



# ATTICA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE

Budget Newsletter 2026



## From the Superintendent's Desk

Dear Attica Central School District Community,

As we prepare for the upcoming budget vote, I want to provide clear context around the financial challenges we face, and the decisions reflected in this year's proposal. Thank you for your continued partnership, engagement, and commitment to supporting the success of our students and schools. Our budget development process continues to reflect the District's dedication to transparency, community involvement, and responsible stewardship of resources—core components of our mission and strategic plan.

The proposed 2026–2027 school budget represents one of the most challenging financial planning cycles our District has faced in recent years. The proposed budget totals \$35,626,084, reflecting an overall increase of 6.27%. At every step in this process, our goal has been to preserve meaningful opportunities for students while navigating significant fiscal pressures.

The 6.27% budget increase is driven largely by factors outside of the District's control, including contractual salary obligations, rising utility costs, and a 30% increase in health insurance for the upcoming school year.

At the same time, revenue growth has not kept pace with these rising costs. State aid—our largest revenue source—is expected to increase by approximately 2%, or \$273,796. While we have taken steps to increase local revenues and utilize available funding sources, these measures alone are not sufficient to fully offset the growth in expenditures.

Throughout this process, the Board of Education and District leadership team worked diligently to close the budget gap while remaining focused on our core mission of providing high-quality educational opportunities for all students. This work began months ago through a structured process that included budget workshops, Board of Education meetings, employee informational meetings and ongoing review of both revenues and expenditures.

Before any staffing reductions were considered, the District explored and implemented multiple strategies to minimize the impact on students and programs. These included increasing the use of fund balance and reserves, transferring additional funds from debt service, reviewing operational efficiencies, and evaluating all areas of spending. It is important to note that many of these solutions rely on one-time funding sources and cannot be sustained as long-term strategies.

Despite these efforts, the gap between revenues and expenditures remained. As a result, the District was required to consider difficult decisions, including reductions in staffing and programming. The proposed 2026–2027 budget includes the elimination of the following positions: (1) Math Teacher, (1) Science Teacher, (1) World Language

### A QUICK LOOK

#### What

Annual school district budget vote and Board of Education election.

#### When

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 from 1 to 9 p.m.

#### Where

Performing Arts Center (Auditorium) Lobby, 3338 E. Main Street Rd., Attica.

#### Public budget hearing

The Board of Education has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed, 2026-27 budget for Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 5 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria, 3338 East Main Street Rd., Attica, for the purpose of receiving citizen comments concerning the 2026-27 budget proposal.

#### Voter qualifications

Voters must be U.S. citizens, 18 years old and a legal resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to the election on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

#### More info

Contact Superintendent Dr. Kiel Illg at (585) 591-0400, ext. 1001 or [killg@atticacsd.org](mailto:killg@atticacsd.org).

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Teacher, (1) Technology Teacher, (1) Elementary Teacher, (1) School Counselor, (7) Teaching Assistants (1) Cleaner position, (1) Teacher Aide, (2) Clerical Positions, (1) Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Technology and BOCES support services. These decisions were not made lightly and reflect careful consideration of both immediate needs and long-term sustainability.

We understand that these changes may raise concerns regarding class sizes, student support services, and overall program offerings. The District is actively working to plan for and mitigate these impacts through strategic scheduling, targeted professional development, and the continued use of support systems to ensure that student needs remain at the center of our work.

At the same time, this proposal reflects a balanced approach to maintaining the District’s long-term needs. Our proposal includes a \$100,000 capital outlay project at Attica Middle/High School. The District receives New York State Building Aid, so approximately 83% of this project will be reimbursed, significantly reducing the local cost. The work will include exterior masonry reconstruction and repairs to aging brick and mortar joints, along with necessary restoration to protect and preserve the building and address priority areas of deterioration.

As part of our commitment to collaboration and communication, we will continue to provide opportunities for our community to learn more about the proposed budget, ask questions, and share feedback. Beginning with our Budget-Community Forum that was held on April 29, 2026, and upcoming events including our public budget hearing, we will share information through our website, social media platforms, and ongoing community outreach efforts.

Ultimately, this budget represents a careful balance between maintaining strong academic programs, supporting our students and staff, and being mindful of our taxpayers. It is the result of thoughtful planning, collaboration, and a shared commitment to the future of Attica Central School District.

I encourage anyone with questions to contact me directly at (585) 591-0400, ext. 1001 or via email at [killg@atticacsd.org](mailto:killg@atticacsd.org). I also hope you will attend our public budget hearing on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 5 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria.

