



Participatory Budgeting

- **ballot:** the device and piece of paper to record someone's vote
- **feasibility:** the possibility of whether something can be done or achieved
- **ideation:** the formation of ideas
- **inclusion:** the practice or policy of providing equal access to opportunities and resources for people who might otherwise be excluded or marginalized
- **primary election:** the first round of voting with the goal of narrowing the number of ideas on the ballot for the final election
- **priority:** something that is treated as more important
- **project:** a series of tasks that need to be completed to reach a specific outcome
- **proposal:** a plan or suggestion shared for consideration or discussion by others
- **student steering committee:** a group of students that coordinates the SPB process from beginning to end
- **student voice:** the expression of values, opinions, beliefs, and perspectives of students in a school that reflect their interests, passions, and ambitions
- **deliberation:** a process of thoughtfully weighing options, usually prior to voting

School

- **facilities:** a place provided for a particular purpose
- **governing board:** a group of people, sometime elected by the community, who oversee the operations of an organization
- **infrastructure:** the systems and structures of a group or facility
- **superintendent:** the administrator or manager in charge of a number of public schools or a school district
- **vendors:** suppliers or providers of goods and services

Money

- **budget:** an estimate of money available
- **capital investments:** the purchase of goods or construction for long-term assets
- **expenses:** money that is spent
- **operational costs:** money that is spent to maintain purchases over the long-term
- **revenue:** money that is generated or earned
- **taxes:** a required monetary contribution paid to government institutions, like schools, for public goods and services

Government

- **democracy:** a form of government in which the people have the authority to make decisions or to choose representatives to do so; the term comes from two Greek words: demos (people) and Kratos (rule), meaning “rule by the people” or “people power”
- **direct democracy:** a form of government in which people make decisions themselves without using elected representatives
- **participatory democracy:** a form of government in which people participate individually and directly in political decisions and policies that affect their lives rather than through elected representatives
- **representative democracy:** a type of democracy where elected persons represent a group of people

Engagement

- **campaign:** an organized course of action to get others to agree and make change
- **collaboration:** the action of working with others to produce or create something
- **debate:** a formal discussion, and at times disagreement, on a particular topic
- **dialogue:** a conversation or discussion between two or more people or with a group
- **research:** an investigation using fact-based sources to reach a conclusion
- **voting:** a formal expression of opinion or choice made by an individual or body of individuals