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ANNUAL DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE & SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

**TUESDAY,
MAY 19, 2026**

7 a.m. - 9 p.m.

North High School Gym
1595 Hopkins Road
(parking lot-tennis courts)



Budget-At-A-Glance

2026-2027 Proposed Budget

\$248,168,844

Budget-to-Budget Increase:
2.24%

Tax Levy Increase:
3.14%

*(Within the New York State tax levy cap for the
Williamsville Central School District)*

Budget Highlights

- Maintains all current academic and extracurricular programming for students.
- Additional special education programming in alignment with Special Education Strategic Plan.
- Tax levy is within the state tax cap limit.

For detailed information about the
2026-2027 Proposed Budget, visit the District website: www.williamsvillek12.org



Dear Members of the Board of Education and Community,

I am pleased to present and recommend the 2026-2027 proposed budget. This balanced budget reflects our commitment to educational excellence that empowers all students to develop their unique potential and thrive as learners, citizens, and leaders in a diverse global community.

The proposed \$248,168,844 budget represents a 2.24% spending increase, driven mainly by contractual obligations for District employees and mandated expenses. The proposed tax levy is 3.14%, which is within the New York State tax levy cap for Williamsville Schools. The proposed budget ensures all current instructional programs are maintained. The District also continues to enhance special education programming in alignment with the Special Education Strategic Plan.

Our schools provide incredible pre-kindergarten to grade 12 academic programming, which also includes our advanced coursework opportunities at the middle and high school levels. We also continue to offer professional learning opportunities, so our faculty and staff are equipped with the latest tools and resources to provide outstanding educational experiences to all our learners. All of this prepares and equips our students for an ever-changing world and work force. None of this would be possible without a community that is invested in cultivating the great minds of tomorrow. Throughout the year, we highlight this in our District and building newsletters, video, and photo projects so our community members can see the impact of their commitment to public education.

Questions or concerns about the 2026-2027 proposed budget can be sent to budgetfeedback@willamsvillek12.org. We encourage all of our stakeholders to visit the District website at www.willamsvillek12.org to view the budget presentations. The Annual Budget Hearing is Thursday, May 7, 2026. The Budget Vote and School Board Election is Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at Williamsville North High School.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of the Williamsville Central School District.

Sincerely,

Dr. Darren J. Brown-Hall
Superintendent of Schools



Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for belonging to a community that prioritizes educational excellence. By continuously investing in K–12 public education, we empower Williamsville students to thrive as learners, citizens, and leaders. This commitment benefits our students, graduates, and the entire community.

During the 2025–2026 school year, we sustained robust academic and extracurricular programs. We also expanded classrooms and services to enhance outcomes for students with special needs. Additionally, we made substantial progress on the Elementary School Air Conditioning Project, which will create more comfortable learning environments for our youngest students during warmer months.

Our proposed 2026–2027 budget of \$248,168,844 reflects a fiscally responsible approach to addressing student needs. This balanced budget preserves essential programs and strategically strengthens special education services, ensuring every Williamsville student has the opportunity to excel.

To support ongoing improvements to our school buildings, we are proposing a new “Capital Reserve Fund 2026.” Similarly, we are exploring a Modernization Project to update libraries, lavatories, hallways, cafeterias, and some critical infrastructure in our schools.

All qualified residents may vote on the proposed budget and capital reserve fund, and elect three members to the Board of Education. The candidates receiving the most votes will serve three-year terms, starting on July 1, 2026. To learn more about the candidates, please visit: www.willamsvillek12.org/about-us/board-of-education/board-candidates.

Our current Board members value the significant contributions of our inaugural ex-officio (non-voting) Student Board members during our discussions this year. As their terms conclude, we will soon welcome three 2026-2027 Student Board members to continue amplifying student voices and representing their high school peers.

Please remember to vote on May 19, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Williamsville North High School gym. After voting, enjoy live music and artwork showcasing the talents of our students. We truly appreciate your anticipated participation.

Sincerely,

Crystal Kaczmarek-Bogner
President, Board of Education

SAMPLE BALLOT



Tuesday, MAY 19, 2026



PROPOSITION No. 1 - BUDGET

SHALL IT BE RESOLVED: That the Budget for the year 2026-2027 presented by the Board of Education be approved? YES NO

PROPOSITION No. 2 - CAPITAL RESERVE FUND PROPOSITION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Williamsville Central School District, in the County of Erie, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to establish a new capital reserve fund in accordance with the provisions of Education Law section 3651, to be designated "Capital Reserve Fund 2026" ("the Fund"), for the purpose of funding, in whole or in part, future capital improvements to any of the District's buildings and sites and other infrastructure improvements or similar projects including security improvements to school buildings, including site work, and the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery, and apparatus, in or around any such capital improvements; the probable funding term of which will not exceed eighteen (18) years from the date of establishment; the ultimate principal amount therein to total \$36,000,000 plus interest earnings thereon; such amount to be provided from the transfers from unappropriated balances in the District's general fund; the information regarding this reserve will be reported to the Board of Education on an annual basis subsequent to the completion of the District's annual external audit. YES NO

VOTE FOR ANY THREE BOARD MEMBERS

Election of three (3) board members, the highest three vote recipients, each for a term of three (3) years beginning July 1, 2026 and concluding June 30, 2029.

