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By Michele Urch at 8:09 am, Apr 29, 2026

**WARNING
TOWN OF SUFFIELD
NOTICE OF TOWN MEETING**

All electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Suffield, Connecticut (the "Town") are hereby notified that the Board of Selectmen is convening a Special Town Meeting of the Town to be held at the Suffield Middle School, 350 Mountain Road, Suffield, Connecticut on Wednesday May 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., for the following purposes:

1. To elect a moderator.
2. To consider and vote on the following proposed resolutions, entitled:

Resolution Authorizing An Appropriation Of \$1,950,000 For The Suffield High School Shingle Roof Replacement Project And The Financing Of Said Appropriation By The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Of The Town And Notes In Anticipation Of Such Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$1,950,000

Resolution Authorizing An Appropriation of \$600,000 For The Suffield High School Photovoltaic Project And The Financing Of Said Appropriation By The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Of The Town And Notes In Anticipation Of Such Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$600,000

The full text of the foregoing authorizing resolutions are on file and open to inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, Suffield, Connecticut for the use or inspection of any interested person. Upon approval by the Town Meeting of the foregoing resolutions, the resolution which encompassed the above two projects in one resolution that was adopted by the Town Meeting on February 26, 2026 will be rescinded.

3. To consider and vote on the Fiscal 2026-27 Budget Proposal, as summarized below.

Additional detail is available in the Town Clerks Office, and online at www.suffieldct.gov/departments/finance under budget handouts.

BUDGET SUMMARY

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----|------------|
| General Government | \$ | 19,509,306 |
| Board of Education | | 43,692,148 |
| Debt Service | | 2,606,849 |
| Capital Expenditures | | 3,791,000 |
| Contingency | | 500,000 |
| Total Expenditures | \$ | 70,099,303 |
| Less: Estimated Revenues | | |
| General Fund, other than taxes | | 21,052,218 |
| To be raised from taxes | \$ | 49,047,085 |

Based on an estimated grand list of \$2,055,820,558 and assuming a 99% collection rate on a net collectible grand list of \$2,035,262,352, a mill rate of 24.10 will produce the necessary revenue.

BOARD OF FINANCE, Town of Suffield

Eric Harrington, Chairman
 Brian Kost, Vice Chairman
 Chris Childs
 Tom Frenaye
 Michael Haines

Mark Sinopoli
 Brad Belcher, Alt.
 Candace Forsman, Alt.
 Glen Garrity, Alt.

| | 2024-2025 Actual | 2025-2026 Budget | 2026-27 Proposed |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| REVENUE BUDGET | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ 46,843,132 | \$ 48,365,390 | \$ 50,247,085 |
| Licenses, Permits & Fines | 763,232 | 536,580 | 631,930 |
| Investment Income | 1,344,205 | 1,000,000 | 1,250,000 |
| Other Agencies | 752,057 | 751,909 | 763,809 |
| State and Federal Grants | 6,050,225 | 5,625,361 | 5,781,557 |
| Education Related Revenues | 7,539,543 | 7,985,107 | 8,012,244 |
| Current Services | 983,584 | 974,670 | 1,056,000 |
| Miscellaneous | 397,589 | 407,000 | 463,919 |
| Budget Transfers In: | | | |
| Off Duty Fund | 300,000 | 150,000 | 200,000 |
| Insurance Fund | 1,000,000 | - | - |
| Cemeteries Trust | 40,290 | 40,290 | 40,290 |
| Capital Non-Recurring | 820,770 | 514,009 | 642,469 |
| Capital Reserve | - | - | 760,000 |
| American Rescue Plan Act | 707,295 | - | - |
| Undesignated Fund Balance | - | 2,750,000 | - |
| Fund Balance-Bond Premium | - | - | 250,000 |
| Total General Fund Revenues | \$ 67,541,922 | \$ 69,100,316 | \$ 70,099,303 |
| EXPENDITURE BUDGET | | | |
| General Government | \$ 18,190,493 | \$ 18,789,184 | \$ 19,509,306 |
| Board of Education | 39,425,984 | 42,025,928 | 43,692,148 |
| Debt Service | 2,124,225 | 2,070,175 | 2,606,849 |
| Capital Expenditures | 3,002,375 | 3,715,029 | 3,791,000 |
| Contingency | - | 500,000 | 500,000 |
| Budget Transfers out: | | | |
| OPEB | 700,000 | - | - |
| CNRE Fund | 2,250,000 | 2,000,000 | - |
| Other funds | 33,923 | - | - |
| Total General Fund Expenditures | \$ 65,727,000 | \$ 69,100,316 | \$ 70,099,303 |

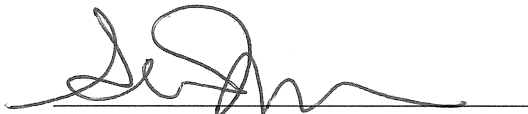
RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on May 1, 2026, I caused notice to be given of the foregoing Warning for a Town Meeting to be held May 6, 2026 by posting upon a signpost or other exterior place near the office of the town clerk of the Town of Suffield a printed or written warning signed by the selectmen.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on May 1, 2026, I published a like warning in the Journal Inquirer, a newspaper having a circulation in Suffield.

