

# Quakertown Community School District



## Financial Facts



### WFMZ-news report on QCSD 2020-21 budget

## Quakertown Community School Board passes budget without tax increase

**"Although our school buildings have been closed, teachers continue to teach and students continue to achieve."**

**Dr. Bill Harner,  
Superintendent**

Bryan Hay  
May 15, 2020

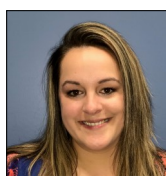
QUAKERTOWN, Pa. - The Quakertown Community School Board on Thursday night unanimously approved a

\$119.5 million budget for 2020-21. It's the first time since the district was formed in the 1960s that an annual spending plan does not require a tax increase.

### From The State Legislation & Guidance

- ♦ Under Act 1, Pennsylvania's property tax law, QCSD's taxes could have risen by 3 percent.
- ♦ As schools are closed until the end of the school year, schools are expected to offer Planned Instruction at all grade levels as part of continuity of education plans. Planned Instruction is formal teaching and learning, similar to what occurs in a classroom setting. Within this process, teachers use planned courses of instruction of new concepts/skills aligned to grade level standards.
- ♦ Schools must work to meet the needs of all students including attention to free appropriate public education protections for students with disabilities and English as a second language services for English learners.
- ♦ Through Act 13, the state Legislature has ordered all school employees to be paid. In addition, Act 13 strongly encourages districts to continue to pay contractors like transportation contractors, to avoid potential losses in state and federal subsidies or potential stimulus.

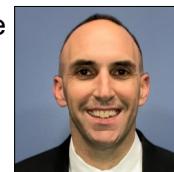
### From The School Board No Tax Increase



"We really understand people in the community are suffering (due to the COVID-19 pandemic). A lot of kudos need to go to the administration for setting us up for success. In my opinion, COVID really just solidified us doing this because we have a pretty high rate here in Upper Bucks County of people that have had to file for unemployment."

**Kaylyn Mitchell, School Board President**

"We recognize that COVID has impacted the community in a way that we've never seen. And so we recognize that any kind of financial burden that we put on them can be significant."



