



## 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:



### 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.

**LET'S GET STARTED!**

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