

Glens Falls Common School District



Budget Newsletter 2026-2027

Residents of the Abraham Wing community will vote on May 19, 2026, on a proposed \$6,251,691 budget for the 2026-2027 school year. This plan reflects a 2.13% increase in spending, totaling \$130,085. This budget is designed to enhance educational opportunities for all students while continuing to support their social, intellectual, and emotional well-being. Our goal is to empower every learner to reach their full potential and confidently shape the future. The proposed budget maintains current programs while also fostering continued growth in a safe, supportive, and positive learning environment that promotes academic excellence.

The voter-approved Capital Project, authorized on December 3, 2024, is scheduled to begin in Summer 2026. This project includes boiler replacements, HVAC system upgrades, and unit ventilator replacements, all of which will improve the overall efficiency and operation of our building. These enhancements will also strengthen the health and safety of all students and staff at Abe Wing. Importantly, this Capital Project will have no additional tax impact on the community.

We are grateful for the continued support of our wonderful community in making these improvements possible.



School Budget Vote & Board Election

May 19, 2026
12pm-8pm

Budget Presentation
May 7, 2026
4:30pm

120 Lawrence Street

The residents of Glens Falls Common School District will vote on the proposed 2026-2027 budget on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. Voters will also elect a member to the Board of Education. The Board of Education, along with the administration, continues to set a high priority on the education of our students. We have worked diligently to present a budget that ensures a quality education while being fiscally responsible to our tax payers. Our positive school-community relationship remains of utmost importance to us. If you have any question on the budget that you would like to discuss or you would like to stop by for a visit, please call us anytime at 518-792-3231.

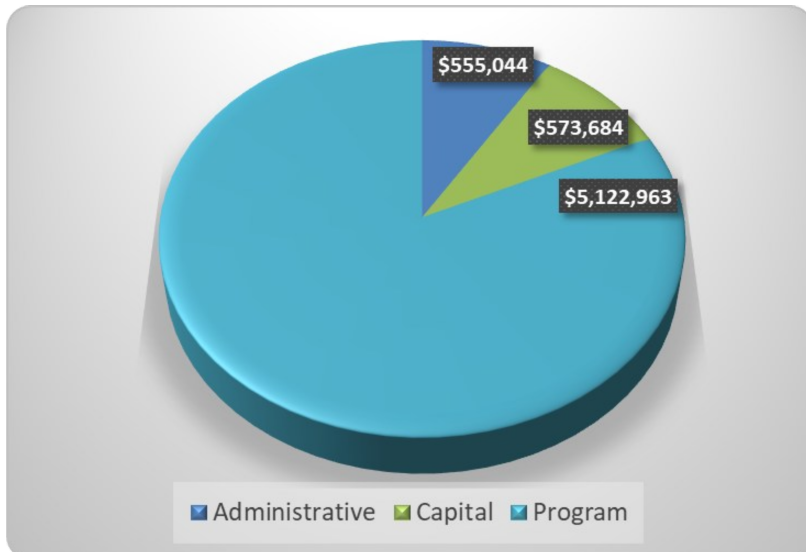
*Sincerely,
Brian George*



New York State Law requires all school districts to present their budget divided into three expenditure categories: Program, Capital and Administrative.



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	\$ 6,121,606	\$ 6,251,691	\$ 6,161,976
Increase/Decrease for the 2026-27 School Year		\$ 130,085	\$ 40,370
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.13 %	.66 %
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.63%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 3,363,342	\$ 3,449,394	
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)	\$ 3,363,342	\$ 3,449,394	
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 0	\$ 0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 0	\$ 0	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$ 3,363,342	\$ 3,449,394	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Administrative Component	\$ 548,901	\$ 555,044	\$ 551,381
Program Component	\$ 4,987,567	\$ 5,122,963	\$ 5,043,911
Capital Component	\$ 585,138	\$ 573,684	\$ 566,684



Schools receive revenue from two principal sources: New York State and local property taxes. The revenue derived from property taxes comes from taxpayers and the STAR program. However, the district must depend on its fund balance and other revenue streams to balance its budget.



BUDGET REVENUES	2025-2026	2026-2027
Executive		
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	\$1,000	\$3,500
Interest on Earnings	\$1,000	\$1,500
Basic Formula State Aid	\$2,135,488	\$2,156,842
Software, Library, Textbook Aid	\$20,684	\$21,010
High Tax Aid	\$70,000	\$70,000
Excess Cost Aid	\$61,247	\$97,127
Transportation Aid	\$94,584	\$37,351
Building Aid	\$102,186	\$103,822
BOCES - State Aid	\$212,412	\$197,387
Other Aid	\$59,663	\$63,758
Use of Reserves	-	\$50,000
State/Federal REVENUES:	\$2,758,264	\$2,802,297
School Tax Levy	\$3,363,342	\$3,449,394
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$6,121,606	\$6,251,691

STAR

Estimated \$380 Basic (Based on 2025-2026)

- Available to primary residences homeowners with a total household income of \$250,000 or less for exemption.

Estimated \$794 Enhanced (Based on 2025-2026)

- Available to homeowners aged 65 or older with a 2024 adjusted gross income of \$110,750 or less (2026 threshold).

