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**Belfast**  
Central School District

*Newsletter*

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*Valedictorian*

**William Guilford**

BCS is pleased to announce the Valedictorian for the class of 2026 is William Guilford! Will is graduating with a GPA of 96.8! The son of Zach and Mary Guilford has been active in Soccer, Golf and Basketball during high school and received the Big 30 Soccer All-star Award this year. He was also selected to attend the Section V All Star Soccer trip to Greece where he traveled and played in a number of soccer games! In addition to athletics, Will is a member of the National Honor Society, serves as Class President and is very active on the Vex Robotics team 14711B Screwdriver! He has led his team to state championships and to the World Robotics Competition in Texas last year and St. Louis, Missouri this year! Will has volunteered his time in the summers as a youth soccer coach, has worked various construction jobs and is currently employed at Moonwinks. Will started his own drone business, taking aerial photographs and video footage for various individuals and businesses. Next year, Will plans to continue his employment at Moonwinks and seek employment in the construction field at Robin Hood Home Improvement.

Congratulations, Will!



*Salutatorian*

**Rachel Merriam**

Congratulations to BCS class of 2026 Salutatorian Rachel Merriam! Rachel is the daughter of Bob and Jenn Merriam. Rachel graduates with a cumulative GPA of 95.3 and has already earned 22 college credits! Rachel has been very active in our music and theatre departments attending numerous All County and Area All State festivals for choir. Rachel has had leading and supporting roles in musicals throughout middle and high school! She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Student Council, the Yearbook Publications Class and played JV Volleyball. Rachel works as a babysitter and a dog sitter and is a member of the Belfast Free Methodist Church. She has volunteered her time as a photographer at numerous school sporting events. Next year, Rachel plans to attend Alfred University where she will major in Psychology.

Congratulations, Rachel!

# Belfast Public Library

## Summa Cum Laude

### GRADE 5:

Margaret Barney  
James Brennan

### GRADE 7:

Eden Barney  
Sophia-Isabella McNevin

### GRADE 8:

Lyndsey Hill  
Shea Preston  
Mackenna Yackerren

### GRADE 9:

Jackson Barney  
Elsa Brennan  
Greta Smithers

### GRADE 10:

Isabelle Guilford  
Sarah Hazelton

### GRADE 11:

Cheyenne Cox  
Lily Green  
Afton Hamer  
Mara Heaney  
Bayleigh Tallman  
Carson Treusdell  
Emerson Weaver  
Tye Willard  
Madison Yackerren

### GRADE 12:

Cylie Burrows  
Bryce Conley  
Addisyn Ely  
Logan Estabrook  
William Guilford  
Rhianna Hoover  
Rachel Merriam

## Magna Cum Laude

### GRADE 5:

Kayleena Bisig	Micah McCumiskey
Matalie Ellsessor	Natalie Mellon
Wallis Enders	Kyson Miles
Ella Lavallee	McKenna Preston
Shylee McCarthy	Foster Smithers

### GRADE 6:

Gabriella Collins	Skyla Merkel
Tegan Enders	Grayson Moore
Karlin Harrington	Jareth Osburn
Bryson Mark	

### GRADE 7:

Kaine Bailor	Addison Kelley
Lana Blocho	Chelsea Prenatt
Owen Broughton	Lydia Preston
Brody Edwards	Hailee Webb
Edmund Horne	

### GRADE 8:

Mariah Dannheim	Brynn Preston
Logan McCarthy	Caleb Stork
Taryn Moore	Tesslynn Weaver

### GRADE 9:

Caylin Burrows	Lydia McDonald
McKylie Elliott	

### GRADE 10:

Emma Calanni	Khloe Jenkins
Violet Edwards	Madeline White
Avery Enders	Raelynn Wilson
Rhaegan Hoover	

### GRADE 11:

Derek Calanni	Grant Preston
Wyatt Green	Kaylee Sortore
George Merrell III	
Jackson Powers	

### GRADE 12:

Summer Buchholz	Donivan Fields
Audrina Costa	Finn Heaney

## Cum Laude

### GRADE 5:

Wyatt Bliss	Nicholas Higgins
Zachary Guilford	Arlus Mang

### GRADE 6:

Preston Foster	Allison Prosser
Carsyn Merrell	Nolan Schrader
Clayton Outman	

### GRADE 7:

Lawson Fuller	Alexandria Litchner
James Hazelton	Branden Mellon

### GRADE 8:

Nicholas Chamberlain	Catrina Mura
Cooper Grastorf	Adam Oskar
Matthew Guilford	Jayce Shafer
Evan Moore	

### GRADE 9:

Jessie-Joe Chamberlain	Layla Lavallee
Anthony Foster	Savannah Miller
Summer Histed	Lilly Moretz
	Crystal Murns

### GRADE 10:

Onalee Aronson	Elizabeth Brundage
Ella Austin	Alexis Preston

### GRADE 11:

Cater, Benjamin	Moultrup, Emma
Male, Johnathan	Rehler, Sophia
Miller, Noah	White, Payton A

### GRADE 12:

Carman, Emalee J	Marshall, Jayden X
Jenkins, Tate	Padden, Heather L
Lindo, Izabella	Treusdell, Cane

## Quarter 2 and 3 Award Winners



The following 5th & 6th grade students were awarded for excellence during Q3 in one or more core subject areas: Maggie Barney, McKenna Preston, Jareth Osburn, Tegan Enders, Ella Lavallee, Foster Smithers, Shylee McCarthy, Kayleena Bisig, Clayton Outman, Arlus Mang, Preston Foster, Owen Brennan, Skyla Merkel, Karlin Harrington, Micah McCumiskey, Matalie Ellsessor, Gabriella Collins, Kaylee Jones, Kyson Miles, Natalie Mellon, Wallis Enders, Bryson Mark, & Grayson Moore. Congrats on all your hard work!

