

# District of Columbia Budget Process & Education Spending

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# DCPS BUDGET TIMELINE

## 1) Hearings (November)

The Chancellor kicks off the collaborative budget development process with a public hearing to announce the three main budget priorities.

## 2) Parent and Community Input (November - December)

DCPS invites community members to provide thoughts on the budget through meetings and online platforms.

## 3) Citywide LSAT Meetings (November)

The Chancellor conducts three hands-on budget planning meetings with principals and LSATs.

## 4) DCPS Budget Development (December - January)

The Chancellor kicks off the formal budget development process, addressing how the budget will support the DCPS priorities and how it reflects feedback from the community, principals, and LSATs.

## 5) School Budget Allocations (February - March)

Principals receive final budget allocations & construct their budgets in collaboration w/LSATs and community.

## 6) DC Government Budget Review (March)

The Chief Financial Officer announces revenue projections, which form the basis for the DCPS budget.

## 7) DCPS Budget Finalized (March)

DCPS submits final school and central office budgets to the Mayor.

# EDUCATION BUDGET

**CAPITAL vs. OPERATING**

**COUNCIL'S ROLE:**

**What can be changed and when?**

# BUDGET BASICS

**APRIL 4: MAYOR** transmits the FY18 Budget to the DC Council



**COUNCIL** review period: agency hearings



Committee **MARK-UPS**, submitted to the Committee of the Whole



**CHAIRMAN** & Council Budget Office reconcile committee reports and council-wide priorities



**MAY 30: COUNCIL** holds first vote on the budget



**COUNCIL** holds final vote on the budget



Budget is sent to the **MAYOR**, who may sign or veto

# Important FY18 Dates – Not Final

- **Comprehensive Annual Financial Review (CAFR):**  
Released -- February 1, 2017  
Hearing -- February 2, 2017
- **Performance Oversight Hearings:**  
February 6, 2017 - March 17, 2017
- **Budget Transmitted to Council:**  
April 4, 2017
- **Budget Oversight Hearings:**  
April 7, 2017 – May 11, 2017
- **Committee Budget Markups:**  
May 16-18, 2017
- **First Vote On Budget:**  
May 30, 2017

# BUDGET CONTACTS

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