

North Tonawanda City Schools

2025-2026 Budget Vote Information



May 20, 2025

11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

District Fine Arts Center - 405 Meadow Drive



BUDGET



- The 2025-2026 proposed budget is \$83,000,000 which is a reduction of \$510,000 from the 2024-2025 school year.
- This proposed budget is lower than the current budget due to a reduction of \$2,262,000 in state building aid and the associated reduction of debt service expense.
- Proposed community tax levy is \$31,575,000 which is a 2.749% increase from the previous year. This tax levy is within the New York State tax cap.
- Anticipated annual tax increase for an assessed \$100,000 house is \$64.
- The proposed budget is fiscally responsible and considers long-term planning.

INSTRUCTION



- The 2025-2026 proposed budget does not result in material class size changes.
- No programmatic impacts to sports and music offerings.
- Expansion of in-district special education programming at the elementary level.
- Expansion of in-district alternative education programming at the middle school.
- Dedicated elementary enrichment opportunities for students at the K-6 level as well as weight room opportunities for secondary aged students.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Purchase three large and three small buses consistent with the district's fleet replacement plan.
- Reduction of the secondary walking radius from 2.0 to 1.75 miles as a pilot program.
- Annual capital outlay provision addresses K-3 playground fencing.
- Capacity to expand UPK programmatic offerings to Spruce Elementary School.
- Cafeteria table replacement at NTI.

PROPOSITION #2 CREATION OF A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FUND

- Seeks voter approval to create a capital reserve account to a maximum accumulation of \$15,000,000 with a term of 15 years.
- This potential future funding allows for improvement to school instructional spaces and other related areas in a fiscally responsible manner which would mitigate future debt interest expense.
- Future usage of any of these funds requires community approval through a vote.