Schenectady City School District

2026-27 Budget Adoption

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ABOUT US

District Vision

Schenectady City Schools will be a continually improving school district dedicated to excellence in teaching and learning, equity, engagement and efficiency.

District Tagline

Everybody Counts. Everybody Learns.

Organizational Values

Equity Collaboration Learning

Our Pillars



Student Voice



1 Student & Graduate Success

Every student in the Schenectady City School District will have the academic capacity and skills that prepares them for life and career success.

- Quality Instruction & Academic Engagement
- Data Driven Decisions for Robust Student Support
- Career Readiness & Workforce Learning Opportunities

2 Passionate People

Support, train, and support a world-class workforce focused on growth, wellness, and continuous improvement for the benefit of students and families.

- Employee Diversity, Retention, and Wellness
- Professional Learning and Career Growth

3 Partnerships with Families & Community

Build strong partnerships with family and community member, enhance after- school programming, and expand the community school model to support student learning.

- Provide High-Quality Extended learning Programming
- Determine & Implement Effective Engagement Strategies
- Expand Community Centered Learning

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Ensure the financial sustainability, facilities maintenance, and equitable resource allocation to ensure students and personnel have access to safe learning environments

- Ensure Financial Equity & Stability in District Operations
- Deliver on School Facilities Investments
- Maintain & Improve Infrastructure & Safety Measures

2026-27 Budget Adoption

State Aid - No new budget developments as of 4/14/2026

2026-27 Proposed Budget	310,543,670
2025-26 Budget	295,516,615
	15,029,055 or 5.09%

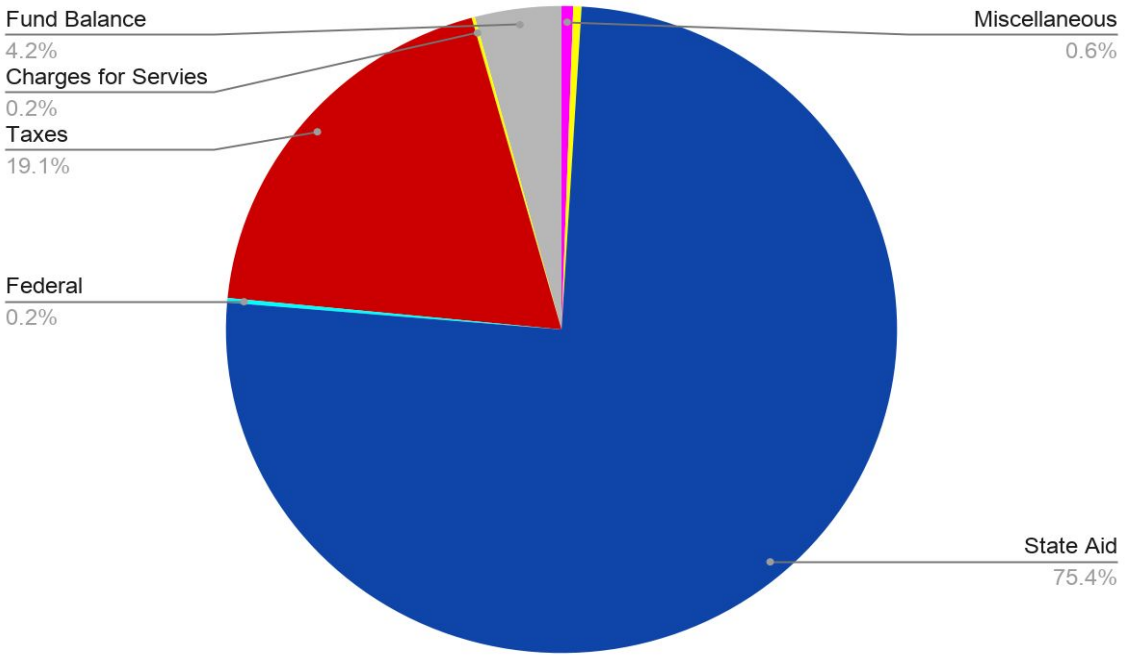
2026-27 Budget maintains **ALL** staffing and programs

