

Board of Education

2026-2027

Budget Hearing Presentation

May 5, 2026

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GREAT NECK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Budget Vote & Trustee Election

➤ May 19, 2026 – Annual Election and Budget Vote

- **6:00 AM – 9:00 PM at EM Baker, Lakeville, Saddle Rock, or South High**
- In order to vote, you must be **18 years of age or older**, a **citizen of the U.S.**, and have lived in the District for **at least 30 days**
- Register to vote at the Phipps Administration Building on school days from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, or at the Nassau County Board of Elections
- You must be **registered to vote by May 14th** to vote May 19th
- Qualified voters can obtain applications for absentee ballots by contacting the District Clerk's Office (516) 441-4007, or by emailing districtclerk@greatneck.k12.ny.us

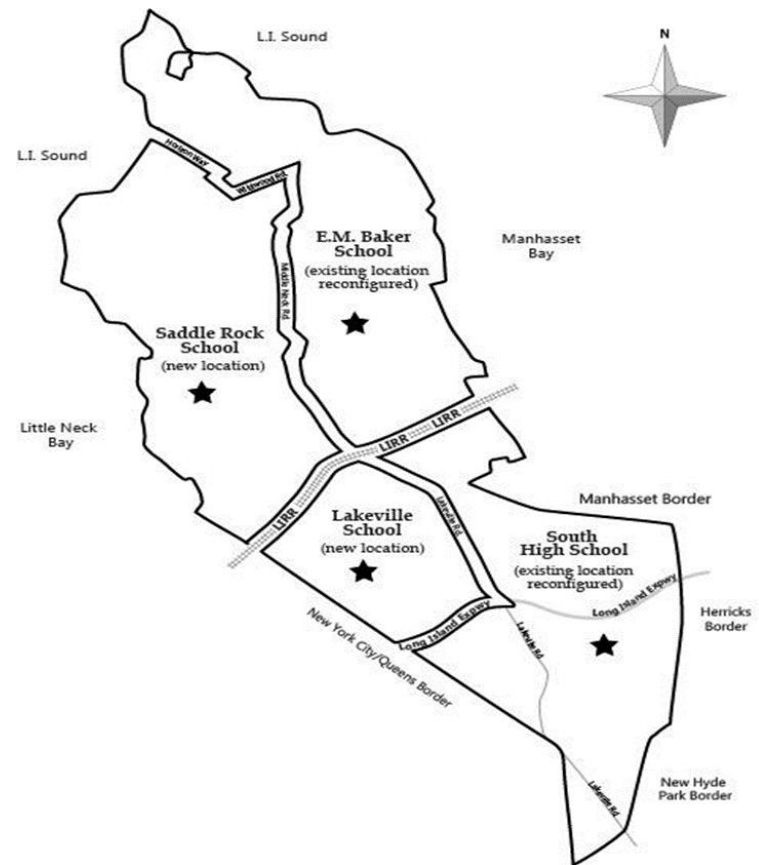
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2026-27 Budgetary Highlights

The Race for Excellence has no Finish Line !

- ✓ Fiscally prudent budgeting within the Tax Levy Cap limits
- ✓ Sustains all existing programs and course offerings
- ✓ Continued investments in security upgrades and enhancements District-wide
- ✓ Maintains support for Universal Pre-Kindergarten Programs at Parkville and John F. Kennedy, while exploring full-day option at all elementary buildings for 2027-28
- ✓ Upholds funding for Fine and Performing Arts, Intramurals, Co-Curricular Activities, Extra-Curricular Clubs, and Inter-Scholastic Athletics
- ✓ Provides \$1.32M in funding for new and replacement equipment District-wide
 - ❑ Classroom, Instructional Technology, TV Studio, Library, Security, Facilities, Transportation, Athletics
- ✓ Sustained funding for Capital Expenditures – Investment of **\$12.36M**
 - ❑ **South High School** - Athletic complex, lobby toilet rooms, and various site improvements
 - ❑ **EM Baker** - Replace VAT flooring in up to 16 classrooms and adjoining corridors, replace various ceilings and lighting in south wing on second floor
 - ❑ **Grace Avenue / Senior Center** – Phase II window replacement
 - ❑ **North Middle School** – Basement corridor ceiling abatement/replacement, lighting upgrades, remove gym partition wall and install athletic curtain, renovate fieldhouse toilet rooms and provide exterior access
 - ❑ **North High School** – Replacement of student hallway lockers
 - ❑ **Lakeville** – Renovate two cafeteria toilet rooms, replace two HVAC units in 1998 wing
 - ❑ **Districtwide** – Remove obsolete oil tanks from SHS, NMS, Lakeville, and Parkville
 - ❑ **Transportation Department** - four new school buses; three 30-passenger buses and one wheelchair accessible bus with a lift



