

Budget Vote & BOE Election

Public Hearing:
Tuesday, May 12
6:30 p.m.
CPP High School
Cafeteria
201 Cantigney St.
Corning, NY

Vote Date/Hours:
Tuesday, May 19
11:00 a.m. to
8:00 p.m.

For More Info:
To learn more
about the proposed
2026-27 budget,
visit <https://www.corningareaschools.com/page/vote2026>
or scan the QR
code below.



A Budget Built for Our Students & Our Community

The 2026-27 budget stays within the state-mandated tax cap and prioritizes student programming

A Message to the CPP Community from Superintendent Michelle Caulfield



Each year, the school budget process offers us a meaningful opportunity to reflect on our priorities and reaffirm our commitment to our students. We ask ourselves: how can we best prepare our children for success? How can we remain responsible partners to a community that supports us so faithfully? Even in an era of real economic pressure, our goal remains clear: to provide an exceptional education while honoring the trust of our taxpayers.

While this year’s financial landscape presented unique challenges, from rising operational costs to unfunded mandates, it also highlighted our district’s resilience and shared vision. When faced with an initial \$3.8 million deficit, our Board of Education set an inspiring standard, balance the budget, respect the 2.56 percent tax cap, and, most importantly, protect our students’ experience.

I am proud to share that we have met those goals and created a budget that reflects our values. To me, a budget is more than a spreadsheet; it is a statement of what we value. By making strategic adjustments and streamlining our administration, we have ensured that the heart of our schools remains intact, and that our community’s estimated tax rate will decrease.

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Budget and School Board Vote: Tuesday, May 19, 2026

The annual Corning-Painted Post Area School District Budget Vote and School Board Election is slated for Tuesday, May 19, 2026. The proposed budget for 2026-27 is \$150,709,245, which is a 4.49 percent budget to budget increase. This proposal will result in a 2.56 percent tax levy increase and is within the state-assigned tax cap. The estimated full-value tax rate would decrease \$0.14 to \$19.80 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This number is subject to change based on finalized assessment rolls.

A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held on Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the CPP High School Cafeteria, 201 Cantigney St., Corning.

In addition to voting on the proposed budget, residents also will have the opportunity to vote on the purchase of school buses and vehicles.

Finally, voters will elect three members to the Board of Education. The complete slate of candidates is not yet available. Visit our website at corningareaschools.com after May 1, 2026 for a list of the declared school board candidates.

VOTING QUESTIONS?

For More Information

To learn more about the proposed 2026-27 budget, visit <https://www.corningareaschools.com/page/vote2026>.

Voting Locations

Not sure where to vote? Visit the Voter Information Portal. You can find out if you are registered to vote, as well as find your polling place by visiting <https://vip.ntsteamed.com>

Absentee and Early Mail Voting

Please contact District Clerk Ashley Winters at 607-936-3704, ext. 1001.

Information for Voters

To Be Eligible to Vote

You must be a U.S. citizen at least 18 years of age, a resident of the CPP School District for at least 30 days prior to the vote and registered with the Board of Elections of the county in which you reside.



Applications for Absentee Ballots and Early Mail Ballots

You may obtain an absentee or early mail ballot by contacting District Clerk Ashley Winters at 607-936-3704, ext. 1001.

An absentee ballot or early mail ballot application must be completed and returned to the district clerk prior to receiving a ballot. For the vote to count, the completed absentee or early mail ballot must be received by the district clerk by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote.

APPLICATIONS FOR BALLOTS

Applications for Absentee Ballots or Early Mail Ballots are available on the district website at www.corningareaschools.com. Contact District Clerk Ashley Winters with questions.

Proposed Budget Summary

Proposed Expenditures

Category	2025-26	2026-27
Salaries/Employee Benefits	\$94,991,993	\$99,010,153
BOCES	\$14,422,860	\$14,600,956
Treasurer/Debt Service	\$20,459,149	\$21,928,695
Transportation	\$5,833,619	\$5,984,377
Buildings & Grounds/Utilities	\$3,217,681	\$3,595,841
Other	\$5,309,128	\$5,589,223
TOTAL	\$144,234,430	\$150,709,245



Anticipated Revenues

Category	2025-26	2026-27
State Aid	\$69,043,555	\$74,138,042
Other	\$10,231,557	\$10,332,815
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$3,000,000	\$2,690,773
Tax Levy	\$61,959,318	\$63,547,615
TOTAL	\$144,234,430	\$150,709,245

TOGETHER, WE SOAR.

On the Ballot

The following propositions will appear on the May 19, 2026 ballot:

Proposition No. 1 – Annual Budget

Shall the annual budget of the Corning City School District for the fiscal year 2026-27 in the amount of \$150,709,245, be adopted?



Proposition No. 2 – Purchase of Buses and Vehicles

Shall the Bond Resolution of the City School District of the City of Corning, New York, entitled: "Bond Resolution of the City School District of the City of Corning, New York, adopted March 18, 2026, authorizing the acquisition of various school buses and vehicles; stating the estimated total cost thereof is \$1,129,000; appropriating said amount therefor; and authorizing the issuance of \$1,129,000 serial bonds of said District to finance said appropriation," be approved?



Proposition No. 3 – Southeast Steuben County Library Section 259 Vote

Shall the sum of \$1,567,977 (One Million, Five Hundred and Sixty-Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventy-Seven Dollars) be raised by annual levy of a tax upon the taxable property within the Corning-Painted Post Area School District for the purpose of funding the Southeast Steuben County Library.

Board Member Election

Voters will elect three members of the Board of Education: the three candidates with the highest number of votes will each serve a three-year term commencing July 1, 2026 and expiring on June 30, 2029.

QUESTIONS ABOUT PROPOSITION 3?

For more information about Proposition 3: Southeast Steuben County Library funding, please contact the library directly at 607-936-3713 or visit its website at www.ssclibrary.org



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Superintendent's Message, continued

Our vibrant arts and music programs, competitive athletics, essential mental health supports, and the academic rigor of our IB, AP and SUPA courses are not "extras"—they are exactly what makes a CPP education ours and ours alone. We have worked diligently to keep these opportunities thriving.

Key Budget Details

The recommended 2026-2027 budget focuses on efficiency and student-centered growth:

- Total Recommended Budget: \$150,709,245
- Tax Levy Increase: 2.56% (Strictly within the NYS tax cap)
- Tax Rate Decrease: The estimated full-value tax rate would decrease \$0.14 to \$19.80 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

By utilizing natural attrition and consolidating administrative roles, we have successfully directed maximum resources toward the classroom.

We are deeply grateful for your continued investment in our schools. This newsletter provides a detailed look at how we are working for our students, and we invite you to learn more at our Public Budget Hearing on May 12.

Please join us for the Budget Vote on Tuesday, May 19. This budget ensures that our district continues to be a place of pride and opportunity for every child.

Together, we soar.

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