



MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT PATRICIA S. CRAIG

Dear Community Members,

We are now more than half-way through the 2017-18 school year and preliminary preparations for the 2018-19 school year have already begun. One of the first items on the list is the school district budget. In its most simple definition, a **school district budget** describes a district's plan for the upcoming year as related to anticipated revenues and expenditures. The late winter-early spring rite of crafting school budgets is not an easy process, and doing more with less has been the challenge and "mantra" for most school districts, including Camp Hill, in recent years. The budget process itself enables the important discussions that will inform choices regarding the district's objectives and priorities with the goal of allocating resources in a manner that is fiscally responsible, fair and forward-thinking.

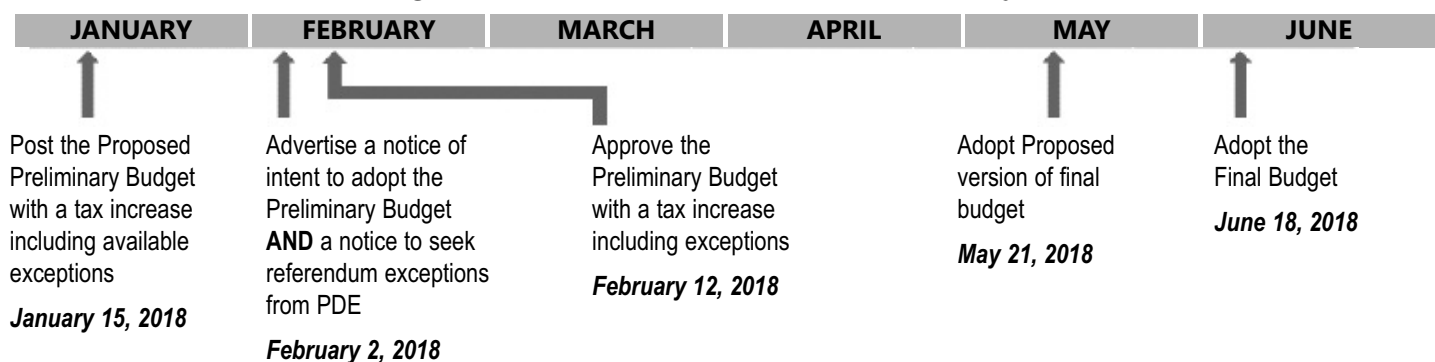
As noted in the fall edition of this newsletter, the third goal in the District's Comprehensive Plan is to **"Establish a system that fully ensures the use of data to effectively justify the allocation and alignment of instructional and infrastructural priorities."** The first step in implementation of this goal occurred in the spring of 2017 when the District put out a request for proposals to complete a comprehensive long-range capital improvement planning process and to prepare a District Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP). This year, and over the course of the next several years, the LRFP will be an essential resource in the budget development process as we begin to address the infrastructural priorities that have been identified. Information from the study and the presentations to the School Board can be found on our District website under the **Our District** channel.

Another important factor in the school budget process is the Act 1 Index. Act 1 is a property tax relief bill passed by the Pennsylvania legislature in 2006 and amended in 2011 which set a cap on the amount a school district can raise property taxes without applying for exceptions or first getting voter approval. Under school code section 333(1) of the Taxpayer Relief Act the Department of Education calculates the Act 1 index based on statewide average weekly wage and employment cost index. For the 2018-2019 school budget year, the **Base Act 1 Index is 2.4%**. Districts with a market value/income aid ratio greater than .4000, receive an **adjustment to the base index**. Market Value/Income aid ratio represents the relative wealth (market value and income), in relation to the state average, for each pupil in a district. For 2018-2019 school budget year, **Camp Hill School District received an adjusted index of 2.9%**.

Below we have provided a timeline to illustrate the budget process that will be followed in order for School Board adoption to occur prior to June 30, 2018, as required.

