Repairs/Maintenance Services	\$ 899,600
440	Rentals	\$ 83,800
450	Construction Services	\$ 150,000
460	Extermination Services	\$ 16,490
490	Other Building Services	\$ -

2025-2026 Budget

500 Other Services

Main Acct	Description	2025-2026 BUDGET
500	Other Services	\$ -
510	Student Transportation	\$ 3,947,500
520	Insurance	\$ 416,000
530	Communications	\$ 151,150
540	Advertising	\$ 7,000
550	Printing & Binding	\$ -
560	Tuition	\$ 10,972,500
580	Travel	\$ 60,400
590	Misc Purchased Services	\$ 26,000

2025-2026 Budget

Transportation Costs

\$3,947,500 (total 510)

MCIU School Age

Pottstown School Age Special Ed 2024-2025 School year					
SchoolName	Student Type	VehicleDays	AverageDailyCost	OneToOneAideCost	TotalCost
Perkiomen Valley High School	School Age	178	\$ 256.99	0	\$ 45,744.22
Arcola Intermediate School	School Age	178	\$ 620.75	\$ 14,065.92	\$ 110,493.50
Woods Services	School Age	188	\$ 760.32	0	\$ 142,940.16
MCIU Transition @ The Discovery Center	School Age	181	\$ 216.00	0	\$ 39,096.00
Lindamood-Bell	School Age	147	\$ 345.60	0	\$ 50,803.20
MCIU Transition @ The Discovery Center	School Age	181	\$ 216.00	0	\$ 39,096.00
Pa. School for the Deaf	School Age	178	\$ 399.72	0	\$ 71,150.40
Perkiomen Valley High School	School Age	178	\$ 256.99	0	\$ 45,744.22
				Total (Estimate)	\$545,067.70

2025-2026 Budget

Transportation Costs

\$3,947,500 (total 510)

Historical & Projected

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Total	1,419,861	2,252,580	2,677,842	3,628,062	3,914,972
MCIU	476,848	257,899	156,124	801,854	963,962
CMD	924,662	1,968,456	2,405,582	2,610,848	2,784,156
Other (misc)	18,351	26,225	116,135	215,361	166,854

	<u>2025-2026 Budget</u>
Total	3,947,500
MCIU	863,695
CMD	2,909,443
Other	174,362

2025-2026 Budget Tuition Costs (560's) Historical & Projected

	<u>20/21</u>	<u>21/22</u>	<u>22/23</u>	<u>23/24</u>	<u>24/25</u> <u>YTD</u>	<u>25/26.</u> <u>Budget</u>
1100 Reg Ed	\$1,825,099	\$2,171,176	\$2,469,782	\$2,650,776	\$3,100,000	\$3,410,000
1200 Spl Ed	\$3,746,140	\$3,625,042	\$4,824,864	\$5,572,541	\$6,500,000	\$7,150,000
1400 Alt Ed	\$139,714	\$128,456	\$199,330	\$345,804	\$375,000	\$412,500
TOTAL	\$5,710,954	\$5,924,675	\$7,493,977	\$8,569,122	\$9,975,000	\$10,972,500

*****2023-2024 Actual to 2025-2026 Budget \$2,403,000 increase in 2 years**

2025-2026 Budget (560)'s Charter School Costs & Enrollment

	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023	2021 - 2022	2020 - 2021	2019-2020
July	224	176	182	22	74	169
August	299	287	175	96	77	171
September	300	295	274	210	193	170
October	302	299	276	222	222	192
November	307	303	277	220	207	191
December	316	302	270	227	202	193
January	313	310	273	232	220	189
February	320	308	274	238	214	178
March	321	313	279	238	227	190
April		314	282	251	218	188
May		314	288	252	214	168
June		299	288	244	140	167
AVERAGE	310	304	269	221	194	182
Total \$\$ annual		\$5,818,299	\$5,138,868	\$4,142,645	\$3,778,298	\$3,321,850
Avg Tuition per student		\$19,139.14	\$19,122.99	\$18,752.71	\$19,475.76	\$18,298
Inc from PY		0.08%	24.05%	9.64%	13.74%	