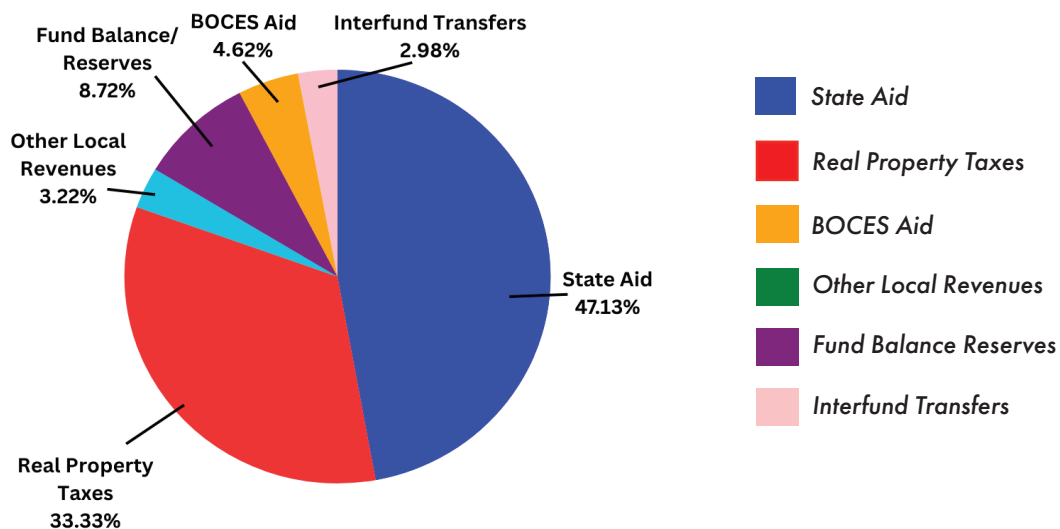
Thank you for your continued support of our schools and students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kiel Illg  
Superintendent of Schools

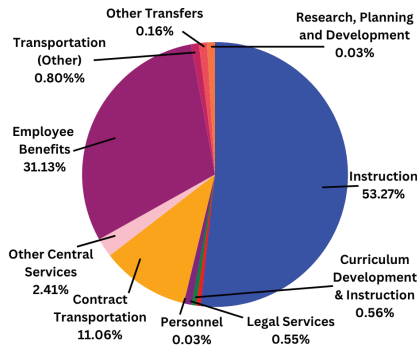
## Projected Revenues

	2025-26 Final Budget	2026-27 Proposed Budget	% of Budget
State Aid	\$16,815,595	\$16,787,772	47.13%
Real Property Tax	\$11,529,924	\$11,875,822	33.33%
Other Local Revenues	\$1,134,515	\$1,146,257	3.22%
Funds Balance/Reserves	\$2,342,714	\$3,106,182	8.72%
BOCES Aid	\$1,450,000	\$1,647,551	4.62%
Interfund Transfers	\$250,000	\$1,062,500	2.98%
<b>Total Projected Revenues</b>	<b>\$33,522,748</b>	<b>\$35,626,084</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



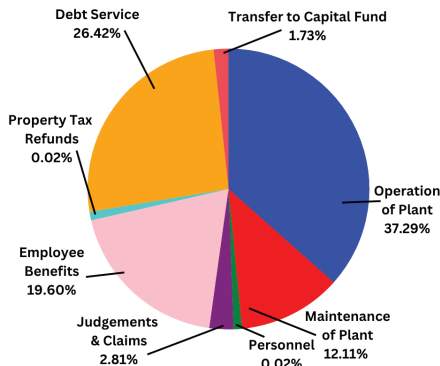
# Proposed 2026-27 Three Part Budget

- Instruction
- Transportation (Other)
- Personnel
- Contact Transportation
- Legal Services
- Curriculum Dev. & Instru.
- Employee Benefits
- Other Central Service
- Other Transfers



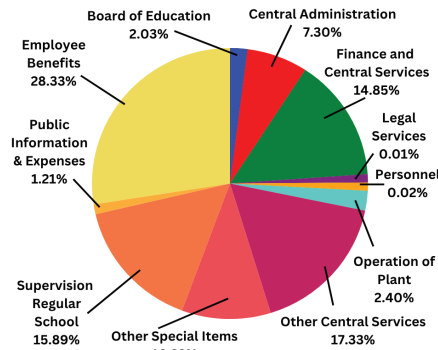
Program Budget

- Property Tax Refunds
- Debt Service
- Employee Benefits
- Transfer to Capital Fund
- Judgements & Claims
- Personnel
- Maintenance of Plant
- Operation of Plant



