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CLYDE-SAVANNAH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



BUDGET EDITION

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What You Need to Know
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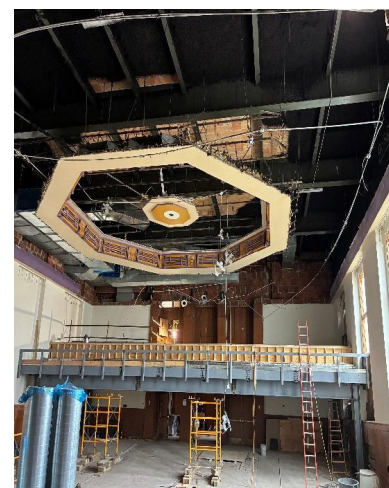
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Despite wet spring conditions, work on the Clyde-Savannah Central School District 2023 Capital Improvement Project continues at a steady pace. Interior progress remains the primary focus, with crews maintaining strong coordination across all areas of the project.

In the Band and Chorus area, exterior brickwork and preparation for window installation are nearing completion. Inside, teams are advancing framing, insulation, and mechanical, electrical, and plumbing rough-ins. This is all in preparation for the transition to upcoming interior phases.

Work in the auditorium is also moving forward. Metal framing and gypsum board installation are underway. Work on the ducts began on April 1, while electrical work and structural steel installation continue as scheduled.

In the former chorus room, which will become a mezzanine



lobby, crews are addressing subfloor conditions to prepare for terrazzo flooring. Work on the auditorium ceiling is also progressing, along with planning for the chandelier installation.

At the field house, plumbing work is complete. Epoxy flooring refinishing is nearing completion and will be followed by equipment installation and final system connections.

Looking ahead, sitework at the Elementary School is scheduled to begin in late June, along with building improvements planned for the summer months. Overall, the project is on schedule thanks to steady coordination among the construction teams.

A MESSAGE FROM

The Superintendent



Dear Clyde-Savannah Community,
On behalf of the Clyde-Savannah Board of Education, I am pleased to share the proposed 2026–2027 Clyde-Savannah Central School District Budget with our community.

Preparing a school budget is one of the Board's most important responsibilities. Each year, we carefully review district needs, assess costs, and prioritize resources to provide students with a strong education while being responsible with taxpayer dollars. This budget reflects months of thoughtful discussion, planning, and collaboration focused on both student success and long-term financial stability. The overall proposed budget for 2026–2027 is \$32,819,450, which preserves all current programs and services.

Like families and local businesses, the District is facing higher costs for services, materials, energy, and required contracts. At the same time, the Governor's proposed State Aid increase for Clyde-Savannah is 1%, which is significantly lower than what we have received in past years. While state aid continues to play an important role, it does not fully cover rising expenses. The Board carefully considered these pressures and worked to balance essential needs with responsible fiscal management.

Even with these challenges, the Board is committed to minimizing the impact on local taxpayers. Although the District could have raised the tax levy by the allowable 3.76%, the proposed budget includes a levy increase of just 2%. This demonstrates the Board's careful approach to maintaining quality programs and services while keeping the cost to the community as low as possible.

The proposed budget focuses on priorities that directly benefit students and the community:

- High-quality academic programs to prepare students for college, careers, and life
- Safe, secure, and well-maintained school facilities
- Opportunities for student growth through extracurricular programs and support services
- Responsible, transparent financial management to protect the District's long-term stability

Every aspect of this budget was carefully considered. The Board looked for efficiencies, avoided unnecessary spending, and ensured that resources are directed where they have the greatest impact on students' learning and success.

Clyde-Savannah has a long history of strong schools supported by a community that values hard work, responsibility, and local decision-making. This common-sense budget is designed to honor those values, providing a practical plan that supports students today while protecting the financial health of the District for the future.

Together, we will continue to build a school district that honors our traditions, prepares students for the future, and uses taxpayer dollars wisely. Thank you for your continued trust and support of Clyde-Savannah schools.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Hayden
Superintendent of Schools

2025-26

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EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

Community Schools

If you've been around the Clyde-Savannah Central School District, you've likely seen "Community Schools" mentioned at events and on flyers. But what does it mean for the District?

The Community Schools framework connects educators, families, and community partners to support student success both in and out of the classroom. Its goal is to see "all students flourish in thriving school communities," by offering resources that address academic and non-academic needs.

"The Community Schools strategy is really centered around the needs of each place," said Jay Roscup, Director of Wayne County Community Schools. "When we think about using that strategy at a county level, it means connecting the strengths and assets of each place in a meaningful way so that our communities support one another."

In a small, rural district like Clyde-Savannah, barriers such as limited healthcare access, transportation, and economic challenges can impact learning. Community Schools helps bridge these gaps by providing accessible support within the school environment.