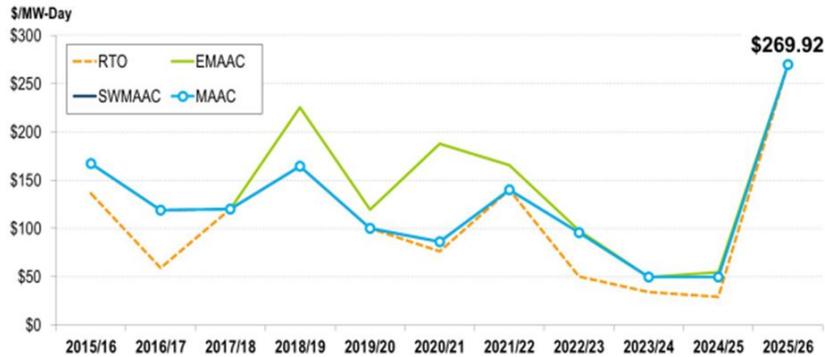
2025-2026 Budget

600 Supplies

Main Acct	Description	2025-2026 BUDGET
600	Supplies	
610	General Supplies	\$ 2,068,000
620	Energy	\$ 685,000
630	Food	\$ -
640	Books and Periodicals	\$ 835,000
650	Technology Supplies and Fees	\$ 1,014,708

2025-2026 Budget Energy Costs (620's)

School Year	Electric		Natural Gas		TOTAL	
	kWh	Total \$	DTH	Total \$		
2020-21 SY	3,561,723	\$355,671	23,985	\$175,085	\$530,756	
2021-22 SY	4,462,505	\$406,272	28,980	\$212,669	\$618,941	16.61%
2022-23 SY	4,466,591	\$413,862	18,006	\$181,373	\$595,235	-3.83%
2023-24 SY	4,566,542	\$506,062	10,452	\$108,036	\$614,098	3.17%
2024-25 SY	4,485,985	\$562,014	12,949	\$137,516	\$699,530	13.91%
20245-26 SY	4,485,985	\$710,215	12,949	\$136,514	\$846,729	21.04%



The increase for SY25-26 is driven largely by increased PJM Grid capacity costs related to reliability. These unavoidable costs are a result of the annual PJM reliability auction which spiked for the 2025-26 year (See below graph). The auction seeks to incentivize electric generators to help maintain the Grid's ability to meet the most extreme times of system stress.

The [PJM Capacity](#) costs are passed through, along with Transmission, and are not contracted in your agreement. As these auction results are considered a "Change in Law" the impact is passed on to all agreements even those "Fully-fixed" agreements where Capacity and Transmission costs are included. ***There is no way to avoid these charges. These increased Capacity costs will even show up in the utility company's "Price to Compare" for those who choose not to utilize a supplier.***

Source = Provident Energy 3.7.25

2025-2026 Budget

700 Equipment

Main Acct	Description	2025-2026 BUDGET
700	Equipment	\$ -
720	Buildings	\$ -
730	Leases (Technology)	\$ -
750	EQUIP-ORIGNL/ADDITIONAL	\$ 1,080,000
760	EQUIP-REPLACEMENT	\$ 300,000
780	INFRASTRUCTURE Assets	\$ 60,000

2025-2026 Budget

800 Other Fees

Main Acct	Description	2025-2026 BUDGET
800	Other Fees	
810	Dues & Fees	\$ 62,500
830	Bond Interest Payments	\$ 893,711
840	Contingency	\$ -
860	Donation for Community	\$ 20,000
880	Refund Prior Years Receipts	\$ 10,000
890	Misc Expenditures -	\$ 730,800
910	Bond Principal Payments	\$ 2,780,000

2025-2026 Budget (830) & (910) Debt Service

Source: [Page 52 of the 2023-2024 Financial Audit](#)

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2025	\$ 2,780,000	\$ 894,404
2026	2,870,000	803,771
2027	2,960,000	712,421
2028	3,065,000	608,121
2029	3,105,000	563,521
2030-2034	16,870,000	1,688,688
2035	3,110,000	51,316
	<u>\$ 34,760,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,322,242</u>

