



Summary of Proposed 2025-2026 School Budget (Proposition #1)

ESTIMATED EXPENSES	2024-2025	%	2025-2026	%
Instruction	\$81,458,193	58.25%	\$83,543,738	58.07%
Central Services	\$4,186,446	2.99%	\$4,318,782	3.00%
Capital Building Improvements	\$1,275,000	0.91%	\$1,275,000	0.89%
Buildings and Grounds	\$9,706,525	6.94%	\$10,153,855	7.06%
Pupil Transportation	\$7,204,474	5.15%	\$7,995,767*	5.56%
Community Services	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Employee Benefits	\$35,105,646	25.10%	\$35,672,876	24.80%
Debt Service & Undistributed	\$910,000	0.65%	\$910,000	0.63%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$139,846,284	100%	\$143,870,018	100%

*This line includes the costs associated with the first year of a five year contract for pupil transportation services for home-to-school transportation, athletic/field trips, and summer transportation. Approval of the budget by the voters of the school district will constitute approval of this multi-year contract.

Computer Technology

Hardware

- Redirected Erate funds to replace every WAP and switch in the MS and HS
- Adding in excess of 20 new access points including outdoor WAPs to the MS and HS
- All refresh cycles continue unabated: desktop PCs, Chromebooks, laptops, and iPads
- Upgrading Mac Labs with new machines and monitors
- District-issued Chromebooks will be in use from grades 1 or 2-8 across the District

Software

- Launched a Vendor Management Program with Stetson Cybersecurity that emphasizes security regarding data storage, data maintenance, destruction of data at end of contract term, and more
- Continue to work with administrators on new and expanding programs, including adding products to the Adobe CC suite, expanding the use of Microsoft suite, and trialing new software
- AI continues to be a focus as the District adds paid subscriptions to Beautiful.ai and Brisk Teaching (which the District will be subscribed to in 2025-26), and begin a relationship with AI for Education

Instruction

- Developing core beliefs and guidelines around AI usage with AI for Education, NYSAIC, and Tech Committees
- Continuing to provide one-on-one staff training to anyone who signs up, and virtually any tech topic is covered
- Continuing to expand the use of the GoGuardian suite
- Broadening use of classroom monitoring
- Model Schools days continue to be essential in providing tech-centered training for teachers

Middle School Highlights

- #1 Open Enrollment, Suburban Middle School in New York State (4th Consecutive Year)
- 22 out of 29 NYS Archives Student Research Awards went to students at Jericho Middle School
- Designation as a "School to Watch" by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform
- Wide Range of Elective and Extracurricular Opportunities
- Math, Science and Social Science Research
- National History Day Projects
- Field Trips – Washington D.C. and Philadelphia
- World Language Classes and Clubs
- Performing Music Ensembles
- Theater Program
- Diversity Day
- Olweus Bullying Prevention Program
- Mentoring Program with Nassau County Bar Association
- Personal Best Initiative
- Middle School Teaming
- NEST Period
- Learning Walks/Intervisitations
- Faculty and Community Brunch and Learns
- Family Booktalks & Author Visits
- World Read Aloud Day
- Literacy Leaders and Junior Librarians
- Instructional Support Team/Response to Intervention
- Full Continuum of Special Education Services
- ENL Programs

Budget Bulletin

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Summary of Proposed 2025-2026 Jericho Public Library Budget (Proposition #3)

Estimated Expenses	2024-2025	2025-2026
Library Materials	\$534,925	\$500,150
Programming	\$133,000	\$134,000
Property Improvements	\$9,000	\$13,000
Furniture & Equipment	\$83,700	\$90,500
Operating Expenses	\$788,800	\$751,500
Salaries & Benefits	\$4,146,895	\$4,336,843
Capital Outlay	\$18,000	\$10,000
Capital Project Fund	\$30,000	\$50,000
Total Expenditures	\$5,744,320	\$5,885,993
Less Total Anticipated Income/Reserve Carry Over	\$269,766	\$293,939
Total To Be Raised By Taxes	\$5,474,554	\$5,592,054

Percentage Increase in the Library Tax Levy 2.15 %

The proposed levy will be within the allowable threshold as prescribed in Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011

There is one seat open for the Library Board

Copies of the complete Jericho Library Proposed 2025-2026 Budget are available at the Jericho Public Library for inspection.



