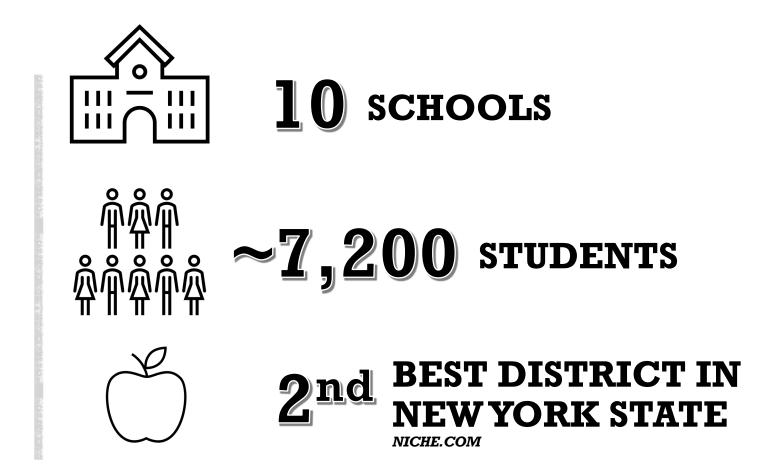






SYOSSET SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING 2025-2026





BUDGET PRIORITIES

Preserve all academic programs & services, including co-curricular clubs and athletics

Maintains aging facilities & infrastructure

Remains committed to supporting student social & emotional well being Continue to provide fiscal stability

BUDGET CHALLENGES

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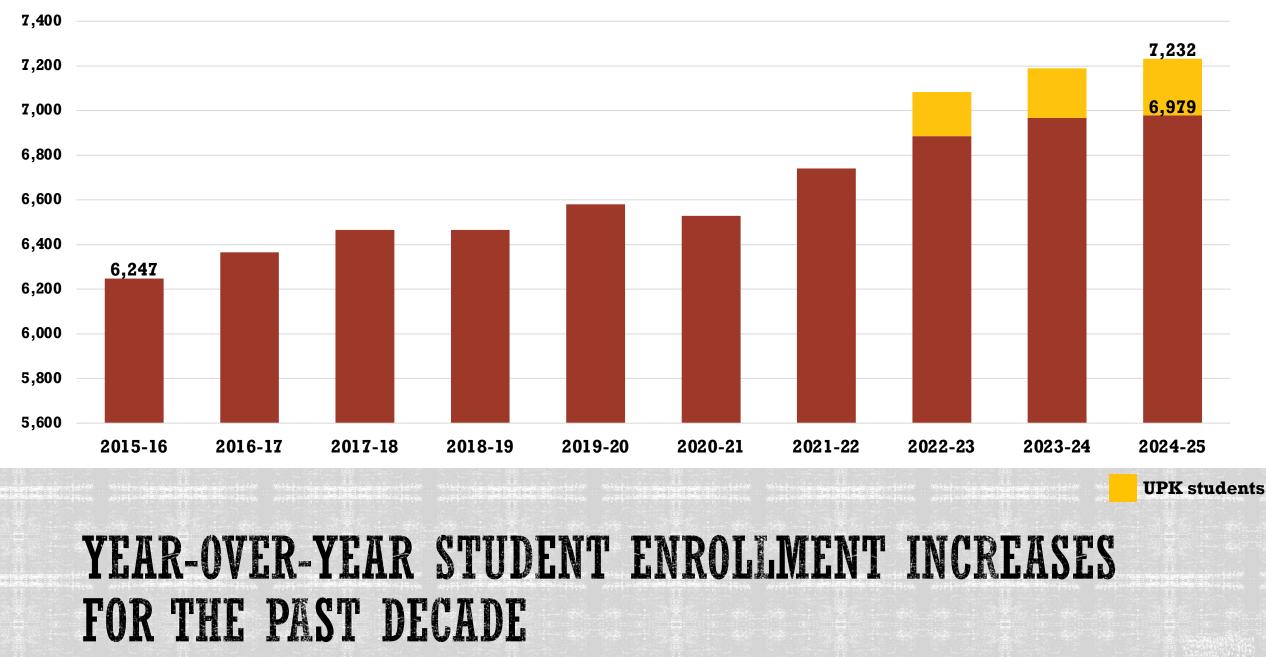
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Rising health insurance costs