2025-2026 Budget (830) & (910) Debt Service

POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING DEBT SERVICE						
<i>Debt Service Requirements</i>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Fiscal Year Ended	G.O. Bonds Series of 2018	G.O. Bonds Series of 2019	G.O. Bonds Series A of 2019	G.O. Bonds Series of 2020	G.O. Bonds Series of 2021	Total Debt Service
6/30/2025	1,169,988	246,111	233,680	1,781,400	243,225	3,674,404
6/30/2026	1,189,550	240,624	615,598	1,335,375	292,625	3,673,771
6/30/2027	1,215,650	240,099	588,748	1,336,400	291,525	3,672,421
6/30/2028	1,294,125	244,424	1,209,698		924,875	3,673,121
6/30/2029		253,524	496,298		2,918,700	3,668,521
6/30/2030		252,474	499,591		2,918,700	3,670,765
6/30/2031		251,424	487,510		2,937,600	3,676,534
6/30/2032		220,824	3,495,123			3,715,946
6/30/2033		220,674	3,500,655			3,721,329
6/30/2034		3,774,114				3,774,114
6/30/2035		3,161,315				3,161,315
6/30/2036						
TOTAL	4,869,313	9,105,606	11,126,899	4,453,175	10,527,250	40,082,242

2025-2026 Budget

Function 1200 Costs

Special Education

	<u>20/21</u>	<u>21/22</u>	<u>22/23</u>	<u>23/24</u>	<u>24/25</u> <u>YTD</u>	<u>25/26.</u> <u>Budget</u>
100	4,104,468	4,517,245	4,977,892	5,668,956	5,665,298	6,444,192
200	3,164,559	3,134,299	3,294,181	3,666,246	3,675,818	4,216,063
300	2,008,599	1,740,215	2,629,860	3,518,640	4,089,261	4,410,000
500	3,753,899	3,635,471	4,892,166	5,606,181	6,786,133	7,202,500
600	451,350	898,150	571,675	388,043	402,937	440,000
TOTAL	13,482,874	13,925,462	16,367,184	18,850,780	20,619,967	22,712,755

2025-2026 Budget

Function 1280 Early Intervention Costs

FUND		10 - GENERAL FUND				
Sum of EXPENDITURES		Column Labels				
Row Labels	2020-2021 F	2021-2022 F	2022-2023 F	2023-2024	Grand Total	
1200	\$ 13,482,874.61	\$ 13,925,462.61	\$ 16,367,184.20	\$ 18,850,780.61	\$ 62,626,302.03	
1200	\$ 1,621,531.46	\$ 1,918,535.51	\$ 1,930,229.51	\$ 2,818,667.11	\$ 8,288,963.59	
1211	\$ 989,935.96	\$ 983,113.59	\$ 841,977.61	\$ 1,269,014.96	\$ 4,084,042.12	
1221	\$ 56,219.64	\$ 14,430.57	\$ 29,992.74	\$ 14,392.28	\$ 115,035.23	
1224	\$ 208,213.97	\$ 164,677.97	\$ 194,646.82	\$ 197,121.68	\$ 764,660.44	
1225	\$ 68,775.72	\$ 32,333.45	\$ 29,797.26	\$ 54,494.47	\$ 185,400.90	
1230		\$ 41,098.38	\$ 90,562.19	\$ 184,204.08	\$ 315,864.65	
1231	\$ 1,910,823.06	\$ 2,224,233.30	\$ 3,148,181.83	\$ 3,494,476.95	\$ 10,777,715.14	
1233	\$ 1,425,732.33	\$ 1,446,910.13	\$ 2,160,273.98	\$ 2,452,098.58	\$ 7,485,015.02	
1241	\$ 3,898,472.28	\$ 4,011,526.62	\$ 3,926,171.45	\$ 3,729,100.80	\$ 15,565,271.15	
1243	\$ 146,258.85	\$ 146,852.58	\$ 152,193.04	\$ 160,921.20	\$ 606,225.67	
1260				\$ -	\$ -	
1270	\$ 588,003.36	\$ 427,220.57	\$ 692,869.54	\$ 819,701.08	\$ 2,527,794.55	
1280	\$ 59,458.25	\$ 124,615.37	\$ 139,794.56	\$ 110,515.17	\$ 434,383.35	
1290	\$ 2,509,449.73	\$ 2,389,914.57	\$ 3,030,493.67	\$ 3,546,072.25	\$ 11,475,930.22	
Grand Total	13482874.61	13925462.61	16367184.2	18850780.61	62626302.03	

