

CALEDONIA-MUMFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Special Publication on the 2025-26 Proposed Budget

CAL-MUM CHRONICAL



2025-26 Budget Vote - May 20, 2025, 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the District Office

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On April 8th, 2025, the Caledonia-Mumford Board of Education unanimously adopted the proposed 2025-26 budget of \$21,660,678. The adopted spending plan prioritizes a safe and secure campus with careful attention placed on our infrastructure. We know that young people cannot learn unless the environment supports learning. This budget ensures that every Raider receives high quality instruction and opportunities to be connected to their school beyond the school day. The adopted spending plan represents a 5.1% increase over the 2024-25 budget but stays within the limits of our property tax cap of 2.3%, requiring a simple majority vote to pass. The proposed budget accounts for the rising cost of fuel, energy, technology, software, supplies, equipment, and employee salaries and benefits. “The Board of Education and the administrative team have collaborated to propose a budget that maintains all existing programs and ensures financial stability. Thanks to the unwavering support of our community, which is the backbone of our district, our school is second-to-none,” says Board of Education President Elizabeth Doll.

On average, this 2.3% tax levy translates to an annual tax bill increase of approximately \$38.49 for the year (approx. \$3.21 a month) for a property valued at \$150,000. For the 14th year in a row, the proposed tax levy is at or below the state allowable limit.

Cal-Mum Calendar

- May 13**
Public Budget Hearing &
Meet the Candidates Night
M/HS Auditorium
7:00 p.m.
- May 20**
Annual District Wide Art Show,
Pre-K-12
M/HS Music Hallway
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- May 20**
District Budget Vote &
Board Member Elections
District Office
12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

2025-2026 Budget at a Glance

Proposed Budget	\$21,660,678
Proposed Increase	5.12%
Proposed Levy Increase	2.30%
Project Tax Increase for Owner of a \$150,000 home with Basic STAR	\$38.49
Levy Increase below Tax Cap Threshold	YES

In addition to voting on the proposed budget, residents will elect two candidates to the Board of Education and vote to approve the purchase of a school bus. Voting will take place in the District Office, located on Freeman Drive, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on May 20th, 2025. Those who would like an absentee ballot may request one by contacting the District Clerk, Sue Voos, at 585-538-3400 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. prior to May 19th, 2025. Completed absentee ballots must be received in the District Office by 5:00 p.m. on May 20th, 2025.

Despite the challenges of rising costs, our budget remains focused on the student experience. The proposed spending plan maintains existing academic and extracurricular programs and makes room for us to address emerging needs through continual learning for students and staff.

Thank you for your continued support,

Rebekah Chenaille, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools





Mentor Program Celebration at Camp Stella Maris



Veterans Breakfast hosted by the National Honor Society



Homecoming Week 2024



Elementary Musical *Finding Nemo Junior*



PARP Festival



Our First Raider 5 Celebration



Elementary PTO Sweetheart Dance



Emma Brogan Section V Champion!



Seniors for Seniors hosted by the Class of 2025

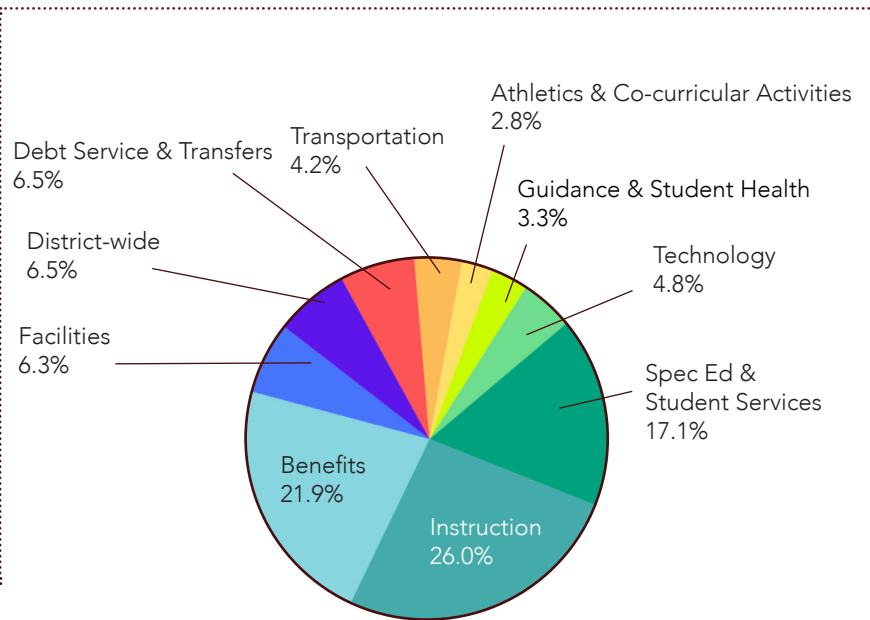
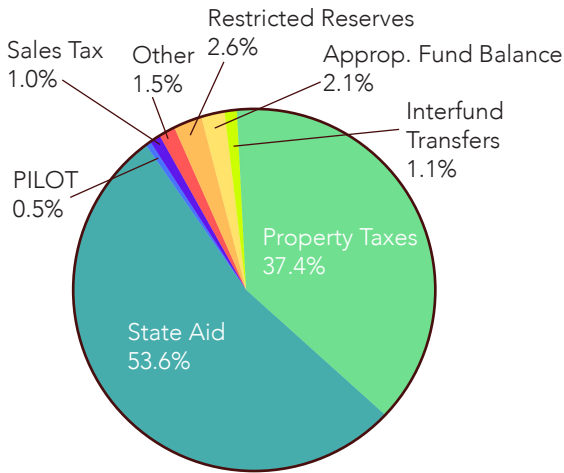


