LANSING
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2026-2027 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Dear Lansing Community,

As we approach the school budget vote, we do so thoughtfully and with a deep sense of responsibility to our entire community. Rising costs are affecting everyone - especially seniors and those on fixed incomes. We remain focused on stability and fiscal responsibility while preserving the programs and opportunities that define Lansing. This proposed budget reflects a careful balance: supporting our students while being mindful of the financial realities facing our community. We are committed to responsible stewardship and long-term sustainability.

That same sense of care and responsibility extends beyond the budget and into who we are as a school community.

Each school year brings moments that define us, and how we respond to those challenges reflects the strength and character of our community. This year has been no exception. What continues to stand out is the heart, resilience, and commitment of the Lansing community.

Lansing is an exceptional place. Our schools and community are grounded in generosity, care, and compassion. These are not just words; they are lived each day in our classrooms and throughout our town.

At times, differences may feel more visible. In those moments, we are called to lead with empathy and understanding. We cannot allow differences to divide us. Instead, we embrace the diversity that enriches us while celebrating what connects us. When we lead with love, we strengthen our entire community.

Our work is guided by a shared vision: Lansing Central School District is a joyful, inclusive, and compassionate community where empathy shapes relationships, curiosity fuels learning, and character guides actions. We cultivate safe, engaging environments where every person grows as a learner, a leader, and a connected citizen prepared to thrive in a changing world.

Thank you for continuing to support our schools and one another with kindness, resilience, and a steadfast commitment to our shared values.

With gratitude,
Chris Pettograsso
Superintendent of Schools

YOUR VOTE COUNTS
MAY 19, 2026

AT - A - GLANCE

BOE Candidates	pg 2
ESTIMATED Tax Impact	pg 4
STAR	pg 4
Propositions	pg 6
Budget Summary	pg 7
Expenses	pg 8
Budget Components	pg 10
Revenues	pg 11
Contingent Budget	pg 13
Voter Information	pg 14
District Updates	pg 15

BUDGET HEARING

MAY 11TH - MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM AT 6PM

MEET THE CANDIDATES

MAY 11TH - MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM AT 7PM
Submit questions via: https://forms.gle/3hkWgWdz2TpBmF987

BUDGET VOTE

MAY 19TH 7AM TO 9PM
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA
School is virtual for students Pre-K through 8

Other May 19th happenings . . .

HIGH SCHOOL

Community & Career Day
for HS Students

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PTSO Book Fair 8am to 8pm

Art Show 8am to 8:30pm

BOARD OF EDUCATION: MEET THE CANDIDATES

May 11th at 7PM in the MS auditorium.

Kirsten Eynav
Andrew Gross
Matthew Bogumil
Alec Macaulay
Monroe Makowsky
Robert Case
Matthew Lisonbee

Candidate summaries available at:
https://www.lansingschools.org/page/meet-the-candidates-2026-2027

HOW IS THE BUDGET DEVELOPED?

Each year, Lansing Central School District develops a budget designed to support student learning while responsibly managing community resources. This process reflects our educational priorities, operational needs, and available funding. It also involves collaboration among district staff, administrators, and the Board of Education, as well as feedback from the community.

STRATEGIC APPROACH

Each year, the district builds the budget from the ground up to align spending with student needs and district goals. Long-term planning supports technology upgrades, facility maintenance, and equipment replacement.

The district also works to:

- Maximize state aid
- Utilize shared services (i.e. BOCES)
- Stay within the NYS tax cap
- Maintain reserves for unexpected needs

This approach helps ensure financial stability while continuing to invest in students.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement is essential. Residents can learn about the budget through:

- Public presentations at Board meetings
- Community meetings
- Mailed budget newsletters
- District website

BUDGET TIMELINE

November – December: Initial Planning
Developing the budget begins with staffing & benefits projections based on current staffing levels, contracts, and anticipated cost increases, as well as contractual obligations such as debt service.

January – March: Review & Planning
Enrollment trends, staffing needs, and department requests are evaluated. The district reviews state aid projections and calculates the tax cap.

March – April: Finalizing the Budget
With updated information, the district determines what budget gaps exist.
Analyze:

- potential reductions
- use of reserves and fund balance
- tax levy increase: under, at, or over the tax cap

A final balanced budget is presented for BOE approval.

Throughout this process, updates and information are shared with the Board of Education at each meeting, with information available on the website for the public

AFTER THE BUDGET VOTE

Following the vote, final tax rates are set based on updated property assessments finalized on July 1st of each year. The final tax rate along with final assessments confirms the tax impact for homeowners.

Budget development is a year-round process requiring ongoing planning and collaboration to ensure continued support for students and responsible use of taxpayer resources.