Millage / Assessment

ADDRESS	SOLD	ASSESSMENT	MARKET VALUE	UNDER ASSESSED	UNDER ASSESSED AV	TAX REVENUE
355 W CHESTNUT	\$255,000	\$74,230	\$225,659	\$29,340	\$9,651	\$405
513 N CHARLOTTE	\$285,000	\$75,640	\$229,945	\$55,055	\$18,110	\$759
273 INDUSTRIAL HWY	\$290,850	\$84,000	\$255,360	\$35,490	\$11,674	\$489

7,620 residential properties @ underassessed \$300 = \$2,286,000
3,810 residential properties @ underassessed \$300 = \$1,143,000

*Montgomery County CLR 3.04

1st Look

February 13, 2025

REVENUES	\$87,247,889
EXPENDITURES	\$96,435,736
BUDGET SHORTFALL	(\$9,187,847)
USE OF FUND BALANCE	?

2025-2026 Budget 1st Look

Assumptions

- **State Revenues @ 50% of Governor's Proposal**
- **PA Property Tax Rebate Program \$0**
- **Healthcare & Insurance 4% Increases**
- **Charter & Special Ed Tuition Increases based on actuals**
- **Federal Funding Flat**
- **No Change to Staffing / Programming**

2nd Look

March 13, 2025

REVENUES	\$87,345,783
EXPENDITURES	\$93,470,035
BUDGET SHORTFALL	(\$6,124,252)
USE OF FUND BALANCE	?

2nd Look

Assumptions

- **PKC Pass through Amounts Updated**
- **Transportation Subsidy Updated**
- **Workers Comp Contribution Updated**
- **Administrative Recommendations aiming to reduce impact on programs**
 - **45% reduction of MTSS program**
 - **Elimination of HSV program**
 - **Elimination of VAL Supervisor & VAL HS Position**
 - **Staff Resignations / "Do Not Fill"**

3rd Look

April 10, 2025

REVENUES	\$86,798,021
EXPENDITURES	\$91,948,117
BUDGET SHORTFALL	(\$5,150,096)
+ Tax Revenue at Adjusted Index	\$1,752,456
BUDGET SHORTFALL	(\$3,397,639)
USE OF FUND BALANCE	?

3rd Look

Proposed Changes, Efficiencies, and Eliminations: 25-26

- **The following slides will outline changes based on transfers, not filling positions, or in a very few cases, “lay-offs.”**
- **Most savings gained from not filling open positions and transferring current employees into those spots.**
- **The lens used to determine changes was on the least impact to student programs and experience, understanding that all of these change have impact.**

Position	Action
Contract SPL Ed	Cancel Contract
VAL Coordinator	Offer FT Position
Virtual Coach	Offer FT Position
Contract BSLS	*grant
Counselor	Do not fill
Counselor (resigned)	Resigned
Contract TLC MS	Transfer
Contract TLC MS	Transfer
Contract Advanced	Transfer
MS Computer Science	Do not fill
Contract Art TLC	Cancel Contract
Administrative Co Curricular	Do not Fill
HS ELA Support	Transfer
HS Math Support	Do not fill
Home School Visitor	Offer FT Position
Home School Visitor	Offer FT Position
MTSS Coach	Transfer
MTSS Coach	Transfer
MTSS Coach	Transfer
Library	Transfer
MTSS Coach	Do not fill
Music Lessons	Do not fill
Subs	Do not fill
PT Counselor	Do not fill
Social Media	Offer FT Position
ISS MS (LH Retiree)	Transfer
HS Math	Do not fill
Speech Therapist	Do not fill
Technology	Do not fill
Occupational Therapist	Do not fill
Trans from MS House Princ	Transfer

2025-2026 Budget Considerations Administrative Proposal: Personnel

2025-2026

Budget Considerations

Administrative Proposal:

Non-Personnel

- **Powerschool reduction of Supporting Programs/services**
- **CPI Training reduced to 50%**
- **Edgewood MCIU Rental (Headstart / EI Programs)***
- **Zoom Licenses Reduction***
- **HS Smartboard replacement 2026-2027***
- **Cultural Professional Development Paused**
- **Support Staff Calendar 193 to 187 days**

2025-2026

Budget Considerations

Proposal:

