CHAPPAQUA
Central School District

District Budget for BOE Consideration 2025-26

March 26, 2025

#WEARECHAPPAQUA BY THE NUMBERS

3,516 STUDENTS | **612 STAFF** | **6 SCHOOLS**

2025-2026

- **$144,392,025** PROPOSED BUDGET
- **$3,644,287** INCREASE (2.59%)
- **$124,550,099** TAX LEVY
- **$2,811,116 (2.31%)** TAX LEVY INCREASE

A+ Overall Niche Grade

#156 IN THE US 2024 Best High Schools Rankings by U.S. News & World Report

24 2025 National Merit Commended Students, 12 Semi-Finalists, 11 Finalists, & 3 Scholarship Winners

24 2025 Valedictorians & 125 Cum Laude Honors

99% Percentile Proficient on 2024 NYSED ELA Exams Grades 3-8

99% Percentile Proficient on 2024 NYSED Math Exam Grade 7

99% High School Graduation Rate & Rate of 4-Year College Enrollment

6 2024 US Presidential Scholar Candidates

11:1 Student-to-Teacher Ratio
145:1 HGHS Student-to-Counselor Ratio

SAT 1368 OVERALL | **680 READING** | **688 MATH** | **ACT 29 OVERALL**

2024 Average Scores for HGHS Students

20 AP Courses Offered with 536 Students Completing 1,558 Exams in 2023-2024

HGHS Earned Silver Distinction from the College Board

2025 HGHS SCIENCE RESEARCH

- **46** Regeneron Westchester Science & Engineering Fair Awards
- **3** Regeneron Science Research Scholars
- **3** International Science & Engineering Fair Finalists
- **1** GENIUS Olympiad finalist

19.5 K-4 | **21.3 5-8** | **17.6 9-12 CORE CLASSES**

Average Projected 2025-2026 Class Size

82 Athletic Teams Including 2,090 Student Athletes Across 30 Programs

49+ District-Wide Music & Theatre Performances

1 National Blue Ribbon Award Winning School
Horace Greeley High School

140+ District-Wide Extracurricular Clubs & Activities

Aaa Moody's (Highest Rating)

CCSD Board Of Education

STRATEGIC QUESTIONS

#1 **Budget & Operations:** “How can the District ensure continuing excellence in its academic, social-emotional and extracurricular programs, while developing a budget that is fiscally responsible?“

#2 **Teaching & Learning:** “How can the District ensure that all students think deeply and creatively, support their thinking, apply problem-solving skills, work collaboratively, and actively participate in their learning as they acquire content knowledge?“

#3 **Social-Emotional Learning:** “How can the District ensure that it develops students who are ethical, empathic, respectful, and resilient global citizens and leaders?”

CHAPPAQUA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

#1 Improving Student Sense of Belonging

#2 Rethinking Traditional Curriculum

#3 The Middle School Experience

#4 Talent Management & Professional Capacity

#5 Modernized Systems, Revenue Generation & Logistics

2024-2025 Budget Calendar

Budget Preview	January 11, 2025 ✓
Superintendent's Budget Recommendation	March 5, 2025 ✓
Component Budgets	March 12, 2025 Curriculum, Technology, Special Education, Athletics ✓
	March 18, 2025 Operations & Maintenance, Non-Instructional Budget, Revenue, Contingency Budget ✓
PTA Budget Forum	March 24, 2025 (6:00 pm via Zoom) ✓
Budget Adoption Meeting	March 26, 2025 ✓
Budget Hearing	May 7, 2025
Chappaqua Public Library Budget Presentation	May 7, 2025
Budget Vote & Election	May 20, 2025 (7:00 am - 9:00 pm) Horace Greeley HS Gymnasium

Chappaqua Central School District Proposed Budget:

2025-2026 = $144,392,025

Proposed Budget Increase $3,644,287

Within the Tax Cap

Budget-to-Budget Change

BUDGET
$144,392,025
2.59% Increase
$3,644,287 Increase
TAX LEVY
$124,550,099
2.31% Increase
$2,811,116 Increase



