



SWEET HOME CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent Report

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2024 - 2025

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Tonight's Report:

- Budget Hearing and Meet the Candidate Night
- Summer School Update
- 2025 Challenge to Change
- Capital Construction Project Update
- Local Art Winners through NWACC and Immediate Care
- Logo Artists! Our Top 10
- Sweet Home High School Top 10 Academic Achievers
- Memorial Day Update

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2025-26 Budget Hearing & Meet the Candidates Night

**Tuesday, May 6, 2025
6:30pm
Vergils Community Center**

**2024-2025
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2025-26 Budget Summary

2025-26 Proposed Budget: \$105,576,012

⇒ Maintains programming at all current levels and school configurations

⇒ Under the State imposed Property Tax Cap of 0.40% / 25-26 proposed levy increase: 0.4%

⇒ Maintains annual bus purchases (6 new buses for 25-26; including 4 electric w/ use of State & Federal funding)

2025-26 Proposed Budget: \$105,576,012

2024-25 Budget: \$100,410,422

Budget to Budget Increase: \$5,165,590

Percentage Increase: 5.14%

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Three Part Budget

Budget must be presented in three (3) parts:

Administrative - The administrative component of the budget provides for the overall general support and management activities including the Board of Education, superintendent's office, curriculum and staff development, printing and publishing and supervision and support in each of the six schools. Also included are expenses for legal services, liability and property insurance and salaries and benefits for the administrative staff.

Program - The instructional component accounts for instruction and educational support for the district's 3,800 students. Salaries of teachers, guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers, coaches, therapists, teachers aides, computer technicians and related clerical/support staff are included, as are their fringe benefits. Transportation, instructional computers, supplies and textbooks, special education services and expenses for summer school are included in this component.

Capital - Includes buildings and grounds salaries, equipment, vehicles, utilities, repairs, rentals, contracts and supplies for all the custodial, grounds, and maintenance of all district buildings. Includes judgments and claims and refund of prior year property taxes due to reassessments and/or town clerical errors. Includes debt service principal and interest and interfund transfers for existing capital projects. Includes all fringe benefits for above employees.



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Three Part Budget / Total Budget: \$105,576,012

Administrative

2024-25: \$7,975,762

2025-26: \$8,095,727

Program

2024-25: \$75,882,180

2025-26: \$80,293,511

Capital

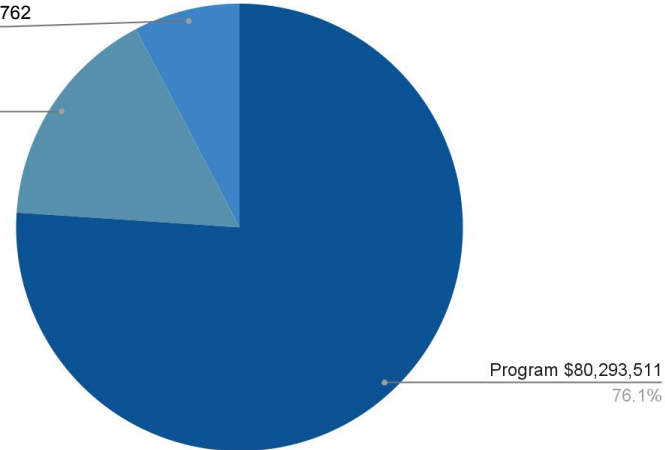
2024-25: \$16,552,479

2025-26: \$17,186,774

Three Part Budget

Administrative \$7,975,762
7.7%

Capital \$17,186,774
16.3%



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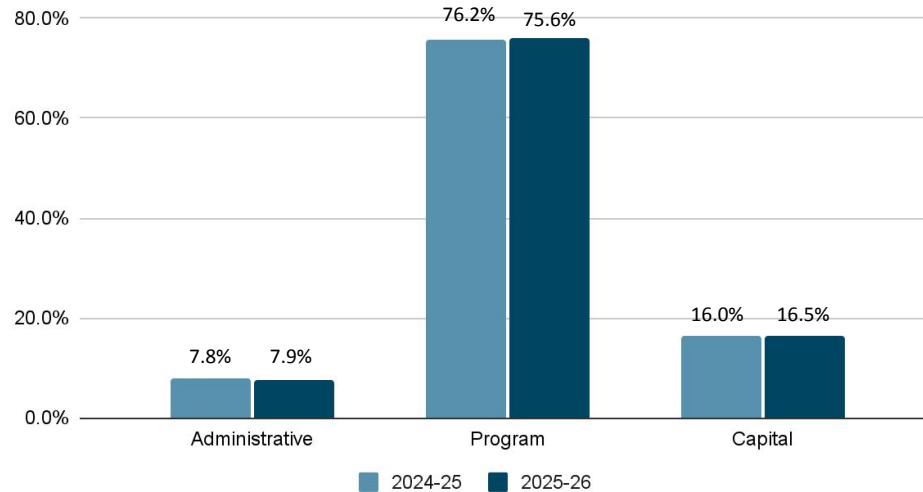