Middle/High School Musical *The Drowsy Chaperone*

Where Do Your Tax Dollars Go?

Projected Revenues

	2024-25 Budget	Proposed 2025-26 Budget	Percent of 2025-26 Budget	Percent Increase
Property Taxes	\$ 7,923,478	\$ 8,105,781	37.4%	2.30%
State Aid	\$ 11,033,646	\$ 11,614,019	53.6%	5.26%
PILOT Payments	\$ 88,361	\$ 117,378	0.5%	32.84%
Sales Tax	\$ 195,000	\$ 215,000	1.0%	10.26%
Medicaid	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	0.1%	0.00%
Other Revenue	\$ 210,500	\$ 318,500	1.5%	51.31%
Restricted Reserves	\$ 670,000	\$ 570,000	2.6%	-14.93%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 465,000	\$ 465,000	2.1%	0.00%
Interfund Transfers	\$ -	\$ 235,000	1.1%	-
Total	\$ 20,605,985	\$ 21,660,678	100.00%	5.12%



Projected Appropriations

	2024-25 Budget	Proposed 2025-26 Budget	Percent of Budget	Percent Increase
District-wide	\$ 1,236,308	\$ 1,414,927	6.5%	14.45%
Facilities	\$ 1,384,488	\$ 1,362,549	6.3%	-1.58%
Instruction	\$ 5,545,704	\$ 5,626,625	26.0%	1.46%
Special Education and Student Services	\$ 3,495,693	\$ 3,704,861	17.1%	5.98%
Technology	\$ 954,382	\$ 1,048,560	4.8%	9.87%
Guidance and Student Health	\$ 716,229	\$ 712,533	3.3%	-0.52%
Athletics & Co-curricular Activities	\$ 534,234	\$ 606,482	2.8%	13.52%
Transportation	\$ 861,819	\$ 917,155	4.2%	6.42%
Community Ed	\$ 120,150	\$ 120,305	0.6%	0.13%
Benefits	\$ 4,529,477	\$ 4,745,404	21.9%	4.77%
Debt Service & Transfers	\$ 1,227,501	\$ 1,401,277	6.5%	14.16%
Total	\$ 20,605,985	\$ 21,660,678	100.0%	5.12%

Proposed 2025-2026 Three Part Budget Summary

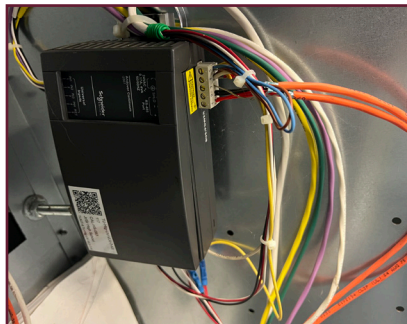
	Budget 2024-25	Budget 2025-26	Percentage of 2025-26 Budget
Administrative Component			
Board of Education	16,618	27,378	1.0%
Central Administration	269,678	248,610	9.0%
Finance	267,777	333,091	12.1%
Staff	92,641	103,417	3.8%
Central Services	226,500	318,743	11.6%
Special Items	276,379	298,140	10.8%
Instruct. Admin and Improvement	622,678	669,687	24.3%
Special Education Program	37,265	38,022	1.4%
Employee Benefits	612,368	714,188	26.0%
	\$ 2,421,904	\$ 2,751,276	100.0%
Program Component			
Teaching Regular Schools	4,923,026	4,956,938	31.5%
Special Education Program	2,658,224	2,782,959	17.7%
Occupational Education	599,752	674,440	4.3%
Teaching Special Schools	1,337	745	0.0%
Instructional Media	1,153,497	1,257,255	8.0%
Pupil Personnel	1,253,727	1,321,112	8.4%
Pupil Transportation	971,819	1,027,155	6.5%
Community Services	10,150	10,305	0.1%
Employee Benefits	3,506,799	3,695,789	23.5%
	\$ 15,078,799	\$ 15,726,698	100.0%
Capital Component			
Central Services	1,384,488	1,362,549	42.8%
Special Items	83,451	83,451	2.6%
Employee Benefits	410,309	335,426	10.5%
Debt Service & Transfers	1,227,501	1,401,277	44.0%
	3,105,749	3,182,703	100.0%
Grand Total Budget	\$ 20,605,984	\$ 21,660,678	



