

# Your Voice Matters



## THIS BUDGET SEASON

### We want to hear from you!

Join us this budget season and share your ideas, questions and concerns regarding how we can best meet the needs of our students and community. Below is a timeline leading up to the May 21 school budget vote and your opportunities to voice your opinion.

### 2023

**Oct.-Nov.** Review of budget calendar with principals and Board of Education. District administration meets with building administrators and supervisors to review last year's projections and current status of staffing and program. Enrollment projections for the coming year are developed and shared with principals.

**Oct. 17**

Public input for budget development.



**Nov.-Dec.** Building and department level budgets developed. Instructional and facilities needs are addressed at this stage including staffing recommendations, equipment recommendations and priority supplies and services, all based on program justification.

**Dec. 5**

Board takes a first look at the budget.



**Dec.-Jan.** District administration review of staffing, equipment and facilities requests following meetings with building principals and selected staff. This process involves a thorough review of enrollment projections, class size, and staffing levels for both professional and operational needs.

### 2024

**Jan. 9**

Board direction for budget development.



**Jan. - Feb.**

Community Engagement.



**March 5**

Superintendent's Budget: Presentation to the Board of Education and Community.



**March 12**

Budget Workshop - Questions and Answers.



**March 26** [Board of education budget work session.](#)

**April 5** Legal publication of proposed budget vote date. (45 days prior to vote)

**April 16** Board action to adopt the budget.

**April 16 - May 21**

Budget discussions throughout the district. Included are meetings with PTA organizations, civic organizations, neighborhood associations, senior citizens, and other groups interested in obtaining more information and a better understanding of the school budget.



**April 21** Final date for submission of Board Candidate Petitions. (30 days prior to vote)

**April 22 - April 27** Publication and printing of the budget newsletter for home distribution.

**April 29 - May 3** Mailing of the budget newsletter to homes.

**May 7**

Public Budget Hearing, Guilderland High School, 7:00 p.m.



**May 21 | Budget Vote Day**

(Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at each of the five elementary schools)



**Community members, we are listening and providing a lot of information leading up to the school budget vote. Now is the time to give the district your feedback!**

#### Attend a board meeting in the LGI at GHS

Address the board at an upcoming school board meeting — contact District Clerk Linda Livingston at (518) 456-6200, ext. 3125 or [livingstonl@guilderlandschools.net](mailto:livingstonl@guilderlandschools.net)

#### Submit feedback online

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