



SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



2026-27 BUDGET NEWSLETTER



**Tuesday, May 19
12:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Operations Center**

DEAR SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDENTS,

At the April 9, 2026, Board of Education meeting, the Seneca Falls Central School District BOE adopted a proposed spending plan of \$40,906,146. Our proposed tax levy increase of 1.9% is under the maximum allowable tax levy limit of 4.39% for our district. Our budget is reflective of our continued efforts to provide quality education and opportunities for our students while being fiscally responsible. The 2026-2027 budget supports our ongoing literacy initiatives, pathway development and staffing needs across the district. The budget outlined in this newsletter will maintain current programming while promoting the district vision and mission of *Academic Excellence and Future Readiness, Safe and Supportive Learning Environments for All, and Connections and Collaborations*. With your support, we can provide our students the tools they need to be their best.



**~Superintendent of
Schools,
Dr. Michelle Reed**

2026-27 School Budget at a Glance



\$40,906,146 Budget



**1.9% Proposed
Tax Levy Increase**



**Purchase of Diesel Buses
from Capital Reserve**



**Board of Education
Elections (3 Vacancies)**

On behalf of the Board of Education, I am pleased to present the proposed 2026-2027 budget for the Seneca Falls Central School District. This budget reflects our ongoing dedication to delivering high-quality educational experiences for every student while supporting the outstanding work of our administrators, teachers, and staff who make that possible each day. As we look ahead, we remain committed to investing in our facilities to ensure they are safe, inclusive, and equipped to meet the evolving needs of our students and community. At the same time, we recognize the importance of responsible financial stewardship. This proposed budget balances educational priorities with fiscal discipline, ensuring sustainability both now and in the future. We appreciate the continued trust and partnership of our community as we work together to support the success of all students in Seneca Falls.



~Board of Education President, Michael Mirras



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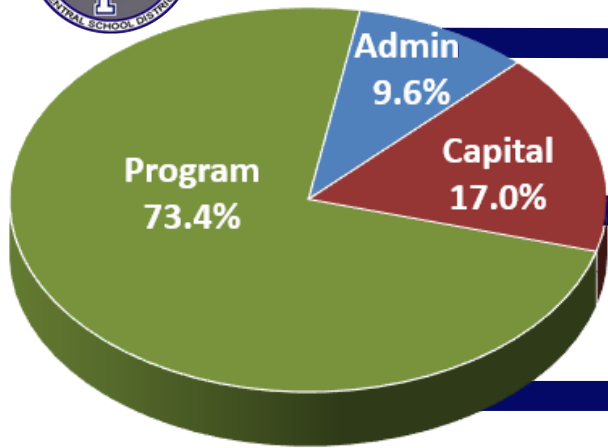
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2026-2027 THREE PART BUDGET



The salaries and benefits of administrators, supervisors and administrative clerical staff, public information and printing, curriculum and staff development, school board-related costs, tax collection, and legal services.

Operations and maintenance costs, including salaries and benefits for custodial staff, debt service from capital projects, utilities, cleaning supplies, tax certiorari, and court-ordered costs.

The salaries and benefits of all teachers, school counselors, aides, monitors, psychologists, nurses, social workers, and speech therapists. Also included are textbooks and equipment, library costs, transportation, co-curricular programs and interscholastic athletics.

PROGRAM	2026-27 Proposal
Curriculum & Instruction	\$19,969,439
Transportation	\$1,974,619
Employee Benefits	\$7,897,553
General Program Support	\$30,000
Interfund Transfers	\$155,000
TOTAL	\$30,026,611



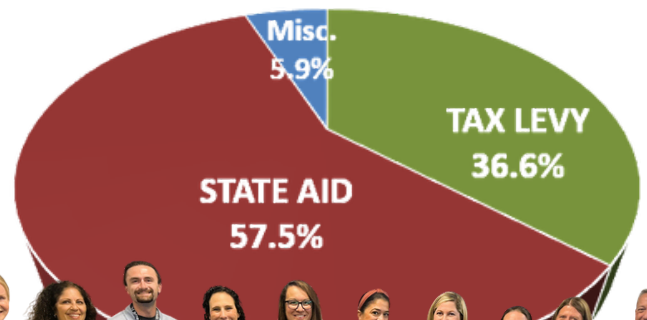
CAPITAL	2026-27 Proposal
Debt Service	\$4,185,907
Operation of Plant	\$1,334,372
Maintenance of Plant	\$646,497
Benefits	\$784,574
TOTAL	\$6,951,350



ADMINISTRATIVE	2026-27 Proposal
School Operations	\$1,476,994
Central Administration	\$306,722
Supervision	\$1,197,088
Benefits & Community	\$947,381
TOTAL	\$3,928,185

2026-2027 REVENUE BUDGET

Revenue	2026-27 Proposed
NY State Aid	
NY State Aid	\$23,520,378
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$40,000
Local Sources	
Tax Levy	\$14,970,291
PILOTS	\$561,359
Debt Service Fund	\$150,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$633,781
Appropriated Reserves	\$649,778
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$380,559
TOTAL	\$40,906,146