For more information on the District's budget, please visit www.cal-mum.org

Capital Outlay Project

Invest \$100,000 in capital improvements and receive \$86,000 in State Aid



Convert pneumatic to electronic controls for the the heating system at the Middle/High School

Property Tax Cap

The Property Tax Cap Levy Limit is the dollar threshold where a school budget needs to be approved by a 60% super majority of the voters compared to the normal 50% simple majority of the voters.

The Cal-Mum tax levy increase complies with New York State's tax cap regulations so the 2025-26 school budget only requires a 50% simple majority vote for approval.

The property tax levy increase for this school year of 2.3% is less than the annual inflation rate.

Tax Cap = 2.3%

Increase based on Growth in the Tax Base of 0.66%

Increase based on CPI being greater than 2%

Reduction in Property Taxes due to Increase in PILOT Payments of -0.36%

Tax Bills for Typical STAR Homeowners

	2024-25	2025-26
House Value	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Basic STAR Exemption	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Taxable Assessed Value after STAR	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000
Tax Bill	\$ 1,674	\$ 1,712
Increase in Property Tax		\$ 38.49



Projected School Tax Rates*

	2024-25	2025-26
CALEDONIA	15.201949	15.580764
LEROY	15.365411	15.748300
RIGA	16.202120	16.510781
WHEATLAND	17.032998	17.357488
CHILI	13.285738	13.538840
True Value Tax Rate	13.9466	13.267484



*These tax rates are estimates and may change when the tax rolls are finalized

Why did the budget increase by 5.12%?

Even though there is no increase in property taxes from the 2025 Capital Project, the district will begin paying construction expenses which will later be offset by State Aid. If these project expenses are removed, the year-on-year increase in the budget is 3.9%. The remaining expenses driving the budget are contractual wages, healthcare increases, and inflation for supplies and services.

What programs and enhancements to our children's education are included in the budget?

This budget is on mission! It maintains safe and secure facilities and infrastructure. There are security upgrades included in the budget along with School Resource Officers in each building, improvements to the HVAC system at the Middle/High School, and the purchase of a new bus. The budget supports an overall academic program that is high-quality, with rigorous course work, a focus on career readiness, and plenty of extra-curricular opportunities to help each Raider stay connected to school—a key factor in student achievement.

What are reserves?

Reserves are savings accounts schools can have under state law.

Why is it important for schools to have reserves?

Reserves allow schools to manage uncertainty. If a boiler fails, a roof is damaged, new students requiring additional staffing move into the district, or the state passes new laws without providing funding, reserves allow Cal-Mum to weather short-term disruptions.

How does having reserves save local taxpayers money?

Schools issue bonds (i.e., borrow money) for capital projects and to purchase buses. The better a school's credit rating – the lower their interest costs. Reserves are necessary for a school to receive a good credit rating. Reserves also save taxpayers money by providing cash flow to the school. Without reserves, some schools do not have sufficient cash to operate through the summer. These schools are forced to borrow money against the coming year's tax revenue. The interest and legal fees associated with these borrowings can be expensive.

How do the reserves benefit the community?

The Capital Project is a notable example of how the reserves benefit the community! When we bring a Capital Project to the community for approval, we can create a project that has no impact on the taxpayer because we are using the reserves to pay the local taxpayer share.

What improvements can we expect from the 2025-26 Capital Project?

The project has two main goals: we are taking care of the investment our community has made in our facilities and improving our learning environment. There will be roof work at both the Elementary School and the Middle/High School. Site work will protect and remedy our parking lots, bus loops, and driveways. The most exciting parts of the project will be inside the buildings. Both libraries will be updated with additions in classroom space designed to support STEAM Pre-K-12. The Auditoriums in each buildings will also be updated. The 2025-26 project has begun and we expect to close it out by December of 2026. For more information, visit our website www.cal-mum.org and follow us on social media.

