

Eastchester UFSD

Board of Education Meeting

May 5, 2026



SOARING TO EXCELLENCE
EASTCHESTER
UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Student Recognition:

Waverly on Stage Presents “101 Dalmatians”

- Waverly On Stage’s production of 101 Dalmatians will be held on Wednesday, May 13 at 7 p.m. in the EHS Auditorium
- Tickets can be purchased at <https://eastchester.booktix.com>



First In Math Achievement at Greenvale

- First in Math Program:
 - Math fluency
 - Problem-solving
 - Perseverance
- Qualified through NYS Virtual Regional Tournament
 - Yuto Fukaya
 - Francis Musso
 - Jin Narigon
- Advancing to State Finals – June 13, 2026
 - 3 out of 240 Students Statewide



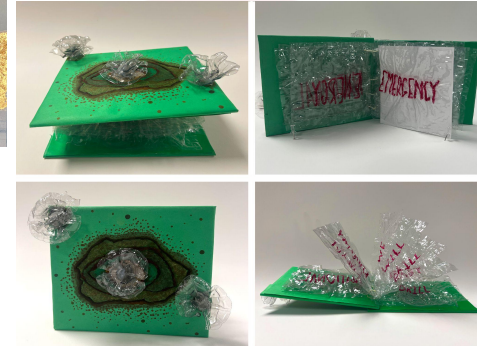
AP ART & DESIGN

- Learn many new techniques not available at home
 - Cyanotype, screen printing, adobe photoshop, etc.
- Connection to other classes
 - AP thesis causes students to learn to think creatively, connecting ideas and presenting them in a cohesive manner
 - Art connects to history and plays a role in expressing the atmosphere of different time periods and cultures
- My Thesis
 - explores the obscurity of time on earth and how humans interact with it.
 - Uses architecture to communicate this with the audience
 - Touches on the repetition of history and references many time periods



AP ART & DESIGN

- Teaches self-expression and a new outlet for using your voice
- Deeper thinking about societal issues or philosophical ponderings (best way to articulate)
- Connection to other classes
 - Understanding how different themes and ideas can play a role in socio-political and economic systems
 - Deeping perception of cultural identities and how interconnected humans truly are
- My AP Thesis
 - Exploring the intersectionality of traditional protest artforms, political messaging, and environmentalist thought
 - Screenprinting and satirizing propaganda posters
 - Connection of different ideas, themes, messages across mediums and time periods



AP ART HISTORY

- Learn how to analyze and interpret artwork from many different cultures and time periods
- Study artistic movements and how they reflect historical events, and societal values
- Develop visual analysis skills by examining symbolism, composition, color and artistic techniques
- Connections to other classes:
 - closely connects to history through studying how art reflects wars, revolutions, and culture shifts
 - Allows connections between civilizations, cultures, and global development

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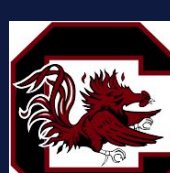
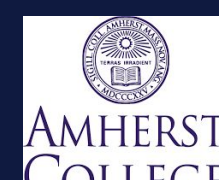
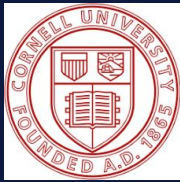
Budget Hearing

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A Sampling from the Class of 2026



Frequently Asked Questions

What Have the Eastchester Schools Done in the Past Five Years?

What's Worth Holding Onto in Eastchester Schools?

- Foreign Language in Elementary Schools (FLES)
- Departmentalization for 5th Graders
- 6th Grade Study Skills Classes
- Strengthened Districtwide Security
- Launched RULER, Sandy Hook Promise Programs to support student wellness
- New FSP Program for EMS/EHS
- Increased AP Offerings at EHS
- 6th Grade Study Skills Classes
- College Essay Workshops and Boot Camps



What Have We Proudly Invested In? Not limited to...

