

Who Decides How RCSD Spends its Money?

Superintendent

The superintendent's staff put the budget together between December and March. The superintendent creates the budget based on their priorities, parent and community priorities, and the board of education's priorities. The draft budget is then presented in mid-March.

The superintendent makes revisions to the draft budget based on feedback from the community and board of education.

Board of Education

The board of education submits its budget priorities to the superintendent as early as December. Then they wait for the superintendent and her staff to create the draft budget by mid-March.

The board of education discusses the superintendent's draft budget at 2 or 3 public meetings. This happens in April. At these meetings board members ask the superintendent questions and discuss what they would like changed in the budget.

The board of education votes on the RCSD budget in early May.

You

You can speak at public hearings on the RCSD budget or at any regular board meeting. The hearings take place in April after the budget is released and before the budget is voted on. You can also reach out directly to board members:

<https://www.rcsdk12.org/boe>

City Council

Rochester City Council votes on the RCSD budget in June after the board of education adopts it. City Council must approve the budget if it is balanced.

Mayor

The mayor does not approve the RCSD budget. The mayor does have a say in how much RCSD can borrow to fix buildings and pay its bills.

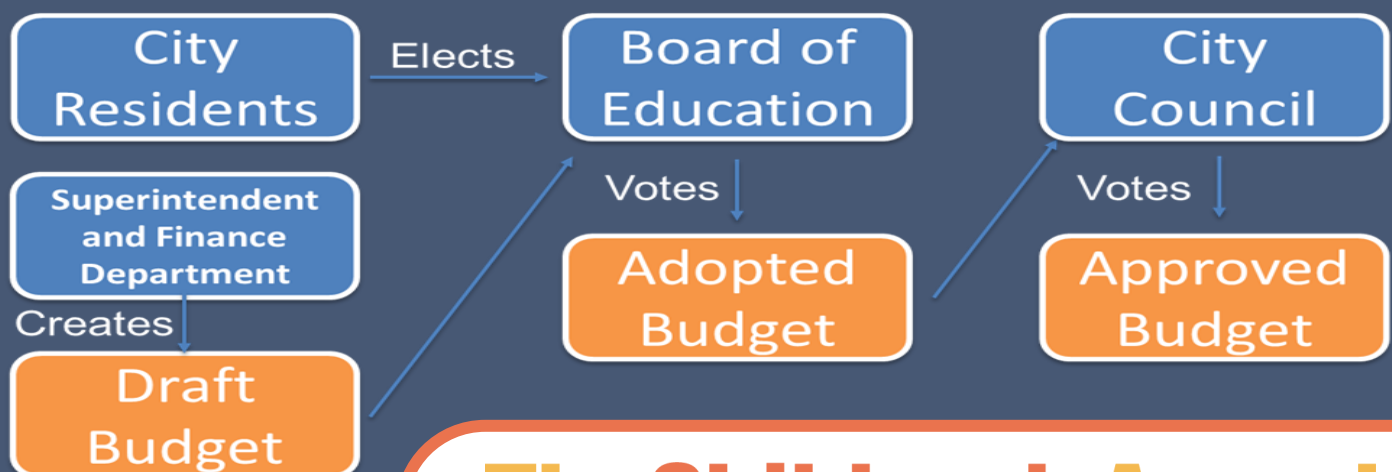
Employees/Unions

District employees influence the budget by:

- Lobbying members of the board of education through their unions
- Negotiating contracts that set salary increases and benefits

RCSD BUDGET DECISION-MAKERS

To speak at the Board of Education call (585) 262-8525 by 12:00pm the day of the meeting. You can find the calendar for meetings here: <https://www.rcsdk12.org/Page/2>



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