

# INSIDE YOUR MARYVALE SCHOOLS

MARYVALE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT



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## PROPOSITIONS TO BE VOTED

In addition to the election of one (1) member of the Board of Education for a five-year term commencing on July 1, 2026 and terminating on June 30, 2031, voters will decide one (1) proposition (summarized below). The District is required to write Propositions that meet specific legal standards. The following is intended to give you the legal language of the Propositions as they will appear on the voting machine and a "plain language" explanation:

### PROPOSITION NO. 1 2026-27 Budget

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Cheektowaga-Maryvale Union Free School District (the "District") for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefor 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.

In plain language, if Proposition No. 1 is approved, the budget outlined in "Inside Your Maryvale Schools" will be approved and put into place for the 2026-27 school year. The District will also be authorized to set a tax rate based upon the Tax Levy. The Tax Levy is the total amount of money to be collected from property taxes.

**PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026  
AT 6:00 P.M., BOARD OF EDUCATION ROOM**

**THE ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET  
VOTE AND BOARD MEMBER ELECTION WILL  
BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 19th, 2026  
FROM NOON UNTIL 9:00 P.M. IN THE  
GYMNASIUM OF THE ROBERT A. BINNER  
EDUCATIONAL CENTER  
(HIGH SCHOOL 9-10 BUILDING)**



### BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE: Candice R. Marshall

My name is Candice R. Marshall, and I am running to be a part of the Maryvale School Board. I am a proud product of the Maryvale school system, having attended Maryvale Primary, Intermediate, Middle, and High School and graduating with the Class of 1998. My family's story is rooted in the Caribbean: my mother is from Ponce, Puerto Rico, and my father was from St. Michael, Barbados. They moved to the Buffalo area in early 1980 - about a month before I was born - for a new job opportunity that my father was appointed to. My three brothers and I all graduated from Maryvale, and we share lasting, fond memories of the dedicated educators and supportive community that helped guide our development and growth.

I earned my Bachelor's degree from SUNY Fredonia in 2002, majoring in Political Science with a minor in Communications. My professional career began in the legal field, where I worked as an Estate and Products Liability Paralegal at Brown Chiari LLP from 2002 to 2012. That role taught me strong organizational skills, attention to detail, and how to advocate effectively for people navigating complex processes. From 2012 to 2019 I worked at Bryant & Stratton College, serving as executive assistant to both the Bursar's and Financial Aid offices and managing procurement of educational materials for students and faculty. Since January 2019, I have been the Office Manager and Administrative Assistant at St. Gregory the Great School, where I work closely with families, faculty, and students every day.

I was honored when a friend encouraged me to run for the Maryvale School Board. This opportunity found me, and I am running to give back to the community that gave so much to my family and me.

What I stand for:

- Promoting education as a pathway to opportunity for every family.
- Supporting schools that build leaders and prepare students for success.
- Advocating for newcomers and first-generation students to access resources and encouragement to pursue higher education, BOCES programs, or other career pathways.
- Strengthening school-family partnerships to ensure all students thrive.

If elected, I will prioritize strong school-family partnerships, equitable access to educational opportunities, and programs that inspire students to pursue higher education or vocational training. My commitment is to serve with integrity, responsibility, to listen to our community, and help pave the way for future generations to thrive.

## Maryvale Schools PTO Community Service Award

The Maryvale PTO Community Service Award, presented annually by the PTO Coordinating Council, recognizes an individual who has made the Maryvale community a better place.

This year the Coordinating Council is now seeking nominations for the 2026/2027 school year.

Please review the nomination information, complete the application form, and submit it NO LATER than May 20, 2026.

NOMINATION INFORMATION: 1. The award is not a school award and should be non-political. 2. The recipient need not be a resident of the community but the award should be made on the strength of his or her contributions to the Maryvale Community. 3. People from all walks of life are to be considered. 4. Nomination need not be for an activity during the present year. 5. All information is to be kept confidential. 6. No information regarding nominees is to be given by selection committee members. 7. Final selection of the recipient will be made by the committee by consensus.

NOMINEE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Contributions:  School \_\_\_\_\_

Community \_\_\_\_\_

Others \_\_\_\_\_

Please add information on why you are nominating this person.

Please provide us with YOUR contact information.

