LANSING

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2026–27
BUDGET VOTE

VOTER INFORMATION BOOKLET

★ MAY 19, 2026 ★

YOUR VOTE. OUR FUTURE.

Stronger Together.

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.

MISSION

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

ENGAGED LEARNERS. | **EMPOWERED LEADERS.** | **EMPATHETIC CITIZENS.**

BUDGET VOTE HAPPENINGS 2026

ONE DAY. ONE COMMUNITY. ONE BOBCAT FAMILY.

HS COMMUNITY & CAREER DAY

(REGULAR DAY FOR LHS STUDENTS)

LCSD

ES ART SHOW and PTSO BOOK FAIR

8:00 AM – 8:30 PM

JUNIOR CLASS' CHICKEN BBQ

TOMORROW

AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2:30 – 5:00 PM

COME VOTE AND ENJOY BEING ON THE LCSD CAMPUS!

BOBCAT PRIDE

COMMUNITY | CONNECTION | COMMITMENT | TOGETHER WE THRIVE

2026–27 BUDGET SUMMARY

Total expenditures for 2026–27 increased **2.93%** to **$40.85 million.**

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%
BENEFITS	$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 2026–27 budget reflects responsible fiscal planning that maintains all programs and services while addressing rising costs and supporting student needs.

SALARIES & BENEFITS

Salaries decreased to $16.2 million (39.66% of the budget), while benefits rose slightly to 27.72%, reflecting staffing reductions managed primarily through retirements and reassignment, with no impact on programming.

Salaries and benefits are the largest component of the budget and are driven by contractual obligations through union negotiations. Retirement contributions are mandatory and rising healthcare costs have had a significant impact on overall employee benefits costs.

CONTRACTUAL AND SUPPLIES

Contractual and Supplies increased 8.9% to $8.9 million (21.81% of the budget), driven mainly by higher BOCES placement costs and rising utilities.

The number of students placed in BOCES programs to meet educational needs has increased this year and they are expected to remain at BOCES during the 2026–27 school year.

DEBT SERVICE (PRINCIPAL & INTEREST)

Debt service also increased due to the recent capital project, as anticipated, and is partially offset by additional state building aid revenue.

EQUIPMENT

Equipment expenditures declined 17.73% to $190,300 (0.47% of the budget) due to adjustments in planned facilities and technology purchases.

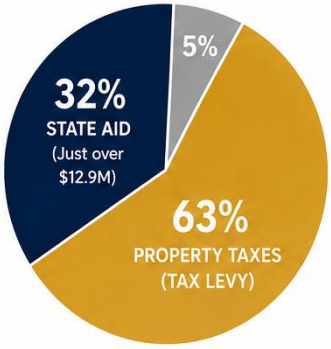
TRANSFERS

Transfers remained unchanged at $122,000, or 0.3% of the budget.

HOW OUR DISTRICT IS FUNDED

Responsible Planning. Smart Investments. Stronger Futures.

OUR BUDGET SOURCES



STATE AID – 32%
Just over $12.9 million from New York State.

PROPERTY TAXES (TAX LEVY) – 63%
Funded through property taxes, or the tax levy.

OTHER REVENUES – 5%
Additional revenue sources that help support our budget.

UNDERSTANDING STATE AID

FOUNDATION AID IS THE LARGEST SOURCE.
Foundation Aid is determined by a New York State formula that considers factors such as **student enrollment** and **community poverty levels**. Districts with lower poverty rates generally receive less aid, as the state assumes a greater local capacity to support schools through property taxes.

OTHER STATE AID IS EXPENSE-DRIVEN.
Other forms of state aid, including BOCES Aid and Transportation Aid, are expense-driven, meaning aid is based on district spending in those areas and reimbursed at established rates in the following year.

BUILDING AID IS PROJECT-BASED.
Building Aid is generated through approved capital projects and the debt associated with those projects.

FUNDED BY OUR COMMUNITY
With New York State providing just over $12.9 million in aid, approximately **63%** of the budget is funded through property taxes, or the tax levy.

The district remains committed to **staying within the state tax cap** whenever possible.

USING RESERVES WISELY
To help manage the tax levy, the district may use appropriated fund balance and reserves to offset costs and reduce the burden on taxpayers.

However, these funds are limited and, once used, are no longer available in the future. Maintaining **healthy reserve and fund balance levels** remains important while balancing the need to minimize tax increases.

