



Budget Bulletin

Syosset Central School District

2025

**SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE
& TRUSTEE ELECTION**

TUESDAY, MAY 20

POLLS OPEN 6AM TO 9PM

Budget Proposal Addresses Increasing Enrollment

Remaining Under “Tax Cap” for 13th Year

Dear Syosset Community:

The Board of Education and Central Administration have worked diligently to develop a 2025-2026 school year budget that for the 13th consecutive year includes a property tax levy increase that remains under the state tax cap. **The proposed property tax levy increase for the 2025-2026 school year is 2.77%.**

Despite inflation, rising health insurance and transportation costs, and increased enrollment, the budget remains balanced and:

- maintains existing programs and services;
- expands special education opportunities;
- provides Artificial Intelligence (AI) training for educators; and,
- includes select capital projects to enhance student experiences.

While student enrollment across Nassau County has decreased by 4% over the past decade, Syosset’s has grown by 10%—a 14% increase relative to the county. To manage this growth, we continue to innovate to provide every student with the extraordinary education that defines Syosset.

As part of this innovation, we’re training educators to use AI tools to enhance instruction—while preserving the student-centered experience central to a Syosset education. We’re also expanding our special education program to support more students with intensive needs on-site, allowing them to learn in their home community alongside peers and neighbors.

Capital projects include renovating HBT’s existing tennis courts and adding two more to meet growing interest in middle school tennis. The budget also supports upgrades to sound and lighting in secondary auditoriums, and ADA-compliant renovations of staff bathrooms. General maintenance will continue in preparation for major construction next summer.

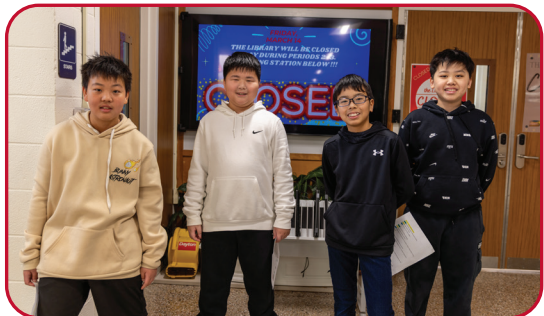
We invite you to attend the public budget hearing on Monday, May 12th to learn more. **The annual budget vote will take place on Tuesday, May 20th.** In addition, voters will also select three members for the Board of Education.

Thank you for your continued partnership with our District.

The Syosset Board of Education

Carol C. Cheng, *President*
Brian J. Grieco, *Vice President*
Lynn Abramson
Lisa A. Coscia
Susan Falkove
Anna Levitan
Jack Ostrick
Shany Park
Thomas A. Rotolo

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Points of Pride

Academics

- Syosset Central School District ranked 5th in the nation; 2nd Best School District in NY; 6th for Best Teachers in NY by Niche.com
- South Grove Elementary: **National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence**
- Expansion of special education programming to support students with more intensive needs on-site; additional behavior specialist
- SHS Library Learning Commons named **National School Library of the Year** by American Library Association; earned "Certified Sustainable" designation
- Thirty-one AP courses offered at SHS; 89% scored 3 or higher on AP exam
- Twenty-one SHS seniors named National Merit Semifinalists
- Two Regeneron Science Research Scholars
- 363 students inducted into the National Honor Society
- SHS DECA chapter received awards in promotional, community service, and membership campaigns
- Science Olympiad, HOSA, and Robotics teams competing at National level
- Mathletes took first place in County League; 13 students on county all-star team, three perfect scores



Athletics

- **Fall & Winter athlete honors (2024-2025):** All-American (7), All-State (25), All-Long Island (12), All-County (93)
- **All Fall & Winter varsity teams earned NYS Scholar Athlete Distinction:** 75% of students have 90+ GPA
- Challenger and Unified programs create opportunities for all students; addition of challenger Cheer team

Fall 2024

- Boys Cross Country: Conference Champions, NYS Qualifier
- Girls Cross Country: County Champions, NYS Qualifier
- Boys Soccer: County Champions, Long Island Champions
- Girls Swim & Dive: County Champions
- Girls Tennis: County Champions, Long Island Champions, NYS Finalists

Winter 2024-2025

- Girls Fencing: County Champions, Long Island Champions
- Boys Fencing: County Champions, Long Island Champions
- Boys Winter Track: County Champions
- Boys Swim & Dive: County Champions
- Girls Basketball: County Champions, Long Island Champions, State Semi-Finalists
- Gymnastics: County Champions, All-American Team