Please provide us with the Nominees contact information.

email the information to maryvaleschoolspto@gmail.com

**PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD WILL BE AT THE  
PTO INSTALLATION SOCIAL on June 1, 2026.  
Happy Hour at the Cheektowaga Country Club.**

# PROPOSED BUDGET 2026-27

The format for presenting proposed budgets calls for expenditures to be divided into three basic categories: Administrative, Capital and Program. Below is a breakdown of those categories:

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET** The Administrative component of the budget provides for overall general support and management activities. Included in this section are the Board of Education, Superintendent, Business and Personnel offices, Curriculum and Staff Development. Also included are expenses for legal services, liability and property insurance and salary and benefits for the Administrative Staff of our four schools.

	2025-26	2026-27	Dollar Change
District Office	\$280,815	\$289,127	\$8,312
Personnel and Finance	\$2,218,055	\$2,575,403	\$357,348
Curriculum and Supervision	\$1,854,127	\$1,823,823	-\$30,304
Benefits	\$1,144,116	\$1,067,670	-\$76,446
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,497,113</b>	<b>\$5,756,023</b>	<b>\$258,910</b>

**CAPITAL BUDGET** The Capital component of the Budget includes the maintenance and upkeep of the District's facilities and property. This includes all utilities, sewer and telephone services. It also includes principal and interest payment on capital projects and salaries and benefits for our Custodial/Maintenance staff.

	2025-26	2026-27	Dollar Change
Operation and Maintenance	\$4,325,231	\$4,443,782	\$118,551
Benefits	\$1,361,316	\$1,431,642	\$70,326
Debt Service	\$5,149,332	\$5,144,950	-\$4,382
Interfund Transfer	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,835,879</b>	<b>\$11,020,374</b>	<b>\$184,495</b>

The 2026-27 capital budget includes funds for a \$250,000 capital outlay project. The New York State budget may increase the dollar limit of these projects from \$100,000 to \$250,000. If the State budget does not include this increase, the 2026-27 capital outlay project will be capped at the current NYS limit of \$100,000. The plan is for this project to upgrade some entrances and doors for security purposes at our Intermediate-Middle School Building. The Debt Service line above includes costs attributable to capital projects previously approved by voters.

**PROGRAM BUDGET** The Program component accounts for instructional and educational support systems. Salaries, benefits, materials, supplies, equipment, textbooks and computer aided instruction are reported in this section. Summer school, special education services, co-curricular, interscholastic athletics and transportation services are also included in this section.

	2025-26	2026-27	Dollar Change
Regular Education	\$15,616,738	\$16,347,613	\$730,875
Special Programs	\$15,224,327	\$15,987,930	\$763,603
Transportation	\$6,798,112	\$7,864,673	\$1,066,561
Benefits	\$9,202,550	\$9,625,953	\$423,403
Interfund Transfer	\$304,113	\$411,403	\$107,290
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$47,145,840</b>	<b>\$50,237,572</b>	<b>\$3,091,732</b>

# PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

Education Law mandates that each year the Board of Education prepare a Property Tax Report Card. The Report Card must be included with the Copies of the Proposed School District Budget. The Property Tax Report Card is outlined below:

140702 - Cheektowaga-Maryvale UFSD

Contact Person: Dr. Stephen Lunden

Telephone Number: 716-831-7485

Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions

Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount

Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable

Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable

Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable

Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy

Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit

School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions

Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve

Difference (negative value requires 60% voter approval)

Public School Enrollment

Consumer Price Index

	Budgeted 2025-26	Proposed Budget 2026-27	Percent Change
Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions	\$63,478,832	\$67,013,969	5.57%
Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$23,869,516	\$24,376,337	
Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy	\$23,869,516	\$24,376,337	2.12%
Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$469,051	\$506,463	
School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$23,400,465	\$23,869,874	
Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve	\$23,400,465	\$23,869,874	
Difference (negative value requires 60% voter approval)	\$0	\$0	
Public School Enrollment	2,187	2,197	0.46%
Consumer Price Index			2.63%

Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance

Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance

Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance

Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a percentage of the Total Budget

	Actual 3/31/26	Estimated 6/30/26
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$23,396,805	\$23,702,181
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,307,635	\$1,307,635
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$2,139,644	\$2,643,318
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a percentage of the Total Budget	3.37%	3.94%

