



Pittsford Schools

2025 – 2026 Proposed Budget Annual Budget Hearing

May 13, 2025



Budget Hearing

The purpose of the budget hearing is to:

- Provide an overview of the 2025-2026 budget guidelines and other factors
- Provide a summary of the proposed budget in a three-part budget format required by law
- Review all revenue sources including the state aid forecast and projected tax levy increase
- Briefly review the concept of a contingency budget
- Discuss and review all propositions and voting information

Budget Guidelines

Develop a Student based budget focused on:

- Implementation of rigorous, engaging, equitable, and authentic curriculum, instruction, assessments and resources.
- Maintain excellence while supporting responsive and relevant offerings.
- Providing experiences, both curricular and extracurricular, that support the varied interests and abilities of the whole child.
- Social emotional learning and mental health supports.
- Supporting diverse academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs.

Budget Guidelines

Provide High Quality Professional Learning focused on:

- Tiered supports to address range of learners in classroom.
- Curriculum, assessment, grading and instructional practices.
- Equity and Inclusion practices aligned with District goals.
- Social emotional, wellness, and mental health topics.
- Continuous improvement for instructional and non-instructional staff members.

Budget Guidelines

Balance the investment in education with sensitivity to limited community resources by:

- Balancing community expectations for services and programs, with the need to be cognizant of changes in property values, income levels, new state/federal tax laws, and other economic uncertainties.
- Engaging in thoughtful short- and long-range financial planning.
- Collaborating with local partners/districts to share services.
- Sustaining transportation reserve for transition to electric buses/vehicles.
- Planning for the cessation of Federal funds and impact on minimum wage increases.
- Engaging legislators to increase NYS foundation aid.
- Recruiting, hiring, and retaining diverse employees of the highest caliber.
- Seeking cost efficiencies to further mitigate the burdensome and financial impact of underfunded and unfunded mandates.

Budget Guidelines

Maintain fiscal stability now and into the future through:

- Financially prudent and sustainable reserve accounts.
- Review and adjust staffing to align with revenue sources.
- Partnerships, shared services, audits.
- Protecting and maintaining our Aa1 bond rating.
- Protecting the community's investment in facilities and infrastructure.
- Advocacy with legislators relative to appropriate levels of funding.
- Implementing research-based sustainability practices.

Meet legal mandates and contractual obligations

2025-26 Budget Development Factors

- Expiring Federal COVID funds
- Uncertain State aid funding including future changes to Foundation aid
- Health insurance rate increase
- Reliance on contract transportation due to bus driver shortage
- Vehicle and technology replacement costs
- Continued need of facilities infrastructure improvements
- Additional staffing requests for security, mental health, and special programs
- **March 2023** Capital Project debt service financing and the impact on the tax cap calculation

2026-27 and 2027-28 Considerations

- Long Range Financial Planning
 - Increased use of fund balance and reserve funds may create future challenges without an increase in revenues
- Projected Budget Deficits due to
 - Lack of State aid increases
 - Tax Cap projections in the 2% range
 - Continued minimum wage increases impacting salaries
 - Health insurance rate increases
 - Benefit rate increases – TRS/ERS
 - Inflation over 2%
- Reductions, Efficiencies and Advocacy

Budget Timeline & Process

- November 1st – budget materials issued
- November – December: meetings held with every budget originator
- January 6th – final requests submitted to business office
- February 4th – Budget Workshop #1 (Budget Guidelines finalized)
- February 25th – Budget Workshop #2
- March 11th – Budget Workshop #3
- April 8th – Budget Adoption
- **May 13th – Budget Hearing**
- May 20th – Budget Vote