Arts

Art

- Three students recognized as Scholar Artists by the Long Island Arts Alliance
- Two SHS students displayed work at Heckscher "Long Island's Best" Exhibit
- Twenty-seven students showed at the Art Guild Nassau County Juried Art Exhibit
- Four students accepted to the Huntington Art Council Exhibit

Music

- Best Community for Music Education for over 23 years (NAMM)
- SHS Chamber Orchestra crowned **National Grand Champions** by American String Teachers Association
- SHS Wind Ensemble selected to perform at NAFME All-Eastern Conference
- Forty-eight students selected as NYSSMA All-State Musicians; six students selected as All-Eastern Musicians
- Three students performed in the NYSSMA Piano Showcase
- Four middle school groups and one SHS group selected to perform at Lincoln Center for the CMS competition
- SHS Barbershop quartets received 1st and 2nd place at the Barbershop Harmony Society Midwinter Convention Competition

Performing Arts

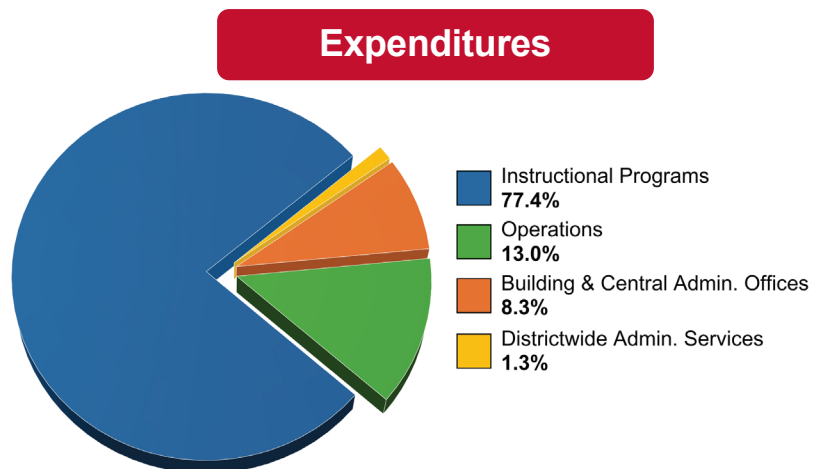
- Newly renovated stage and flooring in SHS auditorium
- Full-feature theatre productions at the secondary and elementary levels
- Nine recognitions from the Theatre Association of NYS for Fall show *Noises Off*
- Spring Musical *School of Rock* saw nearly 1,000 attendees, 70 students in cast and crew

District Budget Summary

	Budget 24-25	Proposed 25-26
1010 Board Of Education	46,700	46,700
1040 District Clerk	102,500	102,613
1060 District Meetings	60,000	43,500
1240 Chief School Administrator Office	375,414	384,100
1310 Business Administration Office	603,440	638,293
1320 Auditing	118,700	118,900
1345 Purchasing	639,996	639,922
1380 Fiscal Agent	7,000	7,000
1420 Legal Fees	422,600	422,600
1430 Personnel Office	969,301	1,012,514
1480 Community Relations	200,060	201,908
1620 Custodial Operations	11,610,658	11,972,841
1621 Maintenance Operations	6,136,194	5,864,069
1631 Security Operations	4,370,443	4,110,443
1670 Central Printing	612,239	591,446
1680 Central Data Processing	2,697,232	2,975,072
1910 Allocated Insurance	1,683,095	1,992,000
1981 Admin Charge - BOCES	938,044	959,265
1983 BOCES Capital Expenses	240,297	246,539
1989 Unclassified	50,000	50,000
2010 Curriculum Development/Supervision	3,060,322	2,575,490
2020 Supervision	7,046,237	7,755,566
2070 Inservice Programs	253,000	171,000
2110 General Education Programs	87,597,878	89,888,970
2250 Special Education Programs	32,266,318	34,467,715
2280 Occupational Education	590,000	590,000
2310 Continuing Education	120,224	124,952
2320 Summer School	418,372	418,372
2610 Library Media Program	3,058,257	3,181,803
2630 Computer Assisted Instruction	4,787,301	4,988,810
2805 Attendance Offices	264,113	279,687
2810 Guidance Offices	3,800,102	3,856,551
2815 Health Services	2,219,539	2,297,742
2820 Psychological Services	2,762,486	2,867,377
2825 Social Work Services	581,350	624,160
2850 Co-Curricular Activities	2,560,399	2,674,980
2855 Interscholastic Athletics	3,268,060	3,273,874
5510 District Transportation*	326,542	1,028,565
5540 Contract Transportation**	13,304,600	15,069,735
7140 Community Services/Recreation	283,205	278,078
8070 Community Services/Census	21,131	28,000
9010 Retirement System - ERS	3,992,855	4,500,000
9020 Retirement System - TRS	12,961,115	12,382,406
9030 Social Security	11,882,141	12,215,003
9045 Life Insurance	230,000	250,000
9060 Health Insurance	43,584,259	44,603,715
9065 Dental Insurance	930,000	930,000
9070 Other Benefits	1,634,300	2,126,800
9760 Tax Anticipation Notes	1,024,306	937,500
9901 Transfer to Other Funds	4,707,225	4,730,844
9950 Transfer to Capital Fund***	4,325,000	4,325,000
Total General Fund	285,744,550	295,822,420



