



Cleveland Hill HIGHLIGHTS



**2026-2027
Budget and
Board Elections**

**Tuesday,
May 19, 2026**

**MS/HS
Auditorium Foyer
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Celebrating the letter
V by wearing vests!**



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ANNUAL BUDGET REPORT 2026-2027 • MAY 2026

A Message From the Superintendent of Schools



David E. Evans
Superintendent

Dear Cleveland Hill families and community members,

As we begin to feel the return of warmer weather and see more sunshine across our community, it also signals the arrival of an important time of year for our school district. Our annual budget vote. This year, residents will have the opportunity to vote on the Cleveland Hill Union Free School District budget on May 19th. The annual school budget vote is an important opportunity for community members to have a direct voice in the future of our schools. Strong participation in the vote reflects the community's commitment to education and ensures that our schools continue to provide high-quality learning experiences for all Cleveland Hill students.

The development of our annual budget is always guided by a simple but important goal: providing the absolute best opportunities for our students while remaining responsible stewards of taxpayer resources. I am proud to share that our district has consistently remained under the New York State tax cap while continuing to offer strong educational programming and services for our students. Thanks to the dedication of our staff and the support of our community, we are seeing encouraging growth in student achievement throughout the district. Our students continue to excel not only in our academic programs, but also in the arts and athletics, demonstrating the well-rounded opportunities that make Cleveland Hill such a special place for learning.

Approximately 15% of our students participate in career and technical education programs, gaining valuable hands-on experience that prepares them for both college and the workforce. This year, our high school also launched a school-based enterprise through its Work-Based Learning program, giving students real-world opportunities to develop business, leadership, and career readiness skills. Looking ahead, the district is continuing to expand these opportunities, with additional pathways currently being developed as part of the NY Inspires initiative to ensure students have multiple avenues for future success.

Looking ahead, we are also beginning the early planning stages for our next capital project. These projects are essential to maintaining the quality, safety, and functionality of our school facilities. In addition to addressing infrastructure needs such as building maintenance, mechanical systems, and site improvements, the project will focus on creating future-ready learning spaces that support modern instruction, collaboration, and technology integration. By planning thoughtfully now, we are ensuring that our facilities continue to meet the needs of Cleveland Hill students and staff for many years to come.

As we share the details of this year's proposed budget, we encourage all members of the Cleveland Hill community to review the information and stay engaged in the process. Our goal is to continue balancing strong educational opportunities for students with responsible financial stewardship for our taxpayers. Your support and involvement help ensure that Cleveland Hill can continue to provide high-quality programs and opportunities for every student.



Instructional Technology Announcement

Our students have access to a variety of software that helps them learn. Most of this software can also be accessed at home for additional learning. You can ask your child's teacher for more information about what software is used in their classroom as well as how to access it at home. We also take data privacy very seriously, so we only use resources that comply with state and federal privacy laws. You can review our full list of available resources at www.clevehill.org/page/data-privacy-and-cyber-security.

TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our Teachers of the Month for the months of December, January and February!

December



▶ Elementary School:
Mrs. Amann

January



▶ Elementary School:
Miss Stewart

February



▶ Elementary School:
Mrs. Stutz



▶ Middle School:
Mr. Bridenbaker



▶ Middle School:
Mr. Mullen



▶ Middle School:
Mrs. Peters



▶ High School:
Mr. Maranto



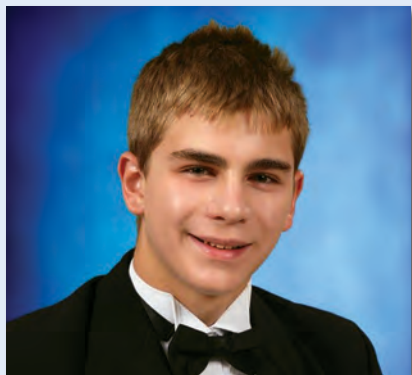
▶ High School:
Ms. Livergood



▶ High School:
Mr. Scholz

congrats CLASS OF 2026

Cleveland Hill High School's TOP 3 GRADUATES!



Valetorian
Connor Carle



Salutatorian
Elliot Madrigal



Tertiarian
Mohtasim Siddiqui

Cleveland Hill Elementary School Kindergarten Enrollment

The Cleveland Hill School District is currently enrolling all incoming Kindergarten children for the 2026-2027 school year. In order to be eligible for Kindergarten in September 2026, children must reside in the Cleveland Hill School District and be five years of age on or before December 1, 2026. Please use our online student registration system: clevhill.org/page/online-student-registration



Flag Contest Winner, Michael Mogavero, With Our New District Flag!