Jericho Budget Bulletin

MAY 2025

Board of Education Adopts Budget Below Tax Levy Limit

Jericho's Board of Education unanimously adopted the proposed 2025-2026 school district budget of \$143,870,018 at the March 20, 2025 Board Meeting. The \$118,854,935 tax levy to support the adopted budget represents a 2.94% increase, which is below the New York State Tax Cap calculated limit.

During the first few months of 2025, the District hosted a series of public workshops to review the financial status of the school district and create a budget for the coming year. Jericho's Board of Education and District administration requested input from members of the community at these workshops.

Voting on the budget will be on Tuesday, May 20th. If the budget is not approved by residents with a simple majority, the District can resubmit the original budget or a revised budget in June.

On the Ballot

The District plans to continue the building and facility upgrades and on May 20th, voters will be asked to vote on an additional proposition.

Proposition #2: SHALL the Board of Education be autho-

orized to expend a sum not to exceed \$6,111,869 from the capital reserve fund established on May 17, 2022 for the purpose of completing capital improvements as follows: district-wide roof repairs/replacements; district-wide window replacements; structural repairs at Williams Elementary School; Districtwide ceiling and lighting upgrades; gymnasium floor replacement at Cantiague Elementary School; District-wide chimney and masonry reconstruction; district-wide asphalt and paving upgrades; District-wide security upgrades; District-wide exterior door upgrades; all of the above to include all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus, and incidental costs associated therewith.

Technology

Advancing Jericho's technological landscape remains a cornerstone of Jericho's educational vision. The District has made significant strides in embedding AI-powered learning tools into classrooms, with educators now leveraging Chat for Schools, Brisk, Canva, and more to enhance personalized instruction.

Maintaining Programs

While preparing the budget, many strategies were considered, including keeping a multi-year, long-term perspective on the District's financial plans. The goal each year is to achieve a tax levy that is within our threshold, while maintaining and/or expanding all current instructional programs. All instruc-

tional programs will continue for next year, and there will be enhancements to some of these programs. Also, Science in Action, Mathematics research, Fit Body-Healthy Mind, Prestige Symphonia, Analog Film Photography, and Dramatic Arts are all proposed new classes at the high school.

Board of Education Seats

There is one open seat on the Board of Education this year. Christopher Foresto is not seeking re-election. Jennifer Camhi is running unopposed for the seat.

structure district-wide, which will improve connectivity speeds and reliability. These investments support the continued use of technology Districtwide.

How Do I vote?

The annual budget vote and school board election will take place on May 20, 2025 from 6 AM to 9 PM in the High School's Sam Springer Gym and via early mail. New voters may register by visiting the District's business office between 9 AM and 3 PM when school is open or in the gym on the day of the vote.

Additional Information

Information about absentee ballots is available on the District website www.jerichoschools.org.

Copies of the presentations that were given during the budget workshops are available on the district website.

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School Budget
Vote Information

Tuesday, May 20, 2025
6 AM - 9 PM
Middle/High School Gym

On The Ballot: Proposition #2 Capital Improvement Plan

To vote upon the expenditure from the Capital Reserve Fund known as “Facilities Improvement Program V – Jericho Public Schools.” Said matter to be presented as Proposition No. 2 as follows:

SHALL the Board of Education be authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$6,111,869 from the capital reserve fund established on May 17, 2022 for the purpose of completing capital improvements as follows: District-wide roof repairs/replacements; District-wide window replacements; structural repairs at Williams Elementary School; Districtwide ceiling and lighting upgrades; gymnasium floor replacement at Cantiague Elementary School; District-wide chimney and masonry reconstruction; District-wide asphalt and paving upgrades; District-wide security upgrades; District-wide exterior door upgrades; all of the above to include all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus, and incidental costs associated therewith.

Public Budget Hearing and Board Election

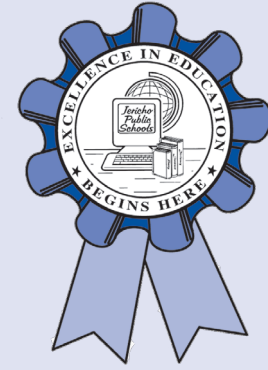
The public hearing on this year’s proposed budget will be held on May 13, 2025 at 7 PM in the High School Little Theater.

