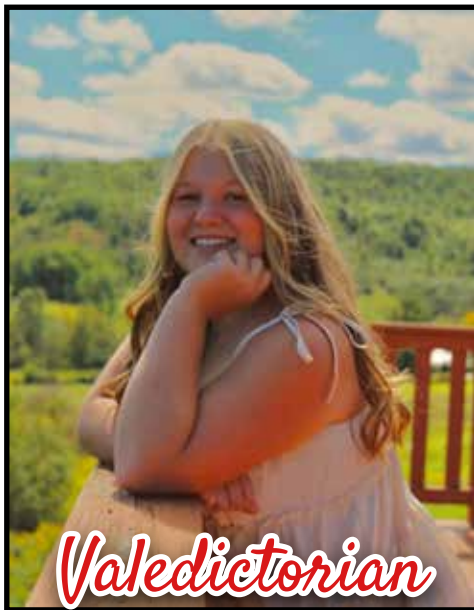




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Valedictorian

Jenna Hill

Belfast Central School is proud to announce that the Valedictorian for the class of 2025 is Jenna Hill! Jenna will graduate with a cumulative GPA of 101.08! Jenna is the daughter of Brian and Adrienne Hill. Throughout high school Jenna has been an exceptional student athlete. She has played Soccer and Softball where she was named an Allegany County All-Star for two years in both sports as well as being a member of the Basketball Team. She has also played on a summer travel softball team every summer since 7th grade. She has been a U8 Soccer Coach for the Belfast Summer Soccer League for two years. This year, Jenna attended the prestigious New Vision Health Occupations program. Jenna has been a member of the Junior and Senior National Honor Society throughout high school where she has volunteered her time with various events and projects. Jenna has been employed as a child care provider and as a Summer Recreation Counselor during the summer of 2024. Next year, Jenna plans to attend the Nursing Program at Alfred State College before continuing her education toward her eventual goal of becoming a Nurse Practitioner!

Congratulations, Jenna!



Salutatorian

Sophie Zillgitt

BCS also wishes to congratulate this year's Salutatorian, Sophie Zillgitt. Sophie is the daughter of Steve DeMarte and Maïke Zillgitt. Sophie has earned a GPA of 98.5! Sophie has played Varsity Soccer earning a sportsmanship award in 2024, Basketball earning a Sportsmanship Award in 2024 and was named a County All Star in 2025. She also runs Track where she was named MIP in 2022 and 2023, MVP in 2024, and has been named a County All-star in 9-11th grades. Sophie also won the Devin Snyder Memorial Award for Outstanding Female Athlete in 2024. Sophie has coached a U8 Soccer team for the Belfast Youth Summer Soccer program and has volunteered her time at St. Patrick's Church where she is a member. Next year, Sophie plans to attend college for Graphic Design and plans to continue to run Track in college.

Congratulations, Sophie!

Summa Cum Laude

GRADE 5:

Karlin Harrington
Skyla Merkel
Jareth Osburn

GRADE 6:

Eden Barney

GRADE 7:

Matthew Guilford
Lyndsey Hill
Brynn Preston
Shea Preston
Mackenna Yackerer

GRADE 8:

Jackson Barney
Elsa Brennan
Greta Smithers

GRADE 9:

Avery Enders
Sarah Hazelton

GRADE 10:

Afton Hamer
Mara Heaney
Sophia Rehler
Bayleigh Tallman
Carson Treusdell
Emerson Weaver
Madison Yackerer

GRADE 11:

Cylie Burrows
Logan Estabrook
William Guilford
Izabella Lindo
Rachel Merriam

GRADE 12:

Ava Aronson
Catherine Calanni
Sadie Estabrook
Allyson Hazelton
Jenna Hill
Carissa Mura
Danika Scott
Sophie Zillgitt

Magna Cum Laude

GRADE 5:

Gabriella Collins
Tegan Enders
Kaylee Jones
Bryson Mark
Grayson Moore

GRADE 6:

Lana Blocho
Owen Broughton
Brody Edwards
Lawson Fuller
James Hazelton
Edmund Horne
Addison Kelley
Alexandria Litchner
Sophia-Isabella
McNevin
Isaac Miller
Lydia Preston
Jantzen Stoer-
Robinson

GRADE 7:

Nicholas Chamberlain
Mariah Dannheim
Cooper Grastorf
Logan McCarthy
Evan Moore
Taryn Moore
Catrina Mura
Paittäin Norton
Adam Oskar
Jayce Shafer
Caleb Stork
Tesslynn Weaver
Lillian Weis

GRADE 8:

Caylin Burrows

GRADE 9:

Ella Austin
Isabelle Guilford
Khloe Jenkins
Alexis Preston
Madeline White
Raelynn Wilson

GRADE 10:

Benjamin Cater
Cheyanne Cox
Lily Green
Erica Hull
Emma Moultrup
Wyatt Weaver

GRADE 11:

Emalee Carman
Bryce Conley
Audrina Costa
Alexa Ely
Donivan Fields
Finn Heaney
Rhianna Hoover
Tate Jenkins
Abigail Morton
Heather Padden

GRADE 12:

Matthew Barren
Joseph Elliott
Natalee Lindo
Alexander McLaughlin
Hannah Powers
Alexander Stanton
Caden Stork
Clayton Wright
Ellyonah Wright
Morgan Yackerer

Cum Laude

GRADE 5:

Preston Foster
Carsyn Merrell
Gabriel West

GRADE 6:

Kaine Bailor
Lucy Burr-Hadsell
Candice Costa
Aiden Elliott
Ayden Hill
Austin Humphrey
Malichai-Aiden Ives
Paislee Ludden
Alaina Pringle