The Proposed Budget is Tax Cap Compliant

ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS & SECTIONS

ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

2018/19 TO 2029/30

Note: 2024-2025 Actual enrollment as of March 1, 2025

Grade	2018 - 2019	2019 - 2020	2020- 2021	2021- 2022	2022- 2023	2023- 2024	2024- 2025	Projected 2025- 2026	Projected 2026- 2027	Projected 2027- 2028	Projected 2028- 2029	Projected 2029- 2030
K	243	201	236	249	235	256	251	242	245	244	246	245
1	246	254	212	257	249	241	265	257	252	246	254	254
2	249	244	280	239	257	270	255	275	265	263	247	263
3	267	253	252	287	239	266	268	259	281	273	266	249
4	245	271	258	262	287	249	269	274	259	285	277	269
5	330	253	281	267	261	289	247	275	275	261	287	282
6	289	330	251	283	267	276	288	250	275	277	266	289
7	306	289	328	251	283	277	272	288	252	278	281	269
8	288	304	282	325	251	282	277	275	289	255	280	285
9	304	276	299	279	325	248	284	278	269	285	253	275
10	310	303	271	293	279	324	243	284	275	269	285	253
11	335	309	292	268	293	278	320	244	284	275	269	285
12	302	343	314	299	268	288	277	326	244	284	275	269
Total	3714	3630	3556	3559	3494	3544	3516	3527	3465	3495	3486	3487
Elementary	1250	1223	1238	1275	1267	1282	1308	1307	1302	1311	1290	1280
Middle	1213	1176	1142	1126	1062	1124	1084	1088	1091	1071	1114	1125
High	1251	1231	1176	1148	1165	1138	1124	1132	1072	1113	1082	1082
Total	3714	3630	3556	3549	3494	3544	3516	3527	3465	3495	3486	3487
Out of District Placement	34	31	34	24	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
Total	3748	3661	3590	3573	3523	3573	3545	3556	3494	3524	3515	3516

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SECTIONS

Building	Grade	2024-2025 (March 5) Enrollment	Section	Avg. Class Size	2025-2026 Projected Enrollment	Estimated Sections	Avg. Class Size
Grafflin	K	63	3	21.0	77	4	19.3
	1	100	5	20.0	64	3	21.3
	2	77	4	19.3	106	5	21.2
	3	92	5	18.4	77	4	19.3
	4	83	4	20.8	96	5	19.2
	Total	**415**	**21**		**420**	**21**	
Roaring Brook	K	92	5	18.4	83	5	16.6
	1	83	4	20.8	93	5	18.6
	2	85	4	21.3	84	4	21.0
	3	96	5	19.2	87	4	21.8
	4	95	5	19.0	98	5	19.6
	Total	**451**	**23**		**445**	**23**	
Westorchard	K	96	5	19.2	82	5	16.4
	1	82	4	20.5	100	5	20.0
	2	93	5	18.6	85	4	21.3
	3	80	4	20.0	95	5	19.0
	4	91	5	18.2	80	4	20.0
	Total	**442**	**23**		**442**	**23**	
Total Elementary School		**1308**	**67**		**1307**	**67**	

Class Sections are subject to change based on actual enrollment & are finalized in the summer

MIDDLE SCHOOL SECTIONS

Building	Grade	2024-2025 (March 5) Enrollment	Section	Avg. Class Size		2025-2026 Projected Enrollment	Estimated Sections	Avg. Class Size
Bell	5	129	6	21.5		146	7	20.9
	6	158	8	19.8		129	6	21.5
	7	149	7	21.3		160	7	22.9
	8	151	7	21.6		150	7	21.4
	Total	**587**	**28**			**585**	**27**	
Seven Bridges	5	118	6	19.7		129	6	21.5
	6	130	6	21.7		121	6	20.2
	7	123	6	20.5		128	6	21.3
	8	126	6	21.0		125	6	20.8
	Total	**497**	**24**			**503**	**24**	
Total Middle School		**1084**	**52**			**1088**	**51**	

HIGH SCHOOL SECTIONS

HGHS Grade	Current 2024-2025	Projected 2025-2026
9	284	278
10	244	284
11	326	244
12	285	326
Total	**1139**	**1132**