Music Schedule

7 teachers @ 7.5 hours a day	3150	Paid Salary				
7 lunch @ 30 minutes	210	Total Lunch Minutes				
7 prep @ 40 minutes	280	Total Prep Minutes				
	2660	Total insutuctional minutes a day available to schedule				
	2072	Current Music Instruction being Provided with 7 teachers (minutes a day)				
6 teachers @ 7.5 hours a day	2700	Paid Salary				
6 lunch @ 30 minutes	180	Total Lunch Minutes				
6 prep @ 40 minutes	240	Total Prep Minutes				
	2280	Total insutuctional minutes a day available to schedule				
	2070	Current Music Instruction being Provided with 7 teachers				
	210	Additional Instructional Time in Day with 6 teachers				
** The current Music instruction can remain the same by reducing 1 FTE Teachers with available time to spare						

2025-2026

Budget Considerations

Proposal:

PHS Math/English Schedule

- 24-25 school year- Used surplus Title I funds to ADD 1 Math & 1 English teacher to support remediation program with very small class sizes
- Proposed budget no longer contains Title I funds to sustain extra positions (-2 positions proposed)
- Retirement in Math dept. proposed as “do not fill”
- Next year, there will be a move back toward co-teaching in Math, with many sections having 2 teachers (1 spec ed) assigned to the course
- Current Class sizes in master schedule building right now:

**2025-2026
Budget Considerations
Proposal: PHS Math Schedule**

<u>Sections</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Ave. class size</u>	<u>Change from 24-25</u>
1	Honors Alg II	18	SAME (15 ave)
7	Dev. Math	20.5	9 (ave 14)
6	Pre-Alg	19.5	8 (ave 17)
4	Algebra	22.5	10 (15.5 ave)
6	Geometry	24	7 (20.1)
3	Algebra II	21	SAME- (14 ave)
1	Pre-Calc	12	1 (14 ave)
1	Learning Supp	5	2 (ave 11)
1	Statistics	24	SAME (18 ave)
2	Robotics I	12	SAME
1	Robotics II	11	0
1	AP Calc	10	SAME (8 ave)
1	Honors Pre-calc	14	SAME (7 ave)
1	honors elective		Same

2025-2026

Budget Considerations Proposal: Counselors

<u>Schools</u>	<u>Counselors</u>	<u>Other Considerations</u>
PHS	3	Gear Up Grant Counselors
PMS	4	1 contracted SpEd. Group Counselor
Elem	3	3-4 day week rotations, TBD
Edgewood	0	Social Worker added recently
DISTRICT	10	*7.5 Psychologists (2 contracted positions) *2 social workers, 3 BCBA's, 2 RBT's *no extra duty pay planned; relocation of responsibilities.

Preliminary Budget

Additional Considerations: Athletics

	100-Salary	200- Benefits	300-Services	400-Propert	500-Transportation	600-Supplies	800-Dues & Fees	
Director	\$116,392.00	\$72,252.54	\$67,762	\$2,000.00	\$120,139.00	\$230,000.00	\$35,000.00	
Admin.	\$46,980.00	\$26,499.70						
Trainer	\$74,071.00	\$37,336.10						
Fall	\$144,983.50	\$57,993.40						
Winter	\$128,471.00	\$51,388.40						
Spring	\$89,955.00	\$35,982.00						
	\$600,852.50	\$281,452.14	\$67,762.00	\$2,000.00	\$120,139.00	\$230,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$1,337,206
Non- Athletic	\$139,944.00	\$55,977.60						\$195,922
								\$1,533,127

Preliminary Budget

Additional Considerations: Athletics (by Program Area)

\$ 61,019	HS Football
\$ 34,060	Music/Band Front
\$ 23,265	HS Wrestling
\$ 22,410	HS Basketball
\$ 17,779	HS Girls Basketball
\$ 14,648	MS Basketball
\$ 14,404	HS Girls Wrestling
\$ 12,513	MS Football
\$ 11,307	HS Softball
\$ 10,750	HS Field Hockey
\$ 10,750	HS Baseball
\$ 10,161	HS Track
\$ 10,020	HS Girls Volleyball
\$ 10,020	HS Lacrosse
\$ 10,020	HS Girls Track