Jason Przybysz Receives Chapter 6 Athletic Administrator Award





BUDGET INFORMATION

CLEVELAND HILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROPOSED 2026-27 BUDGET “AT A GLANCE”

	2026-27		2025-26	
Instruction	\$ 23,283,659	50.57%	\$ 21,852,693	49.60%
Pupil Support Services	\$ 3,186,554	6.92%	\$ 2,848,679	6.47%
Building Maintenance & Operations	\$ 2,463,414	5.35%	\$ 2,297,296	5.21%
Student Transportation Services	\$ 4,715,326	10.24%	\$ 4,958,621	11.26%
General Support	\$ 2,167,856	4.71%	\$ 2,035,838	4.62%
Employee Benefits	\$ 8,345,495	18.13%	\$ 8,102,317	18.39%
Debt Service	\$ 1,878,282	4.08%	\$ 1,962,057	4.45%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 46,040,586	100.00%	\$ 44,057,501	100.00%

Included in the budget is \$250,000 for a “mini” capital project that proposes to provide upgrades and improvements to exterior masonry. Approximately 86% of the project cost will be received in state building aid in the year following the project. The maximum project amount will be the amount eligible for building aid under NYS Law. The current limit is \$100,000 but an increase to \$250,000 is under consideration for 2026-27.

BUDGET & TAX LEVY HISTORY

	PROPOSED		PROPOSED		Allowable By Law	
	Budget Total	% Change	Tax Levy	% Change	% Change	% BELOW
2026-27	\$ 46,040,586	4.50%	\$ 14,232,780	1.95%	3.01%	-1.06%
2025-26	\$ 44,057,501	7.57%	\$ 13,960,549	2.30%	3.33%	-1.03%
2024-25	\$ 40,956,637	5.42%	\$ 13,646,675	2.20%	3.58%	-1.38%
2023-24	\$ 38,850,677	9.58%	\$ 13,352,911	1.80%	3.63%	-1.83%
2022-23	\$ 35,455,618	4.14%	\$ 13,116,808	-1.07%	3.61%	-4.68%
2021-22	\$ 34,045,172	4.14%	\$ 13,258,676	.90%	3.22%	-2.32%

The 2026-27 **PROPOSED** Budget totals \$46,040,586, which is an increase of \$1,983,085, or 4.50%, over the 2025-26 budget. The TAX LEVY is the total amount of revenue raised from property taxes in the Cleveland Hill Community. The 2026-27 ESTIMATED TAX LEVY is \$14,232,780, an increase of 1.95% over the 2025-26 TAX LEVY. The district is allowed BY LAW to increase the TAX LEVY by as much as 3.01% for the 2026-27 school year, however, the district will once again stay below the state allowed limit. As you can see from the chart above, the Cleveland Hill District has set the tax levy at an amount below the State’s allowable limit in each of the last 5 years, and has done so since the inception of the tax cap legislation.

If you are interested in more detailed information about the budget figures and the budget development process, please refer to the Financial Information section of the District website at www.clevehill.org/documents/district/financial-information/421954.

A complete copy of the Public Budget Document is available on the District website or in the District Office at 105 Mapleview Road.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

CLEVELAND HILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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	\$ 44,057,501	\$ 46,040,586	\$ 45,609,136
Increase/Decrease for the 2026-27 School Year		\$ 1,983,085	\$ 1,551,635
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		4.50%	3.52%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.63%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 13,960,549	\$ 14,232,780	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$ 13,960,549	\$ 14,232,780	\$ 13,960,549
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 0,000	\$ 0,000	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 14,100,887	\$ 14,380,098	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt, and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$ 13,960,549	\$ 14,232,780	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval)	\$ 140,338	\$ 147,318	
Administrative Component	\$ 4,509,344	\$ 4,710,312	\$ 4,703,312
Program Component	\$ 34,663,528	\$ 36,335,648	\$ 36,221,198
Capital Component	\$ 4,884,629	\$ 4,994,626	\$ 4,684,626

*Should the district be required to implement a contingency budget, \$181,450 of district equipment, including technology purchases, athletic equipment, classroom equipment and other district operations equipment, would need to be removed from the budget, as well as capital improvements of \$250,000.



