

Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD 2026-2027 Budget Workshop Series

Workshop #2
Budget Updates, Tax Levy &
Capital Discussion

Board of Education Meeting
February 23, 2026



Strategic Plan Priority Area # 5 Finance and Facilities

We will provide sound, responsible financial stewardship through the management and maintenance of efficient financial practices.

Strategies	
Maintain Triple-A bond rating.	Continue to strengthen ties with community organizations and businesses.
Fiscal conservancy to address possible state and federal aid plateaus scheduled for the 2024-25 fiscal year.	Create innovative operational procedures and systems responsive to the needs of our students, staff and stakeholders.
End each fiscal year with a 4% fund balance.	Implement strategic recommendations found in the most recent Building Condition Survey, with a cycle of preventative maintenance.
Maintain cumulative reserve levels at a minimum of 20% of annual budget general fund expenditures.	Prioritize facilities needs in order of priority of health and safety, property preservation and facilities upgrades. Develop a multi-year budgetary plan to support the work.
Maintain a current ratio above 2 to 1 as measured by current assets over current liabilities on the general fund balance sheet.	Partner with an Energy Service Company (ESCO) to develop a plan to improve the energy profiles and sustainability of all eight facilities at no cost to taxpayers.
Align growth of total payroll and associated benefit costs to the growth of permanent revenue sources (i.e., tax revenue, property lease revenue, etc.)	Improve energy efficiency, climate resiliency and sustainability of all facilities.
Use the POB Strategic Plan to guide annual budget development, program review and new program adoption cycles.	Provide equitable learning environments through the effective and efficient facilities planning, management and resource allocation.
Ensure that resources (i.e., people, time and money) are allocated equitably by instituting needs-based, results-focused budgeting; matching hiring and staff placement with relative school level and student needs.	Maintain all facilities at high levels of cleanliness, dependability, safety and aesthetic appeal.

2026-2027 Budget Development:

How Decisions Are Made

- Guided by the District's Strategic Plan and long-term educational priorities, ensuring resources support student learning, well-being, and achievement.
- Informed by ongoing review of the Building Condition Survey, addressing space needs, facility upkeep, health and safety improvements, and long-range capital planning.
- Shaped through collaboration with key stakeholders, including PTAs, Booster Clubs, administrators, staff and building teams, to align resources with student needs and District priorities.
- Developed with careful planning for rising fixed and mandated costs, including retirement contributions, health insurance, special education services, transportation, utilities, inflation, and contractual salary obligations.
- Focused on preserving core instructional programs and class sizes while responding to growing and changing student needs.
- Aligned with future ready goals, including expanding career pathways and college readiness programs connected to the new NYS Graduation Measures.
- Committed to maintaining safe and healthy learning environments through enhanced health and safety measures across all buildings.



2026-2027 Superintendent's Proposed Budget Review

Superintendent Proposed Budget: Presented 2/9/2026

2025-26 Actual Budget	2026-27 Proposed Budget	Budget-to-Budget \$ Difference	Budget-to-Budget % Difference
\$197,404,327	\$205,796,480	\$8,392,153	4.25%
2025-26 actual budget baseline for comparison	2026-27 total budget reflecting our commitment to comprehensive educational programming	Additional resources needed to maintain programs and address rising costs	Year-over-year growth rate reflecting inflation and program needs

Technology Budget: Presented 2/9/2026

2025-2026 Actual Budget	2026-2027 Proposed Budget	Budget-to-Budget \$ Difference	Budget-to-Budget % Difference
\$6,261,177	\$6,603,339	\$342,162	5.46%
Baseline funding to support devices, software, and core infrastructure.	Reflects increased costs for device refresh, software licensing, and infrastructure needs.	Driven primarily by higher hardware and software costs related to inflation and vendor pricing.	Year-over-year growth rate reflecting inflation and program needs

2026-2027 Proposed Budget Code Change

Facilities Budget: Presented 2/9/2026

2025-2026 Actual Budget	2026-2027 Proposed Budget	Budget-to-Budget \$ Difference	Budget-to-Budget % Difference
\$5,163,462	\$5,173,658	\$10,196	0.20%

