



Chester Union Free School District

2026-27 Proposed Budget Public Budget Hearing

May 6, 2026
Board of Education Meeting

Budget Summary

	2025-26	2026-27	% Inc.
Total Budget Appropriations	\$38,222,499	\$41,001,754	7.27%
Tax Levy to Support Budget	\$21,328,723	\$21,945,885	2.89%

ESTIMATED COST (\$300,000 Full Market Value | Basic STAR Exemption)

+ \$119 per year | ~ **+ \$10** per month

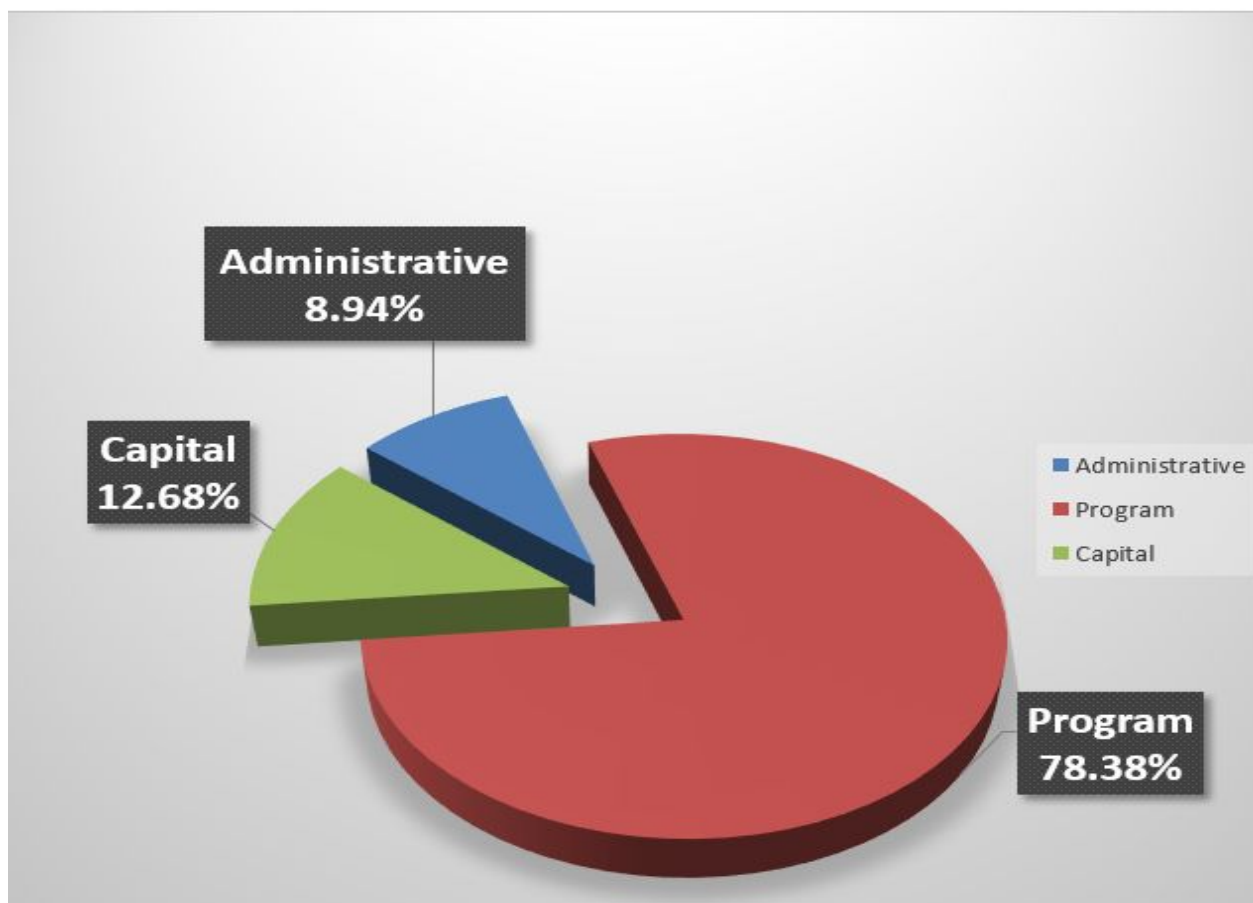
Proposed levy increase impact - consistent across Chester, Goshen, and Blooming Grove

