



SAUQUOIT VALLEY™
Central School District

Budget

Hearing

May 13, 2025

SVCSD Mission

Our mission is to ensure that each student will become a life-long learner and a responsible citizen in an ever-changing world.



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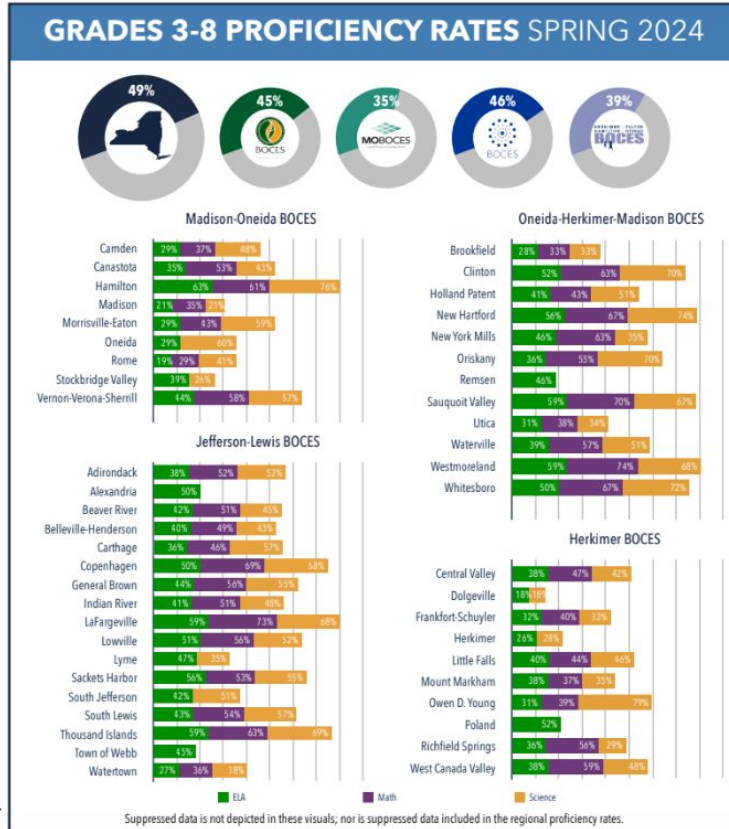


Advanced Placement / Dual Credit Offerings

Dual Credit Advanced Studio Art – MVCC FA 101 (1 HS credit; 3 college credits)
Dual Credit Personal Finance – MVCC BM 108 ($\frac{1}{2}$ HS credit; 3 college credits)
Dual Credit Principles of Marketing – MVCC BM 120 ($\frac{1}{2}$ HS credit; 3 college credits)
Dual Credit English 12 – MVCC EN 101 & 102 (1 HS credit; 6 college credits)
Dual Credit Intermediate Math – MVCC MA 115 ($\frac{1}{2}$ HS credit; 4 college credits)
Dual Credit Statistics – MVCC MA 110 ($\frac{1}{2}$ HS credit; 3 college credits)
Dual Credit Pre-Calculus – MVCC MA 150 (1 HS credit; 4 college credits)
Advanced Placement/Dual Credit Calculus AB – MVCC MA 151 (1 HS credit; 4 college credits)
Dual Credit Psychology – MVCC PY 101 ($\frac{1}{2}$ HS credit; 3 college credits)
Dual Credit Sociology – MVCC SO 101 ($\frac{1}{2}$ HS credit; 3 college credits)
Dual Credit Intro to Theater – MVCC TH 193 ($\frac{1}{2}$ credit; 3 college credits)
Dual Credit Music Theory I – MVCC HU 183 ($\frac{1}{2}$ credit; 3 college credits)
Dual Credit Music Appreciation – MVCC HU 186 ($\frac{1}{2}$ HS credit; 3 college credits)
Advanced Placement/Dual Credit Biology – TCCC BIOL 104 & 105 (1 HS credit; 8 college credits)
Dual Credit Chemistry – TCCC CHEM 107 & 108 (1 HS credit; 8 college credits)
Advanced Placement/Dual Credit United States History – MVCC HI 111 & 112 (1 HS credit; 6 college credits)
Dual Credit American National Government – MVCC PS 101 ($\frac{1}{2}$ HS credit; 3 college credits)
Dual Credit 50s, 60s, 70s The United States in Vietnam – MVCC HI 113 ($\frac{1}{2}$ HS credit; 3 college credits)
Dual Credit Digital Electronics – MVCC ET 235 (1 HS credit; 4 college credits)
Dual Credit French V – MVCC FR 201 & 202 (1 HS credit; 6 college credits)
AP English Language & Composition AP English Literature & Composition
AP European History AP Physics 1