Class Size Impact	2024-2025		2025-2026	
	Section	Current Avg. Size	Section	Projected Avg. Size
English	54	21.1	54	21.0
Math	67	17.0	67	16.9
Social Studies	67	17.0	67	16.9
Science	70	16.3	70	16.2







Budget Priorities

Strategic Planning Target Areas

- Shared Middle School Programming at HGHS
- K-4 World Language Classes
- Increased Support For HGHS Academic Teams
- Reduction of Fund Balance Allocation toward Budget
- New Student Transition Program 1-12
- Partnership with Northwell Hospital
- Maintain Class Sizes at the Elementary Level
- Enhanced Security Measures
- Increase AP/Elective Courses at Greeley

Major Priorities & Projects 25/26

- Pre-K Year 2
- K-10 IB Exploration
- K-4 Literacy Program
- Middle School AIS Math
- Science 6 & 7 Curriculum
- New Graduation Measures
- Increase Wilson Level 1 Certified Staff
- MS/HS Schedule & Advisory
- STEAM Program Expansion
- Sustainability Curriculum
- AI & Technology
- 9 & 10th Grade Rigor
- Enhanced Support w. College Process

Special Education

Multi-Tiered System of Support: Extend leadership team and use of Branching Minds as a data dashboard

Extend ESY Life Skills Class to 5.5 hours daily

Explore ICT at the elementary school level

TSP Pilot at Bell MS for Both Middle Schools

Professional development around progress monitoring, differentiated instruction, and assessment

Parent engagement and communication

DBT Therapy and Groups

Technology Priorities

- Upgrade Phone System
- Upgrade Lockdown System Software & Support
- Standardize Technology in Large Spaces
- Increase Access to Sophisticated Projects 5-12
- Camera Expansion & Upgrades
- District-Wide Walkie-Talkie Project
- Continue 1-1 Devices K-8

Infrastructure Priorities & Enhancements

- ➔ Pave & Restructure The Senior Lot
- ➔ Pave Bell Lot - ADJUSTMENT
- ➔ Install Alarmed Grafflin Gate
- ➔ Maintain Current Security Personnel & Structure
- ➔ Greeley Guard Booth
- ➔ Transition to Hybrid & Electric Vehicles
- ➔ Remove Electric Partitions In Gyms
- ➔ Repaint Parking Lots
- ➔ Finish A Majority of Capital Project Work by 9/1

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Athletics

Participation

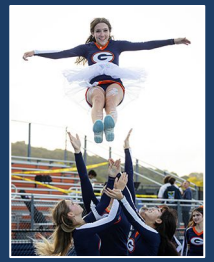
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Winter - 520

Spring - 784 *(est.)*

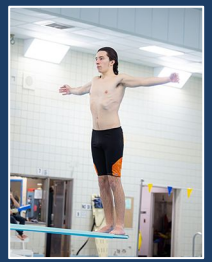
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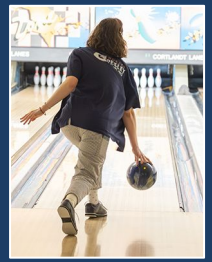




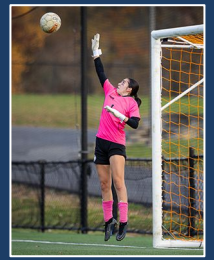


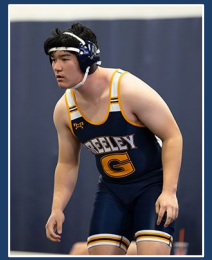


















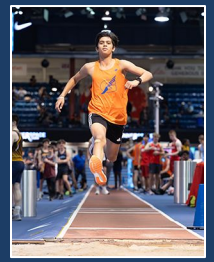














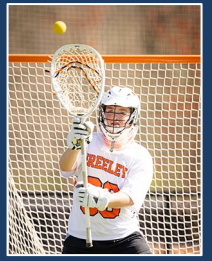












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Potential New Programming
Based on Enrollment & Section Support

