HOLLAND CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2025-2026 BUDGET NEWSLETTER

From the Superintendent:

Dear Holland Community:
As your former superintendent of eight years and now as your interim superintendent, I am honored and privileged to lead HCS. This is a wonderful community of great families and students providing a strong foundation to build upon.

Challenges abound and I remind myself that together we faced and overcame many when I was hired in 2013. We are not alone in our current struggles and for a variety of reasons the perfect storm has arisen. Change is the only constant, and we currently live in a time where that is abundant.

My primary focus, together with our dedicated Board of Education and staff, will be to continue to create a nurturing, inclusive, and innovative environment for our students. All while also fostering strong partnerships with families and the community. We will build upon the work already being done to ensure that every student receives the support and resources they need to thrive.

DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

May 20, 2025
7:00am-8:00pm
Holland Community Center



Vote on the School Budget, Vehicle Proposition, and Board of Education Position

Together with our counterparts, we face challenging budgetary issues that have forced us to make some difficult, yet necessary, decisions. To establish solid footing for the district's future, it is imperative we take a hard look at efficiencies while focused on our students. Although we have prevented staffing cuts in the past, we are at a crossroads where that is impossible to sustain. Working creatively without impacting the tax cap for the 2025-2026 budget, we have included two music positions instead of the one initially suggested. We are currently reviewing innovative ways to fill administrative vacancies and ensure we are adequately staffed.

I am confident that, with our collective efforts, we will continue to build upon the success of our school district and provide our students with the best possible educational experience. Thank you for your support, and I look forward to working with all of you as we embark on this exciting journey together.

With appreciation,
Cathy Fabiatos
Interim Superintendent of Schools



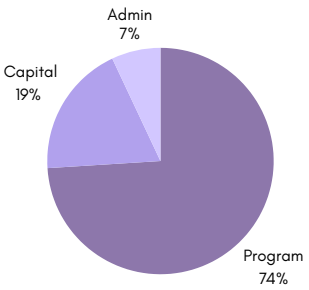




Holland Central School 2025-2026 Proposed Expenditure Budget

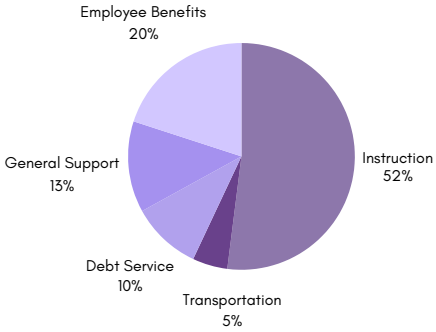
Tripartite Budget

	2024-2025	2025-2026	Change	% Change
Program	$16,878,136	$17,049,770	$171,634	1.02%
Capital	$4,257,317	$4,483,100	$225,783	5.30%
Administration	$1,516,994	$1,532,469	$15,475	1.02%
Total	**$22,652,447**	**$23,065,339**	**$412,892**	**1.82%**



Component Budget

	2024-2025	2025-2026	Change	% Change
General Support	$2,960,696	$2,973,347	$12,651	0.43%
Instruction	$11,730,080	$11,493,375	($236,705)	-2.02%
Transportation	$1,119,849	$1,160,903	$41,054	3.67%
Employee Benefits	$4,596,100	$4,983,293	$387,193	8.42%
Debt Service	$2,245,722	$2,454,421	$208,699	9.29%
Total	**$22,652,447**	**$23,065,339**	**$412,892**	**1.82%**



Holland Central School 2025-2026 Proposed Revenue Budget

Revenue Budget

	2024-2025	2025-2026	Change	% Change
Interfund Transfers & Appropriated Fund Balance	$663,296	$1,165,532	$502,236	75.72%
Misc. Revenues	$465,240	$577,723	$112,483	24.18%
Property Tax Levy	$8,759,346	$9,021,461	$262,115	2.99%
Sales Tax	$1,150,000	$1,020,000	($130,000)	-11.30%
State Aid	$11,614,565 $11,371,399	$11,280,623	($90,716)	-0.80%
Total	**$22,652,447**	**$23,065,339**	**$412,892**	**1.82%**

Estimated Tax Impact

	Rate in 2024-2025	Rate in 2025-2026	Increase Per $100,000
Aurora	$43.84	$40.62	$117.93
Colden	$37.56	$37.35	$108.44
Concord	$32.87	$31.12	$90.37
Holland	$17.53	$18.67	$54.22
Sardinia	$26.97	$26.67	$77.47
Wales	$37.56	$35.91	$104.27
Java	$13.12	$12.25	$35.55
Sheldon	$14.03	$10.66	$30.95

Rates are **estimates** based on assessment values, equalization rates, and exemptions from 2024-2025.

Ten Year Tax-Levy History

2016-2017	0.00%
2017-2018	0.00%
2018-2019	1.98%
2019-2020	2.73%
2020-2021	3.33%
2021-2022	1.90%
2022-2023	2.99%
2023-2024	3.08%
2024-2025	3.98%
2025-2026	2.99%

*all within formula allowed tax cap limit

MS Innovation Day



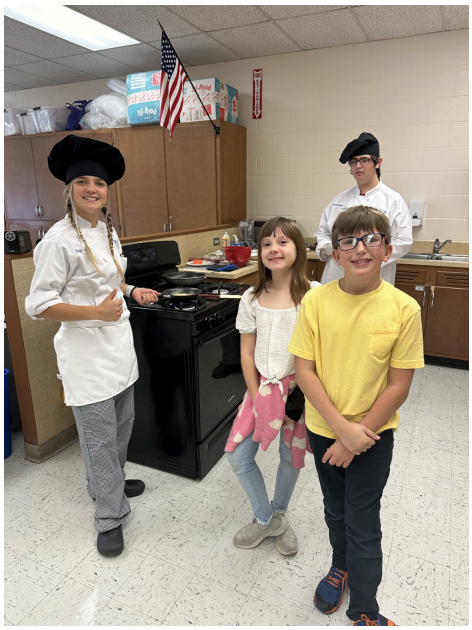
Stella and Ace practice welding with Ormsby students.



