



# LANSINGBURGH

## — CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT —

BUDGET EDITION • MAY 2026

## District Budget Vote: Tuesday, May 19

On Tuesday, May 19, 2026, Lansingburgh Central School District residents will vote on the proposed budget adopted by the Board of Education on April 21, 2026.

### 2026-27 PROPOSED SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET

The proposed budget of \$70,514,545 reflects an increase of \$3,908,093 (5.87%) over the current school year. The allowable tax cap is 2.65% for the 2026-27 school year, and the district is asking for a 0% tax levy increase. The school tax bill change for homeowners may vary, depending on equalization and STAR. This budget's state aid revenues are based on the New York State Budget estimates published on January 20, 2026, updated to reflect the change in Consumer Price Index (CPI) and student enrollment.

The district anticipates an 8.36% increase in New York State Foundation Aid for next year; however, the proposed budget reflects only a 5.87% spending increase. While the district is receiving more NYS Aid this year, it is still not enough to pay for certain required expenses, primarily the significant increase in the cost of employee health insurance and prescription plans, as well as contractual salary increases. To bridge this funding gap and balance the proposed budget without placing an

unnecessary burden on taxpayers, the district will use money from its Debt Service Reserve and its Fund Balance.

### Returning Student & School Family Initiatives

To better support Lansingburgh students and their families, the district has incorporated the return of the following initiatives in this proposed budget.

1. **Purchasing Student School Supplies:** This proposed budget includes funding for the district to once again purchase most of the required school supplies for all its K-12 students.
2. **Return of Summer Academy:** This proposed budget includes funding to bring back the Summer Academy program, which helps maintain and strengthen student abilities (ex. reading skills) over the summer when school is not in session.

### PUBLIC HEARING & MEET THE CANDIDATES

There will be a "Meet the Candidates" forum where residents can meet the candidates running for the three (3) Lansingburgh Board of Education positions to be filled effective July 1, 2026. Meet the Candidates, and a public hearing on the budget will take place on May 11, 2026, at Turnpike Elementary School.

#### SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DATES:

##### Monday, May 11, 2026:

- Voter Registration – 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

##### Monday, May 11, 2026:

- Meet the Board Candidates & Public Budget Hearing – 6:00 p.m.

##### Tuesday, May 19, 2026:

- Budget Vote, Capital Improvement Project Vote & Board Election – 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### VOTER REGISTRATION

**Voter registration will be held on Monday, May 11, from noon to 6:00 p.m. at the District Office (55 New Turnpike Road, Troy)**

If you are not registered to vote, you must register for the school budget vote, capital improvement project vote and the board election. When registering, bring a valid driver's license. If you do not have one, bring other proof of date of birth and residence.

### ABSENTEE BALLOTS & EARLY VOTING

Applications for absentee ballots and early mail ballots are obtainable from the District Clerk at the District Office (55 New Turnpike Road, Troy) between 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on weekdays. Any qualified voter may request an early mail ballot. See the back page for more about absentee ballots and early voting.

### VOTING LOCATIONS

Voting will take place at the following locations from 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

- Lansingburgh High School – 320 7th Avenue, Troy, NY 12182
- Turnpike Elementary School – 55 New Turnpike Road, Troy, NY 12182



# BUDGET VOTE

**TUESDAY**  
**MAY 19, 2026**  
Absentee Ballots  
Due by 5 p.m.

## School Budget Ballot 2026-2027:

✓ **YES or NO**

Budget Proposed

RECOMMENDATION: Be it resolved, that the detailed Proposed Budget in the amount of \$70,514,545 be adopted with an anticipated income exclusive of taxes in the amount of \$53,610,527; and the amount to be raised by taxes of \$16,904,018; and that this budget will be referred to as the **Basic Budget**.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE

Three (3) individuals are running for three (3) seats on the Lansingburgh Board of Education. The two (2) candidates with the most votes will be elected to full 5-year terms (July 1, 2026–June 30, 2031). The candidate with the third-highest number of votes will be elected to a 1-year term (July 1, 2026–June 30, 2027).

The names of the board candidates shall appear on the ballot as follows:

1. Theadora Hines
2. Andrea Fairhurst
3. Jillian Manupella

More information about this year's candidates is available on [www.lansingburgh.org](http://www.lansingburgh.org)

**Copies of the Budget...** are available in the district office, 55 New Turnpike Road, and in the main office at each of the four schools, at the Lansingburgh Branch of the Troy Public Library and on the district website, [www.lansingburgh.org](http://www.lansingburgh.org)

Copies will also be available at the public budget hearing on May 11.

### SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

	BUDGET 2025-2026	PROPOSED 2026-2027
General Support	\$ 7,067,664	\$ 7,386,812
Instruction	35,123,433	38,345,023
Transportation	5,254,503	5,223,346
Community Service	0	0
Employee Benefits	15,313,180	15,759,151
Transfer to Other Funds/Debt Services	3,847,670	3,800,213
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 66,606,450</b>	<b>\$ 70,514,545</b>

### SUMMARY OF REVENUE

	BUDGET 2025-2026	PROPOSED 2026-2027
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 575,000	\$ 575,000
ERS and TRS Reserves	161,650	0
State Aid	47,961,157	51,933,964
Charges for Services	18,000	16,000
Use of Money & Property	101,000	113,000
Refund Of Prior Years Expenditures	315,000	315,000
Federal Affected Areas	0	0
Interfund Revenues	390,000	500,000
Payment in Lieu Of Tax/Penalties	180,625	157,563
Property Tax	16,904,018	16,904,018
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 66,606,450</b>	<b>\$ 70,514,545</b>

### ESTIMATED ASSESSED VALUE TAX PER THOUSAND

	LANSINGBURGH	BRUNSWICK	SCHAGHTICOKE	PITTSTOWN
2025-2026	\$21.47	\$77.54	\$92.47	\$13.65
2026-2027	\$21.47	\$77.54	\$92.47	\$13.65



# Message from the Superintendent

## To the Lansingburgh School Community,

As we conclude the 2025–26 school year, I want to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support of the Lansingburgh Central School District. This year has been marked by significant growth and achievement, solidifying our reputation as a leading educational institution in the Capital Region. The success of our students is a powerful testament to the strong and vital partnership between our families, staff, and community.

## The Proposed 2026–27 Budget

The Lansingburgh Board of Education has adopted a proposed budget of **\$70,514,545** for the 2026–27 school year. This reflects an investment in preserving and enhancing the high-quality educational experience our students deserve. This proposed budget represents an increase of **\$3,908,095** or **5.87%** over the current year. Crucially, the proposed budget includes **NO tax levy increase** for our taxpayers.

Throughout the budgeting process, we have remained anchored to our mission: “To provide a safe and nurturing educational environment for all students where high expectations, rigor, life-long learning, and civic responsibility are developed and encouraged.” We are proud to maintain long-term fiscal stability and ensure steady, strategic progress that benefits every student and the community as a whole.

## Critical Capital Improvement Project Focused on Safety

In addition to the budget, we are seeking community approval for a vital **\$4,050,000 Capital Improvement Project** to increase safety and make critical facility improvements. This initiative follows the completion of our recent Building Condition Survey and a focus on enhanced safety and security measures.

## The major components of the project are:

- **Enhanced School Entry Safety:** Building secure main entrance vestibules in both the middle and high schools. This will reconfigure main offices to provide a more controlled point of entry, requiring all visitors to check in with security personnel before accessing the building.
- **Athletic Field Safety:** Replacing the existing turf football field, which has reached the end of its useful life, with a safer, properly cushioned surface. This also includes installing a new scoreboard, field goal posts, and sound system.

The financial impact on local taxpayers for this project is exceptionally low. With over **92% paid for by New York State building aid**, the anticipated increase to your local school taxes, beginning in 2029, would be approximately **\$3.62 per year per \$100,000 of assessed home value** with the basic STAR exemption.

## Your Vote Matters

We encourage all residents to vote on the proposed budget and the capital project referendum. If you have any questions about these proposals or any other district matters, please do not hesitate to reach out. I am happy to speak with you directly.

Thank you for being a vital part of our school community. Together, we are building a brighter future for Lansingburgh’s students.

Ever Upwards,

Dr. Antonio W. Abitabile, Ed. D.  
LCSD Superintendent

# 2026-2027 School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2025-26 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2026-27 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 66,606,450	\$70,514,545	\$70,191,397
Increase/Decrease for the 2026-27 School Year		\$3,908,095	\$3,584,947
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		5.87 %	5.38%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.63%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$16,904,018	\$16,904,018	
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)	\$16,904,018	\$16,904,018	\$16,904,018
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$89,361	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$16,819,745	\$17,352,642	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$16,814,657	\$16,904,018	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$5,088	\$448,624	
Administrative Component	\$4,806,642	\$5,915,235	\$5,888,628
Program Component	\$54,064,616	\$57,582,998	\$57,289,627
Capital Component	\$6,899,640	\$7,016,312	\$7,013,142

\* 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.