BASIC STAR EXEMPTION IMPACT

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$427.00

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-2027 by the qualified voters of the Cleveland Hill Union Free School District, Erie County, New York will be **Tuesday, May 19, 2026** between the hours of 12:00 PM and 8:00 PM, prevailing time in the Cleveland Hill Union Free School District, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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

CLEVELAND HILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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District Telephone: 716-836-7200

David E. Evans, Superintendent of Schools



MEET THE CANDIDATE

CLEVELAND HILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Candidate

Julie McNeil

Incumbent

My name is Julie McNeil and I have called the Cleveland Hill community home for almost 50 years. As a graduate of the district and a parent who raised three children here, I understand firsthand the impact local schools have on students and families.

I am a proud Army veteran who believes deeply in service, accountability, and doing what's right for the next generation.

I am committed to listening to parents, supporting teachers, and making thoughtful decisions that put students first. I want every child in the district to feel supported, challenged, and inspired to succeed.

From my time in the military, my years of service as a school board member, in addition to running a successful small business rooted in the community, I understand the importance of responsible budgeting, transparency, and strong leadership.

I am running for the school board to advocate for students, support educators, and ensure every decision reflects what is best for families. I believe in preparing students for success while keeping the community's values at the heart of every choice.





VOTING DETAILS

CLEVELAND HILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Voting Date, Place & Time

2026-2027 Budget & Board Elections

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

**MS/HS Auditorium Foyer
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Proposition No. 1

ANNUAL BUDGET

Shall the Board of Education of the Cleveland Hill Union Free School District be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the proposed 2026-2027 Budget in the amount of \$46,040,586 and to levy the necessary tax?

Yes No

Voter Qualifications

Proof of Residency Is Required to Vote

All eligible voters will need to provide proof of residency in order to cast their ballots at the budget vote on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

According to Chapter 775 of the Laws of New York, 1990, voters must present one form of proof, which testifies to their legal address. This form of proof must be one of the following:

- Board of Elections card
- Drivers License
- Non-driver identification
- Postmarked mail
- Rental/lease receipt
- Utility bill



What You Will Need to Vote

- You must:
- Provide proof of residency
 - Be at least 18 years old
 - Be a U.S. Citizen
 - Not otherwise be prohibited from voting (mentally incompetent, convicted felon, etc.)
 - Be a resident of the district for at least 30 days

You need not:

- Be a registered voter
- Be a homeowner

THE ARTS EXTRAVAGANZA

May 19 • 3:30-7:00 PM

See www.clevehill.org for full music schedule.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FUNDRAISER

HOT DOG
Dinner \$8

HOT DOG ON A BUN, FRUIT, CHIPS AND YOUR CHOICE OF COKE, DIET COKE, SPRITE OR BOTTLED WATER
*SAHLENS HALAL CERTIFIED HOT DOG

MAY 19 **3:30-7:30 PM**

CLEVELAND HILL UFSD- OUTSIDE EAGLE ENTRANCE

100 Days of School



Our littlest Eagles celebrating a 100 days of school!



TODAY A READER, TOMORROW A LEADER.

Apex: Remix



Thank you to our amazing families and community members near and far for supporting our Apex fundraiser. The students learned how to level up their leadership skills, how to ask for help and support for their school and had so much fun. There were 888 pledges from over 23 states. The students did over 28,000 fitness moves during the Remix: Glow Party! The funds raised will be distributed by the PTSA to support teacher grants, end of the year celebrations and so much more!

STEM Update: An Exciting Semester of Innovation and Creativity!

This semester has brought new students, fresh ideas, and exciting challenges to our 6-8th grade STEM classes! We began the semester by focusing on two important foundations of STEM learning: the 5 Cs (Creativity, Collaboration, Communication, Critical Thinking, and Curiosity) and the Design Thinking Process. These skills guide everything we do in class and help students solve real-world problems in thoughtful and innovative ways.

At the start of the semester, all grade levels participated in engaging, hands-on team challenges that promoted cooperative learning and creative problem-solving. Some of our favorite activities included:

- **6th Grade:** Paper Cup Stack Challenge and BreakOut EDU games
- **7th Grade:** Build a Paper Bridge and the Spaghetti Marshmallow Challenge
- **8th Grade:** Tallest Paper Structure and Fitting Through Paper Activity



These activities encouraged students to think outside the box, collaborate effectively, test ideas, learn from mistakes, and improve their designs—just like real engineers!



