



North Rose-Wolcott

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

May 20, 2025

12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
NRW High School
11631 Salter-Colvin Road
Wolcott, NY 14590



Message from the Board of Education

Dear Fellow Community Members,

This newsletter contains information pertaining to the vote on May 20 when NRWCS voters will be asked to approve the 2025-2026 school budget proposal and the school bus purchase expenditure, elect a member to the Board of Education, and support the collection requests of the Rose and Wolcott public libraries.

The proposed budget amount presented in Proposition #1 is the culmination of months of careful and prudent preparation. It supports the District's adopted Strategic Action Plan by providing for the educational, physical, emotional, health and safety needs of students, appropriate staffing needs and training essentials, New York State and Federal requirement and mandate compliance, and the diligent management of the District's buildings and grounds. With anticipated revenues from State and Federal aid, multiple grant awards, Wayne County Sales Tax and BOCES reimbursements, and other smaller sources, significant consideration was given to the subsequent tax impact on local residents before the School Board adopted the final proposed budget amount to present to voters for approval.

School Bus Proposition #2 follows an ongoing District plan to replace our buses on a regular basis. This saves money on repairs through warranty coverage, meets the most current safety standards, and gives us a substantially better trade-in value and additional transportation aid resulting from cash payments.

Proposition #3 is for financial support of the Rose and Wolcott libraries. If approved, the school district collects this money, then transfers it to the libraries. The school district has no input into the amounts requested and receives no financial benefits.

You will also be electing a member to sit on the School Board for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2025.

The School Board thanks you for your continued support of our children's education, that they may become successful adults and productive community members.

Yours truly,
Lucinda Collier
Board of Education President



Message From the Superintendent

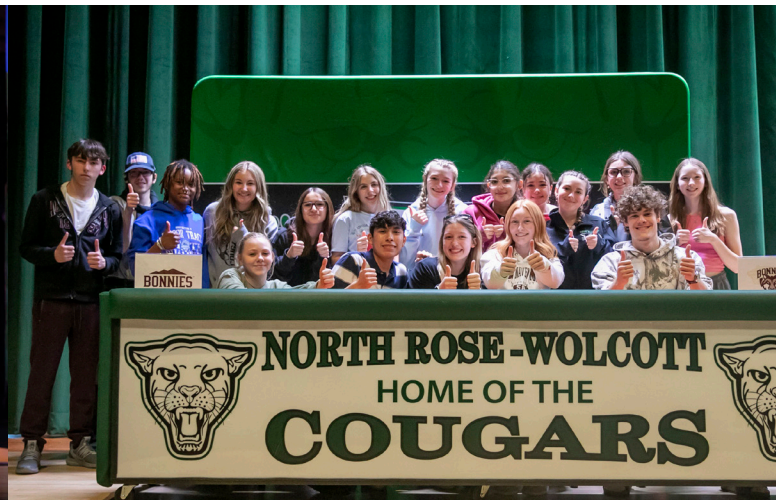
Dear School Community,

I would like to thank you for your continued support of the North Rose-Wolcott Central School District. Our May 20 budget vote is the culmination of months of diligent work to develop a sound fiscal plan for the 2025-2026 school year. The proposed budget addresses rising costs while minimizing impacts to student programs. Voters will also be asked to approve the purchase of five diesel buses, which will support the safe and cost-effective transport of our students for years to come.

Our district continues to make gains thanks to your continued support of our district and programs. Over the years, we have been able to create, restore or enhance offerings such as computer science and instrumental music at the elementary level and the expansion of the Cougar OPS program, helping students gain the skills to succeed and stay on track for graduation. We have also maintained and enhanced our school buildings and made improvements paramount to student and staff safety.

Your support enables us to continue our track record of offering high-quality educational programs to our students while being fiscally responsible to our community. Thank you for helping to ensure we continue to bring our students the very best.

Respectfully,
Michael Pullen
Superintendent of Schools



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What's On The Ballot?

