



SENECA FALLS

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**ANNUAL SCHOOL
BUDGET VOTE**
Tuesday, May 20
12:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Operations Center

Dear Seneca Falls Central School District Residents,

At the April 10, 2025, Board of Education meeting, the Seneca Falls Central School District BOE adopted a proposed spending plan of \$38,180,389. Our proposed tax levy increase of 2% is under the maximum allowable tax levy limit of 4.34% for our district. The budget we have prepared is reflective of our renewed effort to provide quality education while being fiscally responsible.



The 2025-2026 budget will support our literacy instruction, research-based practices in the Science of Reading, and training for all PreK-5 teachers. We will continue our instructional shifts in reading and look forward to the work needed to support the New York Inspires initiatives that will broaden pathway experiences for our secondary-level students. Increasing our graduation rates, enhancing school safety, and supporting the social and emotional health of our students remain at the forefront of our efforts. The budget outlined in this newsletter was created to maintain current programming and promote the district vision and mission. Additionally, our new district goals that will take effect on July 1, 2025, will focus on *Academic Excellence and Future Readiness, Safe and Supportive Learning Environments for All, and Connections and Collaborations*. Our district goals are fiscally supported in our 2025-2026 budget.

~Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Michelle Reed



On behalf of the Board of Education, I am proud to present the proposed 2025–2026 budget for the Seneca Falls Central School District. This budget reflects our continued commitment to providing exceptional educational opportunities for all students while supporting the dedicated work of our administrators, teachers, and staff, whose efforts make a meaningful difference everyday. Additionally, we remain focused on maintaining and improving our facilities to ensure a safe, welcoming and modern learning environment. Above all, we are committed to being fiscally responsible stewards of the tax dollars entrusted to us by our community. This proposed budget balances the needs of our students with thoughtful financial planning to support long-term success.



~Board of Education President, Michael Mirras



\$38,180,389
**2025-2026 School
Year Budget**



2.00%
**Proposed Tax
Levy Increase**

Bus Proposition
**Purchase of 5 Diesel
Buses from Capital
Bus Reserve**



**Board of Education
Election**
**3 Vacancies (Term
July 2025-June 2028)**



**Absentee Ballots
Must be Received by
May 20, 2025 (5 PM)**

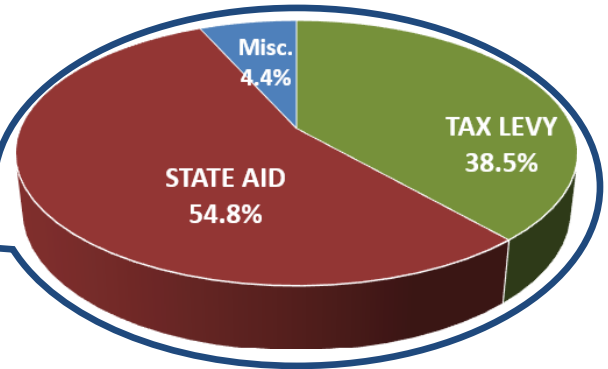


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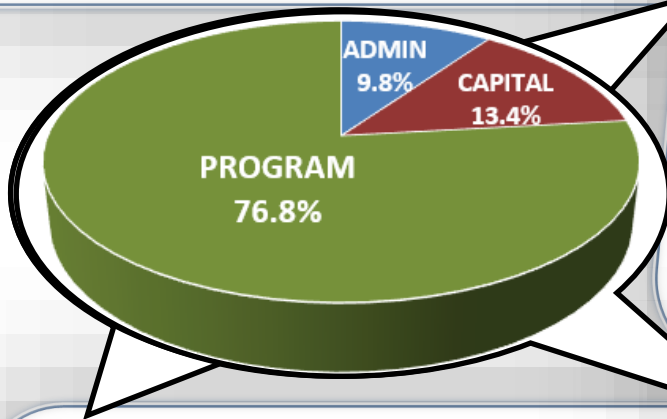
2025-26 DISTRICT REVENUE BUDGET



Revenue	2025-26 Proposed
NY State Aid	
NY State Aid	\$20,935,088
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$40,000
Local Sources	
Tax Levy	\$14,691,159
PILOTS	\$550,000
Debt Service Fund	\$100,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$593,781
Appropriated Reserves	\$1,020,361
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$250,000
TOTAL	\$38,180,389



2025-2026 THREE-PART BUDGET PROPOSAL



EXPENDITURES: PROGRAM BUDGET

The salaries and benefits of all teachers, guidance counselors, aides, monitors, psychologists, nurses, social workers, and speech therapists. Also included are textbooks and equipment, library costs, transportation, co-curricular programs and interscholastic athletics.