Budget Summary: The Numbers

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Proposed Budget	$40,858,724
Budget Growth	2.93%
Property Tax Cap Allowed - Defined by law	2.98%
Projected Tax Levy Increase	2.98%

Rate is an ESTIMATE based on projected total assessments. Final tax rolls are released on July 1.
To see your assessment, go to:
https://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/assessment

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT

	2026-27	2025-26	Change
Rate	$18.2454	$17.8495	$.3959
$100k home	$1,824.54	$1,784.95	$39.59
$400k home	$7,298.16	$7,139.80	$158.36

FORMULA

(assessed value/1,000) x tax rate

Example:
($100,000)/$1,000) x $18.2454
= $100 x $18.2454
= $1,824.54

SCHOOL TAX RELIEF (STAR) INFORMATION

Factor	Basic STAR	Enhanced STAR
Residency	Must own your home. Must be primary residence.	Must own your home. Must be primary residence.
Age	No age restriction.	65 or older. For jointly owned property, only one spouse or sibling must be at least 65 by December 31 of the year when the benefit will begin.
Income	$500,000 or less for STAR credit ($250,000 or less for STAR exemption). The income limit applies to the combined incomes of only the owners and owners' spouses who reside at the property.	For 2026 benefits, $110,750 or less. The income limit applies to all owners (residents and non-residents), and any owner's spouse who resides at the property.

Assessed Property Value	Estimated Tax Bill without STAR	Maximum Basic STAR Savings	Estimated Tax Bill
$100,000	$1,824.54	$540	$1,284.54

Assessed Property Value	Estimated Tax Bill without STAR	Maximum Enhanced STAR Savings	Estimated Tax Bill
$100,000	$1,824.54	$1,303	$521.54

How can I find out more?

To be eligible for this tax break, homeowners must apply through New York State. For more information on the STAR program, visit ***https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/eligibility.htm***

ENROLLMENT INFO

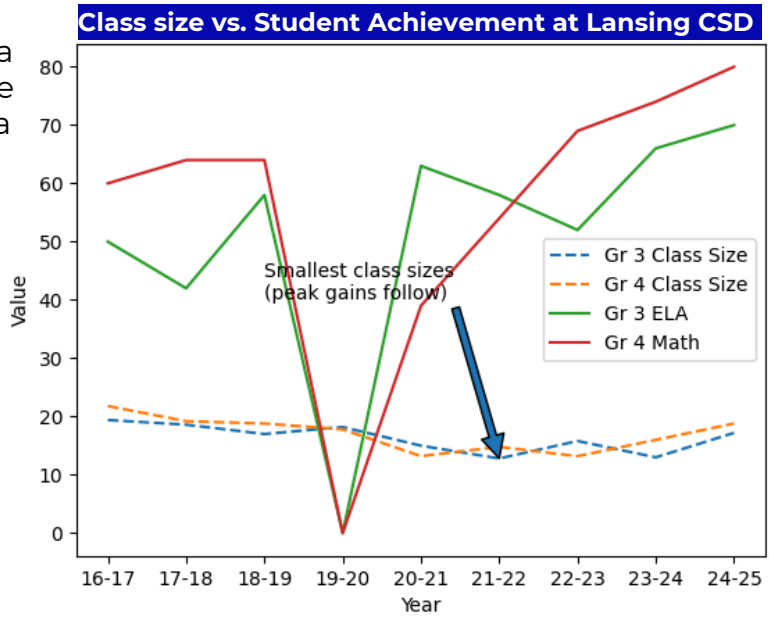
Enrollment has been declining over the past several years. But while the number of students has decreased over time, the educational and support needs for our students have not. Demographics continue to shift as families move in and out of the district.

On Campus Enrollment	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Elementary School PK-4	423	401	392	390
Middle School 5-8	339	354	325	327
High School 9-12	381	367	334	335
Off Campus Placements	26	25	34	32
TOTAL	**1,169**	**1,147**	**1,085**	**1,084**

CLASS SIZE INFO

An area we review is class size. Research shows that smaller class sizes are effective. Our own data can attest to improved learning initiatives with the smaller class sizes we were able to implement as a result of COVID funding and social distancing requirements. A smaller number of students allows for more direct instruction and stronger relationships.

K through 6 Classes	2025-26	2026-27
Average class size	17	18
Smallest class size	14	16
Largest class size	19	21



HIGH SCHOOL DATA

AP Course Offerings	Exam Average
English Lit	3.82
Calculus AB	3.25
Statistics	2.89
Biology	3.92
Spanish	3.0
French	3.0
Studio Art	4.25
Music Theory	4.0

Lansing offers 20 dual credit courses through TC3!