5th & 6th graders continue to work toward success In the 2nd quarter! The following students earned a 90% or better in one or more of their core subject areas during the second quarter: Maggie Barney, McKenna Preston, Jareth Osburn, Shylee McCarthy, Thomas Guilford, Owen Brennan, Foster Smithers, Ella Lavallee, Gabe West, Karlin Harrington, Tegan Enders, Kayleena Bisig, Micah McCumiskey, Allison Prosser, Matalie Ellsessor, Grayson Moore, Skyla Merkel, Kyson Miles, Preston Foster, Kaylee Jones, Gabriella Collins, Wallis Enders, Jaylin Outman, Clayton Outman, Bryson Mark,



and Nolan Schrader. Keep striving for excellence!

## Mrs. Flanagan Mole Contest

This year's winner of the annual mole competition is Mara Heaney with her rendition of Mole-eficent!



## National Honor Society



Belfast Central School celebrated student achievement at the March 31, 2026 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony.

### This year's NHS inductee are:

Ella Austin  
Avery Enders  
Lily Green  
Isabelle Guilford  
Sarah Hazelton  
Khloe Jenkins  
Bayleigh Tallman  
Wyatt Weaver  
Madeline White  
Raelynn Wilson

### This year's Junior NHS inductees are:

Mariah Dannheim  
Lyndsey Hill  
Brynn Preston  
Shea Preston  
Tesslynn Weaver  
Mackenna Yackerren

### Current NHS members are:

Emalee Carman  
Benjamin Cater  
Audrina Costa  
Logan Estabrook  
William Guilford  
Afton Hamer  
Finn Heaney  
Mara Heaney  
Rhianna Hoover  
Samayah Lussier  
Rachel Merriam  
Grant Preston  
Carson Treusdell  
Emerson Weaver  
Madison Yackerren

### Currently Junior NHS members are:

Jackson Barney  
Elsa Brennan  
Greta Smithers



# Calendar of Events

## May

- May 2** – Prom
- May 12** – Budget Hearing - 5:30pm;  
Spring Concert - Grades 9-12; 6:30pm
- May 14** – Spring Concert - Grades 5-8; 6:30pm
- May 15** – MS Dance -7:00pm
- May 19** – Budget Vote Noon - 8:00pm
- May 20** – Special Board Mtg. - 4:00pm
- May 21** – 7th Grade Science Symposium 6:00pm  
Career Day

## June

- June 3** – Yearbook Dedication
- June 4** – Muse Arts Coffee House 6:00-8:00pm
- June 9** – BOE Meeting - 5:30pm

- June 12** – Flag Day/Elem Concert, 5/6 Talent Show
- June 15** – Kindergarten Graduation - 9:30am-11:00am
- June 16** – Last Day of regular classes for Grades 7 – 12
- June 17** – Sports Banquet at Genesee Valley CS
- June 18** – Field Day!!;  
BOCES Graduation
- June 19** – Juneteenth - No School
- June 22-25** – Early Dismissal each day at noon
- June 25** – Last Day of Classes Pre-K – Grade 6
- June 26** – Graduation -7:00pm

## August

- August 15** – Alumni Banquet

### Belfast Central School 2025-26 Calendar

May 2026						
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31						

June 2026						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

	Prof. Dev. Days (No students)
	Graduation
	Parent/ Teacher Conference

	Holidays (Offices Closed)
	Open House
	12:00 Dismissal

	Breaks (No Students or Faculty)
	Regents Exam Dates

Jul	4	Independence Day
Aug	25,26	Superintendent's Days
Aug	26	Back to School Picnic (5-7)
Sept	1	Labor Day
Sept	2	1 <sup>st</sup> Day for Students
Oct	13	Indigenous People Day
Nov	11	Veterans' Day

Nov	24	Conferences (12-8)
Nov	25	Superintendent's Day
Nov	26-28	Thanksgiving Recess
Dec/Jan	24-2	Christmas Recess
Jan	1	New Year's Day
Jan	19	Martin Luther King Day
Feb	16-20	Pres. Day/ Lunar New Year/ February Break

Mar.	12	Open House (1:00 dismissal)
Mar.	13	Superintendent's Day
April	3	Good Friday
April	6-10	Spring Recess
May	25	Memorial Day Break
Jun	22-25	12:00 dismissal
Jun	25	Rating Day/ Last Day of School

Teacher Days: 188

Student Attendance Days: 183

3- Make-up days built into the calendar

# Hooray!! Students Meet Reading Goals!

These students earned a well-deserved free day for consistently completing their reading homework throughout the month of March. Each child has been taking home sight words, reading passages, and books to practice with their families, and their hard work and dedication are clearly paying off. It's wonderful to see their reading skills improving every day!

Even more special is the way these students celebrate not only their own successes, but also the achievements of their classmates. They are cheering one another on, building confidence, and creating a supportive learning environment.

To celebrate this month's success, the students had a great time decorating Easter eggs - such a fun and festive activity!

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the parents, families, and teachers who continue to support these students and help them reach their goals.



# Footloose

There's a moment in every high school musical when the lights dim, the curtain opens, and something quietly extraordinary begins to happen. For a couple hours, a stage becomes more than a platform—it becomes a space where students discover confidence, connection, expression, and a sense of belonging, and where communities come together. As we celebrate our production of *Footloose*, *The Musical*, it's the perfect time to reflect on the deeper value musical theatre brings to both our students and our entire community.

