



Longwood Central School District



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Strategic Plan 2025–2026



Strong Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Practices

What it Means

Longwood is committed to developing strong curriculum and instructional practices that support our students in developing the necessary tools to be successful and productive members of our local and global communities.

Our Beliefs

- Everyone can learn and grow.
- We learn to think critically and communicate effectively through active engagement and collaboration.
- Everyone deserves multiple opportunities and methods to demonstrate growth.



Empowered Students, Staff and School Community

What it Means

Longwood is committed to cultivating a culture of dignity, respect, and support that empowers everyone to continuously push their limits to learn and grow each day.

Our Beliefs

- Everyone deserves to feel connected, respected, and experience personal growth.
- It is our collective responsibility to ensure that everyone feels safe, seen and supported.
- Self-confidence and grit are developed through high expectations, productive struggle, and unwavering support.



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Collaborative School and Community Partnerships

What it Means

Longwood is committed to building and maintaining strong community partnerships to ensure that each of our school community members feel welcomed and connected to the work of our schools.

Our Beliefs

- Student opportunities are maximized when schools, families, and community members are engaged and work together.
- Student achievement is best achieved through an engaged, collaborative, and supportive community.



Efficient and Effective Operations

What it Means

Longwood is committed to ensuring efficient, organized, streamlined, and well-managed operations to support our commitments and promote success for all.

Our Beliefs

- Clear goals, strategic planning, and progress monitoring to ensure successful outcomes.
- Effective and efficient operations best ensures that resources are utilized to maximize student achievement.
- It is our duty to develop a responsible budget that meets our commitments to our community's taxpayers.



2026-2027 Priorities

Strong Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Practices

- Bringing targeted BOCES programs back home to Longwood so our students can learn where they live (programs chosen based on student interest and cost efficiency)
- Officially open our fully operational CTE Programs and classrooms inclusive of Culinary, Engineering, Cosmetology, Barbering, and Medical Assistant programs.
- Expanding course offerings in Business, English, Social Studies, and dual-enrollment
- Continuing to increase career exploration and internship opportunities
- Further supporting our Special Education and ELL programs
- Engaging in collaborative curriculum writing projects across subject areas



2026-2027 Priorities

Empowered Students, Staff, and School Community

- Completing major state of the art renovation projects across the district
 - Middle School Music Suite and Activity Court
 - 5 High School CTE Spaces
 - Air Conditioning K-4
 - Flooring and paint Districtwide
- Continuing to promote student, staff, and community voice and recognition
- Expanding restorative and mental health training initiatives
- Expanding opportunities for peer-to-peer connections
- Continuing to support targeted and job-embedded professional development



2026-2027 Priorities

Collaborative School and Community Partnerships

- Maintaining community support and outreach service partnerships
- Continuing to partner with leadership from our Civics, Fire Departments, Unions, community organizations, local officials and municipalities to lead our community forward
- Further develop our partnerships with local businesses and community service organizations to support student internships and service opportunities
- Expanding community connections and outcomes across Longwood School programs



2026-2027 Priorities

Efficient and Effective Operations

- Sustaining the staff and programs that define the Longwood experience
- Deepening our pipeline for staff recruitment, onboarding, and professional growth
- Expanding instructional support for Special Education and English Language Learners
- Advancing capital improvement projects that significantly enhance our learning environments along with the student and staff experience
- Elevating school safety systems and protocols district-wide
- Strengthening the frameworks that guide our long-range planning efforts
- Preserving our exceptional AA+ financial credit rating



Factors Impacting Our Budget

2026–2027 NYS Tax CAP Calculation will use 2.0%

Allowable Levy Growth and Inflation Factors for Entities with a July 1 - June 30 Fiscal Year



Note: Allowable levy growth factor is expressed as a percentage.