1A
Lauren Schellinger

2A
Michael Buscaglia (i)

3A
Philip G. Danielson

4A
Dr. Kerry Spicer (i)

Absentee/Early Vote Ballot Request Information

Ballot packets will be fulfilled upon request. A District voter must request in advance an application for an absentee/early vote ballot.

Absentee Ballot: The voter must complete the application and state the reason they will not be able to appear in person on the day of the District vote for which the absentee ballot is requested.

Early Vote Ballot: The voter must complete the application for this request.

The application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or one (1) day before the vote if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Please send request to Lynn Carey, District Clerk, email: lycarey@Williamsvillek12.org or call 716.626.8092. If emailing, please include "Application" in the subject line.

Once an application and absentee/early vote ballot is requested:

1. The packet, with application included (if not already completed), can be mailed out or picked up at District Office, 105 Casey Road, E. Amherst.
2. The voter would return the completed packet to the District Clerk. Several options are available when turning in the packet:
 - a. Return completed application and ballot by mail according to the instructions in the packet.
 - b. Place in locked drop box located outside of entryway to District Office (door #14), 105 Casey Road, E. Amherst.
 - c. Return to District Office, 105 Casey Road, E. Amherst, during regular office hours.

Absentee or Early Vote Ballot must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 19, 2026.

Questions: Please call the District Clerk, Lynn Carey at 716.626.8092 or email lycarey@Williamsvillek12.org.

WCSD Annual Vote - Vote Day Parking Information: Please park in the lot located at 1595 Hopkins Road, North HS, next to the tennis courts.

Voter Qualifications

In accordance with New York State law, to vote in the District's Annual Budget Vote and School Board Election, you must be:

- 18 years of age
- A citizen of the United States
- A resident of the District for at least 30 days prior to the vote
- Photo I.D. required on the day of the vote

General Support

The General Support category of the operating budget covers instruction-related managerial functions for the entire District. Included are funds which make it possible for the Board of Education and its Chief School Officer, the Superintendent of Schools, to carry out required responsibilities. Also included in this category are funds for the strictly regulated financial operation of the District; operation and maintenance of the school buildings and grounds; fire and liability insurances, personnel management, legal affairs and public information expenses, and BOCES administrative charges.

Instruction

Instruction is the core of the school budget. This general category covers salaries for administrators, teachers, nurses, aides, related instructional personnel (library media specialists, school counselors, psychologists and social workers) and all materials, supplies, and equipment necessary to support the educational environment. Co-curricular and interscholastic athletic activities are also included in this general area of instruction.

Pupil Transportation and Other Community Services

Pupil Transportation - The District uses outside contractual services to provide regular transportation within and outside of the District for all students and for co-curricular and interscholastic athletic activities at other locations as well as for instructional-related field trips. **Other Community Services** - This general category includes costs related to District census activities and support for certain community use of facilities.

Employee Benefits

This category groups a variety of District benefit costs including required contributions to the State Retirement Systems, Social Security, Health/Medical Insurance, Workers' Compensation, and an Unemployment Insurance Fund.

Debts & Obligations

This category groups a variety of District-wide costs which are not included in other areas such as long term debt payments.

2026-2027 PROPOSED

2025-2026 BUDGET

General Support

Board of Education	\$ 70,555	\$ 114,755
Chief School Officer	\$ 417,044	\$ 449,337
Finance	\$ 963,027	\$ 828,898
Public Information	\$ 228,681	\$ 222,653
Human Resources & Legal Services	\$ 1,786,255	\$ 1,801,930
Operations & Management	\$ 16,308,837	\$ 15,560,131
Central Printing & Mailing	\$ 712,890	\$ 713,255
Data Processing	\$ 3,399,531	\$ 2,589,641
Special Items	\$ 3,301,010	\$ 3,301,010
TOTAL GENERAL SUPPORT	\$ 27,187,830	\$ 25,581,610