Madisen perfects her cosmetology skills.

Students learn about tree care, pulley systems, and more from Bradley Tree and Landscaping.





Haven and Gavin make crepes with students from the Ormsby Culinary program.



Fun with Fisher Price!

Voter and Absentee Ballot Information

Qualification for Voters:

To be eligible to vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age, and a resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to the date of vote.

Absentee/Early Voting Applications:

You may request an absentee/early mail ballot application by emailing the district clerk (sradecki@hollandcsd.org) or by calling 716-537-8209. Absentee ballots will be mailed to voters in the district who request one.

Important Dates:

- May 13, 2025 - Completed early mail and absentee ballot applications due
- May 20, 2025 - Budget vote 7:00 am - 8:00 pm at Holland Community Center
  - Absentee ballots due by 5pm to district clerk office









Budget Notice

2025-26 School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2024-25 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2025-26 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	$ 22,652,447	$23,065,339	$22,564,798
Increase/Decrease for the 2025-26 School Year		$412,892	($87,649)
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.8 %	(0.39)%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.95%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	$8,759,346	$9,021,461	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	$0	$0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	$0	$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	$0	$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	$8,759,346	$9,021,461	$8,759,346
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	$336,615	$734,323	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	$8,422,731	$8,287,138	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	$8,422,731	$8,287,138	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	$0	$0	
Administrative Component	$1,516,993	$1,532,469	$1,447,969
Program Component	$16,878,136	$17,049,770	$16,733,729
Capital Component	$4,257,317	$4,483,100	$4,383,100

* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2025-26 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

It is anticipated that a contingent budget would require $500,541 in reductions including eliminating instructional staff, non-essential operation of plant maintenance, community use of District facilities without being fully reimbursed, and non-essential equipment purchases.

** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount
Reduction of equipment and outside facility use without full reimbursement	$84,500
Reduction of instructional staff and student supplies	$316,041
Removal of Capital Outlay	$100,000
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*NOTE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS OFFICIALS: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings[1]	$416

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2025-26 by the qualified voters of the Holland Central School District, Erie County, New York, will be held at the Holland Community Center, 3 Legion Drive, Holland, NY 14080 on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 between the hours of 7:00am and 8:00pm, prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine. ***Districts should include information according to Executive Orders and as advised by legal counsel.***

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

School Budget Vote and Board Member Election
May 20, 2025
7:00am-8:00pm
Holland Community Center

Proposition 1: Budget- $23,065,339. Our tax cap is 2.99%.

Proposition 2: Purchase of Fleet Vehicles-
Diesel Type C, 64 Pupil Front-Engine Bus: $181,521.27
Diesel Type C, 64 Pupil Front-Engine Bus: $181,521.27

Total Vehicle Proposition: $363,043

Board of Education Seat-
One member for the BOE for 5-year term to end in 2030.

Candidates for Board of Education Seats

There is one five-year seat open on the Board of Education. All potential candidates were invited to submit photographs and statements for this publication. The District is not responsible for facts or opinions contained in any of this information. There is a space on the ballot for any write in candidates.

*At the time of publication, one community member has submitted a petition, and his biography is below.
Additional candidate biographies can be found on our website:
https://hollandwnyricorg.finalsite.com/fs/admin/site/pages/1244



Tom Olszewski

My name is Tom Olszewski and I am pleased to announce that I am running for the Holland School Board. A main reason my wife and I chose Holland to raise our children was for the school district; a district where, as a parent, you can be involved in your child's education, know the teachers, have consistency in staffing, and continue to have a sense of community.

I have worked at Mirion Technology for the past 10 years. I have extensive experience in collective bargaining negotiations from my current elected role as Chief Union Steward as well as previous union membership of CBP and Delphi.

In my five years of residency, I have been involved in coaching a multitude of sports. I've been blessed with the opportunity to get to know these young athletes and their parents, and to build relationships within the community.

My extensive training and experience dealing with high-stress situations from my time serving as a law enforcement agent, will aid in navigating the handling of the current deficit the district finds itself in.

Additionally, I am passionate about partnering with the school board members, administration, teachers, parents, community members, but also the students, to find a solution to the potentially troubling future our district is in.

It would be an honor and privilege to serve the community in this capacity. There are very difficult conversations and decisions that need to be made and I am ready to be the voice of the community. I believe in open and direct conversation, transparency and not shying away from going against the grain for the betterment of our children. I will bring a solution-based approach to all matters, demand accountability, and ensure our children are offered the opportunity to thrive in their learning environment





Congratulations!

Class of 2025 Top Ten Seniors:

1. Leah Hyman; Valedictorian
2. Briana Wirth; Salutatorian
3. Sean Marthia
4. Ava Yox
5. Acadia Peirick
6. Reagan Schoenthal
7. Isabelle Hudson
8. Joshua Wagner
9. Jenna Fishlock
10. Jemma Conrad


Class of 2025 "Senior Sunrise"







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