



2024-25 Budget Update

Regular Board Meeting

June 26, 2024

Significant Budgetary Changes – Year over Year

Functional Expenditures	FY 2025 Budget	Dollar Change	Percentage Change
Instruction – Regular Programs	\$61,713,959	\$1,511,317	2.51%
Instruction – Special Programs	\$30,511,798	\$3,400,100	12.54%
Support Services - Students	\$6,618,088	\$608,856	10.13%
Debt Service	\$11,159,824	(\$905,674)	-7.51%

Table illustrates all major functions with changes in budget from fiscal year 2024 in excess of \$500,000.

Revised Budget Projections

- **Revenue Adjustments**

- District Staffing – \$7,462
- Federal Funding (Title Programs FY24 Carryover) - \$39,991
- Federal Funding (ESSER) - \$100,009
- Miscellaneous Revenues - \$6,343

- **Expenditure Adjustments**

- District Staffing – \$50,842
- Health Insurance – (\$200,000)
- Operations Revisions – (\$136,109)
- Miscellaneous Expenses – (\$10,874)

2024-25 BUDGET OVERVIEW

	2022-23 Actual	2023-24 Final Budget	2024-25 Prelim. Budget	2024-25 Final Budget *
Revenues	\$142,116,235	\$145,632,789	\$151,440,965	\$153,550,804
Expenditures	146,206,158	147,595,007	156,682,821	153,550,804
Surplus(Deficit)	(4,089,923)	(1,962,218)	(5,241,855)	0

* As of 6/1/2024 Assessments, assumes 97% collection and flat homestead/farmstead allocation with an Act 1 Index Increase

How Is My Property Tax Bill Calculated?

Tax Bill Calculation

Taxable Assessed Value of Property x Millage Rate / 1,000 = **Property Tax**

Property Tax - **Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion** = **Real Estate Tax Face Amount (Due by 10/31 annually)**

$\$158,295 \times 34.4636 / 1,000 = \$5,455.42$

$\$5,455.42 - \$308.52 = \$5,146.90$

2% Discount if paid by 8/31 = \$5,043.96, 10% Penalty if paid after 10/31 = \$5,661.59

Impact on Median Homestead Assessed Value

Year over Year Comparison		
	FY2024	FY2025
Median Homestead Assessed Value - \$158,295	\$5,180.84	\$5,455.42
Homestead Exclusion - \$8,952	257.81	308.52
Property Tax Bill – Face Value	4,923.03	5,146.90
Property Tax Bill - % Increase		4.55%

Note: Example provided assumes a homestead property assessed at the median value of \$158,295 and that it qualifies for the full homestead exemption. The actual millage rate increase for Fiscal Year 2025 is 5.3%, however individual property tax increase percentages will vary due to the increase in the homestead exclusion amount, and any variation to the properties assessed values.

Impact of Act 1 Index Increase

10-Year Average Annual Millage Growth Rate		
	2015-2024	2016-2025
Souderton Area School District	1.49%	1.92%
Montgomery County Average	2.18%	2.27%
Act 1 Base Index	2.70%	3.00%
Ranking of 21 School Districts in the County (Highest to Lowest % 10-Year Average Increase)	19th of 21	18th of 21

Total Millage Rate Ranking in Montgomery County		
FY2015	FY2024	FY2025*
12th	12th	12th

FY2024 - Only Pottstown & Pottsgrove have a lower 10-year Average Annual Millage Growth Rate, however the rank number 3rd and 5th respectively in total millage rate ranking in the county.

FY2025 - Only Pottstown, Pottsgrove & Norristown have a lower 10-year Average Annual Millage Growth Rate, however the rank number 3rd, 5th and 6th respectively in total millage rate ranking in the county.

* FY2025 Millage Rates as reported by School Districts as of 6/25/2024

How Much Are Souderton Area Residents Paying?

There are 10,895 Homestead properties in the Souderton Area School District

- Approximately 25% will have a property tax bill that is less than \$4,000
- Approximately 50% will have a property tax bill that is between \$4,000 and \$7,000
- The remaining 25% will have a property tax bill more than \$7,000