Instruction

Curriculum & Staff Development	\$ 2,057,694	\$ 2,084,511
Supervision: Regular School	\$ 6,515,127	\$ 6,274,805
Teaching: Regular School	\$ 85,105,971	\$ 85,385,875
Exceptional Education & Student Services	\$ 29,631,604	\$ 29,063,904
Occupational Education	\$ 3,078,462	\$ 2,678,462
Teaching & Supervision: Special Schools	\$ 675,140	\$ 742,390
School Library & Audio-Visual Services	\$ 1,599,727	\$ 1,877,261
Computer Assisted Instruction	\$ 3,958,638	\$ 3,930,398
Guidance Services	\$ 4,158,300	\$ 4,131,124
Other Pupil Services	\$ 4,979,111	\$ 4,869,019
Co-Curricular Activities	\$ 590,655	\$ 558,388
Interscholastic Athletics	\$ 2,695,810	\$ 2,263,780
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	\$ 145,046,239	\$ 143,859,917

Pupil Transportation & Community Services

Pupil Transportation	\$ 15,263,306	\$ 14,281,827
Other Community Services	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000
TOTAL	\$ 15,285,306	\$ 14,303,827

Employee Benefits

New York State Retirement Systems	\$ 13,536,611	\$ 13,955,016
Social Security	\$ 9,491,592	\$ 9,491,592
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
Medical Insurance	\$ 29,928,709	\$ 27,835,349
Other Benefits	\$ 615,252	\$ 615,252
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 53,607,164	\$ 51,932,209

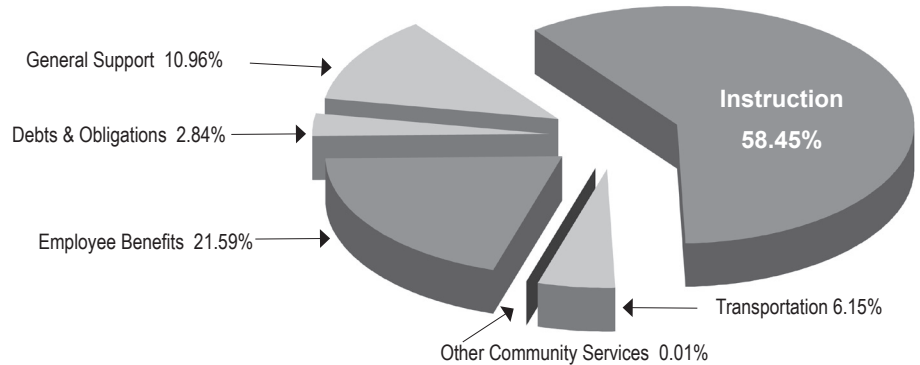
Debts & Obligations

Long Term Debt	\$ 6,742,305	\$ 6,742,304
Special Aid Fund	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
TOTAL	\$ 7,042,305	\$ 7,042,304
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 248,168,844	\$ 242,719,867



Anushree Ambre

2026-2027

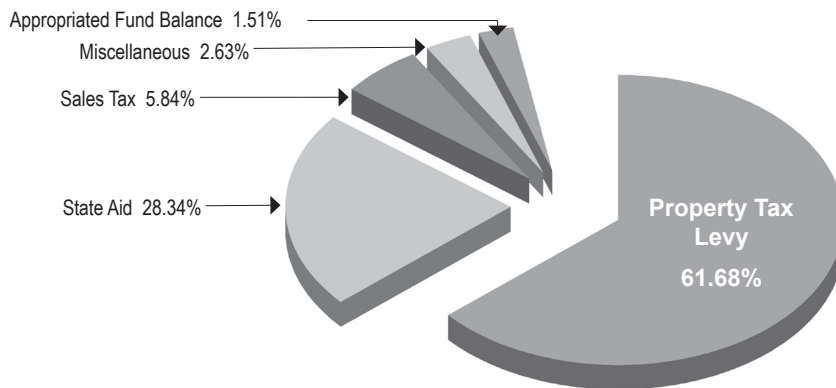


PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

	Proposed 2026-27	% of Total	2025-26	% of Total
General Support	\$ 27,187,830	10.96	\$ 25,581,610	10.54
Instruction	145,046,239	58.45	143,859,917	59.27
Transportation	15,263,306	6.15	14,281,827	5.88
Other Community Services	22,000	0.01	22,000	0.01
Employee Benefits	53,607,164	21.59	51,932,209	21.40
Debts & Obligations	7,042,305	2.84	7,042,304	2.90
TOTAL	248,168,844	100%	242,719,867	100%

CURRENT YEAR EXPENDITURES

2026-2027



Jaiden Hagler

PROJECTED REVENUES

	Proposed 2026-27	% of Total	2025-26	% of Total
Property Tax Levy	\$153,072,576	61.68	\$148,413,562	61.15
State Aid	70,321,418	28.34	69,916,534	28.81
Sales Tax	14,500,000	5.84	14,326,271	5.90
Miscellaneous	6,524,850	2.63	6,313,500	2.60
Appropriated Fund Balance	3,750,000	1.51	3,750,000	1.54
TOTAL	248,168,844	100%	242,719,867	100%

CURRENT YEAR REVENUES

2026-2027 COMPONENT BUDGET

Program: **\$195,954,578**

The Program Component includes all program expenditures, including the salaries and benefits of teachers and any school administrators or supervisors. Also, all transportation operating expenses including diesel fuel.