GRADE 7:

Abigail Cook
Addison Hull
Taylor Murns
Kaylee Wilkins

GRADE 8:

Owen Armison
Delsin Bisig
Mya Blake
Bradán Foster
Summer Histed
Layla Lavallee
Haunz Mang
Savannah Miller
Crystal Murns
Conan Tallman

GRADE 9:

Elizabeth Brundage
Colden Caiazza
Emma Calanni
Violet Edwards
Rhaegan Hoover

GRADE 10:

Wyatt Green
Grant Preston
Kaylee Sortore

GRADE 11:

Addisyn Ely
Leon Histed

GRADE 12:

Dillion Kelley
Blake Rehler
Dennis Rehler

Quarter 3 Award Winners



Quarter 3 Award winners for 5th & 6th grade for Excellence in the classroom.

Alaina Pringle, Gabriel West, Jareth Osburn, James Hazelton, Grayson Moore, Addison Kelley, Skyla Merkel, Kaylee Jones, Tegan Enders, Carsyn Merrell, Austin Humphrey, Edmund Home, Lawson Fuller, Owen Broughton, Bryson Mark, Brody Edwards, Paislee Ludden, Eden Barney, Gabby Collins, Karlin Harrington, Lana Blocho, Sophia McNevin, Candice Costa, Lydia Preston, Jantzen Stoer-Robinson, Allie Litchner, Kaine Bailor, Isaac Miller, Lydia Preston.

National Technical Honor Society

Congratulations Morgan Yackeren!



Mrs. Flanagan Mole Contest



National Honor Society

Belfast Central School is proud to announce that 10 new students were inducted into the National Honor Society and 4 new members were inducted into the Junior National Honor Society in a ceremony on April 11. Students are eligible to apply if they have a cumulative GPA over a 90 percent. They then submit an application which includes a resume and essay about how they exemplify the 4 pillars of the NHS: Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Character. The faculty then rate these students on these qualities and a faculty committee makes a final decision about who is recommended for induction. It is quite an honor to be a part of this prestigious organization. Students must maintain a GPA above 90% to continue their membership and 10th graders must reapply to be part of the Senior NHS. NHS students participate in a variety of service-related activities throughout the year including sponsoring blood drives, serving at our Senior Citizen Holiday luncheon and assisting with an Easter meal at Wellspring Ministries. They are also celebrated with a cultural trip each year which often includes a college visit, a museum, a professional theater show and a Hibachi dinner. In total, we now have 26 NHS and 10 Jr NHS members!

Senior NHS Inductees: Benjamin Cater, Audrina Costa, Afton Hamer, Mara Heaney, Samayah Lussier, Grant Preston, Hannah Powers, Carson Treusdell, Emerson Weaver, Madison Yackeren.

Junior NHS inductees: Jackson Barney, Elsa Brennan, Greta Smithers, Raelynn Wilson.



Calendar of Events

May

May 3 – Prom
May 5-8 – Grade 3-8 State Testing
May 5-9 – Vex Robotics World Championship,
Dallas, Texas
May 8 – Spring concert
May 10 – Middle School Bingo
May 13 – Spring concert
May 15 – Spring Concert
May 16 – Middle School Dance
May 20 – Blood Drive
May 20 – School Budget Vote
May 21 – Science Symposium
May 26 – Memorial Day - No School
May 28- May 30 – Camp Duffield

June

June 3 – Sports Banquet
June 9 – Preschoolers in Bloom -
End of year program
June 19 – Juneteenth - No School
June 20 – Field Day 2025!
June 26 – Awards Program
June 27 – Graduation

Belfast Central School Spring Concerts !

May 8 - Grades 1-4

May 13 - Grades 9-12

May 15 - Grades 5-8

Belfast Public Library

Upcoming Belfast Public Library Programs:

Check our FB page for more details or message/call us with questions!

Phone: (585) 365-2072

Art Workshops

April 29, May 13, May 27, June 10, every other Tuesday, 5-7 pm
Flyer and registration form on FB with project samples and description

Cookbook Club

Last Saturday of the month, 12-1 (see website or FB for details).

Mother's Day Program

May 6th, 5-7 pm

Mommy and Me Planters: We will have pots to paint and seeds to plant. Registration Required

Adult Craft Night

May 20th, 5-7 pm

Spring Sign Making: We have materials to make spring wall décor/door signs. Registration Required

FRIENDS OF THE BELFAST PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENT

POUND AUCTION

**JUNE 7, 2025
7:00
TOWN HALL**

Bid on a pound of something mysterious! It could be Legos, diamonds, coffee, sports gear, seeds, cash, lottery tickets, or gold!

Larger ticket items will be raffled as well!

CASH?
GOLD?
DIAMONDS?
JEWELRY?
ART SUPPLIES?
COOKIES?

FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

FIND MORE INFORMATION AT
WWW.BIT.LY/POUNDAUCTION



Get Connected Through the BCS Library!

Check out what our families have access to & stay connected with new and old databases that our school already pays for.

When you are prompted to login to Insignia here is how you do that:

Teacher login: email & Pass: caboces and Student login: bcs Pass: bulldogs

We use Clever as a single sign-in so if it is on Clever that's easy access point

BOOKFLIX -fantastic online resource offering many animated stories paired with non-fiction books, activities, and much more! *Access through Clever*

(username: Belfast password: flix)



-This is a great place to find current events that have new articles posted everyday, look at maps to show comparisons, do activities, and learn about the world around you at all levels. *Access through Clever*

(use our BCS library page, click on the K-4 or 5-12 tab, and connect with the direct link, login: BelfastCSD_Teacher password: newsomatic OR login: BelfastCSD_Student password: newsomatic)



-Typing Club is the new typing program our 2-6 and some older students are using to practice keyboarding skills with little games, goals, and challenges along the way. *Access through Clever*

(website: belfast-central.typingclub.com username: student's email (usually first initial last name graduation year @belfastcsd.org)-no password required



-Insignia is where you would access multiple resources that we purchase through BOCES to support education.