\*\* 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
	\$
	\$
	\$

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year \$414.00
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The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 by the qualified voters of the Lansingburgh Central School District, Rensselaer County, New York, will be held at Lansingburgh High School and Turnpike Elementary School(s) in said district on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between the hours of 11:00 am and 8:00 pm, prevailing time in the locations listed above, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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



## BUDGET Q & A

**Q: What happens if the budget fails?**

**A:** If the budget is not approved, then the Board of Education has the option to; 1. Put up the same budget for a revote 2. Put up a new budget for revote 3. Adopt a Contingent Budget.

**Q: What if the second vote fails?**

**A:** If the budget were to fail a second time, the Board of Education must adopt a contingent budget.

**Q: What is a contingent budget?**

**A:** A contingent budget is one where the Tax Levy cannot exceed that of the previous year. In addition, the administrative portion of the budget must be equal to or less than the percent from the previous year's budget, and all non-contingent items cannot be included in the budget.

**Q: What are contingent items?**

**A:** Legal Expenses: Debt Service, Principal, and Interest Judgements  
Other Legal Obligations: Social Security and other payroll taxes and assessments, Preexisting contractual obligations. Expenditures specifically authorized by statute: Transportation, Textbooks, Supplies for Loan to Pupils, Membership in NYS School Board Association, Convention and Conference Expenses, District's Share of Services Provided by BOCES, Health Services, Student Accident Insurance, In-Service Training for Teachers, Child Nutrition Programs, and other items necessary to maintain Lansingburgh educational programs.

**Q: What are Non-Contingent Items?**

- A:**
- Rental of office equipment
  - Use of school buildings by outside organizations except where there is no identifiable extra cost to the district, or such cost is fully paid by a donation before the activity occurs
  - Capital expenditures (except in an emergency)
  - Transportation and maintenance of interscholastic athletic teams
  - Equipment purchases
  - Pupil uniforms whether for athletic activities or otherwise.
  - Purchase of student school supplies

None of the items listed above would be allowed under a contingent budget.

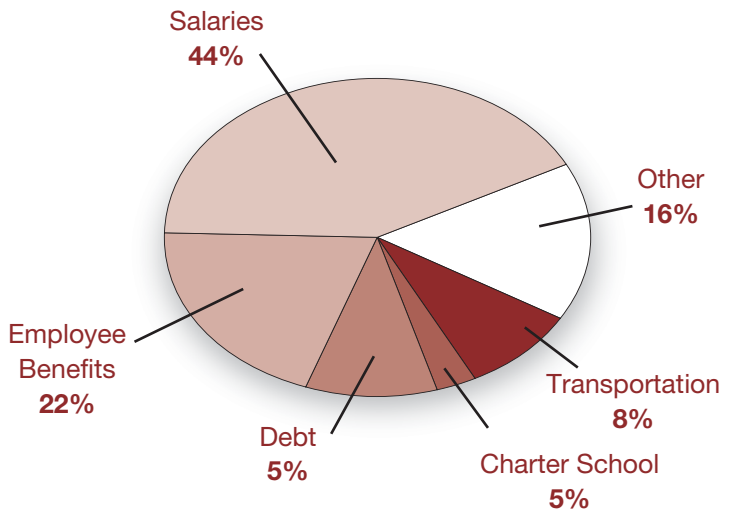
### Senior Citizen School Tax Exemption Information

Annual Income	Percentage Assessed Valuation Exempt From Taxation
\$29,000	50 percent
\$30,000	45 percent
\$31,000	40 percent
\$32,000	35 percent
\$32,900	30 percent
\$33,800	25 percent
\$34,700	20 percent
\$35,600	15 percent
\$36,500	10 percent
\$37,400	5 percent

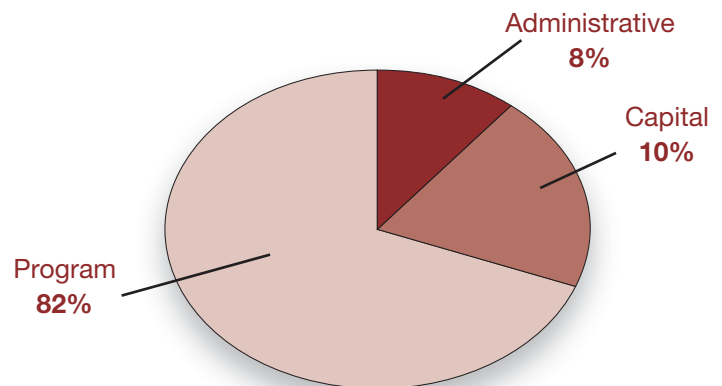
The Lansingburgh School District will allow a percentage school tax exemption on real property owned by persons 65 years of age or over. Taxpayers must meet the statutory qualifications set forth in Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York. The annual income scale and the tax exemption percentage are listed above.