Managing inflation

Decade of enrollment growth

Transportation costs



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BUDGET INCREASE BY FUNCTIONAL AREA

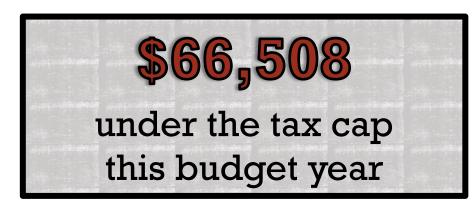
| | Dollar Increase | |
|---|-----------------|--|
| Regular and Special Education | \$4,492,489 | |
| Benefits | \$1,793,254 | |
| Other Student Services (Guidance/Psych/Social Workers/Athletics & Co-curricular/clubs) | \$743,377 | |
| Contract Transportation & Buses | \$2,467,158 | |
| Liability Insurance | \$308,905 | |
| All Other | \$272,687 | |
| Total Budget | \$10,077,870 | |





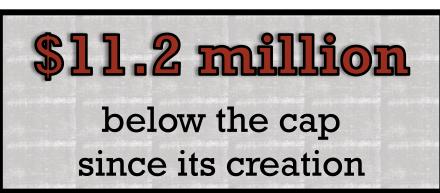
- Two full-sized buses and one small bus
- Anticipated to be used for: home-toschool, late buses, athletics, and field trips.
- Cost effective
 - State reimburses the district for 36% of the cost
- Break even in year three
- District added bus driver positions to its last CBA

PROPOSED BUDGET & TAX CAP SUMMARY





Calculated Tax Cap: 2.80%

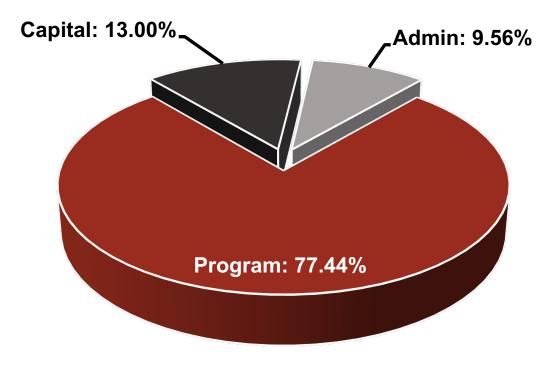


Budget-to-Budget Increase: 3.53%

PROPOSED 2025-2026 THREE-PART BUDGET

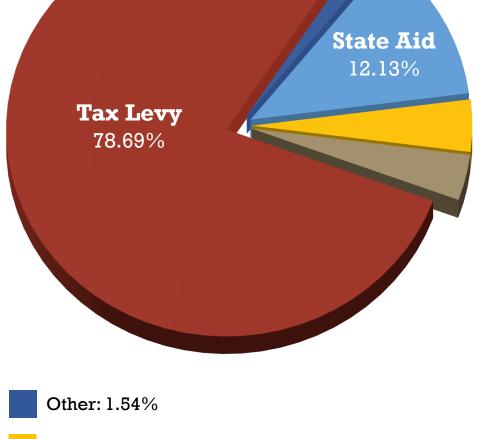
| | 2025-2026 Proposed Budget | 2024-2025 Adopted Budget | |
|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Administration | \$28,269,155 | \$27,137,749 | |
| Capital | \$38,466,565 | \$38,601,671 | |
| Program | \$229,086,700 | \$220,005,130 | |
| Total Budget | \$295,822,420 | \$285,744,550 | |