Proposed Budget Fast Facts

Proposed budget is balanced and fiscally prudent; developed within the challenges of various inflationary factors

➤ Proposed 2026-2027 Budget - **\$297,375,950**

- ❑ This is a \$7,377,350 increase over current budget
 - Represents a **2.54%** Budget-to-Budget increase
 - ❖ Great Neck's 15-year* average Budget increase is 2.92%

➤ Proposed 2026-2027 Tax Levy - **\$251,645,932**

- ❑ This represents a **3.04%** increase
 - This is Within the NYS Tax Cap limits and therefore only requires a Simple Majority Vote
 - ❖ Great Neck's 15-year* average Tax Levy increase is 2.31%

** Since the Inception of the Tax Cap in the 2012-2013 School Year*



Proposed 3-Part Expenditure Budget

2026-2027 Proposed Budget	
ADMINISTRATION	
Board Operations	\$ 248,047
Central Administration	\$ 555,910
Business Administration/Finance	\$ 2,225,303
Personnel/Communications/Legal	\$ 1,689,523
Data Processing/Network Support/Copiers	\$ 1,872,413
District Insurance/BOCES Admin	\$ 3,045,264
Curriculum And Instruction	\$ 9,112,086
Benefits	\$ 3,581,477
Sub-Total Administration	\$ 22,330,023
PROGRAM	
Curriculum and Instruction	\$ 82,615,015
Special Education	\$ 36,926,051
Occupational Education	\$ 409,200
Special Programs - Summer Ed / Adult Ed / Community Ed / Recreation	\$ 2,926,521
Library Media / Television Studio Program	\$ 2,257,948
Instructional Technology	\$ 3,170,634
Pupil Services - Nursing / Social Workers / Psychologists / Guidance / Registrar	\$ 11,430,105
Interscholastic Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities	\$ 3,504,011
District Transportation	\$ 19,035,825
Benefits	\$ 66,389,692
Interfund Transfers	\$ 1,700,000
Sub-Total Program	\$ 230,365,002
CAPITAL	
Facility Operations	\$ 23,850,070
Purchase of Buses	\$ 455,000
Benefits	\$ 3,768,829
Debt - Principal & Interest	\$ 4,704,026
Capital Projects	\$ 11,903,000
Sub-Total Capital	\$ 44,680,925
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 297,375,950

2026-2027 ESTIMATED State Aid

STATE AID CATEGORY	2025-26	2026-27	CHANGE FROM	
	ADOPTED STATE BUDGET	PROPOSED STATE BUDGET	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED	
FOUNDATION AID	\$ 9,258,102	\$ 9,350,683	\$ 92,581	1.00%
UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN *	\$ 1,334,724	\$ 1,050,000	\$ (284,724)	-21.33%
BOCES	\$ 1,518,906	\$ 1,876,478	\$ 357,572	23.54%
HIGH COST EXCESS COST	\$ 512,910	\$ 114,095	\$ (398,815)	-77.76%
PRIVATE EXCESS COST	\$ 705,177	\$ 908,003	\$ 202,826	28.76%
SOFTWARE, LIBRARY, TEXTBOOK	\$ 690,448	\$ 678,674	\$ (11,774)	-1.71%
TRANSPORTATION INCL SUMMER	\$ 832,406	\$ 877,067	\$ 44,661	5.37%
BUILDING AID	\$ 624,928	\$ 677,032	\$ 52,104	8.34%
HIGH TAX AID	\$ 452,843	\$ 452,843	\$ -	0.00%
SUPPLEMENTAL PUBLIC EXCESS COST	\$ 33,711	\$ 33,711	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL AID	\$ 15,964,155	\$ 16,018,586	\$ 54,431	0.34%

Represents a potential \$54,431 increase over current year, but the final New York State budget has not been adopted to date

*** REMEMBER: State Aid for the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) program is accounted for in the Special Aid Fund, and therefore NOT available as a funding source for the General Fund Budget**



