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May 19, 2026
12:00-8:00 p.m.
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Who is eligible to vote?

To be eligible to vote, a person must be 18 years old, a resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to the vote and a U.S. citizen.

When and where is the vote?

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 from 12-8 p.m. in the District Office Board of Education Room, 14 Spring St. (enter through the concession stand entrance).

What will I be voting on?

The proposed budget for the 2026-27 school year, the bus lease proposition, the annual Schuylerville CSD Board of Education election, the Schuylerville Public Library's budget, and the Library's Board of Trustees election.

Is the district using fund balance to help balance the budget?

Yes. The district will be using funds from the reserves to offset expenditures.

2026-27 Budget Vote Information



The cast of Schuylerville High School Drama Club's 2026 production of Into the Woods, directed by Jodi Ogburn. After weeks of rehearsals, students gave two outstanding performances of the musical.

What if the proposed budget is voted down?

The Board of Education has the option of putting another budget (revised or not) up for a vote in June or immediately adopting a contingent budget. After two unsuccessful votes, a district must adopt a contingent budget, which limits the property tax levy increase to zero percent, with no exclusions.

Can I vote by absentee ballot?

If you would like an application for an absentee ballot, please call the Superintendent's Office at 518-695-3255, extension 3242. Absentee ballots must be returned to the district office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19.

How can I get more information about the budget proposal?

If you'd like more details, please call the Superintendent's Office at 518-695-3255, extension 3242 or visit the district website (schuylervilleschools.org/budget). Additionally, the district's plain-language budget and the School Report Card are available at the district office located inside Schuylerville High School at 14 Spring Street, Schuylerville.

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News and Information

2026-27 BUDGET VOTE

Voters to decide on \$40.8 million budget proposal

2026-27 budget proposal balances fiscal responsibility for taxpayers with strong academic programs and student opportunities

Qualified voters of the Schuylerville Central School District will vote on a \$40.8 million proposed budget for the 2026-27 school year on May 19 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the District Office Board of Education room. The proposed budget calls for a 2.12% spending increase and an estimated tax levy increase of 2.99%, which is below the district's allowable tax cap. Tax rates for individual properties will be determined over the summer once equalization rates and assessments are available for the district's seven towns.

Expenditures

Year to year, the budget always includes previously-agreed upon salary increases from all current contracts, as well as increases or decreases to other expenses depending on the needs of the district.

The 2026-27 budget proposal reflects several areas of increased expenditures, including salaries, payroll taxes, and employee benefits such as health insurance and retirement contributions. The district is also seeing higher costs related to student services, particularly BOCES special education placements and private tuition. In addition, utility expenses for natural gas and electricity continue to rise.

Revenue

State aid continues to make up a significant portion of Schuylerville's revenue, accounting for roughly half of the district's overall budget. In NYS Governor Hochul's executive budget proposal, Schuylerville received a modest increase

in foundation aid of approximately one percent. While expenditures continue to rise at a steady rate, annual revenues are not keeping pace due to the limitations of the state's tax cap and minimal growth in foundation aid. This ongoing imbalance has created a structural gap in the budget. To address this, the district plans to use \$1.687 million in fund balance to help offset the difference between revenues and expenditures.

"While the district continues to navigate a widening gap between revenues and expenditures due to minimal growth in foundation aid, we remain steadfast in our commitment to protecting strong academic programs and ensuring high-quality opportunities for all students."

—Dr. Ryan Sherman, Schuylerville Central School District Superintendent

In addition, the district is taking measured steps to control costs, including restructuring outside counseling services, reducing staffing through the elimination of one math position, and not filling two upcoming vacant teaching positions due to retirements.

"This is a fiscally responsible, forward-thinking budget that keeps students at the forefront and positions the district to continue delivering strong educational opportunities."

—Bernie Buff, Schuylerville Central School District Board of Education President



BUDGET At a Glance

PROPOSED BUDGET

\$40,890,508

BUDGET INCREASE

2.12%

TAX LEVY INCREASE

2.99%

ALSO ON THE BALLOT

District Board of Education election

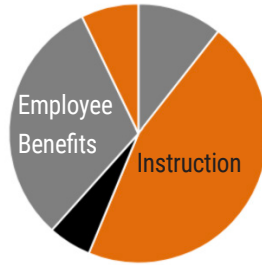
District Bus Lease Proposition

Schuylerville Public Library budget and Board of Trustees election

Proposed Expenditures

BUDGET CATEGORY	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Proposed	Difference
General Support	\$4,240,733	\$4,393,838	\$153,105
Instruction	\$18,283,930	\$18,535,012	\$251,082
Transportation	\$2,159,014	\$2,309,888	\$150,874
Employee Benefits	\$12,489,307	\$12,693,658	\$204,351
Debt Service/Transfers	\$2,870,412	\$2,958,112	\$87,700
Total Expenses	\$40,043,396	\$40,890,508	\$847,112

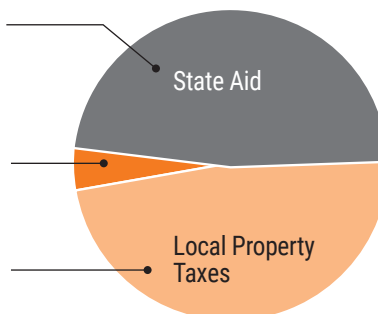
DEBT SERVICE TRANSFERS	7%
INSTRUCTION	45%
GENERAL SUPPORT	11%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	31%
TRANSPORTATION	6%