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Three Part Budget Comparison

Three Part Budget Comparison 2024-25 vs 2025-26



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Revenue Budget: \$105,576,012

Revenue	Budget Percentage
Real Property Taxes	51.6%
State Aid	36.4%
Reserves & Fund Balance	2.6%
Debt Reserve	0.3%
Sales Tax	5.2%
Other (PILOTS, Tuitions, Interest)	3.9%

2025-26 Revenue Impacts:

- \$3.75 million increase in Foundation and expense driven aids
- \$350,000 increase in sales tax projections from current year
- Use of \$345,350 in reserves to help offset lack of State Aid
- Use of \$300,000 in debt service reserve to continue to exhaust that reserve **last year for use of this reserve

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2025-26 Proposed Tax Levy

Proposed Tax Levy	\$54,486,662
Tax Levy Increase	\$218,590
Tax Levy Percentage Increase	0.40%

2025-26 proposed tax levy falls within the NYS Tax Cap limit. Proposed budget only needs a simple majority to pass on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

- **2025-26 Tax Cap limit for Sweet Home CSD: 0.40%**

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2025-26 Proposed Budget Snapshot Tax Rates / \$250,000 Assessment

Assumptions:

- **Assessed Values remain at 2024 levels**
- Amherst Equalization Rate reduced from 62% to 100%
- Tonawanda Equalization Rate reduced from 24% to 23%
- Rates based on going to the tax cap limit of \$54,486,662

School Tax on an Average Assessed Value Home				
	Amherst		Tonawanda	
	2024-25	2025-26	2024-25	2025-26
Equalization Rate	100.0%	100.0%	23.0%	23.0%
Assessed Value	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$57,500	\$57,500
Tax Rate	\$9.67	\$9.70	\$42.22	\$42.39
Calculated Tax Bill	\$2,418	\$2,425	\$2,428	\$2,437
Estimated Increase		\$7		\$9



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2025-26 Budget Voter Propositions

Proposition #1: Approval of \$105,576,012 / 2025-26 Budget

- Budget increase of 5.1% // Tax levy increase of 0.4% over current year

Proposition #2: Election of two (2) Board of Education Members

- Terms of Brian Laible & Dirk Rabenold expire on June 30, 2025
 - Two top vote-getters receive a five-year term expiring on June 30, 2030

Voting Details:

Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Times: 7am - 9pm

Location: Vergils Center, 1901 Sweet Home Road (Enter through Door #6)

***Must be 18 years of age to vote and resident of the District for at least 30 days prior to voting.**





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Questions from the Board



ANY QUESTIONS?



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Meet our 2025-26 Board of Education candidates:

Brian Laible
Jonathan Makeley
Alan Plath
Dirk Rabenold



SWEET HOME CSD
BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEET THE CANDIDATES

2025-26 DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE
SWEET HOME HIGH SCHOOL, MAY 20 2025 7AM-9PM



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Teacher Appreciation Week

Thank you Sweet Home Teachers!!

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Art & Essay Contest Winners

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Winners

Jennifer Pradhan (WR)
Maris Strible (WR)
Kelsey Kenney (WR)
Elin Marcial (MS)
Olivia Imerese (MS)
Lindsay Andrews (MS)

Thank you to:

Sponsors: NWACC & Immediate Care
Judges: Christine Slagle, Lona LaChiusa,
Rachel Libra, and Sue Mohney

Announcement:

Job Fair sponsored by the Dept. of Labor
and Assembly member Karen McMahon,
May 9th 11-2pm @ NWACC



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The “Official” Sweet Home Panther

- **Congratulations Logo Artists - Grace Laible, Grace Lysek, Anyla Maxwell, Tyliq Moss, Jia Patel, Maxwell Patterson, Westley Pentheros, Raifah Rana, Savannah Richter, and Parisa Woryakhail**
- **Unveiling the top 10 Developed Logos.**
- **Vote on May 20. Open to all students, employees, and Sweet Home community members.**

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CHOOSE OUR NEW PANTHER

YOUR VOTE WILL CHOOSE OUR NEW SWEET HOME PANTHER LOGO!

Along with voting on our Budget and Board of Education candidates, we ask for your vote to decide our new Sweet Home Panther logo.

These designs were created by students and rendered into professional logos. Over 300 submissions from students K-12 were narrowed down via student vote to our 10 finalists. Now, you get to decide!

Voting on our Panther logo is open to ALL students, parents, Sweet Home employees, and community members, regardless of age. Everyone gets a vote!