The graduating class of 2025 earned a total of **1,732** college credits before graduating.

Graduating Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
# of Graduates	92	89	81	94	103
Graduation Rate	94%	95%	90%	92%	94%

44 seniors from the Class of 2025 took **95** Advanced Placement exams over two years.

Lansing offers both the NYS Seal of Biliteracy & the NYS Seal of Civic Readiness!

13 students from the Class of 2025 earned the Seal of Biliteracy and 8 students earned the Seal of Civic Readiness.

PROPOSITION #1 - BUDGET

That the Board of Education of Lansing Central School District be, and hereby is, authorized to expend the sums set forth of $40,858,724 and to levy the necessary tax therefore.

PROPOSITION #2 - TRANSPORT VEHICLES

Shall the Board of Education of the Lansing Central School District be authorized to purchase and finance two (2) student transport buses and one (1) student transport SUV, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto, and expend a total sum not to exceed $400,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District, in the principal amount not to exceed $400,000, be issued?

PROPOSITION #3 - ESTABLISH A CAPITAL RESERVE

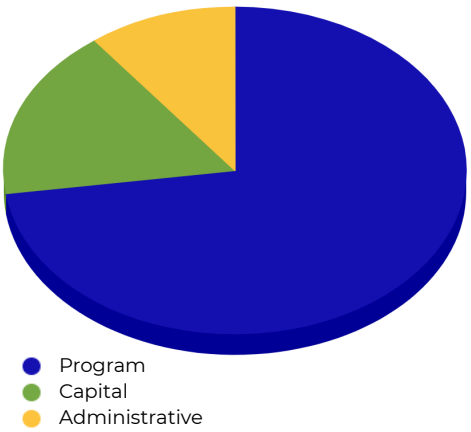
Shall the Board of Education of the Lansing Central School District be authorized to establish a new ten-year capital reserve pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law in an amount not to exceed $10,000,000 to be used for renovations and additions to all District facilities, including but not limited to purchase of equipment, technology upgrades, classroom equipment, school infrastructure equipment, security and safety improvement, site development and athletic fields, such reserve fund to be funded from (i) a transfer of the unexpended balance currently on deposit in the District's existing reserve fund approved by the District's voters in May of 20[16], to be terminated if this proposition is approved, (ii) year-end budget surplus funds known as unassigned fund balance, as available, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter for the term of the reserve fund, (iii) transfers of excess monies from Board of Education designated reserves, (iv) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time, and (v) New York State Aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time, all as permitted by law?

Proposition Summaries: What do they mean?

Proposition #1: ..... **Yes or No**
Do the voters approve the school budget in the amount of $40,858,724?

Proposition #2 ..... **Yes or No**
Do the voters approve the school district to borrow monies up to $400,000 for the purchase of diesel student transport vehicles (school buses) and to collect taxes to repay the debt (the taxes necessary to repay the debt for 2026-27 are part of the budget above)?

Proposition #3: ..... **Yes or No**
Do the voters approve the creation of a new capital reserve to assist with funding future capital projects for building and facility renovations. This reserve is for 10 years, and funding cannot exceed $10 million.

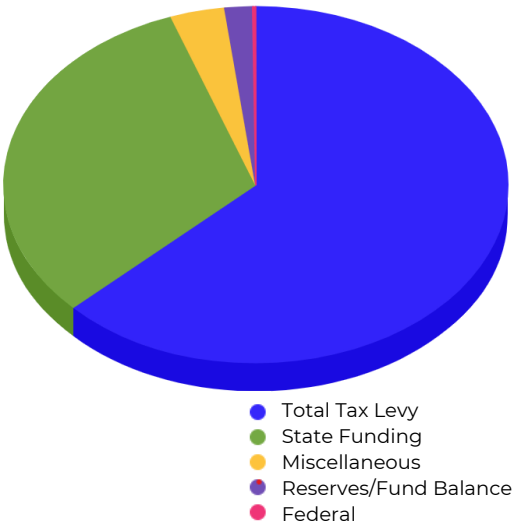


SPENDING SUMMARY (BUDGET TO BUDGET)

	2026-27	%	2025-26	%
Administrative	$4,236,070	10.37%	$3,877,548	9.77%
Capital	$6,900,001	16.89%	$5,771,634	14.54%
Program	$29,722,653	72.74%	$30,046,443	75.69%
	$40,858,724		**$39,695,625**	

REVENUE SUMMARY (BUDGET TO BUDGET)

	2026-27	%	2025-26	%
Total Tax Levy	$25,700,572	62.90%	$24,958,257	62.87%
State Funding	$12,928,937	31.64%	$12,562,868	31.65%
Miscellaneous	$1,426,500	3.49%	$1,394,500	3.51%
Reserves/Fund Balance	$722,715	1.77%	$700,000	1.76%
Federal	$80,000	.20%	$80,000	.20%
	$40,858,724		**$39,695,625**	





