



PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING IN SCHOOLS

Participatory budgeting (PB) is a **democratic process** in which students **collaboratively** determine how to invest a shared budget to **improve a school.**

Youth learn the 5 C's of modern education: **creativity, critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and civics**, as they jumpstart their path to financial literacy.

ABOUT US

FirstRoot provides an easy to use app and curriculum resources focused on teaching **financial literacy, civics and design-thinking** through Participatory Budgeting in schools.

The Academy of American Studies (NY) and Huegel Elementary School (WI) most voted proposals:



LET'S GET STARTED!

<https://app.firstroot.co>

HOW DOES IT WORK?



SET THE BUDGET. Teachers or school administrators establish the budget that will be given to the students (\$2,000 to \$10,000 is common). Sources include PTAs or discretionary spending.



CONFIGURE THE APP. Teachers can configure the PB program for the school in the FirstRoot app.



LAUNCH THE PB PROGRAM. Students will create, refine, vote & fund school improvement proposals.



IMPLEMENT WINNING PROPOSALS. The school begins implementing the winning student-created proposals.