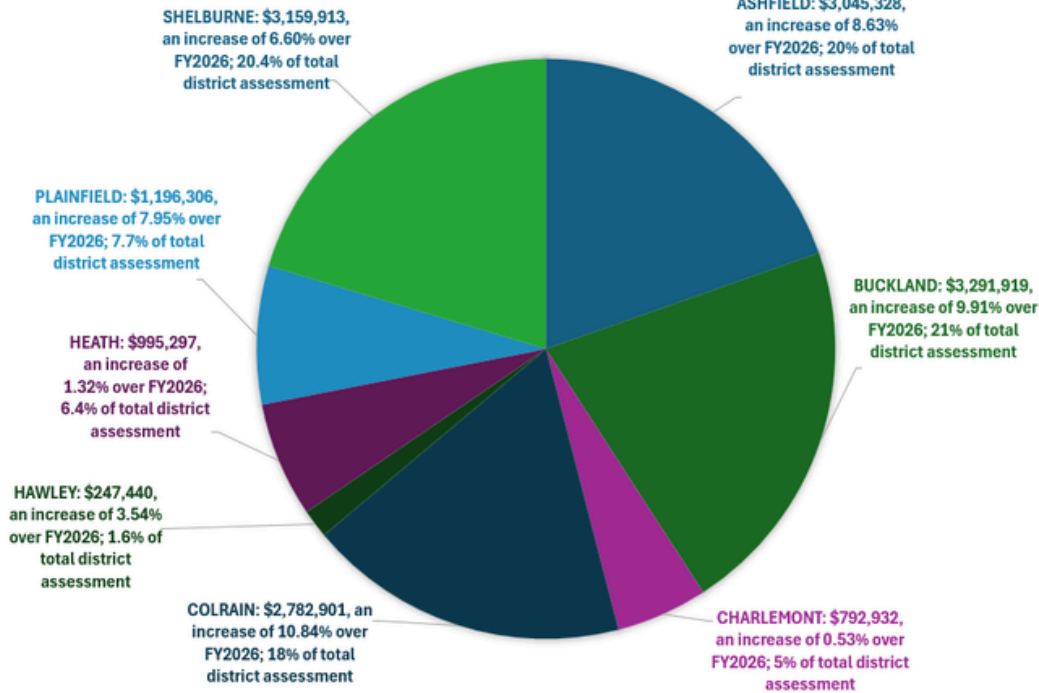


Mohawk Trail Regional School District

TOWN OF HAWLEY FY2027 BUDGET PROPOSAL



MTRSD FY2027
OPERATING ASSESSMENTS



All Funds Budget

\$28,921,217

↑ 6.24% over FY26

Applying Offsets and Revenue, the Operating Assessment Shared Across

8 District Towns:

\$15,512,036

↑ 7.78% over FY26

Hawley's Assessment:

\$ 247,440

↑ 3.54% over FY26

To view our complete FY2027 budget booklet and source documents, please scan the QR code or visit:

mtrsd.org/Business-services



With the Trailblazer model serving as our foundation, we continue to seek ways to further innovate independence and growth for both students and teachers. Mohawk Trail Regional piloted a new schedule featuring short and long blocks which has enabled better flow of core curriculum and more electives. MTRS students explore their interests with the added bonus of contributing to our communities with senior capstone projects, independent projects, required civics projects in Grades 8 and 10, and more. Restorative practices remain central to culture-building, evident through advisory and a newly developed peer mentoring program. The Standards-Based Teaching and Learning (SBTL) approach provides both instructional support for teachers and improves students' literacy skills. The 2026-2027 budget recognizes fiscal efficiency while maintaining the multi-tiered system of support we have worked diligently to establish.

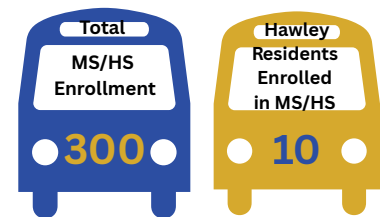
- Chris Buckland, Principal, Mohawk Trail Regional School

FY27 Budget Considerations

Offsets increased only by \$100,000 which does not cover the increases in fixed costs. In previous years, the District has eased the burden on the towns by applying "offsets," (such as school choice revenues, special education reimbursements, rural aid, federal and state grants, E&D, etc.) to reduce town assessments. This year's increase in offsets was \$100,000 (vs. \$1 million in FY26); this is not enough to keep up with the rise in fixed costs.