Where the Money Goes:

GENERAL SUPPORT	PROPOSED BUDGET 2026-27	ADOPTED BUDGET 2025-26	DOLLAR CHANGE
Board of Education	$47,506	$47,506	$0
Central Admin	$322,289	$316,624	$5,665
Finance	$647,554	$618,747	$28,807
Staff	$159,433	$130,084	$29,349
Central Services	$2,264,907	$2,133,203	$131,704
Special Items	$844,864	$809,983	$34,881
SUB TOTAL	**$4,286,553**	**$4,056,147**	**$230,406**
INSTRUCTION			
Administration & Improvement	$1,105,947	$1,176,811	-$70,864
Teaching	$15,256,831	$15,199,779	$57,052
Instructional Media	$1,211,844	$1,285,416	-$73,572
Pupil Services	$2,026,182	$1,981,027	$45,155
SUB TOTAL	**$19,600,804**	**$19,643,033**	**-$42,229**
TRANSPORTATION			
Pupil Transportation	$1,420,109	$1,422,719	-$2,610
SUB TOTAL	**$1,420,109**	**$1,422,719**	**-$2,610**
UNDISTRIBUTED			
Employee Benefits	$11,326,046	$11,149,864	$176,182
Debt Service	$4,103,212	$3,301,862	$801,350
Interfund Transfers	$122,000	$122,000	0
SUB TOTAL	**$15,551,258**	**$14,573,726**	**$977,532**
TOTAL BUDGET	**$40,858,724**	**$39,695,625**	**$1,163,099**



The 2026-27 budget totals $40.85 million, a 2.93% increase.

Teaching remains the largest expense category at $15.3 million, accounting for 37.34% of the total budget, with a slight increase of 0.38% compared to the previous year. Declining enrollment has resulted in staffing reductions for teaching staff which is reflected here.

Employee Benefits is the second largest category representing 27.72% of the total.

Debt Service shows the most significant growth. This increase is due to the planned oncoming debt for the most recent capital project.

In contrast, Instructional Media decreased by 5.72%, reducing its portion of the budget. This is a result of reductions both in equipment purchases, and a microcomputer specialist.

Administration & Improvement expenses declined by 6.02%. Budget reductions in this area include an administrator and professional development expenses for faculty.

Finance expenditures rose by $28,807 or 4.66% to $647,554, accounting for 1.58% of the budget. This is primarily the result of contractual changes for staff.

Notably, Staff expenses increased by $29,349 for an increase in our Communications COSER at BOCES.

Category	2025-26 Adopted	FY 2026 Actual	2026-27 Proposed	2025-26 Adopted vs. 2026-27 Proposed (% Change)
SALARIES	$16,707,303	$15,718,728	$16,205,774	-3.00%
EQUIPMENT	$231,300	$252,628	$190,300	-17.73%
CONTRACTUAL AND SUPPLIES	$8,183,296	$9,218,601	$8,911,393	8.90%
PRINCIPAL	$2,230,000	$2,229,447	$2,633,563	18.10%
INTEREST	$1,071,862	$1,074,887	$1,469,649	37.11%
BENEFFITS	$11,149,864	$10,987,194	$11,326,046	1.58%
TRANSFERS	$122,000	$100,000	$122,000	-
Total Expenditures	**$39,695,625**	**$39,581,484**	**$40,858,724**	**2.93%**



The total expenditures for 2026-27 increased by 2.93% to $40.85 million.

The largest expenditure category, Salaries, decreased to $16.2 million, representing 39.66% of the total budget, down from the previous year. Benefits rose slightly accounting for 27.72% of total expenditures. These amounts reflect a number of staffing reductions. It is important to note that a reduction in staffing does not necessarily equate to a reduction in program or the need to lay off staff. With a number of retirements, shifts in instructional staffing placements and needs, the district was able to minimize the impact of reductions. Additionally, there is no impact on programming at this time.

Contractual and Supplies saw a significant increase of 8.9%, reaching $8.9 million and making up 21.81% of the budget, continuing to be a major expenditure category. This is primarily due to two main drivers - BOCES educational placements and the overall rising increase in utility costs. BOCES offers a number of instructional programs that the district is not able to offer on campus - from career & tech programming such as automotive mechanics to culinary arts, as well as programs for students who may need more intensive academic programming. Each year, a significant effort is made to find the most appropriate placement for each student that fits their educational needs.

