

# Superintendent's Forum – A Budget Conversation

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*The mission of the  
Wappingers Central School  
District is to empower all of  
our students with the  
competencies and confidence  
to challenge themselves,  
pursue their passions and to  
realize their potential while  
growing as responsible  
members of their community.*

# What is a school district budget?

- Provides for the educational needs of students while maintaining compliance with NYS
- An aggregate view of all the financial numbers that drive the District's operations for the following year
- Created in alignment with the Board of Education annual goals
- More than a collection of numbers;  
*it is a reflection of the mission and core values of the WCSD community*



# Budget Calendar

## What is it?

A budget calendar includes all dates required for:

- submission of information from building and District level administrators and departments
- presentations to the Board of Education and community
- NYS mandated hearing and meeting dates

This calendar is provided to the Board of Education for review and approval on a meeting agenda

**The 2017-2018  
approved budget calendar can be found on the District's website  
[www.wappingersschools.org](http://www.wappingersschools.org)**

The annual budget calendar



Start of the  
budget  
process

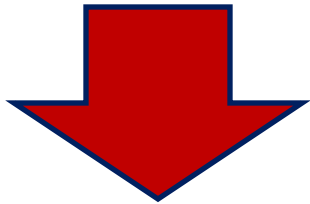


The annual budget process officially starts with the approval of the budget calendar in late October / early November and ends when the annual budget is approved in May.

It is a long and steady process for the administration, the Board of Education and the community.

Budget and School District financial terms can be like a foreign language to members of the Board of Education and the community

What can WCSD do to help?



Frequently Used Terms, Financial Terms and Definitions have been developed to bridge the gap and have a more fluent conversation with the Board of Education and the community.

*Available at [www.wappingersschools.org](http://www.wappingersschools.org)*

# Help us build the budget ...

Superintendent's Forum

A Budget Conversation held twice  
a year (November & February)

[budget@wcsdny.org](mailto:budget@wcsdny.org)

E-mail us with questions, concerns  
& feedback!

The email is ready, steady, GO!

[wappingersschools.org](http://wappingersschools.org)

Check out our website!  
2017-2018 Budget

Public comment at Board of  
Education meetings



## Benefits

Health Insurance, Social Security, Workers  
Compensation

## Transportation

Instruction  
Student Programs

## General Support

Facilities, Personnel, Business , General Insurance

The Expense Components of a  
School Budget

# Benefits

*Administrative, Capital &  
Program*

# Transportation

*Program*

# Instruction

*Program*

# General Support

*Administrative & Capital*

NYS annual reporting format for  
School expenses

# Administrative Component

*General Support & Benefits*

# Capital Component

*General Support & Benefits*

# Program Component

*Instruction, Transportation &  
Benefits*

NYS reporting for  
School Budgets

*As required by NYS – reporting for expenses is different than reporting the budget WCSD shows the annual budget in both formats*



State Aid

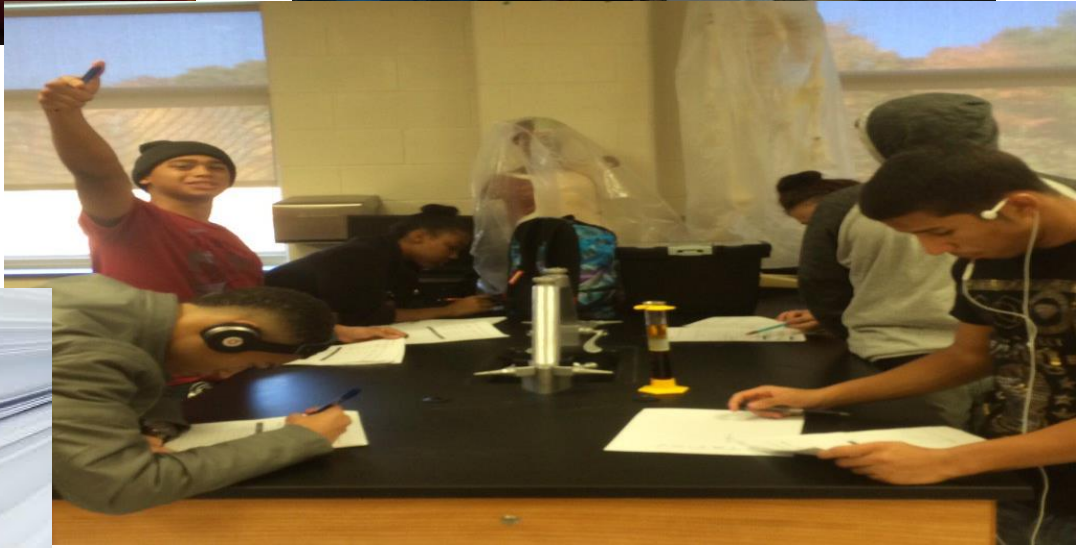
Federal Aid

Property Taxes

Miscellaneous

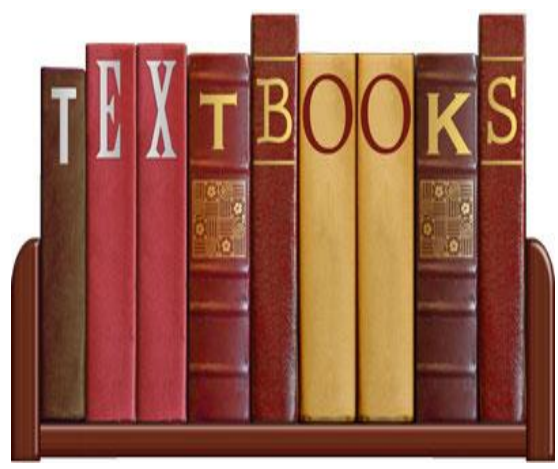
The Revenue Components of a  
School Budget

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# How do all of the pieces get compiled to achieve providing for the educational needs of students while maintaining compliance with NYS?

Building and District level and administrators create budgetary requests for submission

- These requests include staffing, supplies and materials, equipment, new curriculum proposals, in-service requests

The administration uses estimates for costs that have yet to be finalized

- Examples include health insurance, retirement systems, energy costs etc.
- For example, the District's health insurance rates are not finalized until March. An estimate is used for the period from November to March for discussion purposes. Once finalized, the budget is updated accordingly.

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- The prime example is NYS Aid. The Governor's proposed NYS budget is normally released in January. From November to January an estimate is used. An update is done in January, as applicable, to reflect any change in the estimate being used. The deadline for a NYS budget is April 1. IF the budget is passed into Law, the NYS Aid amount will be finalized for the District's budget.

An interactive process for the BOE

Provides an opportunity for the BOE and community to ask questions

Forums to gather data and opportunities for feedback

# WAPPINGERS

Central School District

## SUPERINTENDENT FORUM A BUDGET CONVERSATION

FEBRUARY 6, 2017

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Are you interested in learning more about the budget process? All community members are invited to attend a 60 minute session focused on how WCSD:

- State Aid
- Reimbursable Aids
- Tax Cap Overview



**All are Welcome!**