JV Boys Volleyball
&
Modified Girl's Flag Football





ATHLETICS

Expenditures & Revenues

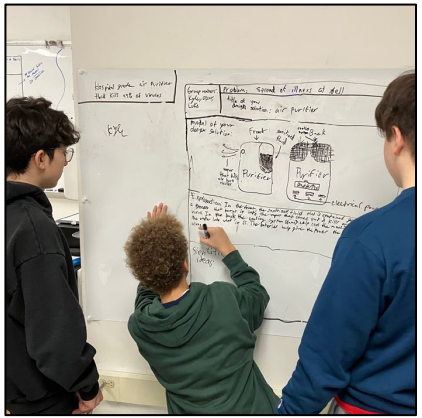
2024-25 vs. 2025-26

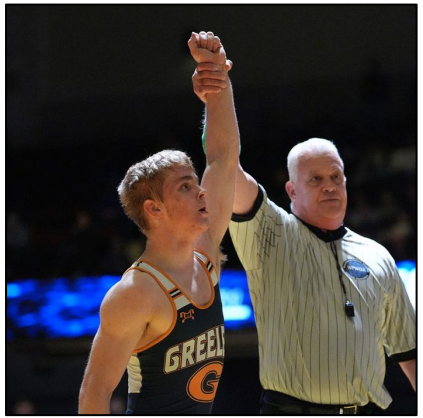
EXPENDITURES

Categories	Approved 2024-25	Proposed 2025-26	Increase ($)	Increase (%)
Salaries	$68,117,374	$70,110,059	$1,992,685	2.93%
Benefits	$31,904,126	$32,784,960	$880,834	2.76%
Debt Service	$7,207,965	$8,525,590	$1,317,625	18.28%
Operations & Maintenance	$7,105,795	$7,496,836	$391,041	5.50%
Transportation	$7,873,436	$8,123,050	$249,614	3.17%
Special Education	$4,845,002	$4,846,901	$1,899	0.04%
BOCES Services	$3,408,336	$4,557,356	$1,149,020	33.71%
Technology	$2,507,938	$1,478,500	-$1,029,438	-41.05%
Per Pupil	$1,335,659	$1,385,111	$49,452	3.70%
Other	$4,570,920	$4,761,225	$190,305	4.16%
Capital Transfer	$1,871,187	$322,437	-$1,548,750	-82.77%
Total	$140,747,738	$144,392,025	$3,644,287	2.59%

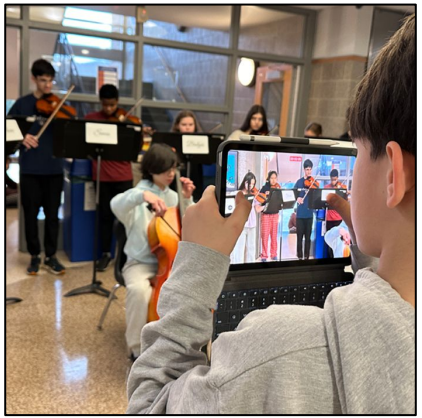
EXPENDITURES

Categories	Approved 2024-25	Proposed 2025-26	Increase ($)	Increase (%)
Salaries and Benefits	$100,021,500	$102,895,019	$2,873,519	2.87%
All Other Categories	$40,726,238	$41,497,006	$770,768	1.89%
Total	$140,747,738	$144,392,025	$3,644,287	2.59%









EXPENDITURES

Categories	Approved 2024-2025	% of Budget		Proposed 2025-2026	% of Budget	
Salaries	$68,117,374	48.40%	71.06%	$70,110,059	48.56%	71.26%
Benefits	$31,904,126	22.67%		$32,784,960	22.71%	
Debt Service	$7,207,965	5.12%	28.94%	$8,525,590	5.90%	28.74%
Operations & Maintenance	$7,105,795	5.05%		$7,496,836	5.19%	
Transportation	$7,873,436	5.59%		$8,123,050	5.63%	
Special Education	$4,845,002	3.44%		$4,846,901	3.36%	
BOCES Services	$3,408,336	2.42%		$4,557,356	3.16%	
Technology	$2,507,938	1.78%		$1,478,500	1.02%	
Per Pupil	$1,335,659	0.95%		$1,385,111	0.96%	
Other	$4,570,920	3.25%		$4,761,225	3.30%	
Capital Transfer	$1,871,187	1.33%		$322,437	0.22%	
Total	**$140,747,738**	**100.00%**		**$144,392,025**	**100.00%**	