- Foreign language in the elementary schools
- Departmentalization for 5th graders
- New programs at the elementary schools for phonics, literacy, math
- Enrichment at the Elementary schools: Destination Imagination
- All new elementary school playgrounds
- Added more special education classrooms
- 6th grade foreign language class
- 6th grade study skills class
- Expansions in music department
- Bought more instruments for the music department
- Science Olympiads
- To address students' mental health Post Covid, we added school psychologists and created a FSP program at MS and HS
- Added Assemblies, speakers, and programs to support student wellness - i.e., sandy hook, Ruler
- Offering more AP classes at HS
- Expanded BOCES for more students
- Added more guidance counselors at the HS
- Updated the EHS schedule to a contemporary secondary schedule
- Added more co-teaching classes at HS
- New uniforms for athletics teams in need
- New uniforms for band as needed
- Added more athletic teams
- Increased security - SROs at each building, added after school hours security
- Specialized reading teacher at HS
- Added HUDL for live sports streaming
- New year round athletic training room equipment
- Updated technology in all learning spaces
- Policy and technology implementation of student devices to respond to the Cell phone ban
- Added 12 new afterschool clubs to HS to expand choice
- College essays workshops and boot camps

FAQ's

Early Voting & Absentee Ballots

Step 1:



Step 2:

2026-2027 Budget Vote/Board of Education Election

2026-2027 Budget Information Voter Information Budget Documents Financial Documents

BOE Trustee Candidate Bios FAQ Superintendent's Message About Upcoming Budget Adoption

- Both applications are due and must be received by **May 12, 2026** if the ballot has to be 'mailed' to the resident

OR

- May 18, 2026** if the ballot is to be hand-delivered
- Both types of ballots must be returned to the district clerk by **5:00PM** on the day of the vote/election in order to be counted

Frequently Asked Questions

**I don't think anything has been cut?
What has actually been cut?**

For Average Home of \$940,000		
	25-26	26-27
LEVY INCREASE %		6.31%
LEVY AMOUNT	83,593,100	88,866,507
TAXES (Annual)	\$14,220.72	\$15,086.00
Additional Annual Taxes		\$865.28
Additional 26-27 Monthly addition		\$72.11

For Average Home of \$700,000		
	25-26	26-27
LEVY INCREASE %		6.31%
LEVY AMOUNT	83,593,100	88,866,507
TAXES (Annual)	\$10,245.57	\$ 10,869.00
Additional Annual Taxes		\$ 623.43
Additional 26-27 Monthly addition		\$51.95

For Average Home of \$525,000		
	25-26	26-27
LEVY INCREASE %		6.31%
LEVY AMOUNT	83,593,100	88,866,507
TAXES (Annual)	\$7,684.18	\$ 8,152.00
Additional Annual Taxes		467.82
Additional 26-27 Monthly addition		\$38.99

	26-27	
	7.35%	
	89,737,193	
	\$15,234.27	
	\$1,013.55	
	\$84.46	
	26-27	
	7.35%	
	89,737,193	
	\$ 10,975.80	
	\$ 730.23	
	\$60.85	
	26-27	
	7.35%	
	89,737,193	
	\$ 8,231.85	
	547.67	
	\$45.64	

An
Additional
-\$950,382
Reduced

Now at Total
Reductions
of
-\$3,050,382

to Arrive at
a 6.31%
Tax Levy

Initial
Reduction
of
~\$2.1M to
arrive at
First
Proposed
Tax Levy of
7.35%

Frequently Asked Questions

If we vote no to the 6.31% budget, will you put positions back into the budget?

No, we will have to cut additional positions.

If we vote no to the 6.31% budget, will you recommend the tax levy of 2.35% for a second vote?

No, if we go back to the 2.35% tax levy, it will completely alter our school district experience. The adopted budget is the recommendation.

Frequently Asked Questions

How much **more** do you have to cut if we have to move to a **contingency budget**?

Additional reductions of **-\$5,273,000** would have to be made in order to comply with contingency level requirements. That equates to approximately 66 Full-Time employees and all of the programs that they serve.

To move to a contingency budget is a dire position to be in .

Frequently Asked Questions

Select facilities improvements are made each year with the operating budget. This is in addition to special projects part of the large capital bond the community voted on.

EMS & EHS

Not Limited to...

- Hallway logo murals
- EMS Gymnasium - new flooring, painting and air conditioning
- Created an FSP classroom - built walls and offices
- Modified classrooms to accommodate increased Music shared wing (special sound absorbing ceiling tiles)
- EHS Student centered transformed into cafe space with a functioning serving line
- New Scoreboard at Baseball and Turf Complex
- Renovated rooms 103 & 105 for additional offices
- New Library Classroom created
- Public Tech center created for students and faculty
- Trophy case (Sports Club & Maintenance)
- Created a new athletic trainers room
- Maintenance of all fields

Not Limited to...