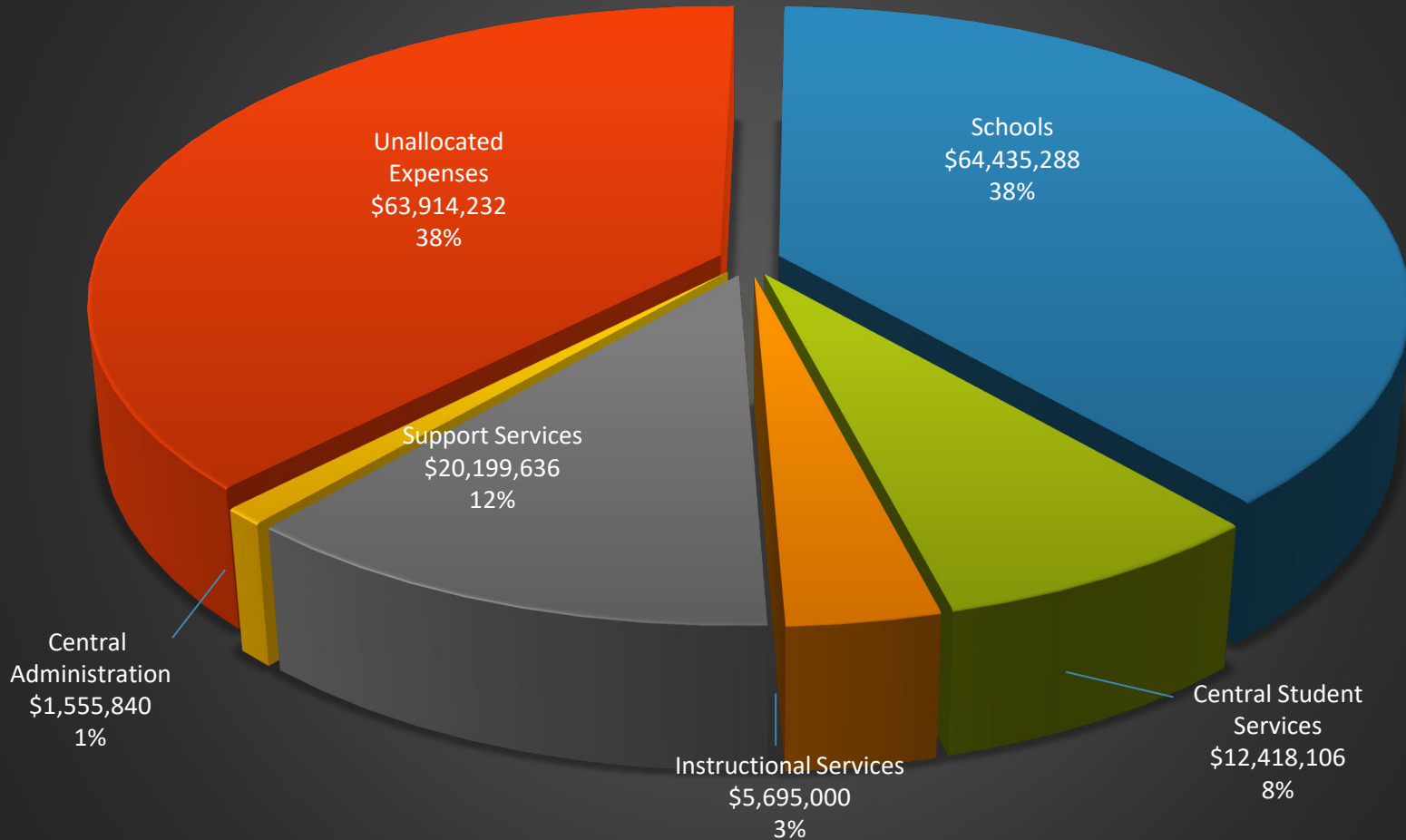
Proposed Budget

(Spending Plan to be Voted On)

Budget Program Area	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Schools	\$ 64,192,525	\$ 64,435,288	\$ 242,763	0.38%
Elementary	23,325,773	23,344,303	18,530	0.08%
Middle	17,323,889	17,385,041	61,152	0.35%
High	23,542,863	23,705,944	163,081	0.69%
Central Student Svcs	12,092,658	12,418,106	325,448	2.69%
Curriculum & Instruct	5,873,553	5,695,000	(178,553)	-3.04%
Support Services	20,090,335	20,199,636	109,301	0.54%
Central Admin	1,596,118	1,555,840	(40,278)	-2.52%
Undistributed	57,952,598	63,914,232	5,961,634	10.29%
Total	\$ 161,797,787	\$ 168,218,102	\$ 6,420,315	3.97%

Proposed Budget

2025-2026 Program Services Budget Composition - Total \$168,218,102



Proposed Budget By Object of Expense

Object of Expense	2024-25	2025-26	\$ Change	% Change
Salaries	\$ 79,637,198	\$ 80,134,459	\$ 497,261	0.62%
Benefits	47,419,348	52,925,044	5,505,696	11.61%
Equipment	625,288	637,501	12,213	1.95%
Contractual, Utilities & Tuition	10,610,800	10,306,932	(303,868)	-2.86%
Supplies	2,926,496	2,861,060	(65,436)	-2.24%
BOCES Services	12,170,407	12,448,918	278,511	2.29%
Debt Service/Transfer	8,408,250	8,904,188	495,938	5.90%
Total	\$ 161,797,787	\$ 168,218,102	\$ 6,420,315	3.97%