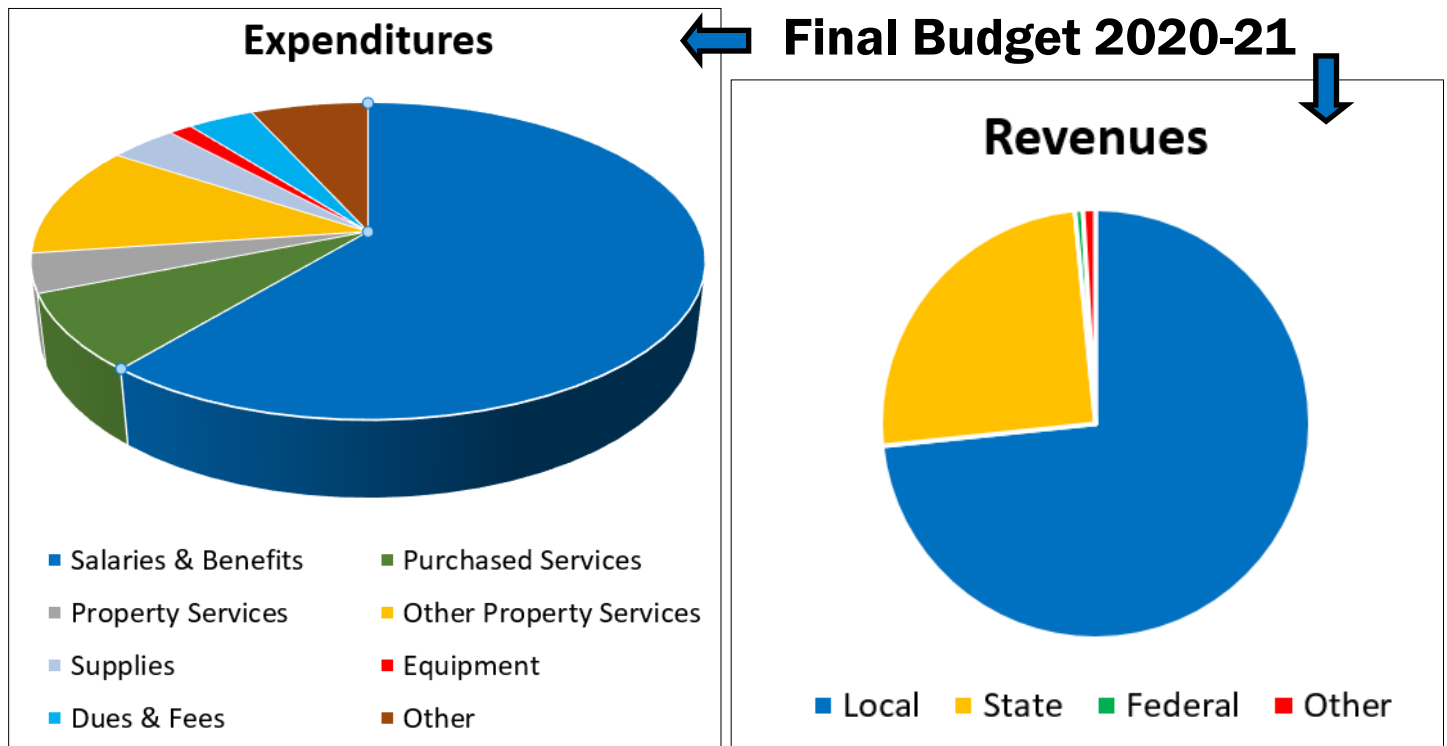
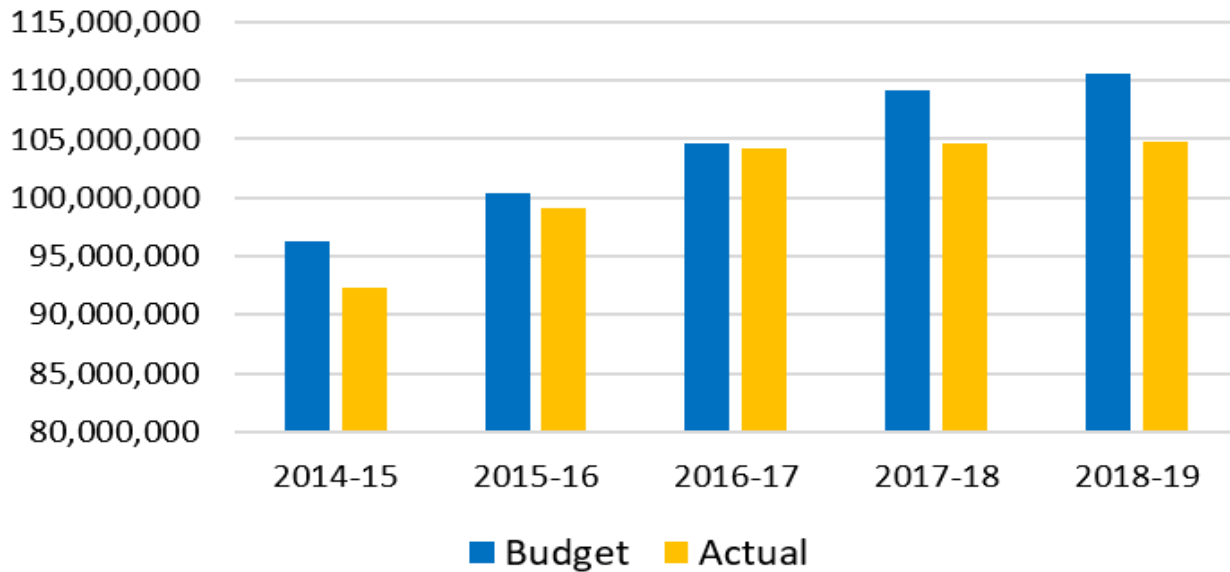
**Keith Micucci, Finance Committee Chair**



"The Board has been doing good things for the community for a long time and that's one of the reasons we were able to weather this storm. We were not throwing in a zero percent tax increase because of COVID. We were heading that way from the beginning, so I think that's important for the community to know."

**Ron Jackson, School Board Vice President**

## Final Budget vs Actual Spending



Several residents have commented on social media that should Gov. Wolf shutter all school buildings during the 2020-21 school year, they would consider enrolling their student(s) in cyber charter schools. Below are the rankings for Bucks County school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools.

Central Bucks East, 17  
 New Hope-Solebury, 22  
 Central Bucks West, 32  
 Lehigh Valley Academy Regional Charter School, 41

### US NEWS HS RANKINGS

Central Bucks South, 56  
 Council Rock North, 57  
**Quakertown Community HS, 63**  
 Palisades, 73  
 Council Rock South, 107  
 Pennsbury, 128  
 Lehigh Valley Charter HS for The Arts, 130  
 Neshaminy, 131  
 Lincoln Leadership Academy Charter, 132

Pennridge, 191  
 William Tennent, 275  
 Bensalem, 344  
**21st Century Cyber Charter School, 412**  
 Truman, 446  
 Bristol Borough, 453  
**Act Academy Cyber Charter School, 511-671**  
**Agora Cyber Charter School, 511-671**  
**Esperanza Cyber Charter School, 511-671**  
 Morrisville, 511-671  
 Innovative Arts Academy Charter School, Catasauqua, 511-671  
**Pennsylvania Virtual Charter School, 511-671**