



2025-2026 Budget Hearing



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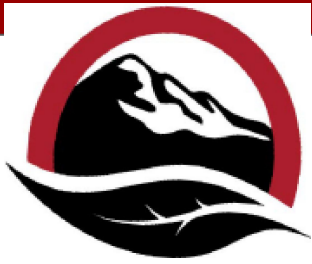
May 6, 2025
Middle School/High School



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2025-2026 Proposed Budget

- 2024-2025 Budget \$62,325,500
- 2025-2026 Budget \$63,558,660
- Increase of \$1,263,160 or 2.03%
- **Appropriated Fund Balance**
 - \$2,518,408 - Appropriated Fund Balance to reduce tax levy and balance the budget



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Budget Highlights

- » Continued replacement of technology (chromebooks, BenQ boards)
- » Continued active learning space initiative
- » Continued afterschool homework & extracurricular opportunities
- » Continued work on our Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) process
- » Continued implementation of MTSS Data System (Branching Minds) to support student growth
- » Continued multisensory reading & math training for staff
- » Continued professional learning in math, literacy, and science
- » Reinstatement of Summer Skills Academy
- » Continued funding for mental health support
 - Astor
 - Parent training and support
 - Morningside K-5





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Proposed 2025-2026 Levy

Current Year 2024-2025 Levy

\$48,434,118

Proposed 2025-2026 Levy

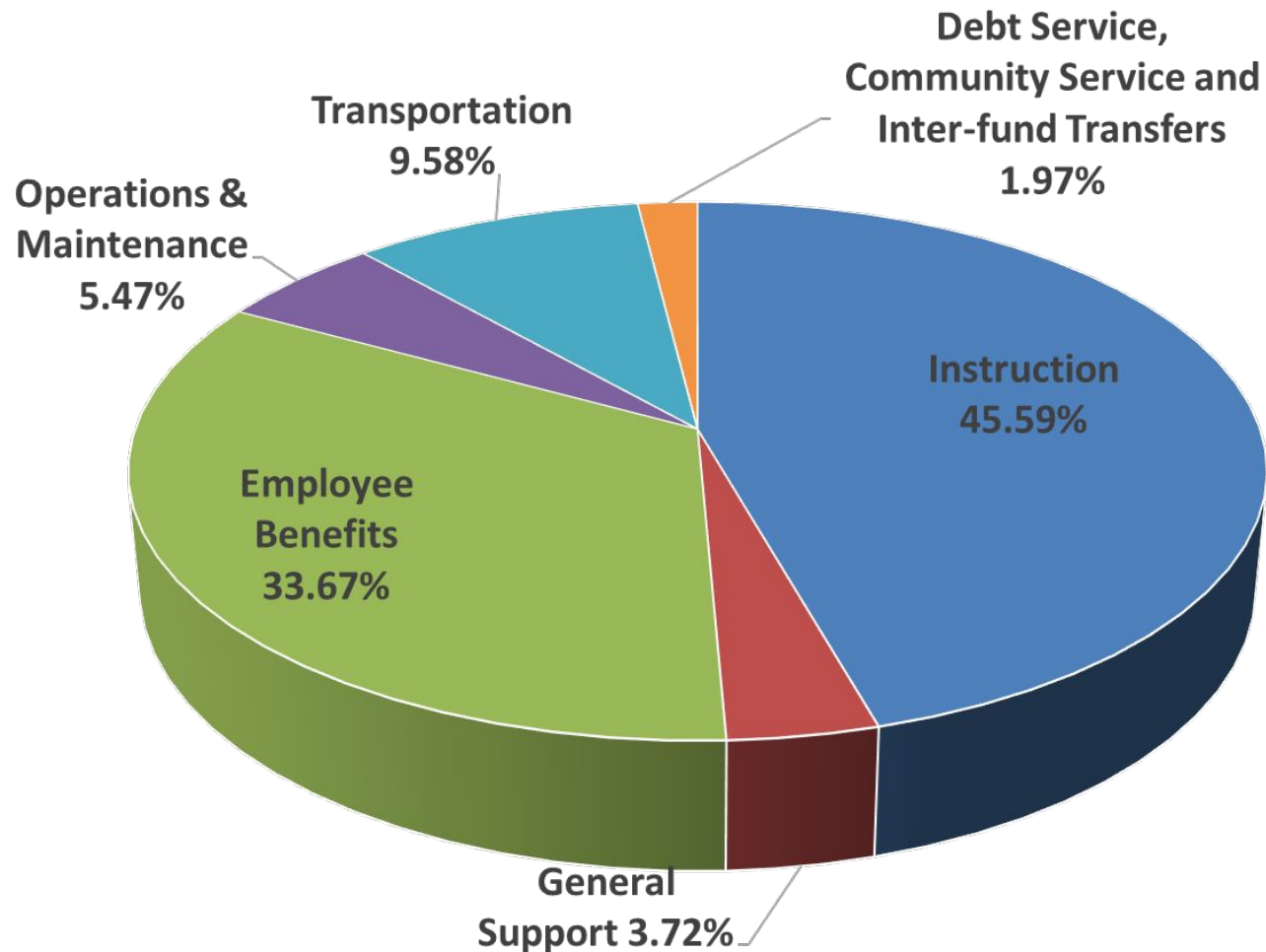
\$49,402,800 a 2% increase

*Below the allowable tax levy limit as calculated using
the NYS formula of 2.99%*