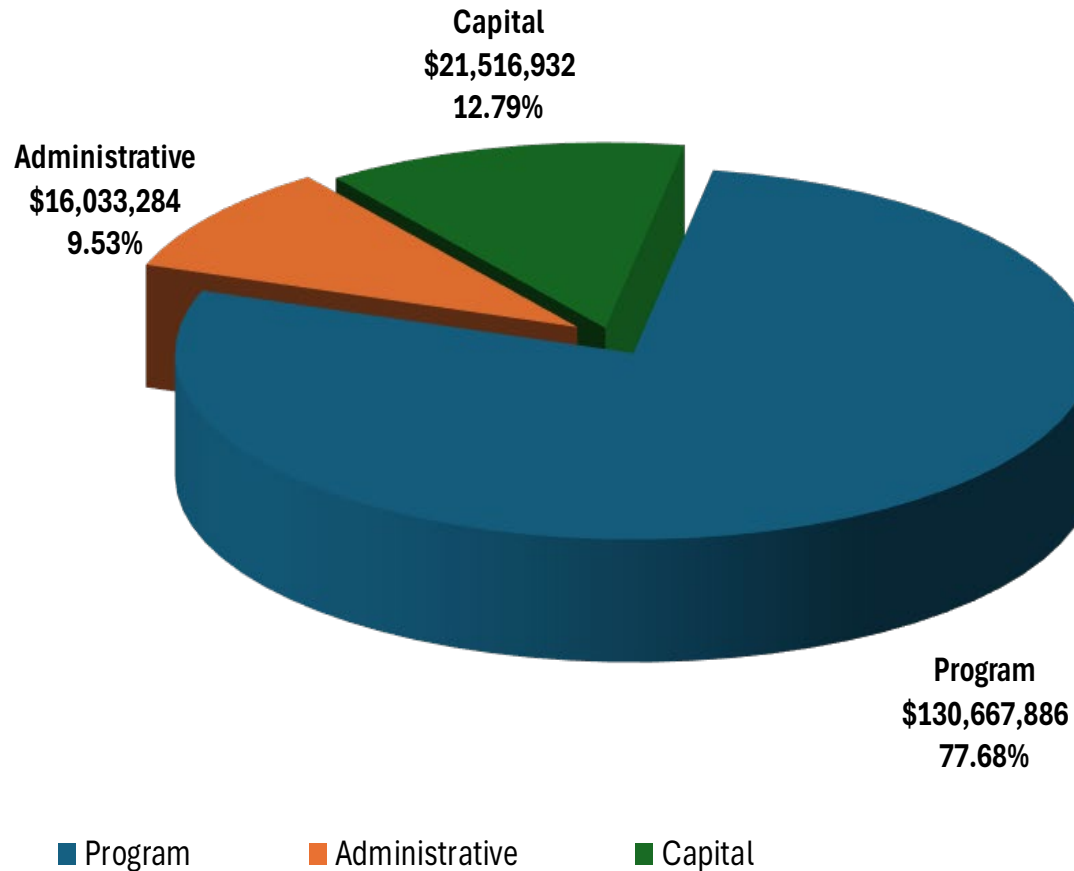
2025-2026 Three-Part Budget

In 1998 schools were required by NYS Law to present their budgets in a prescribed “Three Part Budget” format. The intent was for all schools to present their budget in a consistent and comparable format utilizing the uniform system of accounts.