2018-2019 Budget Timeline

Act 1 Budget Timeline Based on Need to Exceed Adjusted Index



For additional District information regarding budget items and other updates, please access our website regularly and follow us on Twitter @camphillsd. We thank you for your continued support, for partnering with us to empower our students to achieve their full potential, and for helping us to make every day a great day to have Lion PRIDE!



FEBRUARY

12	School Board Work Session, 7 PM, Green Room TPC
16,19	SCHOOLS CLOSED
20	School Board Meeting, 7 PM, Green Room TPC
24	Mini-THON

MARCH

8	Delayed Opening (2 hour), Modified Kindergarten
8,9,10	HS Musical, The Sound of Music, 7 PM, TPC
11	HS Musical, The Sound of Music, 2 PM, TPC
12	School Board Work Session, 7 PM, Green Room, TPC
19	School Board Meeting, 7 PM, Green Room, TPC
26-30	SCHOOLS CLOSED, Spring Break

APRIL

2	SCHOOLS CLOSED, Spring Break
9	School Board Work Session, 7 PM, Green Room TPC
16	School Board Meeting, 7 PM, Green Room TPC
18	NHS Induction, 7 PM

MAY

2	MS/HS Band Concert, 7 PM, TPC
5	Eisenhower May Fair
8	Elementary Chorus/Band Concert, 7 PM, TPC
10	High School Academic Awards Program, 1 PM
14	School Board Work Session, 7 PM, Green Room TPC
17	MS/HS Choral Concert, 7 PM, TPC
21	School Board Meeting, 7 PM, Green Room, TPC
21-23	Canadensis, Grade 6 Outdoor Education Trip
25	MS Awards Ceremony, 8:45 AM, SFA
28	SCHOOLS CLOSED, Memorial Day

School Makeup Days

In case of school closings, makeup days will be as follows: 1/15, 2/19. If necessary, five days will be added to the end of the school year (June 4th-8th). Please check for updates on the school website and listen to area radio and tv stations.

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For school announcements,
school delays or closings!

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updates & news!

NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT:

- Welcome **Trisha Freed** to the Camp Hill School District. Mrs. Freed joined the Eisenhower Elementary spedical education department.
- The **Middle School's** 2nd Annual Turkey Trot was a huge success. Teachers and students donated 353 pounds (300 meals) to the Central PA Food Bank.
- The **High School student council** held an historic food drive, donating 6020 pounds (5000 meals) to the Central PA Food Bank.
- In November, middle school students participated in the 3rd Annual **Mini-THON Dodgeball Tournament** which raised \$1095 for the Four Diamonds fund.
- In December, **Hoover Elementary** students participated in a Mini-mini THON which was a huge success. They raised \$3651.22 for the Four Diamonds fund.
- High school students **Katy Collingsworth, Dezarae Morales, and Dayne Shover** completed the "Passion Through the Process" internship with the JDK group.

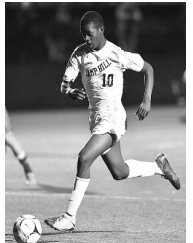
CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Middle school spelling bee champion **Sarah Ginck** and runner-up **Vraj Patel**. Both students will move on to the regional competition.
- The **Camp Hill Marching Band** who took 3rd place at Cavalcade of Bands American Class Championships.
- **Emma Raich, Allison Einig, and Elizabeth Wilson** who graduated from the Holy Spirit Healthcare Exploration program.
- The **Girls Cross Country team** who had an historic season, placing 9th in PIAA State Championships.
- The following students who were accepted to the West Shore Chamber Foundation Junior Leadership Program: **Michael Stringent, Cole Bayesa, Kiana Cunningham, Sydney Diggs, Eliza Kuller, and Grace Stewart**.
- **Jack Drda** and **Maddie Stalter** who advanced into the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Program.
- **Chris Bertolette, Mary Saleeb** and **Carlos Bohn** who were voted "Students of the Quarter" at CPAVTS.
- **Gus Eberlein** who advanced to the second round of the International German Olympiad held in Chicago. He was one of 14 students chosen from around the nation to compete.
- **Katy Collingsworth** and **Megan Tomalis** for being nominated to the Mid Penn Capital All-star Field Hockey Team.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER TEAMS!