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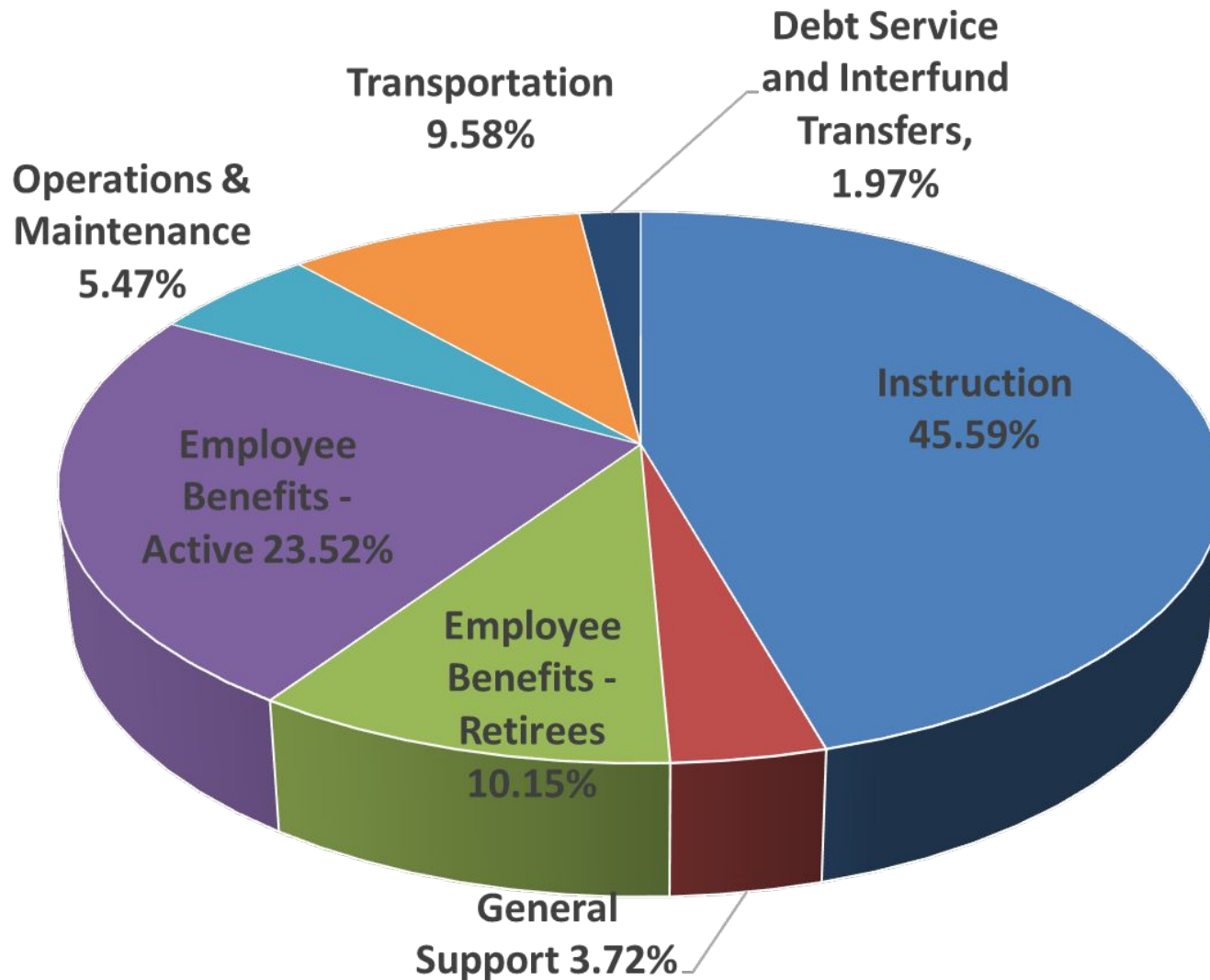
Budget Components (%)