Facilities Budget: Proposed Budget Code Changes Presented 2/23/2026

Facilities Budget Code	2025-2026 Actual Budget	2026-2027 Proposed Budget 2/9/2026	New 2026-2027 Proposed Budget 2/23/2026	Budget-to-Updated Budget \$ Difference
A-1620-425-00-48-00 DW Electricity & Gas	\$2,423,012	\$2,423,012	\$2,223,012	(-\$200,000)
A-1620-409-00-48-00 B&G Reno & Additions	\$496,000	\$515,500	\$715,500	+\$200,000

We reduced utilities by \$200,000 based on current projections and energy efficiencies. Those savings continue to support debt service and the Building Renovations code to address infrastructure needs. The overall Facilities budget remains the same. This is a reallocation, not an increase in spending, and reinforces our commitment to capital improvements.



Utilities Budget Reduction & Strategic Reinvestment

- **Utilities Decrease:** \$200,000 or (8.25%) Lower projected utility costs allow us to reduce the utilities line while still budgeting responsibly based on current estimated savings. Full savings of Energy Performance Contract will be on the 2027-2028 financials.
- **Redirecting Savings:** Utility savings are redirected into paying for the Energy Performance Contract and funding the Building Renovations code to address infrastructure repairs and priority capital needs without increasing the overall budget.
- **Supporting EPC Debt Service:** As solar panels and other energy improvements come fully online, those savings will help cover EPC debt service and allow us to continue reinvesting in facilities districtwide.
- **Facilities Budget Remains Unchanged:** The Facilities budget presented on 2/9/2026, remains unchanged overall. This is a reallocation between budget codes, not an increase in spending, and reflects the District's continued commitment to maintaining and improving our school facilities.



2026-2027 Projected Revenue Review



2026-2027 NY State Aid Estimates

Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District

	2025-26	2026-27	Change	%
Foundation Aid	\$30,185,016	\$31,548,425	\$1,363,409	4.52%
Expense-based Aids				
Building Aid	\$2,984,190	\$3,355,765	\$371,575	12.45%
Transportation Aid*	\$2,438,406	\$2,897,431	\$459,025	18.82%
BOCES Aid	\$3,386,453	\$4,061,298	\$674,845	19.93%
Public High Cost Excess Cost Aid	\$435,752	\$494,167	\$58,415	13.41%
Private Excess Cost Aid	\$391,686	\$417,534	\$25,848	6.60%
Special Services Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Instructional Materials Aids				
Software Aid	\$83,394	\$82,195	(\$1,199)	-1.44%
Hardware & Technology Aid	\$53,620	\$59,886	\$6,266	11.69%
Textbook Aid	\$331,851	\$326,666	(\$5,185)	-1.56%
Library Materials Aid	\$34,793	\$34,294	(\$499)	-1.43%
Other Operating Aids				
Academic Enhancement Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Charter School Transitional Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
High Tax Aid	\$1,623,853	\$1,623,853	\$0	0.00%
Supplemental Public Excess Cost Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Aid for Recent Consolidations				
Operating Reorganization Incentive Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Building Reorganization Incentive Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Subtotal	\$41,949,014	\$44,901,514	\$2,952,500	7.04%
Aid for Early Childhood Education				
Full Day Kindergarten Conversion Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
Universal Prekindergarten Aid**	\$1,818,000	\$2,260,000	\$442,000	24.31%
Total School Aid	\$43,767,014	\$47,161,514	\$3,394,500	7.76%

The estimated Foundation Aid of \$31,548,425, accounts for only 15.3% of the District's total revenue budget

Universal Prekindergarten Aid goes directly to Community Based Organizations who operate under the UPK Grant Program



Plainview-Old Bethpage 2026-2027 Allowable Tax Levy Limit (updated February 26,2026)

The Property Tax Cap enacted in 2012 limits the annual school tax levy increase to the lesser of 2% or inflation, in accordance with New York State's School Tax Levy Limit Law and permitted exclusions.

