

2025-26 Budget Presentation

April 8, 2025



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District Demographics

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Enrollment: 6,293 students

- Elementary: 2,704 students
- Secondary: 3,640 students
- Pre-K Counts: 54 students
- BASD Virtual Academy: 75 students
- Employees: 716 employees
 - Administrators: 30
 - Teachers: 474
 - Long Term Substitutes: 9
 - Support Staff (Full Time): 95
 - Support Staff (Part Time): 102
 - Support Supervisory: 6
- Contracted Services
 - Kelly Services: 46 teacher substitutes
 - CCRES: 156 paraprofessionals
 - Social workers and mental health supports





Real Estate Tax History

Real Estate Tax Millage & Act 1 Index History

	Millage	Millage	% Tax	Adjusted
Year	Rate	Increase	Increase	Act 1 Index
2017-18	25.020	0.750	3.09%	3.10%
2018-19	26.370	1.350	5.40%	2.90%
2019-20	27.330	0.960	3.64%	2.80%
2020-21	28.200	0.870	3.18%	3.20%
2021-22	29.046	0.846	3.00%	3.70%
2022-23	29.917	0.871	3.00%	4.20%
2023-24	30.814	0.897	3.00%	5.00%
2024-25	31.738	0.924	3.00%	6.40%



Real Estate Tax Collection History

			Adjusted		
Year	Assessed Value	Millage Rate	Tax Levy	Collections	Collection %
2017-18	2,654,638,534	25.020	64,694,040	62,464,177	97%
2018-19	2,672,262,234	26.370	68,727,988	66,381,714	97%
2019-20	2,699,951,954	27.330	72,028,710	69,635,209	97%
2020-21	2,721,761,074	28.200	74,984,638	73,504,695	98%
2021-22	2,755,787,829	29.046	78,321,492	76,614,471	98%
2022-23	2,789,833,099	29.917	81,311,659	79,159,626	97%
2023-24	2,802,208,529	30.814	84,192,926	81,919,504	97%
2024-25	2,813,845,989	31.738	86,729,493	84,631,564	98%

^{*} Adjusted Tax Levy, is adjusted for Homestead/Farmstead Relief



Real Estate Tax Impact after HS/FS Relief History

Based on a property assessed at \$150,000

		% Real Estate Tax		RE Tax After HS/FS	Annual Increase over
Year	Millage Rate	Increase	Real Estate Taxes	Relief	Prior Year
2017-18	25.020	3.09%	3,753.00	3,613.42	46.42
2018-19	26.370	5.40%	3,955.50	3,814.01	200.59
2019-20	27.330	3.64%	4,099.50	3,956.26	142.25
2020-21	28.200	3.18%	4,230.00	4,085.67	129.41
2021-22	29.046	3.00%	4,356.90	4,216.58	130.91
2022-23	29.917	3.00%	4,487.55	4,310.85	94.27
2023-24	30.814	3.00%	4,622.10	4,445.14	134.29
2024-25	31.738	3.00%	4,760.70	4,583.74	138.60



^{* 2025-26} HS/FS Allocations released to districts May 1, 2025

Berks IU School District's Projected RE Tax Rates

		Projected	
	Projected %	2025/26	2024-25
District	Increase	Millage Rate	Millage Rate
Twin Valley	6.15%	30.3106	28.5547
Muhlenberg Township	5.70%	38.7450	36.6560
Governor Mifflin	5.20%	33.1906	31.5500
Conrad Weiser Area	5.08%	36.5479	34.7824
Kutztown Area	4.00%	32.2428	31.0027
Wilson	3.88%	31.8300	30.6400
Exeter Township	3.75%	37.1817	35.8378
Antietam	3.49%	50.4600	48.7600
Boyertown Area	3.00%	32.6900	31.7380
Fleetwood Area	2.89%	35.6100	34.6100
Wyomissing Area	2.50%	35.4520	34.5871
Brandywine Heights Area	1.75%	36.8887	36.2543
Daniel Boone Area	1.50%	34.2720	33.7660
Hamburg Area	0.00%	26.9600	26.9600
Oley Valley	0.00%	31.1348	31.1348
Reading	0.00%	17.9300	17.9300
Schuylkill Valley	0.00%	27.8200	27.8200
Tulpehocken Area	-0.19%	25.7000	25.7500





Key Mandated Costs of District Budget

PSERS Contribution Rate & Cost History*

* Net of State Reimbursement

Year	PSERS %	Net PSERS Cost
2015-16	4.78%	6,483,205
2016-17	5.64%	7,728,621
2017-18	8.65%	8,499,550
2018-19	12.36%	8,941,954
2019-20	16.93%	8,548,886
2020-21	21.40%	8,623,473
2021-22	25.84%	8,737,941
2022-23	30.03%	8,775,885
2023-24	34.00%	8,453,874
2024-25	33.90%	tbd



^{* 2025-26} PSERS Employer Contribution Rate: 34.00%

Charter School Tuition

			% Enrollment
School Year	Tuition Costs	# Students	Change
2019-20	2,536,702	187	
2020-21	5,783,466	363	94.1%
2021-22	5,031,282	310	-14.6%
2022-23	5,561,170	288	-7.1%
2023-24	5,789,876	282	-2.1%
2024-25	tbd	286	1.4%

- 128% increase in costs since 2019-20
- State reimbursement of \$425,833 is expected in 2024-25
 - No state reimbursement in 2025-26 state budget

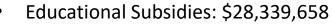




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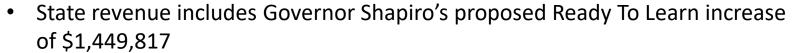
	2025-26
Local Revenue	104,250,999
State Revenue	43,633,378
Federal Revenue	867,154
Total Budgeted Revenue	148,751,531