## Schedule of Reserve Funds

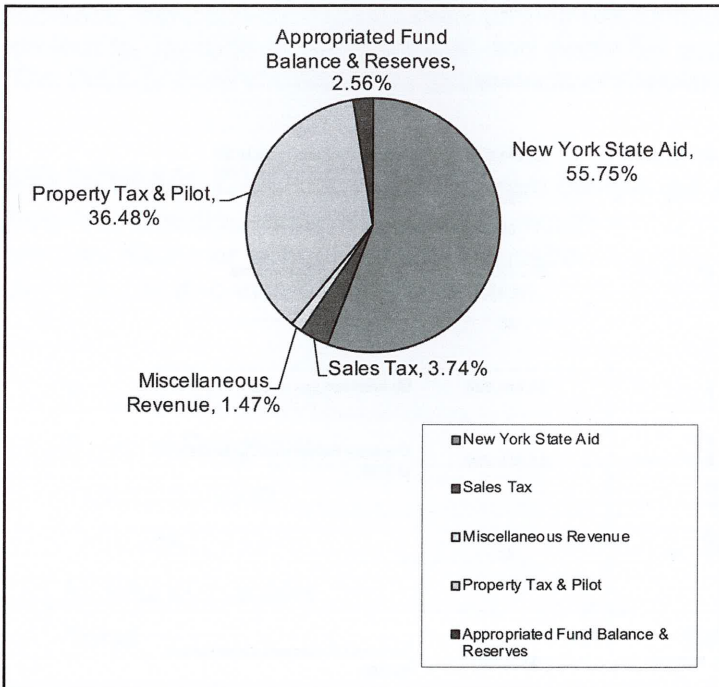
Reserve Type	Reserve Name	Reserve Description	3/31/26 Actual Balance	6/30/26 Estimated Ending Balance	Intended use of the Reserve in the 2026-27 School Year
Capital	Capital Reserve	For the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued.	\$10,618,853	\$10,618,853	No intended use in 2026-27
Repair		For the cost of repairs in capital improvements or equipment	\$0	\$0	
Workers Compensation	Workers' Comp Reserve	For self-insured workers compensation and benefits	\$1,212,505	\$1,250,386	For self-insured workers compensation and benefits
Unemployment Insurance		For reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund	\$262,590	\$287,590	No intended use in 2026-27
Reserve for Tax Reduction	Tax Reduction Reserve	For the gradual use of the proceeds of the sale of school district real property	\$0	\$0	
Mandatory Reserve for Debt Service	Debt Service Reserve	For proceeds from the sale of district capital assets or improvement, restricted to debt service	\$110,656	\$110,656	
Insurance		For liability, casualty and other types of uninsured losses	\$3,148,213	\$3,148,213	No intended use in 2026-27
Property Loss		To cover property loss	\$0	\$0	
Liability		to cover incurred liability claims	\$0	\$0	
Tax Certiorari	Tax Certiorari Reserve	For tax certiorari settlements	\$3,111,505	\$3,209,426	Tax Certiorari Settlements
Reserve for Insurance Recoveries		For unexpended proceeds of insurance recoveries at fiscal year end	\$0	\$0	
Employee Benefit Liability	Accrued EBAL Reserve	For accrued "employee benefits" due to employees upon termination of service	\$2,822,427	\$2,845,890	No intended use in 2026-27
Retirement Contribution	ERS Reserve	For employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Employees' Retirement System	\$1,423,083	\$1,498,230	Employer Retirement Contributions to ERS
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		For unpaid taxes due certain city school districts not reimbursed by their city/county until the following fiscal year	\$0	\$0	
Single Other Reserve	TRS Reserve	To fund employer retirement contributions to the New York State Teachers Retirement System (TRS)	\$686,973	\$732,937	Employer Retirement Contributions to TRS

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### Maryvale UFSD 2026-27 Revenue Chart

Revenue	Percentage	Amount
New York State Aid	55.75%	\$37,357,198
Sales Tax	3.74%	\$2,507,912
Miscellaneous Revenue	1.47%	\$984,898
Property Tax & Pilot	36.48%	\$24,446,326
Appropriated Fund Balance & Reserves	2.56%	\$1,717,635
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$67,013,969</b>



### Maryvale UFSD 2026-27 Expenditure Chart

Component	Percentage	Amount
Administrative	8.59%	\$5,756,023
Capital	16.44%	\$11,020,374
Program	74.97%	\$50,237,572
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$67,013,969</b>

