

2017-18 City School District of Albany budget proposal at a glance

Total – \$240.2 million

Tax-levy increase – Zero

- The tax levy is the total amount of money the school district needs to collect from property owners. For the second consecutive year there is no increase in the proposed tax levy.



Voting day

- Tuesday, May 16. Polls open 7 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Call 475-6015 if you're not sure where to vote.

What the budget supports

- Full-day prekindergarten (1,073 spots) in all 12 elementary schools and at 16 community locations
- Three themed elementary schools
- The bilingual Dual Language Program at Delaware Community School
- Band, chorus and orchestra starting in third grade
- Sports teams – 57 for grades 7-12
- Programs that allow Albany High School students to gain college credit while in high school
- Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses at Albany High
- AVID college- and career-readiness programs at Albany High and in each middle school

What's new in the budget?

- Equitable staffing and programs for the new middle school at 50 North Lark St.
- Revamped alternative-education programs to serve students who don't succeed in a traditional classroom
- A Newcomer Program for refugee and immigrant students in grades 6-12 with limited English skills
- Community Schools initiatives at Arbor Hill Elementary, Giffen Memorial Elementary, Schuyler Achievement Academy, Sheridan Preparatory Academy, Thomas O'Brien Academy of Science and Technology (TOAST) and the Alternative Learning Center
- 1 district-wide fine arts instructional supervisor
- 1 district-wide elementary instructional supervisor in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math)
- 1 district-wide library, media, assessment and technology instructional supervisor
- 4 assistant principals – 1 each at ASH, Arbor Hill Elementary, Schuyler Achievement Academy and TOAST
- 2 reading teachers – 1 each at ASH and Giffen Memorial Elementary

- 5 teaching assistants – 1 each assigned at ASH, Delaware Community School, Pine Hills Elementary, Schuyler Achievement Academy and district-wide
- 2 behavior specialists – 1 each assigned district-wide and at Schuyler Achievement Academy
- 2 psychologists – 1 each assigned at Albany High and Abrookin Career and Technical Center
- 1.5 social workers – 1 assigned at Albany High and 0.5 at Abrookin
- 1 academic intervention services English language arts teacher at Myers
- 2 academic intervention services math teachers at Myers
- Expansion of AVID college- and career-prep programs to the new middle school and Delaware Community School