Principal and interest payments increased notably as a result of oncoming debt due to the most recent capital project. This debt was planned and anticipated. Additionally, it is partially offset by the increase in revenues for state funded building aid.

Equipment expenditures decreased by 17.73% to $190,300, representing 0.47% of the total. This is also the result of reductions in both anticipated facilities and technology equipment purchases. These items are part of a planned replacement cycle, but working with each of the department supervisors, we were able to make adjustments.

Transfers remained unchanged at $122,000, maintaining a 0.3% share.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT

ADMINISTRATIVE	2026-27 PROPOSED	2025-26 ADOPTED
Central Admin	$369,795	$364,130
Finance	$647,553	$618,747
Legal, Personnel, Communication	$159,433	$130,084
Central Data, Printing, Mailing	$230,081	$219,947
Insurance, Dues, BOCES Admin	$769,864	$737,483
School Supervision & Curriculum	$929,679	$1,012,469
Employee Benefits	$1,129,665	$794,688
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	**$4,236,070**	**$3,877,548**

The **Administrative Component** provides for overall general support and management activities. Costs for legal and auditing services are included here as well as the administration and supervision of each school.

CAPITAL COMPONENT

The **Capital Component** of the budget deals with all equipment, supplies, materials, and personnel for the operation and maintenance of district facilities. It also includes any judgments and claims and all payments on principal and interest on short and long-term debt.

CAPITAL	2026-27 PROPOSED	2025-26 ADOPTED
Plant Maintenance & Operation	$2,034,826	$1,913,256
Insurance	$75,000	$72,500
Debt Service	$4,103,212	$3,301,862
Transfer to Capital	$100,000	$100,000
Employee Benefits	$586,963	$384,016
TOTAL CAPITAL	**$6,900,001**	**$5,771,634**

*__Annual Building Maintenance Initiative - $100k Capital Outlay:__ Under NYS Education Law, the District may invest up to $100,000 in facilities and receive building aid back the following year. With the state aid reimbursement rate of 68.2%, this means that a $100,000 investment in one year will return around $68,200 in the following year. By performing these projects each year, the District is able to address facility needs between major capital construction projects. Previous Capital Outlay projects have included HVAC and energy improvements in our school buildings. This year we are proposing a project including but not limited to: • Safety & Security Improvements • HVAC & Energy Improvements • Plumbing • Electric

PROGRAM COMPONENT

The **Program Component** includes salaries of all teaching staff, instructional programs, and pupil transportation. Programs geared toward the whole student (athletics, clubs, health services) are also included here.

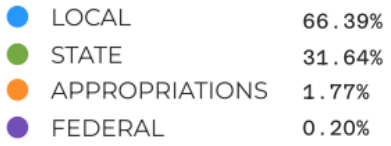
PROGRAM	2026-27 PROPOSED	2025-26 ADOPTED
Professional Development	$176,268	$164,342
Teaching	$15,256,831	$15,199,779
Pupil Services	$3,238,028	$3,266,443
Transportation	$1,420,108	$1,422,719
Transfer to Special Aid	$22,000	$22,000
Employee Benefits	$9,609,418	$9,971,160
TOTAL PROGRAM	**$29,722,653**	**$30,046,443**

Where the Money Comes From:

LOCAL REVENUES	PROPOSED BUDGET 2026-27	ADOPTED BUDGET 2025-26	DOLLAR CHANGE
Real Property Taxes	$25,616,500	$24,875,868	$740,632
PILOTS	$84,072	$82,389	$1,683
Miscellaneous	$1,426,500	$1,394,500	$32,000
SUB TOTAL	**$27,127,072**	**$26,352,757**	**$774,315**
STATE REVENUE			
General State Aid	$10,816,082	$10,443,292	$372,790
Other State Funding	$125,000	$145,000	-$20,000
BOCES Aid	$1,987,855	$1,974,576	$13,279
SUB TOTAL	**$12,928,937**	**$12,562,868**	**$366,069**
FEDERAL REVENUE			
Medicaid Assistance	$80,000	$80,000	$0
SUB TOTAL	**$80,000**	**$80,000**	**$0**
APPROPRIATIONS			
Reserves	$150,000	$0	$150,000
Fund Balance	$372,715	$500,000	-$127,285
Interfund Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$0
SUB TOTAL	**$722,715**	**$700,000**	**$22,715**
TOTAL REVENUES	**$40,858,724**	**$39,695,625**	**$1,163,099**



2026-27 Revenues



The 2026-27 budget totals $40.85 million, reflecting a 2.93% increase. The largest revenue source remains Real Property Tax Items, which increased by $740,632 or 2.98%, under the tax cap & maintaining a similar share of 62.7% of the total budget.