NO TAX LEVY INCREASE

- 8th year in a row

Academic Return on Investment

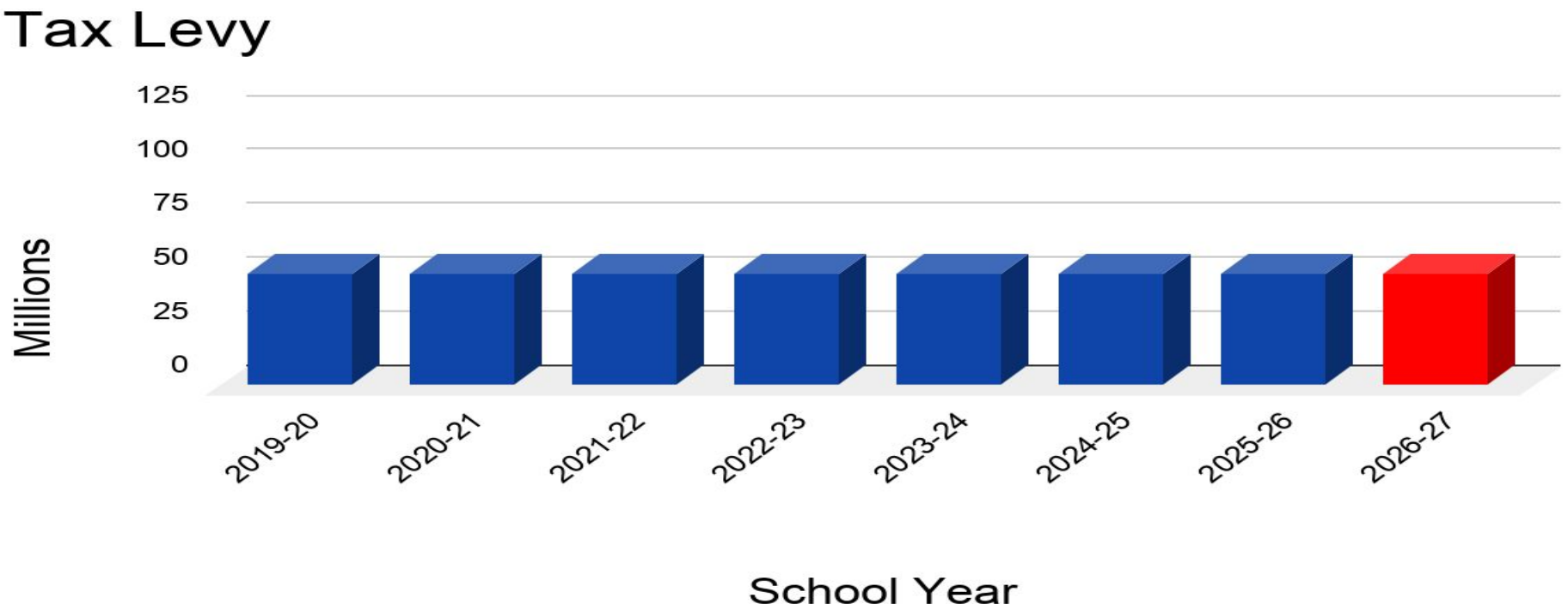
2026-27 Budget Adoption - Revenue



	2025-26	2026-27
State Aid	222,856,398	234,063,108
Taxes	59,361,268	59,402,055
Charges for Services	481,500	481,500
Use of Money & Property	975,500	1,225,500
Miscellaneous	1,595,000	1,745,000
Fund Balance	9,544,949	12,926,507
Federal	700,000	700.000
Total	295,514,615	310,543,670