For the individuals involved, musical theatre is far more than memorizing lines or hitting the right notes. It asks students to be brave. Whether stepping into the spotlight for the first time or working tirelessly for weeks behind the scenes to ensure every detail runs smoothly, students are challenged to take risks, trust one another, and grow individually and collectively. They learn discipline through rehearsals and memorization, resilience through mistakes and feedback, and teamwork through collaboration and

creation. These are lessons that extend far beyond the stage—into their classrooms, friendships, careers, and most importantly, life.

Musical theatre also creates space for students to express themselves in ways that traditional settings may not always allow. It invites creativity, emotion, and individuality. For some, it's where they find their voice. For others, it's where they discover talents they didn't know they had or develop friendships with peers they've walked the halls with, but never really got to know. Every role matters, from the leads under the spotlight to the crew members working tirelessly in the wings. Each contribution is essential, reinforcing the idea that everyone has a place and a purpose.

But the impact doesn't stop with the students. In a world that often feels fast-paced and disconnected, musical theatre offers something increasingly valuable: a reason to slow down, come together, and celebrate the talents of our students. It reminds us that the arts are not an "extra," but an essential part of a well-rounded

education—one that nurtures empathy, confidence, and community spirit. High school theatre has a unique way of bringing a community together. The success of a show requires the time, effort, sacrifice, gifts, donations, dedication and support of so many—Families, directors, musicians, administrators, staff, teachers, coaches, peers, and neighbors—so there's a shared sense of pride in watching these young people take a production and bring it to life.

As the final curtain falls on *Footloose*, what remains is more than applause and a standing ovation. It's the growth of our students, the bonds they've built, the memories they've made, and the joy they've shared with all of us. It's the invaluable contributions of a community of supporters. And it's the reminder of the power of storytelling and music to connect generations and create lasting memories. This is the true magic of musical theatre—and it's something worth celebrating long after the last note fades.



# ACSMA All County Music Festivals

The beginning of the year is filled with music events for students all around the county and BCS had many music students chosen to participate in the three Allegany County School Music Association (ACSMA) All County Festivals. Each of these students went above and beyond and worked hard to be prepared for their rehearsals and performances. We are so proud of each and every one of you!



*Senior High Orchestra in Cuba CSD on January 17th*  
**Anthony Foster (Freshman)**



*Show Choir in Cuba CSD on January 17th*  
**Finn Heaney (Senior) and Jackson Barney (Freshman)**



*Jazz Band at Houghton College Music Chapel on March 7th*  
**Samayah Lussier (Senior)**



*Intermediate Band in Cuba CSD on January 17th*  
**Gabriella Collins (6th Grade)**  
**Nolan Schrader (6th Grade)**  
**Karlin Harrington (6th Grade)**  
**Margaret Barney (5th Grade)**  
**Jareth Osburn (6th Grade)**  
**Owen Brennan (5th Grade)**  
**Skyla Merkel (6th Grade)**



*Junior High Band at Houghton College Music Chapel on March 7th*  
**Jackson Barney (Freshman)**  
**Savannah Miller (Freshman)**  
**Elsa Brennan (Freshman)**  
**Greta Smithers (Freshman)**  
**Eden Barney (7th Grade)**  
**Addison Kelley (7th grade)**



*6th Grade Choir at Wellsville CSD on March 21st*  
**Gabriella Collins**  
**Karlin Harrington**  
**Allison Prosser**  
**Tegan Enders**  
**Preston Foster**  
**Skyla Merkel**  
**Maxwell Prenatt**  
**Jareth Osburn**



*Senior High Choir at Houghton College Music Chapel on March 7th*  
**Noah Miller (Junior)**  
**Finn Heaney (senior)**  
**Madeline White (Sophomore)**  
**Ella Austin (Sophomore)**  
**Mara Heaney (Junior)**  
**Rachel Merriam (Senior)**



*Junior High Choir at Wellsville CSD on March 21st*  
**Catrina Mura (8th Grade)**  
**Opal Gordin (8th Grade)**  
**Summer Histed (Freshman)**  
**Bradán Foster (Freshman)**  
**Jackson Barney (Freshman)**  
**Savannah Miller (Freshman)**  
**Alexandria Litchner (7th Grade)**  
**Logan McCarthy (8th Grade)**  
**Evan Moore (8th Grade)**  
**Lyndsey Hill (8th Grade)**  
**Eden Barney (7th Grade)**  
**Elsa Brennan (Freshman)**  
**Caylin Burrows (Freshman)**  
**Lana Blocho (7th Grade)**



*Senior High Band at Wellsville CSD on March 21st*  
**Emalee Carman (Senior)**  
**Samayah Lussier (Senior)**  
**Noah Miller (Junior)**  
**Finn Heaney (Senior)**  
**Mara Heaney (Junior)**

# Belfast Central School

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• Yearbook Orders with Name Stamps and Plastic Cover due by 3/1/2026

- For in school orders, bring this form along with cash, check or money order, made payable to Belfast Yearbook Club to the BCS main office.

**Online orders end 4/30/2026. In School orders continue while supplies last. Delivery approximately 6/5/2026**

## 2 COMPLETE YOUR ORDER

Details	Cost
Yearbook order by December 31	\$40.00
Yearbook order after January 1	\$45.00
Additional Yearbook Personalization and Options available online with purchase of a yearbook)	

## 3 ENTER YOUR PURCHASE INFORMATION

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# Mark Your Calendars!

October 22-24, 2026 - Elementary Drama Club presents Disney's Frozen, Jr.  
March 11-13, 2027 - High School Drama Club presents Mamma Mia!

BENNY ANDERSSON & BJÖRN ULVAEUS'  
**MAMMA MIA!**  
THE SMASH HIT MUSICAL BASED ON THE SONGS OF ABBA  
March 11-13, 2027

Disney  
**FROZEN JR.**  
October 22-24, 2026

## Lego League



## Love in Action

The year's Love in Action campaign was a great success! Twenty boxes of food and \$859 were collected for donation to Wellspring Ministries, 5993 Co Rd 16, Belfast, NY 14711.