State Aid also saw growth, rising by $366,069 or 2.91% to $12.9 million, holding steady at approximately 31.64% of total revenue. This increase is primarily due to the increase in building aid to offset the cost of new debt associated with the most recent capital project.

Other notable increases include the Miscellaneous category, which grew by $32,000 primarily due to interest earnings, and the combined use of reserves and fund balance, which increased by $22,715.

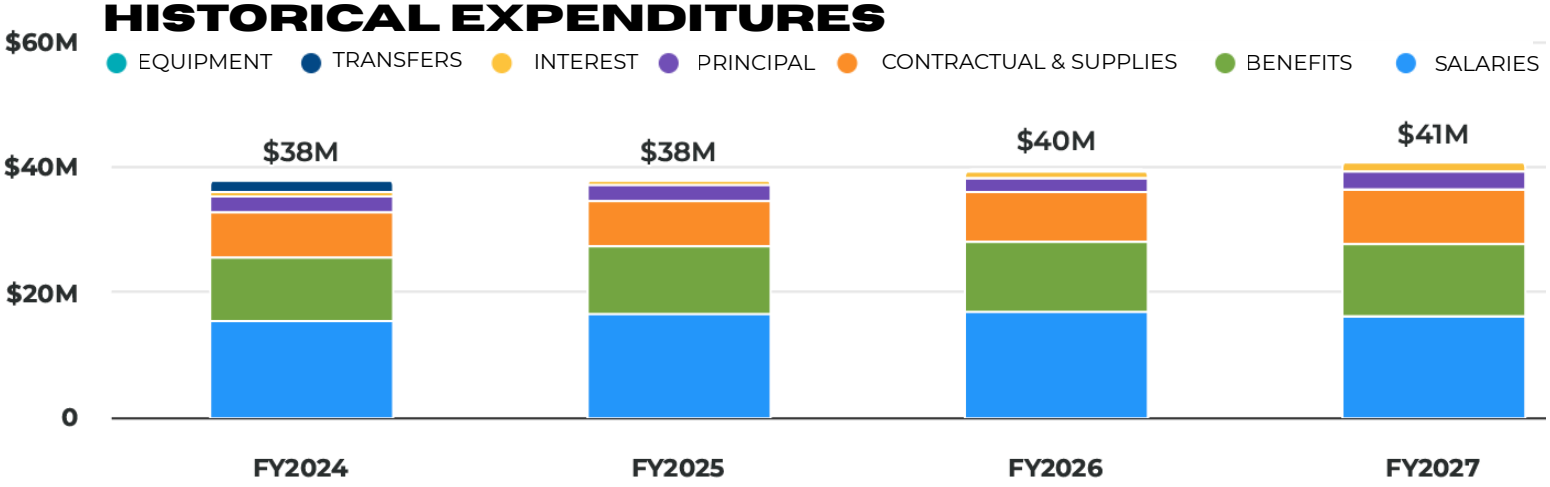
PILOTs (Payments in Lieu of Taxes) remain fairly stable. Interfund Transfers and Federal Aid remained unchanged.

Q&A

What is a tax levy?
The tax levy is the total amount of taxes a school district raises to help fund its budget, after accounting for all other revenue sources. The tax levy is the basis for determining the tax rates for each municipality with a school district. Tax rates are also affected by changes in town assessments.

