

SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2026-27 Budget Hearing & Meet the Candidates Night

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 // 6:30pm
Sweet Home Board of Education



EVERY STUDENT, ONE COMMUNITY, READY FOR THE FUTURE.

2026-27 Budget Summary

2026-27 Proposed Budget: \$108,608,147

- Under the State imposed Property Tax Cap of 3.30% / 26-27 proposed levy increase: 3.3%
- Maintains annual bus purchases (10 new buses for 26-27; including 4 electric w/ use of State & Federal funding)
- Maintains \$100,000 Capital Outlay project - Replacement of HS Athletic doors and HS pool starting blocks

2026-27 Proposed Budget: \$108,608,147
2025-26 Budget: \$105,576,012

Budget to Budget Increase: \$3,032,135
Percentage Increase: 2.87%



Three Part Budget

Budget must be presented in three (3) parts:

Administrative - The administrative component of the budget provides for the overall general support and management activities including the Board of Education, superintendent’s office, curriculum and staff development, printing and publishing and supervision and support in each of the six schools. Also included are expenses for legal services, liability and property insurance and salaries and benefits for the administrative staff.

Program - The instructional component accounts for instruction and educational support for the district’s 3,800 students. Salaries of teachers, guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers, coaches, therapists, teachers aides, computer technicians and related clerical/support staff are included, as are their fringe benefits. Transportation, instructional computers, supplies and textbooks, special education services and expenses for summer school are included in this component.

Capital - Includes buildings and grounds salaries, equipment, vehicles, utilities, repairs, rentals, contracts and supplies for all the custodial, grounds, and maintenance of all district buildings. Includes judgments and claims and refund of prior year property taxes due to reassessments and/or town clerical errors. Includes debt service principal and interest and interfund transfers for existing capital projects. Includes all fringe benefits for above employees.