Proposed Revenues

INCOME SOURCES	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Proposed	Difference
Local Property Taxes	\$19,655,324	\$20,243,018	\$587,694
State Aid	\$17,728,868	\$17,984,686	\$255,818
Interest Earnings, Tax Penalties, Medicaid Reimbursements	\$562,500	\$600,804	\$38,304
Misc. Charges for Services	\$361,500	\$305,000	-\$56,500
Appropriated Reserves	\$1,735,204	\$1,687,000	-\$48,204
Capital Outlay	-----	\$70,000	\$70,000
Total Revenues	\$40,043,396	\$40,890,508	\$847,112

STATE AID:	43.98%
FUND BALANCE & OTHER LOCAL REVENUE:	6.51%
Interest, After School Programs, Athletic Events, Refunds, Fund Balance and Reserves	
LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES:	49.51%



Three-Part Budget

Under NYS law, school budgets are broken down into three categories:

Administrative: 10.09%

- ▶ Covers expenses related to the management of the district. This includes: salaries and benefits of administrators, supervisors, and administrative clerical staff; public information and printing; insurance costs; legal expenses, and Board of Education expenses.

Capital: 17.22%

- ▶ Covers costs of operating the facility of the district. This includes: debt service on buildings; bus purchases; tax certiorari and court-ordered costs; operation and maintenance costs, including salaries and benefits of custodial staff; supplies; utilities; repairs, and renovations.

Program: 72.68%

- ▶ Covers costs directly related to student instruction. This is the majority of the overall budget, which includes: salaries and benefits of teachers, school counselors, aides, nurses, social workers, psychologists, and speech therapists; teaching supplies; equipment and textbooks; library and instructional computer funds; athletics, and transportation (except bus purchases.)



Elementary school students participated in Blowing Bubbles for Autism, an event focused on inclusion, understanding, and celebrating neurodiversity. The bubbles symbolize connection through a simple, joyful activity that all individuals can share, reinforcing a sense of unity and belonging.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL	Budget Adopted for the 2025-26 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2026-27 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount	\$40,043,396	\$40,890,508	\$40,302,814
Increase/Decrease for the 2026-27 School Year		\$847,112	\$587,694
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Each Proposed Budget		2.12%	1.47%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.63%	
Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$19,655,324	\$20,243,018	\$19,655,324
Total Permissible Exclusions	\$1,226,199	\$1,295,718	
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (excluding levy to support Library, Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions)	\$18,429,125	\$18,947,300	
Administrative Component	\$4,021,751	\$4,127,059	\$4,045,957
Program Component	\$29,265,138	\$29,721,207	\$29,319,225
Capital Component	\$6,756,507	\$7,042,242	\$6,937,632
* Statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2026-27 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated. State law establishes a limit on the increase of a tax levy over the prior year.			
	Description	Amount	
** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)	Bus lease for eight (8) 65-passenger buses not to exceed a 5-year term	\$1,334,500	
	Under the budget proposed for the 2026-27 school year		
Estimated Basic STAR Tax Savings ¹		\$480	

Schuylerville Board of Education Election

On May 19, voters will elect one member to the Schuylerville CSD Board of Education for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2026. The seat is currently held by Katie Brunson, who is running for re-election unopposed.



Katie Brunson is running for her second term on the Board of Education, first elected in May, 2021. For the past two years, she has served as vice-president of the Board. Brunson has been a reading teacher within the Ballston Spa Central School District for more than 20 years, providing small-group support for K-5 students. She has a daughter who is in 10th grade at Schuylerville High School, and a stepson who graduated in 2023. For Brunson's full bio, visit the district website at schuylervilleschools.org.

Schuylerville Public Library

As part of the May 19 vote, residents will vote on a proposition for the Schuylerville Public Library. By law, the district must offer the library proposition. However, the library expenditures are not part of the district's operating budget. Residents will also vote in the Board of Trustees election for the Schuylerville Public Library.

Schuylerville Public Library Board of Trustees election

The Schuylerville Public Library is holding elections for two seats on its Board of Trustees this year. The two candidates who receive the highest total number of votes cast in their favor shall each fill a three-year term ending in 2029, created by the expiration of the current terms of Trustees Amy Carpenter and Katie Veltum. For more details on the library elections or for nominating petitions, please visit the library's website (schuylervillelibrary.sals.edu).

Please note: the election for the library's Board of Trustees is separate and distinct from the school district's budget and Board of Education election.

Proposition: Schuylerville Public Library budget appropriation

Voters will determine if the Schuylerville Public Library can increase its budget appropriation by \$37,000, for a total of \$446,000 annually. According to library officials, the increase will allow the library to maintain its resources with rising costs, and add to library materials and public programming budgets.

This cost is not part of the school district's budget, and the district does not participate in the development of the public library budget. If approved, taxes raised would be spread among all taxable properties in the district.

Bus Lease Proposition

As part of the May 19 budget vote, voters will also consider a proposition that would allow the district to renew a five-year bus lease agreement. If approved, the lease would replace eight, 65-passenger buses. The proposition reflects the five-year total cost of \$1,334,500 and will be budgeted annually over five years.

Bus Fleet Maintenance

Keeping an up-to-date fleet allows the district to reduce and simplify the parts inventory, eliminate large repairs (the buses are all warrantied for five years), and cut down on fuel usage due to the industry standards regarding emissions. The district has a fleet of 35 buses and four vans. The vehicles travel more than 371,000 miles a year, between daily runs, private school runs, sports trips, field trips and summer travel.