Cost Reimbursements: \$14,165,206

State Grants: \$1,128,514









Proposed Property Tax and Rent Rebate

2025-26 Proposed Property Tax and Rent Rebate

- State Rebate Guidelines (must meet requirements in each category)
 - Category 1 Type of Filer
 - 65 and older as of December 31 of the year claimed
 - Under 65 but spouse was 65 or older
 - Widows and widowers, 50 and older
 - People with permanent disabilities, 18 and older
 - Category 2 Eligibility Income
 - Property Owners total household income \$46,250 or less
 - Renters total household income \$46,250 or less
 - Category 3 Owner, Renter, Owner/Renter
 - Owner owned and occupied home as primary residence and paid property taxes on home
 - Renter rented and occupied home, apartment, nursing home, boarding home or similar residence, paid rent, and landlord paid real estate taxes on property
 - Owner/Renter owned and occupied as primary residence



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Income	State Rebate Amount	Proposed BASD Rebate Amount
\$0 - \$8,270	\$1,000	\$250
\$8,271 - \$15,510	\$770	\$200
\$15,511 - \$18,610	\$460	\$150
\$18,611 - \$31,010	\$380	\$100



Property Tax Rebates provided by State to BASD Residents

Income	# State Property Tax Rebates Awarded	\$ State Property Tax Rebates Awarded
\$0 - \$8,270	38	\$24,700
\$8,271 - \$15,510	173	\$86,031
\$15,511 - \$18,610	116	\$34,800
\$18,611 - \$31,010	576	\$143,642
TOTAL	903	\$289,172



Rent Rebates provided by State to BASD Residents

Income	# State Property Tax Rebates Awarded	\$ State Property Tax Rebates Awarded
\$0 - \$8,000	66	\$40,687
\$8,001 - \$15,000	87	\$43,500
TOTAL	153	\$84,187



Proposed Property Tax/Rent Rebates provided by BASD – Estimated Cost

Income	Estimated BASD #Rebates Awarded	\$ Estimated BASD Rebates Awarded
\$0 - \$8,270	104	\$26,000
\$8,271 - \$15,510	260	\$52,000
\$15,511 - \$18,610	116	\$29,000
\$18,611 - \$31,010	576	\$144,000
Estimated Growth	27	\$6,750
TOTAL	930	\$257,750





2025-26 Proposed Expenditures

2025-26 Proposed Budget – New Educational/Student Centered Positions

- Teachers:
 - 1 Elementary Life Skills
 - 1 Elementary Autistic Support
 - 1 Elementary Emotional Support
 - 1 High School Autistic Support
 - 2.5 Learning Support
 - 0.5 ELD
 - 1 Speech
 - 2.5 Elementary Counselors
 - 1 Financial Literacy
 - 2 Full Day Kindergarten
- Support Staff Retention
 - Increase hourly rates by \$1/hour



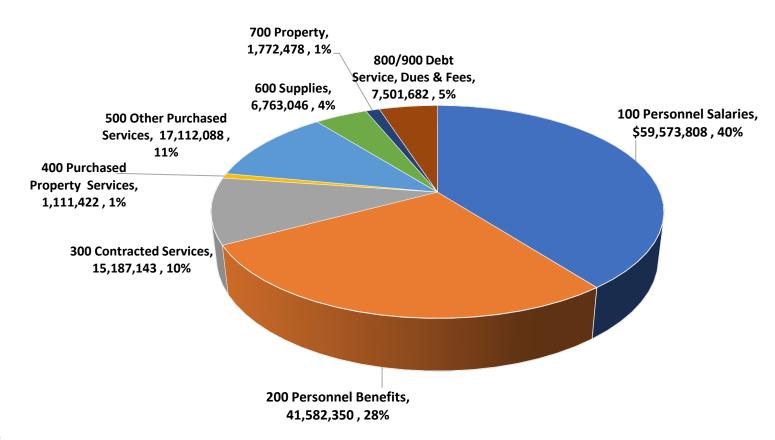
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	2025-26	2024-25
1100 Regular Education	69,232,927	67,545,399
1200 Special Education	25,992,220	24,884,459
1300 Vocational Education	2,120,269	2,027,280
1400 Other Instructional	233,073	190,156
1800 Pre-Kindergarten	576,316	541,773
2000 Support Services	42,781,844	40,472,253
3000 CoCurricular Services	2,289,716	1,960,623
5000 Debt and Other Expenditures	7,377,652	7,187,426
	150,604,017	144,809,369



*Includes new student-centered positions and \$1/hour increase for support staff

2025-26 Proposed Expenditures by Object Type





General Fund Budget – Fund Balance

Fund Balance June 30, 2024:

Nonspendable: \$ 141,776

• Committed: 4,100,000

• Assigned: 14,000,000

Unassigned: 10,908,814

\$29,150,590

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Projected Fund Balance June 30, 2025:

Nonspendable: \$ 141,776

• Committed: 4,100,000

Assigned: 12,724,234

• Unassigned: 10,908,814

\$27,874,824

Projected Fund Balance June 30, 2026:

Nonspendable: \$ 141,776

• Committed: 4,100,000

Assigned: 10,871,748

Unassigned: <u>10,908,814</u>

\$26,022,338





2025-26 General Fund Budget: Proposed Next Steps

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- April 22,2025: Adopt 2025-26 Proposed General Fund Budget
- May 27, 2025: Adopt 2025-26 Final General Fund Budget

