State—Albany, NY
Rochester is the 3rd poorest city in the United States*. Poor cities like Rochester collect less in taxes and need more support from the state to fund schools. Most RCSD funding (76%) comes from New York State.

Local—Rochester, NY
The City of Rochester sends $119.1 million to RCSD every year. That amount is set by state law and does not change.

- As state funding increases this amount becomes a smaller part of the budget (16%).
- The City of Rochester may increase funding to RCSD, but cannot go below $119.1 million.

Federal—Washington, D.C.
The federal government spends much less on public education (8% for RCSD) than the city and state. Federal money is targeted to poor communities, and children with particular challenges (homelessness) or needs (special education, hunger).

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*https://www.actrochester.org/tinymce/source//Census%20Update%202018.pdf

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**RCSD Funding Sources 2019-2020**

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**Who Decides How Much Money RCSD Receives?**
The city, state, and federal government control RCSD’s funding. However, changes made by New York State have the biggest impact on RCSD.

Your state assembly members and state senators pass a budget every year. That budget includes most of RCSD’s funding. You can find out who represents you here: https://nyassembly.gov/mem/search/ and here: https://www.nysenate.gov/find-my-senator

Local spending on public schools is controlled by city council and the mayor. Find out who represents you here: https://www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=8589935617. You can register to vote here: https://www.monroecounty.gov/etc/voter/

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