2026-27 Proposed Revenue Budget

Revenue Source	2025-2026 Voter Approved Budget	2026-2027 Proposed Budget	Change	
State Aid (Less Pre-K Aid)	\$ 14,633,981	\$ 14,968,586	\$ 334,605	2.29%
Miscellaneous	\$ 18,152,541	\$ 18,032,628	\$ (119,913)	-0.66%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 3,912,113	\$ 3,750,016	\$ (162,097)	-4.14%
Appropriated Reserves *	\$ 9,077,887	\$ 8,978,788	\$ (99,099)	-1.09%
Real Property Tax	\$ 244,222,078	\$ 251,645,932	\$ 7,423,854	3.04%
Grand Totals:	\$ 289,998,600	\$ 297,375,950	\$ 7,377,350	2.54%

* Recommended Reserve Utilization as Follows:

• Workers' Compensation Reserve	\$1,400,000
• Employee Retirement System Reserve	4,653,788
• Teacher Retirement System Reserve	1,575,000
• Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve	1,250,000
• <u>Unemployment Reserve</u>	100,000
	<u>\$8,978,788</u>



Budget Vote & Trustee Election

INSTRUCTIONS
Mark the oval to the left of the name of your choice.



To vote for a candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot, mark the oval to the left of the 'write-in' and print the name clearly, staying within the box. Any mark or writing outside the spaces provided for voting may void the entire ballot. The number of choices is listed for each contest. Do not mark the ballot for more candidates than allowed. If you do, your vote in that contest will not count. If you make a mistake, or want to change your vote, ask a poll worker for a new ballot.

To vote on a question or proposition, mark the oval to the left of your choice. If you make a mistake, or want to change your vote, ask a poll worker for a new ballot.

INSTRUCCIONES
Marque el óvalo a la izquierda del nombre de su elección.



Para votar por un candidato cuyo nombre no está impreso en la papeleta, marque el óvalo a la izquierda del 'write-in' y escriba el nombre claramente en la casilla. Cualquier otra marca o escritura fuera de los espacios proporcionados para votar, puede anular toda la papeleta. El número de opciones está listado para cada elección. No marque la papeleta para más candidatos de los permitidos, si lo haces, su voto en esa elección no será contado. Si cometes un error o quiere cambiar su voto, pídale a un trabajador electoral una nueva papeleta.

Para votar sobre una pregunta o sobre una propuesta, marque el óvalo a la izquierda de su preferencia. Si cometes un error o quiere cambiar su voto, pide una nueva papeleta al trabajador electoral.

Great Neck Public Schools
May 19, 2026
Sample Ballot



Proposition No. 1: 2026-2027 School District Budget

RESOLVED, that the annual budget for the GREAT NECK PUBLIC SCHOOLS for the fiscal year 2026-2027 in the total amount of \$297,375,950 as proposed by the Board of Education shall be approved, and the necessary tax be levied thereon upon the taxable property of the School District.

Proposición No. 1: Presupuesto del Distrito Escolar 2026-2027

Se hace saber que el presupuesto anual de las Escuelas Públicas de Great Neck para el año fiscal 2026-2027, por un monto total de \$297,375,950 dólares, tal y como lo ha propuesto la Junta de Educación será aprobado, y se establece que el impuesto necesario se recaude sobre las propiedades sujetas a impuestos del Distrito Escolar.

Yes /Si No /No

Proposition No. 2: Expend Capital Reserve Fund - 2024

This proposition is to utilize funds from our Capital Reserve which has no financial impact on the voter. SHALL the Board of Education of the Great Neck Union Free School District be authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$4,945,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund 2024 as established on May 21, 2024 for the purpose of performing the following capital improvements: athletic field renovations, reconstruction and upgrades including installation of a synthetic playing field surface with drainage and site improvements including resurfacing of the running track, installation of new track and field events, expansion of grandstand with 500 additional seats, addition of necessary electrical service for athletic field lighting and new building, replace scoreboard and install necessary signage, reconfigure irrigation system, installation of dark sky compliant playing field lighting system at South High School including all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus and incidental cost related thereto? Since the funds to be expended hereunder are from the Capital Reserve Fund, approval of this Proposition will not require a tax levy upon the real property of the School District.