Academic Highlights



Compared with **47** other school districts in the region, Sauquoit Valley placed **2nd** in ELA proficiency and **3rd** in math proficiency on the 3-8 state assessments conducted in the spring of 2024.



Oneida County School Comparisons Per Pupil Expenditure

**DISTRICT OR DISTRICT OF
LOCATION**

\$19,628.00

COUNTY AVERAGE

\$21,429.67

STATEWIDE AVERAGE

\$26,857.07



High School Opportunities

Extracurricular activities:

Art Club
Class Organizations
Colgate Seminar
Drama Club
Dungeons & Dragons Club
Handshakes Mentoring Club
Jazz Band
National Honor Society
Newspaper
Reading Club
Select Choir
Student Council
Tri-M Honor Society
Writing Club
Yearbook

Athletics:

Baseball
Basketball
Bowling
Cheerleading
Cross Country
Field Hockey
Football
Golf
Gymnastics
Ice Hockey
Soccer
Softball
Tennis
Track and Field
Volleyball
Wrestling



Middle School Opportunities

Extracurricular activities:

Build Your Story Workshop
Chess Club
Handshakes Mentoring Club
Jazz Band
Math Counts
National Junior Honor Society
Reading Club
SADD
Ski Club
Select Choir
STEAM Club
Student Council
Tri-M Honor Society
Yearbook

Athletics:

Baseball
Basketball
Cross Country
Field Hockey
Football
Gymnastics
Racing Red Hawks
Soccer
Tennis
Track and Field
Volleyball



Elementary School Opportunities

Extracurricular activities:

Green Team
Handshakes Mentoring Club
Little Bees Literacy
STEAM Club

Athletics:

Offered through outside agencies
Racing Red Hawks



How We Support the Community

American Cancer Society Relay for Life
American Heart Association Dodgeball Tournament
American Heart Association Heart Run & Walk
American Red Cross Blood Drives
Community Service at Mother Marianne's West Side Kitchen
Elementary School Mitten Tree
Humane Society Collection
National Honor Society Cleanup Day
National Honor Society Toy Drive
Pack the Pantry Food Drive
Red Hawk Rendezvous/Fireworks Over Sauquoit
Senior Center
Sleep in Heavenly Peace
Souper Bowl Food Drive