Please see <https://www.tax.ny.gov/star/> for updated information.

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

For more information:

You can register 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Property owners without access to a computer can register by phone at (518)457-2036 weekdays between 8:30a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For more information please go to: www.tax.ny.gov/star/
The school district does not control these exemptions, and tax savings can change.

Tax Levy Calculations

The tax levy is the total amount of taxes a school district raises to help fund its budget, after accounting for all other revenue sources. The tax levy is the basis for determining the tax rates for the each taxpayer within the school district. Tax rates are also affected by changes in the city assessments and state equalization rates.

Purpose: It acts as the primary local funding source for school operations, salaries, and programs.

Components: The levy is calculated based on the previous year's tax levy, adjusted for improvements in, or additions to, taxable property (the Tax Base Growth Factor).

Calculations: Prior Year Levy, Tax Base Growth Factor, Allowable Levy Growth Factor, Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTs), Available Carryover, and Exclusions.

Office of the New York State Comptroller

The proposed levy increase is at the state's allowable tax cap. This requires a simple majority of 50% plus one for approval.

Abe Wing News

The district has collaborated closely with neighboring school districts to provide high-quality services and expanded opportunities for our students. Abe Wing currently maintains transportation contracts with the Glens Falls City School District and the Queensbury Union Free School District, and we look forward to continuing these partnerships in the years ahead. These collaborations allow students to access enriching experiences beyond walking distance, including trips to places such as the Albany Institute of History and Art, Ellms Family Farm, participation in Battle of the Books, and visits to the Saratoga Battlefield. In addition, the district's partnership with WSWHE BOCES helps offset transportation costs, making these valuable experiences more accessible for our students.

The district may be awarded grant funding to launch a Universal Pre-K (UPK) program for the 2026-2027 school year. This program would provide residents the opportunity to attend Pre-K at Abraham Wing through a lottery-based selection process. As a new initiative, additional details will be shared with the community as they become available.

Ballot Items

Resolution #1: Proposed 2026-2027 School Budget

RESOLVED, that the budget submitted by the Board of Education of the Glens Falls Common School District, Warren County, New York, in the amount of \$6,251,691 for the school year 2026-2027 is hereby approved.

Resolution #2: Proposed Tuition Contract

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Glens Falls Common School District is hereby authorized to enter into a tuition contract with the Glens Falls City School District for the education of students in grades 7-12, residing in the Glens Falls Common School District, said contract to be for a term of not less than two (2) years and not more than five (5) years, commencing on or about July 1, 2027, and otherwise upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the respective Boards of Education.

Proposed Capital Outlay Project

- Repair the roof
- Repair/Replace entry doors
- Repair front steps
- Electrical and Plumbing Upgrade

Capital Outlay Project does not have an additional tax impact on the community.



Monday, May 25th

Tuesday, May 26th

Friday, June 5th

Friday, June 19th

June Reminders

Thursday, June 4th
Field Day

Thursday, June 25th
Moving up Day

Friday, June 26th
Last Day of School

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Board of Education

Board Members for 2026-2027

Kevin Hanselman & Chrissy Griffeth

School Board Election

One three-year seat up for election this year.
Community members running for the Board of Education:

Peter Accardi

Mr. Accardi has served on the board since 2013.

The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for the seat will be elected to the Board of Education for a 3 year term, from July 1, 2026–June 30, 2029.

**Please vote on
Tuesday, May 19th
12pm-8pm**

The Education law requires that an opportunity to write-in an individual's name for each vacancy on the Board of Education must be provided. This year, since there is one vacancy on the Board, there will be one write-in slot open on the voting machine and listed on the absentee ballots. You may vote for a candidate who submitted a nominating petition, or you may write-in a person's name. The Education Law requires that the District make instructions on how to write-in a candidate's name available at the polling site. These instructions will be posted. If you have any questions, you may ask the poll clerks for assistance.

Contingency

According to state law, the public may vote on a school budget only twice in any given year. In the event the proposed budget is defeated by voters, the Board of Education must adopt a contingency budget. No longer is there a spending cap on contingent budgets. Instead, there is now a zero percent cap on the tax levy increase. If voters defeat their school district budget a district has two options; resubmit the same proposal or adopt a contingent budget. If residents vote down the budget a second time, the district must adopt a contingency budget.

A contingency budget prohibits a district from spending any money in certain areas, including community use of facilities, equipment purchases, non-essential maintenance, capital expenditures, salary increases for certain staff, field trips and student supplies. Contingency rules also cap the growth of the administrative component of the budget. These requirements existed before the tax levy cap came in effect. The proposed levy increase is at the state's allowable tax cap. This requires a simple majority of 50% plus one for approval.

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots are available for registered voters who are unable to vote in person. You must request an application for an absentee ballot at least 7 days before the election. Call or email Carisa Vogel, School District Clerk at 518-792-3231 or cvogel@abewing.org for assistance.

Voter Qualifications

A person shall be entitled to vote at the Annual School Election who is: a citizen of the United States, 18 years of age and a resident with the District for a period of 30 days prior to the vote.

We extend our heartfelt thanks and best wishes to our retirees - Amy Horton, Melissa Lank and Colleen Pigliavento - for their years of dedication and service to the district.

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