Capital: **\$29,124,928**

The Capital Component includes all transportation capital, debt service, and lease expenditures; costs resulting from court judgments, administrative orders or settled or compromised claims; and all facilities costs including lease expenditures, annual debt service and total debt for all District facilities financed by bonds and notes. Also, included are all expenditures associated with custodial/maintenance salaries and benefits, service contracts, supplies, utilities and maintenance repair of school facilities.

Administrative: **\$23,089,338**

The Administrative Component includes Board of Education and central administrative expenses; salaries and benefits of the Superintendent and all certified school administrators and supervisors who spend the majority of their time performing administrative or supervisory duties; all expenditures associated with the annual District budget vote; any consulting costs not directly related to student services and program planning; and all other administrative activities.

Total: **\$248,168,844**



Ibadah Khondaker

Estimated 2026 School Tax Bill for Amherst

Property's Assessed Value	Estimated 2026	Estimated Tax Increase
\$250,000	\$3,104	\$95

School tax bills are estimated based on the prior year's (2025) property assessments and equalization rates. Property assessment, equalization rates and changes in the New York State STAR program will impact a homeowner's actual tax bill.

The District issues a tax levy amount that is certified by Erie County Real Property Tax Services and reported to the Office of the New York State Comptroller. The proposed 2026-2027 levy is voted on by the community in May and does not change when town assessors issue final assessment numbers which are received in July 2026.

Tax Levy and Tax Cap

The 2026-2027 budget includes a tax levy that is within the tax cap limit. The tax cap limit provided the District an increase of \$4,659,014 or 3.14%.

Contingent Budget

The Board of Education is required by state law to implement a contingent budget if the proposed budget fails to receive community approval after two budget votes. Under a contingent budget, the school tax levy cannot exceed the prior year's tax levy. For the Williamsville Central School District, a contingent budget would require a \$4,659,014 reduction to the 2026-2027 proposed budget.



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SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

OVERALL 2026-2027 BUDGET PROPOSAL

New York State requires the following presentation of 2026-2027 Budget Information:

	Budget Adopted for 2025-26 School Year	Budget Proposed for 2026-27 School Year	Contingency Budget for 2026-27 School Year*
Total budgeted amount, not including separate propositions	\$ 242,719,867	\$248,168,844	\$243,509,830
Increase/Decrease for 2026-27 school year		\$5,448,977	\$789,963
Percentage increase/decrease in proposed budget		2.24%	0.33%
Change in consumer price index		2.63%	
A. Proposed Levy to support the total budgeted amount	\$148,413,562	\$153,072,576	
B. Levy to support Library Debt, if applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Levy for non-excludable propositions, if applicable**	\$0	\$0	
D. Total tax cap reserve amount used to reduce current year levy	\$0	\$0	
E. Total proposed school year tax levy (A+B+C-D)	\$148,413,562	\$153,072,576	\$0
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>excluding</u> levy for permissible exclusions	\$148,845,213	\$153,072,576	
H. Total proposed school year tax levy, excluding levy to support library debt and/or permissible exclusions (E-B-F+D)	\$148,413,562	\$153,072,576	
I. Difference: G-H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval; see note below regarding separate propositions)**	\$431,651	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$22,004,383	\$23,089,338	\$22,097,574
Program Component	\$192,706,072	\$195,954,578	\$192,598,328
Capital Component	\$28,009,412	\$29,124,928	\$28,813,928

*Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2026-27 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

The District's contingency budget reductions would remove \$2,292,450 from the equipment budget codes and \$2,366,564 from the program codes if a contingent budget situation were to occur.

** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount
N/A	\$0
N/A	\$0

Under the Budget Proposed
for the 2026-27 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR exemption savings¹

\$406

¹ The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 by the qualified voters of the Williamsville Central School District, Erie County, New York, will be held at North High School in said district on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

2025-26 Board of Education

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PTSA Council Service to Youth Awards

The 69th Annual Service to Youth Awards will honor three individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary service to the children of the Williamsville Central School District. The 2026 Award recipients are:



PROFESSIONAL AWARD

Thomas Asklar
Country Parkway



SUPPORT STAFF AWARD

Lynda LoTempio
South High School



VOLUNTEER AWARD

Kathleen (Kay) M. Naples
Country Parkway

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VOTE

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