



2026 BUDGET

March 9, 2026

BY THE NUMBERS

Elementary

Each Elementary has:

- Full Day Pre-K
- High quality curriculum materials – Literacy, ELA, Science, Math
- Class size average of 18
- SEL Resources – Positivity Project + Responsive Classroom
- Instrumental Music starting in 4th grade
- Extra-curricular clubs
- School Psychologist + School Social Workers
- Reading and Math specialists
- DIA (2nd Grade) teaching artist residency
- Calico Ball (3rd Grade) world culture and dance program
- Clearwater (4th Grade)
- Sharpe (5th grade) overnight experience

Rombout MS

- 3 Guidance Counselors and 1 Social Worker
- Reading and Math academic intervention services (AIS)
- Algebra and Living Environment offered in 8th grade
- Honors art program offered before school in 8th grade
- Concert band, jazz band, wind ensemble, chorus
- A full modified sports program
- Overnight trips to Boston and Washington DC
- A class size average of 19
- Extracurricular clubs including Drama, E-Sports, Role-playing games, and art
- Astor Services mental health program available to students

Beacon HS

- 91.3 Graduation Rate
- 72 members of class of 2025 attaining Seal of Civic Readiness
- 3 Social Workers and 4 Guidance Counselors
- Implementation of the BRYT program
- 11 Advanced Placement Courses and 9 Dutchess Community College Courses for College Credit
- Variety of electives
- Over 20 clubs including, Beacon Players, Jazz Bands, Marching Band, Concert Band
- 20 Interscholastic Varsity Sports

Tax Cap Calculation

Total Tax Levy at the Tax Cap - \$52,342,777
Tax Levy Increase - 4.47%



Tax Base Growth Factor

Factor is based on the amount of new construction in your district and is determined by the state. Beacon's is the highest in Dutchess County. (1.0168)



Allowable Growth Factor

Levy is increased by the average monthly Consumer Price Index or 2% - whichever is less.



Capital Exclusion

Expenditures resulting from a voter approved capital project less all building aid received for those projects.



Ballot Information

1. Budget
2. Bus Proposition
3. Open Seats for the Board



Bus Proposition

Two Wheelchair Vans - **\$255,000**

One 72 passenger buses - **\$185,000**

Two small school bus (vans) - **\$200,000**

Total Bus Proposition - **\$640,000**

Other transportation items:

- Wheel alignment machine so we can do them in house
- Upgrade to Routing software to enhance communication



Universal Pre-Kindergarten

- In the Governor's Budget Proposal, UPK funding will increase.
- In 2025-26 the District contributes approximately **\$450,000** to fund our full day Pre-K program.
- Starting in 2026-27, the Pre-K program will be totally funded by the increase in Pre-K funding.
- Starting in 2028-29, Districts must provide full day Pre-K for all students that are interested in it.



RMS 9 Period Day

- **Current Middle School Schedule Model**

- 8 Periods (45 Minutes)
- A/B Day Specials/Elective Rotation
 - Physical Education (NYS Requirement)
 - Technology
 - Art
 - Music/Band/Chorus
 - Health (8th Grade)
 - Home + Careers (8th Grade)

- **9 Period Day Schedule Model**

- 9 Periods (40 Minutes)
- Students who currently take AIS (6-8), Advanced Science (8th) or Band/Chorus (8th) will be able to take electives they were previously being pulled out of
- All 8th Grade students will be able to take Health
- Students may be able to take Band and Chorus without having to choose
- More opportunity to align common planning time for teachers
- Potential to run Advanced Art and additional Art electives during school hours



