

Dear Parents/Residents/Staff:

Below is a timeline for the Saddle River School District's 2017-2018 Budget Process. The process will take approximately three to four months to complete. During this time, careful deliberation will be given to all facets of the budget. All individuals will be given an opportunity to review the budget presentation and the initial budget submission to the county. There will also be an opportunity for a Q&A session regarding the budget.

Please note that some topics cannot be discussed/disclosed in the Q&A session. These topics primarily relate directly to matters which affect the privacy of an individual.

We appreciate your interest, questions and suggestions during the process.

2017-2018 Budget Process Timeline	
February 9th and onwards	Finance committee and school administration review budget.
February 28th	Board trustees initial review of budget.
March 2nd	New Jersey state aid figures provided to respective school districts on or about this date.
March 7th	Special Board of Education meeting to discuss budget. <i>(At this point the budget has not been submitted or approved by the executive county superintendent and thus is not available to the public. The purpose of this meeting is for the full Board of Education to discuss the budget internally. Only general questions regarding the budget can be entertained from the public at this time.)</i>
March 14th	Regular Board of Education meeting at which budget will be approved for submission to the executive county superintendent. <i>(Please note the budget is not final and changes can still be made. Some general comments regarding the budget will be provided.)</i>
March 15th - March 20th	Submit budget to executive county superintendent for review. <i>(Please note the budget is not final and changes can still be made. Also, once submitted, the budget is now public and can be discussed in greater detail.)</i>
Week of March 20th	Either special Board of Education meeting or open work session for questions and answers regarding budget. <i>(Please note the budget is not final and changes can still be made.)</i>

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April 24th	Receive approval from county executive superintendent on budget. <i>(Please note the budget is not final and changes can still be made.)</i>
April 24th - May 8th	Time period to announce and hold public hearing on budget. Public hearing can only take place once executive county superintendent approval of budget is received. <i>(Please note that at this time, the public will have access to the user friendly budget which will be posted on the district website. Changes to the budget can be made.)</i>
May 9th - May 12th	Last period to adopt final budget. No further changes to the budget.