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	0.20%	$80,000	0.20%
TOTAL BUDGET	**$40,858,724**		**$39,695,625**	

ADDITIONAL REVENUE SOURCES

- Interest Earnings
- Facility Rentals
- Refunds of Prior-Year Expeness
- Sale of Surplus Equipment

CAPITAL PROJECT DEBT SERVICES

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.

LANSING CSD'S BUILDING AID RATIO IS 68.2%

TOTAL DEBT EXPENSE – **BUILDING AID REVENUE** (STATE AID) = **LOCAL SHARE** (WHAT THE DISTRICT PAYS)

Utilizing a capital reserve reduces the amount of debt a district needs to borrow to pay for the project. This lowers the local share.

TWO CAPITAL PROJECTS COMPLETED OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS

NPA & BOBCAT

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.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

HIGH SCHOOL

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

SOBUS

Track replacement: former track surface was at its end of life
Field replacement: neded to be replaced due to track replacement.
Parking lot: Expansion and paving

CAPITAL PROJECT DEBT SERVICES

Debt	2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Budgeted	2026-27 Budgeted	2027-28 Projected	2028-29 Projected	2029-30 Projected	2030-31 Projected
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

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.

INVEST $100,000 → **RECEIVE BACK $68,200 NEXT YEAR**

THIS YEAR WE ARE PROPOSING A PROJECT INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- SAFETY & SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS
- HVAC & ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS
- PLUMBING
- ELECTRIC

Investing in our facilities today to support learning, safety and efficiency for tomorrow.

PROPOSITION 2 ON THE BALLOT

LANSING
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROPOSITION 2

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?

2 SCHOOL BUSES

1 STUDENT TRANSPORT SUV

TOTAL PROJECT COST NOT TO EXCEED | $400,000

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Proposition #2 would allow the District to borrow up to **$400,000** to purchase two (2) diesel student transport buses and one (1) student transport SUV.

The **$400,000** would be financed and repaid over time.

The cost of borrowing would be paid back through a tax on the taxable property within the School District.

The taxes necessary to repay this debt for 2026-27 are part of the budget above.

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)?

✓ **YES** or ✗ **NO**

Director of Facilities & Transportation: George Fenner

NYS ZERO-EMISSION SCHOOL BUS MANDATE

— Current law, proposed 5-year delay, and Lansing CSD considerations

1 CURRENT NYS MANDATE

- New school buses must be zero-emission starting **July 1, 2027**
- All school buses on the road must be zero-emission by **2035**
- Applies statewide under Education Law **§3638**
- A 2-year waiver is currently available

2 PROPOSED 5-YEAR DELAY

- **Bills: S9667 / A10896**
- Would shift new-bus deadline to **July 1, 2032**
- Would shift full-fleet deadline to **2040**
- **Status: Proposed / not yet enacted**

LANSING CSD STATUS

- To date, Lansing CSD has not yet purchased a zero-emission bus
- Completed a Fleet Electrification Plan
- Completed a NYSERDA Clean Transportation Study Program
- Started planning for necessary infrastructure needs

CHALLENGES

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

FUNDING & SUPPORT

- Available through NYSERDA
- State incentives
- Federal incentives

TIMELINE COMPARISON

CURRENT LAW

2027 — New buses must be zero-emission → **2035** — All buses on the road must be zero-emission

PROPOSED 5-YEAR DELAY

2032 — New buses must be zero-emission → **2040** — All buses on the road must be zero-emission

5-YEAR SHIFT

This legislation is a **PROPOSAL** and would delay the Zero-Emission School Bus Mandate by **FIVE YEARS**.

District-specific notes reflect Lansing CSD planning status.

ATHLETICS

OVERALL ATHLETIC BUDGET:
$574,114

INCLUDES:
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, COACHES, EQUIPMENT, OFFICIALS, SUPPLIES, ETC.