Wellspring Ministries serves those in need of food, clothing, household goods, and encouragement in Allegany County.



## Edmund's Art Award

Edmund Moore's artwork received an award from the VFW Aux to Lake Chautauqua Memorial Post 8647. It will advance to the District Level at the State Spring Conference in Corning, NY.

Good Luck, Edmund!!



### Lead Testing



**Why test?**

- Lead testing is an important part of preventive care in your child's early years. Lead exposure can harm a child's growth, behavior, and ability to learn.
- Healthcare providers should complete a blood lead test for children at age 1 year and again at age 2 years, as well as additional testing for children at risk of lead exposure.
- Testing is especially important if your family moves into a home built before 1978 or completes a renovation project.
- There is no safe level of lead in the body, routine testing helps detect exposure early and protect your child's health and development.

Let us know if you are interested in having your child(ren) screened for lead poisoning, or if you are pregnant and would like a screening.



Scan with your phone camera

Allegany County Department of Health (585) 268-9250  
<https://www.alleganyco.gov/departments-health-lead>

Allegany County Department of Health  
 7 Court Street  
 Belmont NY, 14813  
 585 268 9250  
 Public Health

for the 2026-2027 School Year

### Summer Immunizations



**Upcoming Dates:**

- June 23<sup>rd</sup>
- June 30<sup>th</sup>
- July 7<sup>th</sup>
- July 14<sup>th</sup>
- July 21<sup>st</sup>
- August 4<sup>th</sup>
- August 11<sup>th</sup>
- August 18<sup>th</sup>

**Clinics will be held at the Allegany County Office Building in Belmont, NY**

A healthy school year starts here. To get your kids ready for next school year, make sure they are up-to-date on their physicals and required immunizations. This is especially important if your child is starting Pre-K, Kindergarten, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade. We now also provide physicals for schools, work, and sports by appointment for a \$60 fee.

For questions about whether your child has the required immunizations or needs a physical, please check with your child's healthcare provider.

You may call us at 585-268-9250 and press 3 for the Clinic to schedule an appointment.

# VEX Robotics World Championship



The VEX Robotics World Championship took place April 21-24, 2026 at the America's Center in St. Louis. The annual event brings together the top VEX IQ Robotics Competition, VEX V5 Robotics Competition, and VEX U Robotics Competition teams from around the globe to celebrate their accomplishments and participate in the 2025-2026 games to be crowned champions.

Belfast Central School students Logan Estabrook, Finn Heaney, Bryce Conley, and Will Guilford earned a spot in this competition.

At the time of publication, results were unknown.



  
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**FOR VENDOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION, EMAIL:**  
[ELINGENFELTER@AGOC.COM](mailto:ELINGENFELTER@AGOC.COM)

# GVBC Athletics

## Modified Girls Basketball



## Girls JV Basketball



## Girls' Varsity Basketball

The 2025-26 season was one of surprises and accomplishments. The team designed their own shirts for the season. The team finished 4th in the league and rewarded with a 8th seed in Sectionals. We defeated Romulus and moved on to play the number 1 seed Keshequa. Although defeated the players played their hearts out and left it all on the floor. From the coaches and our helpers great job ladies.

*Coach Horn*



## Athletic Schedule

The weather is fine for Baseball, Softball, and Track!

It's time to get outside and support our teams.

Check out the Athletic schedule on the Belfast Central School website.



## Boys' Volleyball



# Boys' Modified Basketball



## GVBC Modified Basketball-Team A

Our 2025/2026 season was nothing short of amazing, with a record of 12-2 on the season!

We had 2 wins over Wellsville and Hornell!

The best highlight of the season for me was hearing from our fans, opposing fans, and referees about how amazing our team was.

This was all possible by the dedication and hard work these boys put in!

*Coach Ely*

## GVBC Modified Basketball-Team B

The year started out with our first win against a scrappy Houghton freshman team that sent the 7th graders into shock! They didn't realize they were playing all freshman. As the year progressed each player earned their playing time by giving their best at practice and cheering their teammates that were on the floor to give their best. Even though technically they all had to play, they all earned the right to play. As their coach I was very impressed by their sportsmanship and team spirit.

*Coach Longwell*

# Boys JV Basketball



The 2025-2026 Boys JV basketball team finished their season with a winning record of 16-4. This team was an absolute pleasure to coach. Not only did they demonstrate skill development throughout the season, but they also showed growth in teamwork, sportsmanship, and leadership. Their work ethic at practice and ability to stay composed in close games truly set them apart. I am incredibly proud of their accomplishments and their dedication to this sport. I would also like to wish the best of luck to the players moving on to varsity next season. I am confident they will continue to grow, compete, and represent our program with pride.

*Coach MacKenzie Hamer*

# Boys' Varsity Basketball



This year carried a lot of ups and downs with mixed “on the court” results. With 7 seniors on the roster, we had a good start, and then late in the season we played some of the tougher teams in our division, along with 2 games against a B-School. Our regular season ended with a 10-10 record, and we lost in the first round of sectionals to Cuba-Rushford.

The basketball season is a long one, and we would like to say “Thank You” to parents, fans, AD’s, and custodial staff for your support and part as the season progressed. We also want to recognize our Seniors and give them our support and thanks as they make their transition from high school, and a chance to create their own path for themselves in the future.

Allstar(s): Lannden Tilton / Honorable Mention: Cane Treusdell  
Ronald McDonald Game: Lannden Tilton

Seniors: Logan Rice, Cane Treusdell, Callahan Tallman, Ian Mackenzie, Lannden Tilton, Kenton Schultz, and Larry Geffers.