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VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE MAY 20



VERGILS COMMUNITY CENTER • 7AM-9PM
OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS/STAFF/STUDENTS

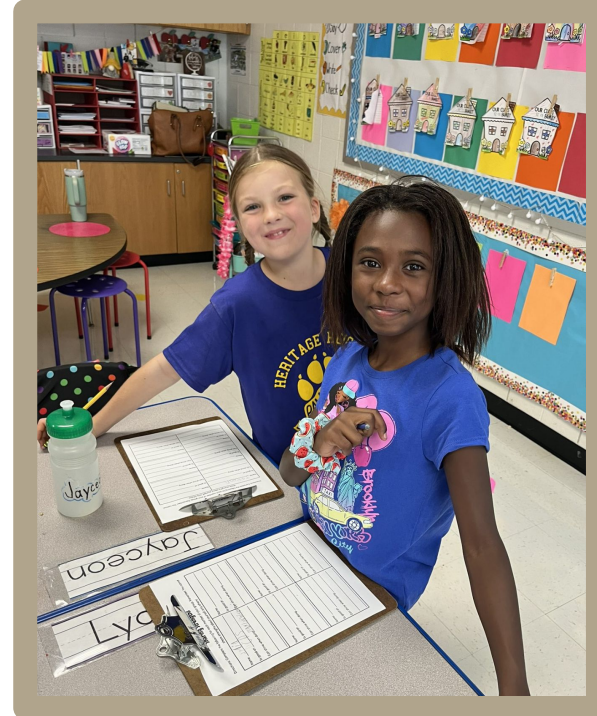


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Summer School Programming 2025

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Goal 1: Teaching & Learning
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2025 Summer School Programming

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Level	Location	Dates
Elementary -Targeted Intervention -ENL program	Maplemere	July 7-Aug 14 M-R (24 days)
Dist-Based SpEd -Extended School Year (ESY)	Glendale (ELEM) Middle School (MS/ HS)	July 7-Aug 15 M-F (30 days)
Middle School -Enrichment/ Remediation	Middle School	July 7-Aug 14 M-R (24 days)
High School July 7-Aug 14 -Course & Regents Recovery Program -Regents Review (exam prep only)	High School	<u>Credit Recovery</u> July 7-Aug 14 M-R (24 days) Make up days - (7 Fridays)
	<i>Regents Exams Tuesday, Aug 19 & Wednesday, August 20</i> <i>Rating Day Thursday, 21</i>	<u>Regents Review</u> July 30-Aug 14 M-R (10 days)

Breakfast and Lunch will be served to all students participating.

**Community meals - Lunch will be available to the community at Glendale (10:30-11:30),
Maplemere (11:30-11:50), Sweet Home Middle (11:26-11:45).**



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Level	Targeted Students
Elementary -Targeted Intervention -ENL program	Current K-5 students (Students below cut score for Math & Reading in Aimsweb & also below grade level benchmark) ENL program: Current students K-5, preference will be given to students who are entering first, then emerging levels.
Dist-Based SpEd -Extended School Year (ESY)	Students eligible for the ESY program have IEPs which denotes the requirement.
Middle School -Enrichment/ Remediation	All students who fail one of the core courses will be invited to attend this project based summer school program. • Humanities - English Language Arts (Grade 6-8) & Social Studies (Grade 6-8); • STEM - Math (Grade 6-8) & Science (Grade 6-8); • World Languages - Spanish 7-8.
High School July 7-Aug 14 -Course & Regents Recovery Program -Regents Review (exam prep only)	Course & Regents Recovery Program: Students who have fail a course that is a minimum graduation requirement & the Regents exam. Regents Review (exam prep only): Students who pass a course that is a minimum graduation requirement but fail the aligned Regents exam.



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Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee

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The League of Everyday Legends: Unleashing the Superpowers of Kindness & Belonging

*Discover Your Superhero Powers from Within by Leading with
Compassion to Lift Others*

Our Mission: Build a World Where Everyone Belongs!

*Presented by the The Sweet Home C2C Squad, Student Alliance for
Cultural Transformation (ACT)*

Goal 3: Whole Child
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PRESENTED BY
THE STUDENT ACT TEAM

WE WOULD BE
HONORED IF YOU
WOULD JOIN US
AT OUR 3RD ANNUAL

2025 CHALLENGE 2 CHANGE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

DATE
FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025

TIME
9:00AM - 1:00PM

LOCATION
BANCHETTI'S BY RIZZOS
550 N. FRENCH RD
AMHERST, NY 14228

RSVP BY: MAY 15, 2025
HEATHER KRAMER | 716.250.1422
HKRAMER@SWEETHOMESCHOOLS.ORG



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Congratulations to our Sweet Home High School Top 10 Academic Achievers!

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Congratulations to the
**CLASS OF 2025
TOP 10 SENIORS**



Matthew Spence



Joy Bado



Eleanor Sauter



Camryn Smith



Jacob Brand



Alex Schiefer



Francis Bellanti



Maya Atallah



Margaret Paluch



Gracie Fuqua



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Official Change to This Year's Calendar for Memorial Day Weekend

- New provision allows for extending the Memorial Day Holiday if three or more emergency days remain on April 30.
- Three emergency days currently remain. Therefore, the District will be closed on Friday, May 23 as well as Monday, May 26.



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**Congratulations SAANYS Middle
School Principal of the Year,
Marissa Dauria**

and

**Section VI Judith Ann Knight
Positive Change Award Winner**

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