Increase $15,029,055 or 5.09%

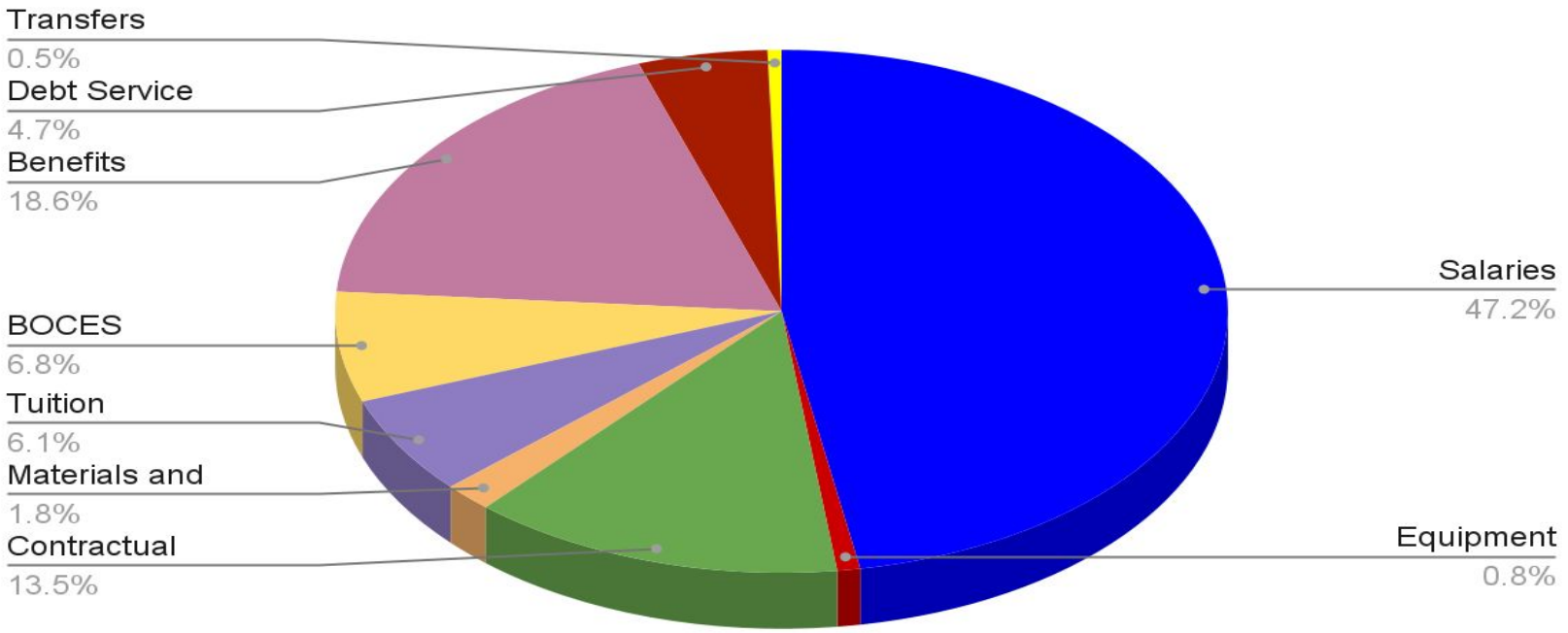
2026-27 Budget Adoption - No Increase in Tax Levy



2026-27 Budget Adoption - State Aid

2026-27 Governor's Budget	2025-26	2026-27	Change $	Change %
Foundation Aid	169,962,454	178,419,395	8,456,941	4.98
Expense-Based Aids				
Building Aid	12,526,665	11,973,468	(553,197)	-4.42
Transportation Aid	19,206,481	18,419,597	(786,884)	-4.10
BOCES Aid	9,769,732	13,620,765	3,851,033	39.42
Public Excess Cost Aid	1,666,490	1,464,712	(201,778)	-12.11
Private Excess Cost Aid	4,017,026	4,475,576	458,550	11.42
Instructional Materials Aid				
Hardware & Technology	192,925	198,956	6,031	3.13
Software, Library, Textbook	780,451	798,858	18,407	2.36
Other Operating Aid				
Charter School Transitional	1,048,884	856,328	(192,556)	-18.36
Subtotal	**219,171,108**	**230,227,655**	**11,056,547**	**5.04**
Aid for Early Childhood Education	4,748,555	6,508,631	1,763,076	37.15
Total School Aid	**223,919,663**	**236,736,286**	**12,819,623**	**5.73**

2026-27 Budget Adoption - Expenses



2026-27 Budget Adoption - Expense

	2025-26	2026-27	% of Budget
Board of Education	70,850	102,786	0.03%
Superintendent of Schools	1,092,251	1,054,831	0.34%
Innovation, Equity, & Engagement	1,436,037	1,494,730	0.48%

2026-27 Budget Adoption - Expense

	2025-26	2026-27	% of Budget
Finance			
Business Admin	1,231,462	1,218,635	
Auditing	123,000	101,000	
Treasurer	97,867	117,980	
Tax Collector	351,370	361,248	
Purchasing	165,441	170,853	
Fiscal Agent	60,000	60,000	
Total Finance	2,029,140	2,029,716	0.65%
Staff			
Legal	325,000	300,000	
Human Resources	1,363,981	1,496,647	
Records Management	171,700	164,200	
Communications	443,333	426,393	
Total Staff	2,304,014	2,387,240	0.77%