Proposition No. 1: 2025-2026 Budget

Shall the budget for the North Rose-Wolcott Central School District (the "District") for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, as presented by the Board of Education, in the amount of \$37,150,000 be approved and adopted, the required funds be appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the District to be levied and collected as required by law?

Proposition No. 2: Transportation Purchases and Expenditures

Shall the Board of Education of the North Rose-Wolcott Central School District be authorized to purchase the following motor vehicles for use in student transportation: five (5) 64-passenger school buses at an aggregate cost not to exceed \$925,000, less any trade-in value, with such sum to be paid from an expenditure from the District's existing Capital Reserve Fund, established by the voters of the District in May 2023; and that the District shall be authorized to enter into one or more purchase contracts on terms satisfactory to the Board of Education, with respect to the vehicles hereby authorized to be acquired?

Proposition No. 3: Annual Library Appropriations

Shall the annual sum collected by the North Rose-Wolcott Central School District as required by New York State Education and Municipal laws for the 2025-26 operating budgets of the Wolcott Public Library and the Rose Free Library, as determined by both Library Boards of Trustees, be increased by \$23,000 to the total sum of \$259,100 annually to be allocated in the amounts of \$138,000 to the Wolcott Public Library and \$121,100 to the Rose Free Library?

Voter Qualifications

Education Law, Section 2012

A person shall be entitled to vote at any school meeting or election of school district officers, and upon all other matters which may be brought before such meeting or election who is a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, and a legal resident within the district for a period of 30 days immediately prior to the date of the election. Your legal address is where you are registered to vote and what is listed on your driver's license, federal income tax form or car registration. To vote, you do not have to own property. You also do not have to be a parent or have children in school.

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballot applications are available at the District Office, 11631 Salter-Colvin Road, Wolcott, NY 14590 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; at the district website at www.nrwcs.org; or by calling the District Clerk at (315) 594-2020. The District Clerk must receive absentee ballot applications at least seven days before the vote (**May 13, 2025**) if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or the day before the election (**May 19, 2025**) if the ballot is to be issued to the voter in person. Ballots must be returned to the District Office **by 5 p.m. on May 20, 2025**.

Early Voting

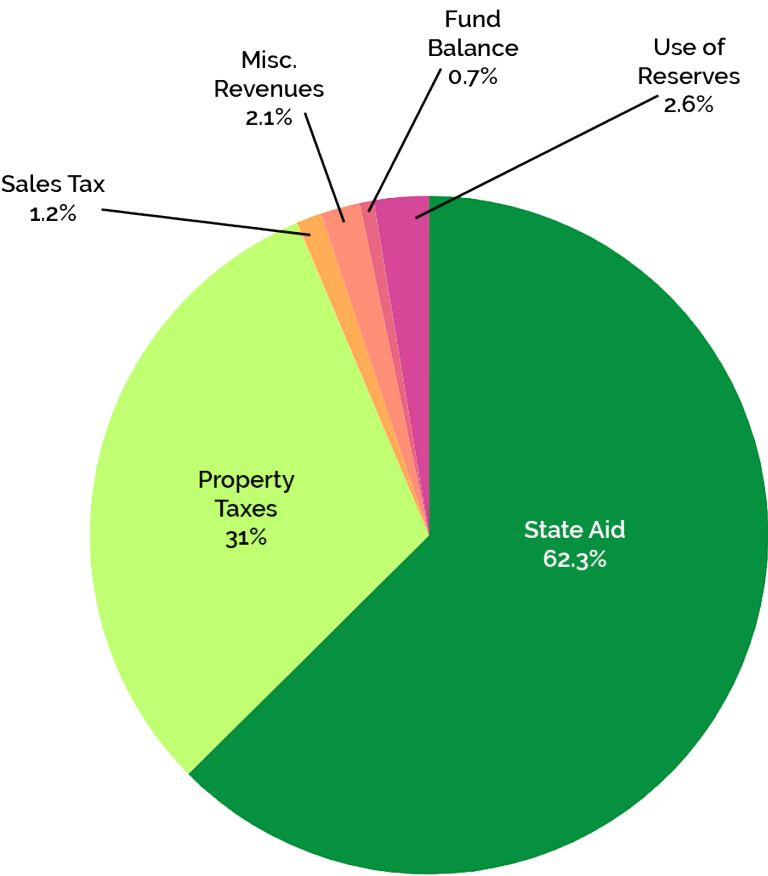
Applications for early mail ballots may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk during all days in which the School District is in session. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than **April 23, 2025** and at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. The District Clerk must receive early ballots no later than **5 p.m. on May 20, 2025**.



