

Engagement Strategies in Budget Process- Summary

Alignment of decision-making with community priorities through transparent engagement.

Overview

Purpose: Align budget decisions with community priorities through transparent, inclusive engagement.

Objectives:

- Build trust and accountability in the budget process
- Strengthen collaboration between leadership, staff, and community
- Ensure decisions reflect shared values and informed input
- Recognize the changes may take time, and resource/time constraints are a concern with building enhancements

Outcome: A clear framework for consistent, effective engagement that supports strategic decision-making

Communication Enhancements under development

Add community listening sessions

- Hold one community listening session per month in January, February, and March
- Use the three campus locations for the sessions

Add an input form on Website

- QR scannable and online form available to all: community members, staff, and students
- Board members would receive comments throughout the year
- The Budget Committee could also receive throughout the year

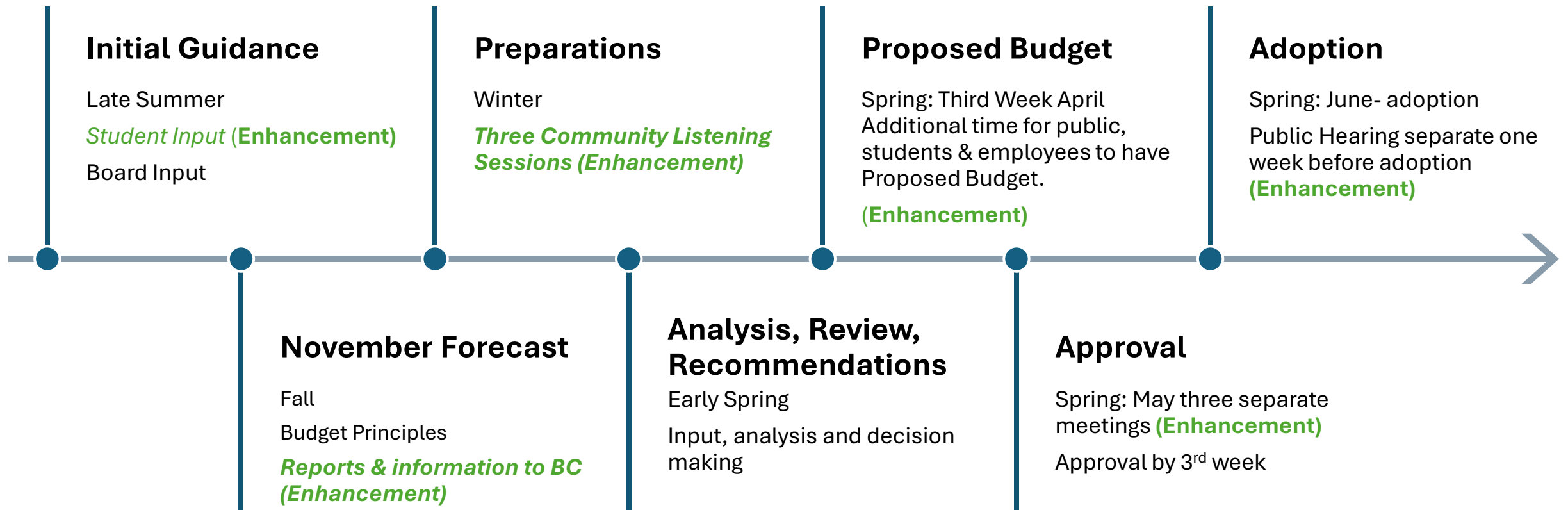
Internal Employee Communication Enhancement options

- When to gain additional insights from Finance Council in the Fall
- Options for engagement on methods and criteria specific to reduction development

Budget Committee Support & Enhancements

- **Add two weeks for public review of Proposed Budget**
 - Provide Budget Committee more time with the Proposed Budget
 - Additional week for public testimony before voting
- **Notification & encourage observation throughout process**
 - Provide Budget Committee members the budget calendar
 - Encourage Budget Committee members to attend meetings or watch online
 - Provide Budget Committee with materials & post-meeting video
 - Offer training or follow-up from College staff throughout the year

General Budget Timeline with Enhancement Options



Questions and Discussion