
Pittsford Schools

2021-2022 BUDGET GUIDELINES

Develop a Student based budget that recognizes and responds to the changing needs resulting from the pandemic by focusing on:

- Equity and Inclusion for all
- Social Emotional Learning supports
- Mental Health supports
- Safe school environment and safe facilities
- Identification of, and support for, the wide-range of academic needs
- Time for consistent professional collaboration focused on student learning
- An increase of technology resources including both hardware and software
- Resources to create a sense of community
- Transition supports from temporary learning models to in-person learning
- Smaller class sizes when possible

Provide High Quality Professional Learning focused on:

- Equity and Inclusion
- Tiered supports to address range of learners in classroom
- Training on use of technology platforms and high leverage software / applications
- Social and Emotional learning
- Curriculum, assessment and instructional practices
- Health and Safety Preparedness
- Professional Learning Communities

Balance the investment in education with sensitivity to limited community resources by:

- Not exceeding the tax cap
- Opening schools fully without temporary learning models, if permitted by NYS DOH
- Balancing community expectations for services and programs, with the need to be cognizant of changes in property values, income levels, new state/federal tax laws and other economic uncertainties
- Partnering with local colleges to assist with student needs
- Leveraging technology for virtual field trips, meetings, travel and conference
- Limiting paper, printing and mailings. Make communication electronic and printable
- Seeking cost efficiencies to further address the significantly costly impact of under-funded and un-funded mandates

Maintain fiscal stability now and into the future through:

- Financially prudent and sustainable reserve accounts
- Partnerships, Shared Services, Audits
- Protecting and maintaining our Aa1 bond rating
- Protecting the community's investment in facilities and infrastructure
- Advocacy with legislators relative to appropriate levels of funding

Meet legal mandates and contractual obligations

