



# CHAPPAQUA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BUDGET NEWSLETTER 2026-2027

✓ **May 19th**

✓ **7 AM - 9 PM**

✓ **Greeley Gym**



**\$150,125,516**  
Proposed Budget



**\$5,733,491**  
Increase (3.97%)



**\$128,280,312**  
Tax Levy



**\$3,730,213 (2.99%)**  
Tax Levy Increase

## A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dear Chappaqua Central School District Community,

Each year, adopting the school budget is one of the most important responsibilities of the Board of Education. It reflects our community's priorities and turns our shared vision for education into action. As your elected Board, we work to ensure that our budget aligns with our strategic goals, supports student success, and reflects responsible financial planning.

On April 8th, the Board of Education voted to adopt the proposed 2026–2027 School Budget of \$150,125,516, which represents a 3.97% increase over the current year's budget. The proposed budget includes a 2.99% tax levy increase, which is below the New York State tax cap.

This budget was developed to protect our core programs, expand opportunities for growth and innovation, invest in student well-being, and maintain safe, modern learning environments. At the same time, we remain mindful of rising costs and the importance of using resources efficiently to maximize the value of every tax dollar.

We encourage all community members to learn more by visiting [chappaquaschools.org/budget](http://chappaquaschools.org/budget), where you can access presentations, voting information, the Tax Impact Estimation Calculator, and the complete Budget Book. Printed copies of the Budget Book are also available at each school, the Education Center, Town Hall, and the Chappaqua Public Library.

The Annual Budget Vote and Board of Education Election will take place on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026**, from **7:00 AM to 9:00 PM** in the Horace Greeley High School Gymnasium.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. This budget represents our shared commitment to the success and well-being of every student in our schools.

Cailee Hwang, *President*  
Matt Auerbach

Alissa Dorfman, *Vice President*  
Tim McNamara  
Allison Steinbauer



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## 2026-2027 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The 2026-2027 tax cap-compliant budget sustains our strong academic, social-emotional, and extracurricular programs while advancing our strategic priorities and maintaining high-quality student experiences across the District.

- **Maintaining optimal class sizes and staffing levels** by preserving current student-to-teacher ratios and staffing structures
- **Expanding early learning opportunities** by increasing access to the Pre-Kindergarten program
- **Enhancing student support and special education services**, including the addition of a K-12 behavioral specialist and a social worker or psychologist at Horace Greeley High School
- **Investing in safety, security, and infrastructure** through upgraded camera and public address systems, along with key facility improvements

## CCSD BY THE NUMBERS



**11:1** Student-to-Teacher Ratio  
133:1 HGHS Student-to-Counselor Ratio

**99%** High School Graduation Rate & 98% Rate of 4-Year College Enrollment

**19.6** **21.1** **18.1** **CORE CLASSES**  
K-4 5-8 9-12  
AVERAGE PROJECTED CLASS SIZE

**13** Valedictorians & 177 Cum Laude Honors

**2** Presidential Scholar Candidates

**25** AP Courses Offered  
567 Students Completed 1,713 AP Exams  
95% of Greeley Students Earned 3+

**99%** NYSED ELA Proficiency Percentile Rank (Grades 3-8)

**98%** NYSED Math Proficiency Percentile Rank (Grades 3-8)

**SAT 1375** **681** **694** **ACT 30**  
OVERALL READING MATH OVERALL  
Average Scores for HGHS Students

**200+** Middle School Clubs at Greeley

**200+** Greeley Academic Teams

**38** National Merit Commended Students, 12 Semi-Finalists & 12 Finalists

**49+** Music & Theatre Performances

**140+** Extracurricular Clubs & Activities

**A+** Overall Niche Grade

**#26** **#209**  
IN NY IN THE US  
Best High Schools Rankings, U.S. News & World Report

**82** Athletic Teams  
2,125 Athletes Across 31 Programs

**Aaa** Moody's (Highest Rating)

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# CHAPPAQUA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

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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	\$144,392,025	\$150,125,516	\$146,395,303
Increase/Decrease for 2026-27 School Year		\$5,733,491	\$2,003,278
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.97%	1.39%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.63%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$124,550,099	\$128,280,312	
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)	\$124,550,099	\$128,280,312	\$124,550,099
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$5,632,377	\$6,352,200	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$118,917,722	\$123,074,652	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, <u>Excluding</u> Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E-B-F+D)	\$118,917,722	\$121,928,112	
I. Difference: (G-H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$0	\$1,146,540	
Administrative Component	\$12,991,861	\$13,699,007	\$11,468,794
Program Component	\$108,191,871	\$111,977,373	\$111,227,373
Capital Component	\$23,208,294	\$24,449,136	\$23,699,136

\* Statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2026-2027 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law: The contingency budget would require \$3,730,213 in reductions from the proposed 2026-2027 budget. Reductions would be made across the budget beginning with non-contingent expenses. The reductions would include student supplies, certain equipment purchases, field trips, athletics, buildings & grounds, and staffing.

\*\* List of 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
Install air conditioning at Bell Middle School Auditorium, Install fencing at Roaring Brook, Install PA system at Horace Greeley High School, including associated mechanical, electrical, general trade work and incidentals	A maximum of \$1,078,264 to be taken from the Capital Reserve Fund

<b>Basic STAR Exemption Impact</b>	<b>Budget Proposed for the 26-27 School Year</b>	The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 by the qualified voters of the Chappaqua Central School District, Westchester County, NY, will be held at Horace Greeley High School on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between 7am and 9pm, prevailing time in the gymnasium, at which time polls will be open to vote by voting ballot or machine.
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$1,507	
<sup>1</sup> The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.		

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### \*\*\*VOTE\*\*\*

# Tuesday, May 19th from 7am to 9pm Horace Greeley High School Gymnasium

## WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT

**SCHOOL BUDGET RESOLUTION**  
RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Chappaqua Central School District be and hereby is authorized to expend the sum of \$150,125,516 set forth in the School District Budget for the School Year 2026-2027, and that the necessary tax be levied therefor.

**LIBRARY BUDGET RESOLUTION**  
RESOLVED: That there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$3,899,492 for the Chappaqua Central School District Public Library for the School Year 2026-2027, and that the necessary tax be levied therefor.

## CAPITAL RESERVE PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education of the Chappaqua Central School District, Westchester County, New York be authorized to construct 1) Facilities upgrades and air conditioning in the Robert E. Bell Middle School auditorium; 2) perimeter fencing at the Roaring Brook Elementary School; and 3) upgrades and replacement of the public address systems Districtwide, including associated work in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,078,264, with the amount of \$1,078,264 from the Capital Reserve Fund 2018, hereby authorized to be expended to pay for the cost of the Projects, and such expenditure is hereby approved.

**No budget increase is called for in the proposition.**

## BOARD ELECTIONS

To elect **TWO** Members of the Board of Education.  
2 for a Term of Three Years.

To elect **ONE** Trustee of the School District Library.  
1 for a Term of Three Years.

Alissa Dorfman

John Harrison

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