2026-2027 Property Tax Report Card	Budget Adopted 2025-26	Budget Proposed 2026-27
Total Budget Amount, Not Including Propositions	\$38,180,389	\$40,906,146
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amt	\$14,691,159	\$14,970,291
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$-	\$-
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable	\$-	\$-
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Used to Reduce Current Yr Levy	\$-	\$-
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A+B+C+D)	\$14,691,159	\$14,970,291
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$0	\$0
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Exclusions	\$15,027,640	\$15,336,271
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purpose, Excluding Permissible Exclusions Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve	\$14,691,159	\$14,970,291
I. Difference: (G - H)	\$336,481	\$365,980
Public School Enrollment	1,212	1,175
Consumer Price Index	2.95%	2.63%

Property Tax Levy Information

New York State law requires school districts to establish a tax cap, or maximum allowable levy limit. Allowable Levy is set at the Cost of Living, CPI (2.63%) or the state's tax cap of 2%, whichever is less. The SFCSD proposed 1.90% Tax Levy increase is below the SFCSD Maximum Allowable Levy Limit of 4.39%.

The tax rates below are only projections as they use the 2025 property assessments and 2025 equalization rates. Actual tax rates by the town are dependent on assessments and State equalization rates, which will be finalized this summer.

True (or Full) Value Tax Rate is a district-wide average tax rate, calculated in August by dividing the tax levy by the full value of all taxable properties in the school district. Estimated tax rates for each town are adjusted using equalization rates.

SENECA FALLS	FAYETTE	TYRE
\$16.58 per \$1000 (True Value) \$18.22 Est. Using 91% Equalization Rate	\$16.58 per \$1000 (True Value) \$29.09 Est. Using 57% Equalization Rate	\$16.58 per \$1000 (True Value) \$25.12 Est. Using 66% Equalization Rate

District-wide Average True Value Tax Rate by Year



Legal Notice & Ballot Information

Please see the District Budget webpage, <https://www.senecafallscsd.org/district/district-business-office/school-budget>, to learn more about the public hearing, budget propositions, board of education vacancies, absentee ballot application details and early mail ballot information.





WHERE AND HOW DO I VOTE?

All Seneca Falls Central School District voters must be U.S. Citizens, at least 18 years of age, and a resident of the school district for the past 30 days. Voting on the School Budget, Bus Purchases and the election of members of the Board of Education will take place from 12:00 to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 in the Operations Center (2 Butler Ave). The annual public hearing for the school budget will be on Thursday, May 7th at 6:00 PM. The public hearing will be in the Robert McKeveny Training Room at the Operations Center. All Budget Information will be posted on the SFCSD website www.senecafallscsd.org.


**ANNUAL SCHOOL
BUDGET VOTE**

**Tuesday, May 19
12:00 PM to 8:00 PM
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BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

PROPOSITION #1: Be it resolved, that the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District, Seneca County is hereby authorized to expend the sum of forty-million, nine-hundred six-thousand, one-hundred forty-six dollars (\$40,906,146.00) in the 2026-2027 school year with such amount to be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of such School District, after first deducting the monies available from State Aid and other sources as provided by law.

PROPOSITION #2: Be it resolved, that the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District, Seneca County is hereby authorized to purchase up to five (5) diesel buses and one (1) seven (7) passenger or less vehicle for the transportation of district students, for a sum of money not to exceed nine- hundred, ninety thousand dollars (\$990,000.00); said amount to be expended in the 2026-2027 fiscal year; said sum or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be withdrawn from the district's "Capital Reserve Fund-Purchase of Buses" and/or the unassigned fund balance, in accordance with the Education Law and Local Finance Law.

PROPOSITION #3: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Seneca Falls Central School District is hereby authorized and directed to establish a reserve fund pursuant to Education Law Section 3651, which shall be known as the "2026 General Capital Reserve Fund", for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, repairs, alterations, renovations, construction, reconstruction, and other improvements to said District's buildings and facilities, including playgrounds, recreation areas, athletic fields, parking areas, roadways, sidewalks and other sites, and the acquisition and installation of related machinery, vehicles, equipment, apparatus, and furnishings and costs incidental thereto, all as permitted by Local Finance Law. The ultimate amount of such reserve fund shall not exceed fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) plus amounts earned on deposit on such funds. The probable existence of said reserve fund shall be ten (10) years, but the fund shall continue in existence for its stated purpose until liquidated according to Education Law. The source from which funds shall be obtained for said reserve fund shall be from: (1) current and future unappropriated balance as directed by the Board of Education; (2) amounts from budgetary appropriations; (3) transfers from other reserve funds as authorized by law; (4) New York State building aid; and (5) any other appropriations authorized by the voters from time to time.

PROPOSITION #4: Shall the sum of four hundred six thousand dollars (\$406,000.00) be raised by annual levy of a tax upon the taxable property within the Seneca Falls Central School District for the purpose of funding the Seneca Falls Library?



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