- Administration includes building & district admin, curriculum development, legal, payroll, insurance, HR, PR, BOCES, etc.
- Capital includes custodial, maintenance & security, facilities repairs, debt service
- Program includes instruction for students, athletics, clubs, special education, social/emotional support, transportation



SOURCES OF REVENUE 2025-2026

| | 2025-2026 Proposed Budget | 2024-2025 Adopted Budget |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| State Aid | \$35,879,264 | \$34,774,418 |
| Restricted Reserves | \$9,142,435 | \$7,202,290 |
| Appropriated Fund Balance | \$2,900,000 | \$2,900,000 |
| Other local revenue | \$4,562,671 | \$4,736,611 |
| Pilots | \$10,550,450 | \$9,619,694 |
| General fund tax levy | \$232,787,600 | \$226,511,537 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$295,822,420 | \$285,744,550 |

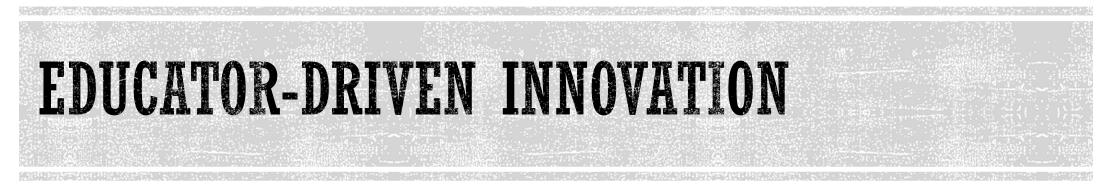


Reserves & Fund Balance: 4.07%

Pilots: 3.57%

FACILITIES WORK 2025-2026

- HBT tennis court renovations, including two new courts
- Staff bathroom renovations for ADA compliance
- Upgraded sound and lighting systems in secondary auditoriums
- Districtwide electrical upgrades, roofing, masonry, paving, and classroom alterations





- Districtwide AI pilot program focusing on enhancing instructional design, differentiation, and personalized learning
- Teacher pilots align with Board of Education goals for innovation
- Elementary projects:
 - Project-based learning experiences
 - Creation of decodable texts
- Secondary projects:
 - Advanced writing feedback tools
 - Ecology-based travel brochure projects







ELEMENTARY

- Implementation of a comprehensive phonemic awareness program in our UPK to promote literacy readiness for kindergarten
- Incorporation of an updated version of Go Math as K-5 primary resource
- New parent curriculum workshops
- Additional 9:1:3 class to support more students with intensive needs alongside peers and neighbors





MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Enhancement to grade-level transition experiences
 - 8th grade students visit elective area classes at Syosset High School
 - Hold round-table discussions about preparing for high school
- Continuing STEM curriculum upgrades promoting real world phenomena
 - Adoption of new LEGO Spike Prime in Technology aligning with the NYS Computer Science Standards
- Ongoing student workshops and teacher professional development across content areas







HIGH SCHOOL

- AP Courses offered: 31
- New course offerings '25-'26:
 - Applied Physics
 - Aquatics Management
 - College Fashion Merchandising & Development
 - Korean 5
 - Enhanced Science Research Program
 - Enhanced Orchestra program
- Enhanced grade 6-12 Information Fluency Curriculum to include:
 - Disinformation, misinformation, and bias
 - Citations, AI, Plagiarism
 - Prompt writing and search terms
 - Digital footprint and social media
- New SYO+ Fashion Design and Merchandising Pathway
- 75+ co-curricular clubs







ARTS & MUSIC EDUCATION

• <u>Music</u>

- Best Community for Music Education for over 23 years (NAMM)
- Forty-eight students selected as NYSSMA All-State Musicians; six All-Eastern Musicians
- SHS Chamber Orchestra crowned National Grand Champions by American String Teachers Association
- Four Middle School Groups and one SHS group selected to perform at Lincoln Center for the CMS competition