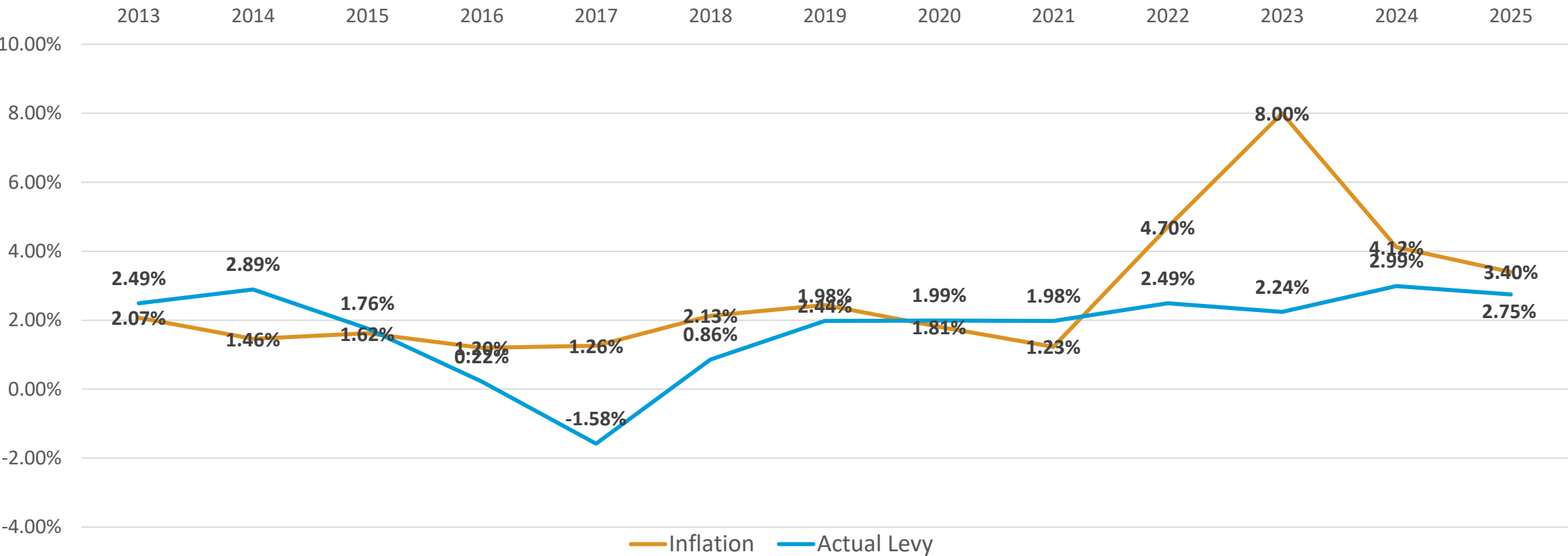
Prior Year Tax Levy 2025-2026	\$147,171,558
x Tax Base Growth Factor	1.0078
+ Prior Year PILOTS	\$5,040,508
: Prior Year Exemptions (Capital Levy)	\$3,412,951
x Allowable Levy Growth Factor	1.0200
: Projected PILOTS for 2026-27	\$5,024,170
+ Available Carryover	\$0
Tax Levy Limit Before Exclusions	\$147,921,824
+ Exemptions for 2026-27 (Capital Levy Share)	\$5,145,743
Tax Levy Limit for 2026-27	\$153,067,567

