

Round #1

Proposed \$403,305 Budget Cut to Ansonia Schools

- \$81,680 - No New AP Math & Science Textbooks: High school students preparing for college and STEM careers will be without updated materials, putting them at a disadvantage compared to peers in neighboring districts.
- \$13,800 - Loss of Middle School ELA Consumables: Our new literacy program will be undercut before it begins, limiting access to the books and materials that make reading come alive.
- \$28,000 - Reduction in Basic Student Supplies: Crayons, paper, musical instruments, and art materials—tools essential to early learning and creativity—will be drastically reduced.
- \$19,752 - Cuts to Afterschool Programs (Elementary & Middle School): Working families will lose safe, structured environments for their children beyond the school day.
- \$48,752- No Full-Time Lead Security/Safety Officer: Our ability to ensure a safe, responsive environment for students and staff will be compromised.
- \$11,120 – Cancel subscriptions for on-line Math programs: Kami and Tang Math. These programs are digital platforms that support differentiated instruction for classrooms with diverse needs. These programs are purchased to aid in student learning and to assist parents at home.
- \$45,000 - Elimination of all middle school sports: Cutting these programs limits opportunities—especially for students who rely on school as their primary outlet for extracurriculars.
- \$25,000 - Elimination of high school junior varsity (JV) sports, JV sports equipment, JV uniforms, JV refs, trainers at JV events, and transportation to events: Eliminating JV sports narrows the pipeline

to varsity and may lead to reduced participation overall, discouraging students from staying involved in school activities.

- \$23,303.70 – Reflex Math subscription: this math program aids in student fluency of and automaticity with basic math facts. Math fluency helps greatly in accessing high level math classes.
- \$55,000 - Cuts to building maintenance and repairs: Deferred maintenance leads to deteriorating learning environments. Leaky roofs, broken HVAC systems, and aging facilities can directly affect health, safety, and the ability to focus in class—compromising the overall educational experience for students and staff.
- \$52,000 - Elimination of all technology upgrade purchases: Without regular upgrades, students and teachers will be working with outdated or nonfunctional technology. The newest update to Windows 11 will not be possible on some of our outdated equipment increasing the potential for system shutdown and cybersecurity risks. Additionally, this limits access to digital learning tools, slows instruction, and widens the digital divide, particularly when preparing students for 21st-century careers and postsecondary education.

