

I. 2026-2027 BUDGET TIMELINE

December 1	Review enrollment projection scenarios with the Budget Committee Review budget planning process with the Budget Committee
December 16	Review budget planning process with the Administrative Cabinet
January 5	Review expenditure projection scenarios and open enrollment capacity with the Budget Committee
January 12	Present open enrollment capacity to School Board for approval
February 2	Present draft of budget planning process to Budget Committee
February 9	Present FTE request to school board for approval
March 9	Present budget planning process to the School Board for approval
March 10	Distribute approved budget planning process to the administrative cabinet
March 15 – Apr. 15	Building/department level budget development
April 1-30	Preparation of the first draft of the budget Budget meetings with administrators as necessary
May 4-8	First draft of the budget to the Budget Committee
May 11	First draft of the budget to the School Board School Board approves 2026-27 student fees School Board approves 2026-27 insurance benefits
May 12-31	Staff presentations on the budget process
June 1-5	Second draft of the budget to the Budget Committee
June 8	Second draft of the budget to the School Board
July 1	State equalization aid estimates released by DPI
July 6-10	Third draft of the budget to the Budget Committee
July 13	Third draft of the budget to the School Board Public hearing on the budget during School Board meeting School Board approves budget to allow for summer activity
August 24	Presentation of the approved budget at the annual school district Budget Hearing. Request public approval of the tax levy at the Annual Meeting.
September 18	Third Friday in September student count
October 15	State equalization aid certification released by DPI
October 26	School Board makes any changes to the budget and sets the tax levy on or before November 1
Before Nov. 10	Certify tax levy by the School Board Clerk