Revenue Sources

Revenue Category	Current Budget 2024-25	Proposed Spending Plan 2025-26	Dollar Change	Percent Change
State Aid	\$21,925,405	\$23,141,244	\$1,215,839	5.55%
Property Taxes	\$11,235,105	\$11,534,500	\$299,395	2.66%
In Lieu of Taxes	\$16,006	\$16,006	\$0	0.00%
Sales Tax	\$440,000	\$440,000	\$0	0.00%
Other Misc Revenues	\$578,250	\$798,250	\$220,000	38.05%
Fund Balance	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	0.00%
Use of Reserves	\$1,045,000	\$970,000	(\$75,000)	-7.18%
Total Budget	\$35,489,766	\$37,150,000	\$1,660,234	4.68%

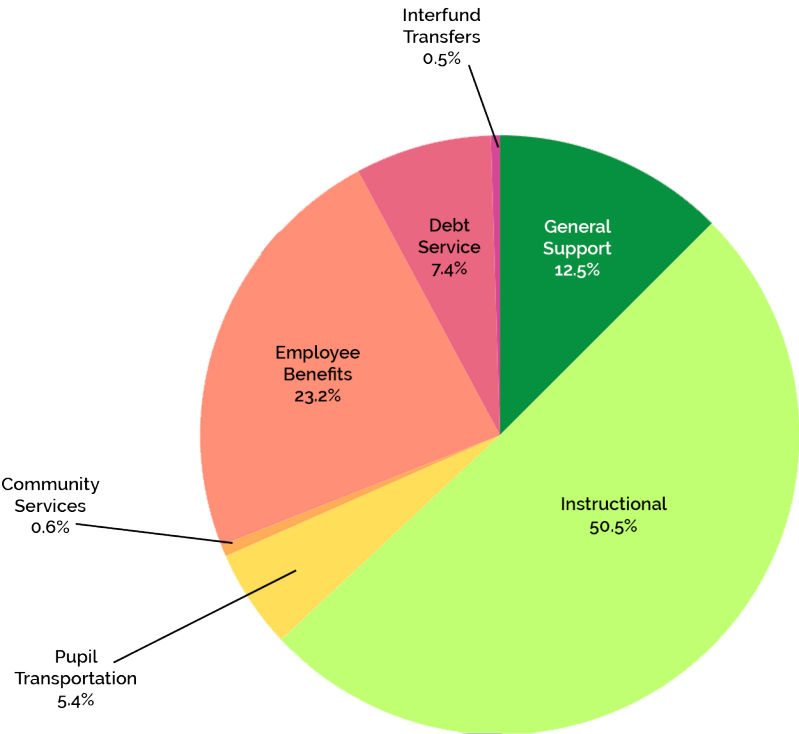
Revenues
by Category



Planned Expenditures

Expenditure Category	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Proposed Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
General Support				
Board of Education	\$58,831	\$59,825	\$994	1.69%
Central Administration	\$319,620	\$353,725	\$34,105	10.67%
Finance	\$647,750	\$718,000	\$70,250	10.85%
Staff - Legal, Personnel, Public Information	\$331,990	\$345,275	\$13,285	4.00%
Central Services - Operations, Maintenance, Data Processing	\$2,711,873	\$2,707,975	(\$3,898)	-0.14%
Special Items - Insurance, Dues, BOCES Administration, etc.	\$446,888	\$460,300	\$13,412	3.00%
TOTAL GENERAL SUPPORT	\$4,516,951	\$4,645,100	\$128,149	2.84%
Instruction				
Admin & Improvement - Curriculum, Supervision, In-Service Trng	\$1,326,955	\$1,303,475	(\$23,480)	-1.77%
Teaching - Regular Ed, Special Ed, Occ. Ed, Special Schools	\$13,909,833	\$14,374,325	\$464,492	3.34%
Instructional Media - Library, Computer Assisted Instruction	\$1,425,078	\$1,343,875	(\$81,203)	-5.70%
Pupil Services - Guidance, Health Svcs, Psychologists, Co-curricular, Athletics	\$1,558,315	\$1,749,975	\$191,660	12.30%
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	\$18,220,181	\$18,771,650	\$551,469	3.03%
TOTAL PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$1,885,494	\$1,987,700	\$102,206	5.42%
TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$235,750	\$226,425	(\$9,325)	-3.96%
Undistributed				
Employee Benefits	\$8,233,515	\$8,606,425	\$372,910	4.53%
Debt Service	\$2,217,107	\$2,732,700	\$515,593	23.26%
Interfund Transfers	\$180,768	\$180,000	(\$768)	-0.42%
TOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	\$10,631,390	\$11,519,125	\$887,735	8.35%
Total Budget	\$35,489,766	\$37,150,000	\$1,660,234	4.68%

Expenditures by Category