2026-27 Budget Adoption - Expense

	2025-26	2026-27	% of Budget
Central Services			
Operations of Plant	10,464,934	10,982,707	
Maintenance of Plant	6,085,641	5,307,254	
Climate & Safety	5,869,161	6,765,388	
Central Storeroom	151,094	108,266	
Central Printing & Mailing	641,337	564,765	
Total Central Services	23,212,167	23,728,380	7.64%
Special Items			
General Liability Ins	1,170,948	1,208,680	
School Assoc. Dues	35,000	25,000	
Refund Prop Tax	100,000	100,000	
BOCES Admin/Capital	1,278,301	1,334,567	
Total Special Items	2,584,249	2,668,247	0.86%

2026-27 Budget Adoption - Expense

	2025-26	2026-27	% of Budget
Administration & Improvement			
Curriculum & Instruction	4,736,148	4,027,960	
Administration	9,536,338	9,360,844	
Planning & Accountability	1,640,109	2,009,772	
Professional Development	1,838,083	2,026,139	
Total Admin. & Improvement	17,750,678	17,424,715	5.61%

2026-27 Budget Adoption - Expense

	2025-26	2026-27	% of Budget
General Instruction			
Salaries	59,710,053	64,457,552	
Equipment	630,022	637,066	
Contractual Services	4,655,004	4,231,746	
Supplies and Materials	1,044,109	1,954,180	
Tuition - Charter Schools	9,500,000	10,200,000	
Tuition - Other	750,000	500,000	
Textbooks	616,116	634,073	
BOCES Instructional	3,277,714	2,590,688	
Total General Instruction	80,183,018	85,205,305	27.44%
Occupational Education	2,235,965	2,378,866	0.77%
Career and Technical Education (CTE) 194 students			

2026-27 Budget Adoption - Expense

	2025-26	2026-27	% of Budget
Special Education			
Salaries	24,411,267	27,040,133	
Equipment	100,000	115,600	
Contractual Services	715,556	1,305,231	
Supplies and Materials	171,000	202,000	
Tuition - Charter Schools	250,000	250,000	
Tuition - Other	7,500,000	7,500,000	
Textbooks	0	5,000	
BOCES Special Education	5,699,672	5,211,389	
Total Special Education	38,847,495	41,629,353	13.41%

2026-27 Budget Adoption - Expense

	2025-26	2026-27	% of Budget
Special Programs / Schools			
Adult Ed/WIEC	219,049	232,302	
Continuing Ed	16,000	67,000	
HSE Program	1,500	0	
Summer	701,000	738,445	
Night School	166,000	160,000	
Total Special Prog / Schools	1,103,549	1,197,747	0.39%
Instructional Technology			
School Library/Media Svc	1,785,208	1,671,449	
Computer Assisted Instr.	7,075,539	7,445,377	
Total Instr. Technology	8,860,747	9,116,826	2.94%

2026-27 Budget Adoption - Expense

	2025-26	2026-27	% of Budget
Student Support Services			
Attendance	962,997	1,334,043	
School Counselors	4,174,709	4,578,418	
Health Services	3,771,258	3,981,204	
Psychological Services	2,880,929	2,970,849	
Social Worker Services	5,351,528	5,758,488	
SSS - Personnel	2,017,030	2,185,360	
Total Special Prog / Schools	19,158,451	20,808,362	6.70%
Other - Student Support			
Co-Curricular Activities	121,700	287,100	
Athletics	1,310,334	1,210,540	
Total Other Student Support	1,432,034	1,497,640	0.48%

2026-27 Budget Adoption - BOCES

BOCES Expense -$21.1 million
BOCES Aid $13.6 million
For every dollar spent on BOCES aidable services the district received back estimated 75%

Educational Support Services:

- Arts in Education
- Career Jam
- CRSE Resources/Prof.l Development
- E-Books
- Home School Coordination
- Instructional Coaching / Data Analysis
- Masterminds
- Science Kits
- Staff Development
- Capital Region Workforce Development
- Ecommunity Schools Resources
- Database Purchasing Consortium
- Exploratory Enrichmnet
- Instructional Media Serices
- Library Automation
- Non-Public Textbooks
- Scoring / Assessment
- Regular Summer School
- Visiting Expers

2026-27 Budget Adoption - BOCES

Engagement & Development Services:

- Grant Writing Services
- Project Work
- Translation and Interpretatin Services
- Print Management
- Public Engagement & Facilitation

Managment Services:

- Actuarial Services-GASB 75
- Custdial Training
- Occupational Health & Safety
- Records Management
- Asset Inventory Management
- Employee Assistance Programs
- Pharmacy Purchasing Coalition
- Substitute Coordination