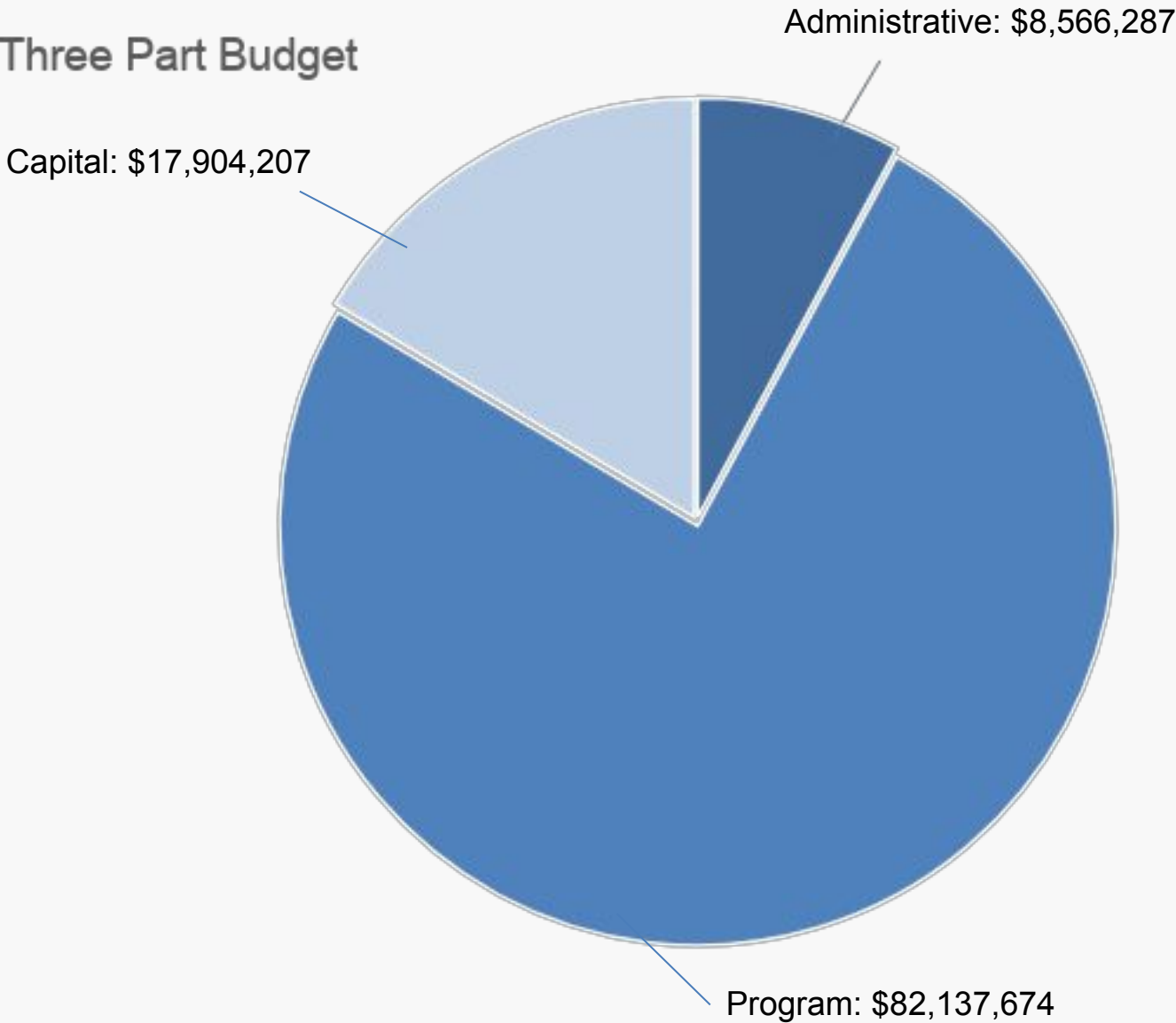
Three Part Budget

Three Part Budget / Total Budget: \$108,608,147

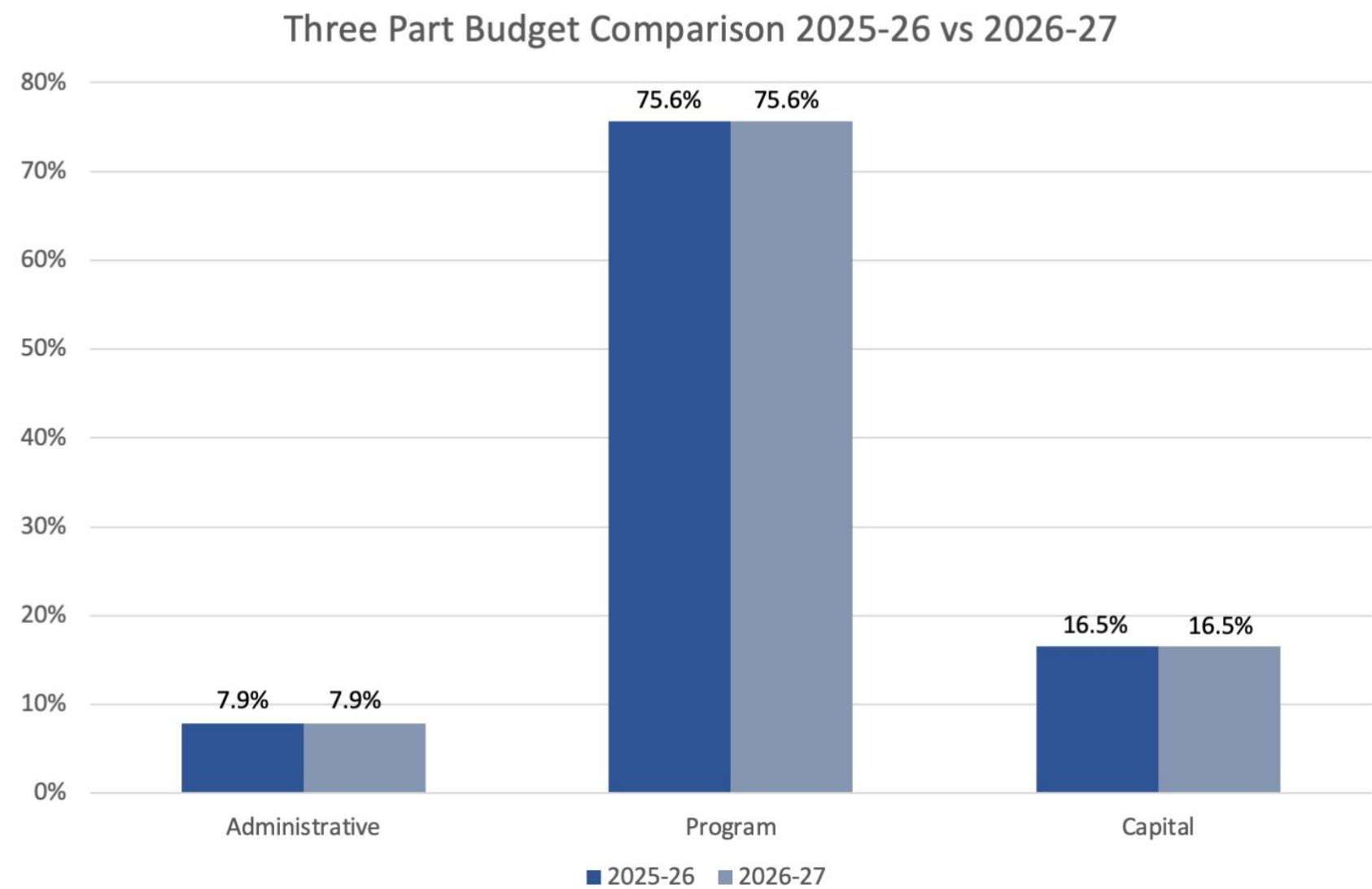
Administrative
2025-26: \$8,095,727
2026-27: \$8,566,267