(access through Clever- which is our single sign-in option)



-Sora is a phenomenal digital resource for books online, particularly for kids in grades 5-12

(use the app or click from BCS library page to access, find our school, login in using school account)

KID'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY-MARCH 2025

What We Learned

FEBRUARY:

We focused on the Superbowl and Valentine's Day before getting ready for Mid-Winter Recess.

K-2 - We created suncatchers, beaded bracelets, yarn wrapped hearts for the people we love and participated in an Escape Room activity! The kids enjoyed looking for puzzle pieces during a scavenger hunt and then putting the puzzle together.

3-4 - We made cards for the people we love and designed as well as built popsicle stick bridges. We also had paper plane contests and designed/made Lego pinball machines!

MARCH:

We focused on St. Patrick's Day and having some indoor winter fun during the long stretch of winter that led us into Spring!

K-2 - We created solar systems, made moon dough and celebrated St. Patrick's Day by making Leprechaun lookers! The kids also participated in Pirate week and made their own Pirate hats as well as treasure maps! We then played Pirate bingo and discovered 'fizzing' Pirate chests.

3-4 - We created unique canvas paintings and made our own slime. We made and raced 'Egg Cars' as well as making our own Marble Runs. We are currently working on creating our own virtual villages in Minecraft.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

We had a great time at Family Fun Night! We used air dry clay to make "Love Bugs" for Valentine's Day and made heart shaped craft bags that we filled with candy. We also enjoyed soup and sandwiches during a blustery snowstorm.....

Beauty and the Beast

Another musical season has come and gone, and this year, in OGRE fashion—big, fierce, full of fantasy, and over-the-top! On March 26-29, thirty-eight students from BCS performed Dreamworks Shrek the Musical, co-directed by Mrs. Rebekah Brennan & Mrs. Jessica Romance, to over 2,000 audience members. The cast was led by veteran seniors Ava Aronson (Dragon), Sadie Estabrook (Fiona/Fairy Godmother), and Ellyonah Wright (Fiona/Fairy Godmother), juniors Finn Heaney (Farquaad/Thelonius), Rachel Merriam (Pinocchio), sophomores Afton Hamer (Donkey), Noah Miller (Donkey), Wyatt Weaver (Farquaad/Thelonius), and eighth grader Jackson Barney (Shrek). Sophomores Emerson Weaver & Madison Yackerren, freshman Ella Austin, Avery

Enders, Sarah Hazelton, & Madeline White, eighth graders Elsa Brennan, Caylin Burrows, Bradan Foster, Aidan Hirsch, Savannah Miller, & Crystal Murns, seventh graders Mariah Dannheim, Lyndsey Hill, Taryn Moore, Brynn Preston, Shea Preston, Tesslynn Weaver, Lillian Weis, & Mackenna Yackerren, sixth graders Eden Barney, James Hazelton, Paislee Ludden, Isaac Miller, & Lydia Preston, and fourth grader Owen Brennan rounded out this talented cast. Junior Samayah Lussier and eighth grader Greta Smithers played in the pit orchestra, directed by Mrs. Tara Luthart, alongside musicians Day Chase, Mrs. Diana Clem, Miss Molly Fitzgerald, Mr. Isaac Little, Mr. Noah Luthart, Mrs. Sharon McGarvey, Mrs. Marilee Olsen, Ms. Rebecca Rowley, Mr. Alva Robbins, & Mr. Jack Smith.

The fairy tale parody kept audience members smiling, laughing, and dancing in their seats, while bringing important messages of embracing individuality & celebrating differences. These messages were embodied by our cast throughout the season, as they made new friendships, supported one another, challenged one another, and created a masterpiece together. The show was a celebratory cumulation of hard work, passion, talent, and an unforgettable bond of cast members. "What truly made this show special was that everyone embraced their role and recognized that their piece was necessary in order to complete the puzzle. There was no hierarchy or unnecessary drama, just a bunch of teens coming together to use their gifts to complement each

other. It was so rewarding to see the cast celebrate one another day in and day out and bring their best every time we were together. It was a truly humbling experience to be surrounded by such incredible teens," says Mrs. Romance.

Thank you to everyone who made this show possible. It is a huge undertaking and truly takes a village! Join us next spring on March 27 and March 28 as our HS Drama Department presents Footloose!

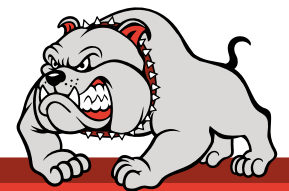


Beauty and the Beast



Bulldog Apparel Collection

Our premium Bulldog apparel collection has everything you need to flaunt your Bulldog pride. From cozy sweatshirts and sweatpants to hats, blankets, and trendy tees, we have the perfect fit for you and your family. Whether you're looking for apparel or unique gifts, our Bulldog collection has something for everyone. Celebrate your love for Bulldogs with our high-quality products and make a statement wherever you go! Please order by May 15th on our webpage at <https://bcsdogprints.myshopify.com/>



#BCSBulldogPride

ACSMA All County Music Festivals

Over the course of the past 4 months, BCS musicians have represented our school with their talent and dedication to excellence. 38 students participated in one (or more) of the 2025 ACSMA All County Music Festivals held at various sites, including Alfred University, Houghton University, and Cuba-Rushford High School. The students worked diligently prior to each festival to prepare, learning their music and applying new artistic skills, and we are proud of all their hard work. On more than one occasion the guest conductors at the festivals commented on our students, not only to congratulate them on their preparation, but their professional behavior and consideration of others while at the festivals. What an amazing complement to our school and community!