Capital Budget

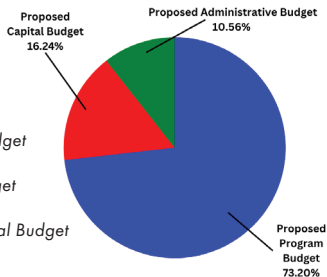
- BOE
- Central Admin
- Fin. & Central Services
- Legal Services
- Personnel
- Oper. Of Plant
- Other Central Services
- Other Special Items
- Supervision Regular School
- Employee Benefits
- Public Info. & Exp



Administrative Budget

## Total Proposed Budget 2026-27

- Proposed Program Budget, % of Total Budget **73.20%**
- Proposed Capital Project, % of Total Budget **16.24%**
- Proposed Administrative Budget, % of Total Budget **10.56%**



	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Proposed
Total Budget	\$33,522,748	\$35,626,084

Proposed Program Budget.....\$26,075,774  
 Proposed Program Budget % of Total Budget.....73.20%

	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Proposed	%
Instruction	\$13,928,808	\$13,891,292	53.27%
Curriculum Development & Instruction	\$194,522	\$147,289	0.56%
Legal Services	\$128,725	\$142,175	0.55%
Personnel	\$7,434	\$7,093	0.03%
Contract Transportation	\$2,662,230	\$2,883,383	11.06%
Other Central Services	\$615,191	\$628,100	2.41%
Transportation (other)	\$105,719	\$207,819	0.80%
Employee Benefits	\$7,190,930	\$8,117,623	31.13%
Research, Planning & Development	\$0	\$8,000	0.03%
Other Transfers	\$28,000	\$43,000	0.16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,861,559</b>	<b>\$26,075,774</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Proposed Capital Budget.....\$5,787,047  
 Proposed Capital Budget % of Total Budget.....16.24%

	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Proposed	%
Operation of Plant	\$2,018,606	\$2,158,344	37.29%
Maintenance of Plant	\$738,674	\$700,662	12.11%
Personnel	\$934	\$988	0.02%
Judgements & Claims	\$126,712	\$162,792	2.81%
Property Tax Refunds	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.02%
Employee Benefits	\$955,138	\$1,134,061	19.60%
Debt Service	\$967,200	\$1,529,200	26.42%
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000	1.73%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,908,264</b>	<b>\$5,787,047</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Proposed Administrative Budget.....\$3,763,263  
 Proposed Administrative Budget % of Total Budget.....10.56%

	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Proposed	%
Board of Education	\$78,182	\$76,635	2.03%
Central Administration	\$273,285	\$274,578	7.30%
Finance & Central Services	\$522,634	\$558,940	14.85%
Legal Services	\$300	\$300	0.01%
Personnel	\$826	\$898	0.02%
Public Information & Expenses	\$82,198	\$45,531	1.21%
Operation of Plant	\$103,867	\$90,177	2.40%
Other Central Services	\$620,398	\$652,000	17.33%
Other Special Items	\$373,805	\$400,182	10.63%
Curriculum Development	\$122,835	\$0	0.00%
Supervision Regular School	\$680,290	\$597,827	15.89%
Research, Planning & Development	\$8,000	\$0	0.00%
Employee Benefits	\$886,305	\$1,066,195	28.33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,752,925</b>	<b>\$3,763,263</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

# Students' talent on full display at annual show

We've got some talented kids down at Attica Elementary, but we don't have to tell you that!

Our students and staff came together in the multipurpose room before Spring Recess in April for our annual Elementary School Talent Show.

From gymnastics and tumbling routines to stand-up comedy and musical performances, our students showed off their skills in a variety of ways.

Job well done to all of our performers!



Scan the QR code to the left using the camera app on your smartphone for highlights from our annual Elementary School Talent Show in April.



# Student musicians named to 'All-County' ensembles

Congratulations and a job well done to our 19 student musicians who participated in the Genesee-Wyoming Music Educators Association's All-County Music Festival at Batavia High School in March!

Students in the elementary and senior chorus ensembles were selected based on teacher recommendations while junior band members qualified based on their scores at solo-festival last year.

Between the three ensembles, we had 19 students selected to participate - four for elementary chorus, four for junior band and 11 for senior chorus.

Elementary Chorus: Annabelle Kirsch, David Anthony, Ellie Keem and Issac Dunlap.