GRADES 7 – 12

41 TEAMS

695 STUDENT PARTICIPANTS IN 2025-26

FALL SPORTS

247 STUDENTS

- MOD & VARSITY FOOTBALL
- MOD & VARSITY CHEER
- MOD, JV, VARSITY SOCCER (GIRLS & BOYS)
- JV, VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
- MOD & VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY
- MOD & VARSITY GIRLS SWIMMING

WINTER SPORTS

214 STUDENTS

- MOD, JV, VARSITY BASKETBALL (GIRLS & BOYS)
- MOD & VARSITY WRESTLING
- VARSITY BOWLING
- MOD & VARSITY INDOOR TRACK
- MOD & VARSITY BOYS SWIMMING
- MOD VOLLEYBALL

SPRING SPORTS

234 STUDENTS

- MOD, JV, VARSITY BASEBALL
- MOD, JV, VARSITY SOFTBALL
- VARSITY TENNIS
- MOD & VARSITY TRACK & FIELD
- VARSITY GOLF (GIRLS & BOYS)

ENGAGED LEARNERS. | EMPOWERED LEADERS. | EMPATHETIC CITIZENS.

EXTRACURRICULARS

OVERALL EXTRACURRICULAR BUDGET:
$155,000

INCLUDES:
Club advisors for ES, MS, HS clubs

APPROXIMATELY **450** STUDENT PARTICIPANTS IN 2025–26

ES CLUBS

- Art Club
- Book Club
- Chorus
- Orchestra
- Band
- Computer Tech Club
- Meet the Author
- Music Club
- PE Club
- Science Club
- Student Council

MS CLUBS

- Art Club
- Chess Club
- 8th Grade Class
- IDEAS Club
- Library Club
- MS Musical
- Science Club
- Student Council
- Yearbook

HS CLUBS

- Access to College Education
- Art Club
- Chess Club
- Drama Club
- Excel Academics
- Gay Straight Alliance
- Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership
- Jazz Club
- Knit & Crochet Club
- Lansing Lunchbox
- Link Crew
- Model United Nations
- HS Musical
- Multicultural Club
- Robotics
- Shakespeare Competitions
- Show Choir
- Student Council
- Sustainability Club
- Trap Shooting
- Yearbook

ENGAGED LEARNERS. | EMPOWERED LEADERS. | EMPATHETIC CITIZENS.

Swim Instruction:

- Students in grades K-6, 5 week sessions
  - 10 weeks in the fall for MS and 10 weeks in the spring for ES
- Students in HS (various rotations)
- Students receiving Adapted Physical Education (APE)

Swim Instructors:

- Elementary PE Teachers
- Middle School PE Teacher
- Middle School PE/Health Teacher
- One lifeguard

Swim instruction will continue with 2 certified physical education teachers and one lifeguard for K-6. One certified physical education teacher and one lifeguard for APE and HS rotations.

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CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

★ EXPLORE. CONNECT. SUCCEED. ★

CAREER & COMMUNITY DAY

YOUR FUTURE. OUR COMMUNITY. ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES.

TUESDAY
MAY 19
LANSING HIGH SCHOOL

A daylong event **connecting** high school students with local employers and career opportunities.

MOCK INTERVIEWS
Practice. Learn. Build confidence.

RESUME FEEDBACK
Get tips. Improve. Stand out.

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES
Explore careers. Discover your path.

REAL CONNECTIONS
Meet professionals. Explore opportunities.

JOBS & OPPORTUNITIES
Learn about hiring now and in the future.

PARTICIPATING INDUSTRIES INCLUDE:

- MANUFACTURING
- CONSTRUCTION
- WEB DESIGN
- RETAIL
- HEALTHCARE
- LAW ENFORCEMENT
- NUTRITION
- SPORTS SCIENCES
- ENGINEERING
- LABORATORY SCIENCES
- PHYSICAL THERAPY
- EDUCATION
- BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
- FINANCE & BANKING
- HOSPITALITY
- AGRICULTURE
- PUBLIC SECTOR
- ...AND MORE!

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Award of Excellence

For Exemplary Display of Sportsmanship, Ethics & Integrity

2025-2026

Presented to

Lansing

Karissa Niehoff, Executive Director
National Federation of State High School Associations

Dr. Robert Zayas, Executive Director
New York Public High School Athletic Association