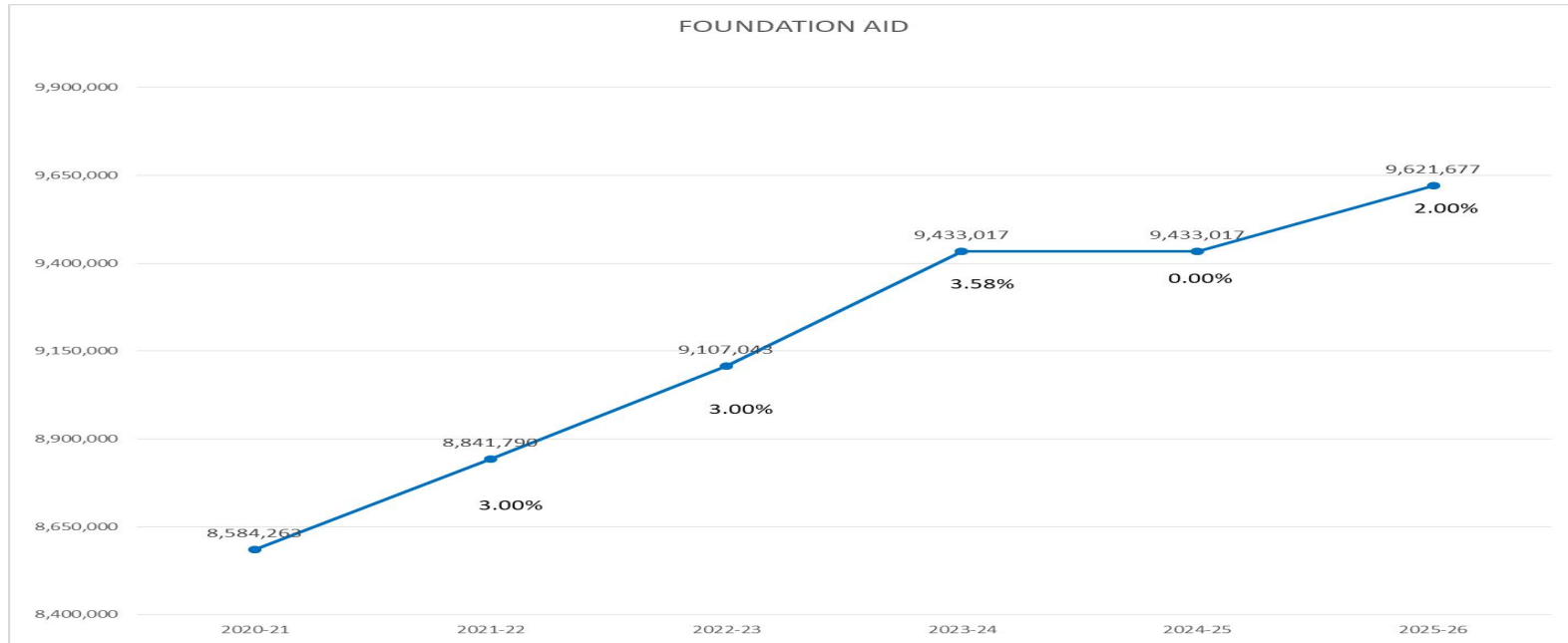


School Budget Development

1. The Board of Education is tasked with adopting a budget to bring before the voters for approval but relies heavily on input from the administration of the district.
2. Each year the budget process for all school districts has an inherent degree of unpredictability.
3. Sauquoit Valley CSD's primary sources of revenue are aid from NYS (~58.0%) and taxes from the property owners of the district (~34.2%). Other revenues (~3.9%) and the allocation of savings (~4.0%) make up the remaining resources needed to balance our budget.
4. The school board approaches the budget development process attempting to put forth a budget that provides the greatest opportunities for the students while recognizing the financial commitment of the taxpayers and the limitations on other resources.



