



## **2025-2026 Budget Presentation**

### **Public Hearing & Adoption of the Budget**

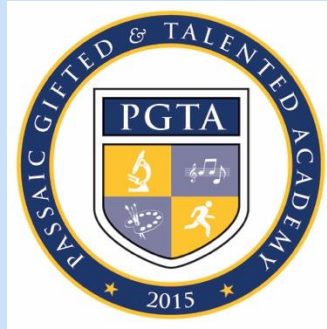
**Thursday, March 27, 2025**

**6:00 PM at Dayton Avenue Complex**

# VISION

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Passaic Public Schools  
will become one of the  
best school systems in  
New Jersey.



# MISSION

Passaic Public Schools will provide an excellent education that prepares our students for college and to earn high paying jobs.



# FOCUS

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Passaic Public Schools will provide all students the opportunity to graduate high school with a career certification and/or a minimum of 15 college credits.

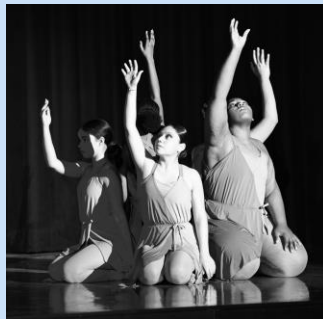


# CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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**As of February 2025, PHS, PASE & PREP have 17 CTE programs recognized by the NJDOE!**

1. Biotechnology
2. Biomedical Sciences
3. Computer and Network Security/Information Assurance
4. Computer Programmer
5. Drama & Dramatics, Theatre Arts
6. Engineering Technology
7. Finance
8. Graphic Design
9. Radio & Television
10. Legal Studies
11. Music Technology
12. Digital Arts
13. Video Production & Social Media
14. Culinary Arts
15. Cosmetology
16. Education
17. Construction



# CAREER CERTIFICATIONS

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- NAF Track Certification for Finance
- Criminal Justice: Emergency Radio Dispatch/911
- Graphic Design: Adobe Certified Associate in Graphic Design & Illustration
- Radio/TV: Final Cut Pro, Basic Video Production, NewTek Tricaster
- Lab Science/Biotechnology: Phlebotomy, EMT, CPR, First Aid Certification, OSHA Certification
- National Academy of Sports Medicine (NASM) Personal Trainer Certification
- Engineering: Autodesk Certification in CAD
- Dental Assistant Certification
- Licensed Realtor
- Aerospace Engineering: Part 107 Remote Pilot Certification
- Certified Medical Assistant (CMA)
- Computer Science: Oracle Certification
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
- Basic Life Support (BLS)
- Automated External Defibrillator (AED)



# PATHWAYS TO ASSOCIATES DEGREE

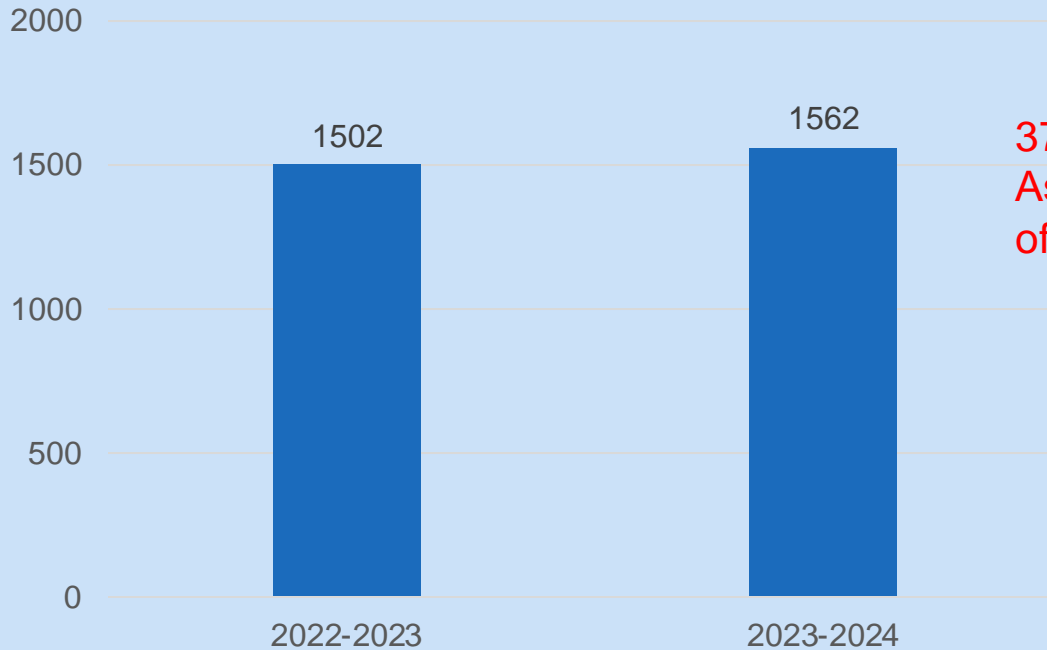
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Thirty-six (36) students are expected to graduate from the class of 2025 with a **high school diploma** and an **Associate's Degree!**