The allowable tax levy increase for POB's 2026-27 annual school budget is 4.01%

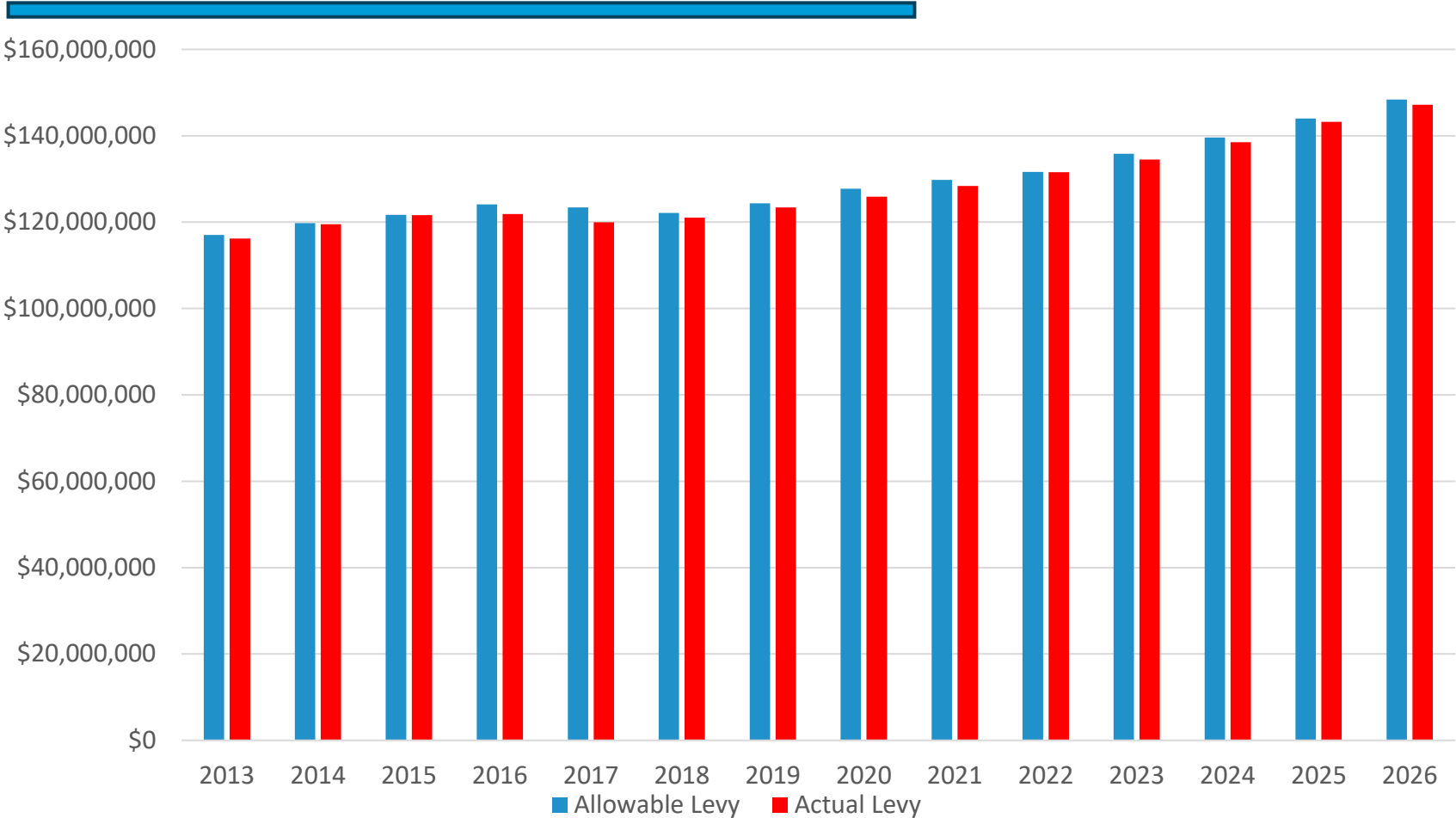


Rate of Inflation Compared to District Tax Levy History

Plainview-Old Bethpage Tax Levy History vs. Inflation



Historical Maximum Allowable Tax Levy vs. Actual Tax Levy



Year	Allowable Levy	Actual Levy
2013	3.20%	2.49%
2014	3.08%	2.89%
2015	1.78%	1.76%
2016	2.03%	0.22%
2017	1.23%	:1.58%
2018	1.77%	0.86%
2019	2.75%	1.98%
2020	3.52%	1.99%
2021	3.10%	1.98%
2022	2.53%	2.49%
2023	3.25%	2.24%
2024	3.80%	2.99%
2025	3.92%	3.39%
2026	3.62%	2.75%

Plainview-Old Bethpage has consistently levied below the tax cap, demonstrating fiscal restraint despite rising costs. In total, this represents over \$60 million not levied, providing significant savings to taxpayers.



Tax Levy Scenarios

School Tax Levy % Increase Option	School Tax Levy Total	Tax Levy % Under Allowable Limit	Tax Levy \$ Under Allowable Limit	Use of Reserves to Balance Budget
2.99%	\$151,571,988	1.02%	\$1,495,579	\$2,412,749
3.15%	\$151,807,462	0.86%	\$1,260,105	\$2,177,275
3.25%	\$151,954,634	0.76%	\$1,112,933	\$2,030,103
3.35%	\$152,101,805	0.66%	\$965,762	\$1,883,932
3.45%	\$152,248,977	0.56%	\$818,590	*\$1,735,760
3.55%	\$152,396,148	0.46%	\$671,419	\$1,588,589
3.65%	\$152,542,320	0.36%	\$524,247	\$1,441,417
3.75%	\$152,690,491	0.26%	\$377,076	\$1,294,246
3.85%	\$152,836,663	0.16%	\$229,904	\$1,147,074
3.95%	\$152,984,835	0.06%	\$82,732	\$999,902
4.00%	\$153,058,420	0.01%	\$9,147	\$926,317
4.01%	153,067,567	0.00%	\$0	\$917,170