Students and families benefit from programs like the Back-to-School Bash, PBIS initiatives, afterschool clubs, and services including food drives, mental health resources, and dental screenings. The District also has a dedicated space in the Jr.-Sr. High School for academic support and access to essentials in its clothes closet.

Community Schools works to strengthen existing programs by providing funding, staffing, and



resources. Success for Clyde-Savannah ultimately ripples out to the surrounding communities, strengthening Wayne County and the entire region.

"When Clyde-Savannah does well as a school district, the whole county does better and the whole region does better," said Roscup. "Our schools are part of a larger ecosystem. So when Clyde-Savannah uses the Community Schools strategy, they contribute to a movement that believes in localizing the fit for education and creating concepts that others can use, too."

Community Schools is a commitment to meeting students and families where they are and building a stronger foundation for success. Despite concerns about funding, Clyde-Savannah's Community Schools program is committed to continuing existing initiatives and getting creative about seeking funding sources.

"Community Schools is how we do things," said Laurie Palminsano, Clyde-Savannah Community Schools Program Manager. "We are dedicated to continuing our initiatives. That's what's going to positively impact the community."

Community Schools Supports & Opportunities

- Dental screenings
- Food & essentials (pantries, clothing, hygiene items)
- Mental health support through partner agencies
- College Bound (applications, financial aid, visits)
- Afterschool clubs, enrichment and academic help
- Elementary programs (Drum-It Up, musicals)
- Summer programs (academics, enrichment, field trips)
- Swim program & Fitness Center access
- Student internships & job readiness support
- Family & community events (Back-to-School Bash, Halloween High, etc.)
- PBIS initiatives across all schools
- Staff-led clubs and activities

C-S ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE



In February, C-S Elementary's best spellers went head-to-head in the annual Spelling Bee. These talented students spelled their way through word after word until there were only two left. Congratulations to Kyla Duell and Leah Mayo for making it to the end! They went on to the 2026 Wayne-Finger Lakes Regional Spelling Bee in March to compete against the area's best spellers.



C-S SENIOR RECEIVES SUPERINTENDENT AWARD



Congrats to AJ Sanford for receiving the 2026 Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Superintendent Award for Clyde-Savannah. The awards ceremony took place in March at Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES where each area superintendent awarded a student from their district.

AJ was recognized for his academic achievement, leadership, and service to others in the Clyde-Savannah community. Way to go, AJ!



XANADU JR. COMES TO LIFE

In March, Clyde-Savannah Elementary students performed Xanadu Jr., a high-energy, glitter-filled musical featuring great music and nonstop fun. This year's musical was held in the Jr.-Sr. High School gymnasium, due to construction in the auditorium, which allowed the performers to utilize all 360 degrees of the stage. The performers did so well and the Clyde-Savannah community is grateful to Community Schools for producing this year's musical. Excellent job to everyone involved!



UPK VISITS THE LIBRARY

Our youngest Golden Eagles took a field trip to the Clyde-Savannah Public Library in March. The UPK classes toured the children's area to see all the materials available for loan, as well as the monthly scavenger hunt for a prize. They also learned they can search for the library mouse and, if they find it, they can also get a prize.

Mrs. Bowlby read each class a few stories including *Who Am I?* and *Ten Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed*. The students left with brand new library cards and a book each to take home and keep. And they left with smiles on their faces, many of them eager to return to use their library cards.



ANNUAL *Staff Basketball* GAME



Golden Eagle ATHLETICS





BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR THE

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BUDGET BREAKDOWN NEXT PAGE

THREE-PART BUDGET & HEARING

PROGRAM COMPONENT: \$21,106,441

The Program Component provides for the instructional and educational support services of the District, which includes K-12 programs and Special Education Services. Also, transportation, sports, and extra classroom activity costs are included in this component.

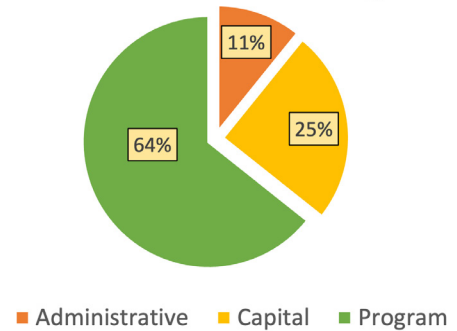
CAPITAL COMPONENT: \$8,162,917

The Capital Component includes operations and maintenance of all property including upkeep and all utility costs. Also, all debt service is included in this area including capital project payments.