# DUAL ENROLLMENT

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37 students graduated with an Associate's Degree from the Class of 2024!

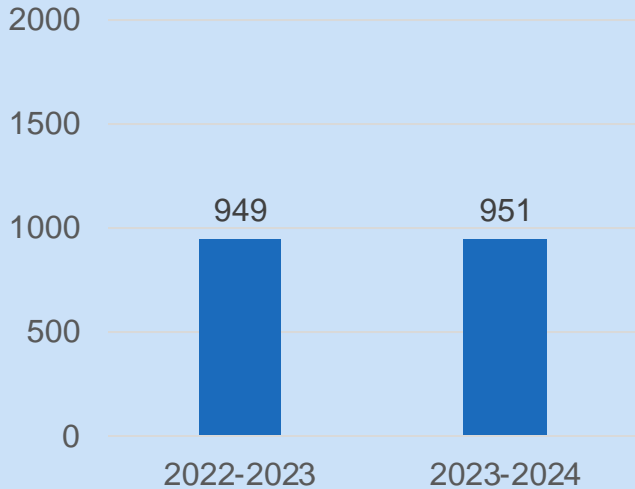




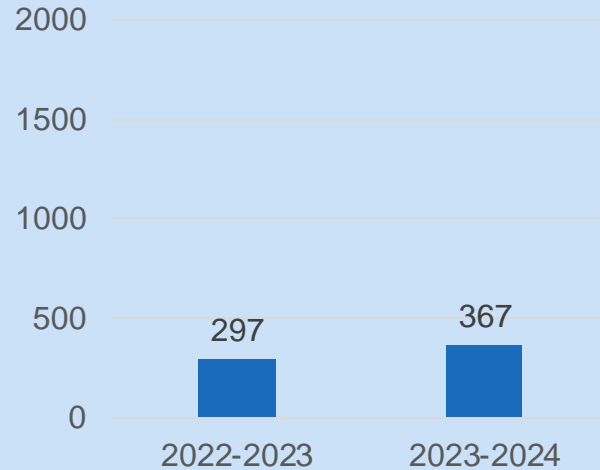
# ADVANCED PLACEMENT

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Total Individual AP Students Tested



Number of AP Total Exams with a 3+



# 2025-2026 Budget...

The Passaic County Executive Superintendent and County School Business Official approved the submission of the District's budget on March 20, 2025.