*Coach Hamer*

## Modified Cheer



## Varsity Cheer



The 2025-2026 Varsity Cheerleading season was filled with hard work, resilience, and impressive accomplishments. Throughout the season, the team consistently pushed themselves to improve and showed determination no matter the challenges they faced.

The team earned 1st place at Wellsville, 2nd place at Avoca-Prattsburgh, and 2nd place at Arkport-Canaseraga. One of the standout performances came at the Bath Haverling Competition, where the team again placed in the Top 5 overall, and Brynn Preston earned the "Let It Shine" Award for her outstanding performance and positivity. At Fillmore Competition, the team not only placed 1st in their division, but also earned hit zero pins and earned the "High 5" Award for placing in the Top 5 of the entire day.

The team also earned 2nd place in Allegany County, continuing to prove their consistency and strength throughout the season. The biggest highlight of the year came at the Section V Championships, where the team finished an impressive 2nd place in the D3 division out of 11 schools. This accomplishment reflects the dedication, growth, and commitment the athletes showed all season long and was a proud moment for the entire program.

Most importantly, this team demonstrated incredible resilience and work ethic from start to finish. Their dedication, teamwork, and determination to improve every day made this season a success and something the entire program can be proud of.

*Coach Beardsley*

## Swimming

### GVBC Modified Swim

This year was a big one for GV/BC Modified Swimming! We ended our season with the largest Mod. Team that the school has ever had (8- with 2 additional swimmers also moving up to Varsity before season started). Each modified swimmer can boast improvement throughout the season in EVERY SINGLE EVENT THAT THEY SWAM (100% improvement rate!!!). This year we also broke all but 2 of our Modified Team Records (Including both of our relays). This year we were able to climb to 3rd overall at our county championship- which is the highest finish we have ever recorded (losing only to C-S and A-A). We boasted two different top 3 relays as well as several top 6 championship finishes. Abi Collins also placed first in the county for modified diving.

*Coach Edmister*



### GVBC Varsity Swim Team

This year's Varsity Swimming and Diving team finished with an 11-4 record which marks our best finish during the regular season. Seniors on the team this year were Graham Bradt, Emalee Carman, Nolan Hunter, Sam Lussier, and Cayleigh Shipman. The team was able to break another school record on the girls side in the 200 Free Relay. Regina Dougherty was named Female Swimmer of the Year as well as Female Swimmer of the Meet at the counties meet. This was a very successful season and we hope to keep building next year.

*Coach Clancy*

# Belfast

Central School District

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**Budget Hearing**  
May 12 at 5:30 p.m.  
BCS Conference Room

**Budget Vote and Board Election**  
May 19th from Noon to 8:00 p.m.  
BCS Conference Room

[www.belfastcsd.org](http://www.belfastcsd.org)

## 2026-27 District Budget

The Belfast Central School District Board of Education and administration are pleased to present the proposed 2026–2027 school budget. This plan reflects our continued commitment to providing high-quality educational opportunities for all students while remaining fiscally responsible to our community.

The proposed budget maintains all district-funded student programs, activities, and services, ensuring that students continue to have access to the academic, extracurricular, and support opportunities that are essential to their success.

### Budget Overview

The proposed budget represents a 1.18% increase over the current year. The tax levy increase is set at 3.1%, which is within the allowable New York State tax cap. This equates to an approximate increase of \$67,015 in the tax levy.

While the tax levy is increasing, the actual impact on individual taxpayers will vary based on factors such as property assessments, equalization rates, and exemptions like STAR.

### Responsible Financial Planning

Developing this year’s budget presented unique challenges. At the time of adoption, New York State had not finalized its budget, meaning final state aid figures were not available. Despite this uncertainty, the district worked carefully to develop a plan that prioritizes students while managing costs.

To reduce the financial impact on taxpayers:

- Most budget areas remain consistent with the current year
- The district did not replace two teaching positions due to attrition
- Spending was carefully reviewed and aligned to student needs

At the same time, the budget accounts for increased costs in key areas, including:

- Natural gas and electricity
- Health insurance premiums
- General insurance coverage
- Contractual obligations

### Investing in Student Safety and Facilities

The proposed budget includes the purchase of a new 72-passenger school bus to ensure safe and reliable transportation for students. While the cost of buses has increased (\$30,000 from the previous year), this investment remains critical to student safety.

Additionally, the budget includes a capital outlay project that allows the district to complete up to \$100,000 in facility improvements at a local cost of approximately \$5,000, thanks to state building aid.

Planned improvements include:

- Installation of a gymnasium projector screen
- New roof access ladders for the auditorium
- Exterior brick masonry repairs and repointing

These projects support the district’s commitment to maintaining safe, functional, and well-kept facilities for students and staff.

### Looking Ahead

Despite financial uncertainties and rising costs, this proposed budget:

- Preserves all student programs and opportunities
- Supports safe and well-maintained facilities
- Stays within the state tax cap
- Reflects thoughtful and responsible financial decision-making

### Budget Hearing & Community Engagement

We encourage all community members to learn more and stay involved. The annual budget hearing will be held on May 12, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., prior to the regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

If you have any questions about the proposed budget, please contact:

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Keegan Harrington – (585) 365-8289

The Belfast Central School District remains committed to balancing strong educational opportunities with fiscal responsibility. We appreciate your continued support of our students, staff, and school community.