Congratulations to these students who auditioned and were

chosen for a solo in their choral ensembles: Elsa Brennan, Jackson Barney, Finn Heaney, Noah Miller

Congratulations to Greta Smithers who was the 2024-2025 recipient of the ACSMA Junior High Scholarship competition. Greta performed her Level 5 marimba solo at the 3rd ACSMA Festival.

We are so grateful to our BCS Administration, School Board, Teachers, and staff for the encouragement and support they give to our students as they try new things and grow in their personal gifts and talents. Come on out for our Spring Concerts (Elementary-May 8 @6pm; Grades 9-12-May 13 @6:30pm; Grades 5-8 May 15 @6:30pm).

6th Grade Choir: Alexandria Lichtner, Owen Broughton, Eden Barney, Lana Blocho, Edmund Horne (missing: Brody Edwards)



Cafeteria News

To maintain continued funding, it is imperative that we collect CEP House Income Eligibility Forms for all students attending Belfast Central School (one per family, not one for each student). These forms not only help our school qualify for the CEP Grant which provides all students with free breakfast and lunch, it also helps with the amount we are reimbursed for these meals. These forms are kept confidential. If you have not filled one out for this year, it is never too late! You can print one off our BCS website or I can send one home with your student. Please feel free to contact me at menders@belfastcsd.org Thank you! – Mary Enders, Cafeteria Manager

Career Day

May 22, 2025

Mrs. Hamer and Ms. Miller Egg Decorating

These students were super readers and all hit their March reading goals for Mrs. Hamer and Ms. Miller. They earned a day off to decorate eggs with their friends. Way to go kids!!



May Is



May 6



WORLD ASTHMA DAY



NATIONAL PHYSICAL
FITNESS & SPORTS
MONTH

Food Allergy Awareness Week

MAY 9-15 Know the **FAACTS**



FoodAllergyAwareness.org

FAACT
Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis
Awareness Campaign



Gym and Swim Day at Houghton University



Modified Girls Basketball



Early on it was clear that this group of young ladies were different, and they had the opportunity to be special. Practices were difficult

at first and the new coach yelled a lot. As the fundamentals of the team started to improve, it became clear that great defense, fast breaks, and toughness were going to be the trademark of this year's girls' modified team.

After winning the first few games, the girls set the goal of not losing one game and running the table to a 14-0 season. When this group of young ladies made 14-0 their team goal, the practices and work ethic matched the stated goals of the team.

The team's ability to learn and play different defenses was very impressive and once they discovered the value of creating turnovers off their defense and running the floor, the ability to go undefeated was a real possibility. Once the team began to understand the value of teamwork every member of the team played a part in the team's success.

Unfortunately, the girls dropped a game at Andover (loss by 2 -coaches fault) and experienced the agony of defeat. One goal remained and that was to avenge the Andover loss and the girls responded by winning 34-20 to complete a truly special season at 13-1-0.

Coach Kichman

Girls JV Basketball

The JV girls basketball team had a strong 24-25 season, finishing with a 13-3 record, including a hard-fought overtime victory over Cuba-Rushford. Throughout the season, the players showed tremendous growth. Team members included: Liz Brundage, Leah Burrows, Emma Calanni, Violet Edwards, Lilly Green (Captain), Savannah Miller, Kaylee Sortore, Paizlee Tilton, Makenzie Turybury, and Kayla Wedge (Captain).

Coach Dougherty



Girls' Varsity Basketball

The 2024-2025 Varsity Girls Basketball season finished with a 13-9 record. The team showed a lot of growth and "GRIT" over the course of the season. They avenged an early 14-point loss to a league rival, AW, two times and were one of only two teams to hold Fillmore to 35 points or less. Their competitiveness and defensive effort played a major role in the team's success. The team earned a #10 seed in Class C2 and upset the #7 seed Naples in the first round of sectional play. Congratulations to our seniors Ava Aronson, Kate Calanni, Jenna Hill, Keanna Sands, and Sophie Zillgitt! Best of luck in your future endeavors!

Coach Ryan



Boys' Modified Basketball A



Boys JV Basketball



This season, the JV Boys Basketball team had a winning record of 15-4. The team showed incredible improvement over the course of the season. From the first tip-off to the final buzzer, every player showed commitment to their individual development and to the team's collective goals. Despite a few tough losses, the team stayed positive and focused and by the end of our season, we finished with an 11-game winning streak. I am incredibly proud of this group, and I encourage you all to continue working hard, sharpening your skills, and preparing for the next season. Congratulations to all of the players on a great season!

Coach MacKenzie Hamer



Boys' Varsity Basketball



The boys varsity basketball season began in Cleveland, OH with a victory against Andover-Whitesville on the Cleveland Cavaliers home court. This event was a special moment for our players and an experience they will carry with them for a long time. Our team would like to recognize bus driver Andy Mountain, as he on the task to drive us to Cleveland and back.

Our regular season ended with a 9-11 record, and we lost a close game in the first round of sectionals to Oakfield-Alabama. I am proud of all these young men for their ability to handle adverse situations, as we had many new starters and players at the varsity level. I commend all of them for their hard work through out the season.