Fixed Costs Increased by \$2,717,910, or 10%, reflecting increases in special education out of district placements and transportation, required salary raises, benefits and insurance, and general transportation. Through reductions across all budget areas, this increase was reduced by more than \$1,000,000. These reductions included the elimination of 21.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions. (Some were unfilled positions and did not affect individuals.)

State-provided revenues continue to be flat or are declining. State education aid (**Chapter 70**) has not increased meaningfully for MTRSD for more than 20 years, while costs have continued to rise. Other sources of state aid, such as transportation reimbursement and rural aid, are inconsistent and "subject to appropriation."



All enrollment numbers are as of October 1, 2025.

Each year, the burden of funding education for our students falls more heavily on our towns as the state fails to provide for the needs in rural districts.

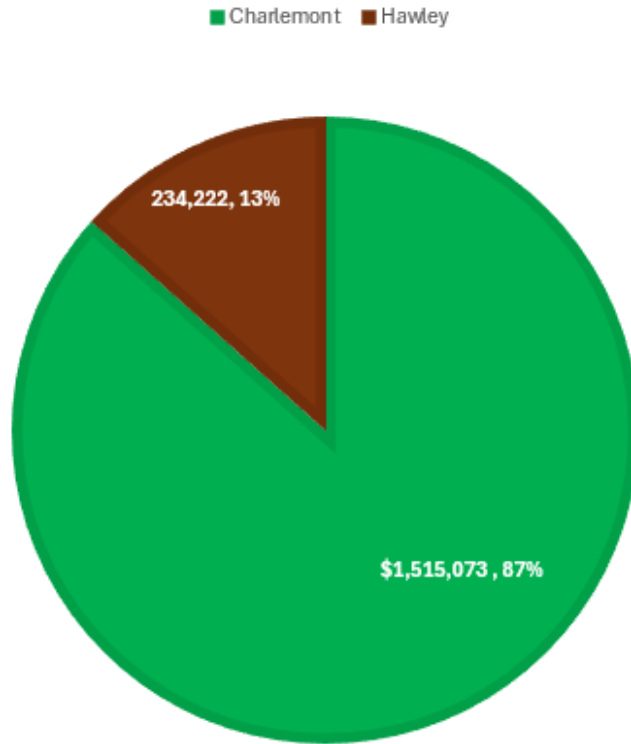
Increasing rural aid is critical, and MTRSD has been a leader in the fight for rural funding equity.

Hawlemont Regional School District

TOWN OF HAWLEY FY2027 BUDGET PROPOSAL



HRSD FY2027 OPERATING ASSESSMENTS



All Funds Budget

\$2,859,636

↓ 2.42% from FY26

Applying Offsets and Revenue, the Operating Assessment Shared Across 2 District Towns

\$1,749,295

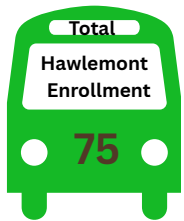
↑ 4.97% from FY26

Hawley's

Assessment:

\$ 234,222

↓ 8.54% from FY26



At Hawlemont Regional Elementary School, we are laying a strong foundation for critical thinking and clear communication by enhancing evidence-based literacy and math instruction, with a deliberate emphasis on writing. We are equally focused on building student ownership and pride in learning through approaches such as student-led conferences and consistent instructional practices that elevate student voice. Hawlemont's budget reflects our community's deep commitment to its children and is rooted in the values of GRIT, goodwill, responsibility, integrity, and teamwork. Each dollar is purposefully aligned to our School Improvement Plan, ensuring all students have access to high-quality instruction, a welcoming and inclusive environment, and the individualized support necessary for success. Though small, we are mighty—ensuring every student is known, respected, and challenged while promoting collaboration, creativity, and perseverance. This budget sustains vital services and prioritizes investments in high-quality materials and professional learning, enabling teachers to develop independent thinkers and problem-solvers. In the end, it is a responsible investment in both our students and our community, empowering every child to flourish and be a positive member in their community.

- Amber Tulloch, Principal, Hawlemont Regional Elementary School

Your support of this budget allows the Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts to continue to serve this community with forward-thinking education and advocacy for students in our 8 district towns and beyond. Thank you.