Sincerely,

*Josie Preston, Board President*

*Wendy Butler Ed.D., Superintendent*

*Keegan Harrington, Business Official*

# 2026-27 Property Tax Report Card

**020801 - Belfast CSD**

Contact Person: Keegan Harrington  
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	Budgeted 2025-26 (A)	Proposed Budget 2026-27 (B)
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	12,611,160	12,760,000
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount <sup>1</sup>	2,165,888	2,232,903
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	91,445	96,629
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable <sup>2</sup>	0	0
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	0	0
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	2,257,333	2,329,532
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	237,772	262,469
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions <sup>3</sup>	1,928,116	1,970,434
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	1,928,116	1,970,434
I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval) <sup>2</sup>	0	0
Public School Enrollment	331	333
Consumer Price Index		2.63%
<sup>1</sup> Include any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest. <sup>2</sup> Tax levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion under the School Tax Levy Limit and may affect voter approval requirements. <sup>3</sup> For 2026-27, include any carryover from 2025-26 and exclude any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.		
	Actual: 2025-26 (D)	Estimated: 2026-27 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	1,759,835	1,759,835
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	185,073	185,073
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	478,422	478,422
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	3.79%	3.75%

## Schedule of Reserve Funds

Reserve Type	Reserve Name	Reserve Description *	3/31/26 Actual Balance	6/30/26 Estimated Ending Balance	Intended Use of the Reserve in the 2026-27 School Year
Capital	Bus Reserve 2022	To purchase school buses.	95379	95379	There is no plan to use this reserve in the 2026-27 school year.
Capital	Capital Improvements Project 2022	To cover local share of future capital project.	392104	392104	There is no plan to use this reserve in the 2026-27 school year.
Repair	Reserve for Repairs	To pay the cost of repairs to capital improvements or equipment.	53635	53635	There is no plan to use this reserve in the 2026-27 school year.
Workers' Compensation	Workers' Compensation Reserve	To pay for Workers Compensation and benefits.	24579	24579	There is no plan to use this reserve in the 2026-27 school year.
Unemployment Insurance	Unemployment Insurance Reserve	To pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund.	25212	25212	There is no plan to use this reserve in the 2026-27 school year.
Reserve for Tax Reduction		For the gradual use of the proceeds of the sale of school district real property.			
Mandatory Reserve for Debt Service		To cover debt service payments on outstanding obligations (bonds, BANS) after the sale of district capital assets or improvements.			
Insurance		To pay liability, casualty, and other types of uninsured losses.			
Property Loss		To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover property loss.			
Liability		To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover liability claims incurred.			
Tax Certiorari		To establish a reserve fund for tax certiorari settlements			
Reserve for Insurance Recoveries		To account for unexpended proceeds of insurance recoveries at the fiscal year end.			
EBALR – Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	Employee Benefits Accrued Liability Res.	For the payment of accrued 'employee benefits' due to employees upon termination of service.	53436	25780	There may be a need for the use of this reserve in 26-27.
Retirement Contribution	Retirement Contribution Reserve	To fund employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Employees' Retirement System	39541	39541	There is no plan to use this reserve in the 2026-27 school year.
Other Reserve	Teachers' Retirement Reserve	To fund employer retirement contributions to the NYS Teachers' Retirement System	50124	50124	There is no plan to use this reserve in the 2026-27 school year.

## Summary of General Fund Appropriations 2026-2027

General Support	\$2,114,017
Instruction	5,843,521
Pupil Transportation	740,158
Undistributed	4,062,304
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,760,000</b>

### Determination of Estimated Tax Levy

	Present Year 2025-26	Next Year 2026-27
Total Amount Authorized	\$12,611,160	\$12,760,000
Total Revenues Other Than Taxes	10,445,272	10,527,097
Appropriated Fund Balance	0	0
Total Real Property Tax to be Raised for School Purposes	2,165,888	2,232,903
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$12,611,160</b>	<b>\$12,760,000</b>
Amount of Fund Balance Retained as of 7/1/2025		\$478,422
*Estimated Amount of Fund Balance Retained as of 7/1/2026		\$478,422
<b>2025-2026 Budget</b>		<b>\$12,611,160</b>
<b>2026-2027 Proposed Budget</b>		<b>\$12,760,000</b>

### General Fund Estimated Revenues

	Present Year 2025-26	Next Year 2026-27
Oth. Paymts in Lieu of Taxes	\$10,650	\$10,590
Int. & Penal. on Real Pro	5,000	5,000
Summer School Tuition (In	1,400	2,000
Day School Tuit-Oth Dist. NYS	39,545	108,647
Interst and Earnings	10,000	10,000
Rental of Real Property, BOCES	8,000	8,000
Sale Scrap & Excess Material	500	500
Sale of Equipment	1,000	1,000
Sale of Transportation Equipment	50	50
Other Compensation for Loss	162,409	99,507
BOCES Svs Approved for Aid	100	100
Gifts and Donations	36,825	36,825
Other Unclassified Rev.(S	12,100	12,100
Summer Recreation	6,424,059	6,407,121
Basic Formula Aid-Gen Aid	842,375	834,847
Excess Cost Aid	449,963	565,647
Lottery Aid (Sect 3609a E	293,454	290,568
VLT LOTTERY AID	37,326	32,318
COMMERCIAL GAMING	966	0
Cannabis (NYSEL Section 3609a)	211,178	212,740
NYS Mobile Sports Wagering	1,226,750	1,168,196
BOCES Aid (Sect 3609a Ed	1,168,196	1,290,495
Textbook Aid (Incl Txtbk/	21,977	16,893

### General Fund Estimated Revenues (cont'd)

	Present Year 2025-26	Next Year 2026-27
Computer Software Aid	10,601	4,434
Library A/V Loan Program Aid	1,900	1,850
Other Federal Aid (Specify)	565,500	643,507
Medic.Ass't-Sch Age-Sch Y	39,538	17,303
Interfund Trans. for Debt Svs	0	0
APPROPRIATED RESERVES	0	0
<b>TOTAL - REVENUES</b>	<b>\$10,445,272</b>	<b>\$10,527,097</b>

### General Support

	Present Year 2025-26	Next Year 2026-27
<b>Board of Education</b>		
Expenditures incurred by the Board of Education, necessary expenses for legal advertising, materials and supplies for the district clerk and district meeting.		
Board of Education Contractual	\$13,114	\$13,114
Board of Education Materials & Supplies	800	800
District Clerk Salary	3,255	3,255
District Meeting Mailing	8,000	8,000
<b>Total Board of Educ.</b>	<b>\$25,169</b>	<b>\$25,169</b>

### Central Administration

This area covers the expenses of the superintendent, secretary and central office operation.