There is one open seat on the Board of Education this year. Christopher Foresto is not seeking re-election. Jennifer Camhi is running unopposed for the seat. Therefore, there will not be a Meet the Candidates Night as indicated on the calendar.



High School Highlights

- Broad array of course offerings:
 - * 27 AP Courses, 35 College Courses
 - * Science/Social Science/Pre-Calculus Research: Four-year sequence
 - * Extensive World Language Program: 5 Languages
 - * Technology & Project Lead the Way: Robotics, Engineering, Video Production
 - * Business: Accounting, Entrepreneurship, Law, Real Estate, Retail/Sports Management & VE
 - * ELA: The Pursuit of Happiness, Creative Writing, New Media Communications & Broadcasting
 - * Culinary & Agriculture: Gourmet Basics, International Foods, The Science & Business of Food
 - * Music & Art: Music Theory, Performance Ensembles, Digital & Graphic Arts
 - * Physical Education: Yoga, Weight Training, Dance, Aquatics, Judo & Sports Medicine
- Proposed new course offerings for 2025-2026: Science in Action, Mathematics research, Fit Body-Healthy Mind, Prestige Symphonia, Analog Film Photography, Dramatic Arts
- Student Voice & Leadership Opportunities: Student Council, Mentor Program, SDMT, Student Ambassadors, Club Officers, Team Captains
- Variety of extracurricular opportunities: Theater Production, Clubs, Athletics, Service Organizations
- Supporting Student Needs: Wellness Program, NEST Period, Café 126, JMAC, Assemblies, The Jericho Academy (Alternative High School), Counseling & Support Team
- 99% Graduation Rate
 - *98% Graduates of Class of 2024 attending college
 - *99% Regents Diploma Rate
 - *92% Advanced Regents Diploma
- 39 National Merit Commended Students (24 National Merit Finalists, and 4 National Merit Winners)
- 90% of Class of 2024 took at least one Advanced Placement course over career
 - *222 Advanced Placement Scholars
 - *114 Advanced Placement Scholars with Distinction
 - *42 Advanced Placement Scholars with Honor
 - *18 AP Capstone Diplomas
 - *5 AP Seminar & Research Certificates
- 2 Regeneration Scholars and one Finalist
- 20 consecutive NY School of Distinction Awards
- Numerous competitions including:
 - National History Day, Mock Trial, Model UN, FBLA, VE & Debate
 - Poetry Out Loud, Canon Writing Program, Pegasus Literary Magazine
 - National Spanish/Italian/French/Latin Exams
 - Regeneration, National Science Bowl, ISEF, Science Olympiad, Grow-NY
 - LI Math Fair, Mathletes, Coding, AMC
 - NYSSMA, Reflections, Chamber Music Competition, Young Composers
 - Scholastic Art Contest, ASA, All County Art Competition, Congressional Art



Jericho Accolades

Jericho School District Named 10th Best District in the United States in 2025 by Niche
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Named #1 High School on Long Island in 2024 by US News & World Report
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Named #1 Open Enrollment Middle School for 4th Consecutive Year by US News & World Report
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Jericho High School Achieved AP School Honor Roll - Platinum in 2024
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99% Graduation Rate - Class of 2024
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99% Regents Diploma Pass Rate (Jericho High School Class of 2024)
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92% Regents Diploma Pass Rate with Advanced Designation (Jericho High School Class of 2024)
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98% 4-Year College Enrollment Rate (Jericho High School Class of 2024)
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Named Best Community in America for Music Education for 26th year in a row
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NYS Scholar Athlete School of Distinction for 20 Consecutive Years
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2025-2026 Budget Strategies:

- Remain committed to being a premier school district and continue to deliver a high-quality, 21st century education
- Keep a multi-year perspective on the budget
- Continue to develop long-range planning
- Continue to upgrade and renovate our facilities
- Continue technology replacement plans and expand technology initiatives
- Continue to pursue efficiencies in all areas of the District budget
- Our goal each year is to achieve a tax levy that is within our threshold, while maintaining and/or expanding all current instructional programs



Voting Qualifications

Only persons who are qualified voters as of May 20, 2025 shall be permitted to vote on May 20, 2025 on matters affecting the Jericho School District and the Jericho Public Library.

