

Glens Falls Common School District



Budget Newsletter 2025-2026

Abraham Wing residents will vote on May 20, 2025 on a proposed \$6,121,606 budget for 2025-2026 that includes a spending increase of 2.75% (\$163,568).

Our mission is to enhance educational opportunities for all students by fostering their social, intellectual, and emotional well-being. We aim to empower students to shape the future by maintaining current programs and promoting growth in a safe and supportive environment that encourages academic excellence. The budget outlined in this newsletter has been designed to sustain these efforts and support the continued development of our educational community.



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Budget Presentation

May 8, 2025

4:30pm

120 Lawrence Street



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School Budget Vote

May 20, 2025

12pm - 8pm

120 Lawrence Street

School District Budget

Proposed 2025-2026 Budget

\$6,121,606

Adopted 2024-2025 Budget = \$5,958,038

Budget Increase \$163,568



Ballot Items:

Resolution #1: Proposed 2025-2026 School Budget

Resolved, that the budget submitted by the Board of Education of the Glens Falls Common School District, Warren County, New York, in the amount of \$6,121,606 for the school year 2025-2026 is hereby approved.

Proposed Capital Outlay Project:

Roof repair:

The proposed Capital Outlay project will be aided through NYSED and not affect the tax payers.

The proposed project will be to replace and upgrade sections of the roof structure. This will help to maintain a safe and secure environment for all students and staff.

STAR Exemption Savings:

\$380 Basic

- available for owner-occupied, primary residences
- the income limit for the Basic STAR credit is \$500,000 (the income limit for the Basic STAR exemption is \$250,000)

\$794 Enhanced

- provides an increased benefit for the primary residences of senior citizens (age 65 and older) with qualifying incomes
- \$107,300 or less for 2025

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

For more information:

You can register 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Property owners without access to a computer can register by phone at 518-457-2036 weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

www.tax.ny.gov/star/

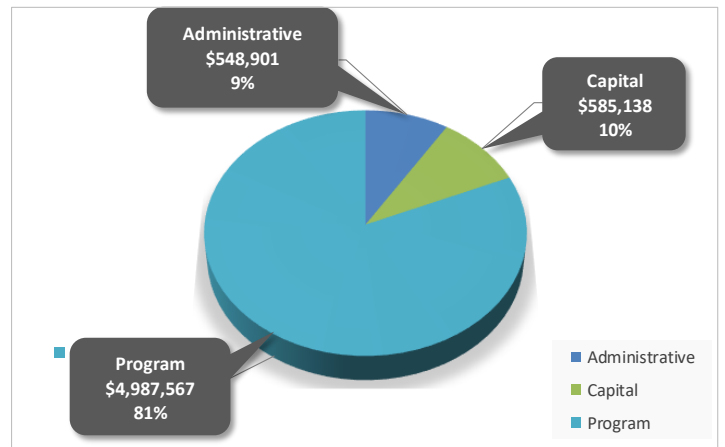
Three Part Estimated Budget Summary

Administrative Expenditures			
	2024-2025	2025-2026	INCR.(DECR.)
Central Administration	\$241,300	\$245,813	1.87%
Benefits	\$94,815	\$101,250	6.79%
District Office	\$130,642	\$149,954	14.78%
Supervision	\$53,000	\$40,684	-23.24%
Board of Education	\$11,105	\$11,200	0.86%
Subtotal	\$530,862	\$548,901	3.40%



Capital Expenditures			
	2024-2025	2025-2026	INCR.(DECR.)
Debt Services	\$47,500	\$86,417	81.93%
Central Services	\$122,880	\$150,239	22.26%
Operation & Maintenance	\$282,900	\$292,232	3.30%
Employee Benefits	\$53,706	\$56,250	4.74%
Subtotal	\$506,986	\$585,138	15.42%

Program Expenditures			
	2024-2025	2025-2026	INCR.(DECR.)
Instruction	\$3,774,117	\$3,869,667	2.53%
Employee Benefits	\$904,970	\$935,500	3.37%
Transportation	\$81,103	\$72,400	-10.73%
Interfund Transfer	\$160,000	\$110,000	-31.25%
Subtotal	\$4,920,190	\$4,987,567	1.37%



Administrative

- **Board of Education** = Expenditures incurred by the members of the BOE and the District Clerk. Clerk's salary, supplies, legal notices and conferences. BOE members are not paid for their services.
- **Business Office** = Salaries, supplies, equipment, and contractual expenses. Costs for auditing and tax collection.
- **Central Administration** = Salaries of the Superintendent and staff, supplies, equipment and contractual expenses. Legal services, BOCES administration charges, calendars, newsletters and insurance policies.
- **Supervision & Curriculum** = Salaries of the Principal, staff, supplies, equipment and contractual expenses. Curriculum Development and In-service Training.

Programs

- **Instruction** = The cost of providing our educational services. Including the salaries of instructional personnel, supplies, equipment, and textbooks.
- **Interfund Transfer** = The amount transferred to the School Lunch and Capital Fund.

Capital

- **Operations & Maintenance** = Expenses associated with the operation and maintenance of the physical property of the district. Salaries for custodians, supplies, service contracts, building and equipment repair, utilities such as electricity, gas, telephone, water and sewer.
- **Debt Services** = This is the amount paid in bond principal and interest for current and previous projects.
- **Employee Benefits** = Benefits provided to the staff of each Budget Component. These benefits are in accordance with the employer-employee negotiated agreements and State and Federal laws.