PROGRAM	2025-26 Proposal
Curriculum & Instruction	\$20,044,230
Transportation	\$1,821,873
Employee Benefits	\$7,257,684
General Program Support	\$30,303
Interfund Transfers	\$155,000
TOTAL	\$29,309,090

EXPENDITURES: CAPITAL BUDGET

Operations and maintenance costs, including salaries and benefits for custodial staff, debt service from capital projects, utilities, cleaning supplies, tax certiorari, and court-ordered costs.

CAPITAL	2025-26 Proposal
Debt Service	\$2,501,556
Operation of Plant	\$1,266,423
Maintenance of Plant	\$583,362
Benefits	\$767,716
TOTAL	\$5,119,057

EXPENDITURES: ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

The salaries and benefits of administrators, supervisors and administrative clerical staff, public information and printing, curriculum and staff development, school board-related costs, tax collection, and legal services.

ADMINISTRATIVE	2025-26 Proposal
School Operations	\$1,435,149
Central Administration	\$288,892
Supervision	\$1,156,228
Benefits & Community	\$871,973
TOTAL	\$3,752,242

2025-2026 Property Tax Report Card	Budget Adopted 2024-25	Budget Proposed 2025-26
Total Budget Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$36,886,754	\$38,180,389
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amt	\$14,403,097	\$14,691,159
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$-	\$-
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable	\$-	\$-
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$-	\$-
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A+B+C+D)	\$14,403,097	\$14,691,159
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$0	\$0
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Exclusions	\$14,606,256	\$15,027,640
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purpose, Excluding Permissible Exclusions Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E-B-F+D)	\$14,403,097	\$14,691,159
I. Difference: (G - H)	\$203,159	\$336,481
Public School Enrollment	1,216	1,218
Consumer Price Index	4.12%	2.95%



PROPERTY TAX LEVY

New York State law requires school districts to establish a tax cap, or maximum allowable levy limit. Allowable Levy is set at the Cost of Living, CPI (2.95%) or the state's tax cap of 2%, whichever is less. The SFCSD proposed 2.00% Tax Levy increase is below the SFCSD Maximum Allowable Levy Limit of 4.34%.

ESTIMATED TAX RATES (Per \$1000 Assessment)

SENECA FALLS	FAYETTE	TYRE
\$16.42 (True Value)	\$16.42 (True Value)	\$16.42 (True Value)
\$18.05 Est. Using 91%	\$28.81 Est. Using 57%	\$24.88 Est. Using 66%
<i>Equalization Rate</i>	<i>Equalization Rate</i>	<i>Equalization Rate</i>



LEGAL NOTICE & BALLOT INFORMATION

Please see the District Budget webpage, <https://www.senecafallscsd.org/district/district-business-office/school-budget>, to learn more about the public hearing, budget propositions, board of education vacancies, absentee ballot application details and early mail ballot information.



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WHERE AND HOW DO I VOTE?

All Seneca Falls Central School District voters must be U.S. Citizens, at least 18 years of age, and a resident of the school district for the past 30 days. Voting on the School Budget, Bus Purchases and the election of members of the Board of Education will take place from **12:00 to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, May 20, 2025** in the **Operations Center (2 Butler Ave)**. The annual public hearing for the school budget will be on Thursday, May 8th at 6:00 PM. The public hearing will be in the Robert McKeveny Training Room at the Operations Center. All Budget Information will be posted on the SFCSD website www.senecafallscsd.org.



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BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

- **PROPOSITION #1:** Be it resolved, that the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District, Seneca County is hereby authorized to expend the sum of thirty-eight million, one-hundred eighty-thousand, three hundred eighty-nine dollars (\$38,180,389) in the 2025-2026 school year with such amount to be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of such School District, after first deducting the monies available from State Aid and other sources as provided by law.
- **PROPOSITION #2:** Be it resolved, that the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District, Seneca County is hereby authorized to purchase five (5) buses for the transportation of district students, for a sum of money not to exceed nine- hundred, ninety-five thousand dollars (\$995,000); said amount to be expended in the 2025-2026 fiscal year; said sum or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be withdrawn from the district's "Capital Reserve Fund- Purchase of Buses" and/or the unassigned fund balance, in accordance with the Education Law and Local Finance Law.
- **PROPOSITION #3:** Be it resolved, that the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District, Seneca County, NY is hereby authorized to withdraw from the "Technology Equipment & Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund 2024" a sum of money up to One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) to be expended for technology equipment upgrades consistent with the authorizing resolution.
- **PROPOSITION #4:** Shall the sum of three-hundred, eighty-seven thousand dollars (\$387,000.00) be raised by annual levy of a tax upon the taxable property within the Seneca Falls Central School District for the purpose of funding the Seneca Falls Library?



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