CAPITAL PROJECT EXPENDITURE FOR 2025-26

Categories	Approved 2024-25	Proposed 2025-26	Increase ($)	Increase (%)
Debt Service	$7,207,965	$8,525,590	$1,317,625	18.28%
Capital Transfer	$1,871,187	$322,437	-$1,548,750	-82.77%
Total	$9,079,152	$8,848,027	-$231,125	-2.55%

Total Decrease Due To Lower Debt Payment Due on 2018 Bond Schedule

The 2025-26 Capital Transfer Budget will fund the following projects:

- Greeley Guard House
- Paving Greeley Entrance



REVENUES

Categories	2024-2025	2025-2026	+/- ($)	+/- (%)
Real Property Taxes	$121,738,983	$124,550,099	$2,811,116	2.31%
State Aid	$12,400,660	$13,080,204	$679,544	5.48%
Appropriated Fund Balance	$2,728,279	$2,500,000	-$228,279	-8.37%
Sales Tax Revenues	$1,836,001	$1,925,261	$89,260	4.86%
Charges for Services	$502,815	$509,211	$6,396	1.27%
Use of Money or Property	$970,000	$920,000	-$50,000	-5.15%
Misc. Other Income	$571,000	$907,250	$336,250	58.89%
Total	**$140,747,738**	**$144,392,025**	**$3,644,287**	**2.59%**

REVENUES

Categories	2024-2025		2025-2026	
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total
Real Property Taxes	$121,738,983	88.03%	$124,550,099	86.26%
State Aid	$12,400,660	8.97%	$13,080,204	9.06%
Appropriated Fund Balance	$2,728,279	1.97%	$2,500,000	1.73%
Sales Tax Revenues	$1,836,001	1.33%	$1,925,261	1.33%
Charges for Services	$502,815	0.36%	$509,211	0.35%
Use of Money or Property	$970,000	0.70%	$920,000	0.64%
Misc. Other Income	$571,000	0.41%	$907,250	0.63%
Total	**$138,296,286**	**100.00%**	**$144,392,025**	**100.00%**

Tax Analysis 2025-26 – (Estimated)

Estimated Tax Rate Analysis 2025-26		
School District Budget		$144,392,025
Less: Revenue from sources other than current local property tax		$17,341,926
Less: Appropriated Fund Balance		$2,500,000
Tax Levy		$124,550,099
	New Castle	Mt. Pleasant
Assessed Taxable Valuation	$928,917,478	$6,785,662
Equalization Rate	14.07%	1.07%
Full Taxable Valuation	6,602,114,271	634,174,019
Portion of Tax Levy	91.24%	8.76%
Tax Levy	$113,634,774	$10,915,325
Rate Per $1,000 (Estimated)		
School district Estimated 2024-25	$122.33	$1,608.59
Compared to School District Actual 2023-24		
$ Increase per $1,000	$1.1363200	$21.4156981
% Increase	0.94%	1.35%