\$ 9,457	MS Wrestling
\$ 8,671	MS Girls Basketball
\$ 8,205	HS Girls Tennis
\$ 7,713	HS Boys Tennis
\$ 7,712	HS Bowling
\$ 6,522	MS Field Hockey
\$ 6,522	MS Lacrosse
\$ 6,497	MS Girls Soccer
\$ 6,497	MS Baseball
\$ 6,221	MS Track
\$ 5,453	MS Soccer
\$ 4,912	MS Softball
\$ 4,528	HS Cheerleading
\$ 4,174	HS Cheerleading
\$ 3,994	HS Golf
\$ 3,858	MS Girls Wrestling
\$ 2,946	HS Unified Track & Field
\$ 2,504	MS Cheerleading
\$ 2,398	HS Track
\$ 2,324	MS Cheerleading

Preliminary Budget

Additional Considerations: MUSIC

Building	100-Salary	200- Benefits	
Barth/Lincoln	\$95,524.00	\$38,322.00	
Franklin/Rupe	\$61,049.00	\$19,167.00	
MS	\$88,067.00	\$16,784.00	
MS	\$67,653.00	\$20,465.00	
HS	\$52,243.00	\$17,701.00	
HS	\$51,611.00	\$17,611.00	
	\$416,147.00	\$130,050.00	\$546,197.00

Preliminary Budget

Additional Considerations: ART

Building	100-Salary	200- Benefits	
Barth/Lincoln	\$54,600.00	\$17,211.00	
Franklin/Rupert	\$65,468.00	\$27,780.00	
MS	\$52,243.00	\$17,914.00	
MS	\$53,911.00	\$17,033.00	
HS	\$98,834.00	\$21,842.00	
HS	\$98,834.00	\$38,945.00	
	\$423,890.00	\$140,725.00	\$564,615.00

Fund Balance

	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
Unassigned	5,280,749	5,957,395	6,394,253	6,785,182
Committed PSERS	3,799,409	3,799,409	3,799,409	3,119,774
Assigned <small>Capital</small>	7,535,435	7,535,435	9,535,435	9,535,435
Assigned <small>Next Year Budget</small>	1,425,451	740,132	679,635	37,636
Assigned <small>Tuition & Transp.</small>	2,102,329	5,029,873	5,029,873	5,105,130
Capital Projects	2,192,117	2,194,488	2,274,297	2,427,149
TOTAL (excludes Non Spend, Restricted & Non Major)	22,335,490	25,256,732	27,712,902	27,800,719

Fund Balance Projections

ACT 1 Revenue @ 5%

Expenditure Increase @ 4.5%

	BUDGET 2025-2026	PROJECTION 2026-2027	PROJECTION 2027-2028	PROJECTION 2028-2029
LOCAL CURRENT TAX	\$ 31,870,394	\$ 33,622,850	\$ 35,303,993	\$ 37,069,192
TOTAL LOCAL	\$ 35,358,940	\$ 37,111,396	\$ 38,792,539	\$ 40,557,738
TOTAL STATE	\$ 47,795,322	\$ 47,795,322	\$ 47,795,322	\$ 47,795,322
TOTAL FEDERAL	\$ 3,643,759	\$ 3,643,759	\$ 3,643,759	\$ 3,643,759
REVENUES	\$ 86,798,021	\$88,550,477	\$ 90,231,620	\$ 91,996,820
addl revenue (ACT 1 Index estimated)	\$ 1,752,456	\$ 1,681,143	\$ 1,765,200	\$ 1,853,460
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 88,550,477	\$90,231,620	\$ 91,996,820	\$ 93,850,279
EXPENDITURES	\$ 91,948,117	\$96,085,782	\$100,409,642	\$104,928,076
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	27,800,719	\$ 24,403,080	\$ 18,548,918	\$ 10,136,095
USE OF FUND BALANCE	\$ 3,397,639	\$ 5,854,162	\$ 8,412,823	\$ 11,077,797
FUND BALANCE AFTER USE	<u>\$ 24,403,080</u>	<u>\$18,548,918</u>	<u>\$ 10,136,095</u>	<u>\$ (941,702)</u>
		* ACT 1 assumed at 5%		
		** Expenditure assumed increase at 4.5% annually		
		*** State & Federal Revenues Flat		