A qualified voter is defined as:

- *A citizen of the United States
- *At least eighteen years of age
- *A resident in the Jericho Union Free School District for thirty days or more preceding the budget vote at which he/she offers to vote.

Persons disqualified from voting under the provisions of Section 5-106 of the Election Law are not eligible to vote in school district elections.

New voters may register and vote on the day of the election. They will be asked to provide proof of residency, age, and a photo ID.

Athletic Highlights

- The Jericho Athletic Program currently consists of 31 varsity teams, 18 junior varsity teams, and 30 Middle School teams
- Participation:
 - *363 High School students participated on our 16 fall teams
 - *295 High School students participated on our 13 winter teams
 - *695 Middle School students participated on our 31 MS teams
- A New York State Scholar Athlete High School of Distinction for 20 consecutive years - the most by any school district in New York State
- Girls Bowling, Boys Badminton and Girls Volleyball were Conference Champions
- Boys Swimming & Diving were Division Champions
- Boys golf finished as Nassau County runner-up
- Boys Badminton won 6 consecutive Nassau County Championships, and the inaugural Long Island Championship
- In the past 15 years, the Jericho Athletic Program has:
 - *Won 22 Nassau County Championships
 - *Won 36 Conference Championships
 - *Had 4 individual athletes earned State Championship honors in their respective sports
 - *Had 19 individual athletes received All-State honors
 - *Had 1 individual named as an All American in boys soccer



Elementary Program

- Robotics, STEAM Integration, and Interdisciplinary Learning Experiences
- Updated Science Curriculum across multiple grades and Science lab experiences for all facilitated by fulltime Science Specialists
- Full-time Library-Media Specialist supporting the development of students’ literary, digital, and civic identity
- Comprehensive literacy instruction emphasizing explicit language learning and development of students as independent readers and writers
- Math in Focus (Singapore Math) and beyond ...
- Band, Orchestra, & Chorus for Grades 4 & 5
- Student leadership opportunities (Student/Peer Leaders, Safety Patrol, and representation on Site Based Teams)
- Instructional Technology including 1:1 Devices (Chromebooks and/or iPads) and Digital Programs to reinforce and enrich elementary educational experiences
- World Languages (Introduction to Spanish, French, Italian, & Mandarin)
- Response to Intervention (RtI) process and supports to address academic or behavior needs
- Special education programs to address the individual needs of identified students
- Responsive Classroom & SEL/Mindfulness Experiences
- Arts-in-Education & Field Experiences (i.e., trips, assemblies, presentations)

Capital Improvements

Included in the proposed budget, funds are allocated (\$1,275,000) to provide partial funding toward District-wide roof repairs/replacements; window replacements; ceiling and lighting upgrades; chimney and masonry reconstruction; asphalt and paving upgrades; security upgrades; exterior door upgrades, and structural repairs at Williams Elementary School.

With an Eye and Ear Toward the Arts

Visual Arts

- Jericho High School Art Alumni day
- ARTventure Campus Family Day
- Public Library K-12 Art Show
- ASA All-County Art Exhibit and Senior Leadership Award
- Art Competitions: LI’s Best, Scholastic, Photography, Congressional
- Unsung Heroes Art History Contest

Theater & Clubs

- Drama and Musical Theater
- National Art Honor Society
- Tri-M Music Honor Society
- Thespian Honor Society
- AV club
- Art club
- Noteworthy A Cappella
- Jazz band
- Pep Band
- Tri M Mentorship program

Performing Arts

- Jericho Summer Music Program
- Music in the Parks
- Disney World Trips
- NMEA All-County
- NYSSMA All-State
- Chamber Music Competitions
- Festival Hosts NYSSMA Piano Festival
- Host NMEA D1
- East All-County Jericho Piano Showcase
- Pop up Concerts
- Best Communities in Education

Performing Arts

- BOCES, NYSCAME, NYSSMA, LISFA, ASA, Museums, PTSA, AP Art/Music Theory, Quaver Music/SEL, Art of Education University