CSA Salary	\$163,342	\$171,509
Non-Instructional Salary	41,207	43,268
CSA Contractual	5,120	5,120
CSA Materials & Supplies	2,000	2,000
<b>Total Central Admin.</b>	<b>\$211,669</b>	<b>\$221,897</b>

### Business Administration

This category includes expenses of the Business Office, auditor, BOCES services and tax collector.

BOCES (Co-Op Purchasing, Aid, Planning)	\$22,587	\$19,802
Auditing	27,500	27,500
Business Office Salaries	138,632	145,288
Business Office Contractual	35,500	35,500
Business Office Materials & Supplies	500	500
Tax Collector Materials & Supplies	4,100	4,100
<b>Total Business Admin.</b>	<b>\$228,819</b>	<b>\$232,690</b>

### Legal

This section covers our legal expenses and some BOCES services covering insurance and legal services. It also includes the cost of providing the newsletter.

Legal Expenses	\$25,000	\$25,000
BOCES (Legal, Insurance)	194,408	216,901
BOCES (Newsletter)	48,520	54,510
<b>Total Legal</b>	<b>\$267,928</b>	<b>\$296,411</b>

## General Support (cont'd)

	Present Year 2025-26	Next Year 2026-27
<b>Oper. &amp; Maintenance</b>		
The costs involved in upkeep and operation of the buildings and grounds of all the district property is included in this section of the budget. Salaries for custodians, groundskeeper, and part-time help are included, as well as building utilities, repairs, supplies, and service contracts.		
Maintenance Salaries	\$447,702	\$451,251
Maintenance Equipment	21,000	21,000
Maintenance Contractual	141,725	141,725
Electric	89,800	117,300
Gas	26,353	34,000
Phone	1,912	2,140
Water	18,950	18,950
Materials & Supplies	88,300	88,300
BOCES (Safety Programs)	62,743	48,828
<b>Total O &amp; M</b>	<b>\$898,485</b>	<b>\$923,494</b>
<b>Special Items</b>		
Property and Liability Insurance and BOCES Data Processing and Administrative Costs (overhead and BOCES building payments) are found in this area.		
BOCES - Data Processing	\$226,208	\$231,562
Unallocated Insurance	36,200	52,301
Refund Real Property	1,000	1,000
BOCES (Admin. Charges)	50,385	53,851
BOCES (Capital Expense)	70,830	75,642
<b>Total Special Items</b>	<b>\$384,623</b>	<b>\$414,356</b>
<b>Total Gen. Support</b>	<b>\$2,016,693</b>	<b>\$2,114,017</b>

## Instruction

	Present Year 2025-26	Next Year 2026-27
<b>Teaching/Supervision</b>		
This section covers the regular education students from kindergarten through twelfth grade.		
BOCES (Curriculum)	\$2,860	\$2,860
Principal Salary	103,144	108,301
Non-Instructional Salary	45,773	47,762
Contractual	775	775
Principal Office Materials & Supplies	1,200	1,200
BOCES - Inservice Training	163,400	166,963
K-6 Teacher Salaries	1,368,524	1,389,739
7-12 Teacher Salaries	1,249,335	1,249,330
Substitute Salaries	83,000	90,000
Non-Instructional Salaries	131,801	93,396
Equipment	9,000	9,000
Contractual	39,500	39,500
Materials & Supplies	56,200	56,200
Tuition	5,000	5,000
Textbooks	32,640	32,640
BOCES (Educational Programs)	275,281	259,692
<b>Total Teaching/Supervision</b>	<b>\$3,567,433</b>	<b>\$3,552,358</b>

## Instruction (cont'd)

	Present Year 2025-26	Next Year 2026-27
<b>Special Programs</b>		
Included here are the costs of our resource room and other expenses associated with our students with disabilities.		
Instructional Salaries	\$553,595	\$553,595
Non-Instructional Salaries	129,530	180,322
Equipment	2,000	2,000
Contractual	68,015	68,015
Materials & Supplies	6,200	6,200
Tuition	0	0
Textbooks	1,900	1,900
BOCES (Special Education)	353,751	232,926
<b>Total Special Programs</b>	<b>\$1,114,991</b>	<b>\$1,044,958</b>
<b>Occupational Ed.</b>		
Expenses for materials and supplies associated with our technologies program. The BOCES services in this section are based on the number of students who attend the Belmont BOCES based on a three year average.		
Materials & Supplies	\$2,500	\$2,500
BOCES - (Occupational Education)	234,990	252,824
<b>Total Occupational Ed.</b>	<b>\$237,490</b>	<b>\$255,324</b>
<b>Summer School</b>		
These are the expenses for our Driver Education Program, Academic Summer School and Summer Recreation Program		
Summer School Inst. Sal.	\$11,124	\$17,694
Noninstructional Salaries	14,673	13,097
Contractual and Other	2,000	2,000
Summer School Mat & Supp	1,000	1,000
BOCES (Special Schools)	13,230	9,250
<b>Total Summer School</b>	<b>\$42,027</b>	<b>\$43,041</b>
<b>Library &amp; Computer Instruction</b>		
Includes funds for the purchase of books, AV equipment and computer hardware/software.		
Library Books	\$2,000	\$2,000
School Library & AV	4,500	4,500
BOCES (Library & AV)	73,508	75,021
Computer Hardware	18,500	18,500
Computer Software	10,836	10,836
BOCES (Computer Assisted Instruction)	303,386	313,679
<b>Total Library &amp; Computer Instruction</b>	<b>\$412,730</b>	<b>\$424,536</b>
<b>Pupil Services</b>		
Salary and related office expenses for a school counselor and a guidance aide are included in this section. The section also includes Community Schools, various salaries including extra-curricular and athletic salaries as well as referees and other interscholastic sports expenses.		
Guidance Salaries	\$95,158	\$99,680
Non-Instructional Salaries	21,810	22,900
Contractual (Guidance)	3,150	3,150
Materials & Supplies	1,200	1,200
Nurses Salary	47,584	50,935
Equipment (Health Services)	3,300	3,300
Contractual (Health Services)	575	575
Materials & Supplies (Health Services)	5,000	5,000