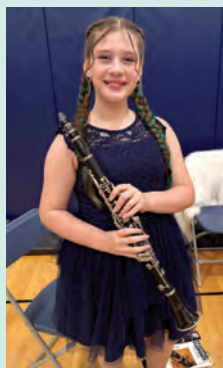
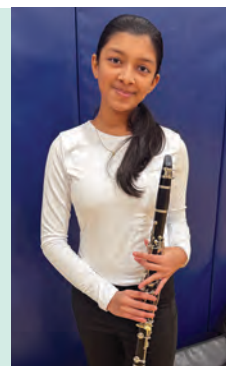
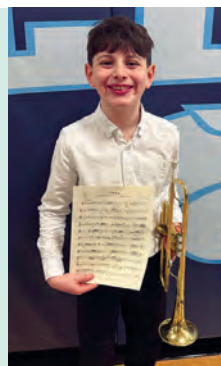
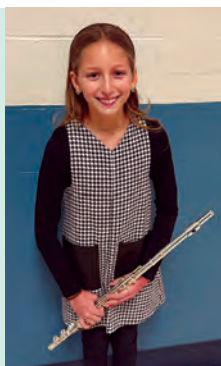
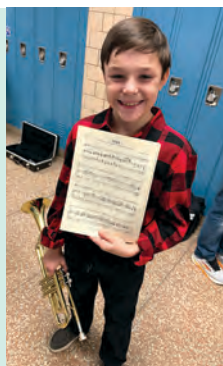


Cleve Hill Students on the Stage



Music Notes

Eight awesome CHES musicians attended the ECMEA Solo Festival. Evan, Eleanor, Shanaaya, Lilly, Anise, Naomi, Gabriela, and Lucas spent months preparing challenging solos. They then performed on their own for comments and scores from an adjudicator. They represented CHES so well amongst students, teachers, and families from all over Erie County. Congratulations!



Congratulations to all of our winter sports athletes who received individual honors:

- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Boys Bowling
- Girls Bowling
- Boys Swim

INTER SCHOOL COLLABORATION



Volleyball players from Cleve Hill, JFK, Cheektowaga Central and Sweet Home came together for Saturday practices. This “mix-and-match” format was designed to maximize playing time and learn from each other as well as different coaches.

CH OLYMPICS!



GOLD



SILVER



BRONZE

Everyone had a fun time competing!



Our 2026 Powerlifting Competition had 18 participants in the weight room where the energy levels were through the roof. Some very impressive lifts including a few new records. Senior Colin Honan set the Bench Press Record in the 220 lb. weight class with a successful 275 lb. lift. This surpasses the previous record set in 2001 by Brandon Mikolin who lifted 270 lbs. Senior Angelina Carlucci added herself to the Record Board in the 140 lb. weight class, establishing all categories: Squat - 155 lbs.; Bench Press - 90 lbs.; Deadlift - 245 lbs.; Total 490 lbs.



75TH ANNUAL VARSITY SPORTS AWARDS CEREMONY

June 9, 2026 at 5:00 PM
Doors open at 4:30 PM

Details at www.CleveHill.org

Class of 2026 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees:
• Ryan Achtyl • Grant Gibson

ATHLETIC NEWS



CHARACTER AWARDS

COMMITMENT • ORIGINAL • NONSTOP • QUALITY • UNITY • ENCOURAGE • REAL LOVE • OPTIMISTIC

Cleveland Hill Athletics recognizes individual student athletes “CHARACTER” each week throughout the sports season. Cross Training Athletics (CTA) is a Program that helps teach and reinforce core values that are needed for both individual and team success. Each week has a specific trait/word, definition and award winner. Our coaches help to support these important life skills and then “trophy” the winners.