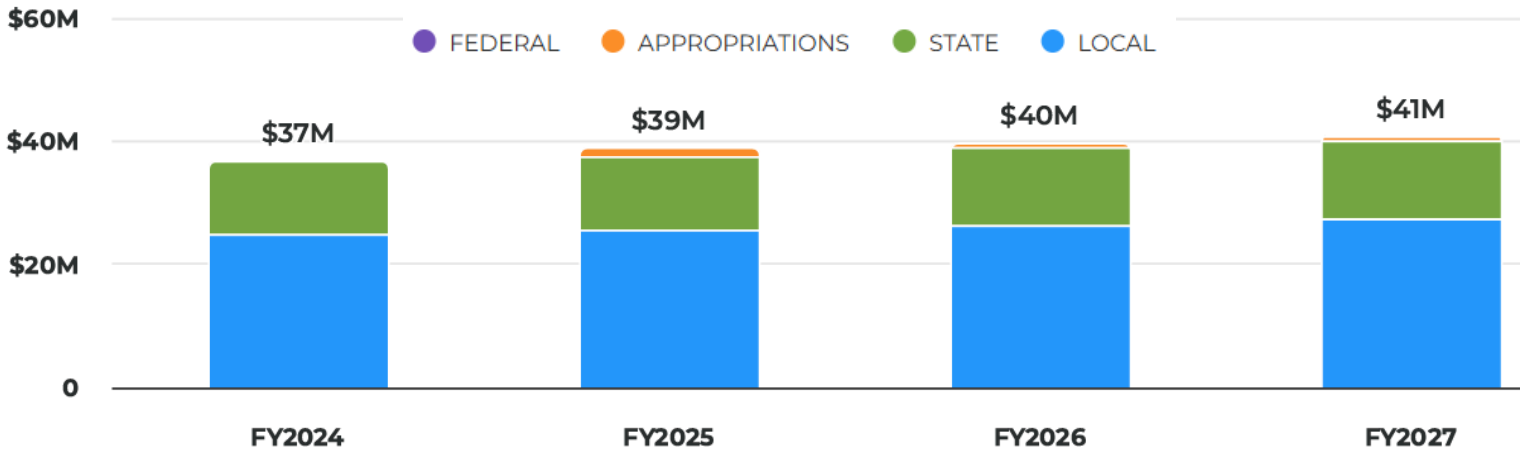
Tax levy limit over-ride requires supermajority approval.
The state's tax levy cap places restrictions on how school districts may increase their tax levies. It requires each district to calculate its own tax levy limit, which determines the maximum allowable tax levy (including permissible exclusions) that a school district can propose and needs the approval of a simple majority of voters (50 percent plus 1). A district may, however, present voters with a budget proposal that carries a tax levy that exceeds its tax levy limit (plus exclusions). In such a case, budget passage requires approval by a supermajority of voters (60 percent or more). If a district fails to obtain a supermajority for a proposal that exceeds the tax levy limit, the same rules for a budget defeat apply.

HISTORICAL EXPENDITURES



Category	2022-23 Adopted	2023-24 Adopted	2024-25 Adopted	2025-26 Adopted	2026-27 Proposed
SALARIES	$14,241,218	$15,280,813	$16,082,314	$16,707,303	$16,205,774
EQUIPMENT	$207,231	$236,850	$224,424	$231,300	$190,300
CONTRACTUAL AND SUPPLIES	$7,366,318	$8,011,187	$8,416,643	$8,183,296	$8,911,393
PRINCIPAL	$1,925,000	$2,000,000	$2,085,000	$2,230,000	$2,633,563
INTEREST	$836,029	$786,047	$697,889	$1,071,862	$1,469,649
BENEFFITS	$9,350,929	$10,197,149	$10,964,702	$11,149,864	$11,326,046
TRANSFERS	$122,000	$122,000	$122,000	$122,000	$122,000
Total Expenditures	**$34,048,725**	**$36,634,046**	**$38,592,972**	**$39,695,625**	**$40,858,724**

HISTORICAL REVENUES



Category	2022-23 Adopted	2023-24 Adopted	2024-25 Adopted	2025-26 Adopted	2026-27 Proposed
LOCAL	$23,038,853	$23,743,795	$24,870,185	$26,352,757	$27,127,072
STATE	$10,629,872	$12,390,251	$12,181,487	$12,562,868	$12,928,937
FEDERAL	$30,000	$50,000	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
APPROPRIATIONS	$100,000	$100,000	$1,461,300	$700,000	$722,715
Total Revenues	**$33,798,725**	**$36,284,046**	**$38,592,972**	**$39,695,625**	**$40,858,724**

WHAT IS A CONTINGENT BUDGET?

A contingent budget requires a 0% tax levy increase

RESTRICTS SPENDING MONEY IN CERTAIN AREAS:

- Community use of school facilities without full cost reimbursement
- New equipment
- Non-essential maintenance
- Field trips
- Student supplies
- Capital expenditures - except in emergencies
- Athletic uniforms

OTHER ORDINARY EXPENSES MAY ALSO BE REDUCED AS NEEDED TO COMPLY:

- Certain non-mandated transportation
- Non-mandated programs/activities/purchases
  - Athletics
  - Extra-curricular activities
  - Music & Arts

CONTINGENT BUDGET PREVIEW:

2026-27 Contingent Budget Amount of: $40,118,092
(assumes all other revenue remains the same)

A contingent budget of $40,118,092 would require cuts or increased appropriations of: $740,632.

Q&A

Contingency Budget

Since New York's tax levy cap law went into effect, public schools have been facing a new reality when it comes to contingent budgets. No longer is there a spending cap on contingent budgets. Instead, there is now a zero percent cap on the tax levy increase. In other words, a district that adopts a contingent budget would have to levy the same amount of taxes as in the current year or less—without any adjustments for state pension rate increases, contractual obligations or any other costs, mandated or not. However, other aspects of the contingent budget rules have stayed the same. If voters defeat their school district budget on May 19, a district has options: resubmit the same proposal or a revised proposal for a revote on June 16, or adopt a contingent budget. If residents vote down the budget a second time, the district MUST adopt a contingent budget.





