



2025-2026 Recommended Budget

Maintaining Excellence

March 18, 2025

Montgomery Township School District



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Goals

Goal 1: The Student Experience: Student Achievement, Teaching and Learning

To cultivate a learning community that is safe, comprehensive, and customized to provide a balanced academic, creative, and engaging experience to prepare students to make an impact on the future.

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Goal 2: Communication, Community Engagement and Outreach

Increase community engagement by improving two-way communication so that all community members are well-informed and feel connected.

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Goal 3: Climate and Culture (Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) – Cultural Sensitivity, Health and Wellness, Resilience)

Enhance the social-emotional learning environment to support the development and resiliency of all learners.

Montgomery Township School District 2025-26 Budget Development Process



The budget development process is always ongoing with the board, administration and community.

- **October:** Budget Managers informed of the budget development process.
- **December:** Budget requests due from all budget managers. Administrative review of budget requests and meetings with budget managers in an ongoing process through the receipt of state aid.
- **January/February:** Development of budget by Administration.
- **February 27, 2025:** Received State Aid amounts.

Montgomery Township School District 2025-26 Budget Development Process



- **March 11, 2025** – Discussion of Recommended Budget with the Operations, Finance and Facilities Committee (OFF) of the Board.
- **March 18, 2025** – Presentation of Recommended Budget and Tentative Adoption of the 2025-2026 Budget.
- **March 19, 2025** – Due Date for Budget Submission to the Executive County Superintendent for Review and Approval.
- **Between March 19, 2025 and April 29, 2025** - The tentative budget can be changed during this period.
- **April 29, 2025** – Public Hearing on the 2025-2026 Budget and Final Adoption.

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General Fund Local Tax Levy Calculation



2025-2026 General Fund Local Tax Levy

2024-2025 Starting Point for Local Tax Levy	\$89,042,150
2% Increase permitted on Base	\$1,780,843
Maximum adjustment permitted for increase in Health Care Costs	\$779,863
<i>2025-2026 Maximum General Fund Local Tax Levy Permitted</i>	<i>\$91,602,856</i>
2025-2026 Board Supported General Fund Tax Levy	\$90,822,993

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General Fund Local Tax Levy Impact



MONTGOMERY BREAKOUT

	2024 Levy	2025 Levy
General Fund	86,877,216	88,643,241
Debt Service	<u>6,786,230</u>	<u>5,238,524</u>
	<u>93,663,446</u>	<u>93,881,765</u>

	GENERAL FUND PORTION		Difference
AVERAGE HOME VALUE			
800,000	17,181.27	17,505.47	324.20
900,000	19,328.93	19,693.65	364.73
1,000,000	21,476.58	21,881.84	405.25

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MONTGOMERY BREAKOUT

	DEBT SERVICE PORTION		Difference
AVERAGE HOME VALUE			
800,000	1,342.08	1,034.52	(307.56)
900,000	1,509.84	1,163.83	(346.01)
1,000,000	1,677.60	1,293.14	(384.45)

	TOTAL LEVY		Difference
AVERAGE HOME VALUE			
800,000	18,523.35	18,539.98	16.64
900,000	20,838.76	20,857.48	18.72
1,000,000	23,154.18	23,174.98	20.80

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ROCKY HILL BREAKOUT

	2024 Levy	2025 Levy
General Fund	2,096,928	2,179,752
Debt Service	<u>44,855</u>	<u>29,533</u>
	<u>2,141,783</u>	<u>2,209,285</u>

	GENERAL FUND PORTION		Difference
AVERAGE HOME VALUE			
800,000	9,919.68	9,950.37	30.68
900,000	11,159.64	11,194.16	34.52
1,000,000	12,399.60	12,437.96	38.35

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ROCKY HILL BREAKOUT

	DEBT SERVICE PORTION		Difference
AVERAGE HOME VALUE			
800,000	212.19	134.82	(77.37)
900,000	238.71	151.67	(87.05)
1,000,000	265.24	168.52	(96.72)