Proposición No. 2: Gastos del Fondo de Reserva de Capital - 2024

Esta propuesta consiste en utilizar fondos de nuestra Reserva de Capital, lo cual no tiene ningún impacto financiero para los votantes. Se autorizará a la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar de Unión Libre de Great Neck a gastar una suma que no exceda los 4.945,000 dólares del Fondo de Reserva de Capital 2024, establecido el 21 de mayo de 2024, con el fin de llevar a cabo las siguientes mejoras de capital: renovaciones, reconstrucción y mejoras del campo de deportes, incluida la instalación de una superficie sintética con drenaje; mejoras de los recintos, incluyendo el repavimentado de la pista de atletismo, instalación de nuevas áreas para eventos de pista y campo, la ampliación de la tribuna con 500 asientos adicionales; la incorporación del servicio eléctrico necesario para la iluminación del campo de deportes y el nuevo edificio, la sustitución del marcador y la instalación de letreros necesarios, la reconfiguración del sistema de riego, la instalación de un sistema de iluminación del campo de juego que cumpla con la normativa de cielo oscuro en la Escuela Secundaria South, incluyendo toda la mano de obra, los materiales, el equipo, los aparatos y los gastos incidentales relacionados con ello. Dado que los fondos que se gastarán en virtud de la presente propuesta proceden del Fondo de Reserva de Capital, la aprobación de esta propuesta no requerirá la imposición de un gravamen fiscal sobre los bienes inmuebles del Distrito Escolar.

Yes /Si No /No

Proposition No. 3: 2026-2027 Public Library Budget

SHALL, the annual budget for the GREAT NECK LIBRARY be approved for the fiscal year 2026-2027 in the total amount of eleven million five hundred ten thousand two hundred twenty-three dollars (\$11,510,223) and the necessary tax in the amount of ten million eight hundred fifty-four thousand nine hundred seven dollars (\$10,854,907) be levied thereon upon the taxable property of the Library District?

Propuesta No. 3: Presupuesto de la Biblioteca Great Neck 2026-2027

Si aprueba el presupuesto anual de la Biblioteca de Great Neck para el año fiscal 2026-2027 por un monto total de once millones quinientos diez mil doscientos veintitrés dólares (\$11,510,223) y que se recaude el impuesto necesario, por un importe de diez millones ochocientos cincuenta y cuatro mil novecientos siete dólares (\$10,854,907) sobre las propiedades sujetas a impuestos del distrito de la biblioteca

Yes /Si No /No

OFFICE	Board of Education Trustee Seat of Rebecca Sassouni Vote for one (1) Three (3) Year Term 7/1/26 - 6/30/29	Board of Education Trustee Seat of Joanne Chan Vote for one (1) Three (3) Year Term 7/1/26 - 6/30/29
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WRITE-IN	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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PROPOSITION NO. 1 - 2026-2027 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET Yes / Si No / No

RESOLVED, that the annual budget for the GREAT NECK PUBLIC SCHOOLS for the fiscal year 2026-2027 in the total amount of \$297,375,950 as proposed by the Board of Education shall be approved and the necessary tax be levied thereof upon the taxable property of the School District.

PROPOSITION NO. 2 – Expense from CAPITAL RESERVE FUND Yes / Si No / No

Shall the Board of Education of the Great Neck Union Free School District be authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$4,945,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund 2024 as established on May 21, 2024 for the purpose of performing the following capital improvements: ... (continued)

(Abbreviated Summary - Please see the next slide for complete proposition language)

PROPOSITION NO. 3 - 2026-2027 LIBRARY BUDGET Yes / Si No / No

SHALL, the annual budget for the GREAT NECK LIBRARY be approved for the fiscal year 2026-2027 in the total amount of eleven million, five hundred ten thousand, two hundred twenty-three dollars (\$11,510,223) and the necessary tax in the amount of ten million, eight hundred fifty-four thousand, nine hundred seven dollars (\$10,854,907) be levied thereof upon the taxable property of the Library District.

TRUSTEE ELECTION:

Board of Education Trustee Seat of Rebecca Sassouni
Vote for One (1)
Three (3) Year Term
7/1/26 to 6/30/29

- Rebecca Sassouni
- Marisa Brandeis Kermanian

Board of Education Trustee Seat of Joanne Chan
Vote for One (1)
Three (3) Year Term
7/1/26 to 6/30/29

- Callie Ives
- Joanne Chan

Proposition #2 – Expense from the Capital Reserve Fund - 2024

For the Community's Consideration:

This proposition will appear on the May 19th ballot to expend from the **Capital Reserve Fund**.

