



Michael J. Hall Superintendent's Message

Investing in Granville CSD: Teachers that Stay and Students that Succeed

Spring is a great time to take stock and think about the future, and this year it is especially important to do so. Last summer, I was hired to focus on three important goals at Granville: 1) stop the staff turnover 2) improve morale and 3) elevate the performance of our students. And, I was charged to do so as fiscally efficient as possible.

Here's How We're Doing

1) Teacher Turnover Has Nearly Stopped

We did this by collaborating with teachers and settling a new contract that now pays our educators a comparable wage to other districts in Washington County. Fair and competitive wages are essential to attracting good staff to Granville and keeping them here.

2) Morale Continues to Improve

My goal is to make Granville CSD the place to be in Washington County. Fair pay, steady and robust communication and consistent, caring leadership in every building is making a difference.

3) Student Performance is Heading in the Right Direction

Attendance has improved, with a notable 32% decrease in absences at Granville Elementary School. Attendance is the precursor to improving academic performance. When students and their families see school as a pathway to financial stability, meaningful work and a sense of community, showing up every day, on time happens.

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*GES Student at the PTO Science,
Art, & Technology Fair*

Budget ote Tues., May 19

The Granville Central School District will hold its annual budget vote and Board of Education election on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. in the High School Gym at 58 Quaker Street. Voters are asked to enter through the back parking lot. Absentee ballot request forms are available at the school district office Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Absentee ballots must be returned by 5 p.m. on May 19.

A New Vision Requires Investing in Granville

Our goal is to help our students get ready to be successful in life and prepare them for vocational school, the trades or college. We know your family works hard for your paycheck, and we don't take asking for this investment lightly. The community has told the district what they want: fair pay for our teachers, better results for our kids, and a strong town to raise families.

The budget on the next few pages isn't just a list of numbers, it's a plan to get our school back on track. Here is how we're going to do it:

1. Respecting Our Teachers

For too long, our teacher pay fell behind every other school in the area. Our teachers were being paid significantly less than in other Washington County districts. When the pay isn't fair, good people leave. And when teachers are constantly cycling in and out, our kids are the ones who lose, and so do our test scores and school ranking. You can't build a winning team if the players change every season. This budget begins to fix that. It lets us keep the talented people who know our kids' names and our community's values.

2. Raising the Bar

We aren't okay with being at the bottom third of the school rankings in Washington County, and we know you aren't either. We are putting resources directly into the classroom—better tools, better training, and higher standards. Our goal is simple: Get our scores up and get our ranking back where it belongs.

3. Keeping Granville Strong

A good school is the backbone of a strong town. When our school does well, our property values stay steady, families want to live here to raise their kids and graduates want to build their life in the community.

The Bottom Line:

We are your partners. We want to run this district with the same common sense and hard work you use to run your own homes. By voting "Yes," you're helping us build a school that works as hard as this community does.



Our Commitment to You

This budget is about consistency. We want our families and staff to buy homes here, raise their families here, and stay here until they retire. To do that, we have to pay a fair wage that matches our neighbors. When we have a stable team of teachers and a community that stands behind them, our kids succeed. It's that simple.

Looking Down the Road

We know nobody likes a tax increase. **This 3.9% increase in taxpayer contribution (\$6.96 a month on an average \$200,000 property) is 2% lower than the district initially proposed to the Board of Education.** The Board and the Superintendent listened to the feedback and agreed to use the other 2% from the fund balance.

Our goal is to get back to a steady, predictable 2% tax levy in the future. We want to be honest with you: it will take a few years of hard work to get there, but we have all the ingredients we need to be a top-tier school again.

It Takes All of Us

The school can't do this alone. We need you—the parents, the grandparents, and the neighbors—to be our partners. When our teachers feel respected and our families are involved, Granville becomes the kind of place where people stay and build lives.

We have a lot of potential. Let's roll up our sleeves and do this together and invest in our students and maintain school facilities in a way that we can all feel proud of.