Current
Recommended Tax
Levy

Allowable
Levy-to-Levy
Increase
Under NY
State Tax Levy
Formula

**Current Recommended 3.45% Tax Levy Requires \$1,735,760 of reserves to balance budget.*

Each 0.10% reduction in the current tax cap calculation starts at \$147,000 and compounds as the levy % decreases.



Allowable Tax Levy Threshold

- For the 2026-27 budget, the CPI is 2.9%, resulting in a CPI cap of 2.0% to be used for the tax levy threshold calculation before exclusions.
- For the 2026-27 budget, the tax base growth factor for Plainview-Old Bethpage (provided by the NYS Office of Real Property) reflects **1.0078** which is lower than the 25-26 growth factor of **1.0185**.
- The allowable tax levy increase for POB's 2026-27 annual school budget is 4.0%.
- The goal of the 2026-27 POB School Budget is to maintain the successful instructional and extra-curricular programs, while exercising careful stewardship of taxpayer resources.



Projected Revenue

Revenue Source	2025-26 Revenue Budget	2026-27 Estimated Revenue	\$ Increase	% Increase
Tax Levy	\$147,171,558	\$152,248,977	\$5,077,419	3.45%
PILOTS	\$5,040,508	\$5,024,170	(\$16,338)	(.32%)
State Aid	\$41,979,247	\$44,901,514	\$2,922,267	6.96%
Interest	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$0	0%
Lease Rentals	\$744,342	\$773,559	\$29,217	3.93%
Other/ Miscellaneous	\$348,800	\$362,500	\$13,700	3.93%
Use of Reserves	\$1,369,872	\$1,735,760	\$365,888	26.71%
TOTAL	\$197,404,327	\$205,796,480	8,392,153	4.25%

The budget increase is primarily driven by contractual obligations and mandated costs, with additional state aid and a modest levy increase offset by responsible reserve use to balance the plan.



2026-2027 Proposed Budget Summary

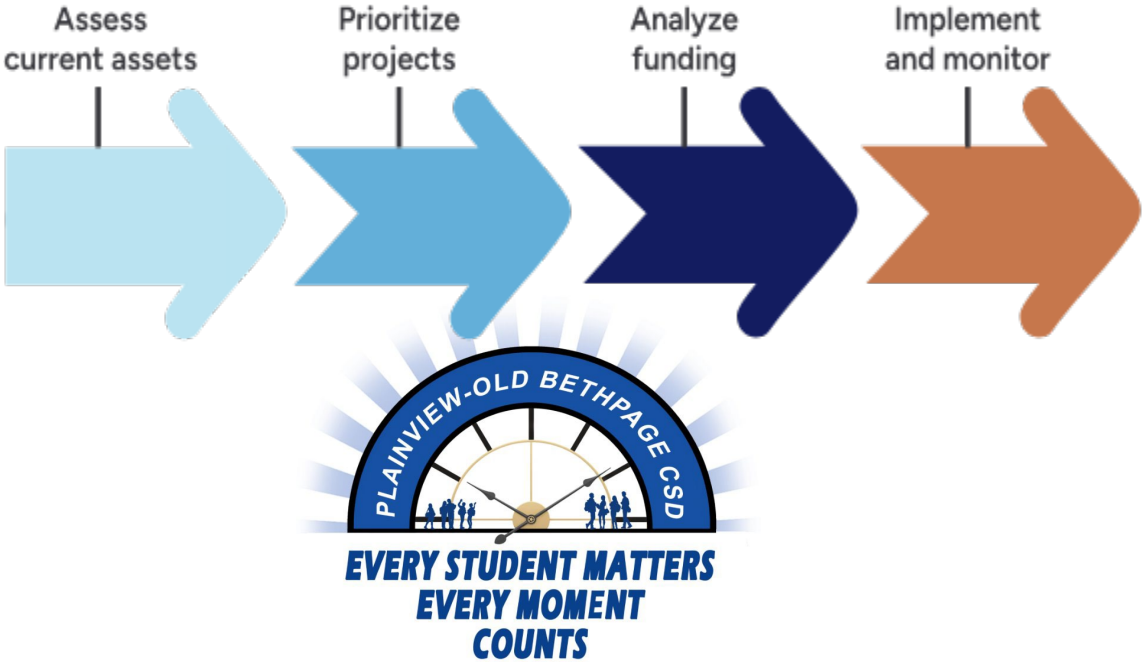
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This proposed budget ensures continuity of all programs while addressing facility needs, technology requirements, and contractual obligations. The 4.25% increase reflects the real costs of maintaining educational excellence in an inflationary environment while staying within the allowable tax levy cap.