The basketball season is a long one, and we would like to say "Thank You" to parents, fans, AD's, and custodial staff for your support and part as the season progressed. We also want to recognize our Seniors and wish them the best on their future endeavors.

Seniors: Harley Wardaugh, Brayden Cooper-Osterhout, Ryan Daciw, and Tyler Wedge

Coach Hamer

Modified Cheer



Varsity Cheer



From the very first practice to the final competition, every athlete poured their heart and soul into pushing their limits and supporting one another. The result? A season filled with achievements, growth, and unforgettable memories.

Throughout the season, the team earned three well-deserved 1st place finishes and four impressive 2nd place finishes, showcasing their talent and hard work. Even more remarkable is the consistent improvement seen in every routine and performance. The team hit zero at four different competitions — a testament to their precision, dedication, and teamwork.

We are proud to recognize two Allegany County All Stars, Hannah Powers and Haelyn Clark, for their outstanding contributions and skill. Additionally, Daphne Gugino and Hannah Powers will represent Allegany County at the prestigious Ronald McDonald game, a well-earned honor.

Beyond the trophies and titles, what truly set this season apart was the positive atmosphere that surrounded the team. The athletes lifted each other up, celebrated each success, and learned from every challenge, creating a bond that extended far beyond the mat.

As we close this chapter, we celebrate not just the victories but the journey — the practices, the friendships, the lessons, and the growth. This team has embodied what it means to be resilient, passionate, and united. Here's to a remarkable season and to the bright future ahead!

Coch Beardsley

Modified Swimming



Varsity Swimming



The United swimming and diving team had a very successful season in 2024-25. They finished with an overall record of 6-5-1 with a 5th place finish at the County meet and a 6th place finish at the Class D Section 5 Championships. We had 2 school records that got beaten during the season and hope to take more down next year.

Coch Clancy

Belfast

Central School District

“a school dedicated to excellence”

Budget Hearing
May 13 at 5:30 p.m.
BCS Conference Room

Budget Vote and Board Election
May 20th from Noon to 8:00 p.m.
BCS Conference Room

www.belfastcsd.org

2025-26 District Budget

The Belfast Central Board of Education and District Administration have worked tirelessly to prepare a budget for the 2025-26 school year, which supports student programming. The budget season focused on evaluating the district's needs and aligning positions and spending to develop a budget that places the needs of students at the forefront of expenditures. The NYS tax cap calculation tool would permit BCS to have a tax levy increase up to 4.2% for the 2025-26 school year. The proposed budget has a 4.2% tax levy increase, which is approximately \$88,000, and will be presented at a budget hearing scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on May 13, 2025.

The development of the 25-26 budget has been challenging because of unknown and known information. At the time the budget had to be adopted, NYS did not have an approved budget, which means the final state aid for the district was not known. The uncertainty surrounding the US Department of Education and the impact on public school funding has yet to be determined. The required

costs of programming for our students with disabilities also has a significant impact on the annual budget.

Even with the challenges presented for next school year, the proposed budget maintains all student programs. The budget includes the creation of an additional classroom for students with disabilities as well as a speech therapist to provide services to students in the program and district. Without the classroom, BCS would be required to pay tuition for the students to attend programs outside the district, which would be significantly more expensive than creating a program in our building. The classroom also allows BCS to support other area school districts by allowing students from other schools to receive legally required services, while generating tuition revenue for BCS.

The purchase of a new 41 passenger diesel bus is included in the budget.

The proposed 2025-26 budget includes a subsequent year capital outlay project that allows the district to do up to \$100,000 of work to address building needs for \$5,000 in the budget because of the building aid

generated from the 2024-25 capital outlay project. BCS will receive 95% building aid on the project the next year (26-27), which will provide for continuous facility maintenance. The 25-26 capital outlay project will include updates to mechanical systems, water system, and security and access controls.

If you have any questions about the proposed budget, please do not hesitate to contact Wendy Butler Ed.D. (365-9940) or Keegan Harrington (365-8289).

Sincerely,

Josie Preston, Board President
Wendy Butler Ed.D., Superintendent
Keegan Harrington, Business Official

Voter Qualifications

1. Citizen of the United States
2. Eighteen years of age.
3. Resident of the district for a period of thirty (30) days or more prior to May 20, 2025.

Sample Ballot – Election and Vote - May 20, 2025

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – 2025-2026 School Budget- RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School District be authorized to expend the sums as set forth in the District's proposed budget for the 2025-2026 school year, in the total amount of TWELVE MILLION, SIX HUNDRED ELEVEN THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY DOLLARS (\$12,611,160) and to levy the necessary taxes therefor.

(CHECK ONE)

☐ YES

☐ NO

PROPOSITION NO. 2. – 2025-2026 Belfast Public Library Budget - RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Belfast Central School is hereby authorized to expend the sum of NINTEY ONE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND FORTY FIVE DOLLARS(\$91,445) as established by the Board of Trustees of the Belfast Public Library, toward the support of the Belfast Public Library during the 2025-2026 School Fiscal Year.

(CHECK ONE)

☐ YES

☐ NO

BCS BOARD OF EDUCATION – ELECTION ONE (1) MEMBER: Expired term of Cecy Curcio; said term to expire June 30, 2029.

☐ Roxanne Cole

☐ Ashley Moore

☐ Write-In _____

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE – ELECTION ONE (1) MEMBER: For the open term of Tara Histed, for five years. Term to expire JUNE 30, 2029.

☐ Tara Histed

☐ Write-In _____

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE – ELECTION ONE (1) MEMBER: For the vacated term of Dave Stevick. Term to expire JUNE 30, 2028.