What does this proposal mean for the average NRW homeowner?

Your own tax increase depends upon three main factors:

- 1) Where you live;
- 2) Changes in property assessments and final equalization rates;

3) Your participation in STAR. Senior citizens may be eligible for a STAR reduction of approximately \$70,000 in taxable assessment, while non-senior homeowners may receive a reduction of approximately \$30,000 in taxable assessment. Businesses and rental properties are not eligible for STAR.

For a House Assessed at
\$50,000

Assessed Value	50,000.00
STAR Deduction	(30,000.00)
Net Assessment	20,000.00
Est. 2025-26 Tax Rate/\$1,000	12.47
2024-25 Tax Rate/\$1,000	12.15
Difference	0.32
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Estimated tax change	\$6.40

For a House Assessed at
\$100,000

Assessed Value	100,000.00
STAR Deduction	(30,000.00)
Net Assessment	70,000.00
Est. 2025-26 Tax Rate/\$1,000	12.47
2024-25 Tax Rate/\$1,000	12.15
Difference	0.32
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Estimated tax change	\$22.40

**Estimates based on district's true value tax rate.*



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Proposed Spending Plan as Components

The State Education Department requires school districts to categorize the budget into three parts:

Educational Program

Includes expenses for teaching regular and special schools, i.e. employee salaries, benefits and insurance, programs for students with disabilities, occupational education, in-service training, school library/audiovisual, attendance, guidance, health services, psychological/social work services, pupil personnel services, co-curricular activities, interscholastic athletics, student transportation services, recreation/youth programs, civic activities, transfers to school lunch, school store and special aid funds.

Capital

Includes expenses for the operation and maintenance of school buildings, school bus purchases, principal and interest payments for debt service, transfers to capital and debt service funds, property tax refunds, and employee benefits attributed to salaries included in these functions.

Administrative

Includes expenses for the Board of Education, central administration, instructional supervision, curriculum development, legal services, central data processing, printing, mailing and storage, and employee benefits attributed to salaries included in these functions.

