



City School District of Albany 2017-18 Budget Proposal



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District mission, budget assumptions

The mission of the City School District of Albany is to educate and prepare all students for college and career, citizenship and life, in partnership with our diverse community.

The 2017-18 budget proposal supports our mission, key aspects of our educational plan and our community's fiscal realities. It also invests in new programs and staff to serve our rapidly growing student population.



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2017-18 budget proposal

The 2017-18 budget proposal would support all current programming and also investment in new programs and staff. The \$240.2 million proposal is supported by strong state aid for our city's public schools.

- New programming proposed:
 - New middle school at 50 North Lark St.
 - Newcomer Program (grades 6-12)
 - Redesign alternative education (grades 7-12)
- Expanded programming proposed:
 - Community Schools initiatives
 - District Academic Plan, including early childhood and social-emotional supports
 - Continued support for our rapidly growing student population
- All while keeping the tax levy flat (zero increase proposed)



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New middle school at 50 North Lark St.

The budget would support equitable programs and services at the new school opening in September.

- Needed to serve our rapidly growing student population
- Enrolled via an interim feeder pattern for 3-5 years
 - Arbor Hill Elementary School (current grades 5-6)
 - North Albany Academy (current grades 5-7)
 - Schuyler Achievement Academy (current grade 5)
 - Sheridan Preparatory Academy (current grade 5)
 - West Hill Middle School (current grade 7)
- Approximately 400 students in 2017-18. Approximately 575 students by 2019-20.



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Newcomer Program

- An investment to support the city's rapidly growing population of refugee and immigrant families
 - The district has added approximately 1,000 English as a New Language (ENL) students over the past five years
- ENL students new to the district would have the option of enrolling in the program to strengthen language skills and build a strong academic foundation before transitioning to their assigned schools.
- Located at North Albany Academy
- Serving about 175 students in grades 6-12



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Redesigning alternative education

- Differentiated programs at both the middle and high school levels (grades 7-12) to better meet students' academic and social-emotional needs
- Additional course offerings in technology, art, music, FACs to help students to stay on track toward graduation
- Building design in the new location (395 Elk St.) will better support unique needs of middle and high school students



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Enhanced Academic Plan

Continued investments in five priority areas:

- Prekindergarten-Grade 2 Literacy
- Social-Emotional Supports
- College and Career
- Safety and Security
- Administrative Support



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Expand Community Schools models

Approximately \$3.3 million in state funding to expand Community Schools initiatives.

- Funding allows schools to provide new services directly or in partnership with the community. Those could include:
 - Before- and after-school programs
 - More health, mental health and social services for children
 - Mental health, social, legal, career, English-language, parenting, adult education for parents or guardians.
- Community Schools models at six schools:
 - Arbor Hill, Giffen, Schuyler, Sheridan Prep, TOAST, ALC
- Assistant principals, community schools coordinators at each



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Maintaining existing programs

The 2017-18 budget proposal also would continue support for all current academic, social-emotional and extracurricular programs for our nearly 9,700 students. These include:

- More than 1,000 pre-K seats (730+ for 4-year-olds, 269 for 3-year-olds)
- The Dual Language Program at Delaware Community School
- Three themed magnet elementary schools
- Instrumental music instruction beginning in third grade
- Extensive academic options and supports at Albany High, including:
 - The prestigious International Baccalaureate program
 - Up to 20 Advanced Placement courses
 - Spanish, French and Chinese instruction
 - Apex Learning (credit recovery)
- 57 athletic teams for students in grades 7-12
- Tutoring and mentoring in all grades



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Tax-levy impact

The school tax levy would remain flat for the second year in a row and the third time in seven years (zero increase). Here is a look at school tax-levy increases over the past seven years:

- 2011-12 0.00% (no increase)
- 2012-13 1.50% tax-levy increase
- 2013-14 2.95% tax-levy increase
- 2014-15 0.87% tax-levy increase
- 2015-16 0.98% tax-levy increase
- 2016-17 0.00% (no increase)
- 2017-18 0.00% proposed tax-levy increase

The average increase in tax levy over seven years would be 0.90% if the 2017-18 proposal is adopted as presented. During this time, enrollment increased from 8,610 to 9,694 or by 1,084 students, or 13%.



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Ballot propositions

The budget vote is only one ballot item related to the school district this year. Here is how it will appear on your ballot:

- **Proposition #1:** Shall the resolution adopted by the Board of Education on April 12, 2017 authorizing the City School District of Albany to expend the sum in the amount of \$240,177,508 during the 2017-2018 school year, and to levy a tax therefore be approved?
- **Proposition #2** will be the annual Albany Public Library budget vote and trustee elections. These are completely separate from the school district.



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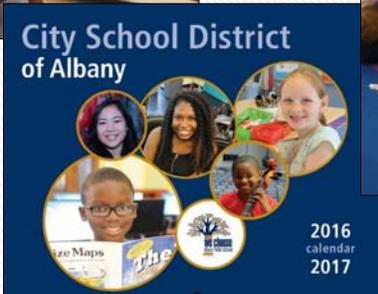
Remember to vote Tuesday, May 16

- Polls open 7 a.m. until 9 p.m.
- Same 15 voting locations as in January
- Visit the 2017-18 Budget Development section at www.albanyschools.org for complete information, including a searchable directory to help you find your voting location.
 - You also can call the board clerk at 475-6010 for assistance.
- Follow School News Notifier, Facebook and Twitter for updates and additional information.
 - You also can call the Communications Office at 475-6065 for help or with questions.



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Questions



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