A program of the National Federation of State High School Associations

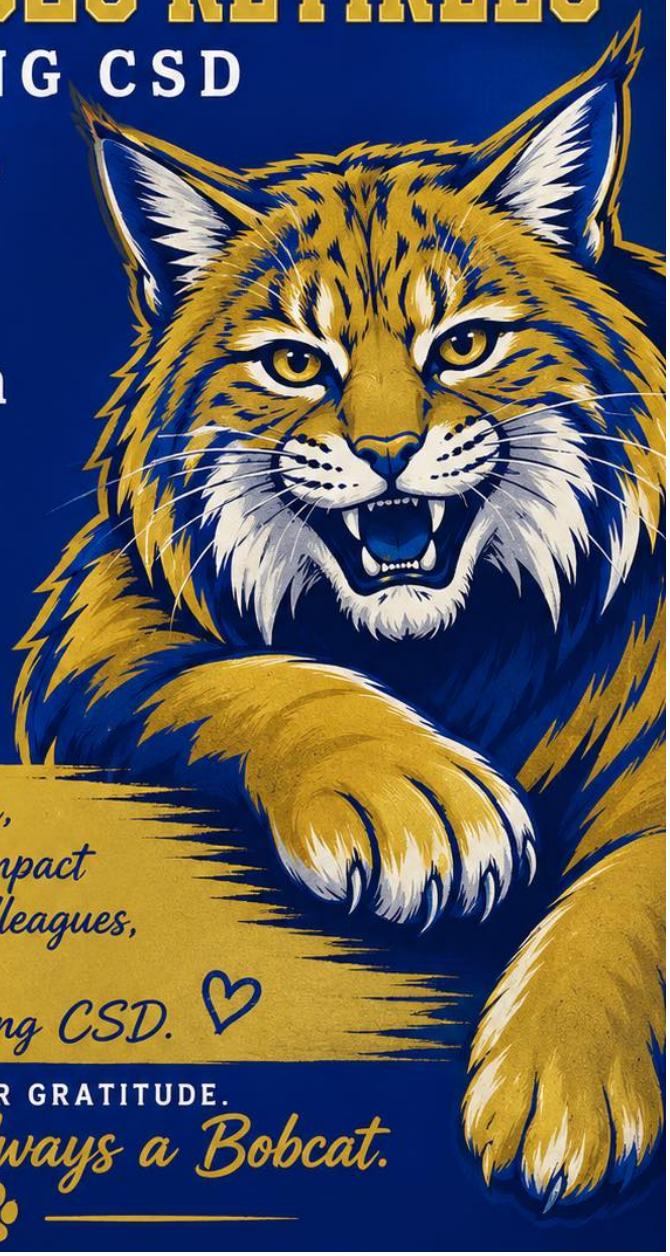
Congratulations

TO THE

CLASS OF 2026 RETIREES

LANSING CSD

- Mary Ellen Barber
- Dan Ferguson
- Francesca Garrison
- Todd Howell
- Karen Hradisky
- Christine Rebera



Thank you for your dedication, your passion, and the lasting impact you've made on our students, colleagues, and community. Your legacy will always be a part of Lansing CSD.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS. OUR GRATITUDE.

Once a Bobcat, Always a Bobcat.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE BUDGET FAILS?

3 OPTIONS IF A BUDGET DOESN'T PASS

1 RE-VOTE WITH SAME BUDGET
- Increase public awareness

2 RE-VOTE WITH REVISED BUDGET
- Adjust budget based on feedback

3 GO IMMEDIATELY TO CONTINGENT BUDGET

IF RESIDENTS VOTE DOWN THE BUDGET A 2ND TIME – DISTRICT MUST ADOPT A CONTINGENT BUDGET

DATE OF REVOTE: JUNE 16TH

CONTINGENCY BUDGET – 0% LEVY INCREASE

ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS NEEDED OF $740,632

RESTRICTS CERTAIN SPENDING:

- Community use of facilities without full reimbursement
- ALL New equipment
- Non-essential maintenance
- ALL Field trips
- Student supplies
- Athletic uniforms

STILL REQUIRED:

Any contractual increases:
- Salary increases per contract
- Benefits offered: Active & Retired employees

Debt Service obligations

OTHER EXPENSES WILL NEED TO BE REDUCED TO COMPLY:

EXAMPLES:
- Additional Instructional positions and programming
- Certain non-mandated transportation
- Athletics
- Extra-curricular activities
- Music & Arts
- Other non-mandated programs/activities/purchases

BUDGET VOTE

RC BUCKLEY

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MAY 19

ENGAGED LEARNERS.

EMPOWERED LEADERS.

EMPATHETIC CITIZENS.

LANSING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
CANDIDATES

- Kirsten Eynav
- Andrew Gross
- Matthew Bogummil
- Alec Macaulay
- Monroe Makowsky
- Robert Case
- Matt Lisonbee