# REVENUES

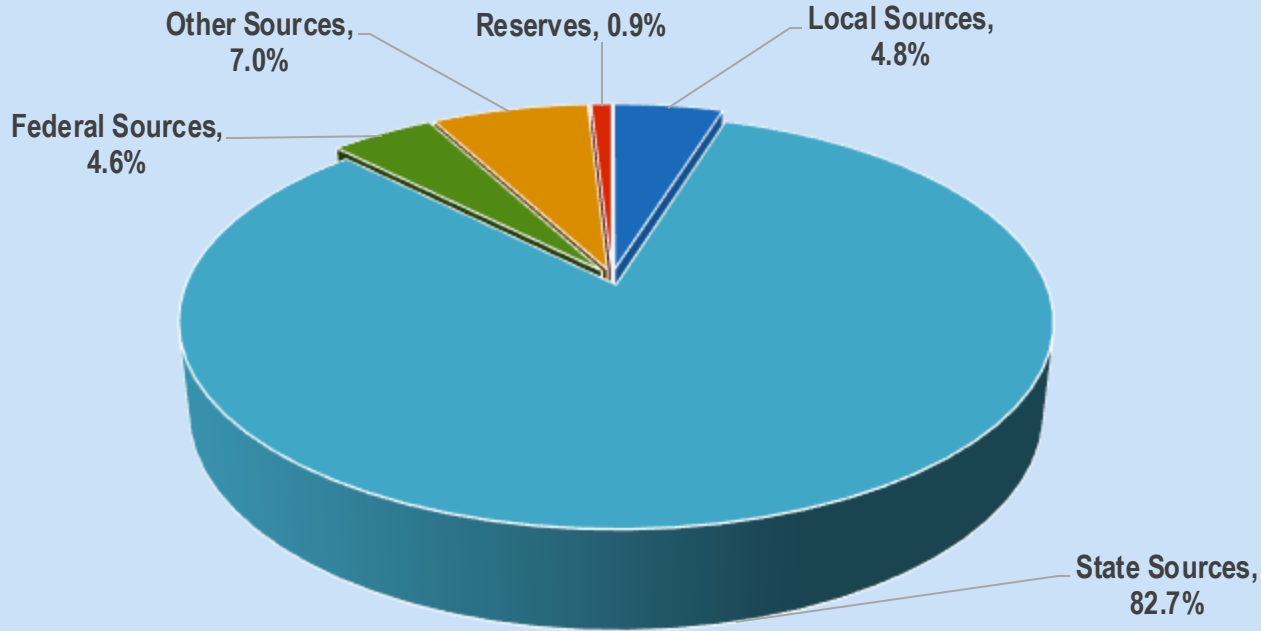


# REVENUES

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	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>LOCAL TAXES</b>	\$ 17,498,048	\$ 17,848,009	\$ 349,961	2.00%
<b>STATE SOURCES</b>	\$304,474,117	\$305,249,040	\$ 774,923	0.25%
<b>FEDERAL SOURCES</b>	\$ 19,641,534	\$ 17,053,699	-\$ 2,587,835	-13.18%
<b>OTHER SOURCES</b>	\$ 53,747,525	\$ 25,684,292	-\$ 28,063,233	-52.21%
<b>RESERVES</b>	\$ 9,793,449	\$ 3,325,951	-\$ 6,467,498	25.66%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$405,154,673</b>	<b>\$369,160,991</b>	<b>-\$ 35,993,682</b>	<b>- 8.88%</b>