☐ Bob Mackmer

☐ Write-In _____

2025-26 Property Tax Report Card

020801 - Belfast CSD

Contact Person: Keegan Harrington

Telephone Number: (585) 365-8289

	Budgeted 2024-25 (A)	Proposed Budget 2025-26 (B)
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	12,548,132	12,611,160
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount ¹	1,903,420	2,165,888
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	87,928	91,445
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable ²	0	0
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	0	0
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	1,991,348	2,257,333
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	15,151	237,772
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions ³	1,976,197	1,928,116
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	1,888,269	1,928,116
I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval) ²	87,928	0
Public School Enrollment	339	331
Consumer Price Index		2.95%
¹ Include any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest. ² Tax levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion under the School Tax Levy Limit and may affect voter approval requirements. ³ For 2025-26, includes any carryover from 2024-25 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.		
	Actual: 2024-25 (D)	Estimated: 2025-26 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	1,978,847	1,978,847
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	0	0
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	501,621	501,621
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	4.00%	3.98%

Schedule of Reserve Funds

Reserve Type	Reserve Name	Reserve Description *	3/31/25 Actual Balance	6/30/25 Estimated Ending Balance	Intended Use of the Reserve in the 2025-26 School Year
Capital	Bus Reserve 2022	To purchase school buses.			
Capital	Capital Improvements Project 2022	To cover local share of future capital project.	350000	350000	There is no plan to use this reserve in the 2025-26 school year.
Repair	Reserve for Repairs	To pay the cost of repairs to capital improvements or equipment.	52560	52560	There is no plan to use this reserve in the 2025-26 school year.
Workers' Compensation	Workers' Compensation Reserve	To pay for Workers Compensation and benefits.	24086	24086	Reserve policy is set up to use 25% of the reserve to cover a portion of the Workmens' Comp premium.
Unemployment Insurance	Unemployment Insurance Reserve	To pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund.	24706	24706	There is no plan to use this reserve in the 2025-26 school year.
Reserve for Tax Reduction		For the gradual use of the proceeds of the sale of school district real property.			
Mandatory Reserve for Debt Service		To cover debt service payments on outstanding obligations (bonds, BANS) after the sale of district capital assets or improvements.			
Insurance		To pay liability, casualty, and other types of uninsured losses.			
Property Loss		To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover property loss.			
Liability		To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover liability claims incurred.			
Tax Certiorari		To establish a reserve fund for tax certiorari settlements			
Reserve for Insurance Recoveries		To account for unexpended proceeds of insurance recoveries at the fiscal year end.			
EBALR – Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	Employee Benefits Accrued Liability Res.	For the payment of accrued 'employee benefits' due to employees upon termination of service.	52365	52365	To use EBALR funds for any upcoming retirements.
Retirement Contribution	Retirement Contribution Reserve	To fund employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Employees' Retirement System	38748	38748	Utilize reserve to help pay for the 25-26 ERS bill.
Other Reserve	Teachers' Retirement Reserve	To fund employer retirement contributions to the NYS Teachers' Retirement System	49120	49120	Utilize reserve to help pay for the 25-26 TRS bill.

Summary of General Fund Appropriations 2025-2026

General Support	\$2,016,693
Instruction	5,928,931
Pupil Transportation	653,288
Undistributed	4,012,248
Total	\$12,611,160

Determination of Estimated Tax Levy

	Present Year 2024-25	Next Year 2025-26
Total Amount Authorized	\$12,548,132	\$12,611,160
Total Revenues Other Than Taxes	10,644,712	10,445,272
Appropriated Fund Balance	0	0
Total Real Property Tax to be Raised for School Purposes	2,078,420	2,165,888
Totals	2,078,420	2,165,888

Amount of Fund Balance Retained as of 7/1/2024 \$501,621

*Estimated Amount of Fund Balance Retained as of 7/1/2025 \$501,621

2024-2025 Budget \$12,548,132

2025-2026 Proposed Budget \$12,611,160

General Fund Estimated Revenues

	Present Year 2024-25	Next Year 2025-26
Oth. Paymts in Lieu of Taxes	\$10,650	\$10,590
Int. & Penal. on Real Pro	5,000	5,000
Summer School Tuition	1,400	2,000
Day School Tuit-Oth Dist. NYS	39,545	108,647
Interst and Earnings	10,000	10,000
Rental of Real Property, BOCES	8,000	8,000
Sale Scrap & Excess Material	500	500
Sale of Equipment	1,000	1,000
Other Compensation for Loss	50	50
BOCES Svs Approved for Aid	162,409	99,507
Gifts and Donations	100	100
Other Unclassified Rev.(S	36,825	36,825
Summer Recreation	12,100	12,100
Basic Formula Aid-Gen Aid	6,424,059	6,407,121
Excess Cost Aid	842,375	834,847
Lottery Aid (Sect 3609a E	449,963	565,647
VLT LOTTERY AID	293,454	290,568
COMMERCIAL GAMING	37,326	32,318
Cannabis (NYSEL Section 3609a)	966	0
NYS Mobile Sports Wagering	211,178	212,740
BOCES Aid (Sect 3609a Ed	1,226,750	1,168,196
Textbook Aid (Incl Txtbk/	22,794	21,977

General Fund Estimated Revenues (cont'd)

	Present Year 2023-24	Next Year 2024-25
Computer Software Aid	11,187	10,601
Library A/V Loan Program Aid	2,006	1,900
Other Federal Aid (Specify)	486,659	565,500
Medic.Ass't-Sch Age-Sch Y	72,000	39,538
Interfund Trans. for Debt Svs	23,000	0
APPROPRIATED RESERVES	253,416	0
TOTAL - REVENUES	\$10,644,712	\$10,445,272

General Support

	Present Year 2024-25	Next Year 2025-26
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Board of Education

Expenditures incurred by the Board of Education, necessary expenses for legal advertising, materials and supplies for the district clerk and district meeting.