	TOTAL LEVY		Difference
AVERAGE HOME VALUE			
800,000	10,131.87	10,085.18	(46.69)
900,000	11,398.36	11,345.83`	(52.53)
1,000,000	12,664.84	12,606.48	(58.36)

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General Fund Local Tax Levy

Health Care Waiver Cost Per Household



Montgomery 97.60% of school tax levy

Rocky Hill 2.40% of school tax levy

HEALTH CARE WAIVER AMOUNT REQUESTED \$779,883

Note: These funds would be used to cover health care costs over 2%.

Below represents the cost for each household if the healthcare waiver was taken based on home valuations of \$800,000, \$900,000 and \$1,000,000.

The average home value in Montgomery is \$849,000 and in Rocky Hill its \$716,999

AVERAGE HOME VALUE

	<i>\$800,000</i>	<i>\$900,000</i>	<i>\$1,000,000</i>
<i>Montgomery</i>	<i>\$150.31</i>	<i>\$169.10</i>	<i>\$187.89</i>
<i>Rocky Hill</i>	<i>\$85.44</i>	<i>\$ 96.12</i>	<i>\$106.80</i>

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2025-26 Tentative Budget



Revenues	2024-2025	2025-2026	+/- \$	+/- %
General Fund	\$106,064,456	\$109,925,364	3,860,908	3.64%
Special Revenue Fund	\$1,174,600	\$1,063,987	(110,613)	-9.42%
Debt Service Fund	\$7,424,648	\$5,947,273	(1,477,375)	-19.9%
Total Recommended Budget	\$114,663,704	\$116,936,624	2,272,920	1.98%

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2025-26 Budget Major Sources of Revenue