2026-27 Budget Adoption - BOCES

NERIC Servcies:

- Administrative Software
- API/Data, Privacy and Security
- Athletics Software
- Cafeteria Systems
- Communications Equipment Maintenance
- Distance Learning
- Enterprise Service Management
- E-Rate Program Support
- Fiance Manager & Hosted Solutions
- Frontline Special Ed Software
- Hardware Purchases
- Internet-Domain Name
- Internet Serivces
- AI Planning & Platforms
- APPR Management
- Board Docs
- College & Career Readiness
- Cooperative Tech Services
- Data Warehouse
- Equipment Maintenance
- eSports
- Forms Software
- Google Workspace
- Installment Purchases
- Internet Based Learning System Support
- Kinney KSystems

2026-27 Budget Adoption - BOCES

NERIC Servcies:

- LAN Services
- Microsoft EES
- Network Support & Monitoring
- Other Admin. Software
- Schoolzilla
- Student Assessment
- Teacher/Principal Evaluation
- Telecommunications
- Video Conferencing
- VoIP Telephone Solution
- Webex
- Mass Communications
- Model Schools
- Online & Blended Learning
- Project Planning & Management
- Security
- Tax Billing
- Technology & Planning
- Testing
- Virtual School
- Web Hosting

2026-27 Budget Adoption - Expense

	2025-26	2026-27	% of Budget
Transportation	22,660,477	23,980,232	7.72%

Number of Students

Regular Education	2,818
Special Education	1,327
CDTA	1,062
Total	5,207

Approximately 58% of students receive transportation

Regular Education	Special Education
Special Education-Out of District	Charter School
Private Schools	After-School Programing
Summer School	Summer Enrichment Programs
STEAM Camps	Field Trips
Athletics	Shuttle Bus

2026-27 Budget Adoption - Expense

	2025-26	2026-27	% of Budget
Benefits			
Retirement Contributions	12,231,717	12,400,000	
Health / Dental	27,689,892	33,475,000	
Benefits Other	11,295,000	11,934,000	
Total Benefits	51,216,609	57,809,000	18.62%

Health Insurance Rate Increases Red Plan 37% Blue Plan 15.6%

ERS Empoyer Contribution from 16.5% to 17.6%

TRS Employer Contribution from 9.59% to 8.24%

2026-27 Budget Adoption - Expense

	2025-26	2026-27	% of Budget
Debt Service	18,436,886	14,454,694	4.65%

Current year debt service payments are reduced by Debt Service Fund reserves from borrowing premiums and transfers from prior year projects

Interfund Transfers			
Special Ed - Summer	500,000	575,000	0.19%
Capital Outlay	100,000	150,000	0.05%
Current Projects	300,000		
Catalyn Street		850,000	0.27%

Budget Vote Purchase of Catalyn Street. If funds available in 25-26 budget savings the amount will be applied towards current capital projects

Capital Outlay for project at Zoller Elementary School - Electrical / Improvements

2026-27 Budget Adoption - Contract for Excellence

- Enacted in 2007-08
- Part of Foundation Aid - not additional monies
- Established additional accountability
- Prior to 2023-24 amount was frozen - $14,031,486
- Increase due to phase-in of Foundation Aid increase
    - 2023-24 $17,390,497
    - 2024-25 $20,749,508
    - 2025-26 $28,263,282
    - 2026-27 $31,622,293 - Projected (included within budget)

2026-27 Budget Adoption - Contract for Excellence - Goals

- Time on Task
  - Student support
    - Assistant Principals
    - Restorative Practice Specialist
    - Attendance
- Class-size reduction
- MS/HS Restructuring
    - Freshman Learning Academy
    - Big Picture
    - City As Our Campus
      - Early College High School

***** Submit Questions to Let's Talk on District Website

2026-27 Budget Adoption - Proposition Catalyn Street

SHALL the Board of Education be authorized to acquire for school operating and maintenance needs approximately 0.56+/- acres of land and accompanying buildings located within Tax Parcel 49.80-1-36 (1080 Catalyn St.) in the City of Schenectady, State of New York, at a cost not to exceed $850,000.00, plus any and all customary closing costs, to be paid from the available operating fund balance?

2026-27 Budget Adoption - Proposition Nott Terrace

SHALL the bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education on February 11, 2026 authorizing (1) the acquisition of approximately 1.69+/- acres of land and accompanying buildings located within Tax Parcel 39.73-2-2 (80 Nott Terrace) in the City of Schenectady, State of New York, at a cost not to exceed $3,500,000, (2) expenditure of such sum for such purposes; (3) levy of the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issuance of bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed $3,500,000, and the levy of a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due, be approved?