Board of Education Contractual	\$11,060	\$13,114
Board of Education Materials & Supplies	800	800
District Clerk Salary	3,100	3,255
District Meeting Mailing	8,000	8,000
Total Board of Educ.	\$22,960	\$25,169

Central Administration

This area covers the expenses of the superintendent, secretary and central office operation.

CSA Salary	\$155,564	\$163,342
Non-Instructional Salary	39,245	41,207
CSA Contractual	5,120	5,120
CSA Materials & Supplies	2,000	2,000
Total Central Admin.	\$201,929	\$211,669

Business Administration

This category includes expenses of the Business Office, auditor, BOCES services and tax collector. There is a significant decrease in salaries due to a new business manager.

BOCES (Co-Op Purchasing, Aid, Planning)	\$20,870	\$22,587
Auditing	30,000	27,500
Business Office Salaries	132,482	138,632
Business Office Contractual	45,500	35,500
Business Office Materials & Supplies	500	500
Tax Collector Materials & Supplies	4,100	4,100
Total Business Admin.	\$233,452	\$228,819

Legal

This section covers our legal expenses and some BOCES services covering insurance and legal services. It also includes the cost of providing the newsletter. The legal expense is increasing due to the upcoming capital improvement project.

Legal Expenses	\$25,000	\$25,000
BOCES (Legal, Insurance)	197,368	194,408
BOCES (Newsletter)	48,169	48,520
Total Legal	\$270,537	\$267,928

General Support (cont'd)	Present Year 2024-25	Next Year 2025-26
Oper. & Maintenance		
The costs involved in upkeep and operation of the buildings and grounds of all the district property is included in this section of the budget. Salaries for custodians, groundskeeper, and part-time help are included, as well as building utilities, repairs, supplies, and service contracts. This proposed budget increase is largely due to rise in utility costs. The BOCES decrease is due to the HVAC program - the previous year included additional start up costs.		
Maintenance Salaries	\$426,383	\$447,702
Maintenance Equipment	21,000	21,000
Maintenance Contractual	141,725	141,725
Electric	89,800	89,800
Gas	26,353	26,353
Phone	1,912	1,912
Water	18,950	18,950
Materials & Supplies	88,300	88,300
BOCES (Safety Programs)	60,156	62,743
Total O & M	\$874,579	\$898,485
Special Items		
Property and Liability Insurance and BOCES Data Processing and Administrative Costs (overhead and BOCES building payments) are found in this area. This year we have broken out the BOCES Capital expenses. It use to be in under the Admin charges.		
BOCES - Data Processing	\$216,517	\$226,208
Unallocated Insurance	32,500	36,200
Refund Real Property	1,000	1,000
BOCES (Admin. Charges)	47,397	50,385
BOCES (Capital Expense)	68,190	70,830
Total Special Items	\$365,604	\$384,623
Total Gen. Support	\$1,969,061	\$2,016,693

Instruction	Present Year 2023-24	Next Year 2024-25
Teaching/Supervision		
This section covers the regular education students from kindergarten through twelfth grade.		
BOCES (Curriculum)	\$2,860	\$2,860
Principal Salary	98,232	103,144
Non-Instructional Salary	42,379	45,773
Contractual	775	775
Principal Office Materials & Supplies	1,200	1,200
BOCES - Inservice Training	131,711	163,400
K-6 Teacher Salaries	1,234,659	1,368,524
7-12 Teacher Salaries	1,177,036	1,249,335
Substitute Salaries	101,250	83,000
Non-Instructional Salaries	103,989	131,801
Equipment	9,000	9,000
Contractual	39,500	39,500
Materials & Supplies	56,200	56,200
Tuition	5,000	5,000
Textbooks	32,640	32,640
BOCES (Educational Programs)	242,318	275,281
Total Teaching/Supervision	\$3,278,749	\$3,567,433

Instruction (cont'd)	Present Year 2024-25	Next Year 2025-26
Special Programs		
Included here are the costs of our resource room and other expenses associated with our students with disabilities.		
Instructional Salaries	\$529,842	\$553,595
Non-Instructional Salaries	169,642	129,530
Equipment	2,000	2,000
Contractual	108,289	68,015
Materials & Supplies	6,200	6,200
Tuition	0	0
Textbooks	1,900	1,900
BOCES (Special Education)	298,644	353,751
Total Special Programs	\$1,116,517	\$1,114,991
Occupational Ed.		
Expenses for materials and supplies associated with our technologies program. The BOCES services in this section are based on the number of students who attend the Belmont BOCES based on a three year average.		
Materials & Supplies	\$2,000	\$2,500
BOCES - (Occupational Education)	289,666	234,990
Total Occupational Ed.	\$291,666	\$237,490
Summer School		
These are the expenses for our Driver Education Program, Academic Summer School and Summer Recreation Program		
BOCES (Special Schools)	8,520	7,010
Total Summer School	\$8,520	\$7,010
Library & Computer Instruction		
Includes funds for the purchase of books, AV equipment and computer hardware/software.		
Library Books	\$2,000	\$2,000
School Library & AV	4,500	4,500
BOCES (Library & AV)	66,911	73,508
Computer Hardware	18,500	18,500
Computer Software	10,836	10,836
BOCES (Computer Assisted Instruction)	303,386	303,386
Total Library & Computer Instruction	\$406,133	\$412,730
Pupil Services		
Salary and related office expenses for a school counselor and a guidance aide are included in this section. The section also includes Community Schools, various salaries including extra-curricular and athletic salaries as well as referees and other interscholastic sports expenses.		
Guidance Salaries	\$90,226	\$95,158
Non-Instructional Salaries	20,772	21,810
Contractual (Guidance)	17,150	3,150
Materials & Supplies	1,200	1,200
Nurses Salary	46,710	47,584
Equipment (Health Services)	3,300	3,300
Contractual (Health Services)	575	575
Materials & Supplies (Health Services)	5,000	5,000
BOCES Health Services	19,427	20,511