- Field improvements for Baseball
- Visitor bleachers for turf field
- Security Upgrades (Vestibules, lockdown system/swipe cards, exterior lighting, etc)
- HVAC
- ADA Improvements (Bathrooms)
- Asbestos removal
- Masonry/Window replacement

	Operating District Budgets	Bond - Capital Projects
Waverly	Not Limited to... - New Playground - Fencing installed around the playground - Invested in Landscaping and Hardscaping - Outdoor classroom and Pergola - Classroom modifications to create more rooms to enhance an educational experience for all students - Upgraded plumbing and electricity in classrooms that were revamped - Expansion of main office to now include a conference room - Gymnasium painting (glazed blocks)	Not Limited to... - Security Upgrades (Vestibules, lockdown system/swipe cards, exterior lighting, etc) - HVAC - EMS Bathroom Upgrades to be ADA compliant
Anne Hutch	Not Limited to... - Landscape improvements on the exterior - New Playground - Fencing installed around the playground - Cleared the back fence of Anne Hutch - Continuous window maintenance with replacing balances - Classroom upgrade/ expansion with new floors and removal of a wall - Select portions of the Main office renovations	Not Limited to... - Auditorium received ceiling renovations and painting - Security Upgrades (Vestibules, lockdown system/swipe cards, exterior lighting, etc) - HVAC - AH Bathroom Upgrades to be ADA compliant - Asbestos removal
Greenvale	Not Limited to... - New Playground - Fencing installed around the playground - Installed new wooden timber fencing along Gabriel Rescigno Dr. and the addition of safety bollards at the intersection of Swift St. - Expanded the picnic area with mulch - Beautification of Kayla's corner with new retaining walls, updated irrigation system and enhanced gardening - Greenvale's Main office with HVAC not part of bond - Added air condition to the top floor with window units to help with new NYS heat mandate - Continued painting and maintenance - New cafeteria floor with resilient floor materials - Storage compartments for gym equipment	Not Limited to... - Security Upgrades (Vestibules, lockdown system/swipe cards, exterior lighting, etc) - HVAC - AH Bathroom Upgrades to be ADA compliant - Asbestos removal

2026-27 School Budget

What are **you** investing in?

What does it mean to invest in the future of your school district? It means we hold on to the time and effort that was put in to grow our students' programs and opportunities over the years. It means we are responsive to how children learn today and the support they need to excel. It means we continue to innovate and push ourselves to think of the future...moving forward one step at a time to continue investing in what it took to get where we are today.

Eastchester Invests

Academics

- AP participation for 10th graders increased from **15%** to **54%** since 2021.
- Young learners engaged with global languages through the **K-5 FLES Program** and **World Language Exploratory** at EMS.
- Expanded access to Algebra from **95** 8th graders in 2022 to **246** in 2025.
- The number of students attending highly selective colleges continues to increase.

Special Education

- Increased access to higher-level and college courses for students with disabilities.
- Grew **School-to-Work** program to strengthen employability skills, career readiness, and real-world experience.
- Introduced more special education programming, including adding new classes at Waverly, to better address diverse student needs and provide more individualized instructional support.

Security

- Eastchester Police School Resource Officers stationed at each school campus.
- Strengthened entrance vestibules at every school through Capital.

Wellness

- Enhanced student support services through vital partnerships with **WJCS**, **Sandy Hook Promise** and **RULER**.
- Robust assembly program and advisory experiences for all students designed to promote emotional regulation and wellness.
- Designated spaces for **FSP** for immediate on-site counseling support.

Space & Student Experience

- Overhauled HVAC systems in district buildings.
- Added **12** new student clubs at EHS since 2024 to increase total to **66**.
- Renovated playground areas at elementary schools.

Athletics

- Added **5** new modified and **2** new freshman teams since 2022.
- Added full-time athletic trainer **and** 2nd strength & conditioning coach.
- Partnered with HUDL for live streaming broadcasts of contests.

2,967
students

500,000+ sq ft.
space across 5 school
buildings

26
AP Courses offered
... and growing!

40+ acres
district property

560+
student-athletes

80+
athletic teams
(modified - varsity)



Waverly students celebrate the opening of their new outdoor classroom/pergola.



EMS Players Club dazzle the audience with performance of 'Newsies Jr.'



Greenvale students build inclusive and belonging classrooms with one another.



Varsity cheerleaders embody school spirit at EHS pep rally.



Anne Hutch students debate in the school's renovated auditorium.



EHS Senior Joey Piergiovanni takes the stage at first-ever TEDx Eastchester.

**Four Campuses, Four Pillars, One Goal:
Elevate Eastchester.**

2026-2027 School Budget Vote
Tuesday May 19
6 AM - 9 PM
@EMS Gymnasium

Building Capacity and Stabilizing Structures to Keep Momentum Eastchester Invests