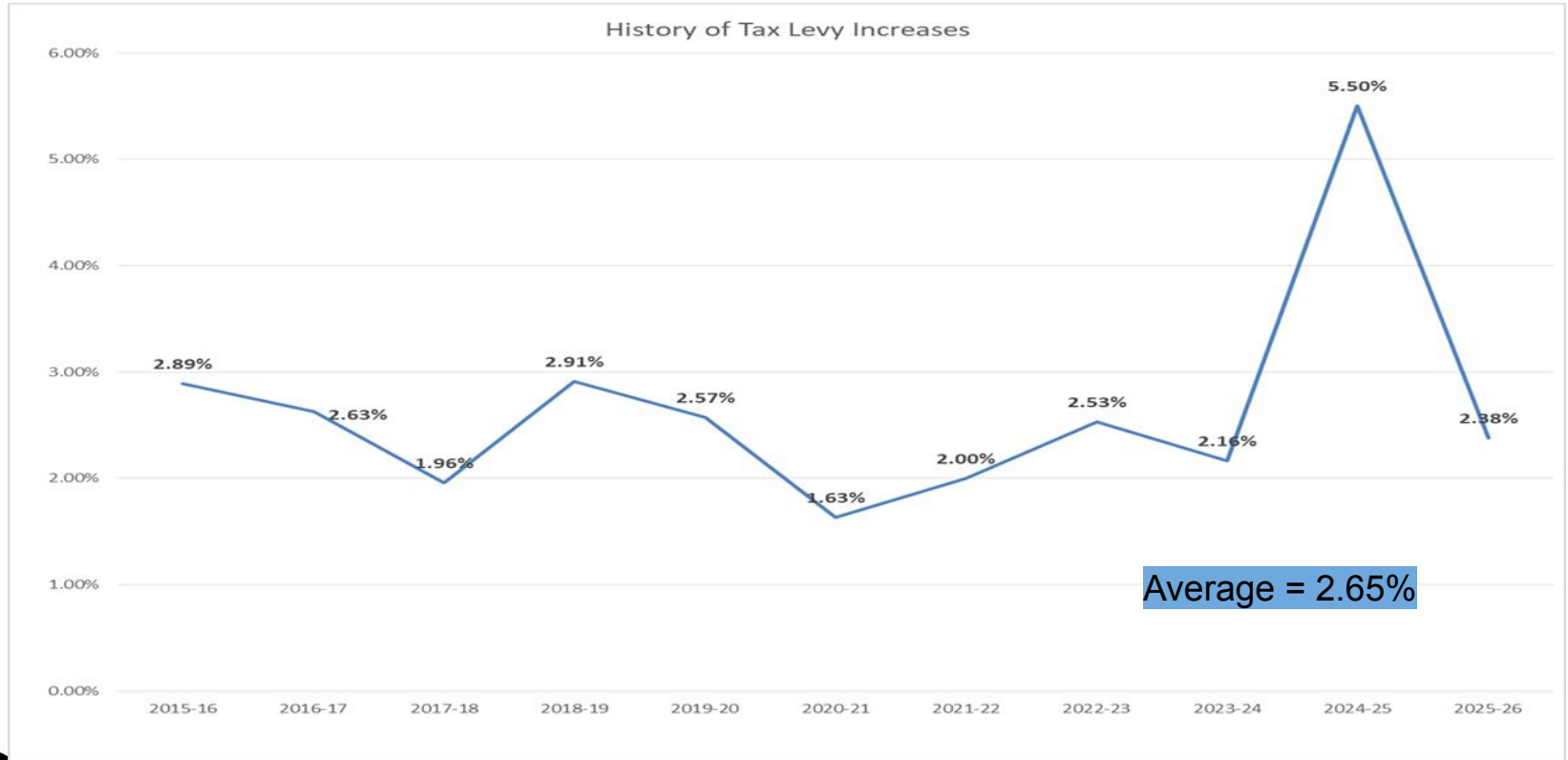
State Aid Outlook



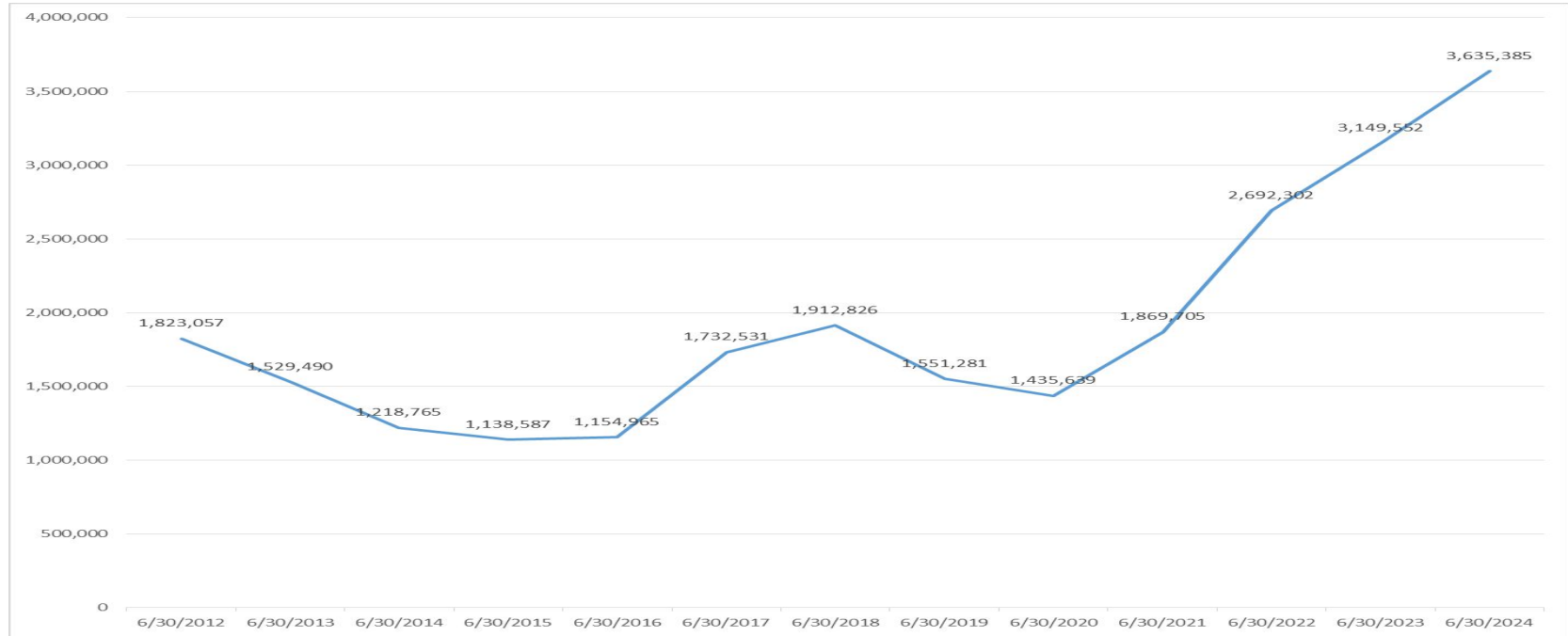
Foundation Aid represents nearly $\frac{1}{3}$'s of the total state aid that Sauquoit Valley receives. Increases to Foundation Aid have slowed in recent years as illustrated in the chart above. Aid increases that do not keep pace with inflationary costs of the district will negatively impact programs over the long run if cost savings cannot be realized.