Junior Band: Madison Clark, Kate George, Caleb Lavrincik and Caleb MacLane.

Senior Chorus: Amarisel Ennis, Brooke Nuhn, Sophia Biniaszewski, Quinn Jerge, Peyton Miller, Ilyssa George, Trevor Gromek, Daniel Norcross, Jakob Easton, Ethan Woloszyn and Melandia Dressel.



Photo courtesy of Julie Daley and Stephanie Gietler



# Lego robotics team competes at spring meet

Shout out to our middle school lego robotics team, who competed against other teams from across the region at the First Lego League competition through Genesee Valley BOCES in March!

Teams kicked things off with practice rounds before moving into three official robot game rounds, where only the highest score counted.

In addition to programming their robot to interact with several missions on an archaeology- themed Lego table, the team created a fabulous innovation project.

They researched problems that face archaeologists in the field and found that weather was often one of the biggest obstacles. After reading an article about how the rain can make it difficult to clean and sift dirt from artifacts, the team created a prototype for a robotic sieve that used coding to move Lego pieces in order to remove dirt from objects.

In theory, the team's invention would sense the size of an artifact, adjust the sieve's hole size and assess the amount of movement the artifact could withstand. The sieve would collect rainwater to clean artifacts, blow them dry if needed and run on solar power.

The judges were impressed that the team's prototype actually moved with programming and said they have only seen that once or twice over the years. Congrats to our team members: David Anthony, Emerson Spink, Isaac Dunlap, Lucas Zybcynski, Andrew Struzik, Calven Schlau, Lincoln Fleenor, Bobby Cook and James Vogel!



*Photos courtesy of Lyndsay Herkimer*

# National Honor Society adds new members

Our National Honor Society welcomed 25 new members during a March 26 induction ceremony in our Performing Arts Center.

Sophomores, juniors and seniors are invited to apply for membership in the society if they've achieved a cumulative grade point average of 90 percent at the close of the second quarter prior to the invitation period.

Invited students then sit for an interview with the chapter's five-member faculty advisory committee, which ultimately votes on which new members to accept.



*Photo courtesy of Becki Peters*

Congratulations to our 25 students who took their induction oaths in March: Jackson Beck, Annalyn Calmes, Miguel Cebrian, Laurel Cius, Jack Cusmano, Addison Day, Ilyssa George, Mariah Gorski, Alannah Giboo, Addisen Luck, Lauren Nelson, Grant Nixon, Emily Martino, Jada Miller, Baylee Mills, Olivia Padak, Mason Pappalardo, Peyton Romesser, Noah Sabatino, Madelyn Saxton, Lauraeli Shaffer-Walko, Chloe Stevens, Sara Stocksclaeder, Evelyn Walthew and Trinnity Wheatle.

# Attica Central School District Budget Notice

<b>Overall Budget Proposal</b>	<b>Budget adopted for the 2025-2026 school year</b>	<b>Budget proposed for the 2026-2027 school year</b>	<b>Contingency budget for the 2026-2027 school year*</b>
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$33,522,748	\$35,626,084	\$35,471,595
Increase/Decrease for the 2026-2027 school year		\$2,103,336	\$1,948,847
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		6.27%	5.81%
Change in Consumer Price Index		2.63%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$11,529,924	\$11,875,822	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$11,529,924	\$11,875,822	\$11,529,924
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$11,674,355	\$11,948,308	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$11,529,924	\$11,875,822	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)	\$144,431	\$72,486	
Administrative Component	\$3,752,925	\$3,763,263	\$3,763,263
Program Component	\$24,861,559	\$26,075,774	\$26,021,285
Capital Component	\$4,908,264	\$5,787,047	\$5,687,047

\*Statement of Assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2026-2027 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

Contingency budget established pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law. Equipment that is not reimbursable under state aid will not be included in a contingency budget. Board approved contingency budget will be developed based on state law.

## Under the budget proposed for the 2026-27 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption\* Savings: \$368.00

\*The Basic School Tax Relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

# Annual Budget Referendum 2026-2027

**Proposition #1: Yes  No**

## BUDGET

*Shall the following resolution be adopted?*

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Attica Central School District, Wyoming County, New York (the "District") for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 as presented by the Board of Education, in the amount of \$35,626,084, is hereby approved and adopted, and the required funds therefore are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the District to be levied and collected as required by law.

