YOUR SCHOOL’S BUDGET
An Equity-Centered Budget Process for Determining School Funding

Each school’s budget is made up of **two primary pieces: STAFFING and FLEXIBLE DOLLARS**. Additional funding is provided to a school based on different student and school needs.

**STAFFING**
Enrollment and staffing to support students play the largest role in determining a school’s budget.

Based on a school’s enrollment, funding is provided for:
- Teachers
- Administrators
- Counselors
- Social Workers
- Family Resource Providers
- Support Staff

**FLEXIBLE DOLLARS**
Built into every budget are flexible dollars for school leaders to use as they choose.

School flexible dollars are allocated on a per-student basis and vary based on a school’s grade levels:
- Grades PreK-5
- Grades 6-8
- Grades 9-12

**STUDENT NEED SUPPORTS**
Additional funding is provided to schools for specific needs. These supports include:
- More teachers for English Learners
- Student Engagement Specialists to support families & reduce absenteeism
- Magnet support funding

**DEVELOPMENT OF AN EQUITY-CENTERED BUDGET**

- **Initial School Budget Released to School Leaders**
- Superintendent and Finance Department draft final budget
- Board of Education holds public hearing
- Board of Education approves budget
- Budget Sent to City Council

For more information about Hartford Public Schools’ budget, visit www.hartfordschools.org/budget

**BUDGET DATES TO REMEMBER**

**NOVEMBER 8**
Community Budget Forum for school governance councils and all HPS families

**DECEMBER**
Community Budget Forum II

**JANUARY**
Board of Education Workshop
Public Hearing on Budget

**FEBRUARY**
Board of Education Budget Adoption