Budget to Budget Factors

Consistent needs

- Contractual salary increases
- Upkeep and repair of district facilities
- Employee health benefits
- Student transportation services
- Special Education programming
- English Language Learner instruction (Part 154 compliance)
- Instructional/operational technology
- Campus safety and security measures
- **State and federal mandates without accompanying funding**

Increasing/Changing needs

- **Overdevelopment of local rental housing complexes coupled with Town of Brookhaven Tax breaks**
- **IDA PILOTS granted in excess of 30 years**
- Rising energy expenses
- State Mandated Transportation fleet modernization, including electric vehicles
- Rising costs of materials and supplies
- Growing health insurance and benefits obligations
- Expanding student mental health support services
- Increased demand for English Language Learner programming (Part 154)
- Enhanced campus safety and security upgrades
- **State Mandated “set-aside” funding**

Advocacy In Action



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Maximum Allowable Tax Levy 2026-2027

Longwood's Maximum Allowable 2026-2027 Tax Levy

Increase of 2.84%

Anticipated Revenue Budget

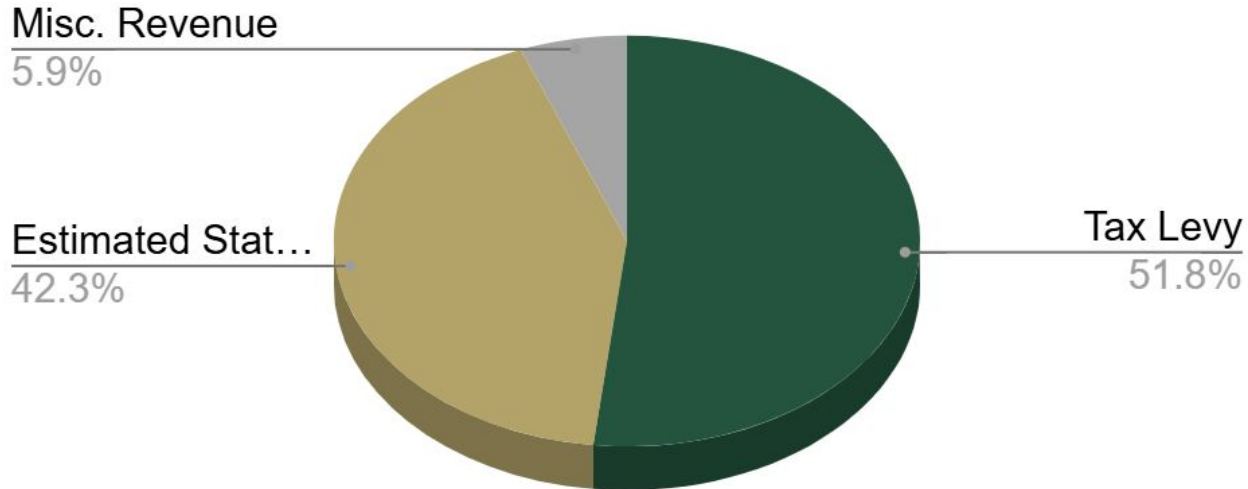
Real Estate Taxes	\$ 168,959,441	51.83%
Estimated State Aid	\$ 137,782,881	42.27%
Applied Fund Balance/Reserves	\$ 7,800,000	2.39%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 11,457,678	3.51%

Budget Outlook for 2026-2027

Current Budget	\$ 315,000,000
Proposed Budget	\$ 326,000,000
Budget Increase	3.49 %
Tax Levy Increase	2.84 %

2026-2027 Revenue Budget

2026-2027 Anticipated Revenue Budget \$326,000,000



What Happens if the Budget Fails?

Total reductions needed for a contingent budget

\$ 4,670,932

What Happens if the Budget Fails?

Limited opportunities for students

Reduced services and programs for students and staff

Increased class size

Reduction of staff: Administrators, Teachers and CSEA

Adopt a contingent budget (required)

No increase in the current tax levy (a zero percent cap)

What Happens if the Budget Fails?

Eliminate all new equipment purchases

Reduce building repairs

Suspend capital projects

**Limit use of buildings & grounds by community organizations
(impose fees required by law)**

Thank You to the Longwood Community!!!

Voter approved school budget for 24 years in a row

Increased ratio of YES to NO votes each year

Budget Vote - May 19, 2026



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Thank You!

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Superintendent of Schools

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