Program
2025-26: \$80,293,511
2026-27: \$82,137,674

Capital
2025-26: \$17,186,774
2026-27: \$17,904,207



Three Part Budget Comparison



Revenue Budget: \$108,608,147

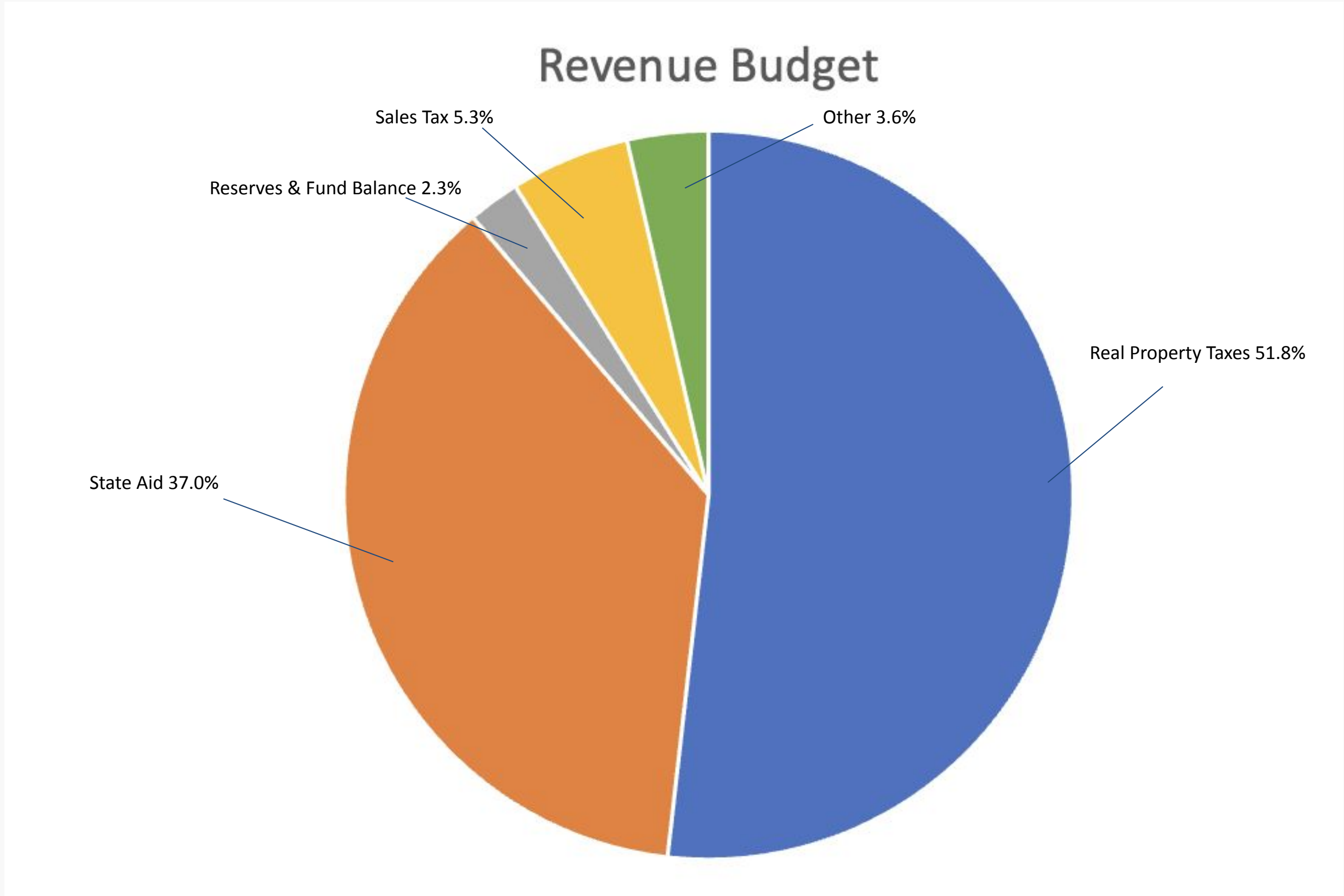
2026-27 Revenue Impacts:

