



BUDGET BRIEF

PUBLIC BUDGET WORKSHOP #3: MARCH 8, 2022

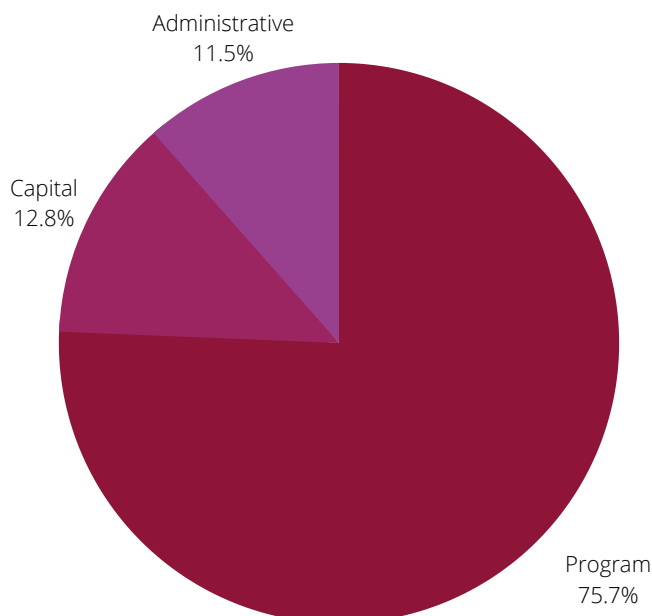
BUDGET PREVIEW: INSTRUCTION - PART 1

WORKSHOP RECAP

This week, the third public budget workshop centered on instructional components included in the 2022-23 budget (additional instructional components will also be discussed at the fourth public budget work session on March 22). As a reminder, the budget planning process continues until the Board of Education adopts the spending plan on April 11, 2022 which will ultimately be presented to voters on May 17. Information concerning the budget may change based on information shared and discussed at future public budget workshops.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Sinha noted that adjustments have been made to the proposed spending plan since the previous budget workshop. She provided an overview of these changes.

BUDGET BREAKDOWN: WHAT DO OUR EXPENSES GO TOWARD?



BUDGET BY THE NUMBERS

AS OF MARCH 8, 2022

Proposed 2022-23 Budget

\$124,579,449

Budget-to-Budget Increase

1.80%

**Projected Tax Levy Increase
(With STAR)**

1.25%

Maximum Allowable Tax Cap

2.29%

Important note: The proposed budget is \$1.1 million BELOW our maximum allowable tax cap.

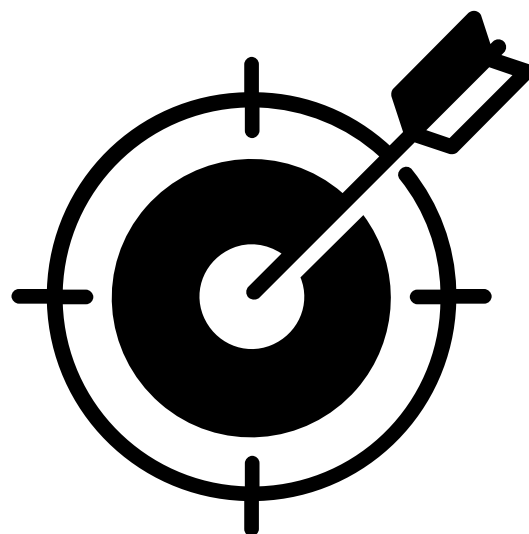
DISTRICT PRIORITIES

Administrators provided an update on the district's 2021-22 priorities for grades K-12. All priorities are focused on learning spaces, the social-emotional well-being of students, and teaching and learning.

Administrators also outlined the district's priorities for 2022-23. They provided a detailed overview of the following:

DISTRICTWIDE PRIORITIES FOR 2022-23

- Embed social-emotional learning through the curriculum articulation process.
- Early identification and targeted support for students through the Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) process.
- Continue the focus on project-based and inquiry learning.
- Establish building- and district-level data teams to monitor student achievement.
- Explore additional computer science opportunities.



ELEMENTARY PRIORITIES FOR 2022-23

- Continue with speech and OT for grades K-1.
- Implement new math resources starting in grades K-2 and pilot materials in grades 3-5.
- Utilize a new STEAM room to invite opportunities for all students to participate in a student-directed inquiry approach.
- Implement the FLES review recommendations to align and develop curriculum.
- Implement recommendations from the Quest program committee (in progress).
- Expand elementary club options based on student interest (topics student-driven). Approximately 10 offerings for each elementary school.
- Study library media technology resources to develop new student experiences.
- Align curriculum for computer science with ISTE standards.
- Continue to develop resources and interventions for the MTSS through data teams.
- Complete analysis of current curriculum for writing instruction and begin to pilot resources.

Did You Know



Dr. Sinha shared how Garden City compares to neighboring districts in per pupil expenditures, noting that the district has the lowest per pupil expenditure compared to surrounding districts!

HIGH SCHOOL PRIORITIES FOR 2022-23

- Research and create new learning opportunities in anticipation of the use of outdoor learning spaces in the updated library courtyard and cafeteria veranda.
- Launch new courses: Applied Statistics, Contemporary America, Intro to Computer Science I and II, Sculpture II.
- Procure new digital world language textbooks.
- New library furniture including the makerspace will promote more opportunities for student collaboration.
- Explore new uses of technology including opportunities for online courses.
- Explore additional research competitions and internship opportunities for students.
- Use the MTSS process to identify supports for students.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PRIORITIES FOR 2022-23

- Continue Student Spaceflight Experiments Program.
- Create targeted MTSS support protocols.
- Evaluate and adapt our Comprehensive Approach to Literacy practices in grades 7 and 8.
- Evaluate World Language curriculum to ensure alignment with ACTFL standards.
- Explore new opportunities to implement current STEAM curriculum and makerspace activities in the new library setting.
- Begin new curriculum development opportunities for STEAM, makerspace and digital communication in the library.
- Foster enhanced collaboration for students and staff using the new shared space.

UPCOMING BUDGET DATES

Public Work Session #4
Tuesday, March 22

Public Work Session #5
(If needed)
Tuesday, April 5

**Board of Education
Adopts Budget**
Monday, April 11

Budget Hearing
Tuesday, May 10

Budget Vote and Election
Tuesday, May 17

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

1. Proposed district budget for 2022-23.

2. Permission to use the 2019 capital reserve.

3. Permission to establish a new capital reserve.

4. Election of three Board of Education trustees.