WEEK 1 WINNERS: COMMITMENT

Nia Harris - Modified Cheerleading
Nicholas Fuhrman - Varsity Swimming/Diving

Aiden Slater - Varsity Bowling

Amia Stroud - Varsity Bowling

Azreal Montoya - JV Basketball

Abigail Jacques - Varsity Basketball

Adajiah Huffman - Varsity Cheerleading

Ashlyn McNett - Modified Basketball

Jaiden Rainey - Varsity Basketball

Owen Rambally - Modified Basketball

Dillon Cote-Miller - JV Basketball

WEEK 2 WINNERS: ORIGINAL

Parker Wilcox - Varsity Bowling

Eleanor O'Brien - Varsity Bowling

Amiyah DeBold - Varsity Cheerleading

Matthew Bloom - Varsity Swimming/Diving

Taelyn DeVealt - Modified Cheerleading

Jake Yosifov - JV Basketball

Parker D'Hilly - Modified Basketball

Mykah Moreland - Varsity Basketball

Madelyn Pollack - JV Basketball

Malachi Brazelton - Varsity Basketball

WEEK 3 WINNERS: NONSTOP

Shane Hansen - Varsity Swim/Dive

Aliyah Patterson - JV Basketball

Jayla Gary - Varsity Cheerleading

Gabriel Urbino - JV Basketball

Mykah Moreland - Varsity Basketball

Ahzier Calder - Modified Basketball

Kevin Brunner - Varsity Bowling

Julian Arroyo - Varsity Basketball

Riley D'Amico-Becker - Modified Basketball

Margaret Heintz - Varsity Bowling

Willa Kunkel - Modified Cheerleading

WEEK 4 WINNERS: QUALITY

Liliana Rodrigues - JV Basketball

Angelina Carlucci - Varsity Cheerleading

La'Marion Malone - JV Basketball

Ryan Stoj - Varsity Basketball

Leah Randle - Varsity Bowling

Connor Carle - Varsity Bowling

Kamara Shelton - Varsity Basketball

Joseph Acker - Modified Basketball

WEEK 5 WINNERS: UNITY

Evaughn Owens - Varsity Cheerleading

Nathan Raczynski - Varsity Bowling

Madelyn Radder - Varsity Bowling

Jade Askew - JV Basketball

Myles Mullen - JV Basketball

Autumn Patterson - Varsity Basketball

Ciellebeau Kasama - Varsity Basketball

WEEK 6 WINNERS: ENCOURAGE

Eleanor O'Brien - Varsity Bowling

Antonio Cordero - Varsity Bowling

Maiyah Mann - Varsity Cheerleading

Evan Bumpus - Varsity Swim/Dive

Jade Askew - JV Basketball

Gavin Sullivan - Modified Basketball

Zyana Rivera - Modified Basketball

WEEK 7 WINNERS: REAL LOVE

Lily Hawker - Varsity Cheerleading

Deniro Hunt - JV Basketball

Rhianon Gerace - Varsity Basketball

Donell Jones - Modified Basketball

Julian Arroyo - Varsity Basketball

Eliana Weilert - Modified Cheerleading

WEEK 8 WINNERS: OPTIMISTIC

Jolisa Joy - Varsity Cheerleading

Aden Talford - Modified Basketball

Jake Yosifov - JV Basketball

Kevin Brunner - Varsity Bowling

Congratulations to all of our Character Student Athlete winners!



Congratulations to Matthew Bloom who received the ECIC Sportsmanship Award



ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

President - Joe Sullivan

Vice President - Bart Nawojski

Treasurer - Justin Redenbach

Secretary - Graysya Redenbach

Fundraiser Chair - Stacy Noll

Social Media Chair -
Kristy Nawojski

TOP BOWLER



Kevin Brunner was the top bowler in Section VI Division 2 competition. He bowled 1320 pins for 6 games. That is averaging 218 pins per game.

POSTMASTER:
REQUESTED IN-HOME DELIVERY
May 11-13, 2026

Cleveland Hill U.F.S.D. at Cheektowaga
105 Mapleview Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14225-1599

Board of Education

Robert C. Polino, President
Paul F. Kunkel, Vice President
Julie McNeil
Michael Montoro
Dr. Bonnie Vest

Ex Officio Student Member

Mykah Moreland

Superintendent

David E. Evans

District Clerk

Wendy L. Limardi

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Cleveland Hill CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

May 19	Budget Vote and Board Elections
May 22 & 25	Memorial Day - <i>No Student Attendance</i>
June 12	ES Flag Day Parade
June 12	Junior/Senior Prom & Post Prom Party
June 16	HS Last Full Day of Classes
June 19	Juneteenth - <i>No Student Attendance</i>
June 22	MS Last Full Day of Classes
June 22	UPK, Kindergarten & ES Last Full Day of School
June 22	Grade 8 Moving Up Day Ceremony
June 25	Grade 5 Moving Up Day Ceremony
June 26	HS Graduation Ceremony

For current, up-to-date calendar details check the event section on our home page.
www.clevehill.org



Elementary School Office
716.836.7200, ext. 8200

Middle School Office
716.836.7200, ext. 8430

High School Office
716.836.7200, ext. 8320

Family Resource Center
716.836.7200, ext. 8363

Cereal Challenge



Our 5th grade Student Council hosted our annual cereal celebration in the month of January! We want to personally thank every student and family that contributed to this event. For the culminating event, our entire building came together to cheer on our 5th graders as they knocked down the cereal dominoes. This event raised over 400 cereal boxes and supported Felician Community Services!