



February 17, 2016

TO: BSD Parents/ Guardians
 RE: FY17 Proposed Budget Implementation

Now that the budget has been adopted by the Board, we are shifting our focus to the immediate challenges of reviewing academic programs, student wellness and developing a multi-year Strategic Plan.

In times of limited resources we must strive to make prudent decisions that still achieve academic and social success for all students. It is not always an easy task to satisfy everyone’s wishes, and it is my responsibility to weigh many variables in considering the operations and program impact for the entire District. I believe our budget sets us on a path for fiscal recovery and continued student success.

Parents respect that we must make decisions reflecting all students in the District, though I realize that a natural reaction is - *what does this budget mean for my child?* There is a pathway for you to assess this question. All mandatory programs to support students in need will continue to be implemented.

The next step in the process is to finalize specific class consolidations and staff reductions. This process involves working with school principals to identify the appropriate reductions, if any, at each school. Once these determinations are made, affected employees will be notified prior to specific names being made public.

How do I find out about the BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION?

You may inquire about the specific impact on your child’s school by visiting the [Budget Website](http://www.bsdt.org) at www.bsdt.org for updates or hearing from the school principal when they have information they can share. The update template will look something like this:

School	Implementation Update
BHS	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
EMS	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
C.P Smith	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Updates on the site will begin towards the end of the week.

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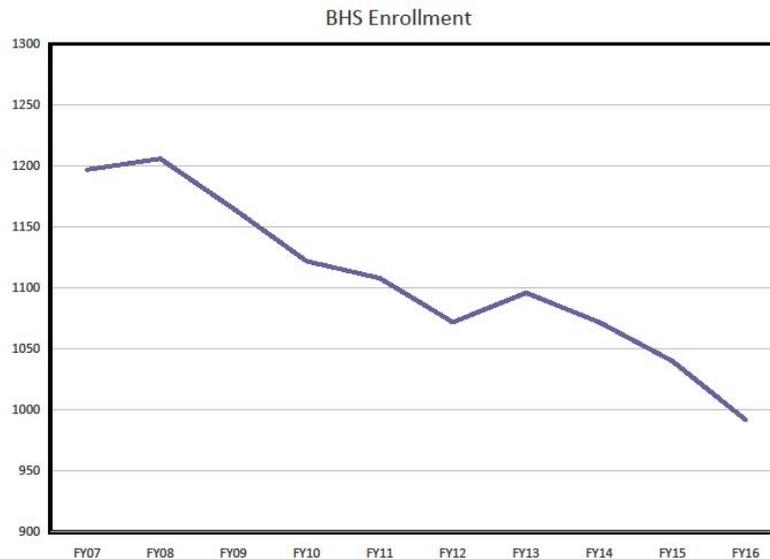
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Frequently Asked Questions

Please visit the [Budget Website](http://www.bsdt.org) at www.bsdt.org for frequently asked questions such as:

Q: Why are the majority of the staff reductions occurring at Burlington High School?

A: The majority of staff reductions are occurring at BHS because the school's enrollment continues to decline. As of February 15, 2016, enrollment was 983, down from about 1,200 a decade ago. At this enrollment level, BHS can maintain most of its offerings with fewer teachers. Furthermore, the decline in overall enrollment has resulted in numerous under-enrolled classes that can be consolidated.



Other examples:

What happens if the budget doesn't pass before July 1st?
Where can we find the FY15 Audit?

Data Center – Coming Soon

Also on the [Budget Website](http://www.bsdt.org), view the new BSD Data Center, containing information on enrollment and other District figures.

Follow the link to view a new Budget / Strategic Planning Video: <https://vimeo.com/153977714>

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