Three-Part Budget Chapter 436 of Education Law – 1997

\$168,218,102



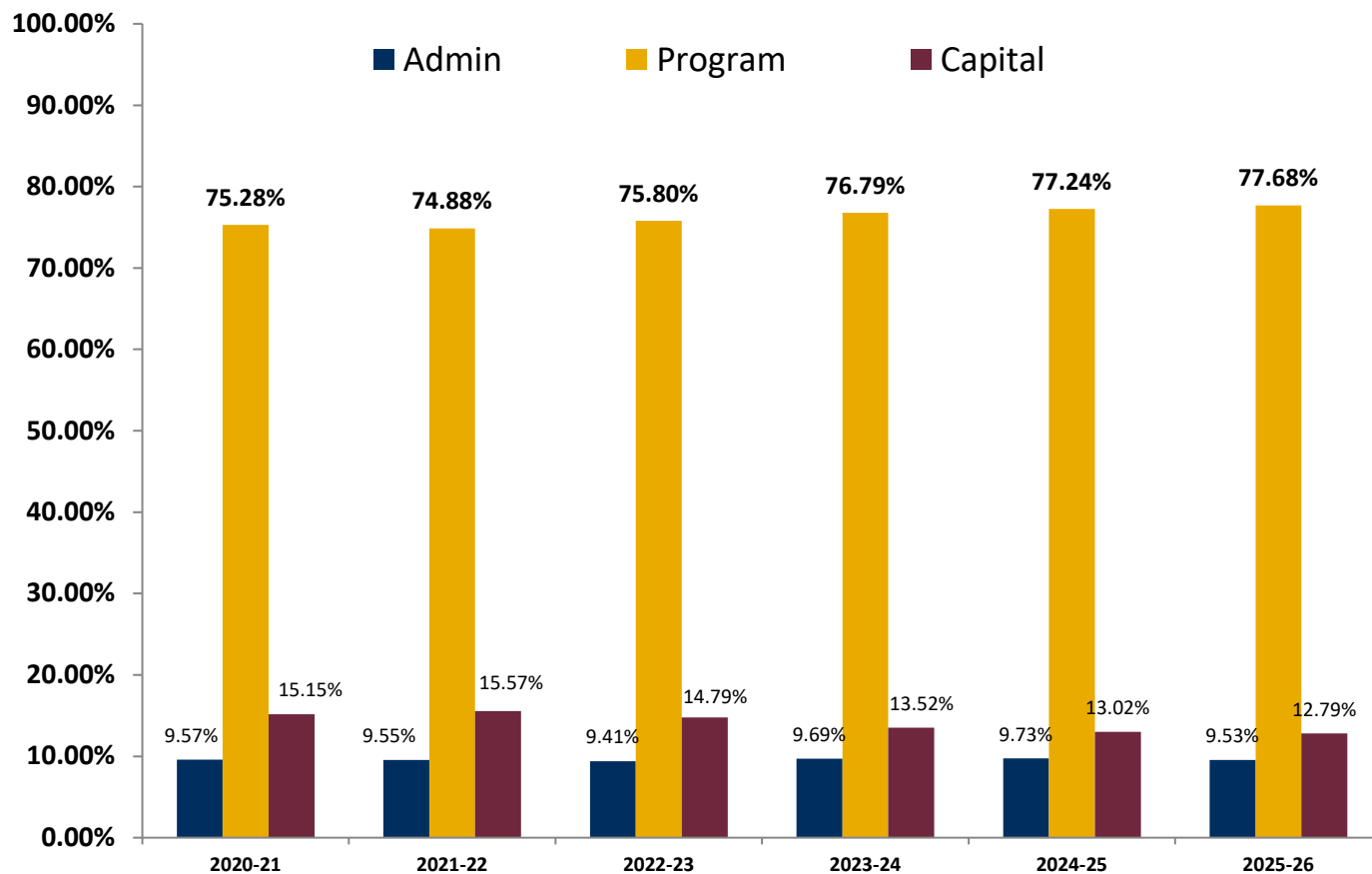
Three Part Budget Components

Three Components Percent of Total Budget

Three Part Format –

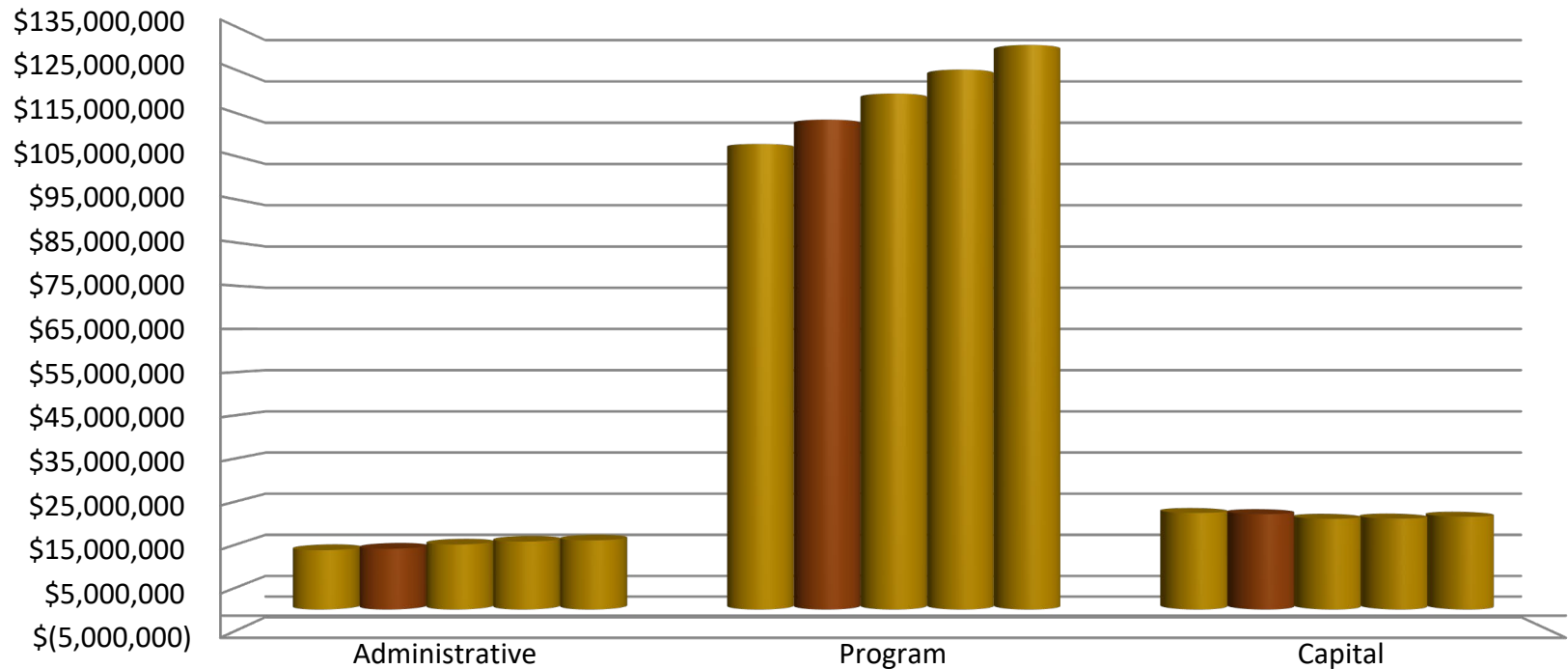
uniform system of accounts

- **Administrative** – All oversight and supervision not related to services provided directly to students as covered in the other two components
- **Program** – All costs directly associated to the delivery of instruction and services (transportation) to students
- **Capital** – All costs directly associated to the maintenance, improvement and payment of debt on facilities and infrastructure



Three Part Budget Historical Summary

Three Part Budget Component Trend



School Budget Revenues

Major Sources of Revenue for School Districts:

1. Tax Levy (amount of money collected in taxes)
2. State Aid (provided by New York State)
3. Other Sources (PILOT, county sales tax, interest earnings, gifts, sale of equipment, etc.)