• <u>Arts</u>

- Three students recognized as Scholar Artists by LI Arts Alliance
- Two students displayed work at Heckscher "Long Island's Best" Exhibit
- Twenty-seven students showed at the Art Guild of Nassau County Juried Art Exhibit
- Four student artists accepted to the Huntington Art Council Exhibit

Performing Arts

- Newly renovated stage and flooring in SHS auditorium
- Full-featured theater productions at the secondary and elementary levels
- Nine recognitions from the Theatre Association of NYS for Fall show Noises Off
- Spring Musical School of Rock saw nearly 1,000 attendees, 70 students in cast and crew







ATHLETICS

- All Fall & Winter varsity teams earned NYS Scholar Athlete Distinction: 75% of students have 90+ GPA
- Challenger and Unified programs create opportunities for all students; addition of challenger Cheer team
- <u>Fall & Winter athlete honors ('24-'25)</u>: All-American (7), All-State (25), All-Long Island (12), All-County (93)

• Nassau County Champions:

- Girls Cross Country
 - Boys Soccer
 - Girls Tennis
 - Girls Fencing
 - Boys Fencing
 - Boys Winter track
 - Boys Swim & Dive
 - Gymnastics
- Long Island Champions:
 - Boys Soccer
 - Girls Tennis
 - Girls Fencing
 - Boys Fencing
 - Girls Basketball





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*Should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the F

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Under the Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year

Syosset Central School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal

Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate

Increase/Decrease for the 2025-26 School Year

Change in the Consumer Price Index

Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget

B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable

F. Total Permissible Exclusions

Propositions) **

Administrative Component

Program Component

A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount

C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable ** D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce

E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)

G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible

H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy

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Budget Adopted

for the 2024-25

School Year

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Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹ \$ 1,102 The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 20; Syosset School District, Nassau County, Nev

Property

- - In compliance with Section 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act, election information is offered in English and Spanish
- Carol C. Cheng, President Brian J. Grieco, Vice President Lynn Abramson Lisa A. Coscia

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SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE

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TUESDAY, MAY 20

POLLS OPEN 6AM TO 9PM

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School Year

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- Susan Falkove Anna Levitan Jack Ostrick Shany Park Thomas A. Rotolo
- Scan for additional budget information
- The Syosset Board of Education
- We invite you to attend the public budget hearing on Monday, May 12th We invite you to attend the puolic budget hearing on workday, may 1444 to learn more. The annual budget vote will take place on Tuesday. May 20th. In addition, voters will also select three members for the Board of Thank you for your continued partnership with our District.

Budget Proposal Addresses Increasing Enrollment

Remaining Under "Tax Cap" for 13th Year

The Board of Education and Central Administration have worked diligently to develop a 2025-2026 school year budget that for the 13th consecutive year includes a property tax levy increase that remains under

the state tax cap. The proposed property tax levy increase that remains u the state tax cap. The proposed property tax levy increase for the 2025-2026 school year is 2.77%.

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While student enrollment across Nassau County has decreased by 4% over the past decade, Syosset's has grown by 10%-a 14% increase relative to

increased enrollment, the budget remains balanced and

maintains existing programs and services;

expands special education opportunities;

Despite inflation, rising health insurance and transportation costs, and

2025

DETAILED

INFORMATION

Syossetschools.org

Budget brochure &

mailed to homes

budget notice

• Available at

BUDGET

- maintenance will continue in preparation for major construction next

- Capital projects include renovating HBT's existing tennis courts and Capital projects include renovating FLD 1 s existing tennis courts and adding two more to meet growing interest in middle school tennis. The adding two more to meet growing microst in mutue school terms, budget also supports upgrades to sound and lighting in secondary budget also supports upgraues to sound and igniting in secondary auditoriums, and ADA-compliant renovations of staff bathrooms. General

Budget Bulletin

Syosset Central School District

Dear Syosset Community:

BUDGET VOTE & ELECTION *TUESDAY, MAY 20*