The Boys and Girls Soccer teams did a fantastic job of representing Camp Hill during the 2017 season! Both teams advanced to the state championships which has only happened five times in PIAA history. The games were held on Saturday, November 18th at Hershey Park Stadium and both teams demonstrated teamwork and good sportsmanship. The Boys team won the Class A State Championship game against Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School and the Girls team was the Class A State Runner-up against Shady Side Academy.



Amias Colestock was named the 2017 boys soccer Co-Player of the Year by the Sentinel Newspaper and Justin Sheaffer was named Coach of the Year. Dylan Mayanja, Jake Coniglio, Quinn Pickering, Matt Little, and Noah Smeriglio were picked for the 2017 Sentinel All-Star team with Will Earhart and Josh Goodyear receiving honorable mentions.



Jared Latchford was named Coach of the Year for the Girls team and Sheridan Reid and Julia Raich were picked for the 2017 All-Star team. Honorable mentions were awarded to Ava Brackett, Allison Confair, Kendal McCall, and Bella Hoffer.

Thank you to the coaches, athletes, support staff, Ms. Simpson, Ms. Fanus, and the community for the support throughout this historic season. GO LIONS!!



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 by appointment. If you have a child who will be five years of age by September 1, 2018, and will be attending Kindergarten in the 2018-2019 school year, please call Mrs. Bitting, Hoover Elementary School secretary, at 901-2550 ext. 1213. If you know of a neighbor or friend with a Kindergarten age child; please share this information with them.

Some photos courtesy Samuel Getty



School Board Changes for the New Year

The new year brings new faces and changes to the Camp Hill School District Board of School Directors:

Mrs. Gwen Browning, one of our fabulous Board Directors, resigned in December after serving 9 years. As a School Board Director, Gwen has been the chair of several committees and demonstrated strong leadership and dedication. Thank you Gwen for your service! You will be sorely missed.

At the Board meeting on October 16th, the Board of School Directors appointed Melanie W. Gurgiolo to fill a vacancy. Welcome Melanie!

At a special meeting held on December 18th, the Board of School Directors appointed Mollie A. McCurdy to fill a vacancy. Mollie previously served as a member of the Board from 1997 through 2011. Welcome back!

A new time and location was approved for School Board meetings. All 2018 work sessions and meetings will begin at **7:00 PM** and will be held in the **Green Room at the Pollock Performing Arts Center**. For a list of meeting dates, please visit our website.

Aquaponics Comes to Camp Hill

Thanks to the Lion Foundation, each school building purchased stations that house complete aquaponics systems. Aquaponics refers to a system that combines conventional aquaculture (raising aquatic animals) with hydroponics (cultivating plants in water) in a symbiotic environment. The mobile stations at each school feature a fish tank on the bottom of a cart which provides fertilizer and water to grow plants on the table above. Students are looking forward to growing a variety of plants all year including strawberries, bok choy, lettuce and kale. This is a fantastic science learning opportunity and we are excited to be able to harvest our very own plants!

Countdown to Mini-THON

Camp Hill will host its 3rd annual Mini-THON on February 24-25. This is a 12-hour, interactive event to raise awareness & funds to conquer childhood cancer. The event is the culmination of smaller events & fundraisers organized by a student leadership team. Students have been working hard to reach this year's fundraising goal of \$90,000. Some fundraisers included Gold Outs at sporting events, Mini Mini-THON's at Hoover and Eisenhower (Feb 15), Moana Movie night, and working with PennAg at the Farm Show in exchange for a donation.

"Wiping out Cancer", a luau, will be the theme for this year's Mini-THON. We are excited to offer some favorites from previous years including: SLM Entertainment as our DJ, service dogs for our "Puppy Hour", hair donations to make wigs, and the Middle School students join us for an hour. Some new and exciting additions include Sumo Wrestling, Volleyball, Zumba and capture the flag!

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