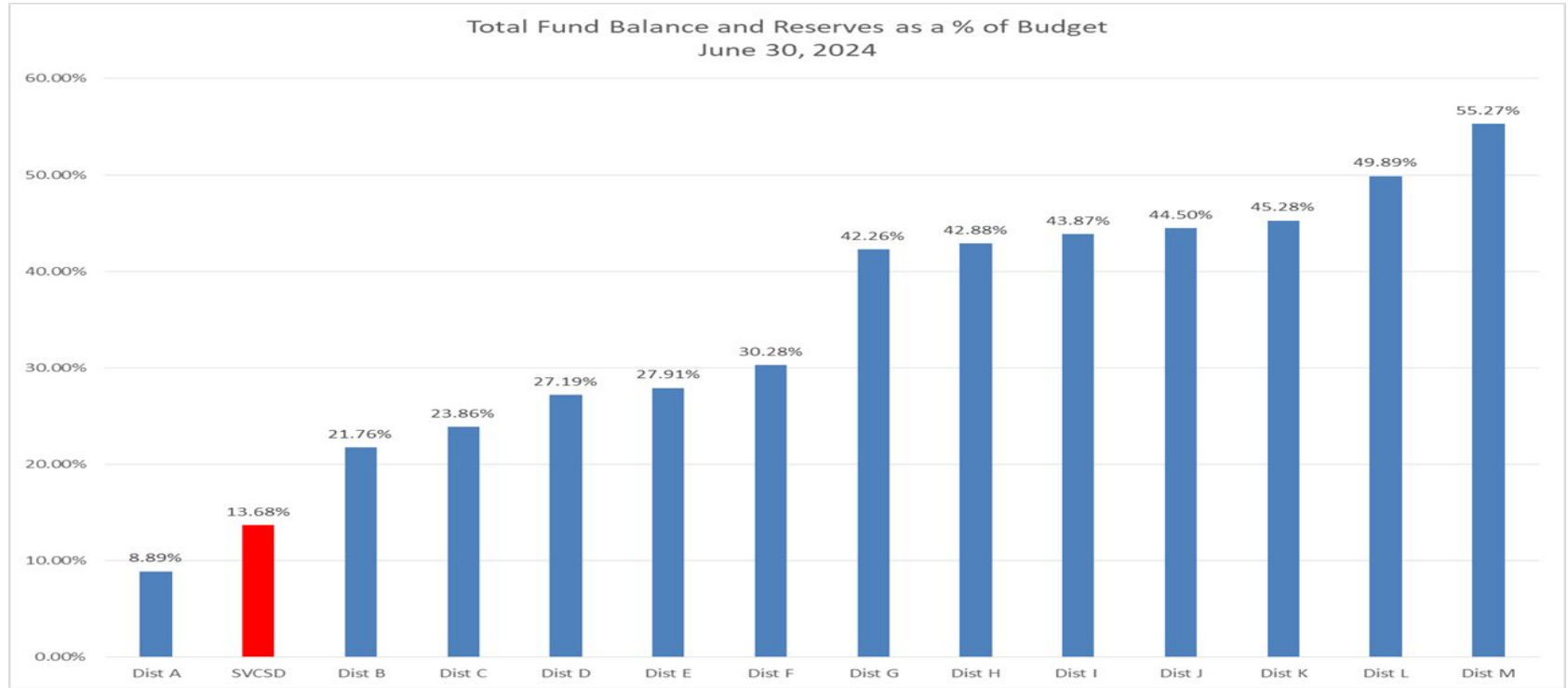
10-Year Tax Levy History



SVCSD's Fund Balance History



SVCSD's Current Fund Balance



Budget to be Presented for Approval

Expenditures	Proposed 2025-26	Approved 2024-25	\$ Change	% Change
Salaries	\$ 10,214,842	\$ 9,994,454	\$ 220,388	2.21%
Benefits	6,575,000	6,135,000	440,000	7.17%
BOCES	4,631,480	4,660,219	-28,379	-0.60%
Contractual	1,852,300	1,747,800	104,500	5.98%
Supplies	546,620	531,300	15,320	2.88%
Equipment	50,000	30,000	20,000	66.70%
Debt	2,937,307	3,132,658	-195,351	-6.24%
Athletics/Co-Curr	380,105	370,606	9,499	2.56%
TOTALS	\$ 27,187,654	\$ 26,602,037	\$ 585,617	2.20%



Budget to be Presented for Approval

Revenues	Proposed 2025-26	Approved 2024-25	\$ Change	% Change
State Aid	\$ 15,762,000	\$ 15,532,900	\$ 229,100	1.47%
Other Revenues	1,050,000	810,000	240,000	29.62%
Transfer from Debt Svc	0	100,000	-100,000	-100.00%
Use of FB/Reserves	1,077,080	1,077,080	0	0.00%
Tax Levy	9,298,574	9,082,057	216,517	2.38%
TOTALS	\$ 27,187,654	\$ 26,602,037	\$ 585,617	2.20%



This Budget...

1. Maintains all programs that are in place for the 2024-25 school year.
2. Adds one special education position that was eliminated in 2024-25.
3. Continues the investment for an annual capital outlay project of \$100,000.
4. Proposes a tax levy increase at the tax cap of 2.38%.



What the Voters Will Decide

- Proposed budget for the 2025-26 school year \$27,187,654 budget with 2.38% tax levy increase.
- The purchase of two (2) diesel school buses not to exceed \$360,000.
- The purchase of one (1) zero-emission bus not to exceed \$190,000.
- The election of two members to the Board of Education for a term of three years commencing July 1, 2025 and expiring on June 30, 2028.

Patricia Collins

Lynn Weibel



Annual Budget Vote & Board of Education Election

Tuesday, May 20

7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

High School
Auditorium





Thank you for your support!