2025-26 Tax Levy Limit Calculation

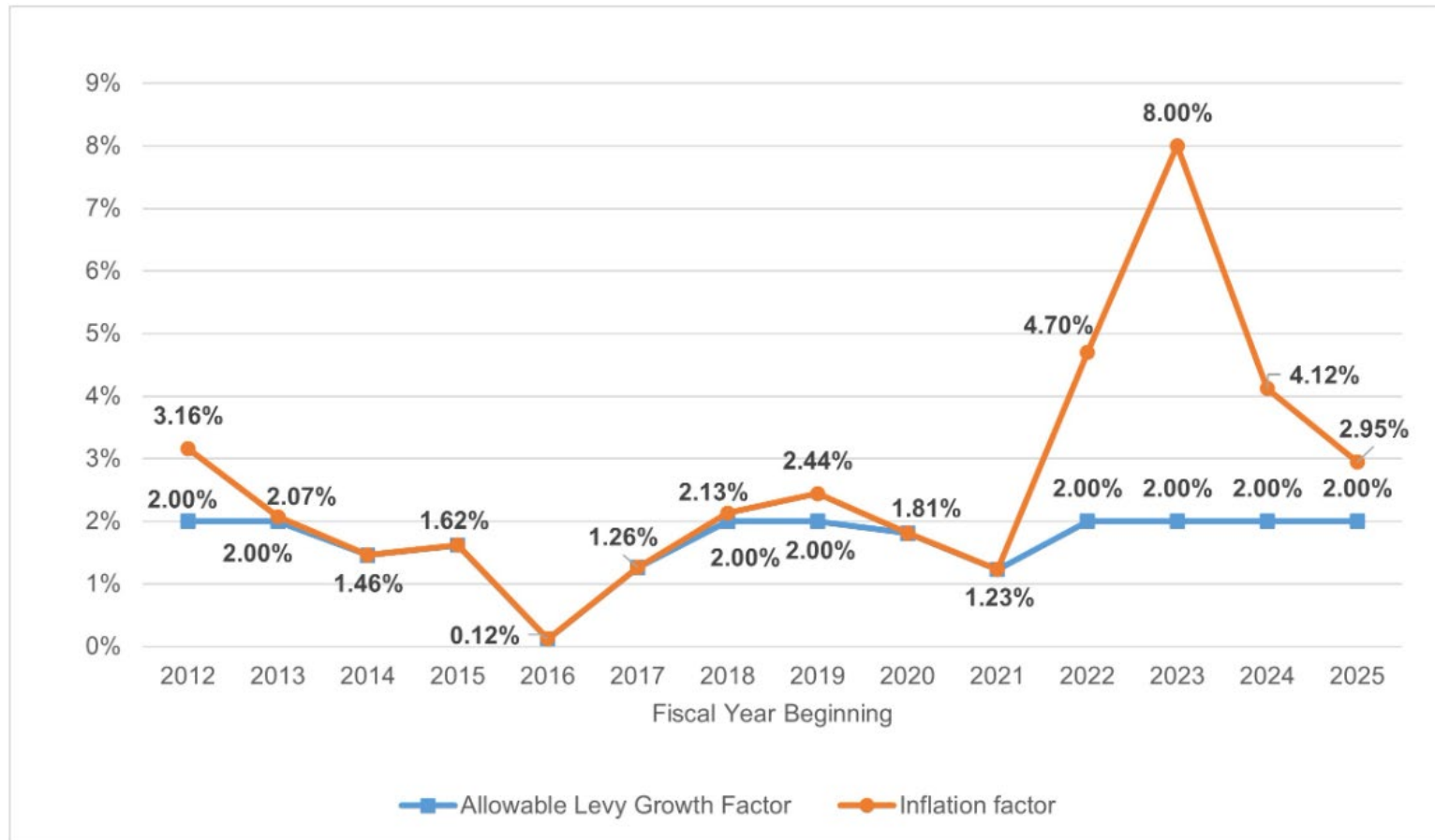
	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Estimated
Prior Year Tax Levy	111,953,538	114,967,504
Tax Base Growth Factor	x 1.0080	x 1.0050
	112,849,167	115,542,341
Prior year PILOT	+ 80,080	+ 130,996
	112,929,247	115,646,337
Prior Year Exemptions	-2,944,112	-2,863,266
Adjusted Prior Year Levy	109,985,134	112,783,071
Allowable Levy Growth Factor (lesser of CPI or 2%)	x 1.02	x 1.02
Sub-total (Tax Levy Limit)	112,184,837	115,038,733

2025-26 Tax Levy Limit Calculation

	2024-25	2025-26
<i>Tax Levy Limit (from previous slide)</i>	112,184,837	115,038,733
PILOTs for coming year	-130,966	-130,000
Tax Levy Limit (with no carryover)	112,080,871	114,908,702
Coming School Year Exemptions:		
Plus: Debt Service/Capital Transfer/BOCES Capital	+8,155,061	+8,330,236
Less: Building Aid/BOCES Aid/Debt Service Fund	-5,291,795	-5,579,383
“Capital Levy Exclusion”	2,863,266	2,750,853
Plus: Pension Exclusions	+ 23,367	+ 0
Maximum Allowable Levy (ESTIMATE)	114,967,504	117,659,555
Maximum Increase in Tax Levy	3,013,965	2,692,051
Tax Cap %	2.69%	2.34%

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Tax Cap inflation factors



Foundation Aid Update

Governor Hochul announced a renewed commitment to fully fund foundation aid in 2021-22:

- Foundation aid was created in 2007:
 - consolidated about 30 aid categories into one formula;
 - provided a more equitable approach to distributing State aid; and
 - called for more than \$5 billion in new operating aid to be phased in over a four-year period, which would have resulted in full funding by 2011-12. (Financial challenges delayed the full phase-in plan)
- Pittsford to received full foundation aid in 2023-24 (waiting since 2012)
 - Estimated \$100 million in lost revenue over the last 10 years
- Pittsford set to receive an increase of \$558,098 in foundation aid for 2025-26

Revenue Details – State Revenue

Based on Executive Proposal

	*Estimated 2024-25	*Projected 2025-26	\$ Change	% Change
Foundation aid	\$ 21,091,130	\$ 21,649,228	\$ 558,098	2.65%
BOCES aid	4,259,362	3,800,000	(459,362)	-10.78%
High Excess Cost	483,703	375,000	(108,703)	-22.47%
Private Excess Cost	407,096	400,000	(7,096)	-1.74%
Hardware/Technology	92,547	92,547	-	0.00%
Software/Library/Textbook	476,340	476,680	340	0.07%
Transportation	4,265,731	4,782,608	516,877	12.12%
Building aid	4,299,980	4,249,579	(50,401)	-1.17%
Total	\$ 35,375,889	\$ 35,825,642	\$ 449,753	1.27%
Urban/Suburban aid	\$ 1,155,072	\$ 1,155,072	\$ -	0.00%
Total State Aid	\$ 36,530,961	\$ 36,980,714	\$ 449,753	1.23%

**Estimated and Possible aid amounts based on Executive budget proposal and Budget Workshop #1*

Revenue Details – Tax Revenue

Revenue	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Tax Levy	\$ 114,967,504	\$ 117,659,555	\$ 2,692,051	2.34%
PILOTS - COMIDA	103,966	130,000	26,034	25.04%
Interest & Penalties	100	100	-	0.00%
Sales Tax	7,100,000	7,400,000	300,000	4.23%
Total	\$ 122,171,570	\$ 125,189,655	\$ 3,018,085	2.47%

Revenue Details – Local

Revenue	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Textbook/Other Fees	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ -	0.00%
Day School Tuition	240,000	240,000	-	0.00%
Health Services	245,000	245,000	-	0.00%
Interest Earnings	800,000	1,500,000	700,000	87.50%
Rentals/Scrap/Sales	160,241	160,241	-	0.00%
Prior Year Refund/other	835,000	835,000	-	0.00%
Total	\$ 2,285,741	\$ 2,985,741	\$ 700,000	30.62%

Revenue Details – Use of Fund Balance and Reserves

Revenue	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Workers Comp Reserve	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	0.00%
Unemployment Reserve	40,000	40,000	-	0.00%
ERS Reserve	400,000	400,000	-	0.00%
EBLAR Reserve	550,000	550,000	-	0.00%
TRS Reserve		300,000	300,000	N/A
Appropriated Fund Balance	1,196,992	1,496,992	300,000	25.06%
Total	\$ 2,236,992	\$ 2,836,992	\$ 600,000	26.82%