2026-2027 Capital Discussion Review

Capital planning process



School District Capital Funding Review Options

- **General Fund (Operating Budget):** Supports minor capital improvements and routine infrastructure needs. Examples: asbestos abatements, door repairs, small masonry repairs, minor plumbing or electrical work. This would be budgeted in the 1620 or 1621 codes.
 - **Transfer to Capital:** Pay as you go capital funding from the General Fund (9000 code) used for targeted facility upgrades. Examples: partial roof sections, classroom flooring, security camera additions.
 - **Capital Reserve Fund:** Voter approved savings set aside for planned capital projects. The 2022 Capital Reserve currently maintains a balance of \$15,471,290. Examples: boiler replacements, larger HVAC projects, multi-year infrastructure upgrades, and building additions.
 - **Bond Referendum:** Community approved borrowing used to fund major facility improvements, typically supported by NYS building aid. Examples: full roof replacements, districtwide HVAC upgrades, additions, major renovations.
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Current Reserve Funds Review

•Reserve balances are reviewed annually as part of the budget development process to ensure transparency, compliance, and fiscal stability.

•Adequate reserves help districts avoid fiscal stress, sudden program reductions, or unexpected tax increases.

•Reserves support long-term financial planning by addressing known future obligations, such as capital needs, retirement costs, and insurance volatility.

•Maintaining responsible reserve levels is a key factor in preserving the District's strong bond rating, which lowers borrowing costs and protects taxpayers.

•NYS law and regulation define the purpose, funding parameters, and conditions for use of each reserve, ensuring amounts are aligned to identified needs and subject to oversight.

Strategic Plan Priority Area # 5. Finance and Facilities Maintain cumulative reserve levels at a minimum of 20% of annual budget general fund expenditures		
2025-2026 Operating Budget	Total Reserves	% of 2025-2026 Budget
\$194,404,327	\$48,894,436	24.12%
TOTAL FUND BALANCE & RESERVES BALANCE JUNE 30, 2025		
RESERVE FUND	BALANCE	
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION RESERVE (ERS)	\$10,510,753	
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION RESERVE (TRS) (SUB:FUND)	\$7,282,649	
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ACCRUED LIABILITY RESERVE	\$9,128,784	
UNEMPLOYMENT RESERVE	\$856,526	
CAPITAL 2022 RESERVE	\$15,471,290	
TAX REDUCTION RESERVE	\$3,644,434	
TOTAL RESERVES	46,894,436	
ENCUMBRANCES	\$3,746,368*	
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	\$0	
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$8,119,441	
TOTAL RESERVE & FUND BALANCES	\$58,760,245	

In 2025–2026, \$1,369,872 was applied from the Tax Reduction Reserve, leaving a projected balance of \$2,274,562 as of June 30, 2026. The 2026–2027 budget includes a planned use of \$1,735,760, resulting in an estimated remaining balance of \$538,802 as of June 30, 2027. This reflects a multi-year strategy of using reserves responsibly to reduce the tax levy while preserving funds for future reductions.



