2026-27 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	$ 12,611,160	$12,760,000	$12,692,986
Increase/Decrease for the 2026-27 School Year		$148,840	$81,826
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.18 %	0.65%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.63%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	$2,165,888	$2,232,903	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	$91,445	$96,629	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	$0.00	$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	$0.00	$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	$2,257,333	$2,329,532	$2,257,333
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	$237,772	$262,469	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	$1,928,116	$1,970,434	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	$1,928,116	$1,970,434	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	$0.00	$0.00	
Administrative Component	$1,363,378	$1,441,748	$1,384,418
Program Component	$8,660,154	$8,682,423	$8,682,423
Capital Component	$2,587,627	$2,635,830	$2,626,145

* In developing the contingency budget for the 2026–27 school year following a defeat of the proposed budget, the district has made several key assumptions to ensure compliance with Section 2023 of the New York State Education Law. These assumptions reflect the legal requirement that the contingency budget not exceed the prior year's total spending, except for certain expenditures permitted by law. The district remains committed to preserving essential educational services while operating within these constraints. Key assumptions include: elimination of Erie I BOCES Technology Support Services and a reduction in the Annual Capital Outlay Project Transfer.

These adjustments are made to ensure that the contingency budget remains within the allowable spending limits while maintaining the district's ability to deliver a sound, basic education. The district will continue to prioritize core academic programs, mandated services, and student health and safety.

** 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
Public Library	$96,629
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	$
	$

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings[1]	$400

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 by the qualified voters of the Belfast Central School District, Allegany County, New York, will be held at Belfast Central School in said district on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between the hours of 12:00pm (noon) and 8:00pm, prevailing time in the Belfast Central School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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