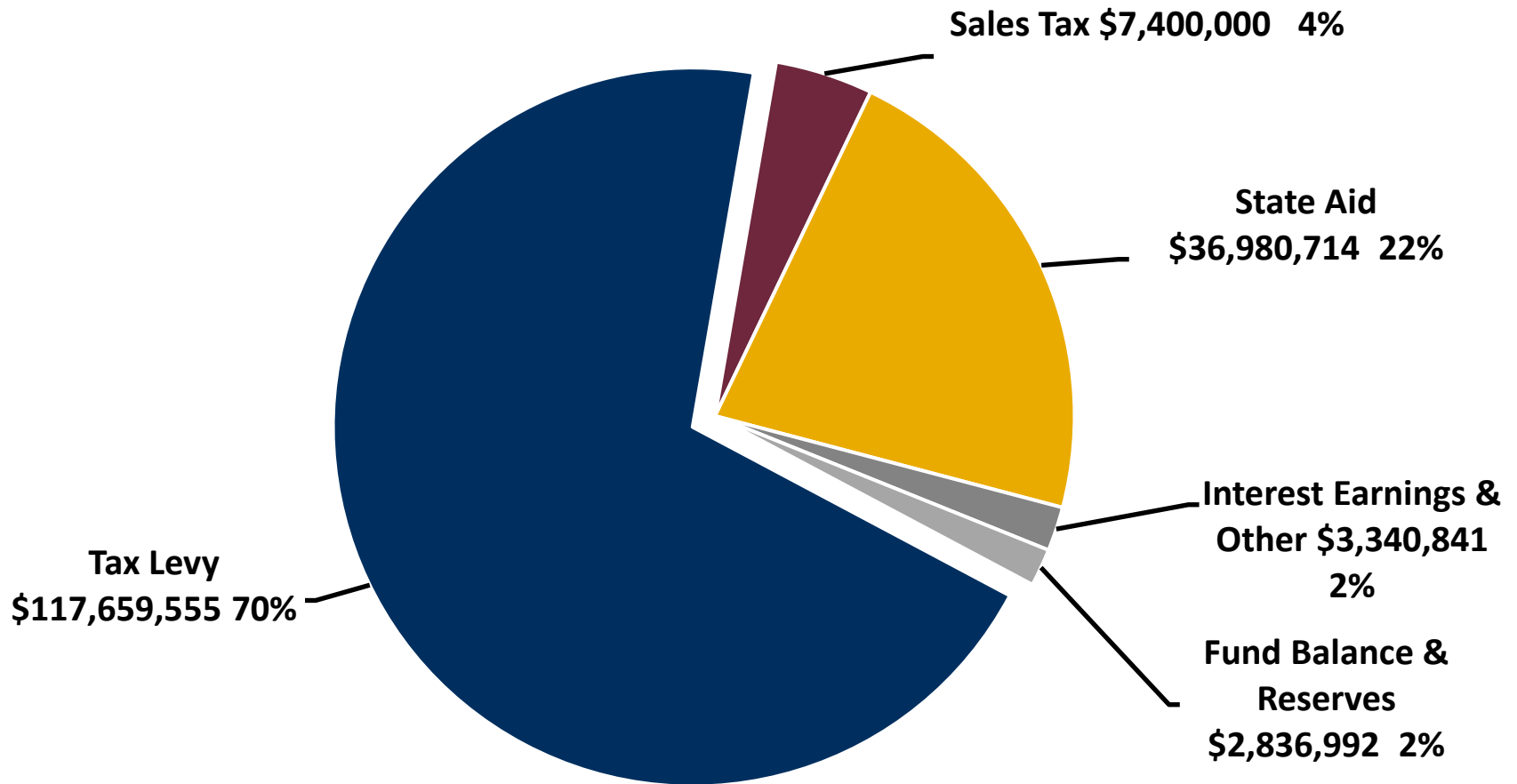
Proposed Revenue Budget

Revenue	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Total State Aid	\$ 35,038,484	\$ 36,980,714	\$ 1,942,230	5.54%
Federal Funds - Medicaid	65,000	65,000	-	0.00%
County Sales Tax	7,100,000	7,400,000	300,000	4.23%
Other Local	2,285,741	2,985,741	700,000	30.62%
*Transfer from Debt Service		160,000	160,000	N/A
Fund Balance & Reserves	2,236,992	2,836,992	600,000	26.82%
PILOTS	104,066	130,100	26,034	25.02%
Proprety Tax Levy (with STAR)	114,967,504	117,659,555	2,692,051	2.34%
Total Revenues	* \$ 161,797,787	\$ 168,218,102	\$ 6,420,315	3.97%

**New transfer based on meeting with auditor*

Budget Support Composition

2025-26 Proposed Budget – Estimated Revenue



Contingent Budget

What is a Contingent Budget and process?

- If the voters do not approve a proposed budget, the Board of Education may:
 - Go before the voters for one more vote on the same or different budget
 - Implement the contingent budget after the first defeat, but must implement contingent budget if the second budget is not approved by the voters
- Contingent Budget Cap is no longer based on a permissible expenditure growth, but a cap on the taxes levied. ***The Tax Levy cannot be greater than the previous year.***
- **The Contingent Budget**
 - Contingent Budget must be calculated based on a zero percent tax levy increase and as required by law, certain items must be removed from the budget:
 - ◆ Non health & safety or preservation of facilities related equipment
 - ◆ Community or non-school use of facilities may not be permitted
 - ◆ Transfer to capital items would be restricted

Per law would require a 0% tax levy increase resulting in a **\$2,692,051** million reduction

Contingent Budget

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	\$ 161,797,787	\$168,218,102	\$165,526,051
Increase/Decrease for the 2025-26 School Year		\$6,420,315	\$3,847,314
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.97%	2.38%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.95%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$114,967,504	\$117,659,555	
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)	\$114,967,504	\$117,659,555	\$114,967,504
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$2,886,633	\$2,750,853	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$112,080,871	\$114,908,702	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$112,080,871	\$114,908,702	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	

Contingent Budget

Administrative Component	\$15,746,436	\$16,033,284	\$15,869,050
Program Component	\$124,977,746	\$130,667,886	\$129,369,119
Capital Component	\$21,073,605	\$21,516,932	\$20,287,882

All non-contingent codes were eliminated from the budget as they are not allowed. We also eliminated all technology purchases for 1:1 devices made through BOCES and plan to delay them if the budget is defeated. The District also eliminated transfers to the capital fund for the purchase of new Outlay and possible large equipment replacement.

** 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
Capital Reserve Fund – Purchase of Buses	\$2,419,162
Capital Reserve Fund – Instructional Tech Res 1:1 <u>purchases</u>	\$500,000
	\$
	\$

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$605

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2025-26 by the qualified voters of the Penfield school district, Monroe County, New York, will be held at Calkins Road Middle school in said district on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Calkins Road Middle school, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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

Additional Propositions Summary

Overall Premise

Each Proposition is:

➤ Involves a Capital Reserve Fund

- A reserve is a provision in the law similar to a savings account for specific purposes
- Capital Reserves require voter authorization to:
 - Establish / Extend for specified period of time
 - Maximum cumulative deposit amount
 - Expend for approved purpose

None of the reserve propositions will result in additional taxes or issuance of debt

Proposition Index

1. Budget Vote

2. **Capital Reserve Fund – Bus Purchase:** authorizes the purchase of 14 buses

3. **Capital Reserve – Instructional Technology Reserve**

4. **BOE Members**

Capital Reserve Fund – Bus Purchase

The plan is to auction or trade-in fourteen buses and purchase fourteen buses

- Total Authorized Withdrawal for Purchases = \$2,419,162
 - Trade-in allowance will reduce total cost
 - *Using the Reserve Fund mitigates any impact on the tax levy*
 - Will generate an estimated \$1.2 Million in State Aid that will replenish the reserve



