

What if the Parsippany-Troy Hills School budget fails?

The defeated budget would go to the Township Council for review and they would have the option of reducing the budget or leaving the budget intact without any cuts. If they decide to cut the budget, they determine the amount of the reduction and they may suggest areas they would like cut. The Board of Education has to accept the amount of the reduction, but the Board makes the decision about what areas to reduce in the budget to meet the reduction.

How Does the District Decide What To Cut?

If the budget is defeated, the district would use the following criteria to cut the budget by the amount directed by the Council:

- ◆ Recognize that while all programs and positions are valuable, we can no longer afford to maintain all of our programs and staffing at current levels
- ◆ Maintain programs and services that align with student needs, community expectations and the State's Core Curriculum Content Standards
- ◆ When possible, maintain current level of service at the same or reduced cost
- ◆ Select areas that we can reduce or eliminate for 5 years

The following areas, **not listed in priority order**, have been identified by the administration as possible areas to cut should the budget be defeated:

Elementary Office Assistance	\$100,000
One Special Education Out of District Contingency Seat	\$51,000
Five Elementary School Counselors	\$350,000
K-2 Art	\$150,000
Late Bus	\$50,000
Instrumental Music	
Gr. 4 (2.7)	\$162,000
Gr. 5 (2.7)	\$162,000
HS Co-Curricular programs	\$100,000
Middle School Athletics	\$200,000
Pay to Play fees	\$100,000
Gifted and Talented Program	\$165,000
Class Size – Elementary	
Max 26 (reduction of 2 teachers)	\$120,000
Max 27 (reduction of 7 teachers)	\$420,000
Secondary	
MS (reduction of 2 teachers)	\$120,000
HS (reduction of 2 teachers)	\$120,000
Half Day Kindergarten	\$996,000
Tuition Based Kindergarten Program	\$1,992,000

“A reduction of \$1 million in the budget equates to the loss of 16 teachers and ONLY saves you \$21 per year!”

Please understand that no one, including Board Members and Administrators, want to see any staff cuts or any programs reduced or eliminated.



Please VOTE—Every Vote Counts!
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