

## Groton Central 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                                                                          | \$ 25,496,452                              | \$ 26,350,734                               | \$ 25,821,529                                   |
| Increase/Decrease for the 2026-27 School Year                                                                                       |                                            | \$ 854,282                                  | \$ 325,077                                      |
| Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget                                                                                     |                                            | 3.35%                                       | 1.27%                                           |
| Change in the Consumer Price Index                                                                                                  |                                            | 2.80%                                       |                                                 |
| A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount                                                                               | \$ 7,111,613                               | \$ 7,323,850                                |                                                 |
| 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)                                                                              | \$ 7,111,613                               | \$ 7,323,850                                | \$ 7,111,613                                    |
| F. Total Permissible Exclusions                                                                                                     | \$ 90,790                                  | \$ 123,668                                  |                                                 |
| G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions                                                          | \$ 7,199,714                               | \$ 7,346,890                                |                                                 |
| H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D) | \$ 7,111,613                               | \$ 7,323,850                                |                                                 |
| I. Difference: (G – H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **          | \$ 88,101                                  | \$ 23,040                                   |                                                 |
| Program Component                                                                                                                   | \$ 18,081,508                              | \$ 19,020,691                               | \$ 18,988,167                                   |
| Capital Component                                                                                                                   | \$ 4,416,311                               | \$ 4,154,841                                | \$ 3,663,200                                    |
| Administrative Component                                                                                                            | \$ 2,998,633                               | \$ 3,175,202                                | \$ 3,170,157                                    |

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- \* In the event that the proposed budget is defeated:**
- 1. All equipment is removed from the budget (as required by law)
  - 2. All non-school groups will have to pay for use for the buildings (as required by law)
  - 3. All Materials supplied for student use will be removed (as required by law)

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|                                                           | <b>Under the Budget<br/>Proposed for the 2026-27<br/>School Year</b> |
| <b>Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>\$539</b>                                                         |

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| <b>** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements</b> | <b>Description</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | None               | \$ -          |

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 by the qualified voters of the Groton Central School District, Tompkins County, New York, will be held in the District Office in said district on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 9:00 pm, prevailing time in the Jr-Sr High School Building, 400 Peru Road, Groton NY, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot. An election to fill 3 seats on the Board of Education will be held at the same time.

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

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