Components	Current Budget 2024-2025	Proposed Spending Plan 2025-2026	% of Spending	Dollar +/-	Percent +/-
Educational Program	\$26,113,008	\$26,689,492	71.8%	\$576,484	2.21%
Capital	\$5,059,544	\$5,880,889	15.6%	\$741,345	14.65%
Administrative	\$4,317,214	\$4,659,619	12.5%	\$342,405	7.93%
Total Budget	\$35,489,766	\$37,150,000	100.0%	\$1,660,234	4.68%



Board of Education Candidate

Residents will be asked to elect one member to the Board of Education for a term beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2030, to succeed the following incumbent: Tina Reed. If you wish to write in candidates who are not on the ballot, you may do so at voting time following the instructions on the ballot. Candidates are listed below in the order they appear on the ballot.

Tina Reed

Length of Residency in North Rose-Wolcott: 35 years

Family: Children Lauren (NRW Class of 2007) and Zachary (NRW Class of 2008)

Education: Bachelor's degree in Human Services from College of St. Joseph (Rutland, Vt.), MS/CAS in School Psychology from SUNY Oswego

Professional Background: School psychologist, North Rose-Wolcott Central School District (1985-2016); school psychologist, Happiness House (2016-2021)

Additional Background: NRW Board of Education member, 6 years; BOE vice president, 2 years; chairperson of Personnel and Negotiations committee for 4 years, Communications ad hoc committee and Superintendent Evaluation ad hoc committee for 1 year; served on handbook and policy committees and as middle school, high school and Cougar OPS liaison

I am seeking reelection to the Board of Education in an effort to continue with the positive work we are currently engaging in. As a district we are demonstrating growth in all endeavors:

- Strategic Action Plan: support the district plan designed to promote sustained growth socially, academically and culturally;
- Student Performance: set high standards and maintain positive growth including academic and social-emotional growth and in developing positive future citizens;
- Budget Development: support school budget that is fiscally responsible while simultaneously supporting student growth;
- School Climate and Culture: support a work and learning environment that is healthy for students and staff and promotes achievement, learning and a cohesive work environment;
- Superintendent Evaluation: adopted a system for superintendent evaluation that is consistent and standardized;
- Safe and Secure School Buildings and Grounds: support security systems that ensure safety and preparedness in all buildings and on school grounds.

It is my intention that, as a member of the school board, I will continue to act as a member of a team dedicated to supporting all endeavors and seek additional programs to promote the success of our students, staff and school community.





Decker Receives W-FL Superintendent Award

North Rose-Wolcott High School senior Leah Decker has been named NRW's 2025 recipient of the Wayne-Finger Lakes Superintendent Award! Leah was recognized at an awards program held March 6 at Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES in Newark.

One senior from each of W-FL BOCES' component districts is selected to receive the Superintendent Award. Recipients must have a GPA of 80 or higher at the end of their junior year; demonstrate leadership qualities including honesty, compassion, perseverance, responsibility, kindness, resiliency and industriousness; and have a history of service to their schools, families and communities. Nominees must also fill out an application and write an essay.

Congratulations, Leah!



Senior Athletes Commit to Participating in Collegiate Sports

So far this school year, three North Rose-Wolcott senior athletes have been celebrated with signing ceremonies as they commit to participating in collegiate athletics.

In December, Christian Warren signed a letter of intent to attend Alfred State University, where he will join the wrestling team and major in construction management.

This spring, Gwen Tompkins committed to joining the track team at St. Bonaventure University, where she will major in health sciences.

Lastly, Kadience Powell signed her letter of intent to play soccer at Finger Lakes Community College. She plans to major in business administration.

We look forward to celebrating the successes of our student athletes as they prepare to compete at the next level!



NRW Athletics Hall of Fame Welcomes New Inductees

Five individuals and a team became the newest inductees to the North Rose-Wolcott Athletic Hall of Fame during an April 5 ceremony at NRW High School.