Do you have questions about the proposed budget?

Please don't hesitate to contact Dr. Chenaille, Superintendent of Schools, or Dr. Capron, Interim Business Official, by calling the District Office at 585-538-3400.



Board of Education Candidates

Elizabeth Dietrich

Address: 3173 East Avenue, Caledonia, NY 14423

Lived in the CMCS District: 22 years

Family: Husband; Justin; Children: Elliot, William, Sam, Oliver

Why do you wish to serve on the Cal-Mum Board of Education? Simply stated, it's important to be involved.

We all have ways we choose to be involved in and represent our community. Serving on the Caledonia-Mumford Board of Education is one way I have chosen, and why I am seeking a second term on the Board. The school is more than a place for educating our community's children: it is central to our community. By helping guide the direction our school takes, my hope is that our community benefits long-term.

I bring the experience of having four children who attend(ed) Caledonia-Mumford, with my oldest having graduated in 2023, and my second child graduating in 2025. As a family, we are deeply involved in school and community events; combined with a one term already served on the Board, this provides a unique, valuable perspective.

Further, combining an open mind and high-level, critical thinking, I recognize and respect the varied needs, beliefs, views, and values of this community. As a Board member, it is vital to remember that we are there to foster an environment where all students can succeed.

Relevant Experience:

- Current CMCS BOE member, 2022-25; active in committees and event planning
- Involvement as a parent in Cub Scouts/ Scouts BSA; all four children are/have been Scouts
- Parent of four children, all of whom attend(ed) CMCS
- Preschool teacher and program director at Caledonia-Mumford Learning Tree, 2010-present
- Secretary to the Village of Caledonia Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, 2007-present

Arnie Rychlicki

Address: 220 North Street, Caledonia, NY 14423

Lived in the CMCS District: 65 years

Family: Wife: Karen, Children: Samantha, Aaron, Jacob

Why do you wish to serve on the Cal-Mum Board of Education? I wish to serve on the Cal-Mum school board because it is a great opportunity to be a part of the decision making process that affects all of the students in the Cal-Mum school district. It is an important volunteer community service that brings with it a lot of pride in the matter of providing the best education for our students with the least burden to the tax payer. It is an awesome chance to be a part of the best team around, made up of teachers, support staff, administrators, the very supportive community, and of course, the students.

Relevant Experience:


- 18 years on Caledonia-Mumford Central School District Board of Education: serving on Elementary, Middle, High School shared decision making committees (compact teams).
- NYSSBA annual seminars, workshops, legislative meetings, etc.
- Guest speaker in Cal-Mum government classes.
- Participation in team decisions/programs/committees such as present at all 3 building principal interviews/selections; new superintendent selection; Mission Statement development; establishment of Pre-K; establishment of one bus run; development of Hamilton Field; numerous policies/procedures developments; all (passing) budgets; college and career readiness for all graduating students.



<p>Board of Education</p> <p>Elizabeth Doll, <i>President</i> John Bickford, <i>Vice-President</i> Michael Balonek Elizabeth Dietrich Rebecca McNear Margaret Roll</p> <p>Superintendent of School Rebekah Chenaille</p>	<p>Caledonia-Mumford Central School 99 North St. Caledonia, NY 14423</p> <p>585-538-3400 www.cal-mum.org</p>	<p>Non-Profit Org. U.S. Postage PAID Permit No. #15 Avon, NY 14414</p>
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Budget Vote

12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
May 20, 2025
District Office

** NOTE: Parking will be available on Freeman Drive



What You'll See on the Ballot

PROPOSITION #1	2025-26 Budget
<p>RESOLVED, the proposed budget of expenditures for the fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$21,660,678 and for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditures adopted by the Board of Education, be one and the same, hereby is approved and the amount thereof shall be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district. <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	

PROPOSITION #2	Bus Resolution
<p>RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Caledonia-Mumford Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition of one (1) school bus, at an estimated maximum cost of \$200,000, and that such cost, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed \$200,000 shall be issued, or the School District may enter into an installment purchase contract if the Board of Education determines that it is in the best interest of the School District to finance the purchase in that method. <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	

BOARD ELECTION	School Board Members									
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Voter Eligibility

1. A citizen of the United States
2. Eighteen (18) years of age
3. A resident within the District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the date of the vote

Absentee Ballot
If you are unable to vote in person on May 20, 2025, you may request an absentee ballot application by contacting the District Clerk, Susan Voos, at 585-538-3400.