2026-27 Budget Adoption - 433 State Street

SHALL the Board of Education be authorized to lease for 20 years for school operating needs a portion of 433 State Street (approximately 20,369 square feet and increasing to 31,468 square feet during year 2) in the City of Schenectady, State of New York, at an annual base rent not to exceed $220,000.00 in year 1 and escalating 1.5% per year, plus any and all customary operating expenses, to be paid from the operating budget?

2026-27 Budget Adoption - 433 State Street

Year	$/SF	Date	Monthly	Annual	SF	Year	Total
1	$10.74	07/01/26-06/30/27	$18,230.26	$218,763.06	20,369	1	$218,763.06
2	$10.90	07/01/27-12/31/27	$18,503.71	$222,044.51	20,369	2	$111,022.25
2	$10.90	01/01/28-06/30/28	$28,586.32	$343,035.81	31,468	2	$171,517.91
3	$11.06	07/01/28-06/30/29	$29,015.11	$348,181.35	31,468	3	$348,181.35
4	$11.23	07/01/29-06/30/30	$29,450.34	$353,404.07	31,468	4	$353,404.07
5	$11.40	07/01/30-06/30/31	$29,892.09	$358,705.13	31,468	5	$358,705.13
6	$11.57	07/01/31-06/30/32	$30,340.48	$364,085.71	31,468	6	$364,085.71
7	$11.74	07/01/32-06/30/33	$30,795.58	$369,547.00	31,468	7	$369,547.00
8	$11.92	07/01/33-06/30/34	$31,257.52	$375,090.20	31,468	8	$375,090.20
9	$12.10	07/01/34-06/30/35	$31,726.38	$380,716.55	31,468	9	$380,716.55
10	$12.28	07/01/35-06/30/36	$32,202.28	$386,427.30	31,468	10	$386,427.30
11	$12.46	07/01/36-06/30/37	$32,685.31	$392,223.71	31,468	11	$392,223.71
12	$12.65	07/01/37-06/30/38	$33,175.59	$398,107.07	31,468	12	$398,107.07
13	$12.84	07/01/38-06/30/39	$33,673.22	$404,078.67	31,468	13	$404,078.67
14	$13.03	07/01/39-06/30/40	$34,178.32	$410,139.85	31,468	14	$410,139.85
15	$13.23	07/01/40-06/30/41	$34,691.00	$416,291.95	31,468	15	$416,291.95
16	$13.43	07/01/41-06/30/42	$35,211.36	$422,536.33	31,468	16	$422,536.33
17	$13.63	07/01/42-06/30/43	$35,739.53	$428,874.38	31,468	17	$428,874.38
18	$13.83	07/01/43-06/30/44	$36,275.62	$435,307.49	31,468	18	$435,307.49
19	$14.04	07/01/44-06/30/45	$36,819.76	$441,837.10	31,468	19	$441,837.10
20	$14.25	07/01/45-06/30/46	$37,372.06	$448,464.66	31,468	20	$448,464.66

2026-27 Budget Calendar

- **April 15th Budget Adoption**
  - Propery Tax Report Card Submission to NYSED
- **May 6th** - Public Hearing
  - Budget statement and required attachments must be made available to the public (upon request) at each school building in the district, the district office, any public or free association library located withing the district and on the school district's internet website, at least 7 days before the Budget Hearing date and not less than 14 days before the Annual Budget Vote
  - Budget Booklet - department and building allocatoins
- **May 19th** - Budget Vote
    - 2026-27 Budget
    - Purchase of Catalyn Street
    - Purchase 80 Nott Terrace
    - Lease 433 State Street
    - Board Members - 3 Positions
      - Amanda Sponable-Pantalone
      - Bernice Rivera
      - Vacant

2026-27 Budget Vote May 19, 2026

POLLING LOCATIONS- 12:00pm – 9:00pm – 8 Locations

Yates Elementary, 725 Salina Street

Howe Elementary, 1065 Baker Avenue

Paige Elementary, 104 Elliott Avenue

Woodlawn Elementary, 3311 Wells Avenue

M.L. King Elementary, 918 Stanley Street

Mont Pleasant Middle School, 1121 Forest Road

Schenectady High School, 1445 The Plaza

Fulton School, 408 Eleanor Street

QUESTIONS?