Recommended Bus Purchases for 2025-26

(8) International 66 Passenger buses (with Cargo)	\$1,429,892
(6) International 36 Passenger buses	\$ 989,269
Total	<u>\$2,419,162</u> <i>(before auction)</i>

	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>
Total Cost =	\$2,227,907	\$2,419,162
*Annual Cost =	\$ 136,348	\$ 158,213

**Annual Cost assumes 67.3% State Aid reimbursed over a 5-year period*

- *2024-25 replacement update:*
- *Auctioned 18 various buses and received \$200K+ as revenue*

Will NOT impact the tax levy or the tax rate

Proposition 1: Transportation Vehicle Capital Reserve Purchase of Buses

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pittsford Central School District is hereby authorized to withdraw from the “Capital Reserve Fund – Purchase of Buses” a sum of money not to exceed Two Million, Four Hundred Nineteen Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars **\$2,419,162** to be used for the purchase of six (6) replacement 36 passenger buses and eight (8) full size 66 passenger buses and communications equipment used in the operation of such buses. State Aid generated on these purchases will be returned to the Capital Reserve Fund – Purchase of Buses.

***Will not result in the levy of additional tax or debt** – asking for voter authorization to withdraw from savings designated for bus purchases. This is not adding additional tax or debt as some districts do. Aid from the purchase of buses is returned to the reserve (savings account) for future bus purchases*

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**Proposition 2: Capital Reserve Fund
Instructional Technology Reserve**

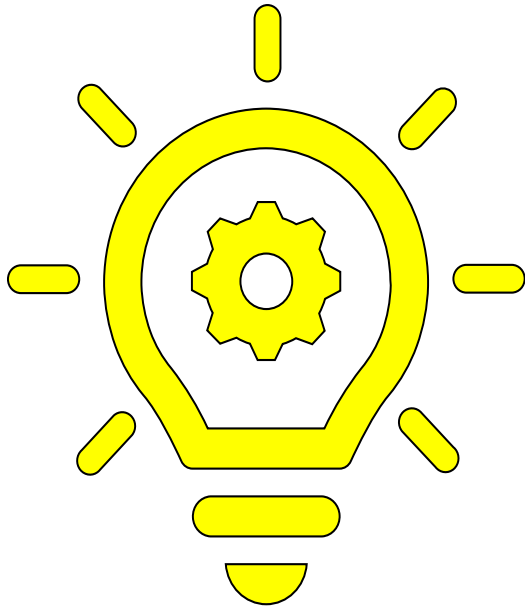
Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Pittsford Central School District, Monroe County, New York be authorized to withdraw from the “Capital Instructional Technology Reserve” (savings account) a sum of money not to exceed **\$500,000** to be used for the purchase of laptops to support the 1:1 device program.

Will not result in the levy of additional tax or debt

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New this year: Capital Outlay Project



- Allowed to spend \$100,000 on a Facilities Improvement Project
- NYS will reimburse at the building aid ratio (currently at 72.7%) the following year
- Plan to use \$100,000 of the Capital Transfer budget on various HVAC upgrades at Thornell Road Elementary School

2025-26 Proposed Budget - Fast Facts

- The Proposed Budget:
 - Closed a \$1.5M budget gap through cost reductions without layoffs and added revenue from interest earnings/expenditure driven aids
 - Maintains all programs for students
 - Is balanced and remains within the Property Tax Cap
 - Has a tax levy increase of **2.34%**
 - Has a budget-to-budget proposed spending increase of 3.97%
 - Is fiscally responsible, reduces budget margins but still preserves the ability to fund reserve accounts and maintain fund balance levels (not at the same rate)

Legal Requirements *(already discussed)*

Official Board of Education Action Required:

- ✓ Approval of the total spending plan and any additional propositions
- ✓ Approval the NYS Property Tax Report Card

Other requirements:

- ✓ Tax Cap and proposed Tax Levy Submission
 - ✓ Contains information about reserves, fund balance and expected enrollment
- ✓ Administrative Salary Disclosure
- ✓ Discussion of the ARP funds
- ✓ Reminder about **early voting** and absentee ballots

Pittsford Central School District

May 20, 2025 – Budget Vote

This year's school budget vote and board of education election will take place with in-person voting.

To obtain an absentee ballot an application must be submitted. Applications may be obtained by contacting the District Clerk's office at: Cynthia_Coleman@pittsford.monroe.edu

All absentee ballots must be received in the District Clerk's office by **5 p.m. on May 20, 2025.**

Eligible voters must meet the following legal requirements:

- At least 18 years of age
- A citizen of the United States
- A legal resident of the District at least 30 days immediately prior to May 20, 2025

For more information about the 2025-2026 Budget and Board of Education candidates please see the District website: <https://www.pittsfordschools.org/>

Pittsford Central School District 2025-2026 Adopted Budget

The “Proposed Budget Information Book” may be reviewed at any school building main office, Pittsford Library, Pittsford Town Hall or on the District website: <http://pittsfordschools.org>

Questions or Comments?