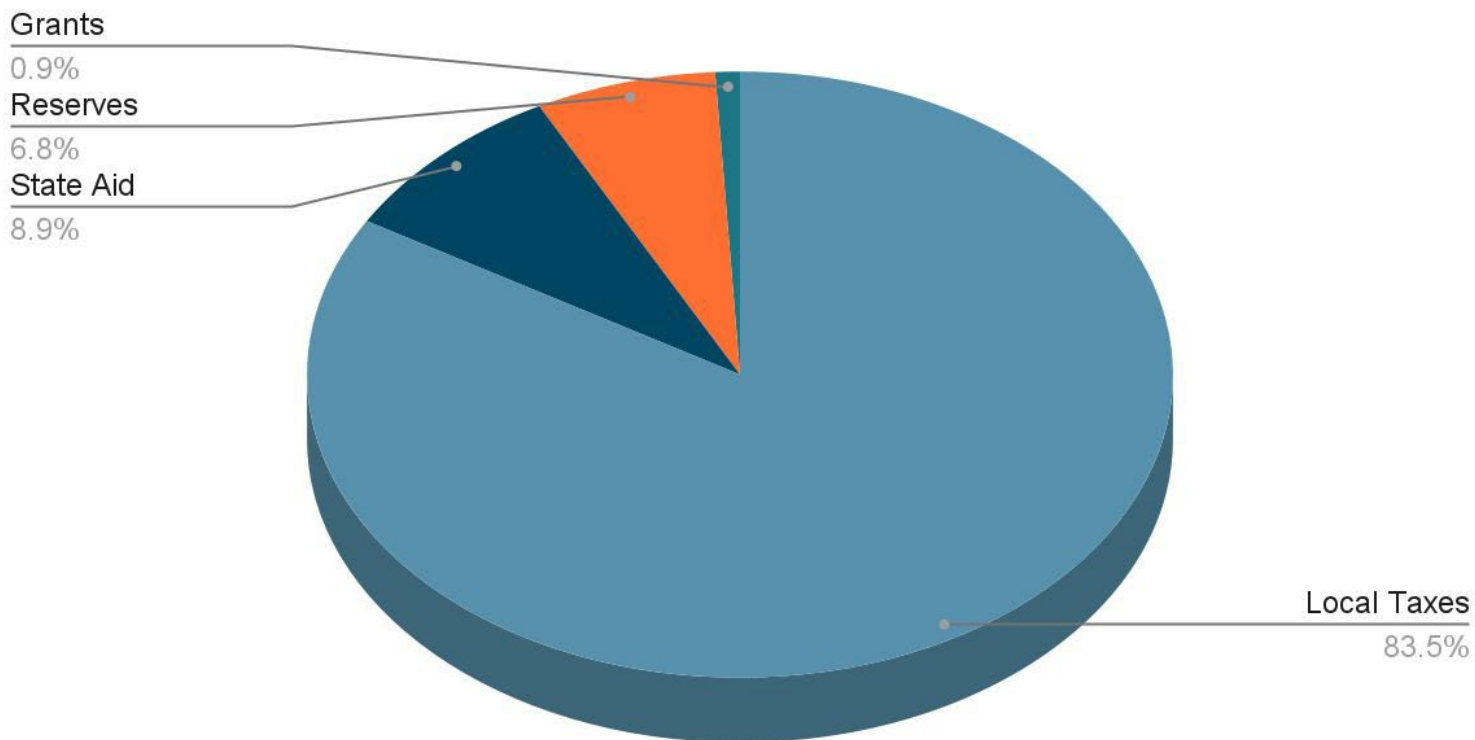


Source		2025-2026	+/--\$	+/-%
Local Taxes	General Fund	\$90,822,993	\$1,780,843	2.0%
	Debt Service	\$5,947,273	-\$1,477,375	-19.9%
State Aid	General Fund	\$8,532,681	\$-255,980	-3.0%
	Debt Service	\$554,377	-\$43,363	-7.25%
Reserves	Fund Balance	\$4,546,048	\$332,199	7.88%
	Capital	\$2,207,920	\$1,493,582	309%
	Maintenance	\$555,500	\$-6,000	-1.1%

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2025-2026 Revenue Distribution



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2025-26 Appropriations



<u>Function</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>	<u>+/- \$</u>	<u>+/- %</u>
Regular Program Instruction	29,905,764	605,676	2.03%
Special Education Instruction	8,846,085	-790,913	-8.94%
Extracurricular Activities	585,824	16,960	2.98%
Athletics	1,335,049	90,327	7.26%
Tuition	3,830,154	475,636	14.18%
Administration	6,406,969	-40,334	-0.0063%
Operations/Maint. of Plant/Security	10,069,317	276,719	2.83%
Transportation	6,969,283	85,268	9.54%
Employee Benefits	24,591,541	1,550,334	6.73%

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2025-2026 Major Budget Cuts

Total Budget Cuts: \$3,427,742

<u>Function</u>	2025-2026
Position reductions for 2025-2026	\$1,620,767
Facilities/Equipment	\$1,117,000
Requested Staffing positions	\$ 415,000
Services/Supplies	\$ 177,195
Professional Development	\$ 97,780

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2025-26 Major Drivers of Cost

Driver	% of Current Expense
Salaries	63.00%
Benefits	22.93%
Total	85.93%

Note: Except in rare situations most school budgets in the state have the salaries and benefits make up 75-85% of the total budget.

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2025-26 Budget Personnel Adjustments



Additions

Position

Salary

4 Paraprofessionals Positions
(estimated based on student needs)

\$33,000/each

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2025-26 Major Capital/Maintenance Projects Funded Through Reserves



Project	Amount
ADA walkway at UMS	\$450,000
Roof Top A/C Unit at MHS	\$325,000
ROD Grant - UMS Roof	\$1,153,890
ROD Grant - UMS Chiller Replacement	\$279,030

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This concludes the Tentative Budget Presentation. The tentative budget will be voted on tonight. The final budget will be approved by the BOE after county approval at the April 29, 2025.