Fund Balance Projections

ACT 1 Revenue @ 4%

Expenditure Increase @ 4.5%

				BUDGET	PROJECTION	PROJECTION	PROJECTION
				2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029
		LOCAL CURRENT TAX		\$ 31,870,394	\$ 33,622,850	\$ 34,967,764	\$ 36,366,475
		TOTAL LOCAL		\$ 35,358,940	\$ 37,111,396	\$ 38,456,310	\$ 39,855,021
		TOTAL STATE		\$ 47,795,322	\$ 47,795,322	\$ 47,795,322	\$ 47,795,322
		TOTAL FEDERAL		\$ 3,643,759	\$ 3,643,759	\$ 3,643,759	\$ 3,643,759
		REVENUES		\$86,798,021	\$ 88,550,477	\$ 89,895,391	\$ 91,294,102
		addl revenue (ACT 1 Index estimated)		\$ 1,752,456	\$ 1,344,914	\$ 1,398,711	\$ 1,454,659
		TOTAL REVENUES		\$88,550,477	\$ 89,895,391	\$ 91,294,102	\$ 92,748,761
		EXPENDITURES		\$91,948,117	\$ 96,085,782	\$100,409,642	\$104,928,076
		BEGINNING FUND BALANCE		27,800,719	\$ 24,403,080	\$ 18,212,689	\$ 9,097,149
		USE OF FUND BALANCE		\$ 3,397,639	\$ 6,190,391	\$ 9,115,540	\$ 12,179,315
		FUND BALANCE AFTER USE		<u>\$24,403,080</u>	<u>\$ 18,212,689</u>	<u>\$ 9,097,149</u>	<u>\$ (3,082,167)</u>
					* ACT 1 assumed at 4%		
					** Expenditure assumed increase at 4.5% annually		
					*** State & Federal Revenues Flat		

ACT 1 Index Projections

Act 1 Index Forecast

	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30
Base Index	3.4%	4.1%	5.3%	4.0%	3.7%	3.4%	3.2%	3.2%
SAWW	4.7%	5.3%	5.6%	3.7%	3.7%	3.5%	3.3%	3.3%
ECI	2.1%	2.9%	4.9%	4.3%	3.8%	3.6%	3.4%	3.2%
November 2023 (Base Index)				4.0%	3.6%	3.2%	3.1%	--
Revision				0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	--
Notes: SAWW is statewide average weekly wage. ECI is employment cost index.								
Source: Reported by the Department of Education through 25-26, forecast by IFO thereafter.								

Source = IFO / PASBO Oct 2024

FAQ Document

Requested at last week's committee mtg.

FAQ Document on Budget 2025-2026

<https://www.pottstownschoools.org/Downloads/3rd%20Look%20%202025-2026%20Budget%20Presentation%20.pdf>

the presentation of the proposed PSD budget?

can be found on our website under "our district" and then "finance" on the upper right hand side. Please see this direct link:

<https://www.pottstownschoools.org/Downloads/3rd%20Look%20%202025-2026%20Budget%20Presentation%20.pdf>

Q: Does the proposal call for a tax increase?

A: Yes. The proposal calls for a tax increase for the third time in only 10 years.

Q: What is the proposed tax increase?

A: 5.8%, some of which will be cancelled out by the homestead/farmstead increase in rebate this year.

Q: Didn't the school board provide tax rebate two years ago?

A: Yes the school board provided tax rebate in the amount of approximately one mill per property, or per household.

Q: Didn't the Board start an "impoverished/hardship tax rebate program last year?

A: Yes, the board approved this program for eligible low-income households based on the state program parameters.

Q: Will the school board be continuing the impoverished/hardship tax rebate program it started last year?

A: The current proposed budget does not call for the continuation of the impoverished/hardship tax rebate.

Q: Will the school board be using the fund balance or capital reserves to help bridge the budget gap?

A: Yes. The proposed budget calls for approximately \$3.5 million of use of reserves

Q: What are the proposed efficiencies, cuts, or unfilled positions that are a part of this year's budget? A: Please see the attached presentation which contains all the requested information-

<https://www.pottstownschoools.org/Downloads/3rd%20Look%20%202025-2026%20Budget%20Presentation%20.pdf>

[LINK to FAQ Document](#)

Other Questions

- Furloughs- NONE; recommending similar or lesser positions with benefits to 5 employees total.
- Facilities- Feasibility study: [Link to Study](#)
- Mandate Requirements: [Link to Mandate](#)
- Field Study: Link to [Athletic Field Study](#)

[LINK to FAQ Document](#)

End Presentation