The NRW Athletic Hall of Fame was established to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of outstanding athletes, coaches, administrators and Cougar supporters. Through nomination and committee selection, the Hall of Fame recognizes athletes who have been graduated from NRW a minimum of 10 years; individuals who have made significant contributions to NRW athletic programs as a coach; or individuals who have made a significant impact on district, sectional, regional, state, national, professional or international athletics.

The 2025 honorees include:

Erin Giebner Ingersoll, Class of 1996: Erin earned 1st Team All-League honors and Section V Honorable Mention in soccer as a senior at NRW, then went on to play at Keuka College. In track and field, she held the school record in the high jump for many years and was a member of the 4x400 relay team that competed in the New York State meet in 1996 and holds a still-standing record.

Jonathan Jones, Class of 2014: Jonathan was a sectional champion in both the 600m (indoor) and 800m (outdoor) and still holds three school track records in those events and as part of the 4x400 relay team. He placed 8th in the 800m at the New York State Track and Field Championships.

1971-72 Bowling Team: John Budinock, Larry Galek, Mike Palmer, Jon Elwell, Ed Jordan, and Brett Rising worked tirelessly to earn a sectional title and competed against significantly larger schools to emerge victorious in the sectional championship, recording a 1,013 team single series and a final overall score of 2,899.

Dale Binggeli, Coach: Dale shaped young athletes at NRW for 34 years, coaching multiple sports, serving as a volleyball official, and playing a significant role in the swimming and diving programs.

Leo Ticconi, Honorary: Ticconi served as a dedicated custodian and groundskeeper at NRW from 1974 to 2006 and has taken hundreds of photos of NRW student athletes, helping to preserve NRW's athletic history for generations to come.

Aaron Petrosino, Honorary: A lifelong NRW resident, Aaron has given much to the community as a student athlete, local leader, and dedicated booster club member. He has served the Booster Club since 1992, including as president and treasurer, and has dedicated countless hours to supporting NRW athletics.

For more on this year's honorees, visit our website at www.nrwcs.org.



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NRW High School Celebrates Class of 2025 Valedictorian, Salutatorian and Top 10

North Rose-Wolcott High School is pleased to celebrate the valedictorian, salutatorian and students with the top 10 academic averages in the Class of 2025. The students and their families were honored with a breakfast at the high school on March 26, 2025.

The valedictorian of the North Rose-Wolcott Class of 2025 is **Evan Loperfido**. After graduation, Evan will head to England and start an internship with a church in finance and pastoral care. He then plans to attend college for accounting.

The salutatorian of the NRW Class of 2025 is **Matthew Ingersoll**. Matthew plans to attend college for computer science, with plans to become a software engineer.

The other members of the Top 10 of the Class of 2025 are as follows:

3. **Brendan Winter** plans to work for the family business after graduation.

4. **Alston Anaya-Hernandez** will attend college to study nursing.

5. **Abigail Keyes** plans to attend Western New England University and major in biology, with plans to become a marine biologist.

6. **Julian Infante** will attend Clarkson University and major in environmental engineering.

7. **Madelyne Henderson** will attend SUNY Oswego and major in studio art.

8. **MacKayla Singleton-Ehrne** plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing.

9. **Gabrielle Chatfield** will attend the SUNY Delhi Veterinary Science Online Technology Degree Program, with plans to become a large animal veterinary technician.

10. **Elijah DeRoo** will attend Alfred State University for welding technology.



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Staff at All Three Schools Hold Underground Spirit Week

On the week of March 24-28, staff at the elementary, middle and high schools were seen exhibiting some odd behaviors, including wearing crazy mismatched patterns, getting temporary cougar paw tattoos, and drinking out of strange objects!

It was part of the first Underground Spirit Week at NRW! Staff at all three buildings followed a different theme each day, keeping it a secret from students.

The week's themes included Monochromatic Monday, Anything But a Cup Tuesday, Wacky Wednesday, Tattoo Thursday, and Heads Up Friday.

Staff had a lot of fun throughout the week, and students also had fun guessing what their teachers and school staff were up to!