*Note: Applications approved by the city or town tax assessor's office will automatically be applied to your school district taxes.*

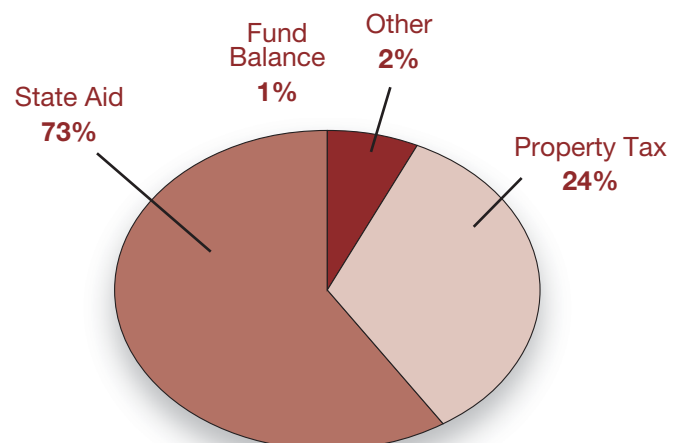
## 2026 – 2027 Proposed Budget



## 2026 – 2027 Three Part Budget



## 2026 – 2027 Revenue





# 2026 Proposed Capital Improvement Project

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- **School Safety and Security:** Building secure main entrance vestibules in both the middle and high schools. This will reconfigure main offices to provide a more controlled point of entry, requiring all visitors to check in with security personnel before accessing the building.
- **Physical Education/Athletics Facilities:** Replacing the existing turf football field, which has reached the end of its useful life, with a safer, properly cushioned surface. This also includes installing a new scoreboard, field goal posts, and sound system.

See more information at [www.lansingburgh.org/district/capital-projects](http://www.lansingburgh.org/district/capital-projects)

## Project Cost

Funding from New York State Education Department (NYSED) Building Aid will pay for the majority of this project, ensuring only a small taxpayer impact.

- Total Project Cost: \$4,050,000
- Amount Paid by NYSED Building Aid: \$3,750,300 (92.6% of total cost)
- Average Annual Impact on Taxpayer: \$3.62 per year starting in 2029 (home valued at \$100,000 with basic STAR exemption)

## Voting

Voting will take place on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026**, from **11:00 AM – 8:00 PM** at the same polling location where you will vote on the 2026–27 Budget and Board of Education Election.

Polling locations are listed on the front and back pages of this newsletter. If you are unsure of your polling location or your voter registration status, you can check both at [www.lansingburgh.org/district/capital-projects](http://www.lansingburgh.org/district/capital-projects)

## Informational Video

Scan the QR code below to watch a short video about this proposed project on Lansingburgh’s YouTube page. You will hear from Lansingburgh Superintendent Dr. Antonio Abitabile, Varsity Football Coach Jeff Pasinella and student-athletes Vinny Faulkner & Aneila Ward.



Rendering: New Maroon & Black Football Field



Rendering: New High School Main Office with Secure Vestibule Window



Rendering: New Middle School Main Office with Secure Vestibule Window



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— CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT —

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# BUDGET VOTE

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VOTE

**TUESDAY**  
**MAY 19, 2026**

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## Lansingburgh Voting Districts

### Voting District 1:

Lansingburgh High School Gym (320 7th Ave.)

The voting location for those living north of 101st St to the south of 118th St.

### Voting District 2:

Turnpike Elementary School Gym (55 New Turnpike Rd.)

The voting location for those living north of 118th St to the end of Pleasantdale; Northern Drive; Corliss Park; Miami Beach Estates; Highpointe; all of Brunswick 7; and all of Speigletown.

If you are unsure of your polling location or your voter registration status, you can check both at [www.lansingburgh.org](http://www.lansingburgh.org)

### Absentee Ballots & Early Voting

Applications for absentee ballots and early mail ballots are obtainable from the District Clerk at the District Office (55 New Turnpike Road, Troy, NY). Any qualified voter may request an early mail ballot. Completed ballot applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Early voting ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on May 18, 2026. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on May 19, 2026.

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