VOTER INFORMATION

MAY 19, 2026 • ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA • 7AM TO 9PM

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Citizen of the U.S.
2. 18 Years old
3. Lived in District 30 days preceding the vote
4. Must be registered to vote

Please feel free to contact Debbie Todd 607-533-3020 x4000 or email dtodd@lcsd.k12.ny.us with any questions you may have.

VOTER REGISTRATION:

1. Contact Tompkins County Board of Elections at 607-274-5521
2. Contact Lansing Schools District Clerk Debbie Todd at 607-533-3020 x4000 or dtodd@lcsd.k12.ny.us

**** Any voter registering within 5 days prior to the vote, including the day of the vote, will be ineligible to vote in the 2026 annual budget vote.****








ZERO EMISSION BUS MANDATE: WHAT IS IT?

NYS requires all school districts to transition to zero-emission buses to reduce pollution and improve student health. At this time, **electric buses** (EV) are the only zero-emission vehicle available.

KEY REQUIREMENTS

- 2027: All **NEW** bus purchases must be zero-emission.

2 YEAR WAIVER AVAILABLE

- 2035: **ALL** buses in operation must be zero-emission.

Transitioning to electric buses will require an investment in vehicles, charging infrastructure, and operational planning

LANSING CSD

Lansing has not yet purchased a zero-emission bus. The funding on the ballot this year is to purchase diesel buses.

WHAT HAS LCSD DONE?

Fleet Electrification Plan
NYSERDA Clean Transportation Study Program
Initial planning for necessary infrastructure needs

NEXT STEPS?

- Complete the Waiver
- Work with NYSEG on service upgrades
- Continue planning for infrastructure upgrades

CHALLENGES

- Higher upfront costs
- Infrastructure upgrades required
  - chargers
  - electric service
  - bus garage facility
- Electric availability via NYSEG
- Local terrain & route compatibility

FUNDING & SUPPORT

- State & federal incentives
- NYSERDA

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

Two capital projects, NPA and BOBCAT, were completed over the past two years. This work was implemented in phases. All work is wrapping up now, and we hope to finalize and close out projects in the coming months. The completed work is listed below.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 1997 vintage roof replacement
- PA system replacement
- Generator connection installation

HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATIONS

- 1997 vintage roof replacement
- Courtyard walls & windows replaced
- Gymnasium floor resanding & painting
- Bleacher replacement

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 1997 vintage roof replacement
- HVAC controls upgrade
- Air conditioning 2nd floor
- Door replacements for large spaces
- Gymnasium padding & basketball hoops
- Technology building bathroom upgrade

SOBUS

- Track & field replacement
- Parking lot expansion and paving

CAPITAL PROJECT DEBT SERVICE

When capital project work incurs debt, that financial burden is offset by state aid in the form of building aid. The net of total debt expense and building aid revenue is the local share. Our building aid ratio is currently 68.2%

	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Budgeted	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected
Debt	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**	**2026-27**	**2027-28**	**2028-29**	**2029-30**	**2030-31**
Total Debt	$2,431,072	$2,413,674	$2,916,398	$3,486,941	$3,287,022	$3,425,138	$3,278,900	$3,163,025
Building Aid	$1,806,421	$1,733,709	$2,100,142	$2,348,981	$2,148,583	$2,285,480	$2,197,013	$2,108,547
Local Share	**$624,651**	**$679,965**	**816,256**	**$1,137,960**	**$1,138,439**	**$1,139,658**	**$1,081,887**	**$1,054,478**
Increase		$55,314	$136,291	$321,704	$479	$1,219	-$57,771	-$27,409

Lansing Central School District
284 Ridge Road
Lansing, NY 14882

Non-Profit
U.S. Postage
PAID
Ithaca, NY 14850
Permit #415

ENGAGED LEARNERS  EMPOWERED LEADERS  EMPATHETIC CITIZENS

LANSING MISSION STATEMENT

Lansing Central School District nurtures curiosity, character, and empathy; cultivating engaged learners, empowered leaders, and concerned citizens.

BOBCAT CORE BELIEFS

Learning with Joy & Curiosity: Education should spark curiosity, joy, and a lifelong love of discovery.
Leadership with Character & Courage: Students grow through challenges, risk taking, and reflection, building confidence, resilience, and purpose.
Belonging & Inclusion: Safe, welcoming environments honor every student's identity and ensure they feel seen, valued, and included.
Partnership & Connection: Strong relationships among school, family, and community enrich learning and empower student success.
Empathy & Respect: Compassion, diverse perspectives, and understanding guide how we learn, lead, and live together.