Timeline – 2026 Annual Budget Vote & School Board Election

Date	Action Required
Nov. – Feb.	1st and 2nd round budget meetings with all area leaders
Feb. 27	1st draft of Superintendent's Budget ready for Cabinet Review
March 1	School districts must submit any information necessary for the calculation of the tax levy limit to the State Comptroller, and the Commissioners of Education and Taxation and Finance.
March 18	**Board of Education Meeting** Budget Presentation
March 31 – April 4	Districts must publish the first of four legal notices of the budget vote and board election, (i.e. 4 times during the 7 weeks (49 days) preceding the date of the election, the first notice being published not later than 45 days before the election).
April 15	**Board of Education Meeting** (1) Budget Presentation (2) Budget Acceptance (3) Approval of draft tax levy submitted
April 20	1. School board candidate nominating petitions due in the office of the district clerk by 5:00 p.m. 30 days before election. 2. Voter submitted petitions must be submitted not later than 30 days before the vote.
April 21	Districts must determine the names of all candidates duly nominated and the propositions and referenda to be voted for on the ballot three days prior to the distribution of military ballots, which occurs no later than 25 days prior.
April 24	Districts must distribute military ballots no later than 25 days before the vote.
April 27	Districts must transmit "property tax report card" to SED by the end of the next business day following its approval by the school board, but not later than the 24th day before the budget vote
May 6	**Board of Education Budget Hearing Scheduled** Board must hold a public hearing on the budget (7-14 days before vote).
May 5 – 18	Copies of the budget must be available to the residents upon request (during the 14 days before the vote and on day of vote).
May 14	Last possible day for voter registration by school district boards of registration (14-5 days before vote)
May 13	Deadline for mailing "budget notice" (6 days before vote)
May 19	Annual Budget Vote and School Board Election.

Remember to Vote on Tuesday, May 19, 2026