State-Required School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2024-2025 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2025-2026 School Year
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$5,958,038	\$6,121,606
Increase/Decrease for the 2025-2026 School Year		\$163,568
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.75%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.95%
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount		
	\$3,240,953	\$3,363,342
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)		
	\$3,240,953	\$3,363,342
F. Total Permissible Exclusions		
	\$0	\$0
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions		
	\$3,240,953	\$3,363,342
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)		
	\$3,240,953	\$3,363,342
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **		
	\$0	\$0
Administrative Component		
	\$530,862	\$548,901
Program Component		
	\$4,920,190	\$4,987,567
Capital Component		
	\$506,986	\$585,138



Contingency

According to state law, the public may vote on a school budget only twice in any given year. In the event the proposed budget is defeated by voters, the Board of Education must adopt a contingency budget. No longer is there a spending cap on contingent budgets. Instead, there is now a zero percent cap on the tax levy increase. If voters defeat their school district budget a district has two options; resubmit the same proposal or adopt a contingent budget. If residents vote down the budget a second time, the district must adopt a contingency budget.

A contingency budget prohibits a district from spending any money in certain areas, including community use of facilities, equipment purchases, non-essential maintenance, capital expenditures, salary increases for certain staff, field trips and student supplies. Contingency rules also cap the growth of the administrative component of the budget. These requirements existed before the tax levy cap came in effect.

Revenues

BUDGET REVENUES	2024-2025	2025-2026
Legislative		
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	\$3,000	\$1,000
Interest on Earnings	\$2,500	\$1,000
Basic Formula State Aid	\$2,117,015	\$2,135,488
Software, Library, Textbook Aid	\$19,363	\$20,684
High Tax Aid	\$70,000	\$70,000
Excess Cost Aid	\$80,257	\$61,247
Transportation Aid	-	\$94,584
Building Aid	\$168,788	\$102,186
BOCES - State Aid	\$220,501	\$212,412
Other Aid	\$35,661	\$59,663
State/Federal REVENUES:	\$2,717,085	\$2,758,264
School Tax Levy	\$3,240,953	\$3,363,342
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$5,958,038	\$6,121,606

Schools receive revenue from two principal sources: New York State and local property taxes. The revenue derived from property taxes comes from taxpayers and the STAR program. However, the district must depend on its fund balance and other revenue streams to balance its budget.



Tax Levy Calculations

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 the each taxpayer within the school district. Tax rates are also affected by changes in the city assessments and state equalization rates.

Board of Education 2025-2026

**Kevin Hanselman
and
Peter Accardi**

Please vote on
Tuesday, May 20th

School Board Election

One three-year seat up for election this year.

Candidates: Chrissy Griffeth and Eric Shipley

The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for the seat will be elected to the Board of Education for a 3 year term, from July 1, 2025–June 30, 2028.

Please meet Chrissy Griffeth:

Hello, my name is Chrissy Griffeth and I am proudly running for Board Member for The Abraham Wing Common School District. This community is incredibly important to myself and my family. I have 3 children, two of which currently attend Abraham Wing and one more who will in a couple of years. Being a part of the school, its decisions and being a supportive voice for families in our district is most important to me and to ensure that when important measures are being discussed, our community is aware and involved in those decisions. I look forward for this opportunity to serve this wonderful school and the families who attend.



*Thanks again,
Chrissy*

Please meet Eric Shipley:

My name is Eric Shipley. I am a 36 year old Dad of 3 current Abraham Wing students (5th grade, 3rd grade, and 1st grade), as well as 1 previous Abraham Wing student who is now thriving at the Middle School. I am the General Manager of a local business (IBS Septic) and a 12 year resident of the Abraham Wing School District. I am married to a lifelong East Ender/Abraham Wing School graduate. I grew up in low income neighborhoods throughout Glens Falls my entire childhood so I have a vested interest in making sure those who are less fortunate get equal opportunities as others and feel school is a safe and encouraging space. I have spent much of my adult life volunteering as a Coach for numerous different local rec and travel leagues for my children and their classmates. I have also made a point to do anything that I can do to help my children's schools or our neighborhood, including volunteering to help tear down and transport equipment for our new playground installation. I'd love to have a chance to make a difference in our local community and school by having my voice be heard on your Abraham Wing School Board.



Eric J. Shipley

Voter Qualifications

A person shall be entitled to vote at the Annual School Election who is: a citizen of the United States, 18 years of age and a resident with the District for a period of 30 days preceding the vote.

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots are available for registered voters who are unable to vote in person. You must request an application for an absentee ballot at least 7 days before the election. Call or email Carisa Vogel, School District Clerk at 518-792-3231 or cvogel@abewing.org for assistance.

The Education law requires that an opportunity to write-in an individual's name for each vacancy on the Board of Education must be provided. This year, since there is one vacancy on the Board, there will be one write-in slot open on the voting machine and listed on the absentee ballots. You may vote for a candidate who submitted a nominating petition, or you may write-in a person's name. The Education Law requires that the District make instructions on how to write-in a candidate's name available at the polling site. These instructions will be posted. If you have any questions, you may ask the poll clerks for assistance.

Superintendent's Message



The residents of Glens Falls Common School District will vote on the proposed 2025-2026 budget on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. Voters will also elect a member to the Board of Education. The Board of Education, along with the administration, continues to set a high priority on the education of our students. We have worked diligently to present a budget that ensures a quality education while being fiscally responsible to our tax payers.

Our positive school-community relationship remains of utmost importance to us. If you have any question on the budget that you would like to discuss or you would like to stop by for a visit, please call us anytime at 518-792-3231.

Sincerely,

Brian George



Monday, May 26th

Tuesday, May 27th

Thursday, June 19th



June Reminders

Friday, June 6th
Field Day


Wednesday, June 25th
Moving up Day

Thursday, June 26th
Last Day of School

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