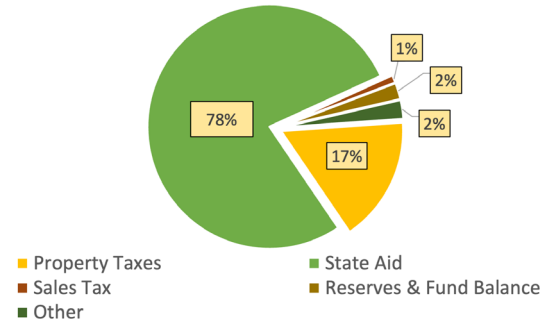
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT: \$3,550,092

The Administrative Component provides for overall general support and management activities including District Clerk, Superintendent's Office, business operations, personnel, public information, legal services, liability, property insurance, administrative costs, curriculum development and Board of Education costs.

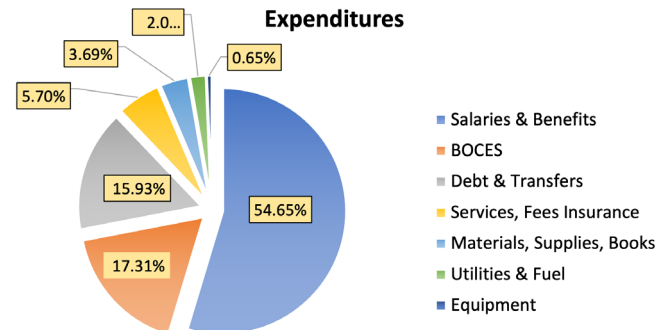
2026-2027 Three-Part Budget



Revenue Sources



Expenditures



TOTAL BUDGET: \$32,819,450
TAX LEVY INCREASE: 2%

BUDGET HEARING

Would you like to know more details about the proposed District Budget, Tax Levy, and the programs and services our budget supports? All are encouraged to attend the District Budget Hearing on May 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Jr. - Sr. High School Library. At the hearing, we will provide an overview of budget priorities, funding allocations, and the impact on our students, staff, and programs. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about how resources are being used to support educational goals and to ask questions or share feedback. Your voice and participation are important to us. We encourage all residents, parents, and stakeholders to attend and stay informed about the future of our schools. We look forward to seeing you there!

AM I QUALIFIED TO VOTE?

A person shall be entitled to vote at any school meeting or election of School District officers, and upon all other matters which may be brought before such meeting or elections who is:

1. A citizen of the United States
2. At least 18 years of age
3. A legal resident within the district for a period of 30 days prior to May 19, 2026. Your legal address is where you are registered to vote in county, state, and federal elections. It is the one on your Driver's license, Federal Income Tax Form, or car registration.

You do not have to own property, be a parent, or have children enrolled in Clyde-Savannah CSD to vote.

BALLOT INFORMATION

PROPOSITION 1: SCHOOL BUDGET

RESOLVED, that for the 2026–27 school year, the Board of Education of the Clyde-Savannah School District, Wayne & Seneca Counties, New York is hereby authorized to spend \$32,819,450 to meet the estimated costs and expenditures for said school year, and the Board of Education is hereby authorized to levy the necessary taxes for said school year.

PROPOSITION 2: BUS PURCHASE

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Clyde-Savannah School District is hereby authorized to pay the cost of the purchase of three (3) 66-passenger school buses and two (2) 30-passenger school buses, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum cost of \$850,000, to be expended from the Transportation Vehicles Reserve Fund or budgetary fund balance.

CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT

The School Budget includes an appropriation of \$100,000 for a Capital Outlay Project. This project will receive NYS Building Aid in the 2027–2028 school year. The proposed project is the purchase and installation of upgraded water-softening systems at the Jr. - Sr. High and Elementary Schools. These systems will help extend the life of our kitchen and swimming pool equipment.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

There are three (3) open seats with candidates. You can vote for up to three (3) candidates including Write-Ins. The three (3) candidates that receive the most votes will be elected to a three (3)-year term, expiring on June 30, 2029.

ANNUAL BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION & BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 19

12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

*Clyde-Savannah Jr. - Sr. High School, Gym Foyer
215 Glasgow St, Clyde, NY 14433*



*Absentee
Ballot*

AND EARLY MAIL INFORMATION

Absentee ballots and early mail ballots are available to qualified District voters.

Voters are eligible to vote by absentee ballot under the following conditions:

1. Illness or physical disability
2. Business responsibilities which require travel outside of the District of residence on the day of the vote
3. Vacation outside of the District residence
4. Detention or confinement in jail for an offense other than a felony

- Early mail ballots are also available. Conditions for requesting an early mail ballot are the same as for any qualified voter (see above, p. 10, “Am I Qualified To Vote?”). Absentee ballot applications and early mail ballots are available in the Superintendent’s office or by calling (315) 902-3000.
- Both absentee ballots and early mail ballots must be received by the Superintendent’s office no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 19, 2026. For more information, you are invited to attend the public Budget Hearing on May 6, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jr. - Sr High School library.



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Educate.

Inspire.

Empower!