



GRISWOLD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GRISWOLD FORWARD 2.0

Initial Budget Proposal 2.0
Reduction List
February 12th, 2026

Context

This document outlines the reductions made to the Griswold Board of Education’s Initial Budget Proposal, now reflecting a 4.97% increase over last year’s budget; hence, the renaming to the Initial Budget Proposal 2.0. At their February 9th, 2026 budget workshop, the Board approved targeted adjustments that lowered the Initial Budget Proposal from **6.98%** to **4.97%**--the now Initial Budget Proposal 2.0. When budget development began in December ‘25, the fixed and obligated costs alone totaled an **8.87%** increase. The Board has steadily been reviewing and analyzing ways to make sound budget adjustments.

This is a maintenance budget. It preserves the high-quality programs and opportunities our students and families rely on—including our appeal to students from sending towns—without expanding services. The Board is grateful for the continued support of Griswold taxpayers and remains committed to fiscal responsibility and transparency. The budget

process is ongoing, and we welcome community feedback as we work to sustain a competitive, student-centered school system in southeastern Connecticut.

Timeline

- December 11th, 2025** ⇨ **Fixed Costs/Obligated Costs Budget** ➔ **8.87%**
- January 22nd, 2026** ⇨ **Initial Budget Proposal** ➔ **6.98%**
- February 12th, 2025** ⇨ **Initial Budget Proposal 2.0** ➔ **4.97%**

REDUCTION	COST CENTER	DEPARTMENT/BUDGET LINE/PAGE	Δ Change Notes
-159,925	GES	GES--Instructional--General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 101, Teacher Salaries ● Page 14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cut 1 full-time staff due to attrition: \$93,965 ● Reduction of \$65,960 because of retirements
-96,517	GMS	GMS--Instructional--General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 101, Teacher Salaries ● Page 31 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Re-code \$96,517 to grants
-23,304	GHS	GHS--Tuition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 560, Tuition ● Page 57 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reduction by 23,304 due to anticipated tuition to magnet schools
-50,000	Special Education	Special Education--Instruction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 112, Instructional Assistants ● 330, Other Professional Services ● Page 60 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reduction of \$40,000 to Instructional Assistants, 112 ● Reduction of \$10,000 to professional services
-3,652	Special Education	Special Education--Instruction--Summer Enrichment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reduction of non-certified salaries for summer school

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 112, Non-Certified Salaries ● Page 62 	
-8,000	Special Education	Special Education--Instruction--Alternative School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 330, Other Professional Services ● Page 64 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reduction of planned consultant services by \$8,000
-212,000	Special Education	Special Education-Tuition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 560,Tuition ● Page 70 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reduction of tuition by \$212,000 due to current projections
-20,000	District Wide	Educational Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 730, Equipment ● Page 78 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reduction of \$20,000 to the equipment line
-48,621	District Wide	Board of Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 230, MERF ● 208, Workmen's Compensation ● 260, Unemployment Compensation ● Page 81 	Reductions as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 230, MERF--\$35,000 ● 208, Workmen's Compensation--\$3621 ● 260, Unemployment Compensation--\$10,000
-4,218	District Wide	Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 520, Property Insurance ● 521, Liability Insurance ● Page 83 	This involves a combination of adding to one line and deducting from another <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 520, adding \$1,027 ● 521, reducing by \$5245
-38,194	District Wide	Reimbursable Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 511, Tech Schools ● Page 85 	Reduce tech school bus to Grasso Tech--38,194