# DISTRICT REVENUES BY PERCENTAGE FY 2025-2026



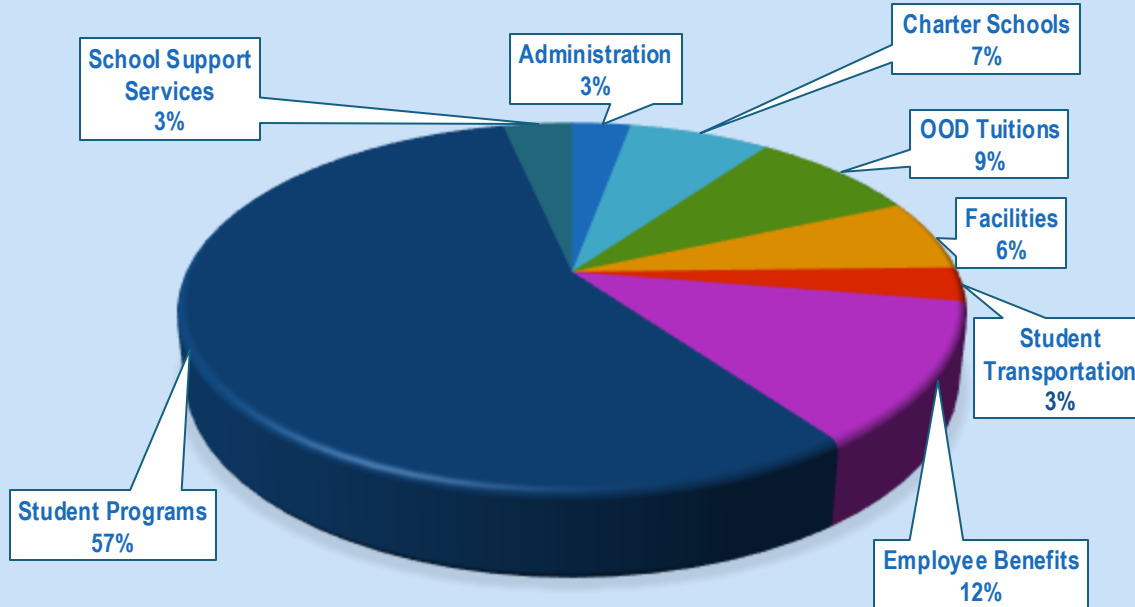
# EXPENDITURES



# 2025-2026 BUDGET

## Our Total Budget \$369,160,991

### 2025-2026 APPROPRIATIONS

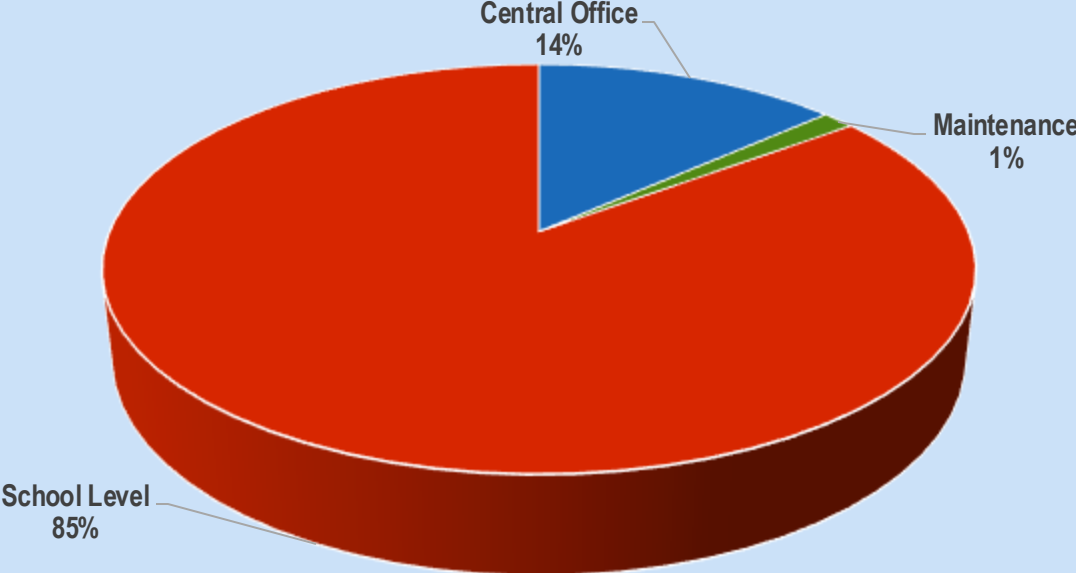


**Student Programs: \$208,685,724**



# 2025-2026 BUDGET

## APPROPRIATION ANALYSIS





# ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS PER PUPIL

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Passaic \$2,331

New Jersey\* \$2,875

## Passaic invests in children!



\*Northern Regional Limit



# 2023-2024 AUDIT UNMODIFIED OPINION



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable President and Members  
of the Board of Education  
Passaic Public Schools  
663 Main Avenue  
Passaic, New Jersey 07055

### Report on the Financial Statements

#### Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund of the Passaic Public Schools as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Board of Education's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund of the Passaic Public Schools as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Passaic Public Schools and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Passaic Public Schools' ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

*“In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above are presented fairly, in all material respects...”*



# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

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# BUILDING COMPETITIVE HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS

- Cross Country
- Cheerleading
- Football
- Basketball
- Baseball
- Softball
- Soccer
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
- Swimming
- Golf
- Bowling
- Tennis
- Wrestling
- Flag football



# Maintenance Projects

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1. Installation of LED lighting throughout the entire School – Schools #9, #11
2. Installation of new LED light fixtures at School #19 gymnasium.
3. State-of-the-art sound, lighting, and controls replacement/upgrade project in the cafetorium of PGTA #20
4. State-of-the-art sound, lighting, and controls replacement/upgrade project in the auditorium of PREP/PASE
5. Construction and installation of (2) new playgrounds and rubber surfacing at School #10
7. Installation of a new boiler at School #11
8. Replacement/installation of a new gym floors on at School #1, #3, #8. PREP, PASE
9. Repairs, sanding, and clear coating of the gym floors at School #1, #9, #10, #19
14. Installation new window replacements at the (2) gyms of PREP/PASE
17. Installation of (2) new 500-gallon water heaters at School #19
18. Renovation/Painting of grandstand/bleachers – Boverini Stadium
19. Boverini Stadium track and fields replacement
20. HVAC/Electrical projects in progress throughout the district
21. Installation of Food Services exterior walk-in deep freezer – School #8





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**THANK YOU!**

**Forward! ¡Pa'Lante!**