- \$1.181 million increase in Foundation and expense driven aids
- \$350,000 increase in sales tax projections from current year
- Use debt service reserve no longer (reserve exhausted)
- \$690,000 in additional UPK funding from the 25-26 school year

Revenue	Budget Percentage
Real Property Taxes	51.8%
State Aid	37.0%
Reserves & Fund Balance	2.3%
Debt Reserve	0.0%
Sales Tax	5.3%
Other (PILOTS, Tuitions, Interest)	3.6%



Revenue Budget: \$108,608,147



2026-27 Proposed Tax Levy

Proposed Tax Levy	\$56,283,605
Tax Levy Increase	\$1,796,943
Tax Levy Percentage Increase	3.30%

2026-27 proposed tax levy falls within the NYS Tax Cap limit. Proposed budget only needs a simple majority to pass on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

- **2026-27 Tax Cap limit for Sweet Home CSD: 3.30%**



2026-27 Budget: Snapshot

2026-27 Budget Snapshot & Tax Rates w/Diesel Bus purchases

Assumptions:

- **Assessed Values remain at 2025 levels**
- Amherst Equalization Rate remains at 99%
- Tonawanda Equalization Rate remains at 21%
- Rates based on going to the tax cap limit of \$56,283,605 with buses - 3.30% Tax cap

School Tax on an Average Assessed Value Home				
	Amherst		Tonawanda	
	2025-26	2026-27	2025-26	2026-27
Equalization Rate	99.0%	99.0%	21.0%	21.0%
Assessed Value	\$247,500	\$247,500	\$52,500	\$52,500
Tax Rate	\$9.69	\$10.01	\$45.79	\$47.30
Calculated Tax Bill	\$2,398	\$2,477	\$2,404	\$2,483
Estimated Increase		\$79		\$79



2026-27 Budget Voter Propositions

- **Proposition #1:** Approval of \$108,608,147 / 2026-27 Budget
 - *Budget increase of 2.87% // Tax levy increase of 3.3% over current year*
- **Proposition #2:** Use of General Funds to Extend Maplemere Temporary Classroom Lease through October 31, 2028
 - *Allowance to spend total of \$52,920 over the next two budget years to maintain the temporary classrooms on Maplemere campus*
- **Proposition #3:** Election of one (1) Board of Education Member
 - *Term of Peter Bellanti expires on June 30, 2026*
 - *Candidates: Peter Bellanti & Jessica Stephens*
- **Voting Details:**
 - **Date:** Tuesday, May 19, 2026
 - **Times:** 7am - 9pm
 - **Location:** Vergils Center, 1901 Sweet Home Road (Enter through Door #6)
 - **Must be 18 years of age to vote and resident of the District for at least 30 days prior to voting.*



QUESTIONS?



**Meet our 2026-27
Board of Education
candidates:**

***Jessica Stephens
Peter Bellanti***



A banner for the Sweet Home CSD Board of Education. The top half has a tan background with the Sweet Home High School logo (a stylized 'SH' in blue and gold) on the left and right. In the center are two portrait photos: a woman with red hair on the left and a man with a shaved head on the right. The bottom half has a dark blue background. In the center, the text reads: "SWEET HOME CSD BOARD OF EDUCATION" in small white letters, followed by "MEET THE CANDIDATES" in large white letters, then "2026-27 DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE" in white letters, "SWEET HOME HIGH SCHOOL" in white letters, and "MAY 19, 2026 7AM-9PM" in white letters. On either side of the central text are white ballot boxes with a red top and a white front, each with a red checkmark icon and the word "VOTE" in red letters.

