Budget Bulletin

Syosset Central School District

2026

SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION

TUESDAY, MAY 19

POLLS OPEN 6AM TO 9PM









In compliance with Section 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act, election information is offered in English and Spanish.

Proposed Budget Invests in Student Success

Remaining Under Tax Cap for 14th Year

Dear Syosset Community:

The Board of Education and Central Administration have developed a 2026–2027 school year budget that, for the 14th consecutive year, includes a property tax levy increase that remains under the state tax cap. **The proposed property tax levy increase for 2026–2027 is 2.19%, approximately $26,000 under the cap.**

Despite inflation and rising health insurance costs, the budget remains balanced and continues to maintain existing programs and services while supporting student wellness through an increased level of support. The budget also supports the purchase of additional buses to meet transportation needs.

Before the end of this school year, we will begin large capital projects made possible by community support through the October 2024 facilities improvement bond vote. These projects include renovation of the high school guidance center, the start of construction on a new high school gym and track at HBT, roofing work, and more. For all of these projects, we work closely with our construction management team and environmental consultants to develop comprehensive safety and monitoring plans. Maintaining a safe environment and uninterrupted instruction remains our top priority.

We invite you to attend the public budget hearing on Monday, May 11 to learn more. **The annual budget vote will take place on Tuesday, May 19.** In addition, voters will also select three members for the Board of Education.

Thank you for your continued partnership with our District and the exceptional educational experience we are proud to provide our students.

The Syosset Board of Education

Carol C. Cheng, *President*
Lisa A. Coscia, *Vice President*
Lynn Abramson
Susan Falkove
David Ginsburg
Brian J. Grieco
Anna Levitan
Shany Park
Thomas A. Rotolo
Nikhil Shah, *Student Member*

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Points of Pride

Academics

- Syosset Central School District ranked **"Best School District in New York";** ranked **2nd in the U.S.** by Niche.com
- Year-round elementary curriculum celebrations, science and technology fairs
- Lunch recess clubs across elementary schools to further enrich students
- Thirty-one AP courses offered at Syosset High School; ~91% of students scored three or higher
- Twenty-four seniors named National Merit Semifinalists
- Three hundred seventy-nine students inducted into the National Honor Society
- DECA chapter received awards in leadership, community impact, and social media
- SHS science research program supports approximately 400 students
- Thirty-five entrants into Regeneron Science Talent Search competition, three named Scholars
- Three finalists advancing to the International Science and Engineering Fair



Athletics

- **Fall & Winter athlete honors ('25-'26):** All-American (6), All-State (23), All-Long Island (11), All-County (83)
- All Fall & Winter varsity teams earned NYS Scholar Athlete Distinction: 75% of students have 90+ GPA
- Challenger and Unified programs create opportunities for all students; addition of challenger Cheer team

Fall 2025

- Boys Cross Country: County Champions, NYS Qualifier
- Girls Cross Country: NYS Qualifier
- Girls Swim & Dive: Conference Champions
- Girls Tennis: County Champions, Long Island Champions, NYS Champions

Winter 2025-2026

- Boys Bowling: Conference Champions, County Champions
- Kickline: Regional Champions, National Champions in Large Varsity Gameday, National Champions in Small Varsity Jazz
- Boys Swim & Dive: Conference Champions, County Champions





Arts

Art

- Three students recognized as Scholar Artists by the Long Island Arts Alliance
- Three SHS students selected to display work at Heckscher museum "Long Island's Best" Exhibit
- Nineteen Art students accepted to the Art Guild of Nassau County Juried Art Exhibit

Music

- Recognized as a NAMM "Best Community for Music Education"
- SHS Adelettes selected to perform at the NYS School Boards Association Conference in NYC
- Forty-eight students selected as NYSSMA All-State Musicians
- Three hundred NMEA All-County Musicians performed at the Tilles Center
- Three secondary Chamber Ensembles selected to perform at Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center regional competitions, with one group selected to play at Alice Tully Hall in NYC

Performing Arts

- SHS Auditorium upgrades include new stage curtains and paint
- Full feature theatre productions at the secondary and elementary levels
- Eleven awards from the Theatre Association of NYS for Fall show *Radium Girls* in both performing and technical theatre categories
- Spring Musical *Footloose* saw nearly 1,000 attendees, 70 students in cast and crew