Future Considerations

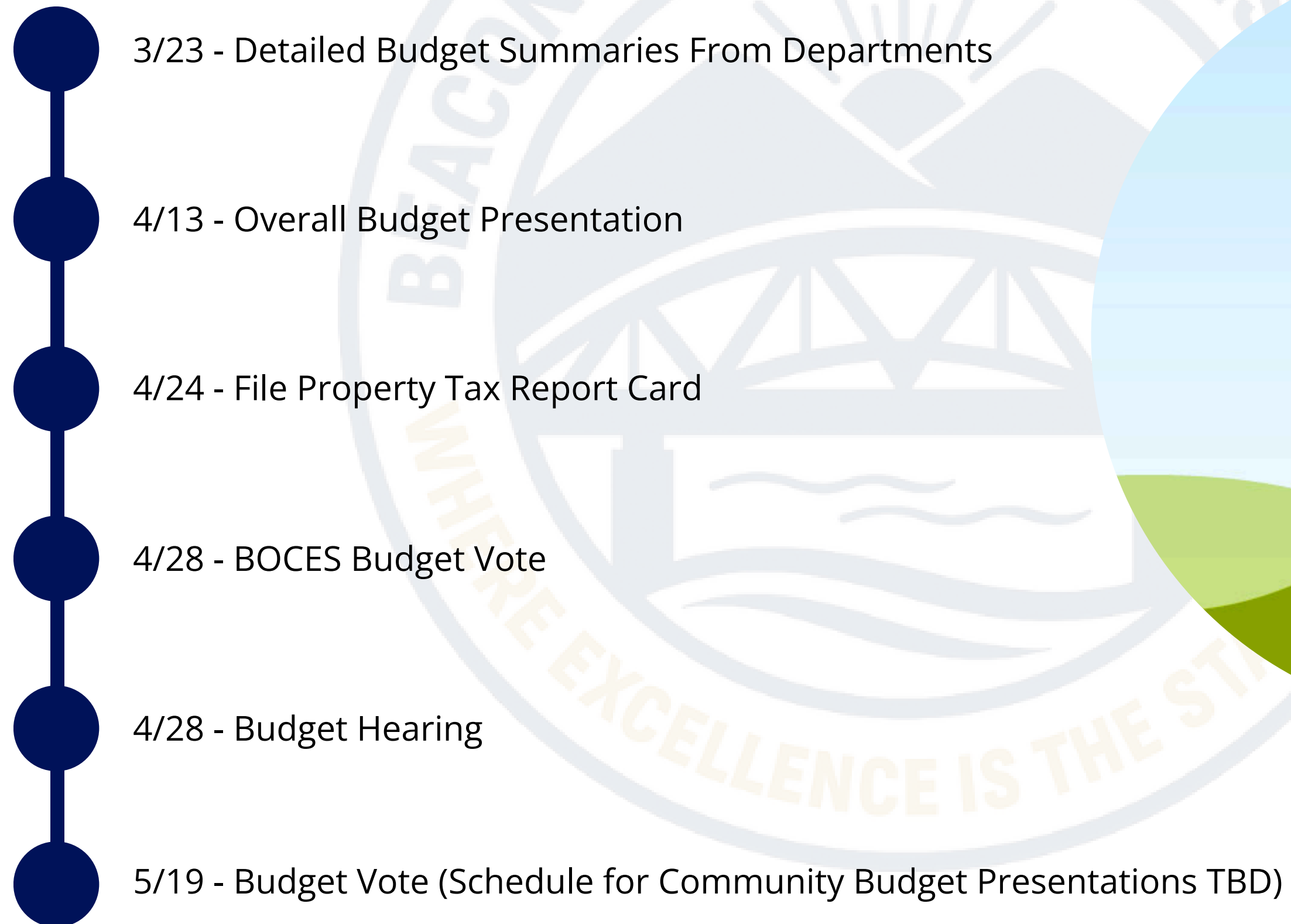
- Beacon High School College + Career Counselors
- Academic Intervention Specialists
- Instructional Coaching
- Behavior Specialist
- Mental Health Supports

Advocacy

- Increasing NYS Foundation Aid beyond 1%



Budget Timeline

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- 3/23 - Detailed Budget Summaries From Departments
 - 4/13 - Overall Budget Presentation
 - 4/24 - File Property Tax Report Card
 - 4/28 - BOCES Budget Vote
 - 4/28 - Budget Hearing
 - 5/19 - Budget Vote (Schedule for Community Budget Presentations TBD)



Capital Project Timelines

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MISCELLANEOUS SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

- **BHS** – Ball Fields + Tennis Courts 5/1/26 – 4/30/27; Pool Reno 5/1/27–8/31/27
- **District Office** – Elevator, Boilers, ADA Baths 5/1/27 – 11/30/27
- **GES** – Kitchen Cooler Work
- **District-Wide** – Fire Alarm Upgrades



SUMMER 2026 - ELEMENTARY

- SAES – Cooling Centers, A/C Classrooms, Secure Entry
- JVF – ADA Entrance, Secure Entry
- SES – Secure Entry
- GES – Secure Entry, Roofing, Toilet Rooms



SUMMER 2026 - BHS & RMS

- BHS secure entry
- RMS secure entry
- BHS Theater



SUMMER 2027 - RMS

- Toilet Rooms
- Cooling Centers
- A/C Classrooms



SUMMER 2027 - ELEMENTARY

- GES – Exterior Doors, Cooling Centers, A/C Classrooms
- SES – Electrical Sub Panel, Water Supply Valve, Cooling Centers, A/C Upper Classrooms



SUMMER 2028 - RMS + ELEM

- GES – Septic
- JVF – Roofing, Windows, Cooling Centers, A/C, Toilet Rooms
- RMS – Roofing and Metal Roof Deck





Thank You