

What You Can Do

Become educated about the budget process and the issues our school district is facing that will affect day-to-day operations and planning for the future.

READ

Everything you can get your hands on

Read the budget materials that are available on the Board of Education and town websites. It is important to know as much **FACTUAL** information as possible. If you have questions, go to the source.

ATTEND

BOE, BOF, Town Council & PTSA meetings

Watching the process will help you understand how it all comes together. These are public meetings and we encourage you to attend. If you are not able to attend in person, watch the town meetings replayed on Trumbull's Education Channel (17 on Charter/99 on U-verse).

REACH OUT

To your elected officials

Use the contact information contained in this brochure to let your elected officials know what is important to you. Your calls, letters, and e-mails do make a difference.

JOIN PTA/PTSA

There is a PTA or PTSA unit at each of the schools in our district. **Any resident** of Trumbull is welcome to join. Sign up on your unit's e-mail distribution list to receive updates and stay connected.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Council Clerk
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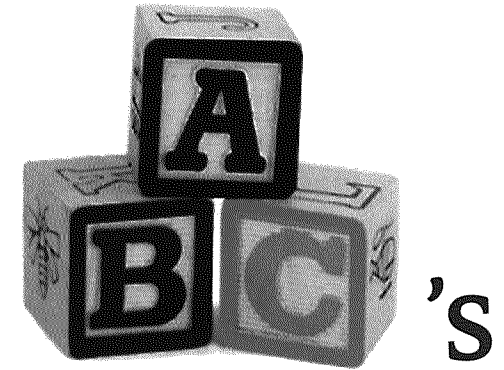
Official Websites
Town of Trumbull
www.trumbull-ct.gov

Trumbull Public Schools
www.trumbullps.org

Full contact information is available
in the online guide:
www.trumbullptsa.com/budget-guide

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Trumbull PTSA Council encourages all taxpayers to be active and educated participants in the budget process. This brochure serves as a reference Trumbull residents can use to contribute to a constructive dialogue at each stage of the process.








The Trumbull Schools' Budget accounts for roughly **60%** of the overall budget for the Town.

The budget process can be confusing and complicated. It is understandable why many have chosen not to be active participants. More than 90% of the total education budget is funded by local property taxes. Given the difficult economic environment Trumbull faces, we can no longer afford the luxury of apathy.

The Trumbull PTSA Council believes that **Education is the Foundation** on which the future of our community is built. To learn more, view our detailed **Budget ABC's Guide** at

www.trumbullptsa.com/budget-guide

Timeline of Budget Events

OCTOBER 2013	NOVEMBER 2013	DECEMBER 2013	JANUARY 2014
1 st & 15 th Board of Education	13 th Board of Education 	3 rd , 5 th & 10 th Board of Education "Budget Sessions" 	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday every month Board of Education
<i>Building principals and Superintendent begin budget discussions.</i>	<i>Superintendent prepares the budget proposal.</i>	<i>Superintendent presents the budget proposal to the Board of Education in a series of sessions open to the public.</i>	<i>Board of Education adopts a budget and sends it to the First Selectman by early January. First Selectman reviews the BOE and town department budget requests and prepares a proposed town budget.</i>
FEBRUARY 2014	MARCH 2014	APRIL 2014	MAY 2014
1 st & 3 rd Tuesday every month Board of Education	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday every month Board of Education	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday every month Board of Education 	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday every month Board of Education 
Board of Finance	Town Council Board of Finance 	Town Council 	Board of Finance 
<i>First Selectman must send the proposed town budget to the Board of Finance by the 10th of February. The Board of Finance holds meetings with each department to review the budget. These meetings are open to the public. There are two public hearings for the community to share their opinions on the budget. The BOF must take action on the budget and send it to the Town Council by March 24th.</i>		<i>Town Council public hearing is held by the 14th. The Town Council adopts a budget by the 30th.</i>	<i>Board of Finance sets the mill rate. Board of Education adjusts its budget based on the budget allocation.</i>
		<i>Possible budget referendum may affect the final BOE allocation and require additional public hearings.</i>	



Key meetings where your input has the most impact.

Dates & Locations subject to change. For up to date info visit www.trumbullct.gov.