* Based on a home with a full market value of \$300,000 with Basic STAR exemption (\$30,000). Estimated impact reflects the proposed levy increase only. Full market value basis provides consistent comparison across Chester, Goshen, and Blooming Grove . DRAFT ESTIMATE - FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY.



Expenditure Budget

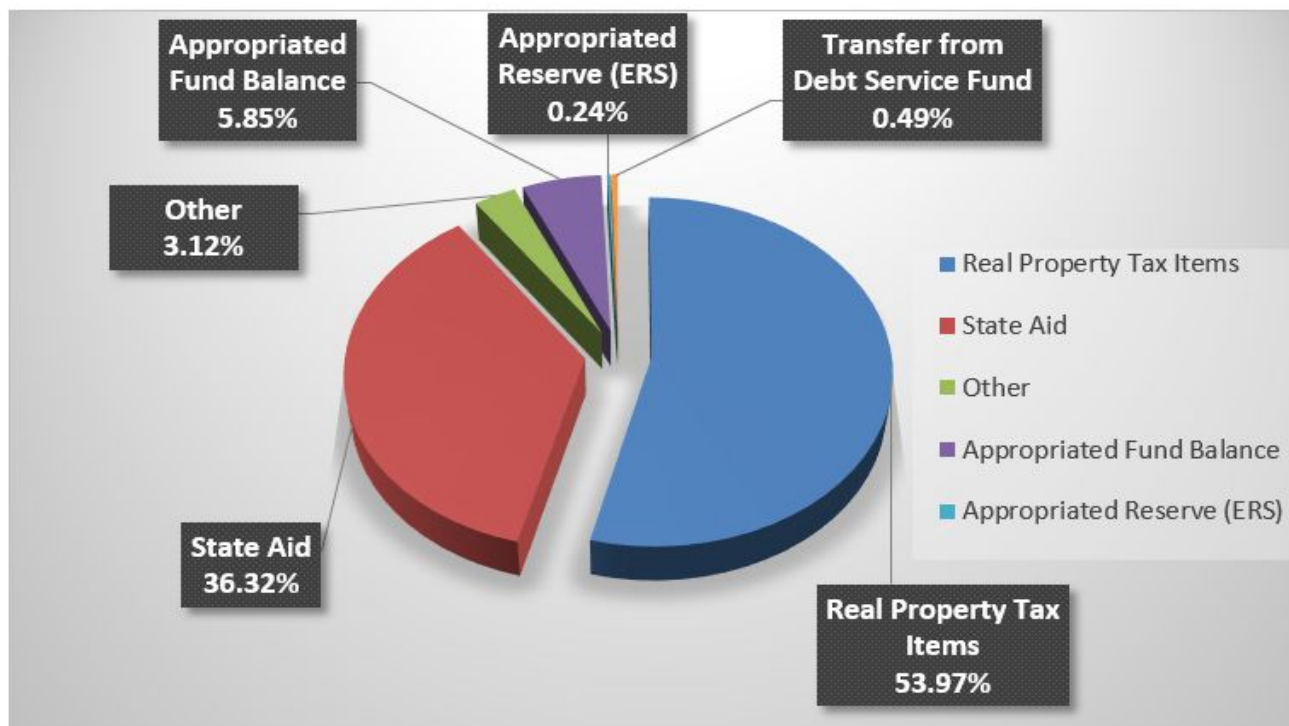
3-PART BUDGET COMPONENT	2025-26 BUDGET	2026-27 PROPOSED BUDGET	% OF TOTAL
Administrative	\$3,100,238	\$3,667,380	8.94%
Program	\$29,956,871	\$32,135,919	78.38%
Capital	\$5,165,390	\$5,198,455	12.68%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$38,222,499	\$41,001,754	100%





