



Ardsley Union Free School District

2026-2027 Budget Hearing

May 5, 2026

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Staffing / Program Changes

OVERVIEW



Concord Road Elementary

1.00 FTE
\$115,000



Ardsley High School

5.00 FTE
\$575,000



Athletics

0 FTE
\$17,747

TOTAL

6.00 FTE

\$707,747

FTE	Position/Items	CONCORD ROAD ELEMENTARY	Estimated Cost
1	Teacher	Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)	\$115,000
Total Concord Road Elementary			\$115,000

FTE	Position/Items	ARDSLEY HIGH SCHOOL	Estimated Cost
1	Teacher	Business	\$115,000
1	Teacher	Computer Science	\$115,000
1	Teacher	ELA	\$115,000
1	Teacher	French/Italian	\$115,000
1	Teacher	PE/Health	\$115,000
Total Ardsley High School			\$575,000

FTE	Position/Items	ATHLETICS	Estimated Cost
N/A	Stipends	Athletic Site Supervisor - Fall	\$4,056
		Athletic Site Supervisor - Winter	\$4,636
		Athletic Site Supervisor - Spring	\$3,477
		Flag Football Assistant Coach	\$5,578
Total Athletics			\$17,747



Proposed Budget – Anticipated Expenditures

(26/27 Budget to 25/26 budget)

	Adopted 2024-25	Actual 2024-2025	Adopted 2025-26	Projected 2025-26	Proposed 2026-27	Dollar Difference	Percent Change
Salaries	44,494,386	44,254,221	46,147,746	45,697,574	48,027,254	1,879,508	4.07%
Benefits	18,630,663	17,652,672	19,342,788	18,642,782	19,945,098	602,310	3.11%
Special Education	3,749,951	2,735,653	3,418,977	2,840,620	3,467,529	48,552	1.42%
Debt Service*	4,981,780	4,982,153	4,010,098	4,005,081	5,888,562	1,878,464	46.84%
Transportation	1,860,357	1,668,261	1,912,145	1,883,120	2,339,084	426,940	22.33%
Building & Grounds	3,808,159	3,955,125	3,990,565	4,183,857	4,407,128	416,563	10.44%
Technology	1,868,050	1,608,430	1,825,092	1,978,199	1,932,936	107,844	5.91%
BOCES w/o Spec Ed & Tech	1,821,385	1,912,188	1,913,686	1,815,933	2,062,692	149,006	7.79%
Athletics w/Transportation	391,750	379,713	395,750	409,755	435,180	39,430	9.96%
Supplies & Equipment	701,268	639,555	671,002	836,592	639,852	-31,150	-4.64%
Other	1,982,400	2,215,967	2,005,980	1,914,969	1,928,401	-77,579	-3.87%
Transfer to Capital	0	0	0	119,754	0	0	0.00%
Total Expenditures	84,290,149	82,003,938	85,633,828	84,328,235	91,073,716	5,439,888	6.35%

Debt service includes the lease purchase of four (4) replacement vans (three single and one dual wheel). Includes estimated new debt related to capital project.

Projection is as of 3/31/26, as we continue through the school year this will continue to change.



Proposed Budget – Anticipated Revenues

	Adopted 2024-25	Actual 2024-2025	Adopted 2025-2026	Projected 2025-2026	Proposed 2026-2027	<i>(26/27 Budget to 25/26 budget)</i>	
						Dollar Difference	Percent Difference
Interest on Investments	475,000	1,581,259	550,000	1,169,288	550,000	0	0.00%
Rentals/Facility Use	854,480	1,133,265	870,885	1,110,500	1,061,514	190,629	21.89%
Tuition	1,350,000	998,870	830,000	830,448	601,680	-228,320	-27.51%
Transportation	534,665	1,218,253	621,751	967,452	932,845	311,094	50.04%
Unclassified Revenues	1,146,545	1,717,257	1,206,649	1,756,843	1,308,654	102,005	8.45%
State Aid	11,812,022	11,350,279	11,865,870	12,182,254	12,713,909	848,039	7.15%
State Aid (Math/ELA Set Aside)	383,958	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Building Aid	1,036,745	1,734,310	1,121,324	1,650,299	1,973,016	851,692	75.95%
BOCES Aid	732,150	923,731	754,260	0	877,660	123,400	16.36%
Total Non-Tax Revenue	18,325,565	20,657,225	17,820,739	19,667,084	20,019,278	2,198,539	12.34%
Fund Balance	1,980,000	0	1,980,000	0	1,980,000	0	0.00%
Use of Reserves	734,584	0	1,033,089	0	2,074,438	1,041,349	0.00%
Tax Levy*	63,250,000	63,250,000	64,800,000	64,800,000	67,000,000	2,200,000	3.40%
Total Revenue	84,290,149	83,907,225	85,633,828	84,467,084	91,073,716	5,439,888	6.35%

State aid is based on executive budget (except BOCES aid projection), which will change when enacted in April.

**Using \$1,980,000 of fund balance and \$2,074,438 of reserves we would be below the maximum tax levy of \$68,078,986 (5.06%)*

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Proposed

2026-2027 Budget: At A Glance

3.40%*

Tax Levy Increase

6.35%

Budget-to-Budget Increase

\$91,073,716

Total Proposed Budget

**Below the Maximum Allowable Tax Levy of \$68,078,986*

*** Includes \$4,054,438 fund balance and reserve use*

\$5 Million Capital Project Funded by Existing Capital Reserve



Funds allocated based on project priority order, with boilers as most pressing



Estimates subject to change based on bid timing



Project list exceeds funding; we will get as much done within the \$5 million allocation



No cost to taxpayers using existing capital reserve



Replace 30-50 Year Old Boilers

- AMS
- CRS
- AHS



HVAC and Building Systems

- AMS Music Room
- HS Fitness Center
- Pool Dehumidifier
- Enhanced Building Management Systems



Additional Improvements

- Flooring Replacements
- New Scoreboard AHS



Establish Capital Reserve - 2026

What is a Capital Reserve Fund?



Used to pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued. Proposition(s) put before voters must specify purpose(s), ultimate dollar amount(s) to be deposited into reserve(s), probable term(s) or life/lives, and source(s) of funds.



Allows the District to set aside money for future construction projects, major purchases, or allocation to debt payments.



Cannot be established or spent without voter authorization.

Why establish a Capital Reserve Fund?



Enables saving for potential future capital projects without an increase in taxes.



Potentially borrow less in a future capital project by allocating the reserve to lower debt payments.



Protects the local taxpayer from unanticipated capital costs.



- Funding from excess funds at the end of the fiscal year or transfers from certain other reserves.
- Voter approval authorizes a maximum contribution of \$10M over a 10 year period. The District is not required to reserve any dollar amount at any time.
- No increase in taxes is associated with the reserve.

Budget Vote and Board of Education Elections

Tuesday, May 19, 2026





Questions



For **further information** regarding the 2026-2027 Budget,
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www.ardsleyschools.org 

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