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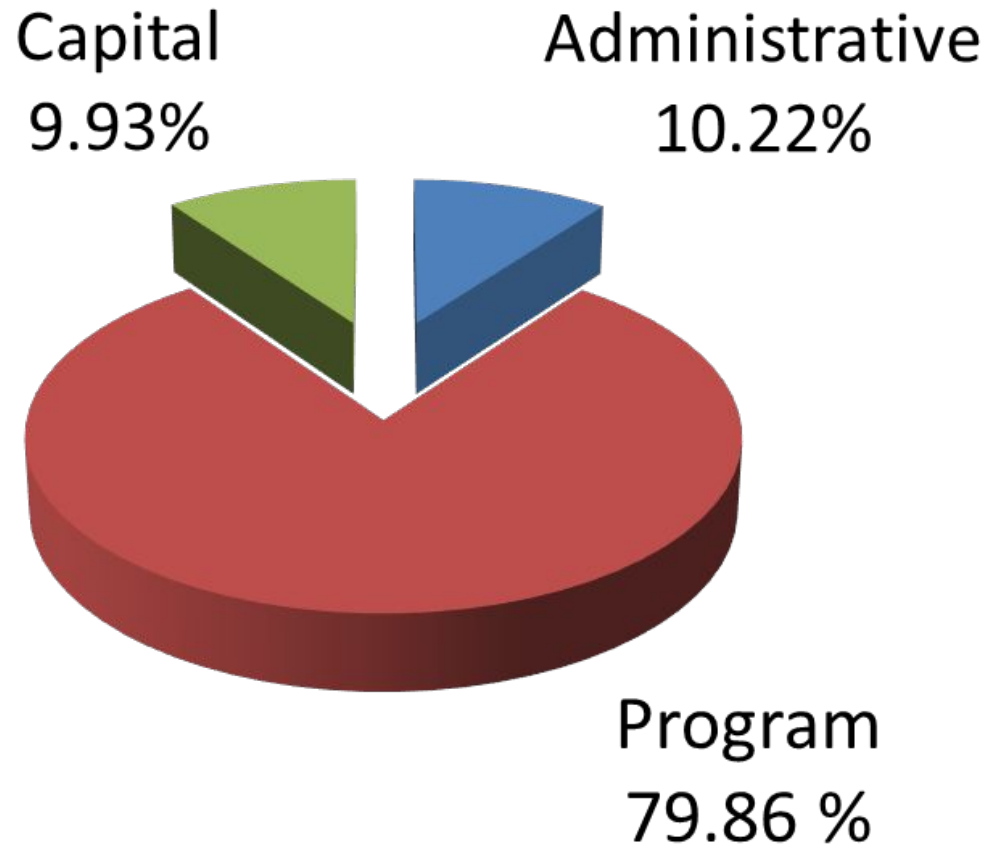
Budget Components (Benefits: Active vs Retiree%)





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Three Part Budget 2025-2026





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Contingency Budget

If the budget fails on May 20, 2025:

District can resubmit the same budget, a different budget or go to a contingent budget

A second budget vote would be held on June 17, 2025

If a budget is defeated a second time, then the District would be required to go to a contingency budget

In a contingent budget, the 2025-2026 tax levy would remain at the same level as the 2024-2025 school year.

Other contingency rules would apply

- No purchase of equipment

- \$225,023 in recommended budget

- Administrative Component Cap

- Fees must be charged for Facilities Use

- (including PTA/Booster Club and town rec)

24-25 Tax Levy	\$48,434,118
25-26 Proposed Tax Levy	\$49,402,800
25-26 Tax Levy at Contingency	\$48,434,118
Difference between Tax Levy Limit and Contingency	\$968,682



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Ballot Proposition #1 2025-2026 Budget

2025 - 2026 Proposed Budget in Detail

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Onteora Central School District Board of Education be and is hereby authorized to expend the sums set forth under the various headings which are voted upon in gross and not in detail in the total amount of **\$63,588,660** (which includes \$20,000 to support public library) for the year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, and the Board is authorized to levy and collect the necessary tax thereof on the taxable property of the District.



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Ballot Proposition #2

Bond Proposition for Capital Improvement Project

[Optimizing Onteora: A Tax Neutral Capital Project - Onteora Central School District](#)

(a) That the Board of Education of Onteora Central School District, in the Counties of Ulster and Greene, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to construct improvements and alterations to Bennett Elementary School and the Middle School/High School and to construct site, athletic and recreational improvements; and to expend therefor an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$70,500,000; (b) that the amounts of \$10,000,000 from the District's "2023 Capital Reserve Fund", approved by the voters of the District on May 16, 2023, and \$5,000,000 available from current funds of the District are each hereby authorized to be expended to pay a portion of said total cost, and such expenditures are hereby approved; and (c) that a tax is hereby voted in an aggregate amount of **not to exceed \$55,500,000** to finance the balance of such total cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of **not to exceed \$55,500,000** and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.



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Board Seats

- Two Board Trustee seats with terms from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028
- 3 Candidates will appear on the ballot in this order:
 - Daniel Aliberte
 - Jenny Jared
 - Rory Smith
- Get to know the candidates at Meet the Candidates night on May 15th at 6 PM in the Middle High School Auditorium. This event will be moderated by the League of Women Voters



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May 20, 2025
Budget Vote and Board Elections

- Voting will take place from 2pm – 9pm
- At Bennett & Woodstock Schools
 - Elementary School dismissal at 1pm
- Registered voters can vote at either location or by early mail voting
 - Instructions for early mail voting can be found on the webpage: [here.](#)

June 17, 2025

(Statewide date for re-vote on budget proposition, if necessary)



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Vote!