2022 Capital Reserve Review

- **Creation:** The Current Capital Reserve was created by a voter-approved proposition on May 17, 2022.
- **Purpose:** This reserve is used to pay the cost of any object or purpose consistent with the original voter-approved proposition.
- **Use of Reserve:** Use of this reserve requires voter approval. The proposition to use these funds must be specific to a set of projects and dollar amounts.
- **Funding Level:** This reserve was created with a maximum funding up to \$32,000,000 (projects in the 2020 Building Condition Survey), for 7 years, plus any earned interest. This reserve has 5 years of funding remaining. The District should establish a new capital reserve by the 2028-2029 school year to support future funding mechanisms.
- The reserve has a current allowable funding level of **\$13,028,709** left to be funded by 2028-2029 school year.
- **June 30, 2025, Actual Balance: \$15,471,290**



Future Capital: Discussion Points

- **\$60M in Identified Needs:** The 2025 Building Condition Survey identified approximately \$60 million in districtwide facility needs.
- **JFK Space Constraints:** Continued enrollment growth at JFK High School is creating space limitations that must be addressed through thoughtful planning.
- **Cafeteria Modernization:** Serving lines and storage areas require upgrades to accommodate increased free lunch participation and replace original equipment dating back to building construction.
- **Multi Year Capital Planning:** Projects are phased strategically to align with financial capacity and minimize tax impact.
- **Stakeholder Input:** Capital priorities reflect collaboration with PTAs, the Facilities Committee, faculty, and staff.
- **Infrastructure & Safety Focus:** Investments prioritize infrastructure, safety, and instructional spaces that directly support student learning.



2026-2027 Capital Reserve Allocation Recommendation

- **Recommended Use:** Allocate \$6 million from the Capital Reserve for elementary cafeteria serving line upgrades and improved egress access.
- **Districtwide Impact:** Addresses an immediate need at all elementary schools to modernize aging serving lines and improve student flow and safety.
- **Scope of Work:** Includes electrical and plumbing upgrades, new serving line equipment, storage enhancements, flooring replacement, asbestos abatement, ventilation improvements, and associated infrastructure work. This would also address electrical, ventilation, and plumbing deficiencies identified in the **2025 Building Condition Survey**.
- **Health, Safety & Efficiency:** Improves meal service efficiency, supports increased participation, and ensures safe access and code compliant egress.
- **Preserves Future Planning Capacity:** Following this allocation, approximately \$9.5 million would remain in the Capital Reserve, allowing for Facilities Committee input, future Board discussion, and continued long-term capital planning and commitment.



Targeted Transfer to Capital Projects 2026-2027

(presented 2/9/2026)

Project	Location	Estimated Cost	Building Condition Survey Area 2025
Turf Field Replacement	JFK High School	\$790,000	Exterior Elements
Track Resurfacing	JFK High School	\$425,000	Exterior Elements
Parking Lots & Sidewalk Replacement & Repairs	District Wide	\$450,000	Site Work
Outdoor Recreational Equipment/ Benches	District Wide	\$75,000	Site Work
Stage Curtain/ Cyclorama	POB Middle	\$35,000	Interior Finishes
Door Replacements with access control	District Wide	\$150,000	Interior Finishes
Classroom Ceiling Replacements	JFK High School	\$200,000	Interior Finishes
Floor Abatement & Replacement	District Wide	\$300,000	Interior Finishes
Outdoor School Sign Replacement	District Wide	\$75,000	Exterior Elements
Total	Transfer to Capital A-9950-900-00-00-00	\$2,500,000	

2026 – 2027 Budget Development, Next Steps

Public Budget Workshops

February 9, 2026 *Budget Workshop #1*

- Superintendent's Proposed Budget & Tax Levy
- Technology
- Facilities Budget

April 13, 2026 *Budget Adoption*

February 23, 2026 *Budget Workshop #2*

- 4th R, Adult Ed, Senior Citizens Budget
- Athletics & Health
- Transportation
- Tax Levy Limit Submission
- Capital Reserve Discussion

April 20, 2026 *Board of Education Meeting*

March 9, 2026 *Budget Workshop #3*

- Curriculum
- Elementary, Middle & High Schools
- Music & Arts
- Pupil Personnel Services

May 11, 2026 *Public Budget Hearing*

March 25, 2026 *Budget Workshop #4*

- Human Resources & Safety
- Staffing & Class Size

May 19, 2026 *Annual Budget Vote*



Questions & Discussion

Your Vote Matters!



Tuesday, May 19, 2026

- 6:00am-9:00pm
- Jamaica Avenue School
- Mattlin Middle School-
Administration Offices

2026-2027 Budget Website