Instruction (cont'd)

	Present Year 2024-25	Next Year 2025-26
Psychologist Salary	0	70,000
Psychological - Materials & Supplies	1,500	1,500
BOCES - Psychological	83,666	0
BOCES Social Work Services	0	0
Extracurricular Salaries	75,243	78,383
Extracurricular Contractual	5,000	5,185
Extracurricular Materials & Supplies	5,800	5,975
Coaching Salaries.	79,751	79,751
Athletic Equipment	6,000	6,000
Athletic Contractual	78,625	78,625
Athletic Materials & Supplies	22,000	22,000
BOCES - Athletic	8,537	8,553
Total Pupil Services	\$570,482	\$554,260
Total Instruction	\$5,689,435	\$5,928,931

Transportation

	Present Year 2024-25	Next Year 2025-26
Pupil Transportation		
This area of the budget covers all areas of district transportation - regular a.m. and p.m. routes, field trips, athletic teams, special education routes, and BOCES trips. Also included are drivers' salaries, fleet insurance, bus parts, fuel for buses, and expenses associated with the garage building.		
Transportation Salary	\$389,315	\$284,910
Equipment	23,000	23,000
Buses	0	154,000
Contractual	42,560	42,560
Materials & Supplies	91,000	91,200
BOCES - Transportation	4,305	4,398
Equipment	2,575	2,575
Contractual	50,845	50,645
Total Pupil Transportation	\$603,600	\$653,288

Undistributed

	Present Year 2024-25	Next Year 2025-26
Debt service and employee benefits make up the largest part of this section of the budget. It also includes a transfer to Capital Funds to continue capital outlay projects to help delay the need of going to the public for larger capital projects.		
State Retirement	\$207,838	\$212,655
Teachers' Retirement	359,266	359,266
Social Security	381,235	381,235
Workman's Comp.	33,076	33,076
Unemployment Insurance	9,000	9,000
Hospital Insurance	1,743,336	1,572,552
Serial Bonds Principal	865,000	415,000
Serial Bonds Interest	312,619	254,169
BAN Principal	63,860	147,995
BAN Interest	116,652	434,197
EPC Lease Principal	35,000	35,000
Bus Lease Principal	0	0
EPC Lease Interest	9,154	8,103
Bus Lease Interest	0	0
Transfer to School Lunch	50,000	50,000
Transfer to Capital Funds	100,000	100,000
Total Undistributed	\$4,286,036	\$4,012,248
TOTALS	\$12,548,132	\$12,611,160

BELFAST PUBLIC LIBRARY

Below is the proposed budget for the Belfast Public Library prepared and approved at the monthly meeting of the Library Trustees on February 25, 2025. The following trustees were present: Anne West, Patty Preston, Beth Hazelton, and Bob Mackmer. Tara Histed's term expires in 2025. Tara Histed was nominated at the annual budget hearing to serve for the next five-year term. Bob Mackemer was nominated to fulfill a vacated seat ending in 2028. The amount of taxes to be voted on is \$91,445. This represents a 4% increase in property taxes and a 7.44% increase in the budget (due to minimum wage and contractual increases).

Proposed Budget 2025-2026

EXPENSES

Salaries (Director & 4 Clerks)	\$58,389
Custodial Salary	\$1,500
Equipment	\$600
Contractual	\$1,000
Insurance	\$700
Telecommunications	\$8,000
Software	\$200
Programs	\$2,500
Books	\$4,600
Magazines	\$0
Multimedia	\$1,000
Supplies - Library	\$800
Supplies - Custodial	\$600
Utilities	\$5,500
Travel	\$300
Employee Benefits	\$10,940
Total	\$96,629

REVENUES

Real Property Taxes	\$91,445
Library Charges	\$0
Interests and Earnings	\$10
Sale of Scrap & Excess Materials	\$100
Gifts and Donations	\$500
Library System Grants	\$1,400
Total Revenues	\$93,455
Fund Balance used	\$3,173
Total Revenues plus Fund Bal	\$96,629



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Superintendent's Office.....	365-9940
Principal's Office	365-8285
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Bus Garage.....	365-2609
Nurse's Office	365-2053
Special Education Office.....	365-8297
Preschool.....	365-8088
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Please remember our school safety tip line.
This line remains at **365-2053** and may be used
for anonymous calls for reporting student safety
concerns.

Board of Education Meetings

Belfast Central School
Board of Education Meetings
2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30



**Request for Transportation to
Non-Public Schools**

All transportation requests for the Belfast Central School District to non-public schools for the 2025-2026 school year must be submitted to the District Clerk or the Transportation Supervisor, by no later than April 1, 2025, as per New York State Department Education Law §3635(2).

Bus notes must be turned in to **Mrs. Harrington** **in the Main Office**. Notes must be received by Mrs. Harrington **by noon**.

Email to KNHarrington@belfastcsd.org
Or...
Phone 585-365-8285