**Proposition #2: Yes  No**

## PURCHASE OF TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE DISTRICT (USING MONIES ALREADY ON HAND IN THE DISTRICT'S INFORMATION/AUDIOVISUAL TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES RESERVE FUND, 2024)

*Shall the following resolution be adopted?*

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Attica Central School District, Wyoming County, New York (the "District") be, and it hereby is, authorized to purchase technology equipment at a maximum estimated cost of \$245,300 for use by the District, utilizing \$245,300 from funds currently on hand in the District's Information/Audiovisual Technology Infrastructure, Equipment and Supplies Reserve Fund, 2024.

**Proposition #3: Yes  No**

## LIBRARY

*Shall the following resolution be adopted?*

RESOLVED, that the annual appropriation for the operation of the Stevens Memorial Community Library, Wyoming County, New York (the "Library") is hereby increased by \$39,343 for a total of \$248,711 and the Board of Education of the Attica Central School District is hereby authorized to levy and collect taxes in the District for the payment thereof.

**Proposition #4: Yes  No**

## DISSOLUTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION RESERVE FUND, 2020

*Shall the following resolution be adopted?*

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Attica Central School District, Wyoming County, New York (the "District") be, and it hereby is, authorized to dissolve the "Transportation Reserve Fund, 2020" established by the voters of the District in April 2020, pursuant to Section 3651 of the New York Education Law, and shall undertake the steps necessary to liquidate the fund in its entire amount, equivalent to the \$624,099.50 as of March 24, 2026 and any interest accrued until the reserve is dissolved, and apply such funds to the District's outstanding bonded indebtedness.

## Board of Education Member Election (Vote for 3)

- Pam Rudolph
- Bridget Landphair
- Brian Fugle
- Michael Janes
- Christopher Kelper

*Note: Board of Education terms are for three years and commence July 1, 2026. Order of candidates above was determined by random drawing.*

## Stevens Memorial Library Board of Trustees Election (Vote for 2)

- Sandra Eck
- Andrea Seeloff

# Vote Notice

The Annual School District Vote (the "Annual Vote") of the Attica Central School District, Wyoming County, New York (the "District") will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 from 1 to 9 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center (Auditorium) Lobby, 3338 East Main Street Rd., Attica, NY, for the purposes of electing three (3) members of the Board of Education of the District (the "Board"), electing two (2) members of the Board of Trustees of the Stevens Memorial Community Library (the "Library"), voting on the budget of the District for the 2026-27 fiscal year, raising funds for the Library for the 2026-27 fiscal year, approving the purchase of technology equipment for use by the District, approving the dissolution of a transportation reserve fund, and transacting such other business as may be authorized by law.

## Absentee & Early Mail Ballot Applications

Applications for absentee and early mail voting ballots can be obtained between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk's Office, 3338 East Main Street Rd., Attica. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Completed absentee and early mail voting ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, 2026,

in order to be canvassed and counted. A list of persons to whom absentee and early mail ballots have been issued will be available for inspection by qualified voters in the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. during each of the five (5) days prior to the day set for voting, except for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, and said list will be available at the polling place.

## Military Ballots

Military voters who are qualified voters of the District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5 p.m. on April 23, 2026. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail. A military voter's original military ballot application and completed military ballot must be returned by mail or in person to the Office of the District Clerk, 3338 East Main Street Rd., Attica, and the ballot received no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

## Voter Qualifications

- United States Citizen;
- Eighteen (18) years of age or older; and
- Legal resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to the district meeting and election on May 19, 2026.

## Estimated Impact on Tax Bill

Upon application, homeowners may be eligible for up to a \$30,000 decrease in their assessment. Senior citizens (age 65 and older) may be eligible for Enhanced STAR for up to an \$88,500 decrease in their assessment. The 2026-27 tax rate is projected to be \$11.28 per \$1,000 of assessed value, up \$0.33 from the 2025-26 school year.

True Value Assessment	No STAR	Basic STAR* (\$30,000)	Enhanced STAR* (\$88,500)
\$300,000	\$99.00	\$128.85	\$126.63
\$200,000	\$66.00	\$95.85	\$93.63
\$100,000	\$33.00	\$62.85	\$60.63
\$90,000	\$29.70	\$59.55	\$16.92
\$80,000	\$26.40	\$56.25	-

### Assumptions

- Calculations based on 2025-26 tax tolls.
- Property owners receive the STAR exemption.
- Due to recent changes to the STAR application process, homeowners are encouraged to visit [www.tax.ny.gov/STAR](http://www.tax.ny.gov/STAR) for more details.
- \* Maximum 2026-27 STAR exemption savings are per the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.