## Instruction (cont'd)

	Present Year 2025-26	Next Year 2026-27
BOCES Health Services	20,511	14,305
Psychologist Salary	70,000	73,500
Psychological - Materials & Supplies	1,500	1,500
BOCES - Psychological	0	0
BOCES Social Work Services	0	0
Extracurricular Salaries	78,383	78,383
Extracurricular Contractual	5,185	5,185
Extracurricular Materials & Supplies	5,975	5,975
Coaching Salaries.	79,751	56,001
Athletic Equipment	6,000	3,000
Athletic Contractual	78,625	82,000
Athletic Materials & Supplies	22,000	8,000
BOCES - Athletic	8,553	8,715
<b>Total Pupil Services</b>	<b>\$554,260</b>	<b>\$523,304</b>
<b>Total Instruction</b>	<b>\$5,928,931</b>	<b>\$5,843,521</b>

## Transportation

	Present Year 2025-26	Next Year 2026-27
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### Pupil Transportation

This area of the budget covers all areas of district transportation - regular a.m. and p.m. routes, field trips, athletic teams, special education routes, and BOCES trips. Also included are drivers' salaries, fleet insurance, bus parts, fuel for buses, and expenses associated with the garage building.

Transportation Salary	\$284,910	\$350,143
Equipment	23,000	8,000
Buses	154,000	184,300
Contractual	42,560	47,000
Materials & Supplies	91,200	93,900
BOCES - Transportation	4,398	4,551
Equipment	2,575	2,575
Contractual	50,645	49,689
<b>Total Pupil Transportation</b>	<b>\$653,288</b>	<b>\$740,158</b>

## Undistributed

	Present Year 2025-26	Next Year 2026-27
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Debt service and employee benefits make up the largest part of this section of the budget. It also includes a transfer to Capital Funds to continue capital outlay projects to help delay the need of going to the public for larger capital projects.

State Retirement	\$212,655	\$235,271
Teachers' Retirement	359,266	359,266
Social Security	381,235	381,235
Worker's Comp.	33,076	23,381
Unemployment Insurance	9,000	9,000
Hospital Insurance	1,572,552	1,600,254
Serial Bonds Principal	415,000	685,000
Serial Bonds Interest	254,169	576,844
BAN Principal	147,995	0
BAN Interest	434,197	0
EPC Lease Principal	35,000	35,000
Bus Lease Principal	0	0
EPC Lease Interest	8,103	7,053
Bus Lease Interest	0	0
Transfer to School Lunch	50,000	50,000
Transfer to Capital Funds	100,000	100,000
<b>Total Undistributed</b>	<b>\$4,012,248</b>	<b>\$4,062,304</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$12,611,160</b>	<b>\$12,760,000</b>

# BELFAST PUBLIC LIBRARY

Below is the proposed budget for the Belfast Public Library prepared and approved at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Library Trustees on February 17, 2026. The following trustees were present: Anne West, Patty Preston, Beth Hazelton, and Bob Mackmer.

Patty Preston's term expires in 2026. Rosanna Wilson was nominated at the annual budget hearing to serve for the next five-year term.

The amount of taxes to be voted on is \$96,629. This represents a 0% increase in property taxes and a 16.9% increase in the budget (due to minimum wage, contractual, and utilities increases).

The Library has also raised \$650,000 through grants and donations for our Capital Building Project. We need to raise another \$650,000. Below is our operating budget funded through taxes. The Capital Building Project is completely separate.

## Proposed Budget 2026-2027

### EXPENSES

Salaries (Director & 4 Clerks) .....	\$66,879
Custodial Salary .....	\$0
Equipment .....	\$600
Contractual .....	\$1,000
Insurance .....	\$700
Telecommunications .....	\$8,450
Software .....	\$200
Programs .....	\$2,500
Books .....	\$4,600
Accounting .....	\$6,300
Multimedia .....	\$1,000
Supplies - Library .....	\$800
Supplies - Custodial .....	\$600
Utilities .....	\$7,500
Travel .....	\$300
Employee Benefits .....	\$13,896
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$115,325</b>

### REVENUES

Real Property Taxes .....	\$96,629
Library Charges .....	\$0
Interests and Earnings .....	\$10
Sale of Scrap & Excess Materials .....	\$100
Gifts and Donations .....	\$500
Library System Grants .....	\$1,400
<b>Total Revenues .....</b>	<b>\$98,639</b>
Fund Balance used .....	\$16,686
<b>Total Revenues plus Fund Bal .....</b>	<b>\$115,325</b>