District Budget Summary

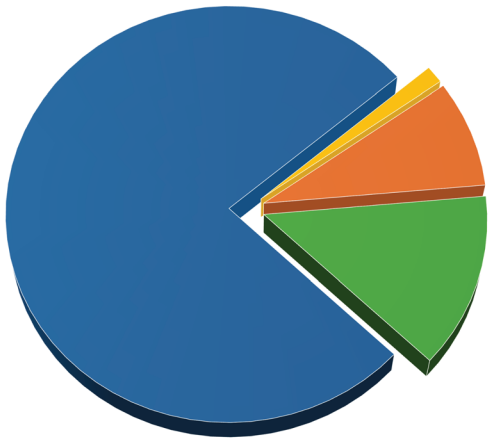
		Budget 25-26	Proposed 26-27
1010	Board Of Education	46,700	46,700
1040	District Clerk	102,613	105,485
1060	District Meetings	43,500	43,500
1240	Chief School Administrator Office	384,100	390,041
1310	Business Administration Office	638,293	648,916
1320	Auditing	118,900	121,100
1345	Purchasing	639,922	626,371
1380	Fiscal Agent	7,000	7,000
1420	Legal Fees	422,600	525,450
1430	Personnel Office	1,012,514	1,067,765
1480	Community Relations	201,908	218,158
1620	Custodial Operations	11,972,841	12,453,834
1621	Maintenance Operations	5,864,069	5,892,391
1631	Security Operations	4,110,443	4,428,356
1670	Central Printing	591,446	617,439
1680	Central Data Processing	2,975,072	3,354,667
1910	Allocated Insurance	1,992,000	2,292,600
1981	Admin Charge - BOCES	959,265	998,258
1983	BOCES Capital Expenses	246,539	247,980
1989	Unclassified	50,000	50,000
2010	Curriculum Development/Supervision	2,575,490	2,645,090
2020	Supervision	7,755,566	7,834,382
2070	Inservice Programs	171,000	171,000
2110	General Education Programs	89,888,970	91,456,050
2250	Special Education Programs	34,467,715	36,270,063
2280	Occupational Education	590,000	590,000
2310	Continuing Education	124,952	127,042
2320	Summer School	418,372	418,025
2610	Library Media Program	3,181,803	3,296,259
2630	Computer Assisted Instruction	4,988,810	4,278,850
2805	Attendance Offices	279,687	292,147
2810	Guidance Offices	3,856,551	4,030,324
2815	Health Services	2,297,742	2,288,290
2820	Psychological Services	2,867,377	2,925,713
2825	Social Work Services	624,160	645,053
2850	Co-Curricular Activities	2,674,980	2,713,930
2855	Interscholastic Athletics	3,273,874	3,313,327
5510	District Transportation	1,028,565	1,489,502
5540	Contract Transportation	15,069,735	14,573,000
7140	Community Services/Recreation	278,078	278,078
8070	Community Services/Census	28,000	28,000
9010	Retirement System - ERS	4,500,000	5,000,000
9020	Retirement System - TRS	12,382,406	11,163,636
9030	Social Security	12,215,003	12,739,067
9045	Life Insurance	250,000	250,000
9060	Health Insurance	44,603,715	49,297,216
9065	Dental Insurance	930,000	930,000
9070	Other Benefits	2,126,800	2,191,300
9760	Tax Anticipation Notes	937,500	966,600
9901	Transfer to Other Funds	4,730,844	6,211,369
9950	Transfer to Capital Fund*	4,325,000	4,325,000
Total General Fund		**295,822,420**	**306,874,324**





Revenues	Budget 25-26	Proposed 26-27
State Aid	35,879,264	39,428,792
Restricted Reserves	9,142,435	9,460,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	2,900,000	2,900,000
Other Local Revenues	4,562,671	5,466,795
PILOTS	10,550,450	11,739,165
General Fund Tax Levy	232,787,600	237,879,572
Total Revenue	**295,822,420**	**306,874,324**

Expenditures



**The $4,325,000 Transfer to Capital Fund (Code 9950) includes allocations for High School aux gym renovation, Districtwide classroom renovations, staff bathroom renovations for ADA compliance, HVAC system upgrades including a fan wall to repair Baylis, Districtwide site work, paving, roofing, masonry and flooring, relocation of transportation office and grounds crew storage garage.*

Voter Guide

Tuesday, May 19
6am to 9pm

Scan for voter information, including registration, eligibility & absentee ballots

Polling Place

Elementary Attendance Zone	Voting Site
Robbins Lane South Grove	Robbins Lane Elementary School
A.P. Willits Baylis	H.B. Thompson Middle School
Walt Whitman Berry Hill Village	Syosset High School

Proposition #1

SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

RESOLVED, that the proposed budget approved by the Board of Education for the fiscal year 2026-2027 be adopted and the necessary amount thereof shall be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the Syosset Central School District.

BOARD OF EDUCATION BALLOT

Vote for three

- Susan Falkove
- Rahul K. Nabe
- Brian Tvedt
- Inna Choi
- Corey Witt
- Lisa Li
- Write-in Candidate

Proposition #2

SYOSSET PUBLIC LIBRARY BUDGET FOR 2026-2027

RESOLVED, that the proposed budget approved by the Board of Trustees for the fiscal year 2026-2027 be adopted and the necessary amount thereof shall be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the Syosset Central School District.

SYOSSET PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES BALLOT

Vote for one

- Reid M. Goldsmith
- Write-in Candidate



FAQ

Q: What is the estimated tax levy increase of the proposed budget?

A: The proposed budget would increase the school tax levy by 2.19%. This is below the state-mandated tax cap set at 2.20%. The total proposed budget of $306,874,324 carries a budget-to-budget increase of 3.74% for the 2026-27 school year.

Q: Does the proposed 26-27 budget maintain all programs and services?

A: Yes. The proposed budget manages our District's growth, while maintaining educational opportunities for students, extracurricular activities, and co-curricular programs. This budget will also continue maintenance and repairs of our facilities in preparation for larger bond projects this summer.

Q: What happens if the budget is defeated?

A: If the budget is defeated on May 19th, the District will be faced with three options. The Board could choose to submit the same budget for a revote, submit a revised version of the defeated budget, or adopt a contingency budget. If a proposed budget is defeated twice, a contingency budget must be adopted, and state law would mandate that the District revert to a 0% tax levy increase for the 2026-27 year. That would require the District to make approximately $5.1 million in reductions to the proposed budget.