“This proposition is to utilize funds from our Capital Reserve which has no financial impact on the voter.

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Since the funds to be expended hereunder are from the Capital Reserve Fund, approval of this Proposition will not require a tax levy upon the real property of the School District.”

Yes / Si

No / No

... Simply stated, it is a proposition asking the voters for permission to withdraw funds from the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the purposes of athletic field improvements and site enhancements at the South High School campus.

This comes at no increase to the tax levy, nor new cost to the community, as these monies are already in our reserves earmarked for capital improvements.



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REMEMBER: There is no cost impact to the taxpayers if Proposition #2 to utilize the Capital Reserve is approved by the community.

Additional Information & Details

“Quick Link” on District’s Home Page

Please visit the District’s website at:

www.greatneck.k12.ny.us/budget26-27

2026-27 BUDGET INFORMATION


Here you will find:

- ✓ All prior presentations
- ✓ Understanding School Finance
- ✓ Budget Newsletter
- ✓ Budget Book
- ✓ Property Tax Report Card
- ✓ NYSED School Report Card
- ✓ Other Important Documents

Still have Questions?

Please call (516) 441-4020 or reach out via email:

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2026 – 2027 FINAL BUDGET

Adopted: April 21, 2026


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PROPOSED 2026–27 SCHOOL BUDGET

Proposed 3.04% Tax Levy Increase is Within the Property Tax Cap Limit

The Great Neck Board of Education has adopted the proposed 2026–27 school budget in the amount of \$297,375,950. This represents a 2.94% spending increase over last year’s budget. The proposed tax levy increase is 3.04%, which is tax cap compliant and within the District’s allowable tax levy calculation.

“I’m grateful to our Board of Education and Business Office for developing a budget that preserves the outstanding academic programs and opportunities our students and community rely on, while remaining within the tax cap,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kenneth R. Bossert. “The race for excellence has no finish line—and this budget reinforces both our focus on district priorities and our continued commitment to moving forward.”

The proposed budget maintains all instructional and extracurricular programs, preserves current class sizes, provides security upgrades, and sustains facilities districtwide.

“This proposed budget will continue to fund all our existing programs that make Great Neck great,” says Board Vice President Joanne Chan. “We are proud to present a sound financial plan that supports every student on their journey to discover greatness.”

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The proposed 2026–27 school budget will:

- Maintain all instructional and extra-curricular programs across elementary and secondary schools.
- Continue investments in security upgrades, including added security cameras and electronic door access controls, as well as a pledge to secure retired law enforcement personnel for guard positions when possible.
- Allocate nearly \$12.4 million in capital expenditures to support existing infrastructure and improve safety in facilities districtwide.
- Allocate nearly \$11.3 million to fund services for private and non-public school students in accordance with State Law, including transportation, textbooks, health services, special education services, library materials and technology.


CAPITAL RESERVE FUND EXPENDITURE: PHASE II

In addition to the annual operating budget, this year’s ballot includes a separate proposition for athletic field improvements on the South High/South Middle campus. The proposed projects include the installation of a synthetic playing field surface and site improvements at the South campus track/athletic field—similar to the North Middle field improvements that voters overwhelmingly approved last year.

“Through considerable planning and responsible practices, the District is able to offer our community the opportunity to vote on these improvements without any increase to the tax levy,” says Board President Grant Toch. “This reflects the Board’s commitment to enhancing our facilities and programs while remaining accountable to taxpayers.”

The funding for these projects is currently available in the district’s Capital Reserve Fund. By law, monies can only be expended from this fund with voter approval. If approved, these projects would be completed at no cost to taxpayers and without any impact on the tax levy. See page 2 for more details.

SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE
Tuesday, May 19, 2026 • 6 AM–9 PM
at E.M. Baker • Lakeville • Saddle Rock • South High



Additionally, if you prefer to **listen** to an overview of the 2026-2027 budget newsletter, an AI-generated podcast is available on our website, on the “Public Information” page.



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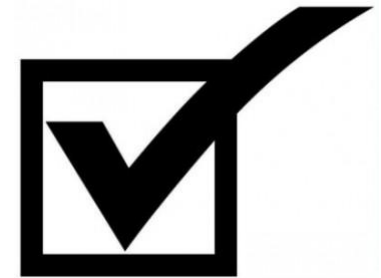
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