Revenue Budget

REVENUE	2025-26 BUDGET	2026-27 PROPOSED BUDGET	% OF TOTAL
Real Property Tax Items	\$21,496,034	\$22,128,885	53.97%
State Aid	\$14,197,706	\$14,893,060	36.32%
Other	\$1,328,759	\$1,279,809	3.12%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,200,000	\$2,400,000	5.85%
Appropriated Reserve (ERS)	\$0	\$100,000	0.24%
Transfer from Debt Service Fund	\$0	\$200,000	0.49%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$38,222,499	\$41,001,754	100%





2026-2027 Budget Priorities

Investing in Excellence

Strengthening Academic Excellence through Programs & Staffing

Data-driven instructional priorities, professional development, and strategic staffing to maximize student learning and achievement.

Advancing College & Career Pathways, Partnerships & Communication

Future-focused education through business & community partnerships and integrated communication platforms.

Optimizing Infrastructure for Safety, Security & Sustainability

Facility security, energy-efficient improvements, and technology upgrades that safeguard and modernize student learning environments.



2026-2027 Budget Priorities

Investing in Excellence

Thursday, May 7, 2026

The Hambletonian News (Six Day Notice)

Mailed to families following
tonight's Legal Budget
Hearing.



CHESTER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

MAY 2026

The Hambletonian News

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2026-2027 Budget Priorities: *Investing in Excellence*

Dear Community Member:

The proposed 2026-2027 budget of \$41,001,754, reflects Chester Union Free School District's anguing commitment to excellence and developing our students as global leaders, through focused investments in instructional programs and staffing, expanded college and career pathways and partnerships, and the infrastructure that supports safety, security, and sustainability.

The 2.89% lax levy increase aligns with the state's allowable cap for 2026-27. The proposed budget increases spending by \$2,779,255 over the current school year to support priorities aligned to our mission, vision and Portrait of a Graduate.

Key components of our 2026-27 budget are:

- Expanding early learning opportunities for pre K eligible students to strengthen early literary, math readiness and social emational development - all foundational skills essential for academis and future success. See page 2.
- Strengthening instructional programs and student outromes through alignment with NYS Hest Generation Learning Standards, data-informed practices, innovative technology, stattegic staffing and targeted professional development. See page 3.
- Upgrading facilities and performing proactive maintenance to ensure safe, modern, and well maintained learning environments that support student success and extend the life of our buildings and infrastructure. See page 7.
- Improving safety and security by adding new personnel and strengthening our physical and cyber security stance. See page 6.





202-2027 Budget Priorities

Investing in Excellence



Chester Union Free School District

Student Centered-Future Focused-Team Driven

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BUDGET & FINANCE

2026 Budget Presentations

March 4, 2026- Budget Priorities

- [View Slides](#)
- [View BOE Meeting](#)

March 18, 2026- Instructional Programs, Student Support Services & Technology

- [View Slides](#)
- [View BOE Meeting](#)

March 25, 2026- Facilities, Transportation & Athletics

- [View Slides](#)
- [View BOE Meeting](#)

April 8, 2026- Undistributed Expenses, Central Services, Central Admin & BOE, BOCES Admin Services

- [View Slides](#)
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April 21, 2026 - Budget Summary

- [View Slides](#)
- [View BOE Meeting](#)

Budget presentations and information are available on our District's website:

<https://www.chesterufsd.org/board-of-education/budget-information>

Annual Budget Vote



Tuesday, May 19, 2026



BUDGET VOTE

Vote on the proposed 2026-27 Chester UFSD budget



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Vote for One Board of Education Seat

Polls open 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM | Chester Academy Band Room | www.ChesterUFSD.org