For questions, please review the [Budget FAQ](#) guide on the district website or pick one up at the District Offices, Granville Jr/Sr High, 58 Quaker Street, Granville, NY 12832. Please feel welcome to call, email me, Superintendent Michael Hall, at mhall@granvillecsd.org or 518-642-1051 Ext. 1301.

Meet the Candidates

Four Granville residents are running for three open seats on the Granville Central School District Board of Education, two incumbents and two new candidates. The seats are for three-year terms. The District invited each candidate to submit a photo and brief introduction.



John Troy

It has been my pleasure to serve my hometown as a BOE member for the last 6 years. 33.5 years as a HS math educator have given me a unique perspective on how schools function. I am most proud of my work resulting in negotiating the latest GTA contract. A major goal of that agreement was to help solve the district and community issues centered around teacher recruitment, retention, and low morale. As I look forward, I am excited to be part of a school culture of stability, consistency, and mutual respect that should foster higher academic achievement. If reelected, I promise to continue to work hard to provide the best education possible for our children, within the financial resources of this community.



Janel Prehoda

Hello my name is Janel Prehoda and I am looking for your support in the upcoming school board election. I am interested in bringing quality education to our children in the most economical and transparent way. Like many of you my husband and I live on a fixed income. As a member of the Board I would be well aware of costs and getting the most out of the resources we have. I would be as transparent as possible during the budget process by answering any questions and bring any concerns to the Board. In closing I know I have a lot to learn but I also know I have a lot to give this community and its children. Thank you and I look forward to having the privilege of serving you all.



Kaela Cosey

As a parent of three children in the district, I see firsthand how important our schools are to our families and our community's future. Our schools are not just places of learning, but where children build confidence, character, and discover their potential. That perspective drives my interest in serving on the school board. I want to be a voice for students, parents, and educators, and help ensure every child feels supported, challenged, and valued. I am committed to supporting students of all backgrounds, abilities, and learning styles, and ensuring each has the opportunity to succeed. I believe strong schools are built on communication, respect, and thoughtful decision-making, and I will work collaboratively to help all students thrive.



Michele O'Brien

My name is Michele O'Brien. I'm running for my third term on the Granville board of education. As a graduate myself, and a parent of two graduates, I'm committed to the quality of education our students receive here. As a member of the community I'm proud of our school. If re-elected, I would continue to build on the relationships I've made with other board members, administration staff, faculty, parents and students. Ultimately, the goal of the school and the school board is the success of our students. It's also the yardstick used to measure our success or to identify areas where we can improve.

Our Schools



Are You Benefiting from the STAR School Tax Relief Program?

For more than 25 years, the New York State School Tax Relief program (STAR) has been providing eligible homeowners with a credit toward their annual school tax bill. To qualify, you must own your primary residence and meet income eligibility requirements. STAR exemptions apply only to school taxes. They do not apply to county, town, or village taxes.

You can register for the STAR program 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, at www.tax.ny.gov/star, or by phone at (518) 457-2036 weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

If you are eligible and enrolled in the STAR program, you'll receive your benefit each year in one of two ways:

- **STAR credit:** If you are registered for the STAR credit, the Tax Department will issue your STAR benefit via check or direct deposit. You can use your STAR benefit to pay your school taxes. You can receive the STAR credit if you own your home and it's your primary residence and the combined income of the owners and the owners' spouses is \$500,000 or less.
- **STAR exemption:** A reduction on your school tax bill. If you've been receiving the STAR exemption since 2015, you can continue to receive it for the same primary residence. As long as you remain eligible, you'll see a reduction on your school tax bill for the amount of your STAR exemption.



2026-2027 BUDGET AT A GLANCE

Proposed Budget: \$34,047,831

Tax Levy Increase: 3.9% (below the allowable tax cap of 7.7%)

Board of Education: Election of three open seats for a three-year term ending 06/30/2029



May 19, 2026

10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

High School Gym

Use Entrance by Track

Proposition #1 – Basic Budget

Resolved, the Board of Education of the Granville Central School District is authorized to expend the sums set forth in the budget in the total amount of \$34,047,831 during the school year 2026-2027, and to levy the necessary tax therefore.