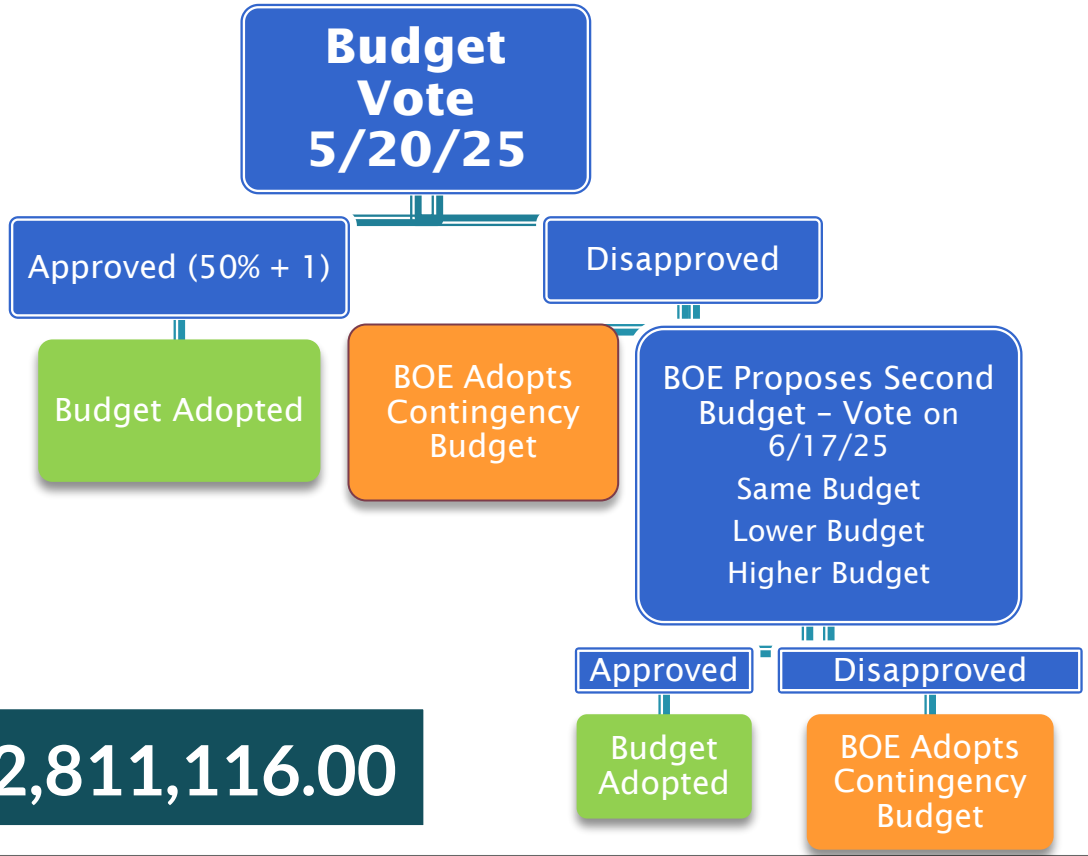




Contingency Budget



When Does a District Go to a Contingency Budget?



Reduction: $2,811,116.00

Voter Information & BOE Election



Voter Information

Voter status may be checked by calling the District Clerk, Liisa Elsner, 238-7200 ext. 1002, lielsner@chappaquaschools.org, between 8:30am and 4:30pm.

To be eligible to vote on May 20, 2025, residents must be registered for general political elections or with the school district or have voted within the past four years in an election.

Registrants must be United States citizens, residents of the school district for 30 days, and 18 years of age.

Register on any business day at the office of the District Clerk during normal business hours up to May 15, 2025, five (5) days prior to the election.

Applications for absentee ballots for electing board members and voting on the 2025-26 school and library budgets may be obtained from the District Clerk or the website: www.chappaquaschools.org. State Education Law prohibits absentee registration.

Board of Education - Election Details

Qualifications for Membership on the School Board

- Must be able to read and write
- Must be a qualified voter of the District; that is, a citizen of the US, at least 18 years of age or older, and not adjudged to be an incompetent (A convicted felon is barred from running for a seat on a board of education if his or her maximum prison sentence has not expired or if he or she has not been pardoned or discharged from parole).
- Must be and have been a resident (but not necessarily taxpayer) of the District for a continuous and uninterrupted period of at least one year
- May not have been removed from any school district office within the preceding year.
- May not be a current employee of the school district.
- May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office.

Nominating petitions are available through the District Clerk (Liisa Elsner, lielsner@chappaquaschools.org, (914) 238-7200 x1002). All petitions must be returned no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, April 21, 2025. Please call or email with any questions.

Two (2) Open Seats on the CCSD BOE

Three (3) year term beginning on July 1st

APRIL 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	**21**	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Principal Coffees By Building

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Wednesday, April 2nd	10:00AM	Horace Greeley HS
Thursday, April 3rd	10:15AM	Grafflin ES
Friday, April 4th	9:00AM	Westorchard ES
Tuesday, April 8th	9:00AM	Robert Bell MS
Wednesday, April 9th	9:00AM	Roaring Brook ES
Thursday, April 24th	9:00AM	Seven Bridges MS

Budget Comments

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BOOK TASTING
Thank You!