

Garden City Public Schools

Inspiring Minds, Empowering Achievement, Building Community



Question of the Week:

In alignment with the Board of Education's goal of enhancing communication with the community, Garden City Public Schools continues its "Question of the Week" feature.

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Q: I'm interested in participating in Garden City Public Schools 2017-2018 budget formulation process. How can I accomplish this?

A: Please join us! Learning what residents' value in Garden City Public Schools is key to a successful budget process. Residents are encouraged to attend and participate in the Board of Education's five budget formulation meetings. The budget meetings are held in the coming weeks on Tuesdays at Garden City High School, 8:15 p.m.:

- February 7 - Overview of Superintendent's Budget and Revenues. This meeting lays out the Superintendent's proposed budget for the upcoming school year and is a great introduction for residents who want to learn and participate in the budget formulation process. The school budget is complex and, by law, must be broken out into three parts: Program, Capital, and Administration. Subsequent Board of Education meetings spotlight these areas:
- February 28 - All Non-Instructional Areas/Administrative and Capital Components
- March 14 - Instructional Components – Part I
- March 21 – Instructional Components – Part II
- April 4 – Additional Work Session, if needed

The Board of Education and district administration must work within the confines of the law to formulate the annual school district budget, however, input from the community is critical. Residents are encouraged to become involved in the process.

If you are interested but unable to attend one or more budget meetings, all meeting presentations are posted the following day on the district website: www.gardencity.k12.ny.us, under the maroon sidebar "Budget Information." Additionally, all of the "Questions of the Week" are posted and updated on the website as they are released.

Have a budget question? Please email: knightc@gcufsd.net.