Revenues	Budget 24-25	Proposed 25-26
State Aid	34,774,418	35,879,264
Restricted Reserves	7,202,290	9,142,435
Appropriated Fund Balance	2,900,000	2,900,000
Other Local Revenues	4,736,611	4,562,671
PILOTS	9,619,694	10,550,450
General Fund Tax Levy	226,511,537	232,787,600
Total Revenue	285,744,550	295,822,420



*District Transportation includes an allocation for the purchase of three buses.

**Contract Transportation includes an allocation for the costs associated with the first year of a five-year contracted transportation agreement. Approval of the budget constitutes approval of this five-year agreement.

***Transfer to Capital Fund includes allocations for HBT tennis court renovation including two new courts, staff bathroom renovations for ADA compliance, upgraded sound and lighting systems at secondary auditoriums, districtwide electrical upgrades, roofing, masonry and paving, and classroom alterations.

Voter Guide

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information, including
registration, eligibility
& absentee ballots



Polling Place

Elementary Attendance Zone	Voting Site
Robbins Lane South Grove	Robbins Lane Elementary School
A.P. Willits Baylis	H.B. Thompson Middle School
Walt Whitman Berry Hill Village	Syosset High School

Proposition #1

SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 2025-2026

RESOLVED, that the proposed budget approved by the Board of Education for the fiscal year 2025-2026 be adopted and the necessary amount thereof shall be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the Syosset Central School District.

BOARD OF EDUCATION BALLOT

Vote for three

David Ginsburg
Inna Choi
Jack Ostrick
Thomas A. Rotolo
Lynn Abramson
Write-in Candidate

Proposition #2

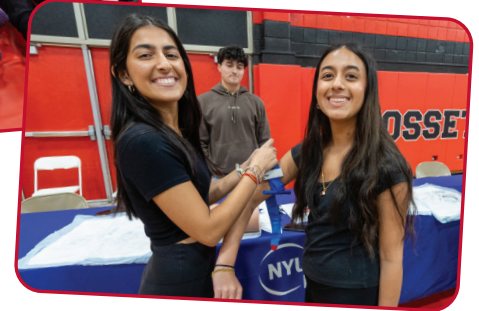
SYOSSET PUBLIC LIBRARY BUDGET FOR 2025-2026

RESOLVED, that the proposed budget approved by the Board of Trustees for the fiscal year 2025-2026 be adopted and the necessary amount thereof shall be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the Syosset Central School District.

SYOSSET PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES BALLOT

Vote for two

Sam Sochet
Write-in Candidate



FAQ

Q: What is the estimated tax levy increase of the proposed budget?

A: The proposed budget would increase the school tax levy by 2.77%. This is below the state-mandated tax cap set at 2.80%. The total proposed budget of \$295,822,420 carries a budget-to-budget increase of 3.53% for the 2025-26 school year.

Q: Does the proposed 25-26 budget maintain all programs and services?

A: Yes. The proposed budget manages our District's growth, while maintaining educational opportunities for students, extracurricular activities, and co-curricular programs. This budget will also continue maintenance and repairs of our facilities in preparation for larger bond projects in the summer of 2026.

Q: What happens if the budget is defeated?

A: If the budget is defeated on May 20th, the District will be faced with three options. The Board could choose to submit the same budget for a revote, submit a revised version of the defeated budget, or adopt a contingency budget. If a proposed budget is defeated twice, a contingency budget must be adopted, and state law would mandate that the District revert to a 0% tax levy increase for the 2025-26 year. That would require the District to make approximately \$6.3 million in reductions to the proposed budget.

SYOSSET CSD TAX CAP HISTORY