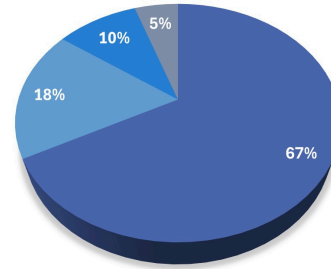
Proposition #2 – Transportation Proposition

SHALL the Board of Education of the Granville Central School District be authorized to purchase two (2) 65 passenger school buses at a maximum aggregate cost not to exceed \$404,000 and three (3) SUVs at a maximum aggregate cost not to exceed \$216,000, for a combined total cost of no more than \$620,000; and (2) expend an amount not to exceed \$620,000, less state aid received, from the District's Capital Bus Reserve Fund for such purpose and with the use of funds from the Bus Reserve Fund shall have no impact on the tax levy of the District for the 2026-2027 school year.

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REVENUES

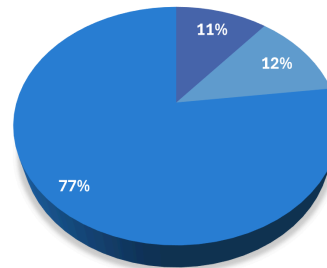
Where does the money come from?



■ State Aid ■ Local Property Taxes ■ Fund Balance ■ Transfers/Misc.

EXPENDITURES

Where does the money go?



■ Program ■ Capital ■ Administrative

2026-27 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, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 33,374,533	\$ 34,047,831	\$33,378,196
Increase/Decrease for the 2025-26 School Year		\$ 673,300	\$ 3,665
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.02%	.0001 %
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.63%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 5,828,507	\$6,055,819	
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)	\$ 5,828,507	\$ 6,055,819	\$ 5,828,507
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 14,516	\$ 154,686	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 5,846,417	\$ 6,211,996	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$ 5,812,991	\$ 6,055,819	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 33,426	\$ 156,177	
Administrative Component	\$ 3,464,497	\$ 3,659,151	\$ 3,556,047
Program Component	\$ 24,693,520	\$ 26,142,621	\$ 25,803,090
Capital Component	\$ 5,216,516	\$ 4,246,059	\$ 4,019,059
* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2026-27 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law. 1) Elimination of community use of buildings and grounds unless costs are reimbursed to the district, 2) elimination of equipment purchases, 3) elimination of certain field trips and supplies, 4) elimination of non-contractual salary increases, 5) elimination of certain positions **Contingency budget is subject to board approval under guidelines set by NYSED			

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year
	\$ 309.00

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 by the qualified voters of the Granville Central School District, Washington County, New York, will be held at Granville Junior Senior High School school(s) in said district on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between the hours of 10:00 am and 8:00 pm, prevailing time at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

GRANVILLE

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Support Students When You Come to Vote on May 19, 2026

Sr. High Band & Choral Concert - May 19th @ 6:30 pm



Capital Outlay

New York State law allows for school districts to complete base year capital projects with costs **up to \$100,000** through voter approval of the budget. These projects are referred to as "Capital Outlay" projects and, if approved by the budget vote, are **small scale Capital Projects** that help school districts undertake minor, but important projects, on a yearly basis without having to combine items for a large scale Capital Project. Typically, Capital Outlay submissions address items eliminated from large scale Capital Projects due to cost, or are areas of need identified in the required Building Condition Survey.

Within the 2026-2027 budget, the Granville Central School District is proposing to include a Capital Outlay Project line item to update the **flooring replacements** in the classrooms at Mary J. Tanner.

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Upcoming Events

The best way to find out about school events is to visit GranvilleCSD.org event schedule.

Or download the GCSD App and review the "events" tab.



Community Newsletter

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