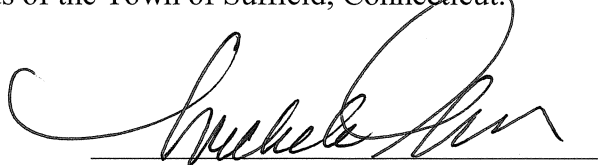
I HEREBY CERTIFY that such posting and such publication all being at least five days previous to holding the meeting, including the day that such notice was given, but not including the day of the holding of such meeting

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of such Warning is hereby filed with the Town Clerk of Suffield.



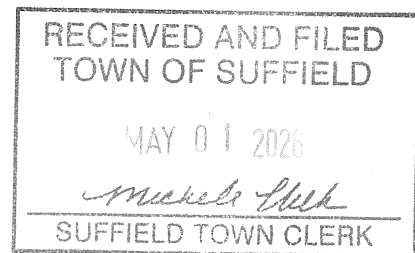
Amanda Moore
Finance Director, Town of Suffield

I hereby certify that on or before the day of such meeting, the foregoing Notice and Return of Notice are duly recorded in the records of the Town of Suffield, Connecticut.



Michele Urch
Town Clerk

Dated: May 1, 2026



RECEIVED

By Michele Urch at 10:30 am, May 07, 2026



TOWN OF SUFFIELD

MEETING MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**May 6, 2026
7:00 p.m.**

The Town Meeting of the Town of Suffield was called to order by Town Clerk Michele Urch, at 7:00 PM. The Town Meeting was held at the Suffield Middle School, 350 Mountain Road, Suffield, CT.

Kathy Dunai, 1510 North Stone Street, with a second from Derek Donnelly, 988 Russell Avenue nominated Ed McAnaney, 85 Wren Drive, to serve as moderator.

There were no additional nominations for moderator from the floor.

Ed McAnaney was elected moderator by a unanimous voice vote.

Moderator McAnaney asked those in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Derek Donnelly, 988 Russell Avenue, with a second by Melissa Finnigan, 50 Cedar Crest Lane, made a motion to waive the reading of the legal notice.

The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Derek Donnelly, 988 Russell Avenue, with a second by Erica Boucher, 71 Woodland Terrace, made a motion to vote by voice first and if undeterminable vote by paper ballot.

Motion passed by voice vote with six votes in opposition.

Town Clerk Michele Urch, with a second from Kathy Dunai, 1510 North Stone Street, presented the following motion:

•Resolved: That the Town Meeting of the Town of Suffield authorize An Appropriation Of \$1,950,000 For the Suffield High School SHINGLE Roof Replacement Project And The Financing Of Said Appropriation By The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Of The Town And Notes In Anticipation Of Such Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$1,950,000

A brief explanation was provided by Eric Remington, Business Manager for the Board of Education, that the town residents were voting again on the resolutions approved in February because the state is requiring each item to be voted on separately, unlike the original combined resolution.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Town Clerk Michele Urch, with a second from Derek Donnelly, 988 Russell Avenue, presented the following motion:

- **Resolved:** That the Town Meeting of the Town of Suffield authorize An Appropriation Of \$600,000 For the Suffield High School Photovoltaic Project and The Financing of Said Appropriation By The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Of The Town And Notes In Anticipation Of Such Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$600,000

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Town Clerk Michele Urch, with a second from Kathy Dunai, 1510 North Stone Street, presented the following motion:

- **Resolved:** That the Town Meeting of the Town of Suffield approve the report and Town budget recommendation of the Board of Finance and to make such appropriations in connection therewith as may be advisable.

Moderator McAnaney invited the Board of Finance Chair Eric Harrington, First Selectman Colin Moll, Superintendent of Schools Matthew Dunbar, Board of Education Chair Maureen Sattan and Business Manager Eric Remington to present tonight's PowerPoint.

Questions were asked and addressed accordingly.

The motion passed by voice vote with one vote in opposition.

Town Clerk Michele Urch, with a second by, Melissa Finnigan, 50 Cedar Crest Lane, presented the following motion:

- **Resolved:** That the Town Meeting of the Town of Suffield authorizes the Board of Finance to print and distribute explanatory texts concerning the budget, if the budget is petitioned to referendum. Such texts may not advocate approval or disapproval of the budget and must conform to the Connecticut General Statutes, Sec. 9-369b.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Kathy Dunai, 1510 North Stone Street, with a second by Melissa Finnigan, 50 Cedar Crest Lane, motioned to close the May 6, 2026 Town Budget Meeting.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

The meeting concluded at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Urch, CCTC
Town Clerk



**Town of Suffield
FY 26-27 Budget
Town Meeting
May 6, 2026**

Budget Summary



| Description | FY 2025-26 | FY 2026-27 | \$ Inc / (Dec) | % Inc / (Dec) |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| | Adopted Budget | Proposed Budget | | |
| Expenses: | | | | |
| Operating Expenses: | | | | |
| General Government | \$ 18,789,184 | \$ 19,509,306 | \$ 720,122 | 3.83% |
| Board of Education | 42,025,928 | 43,692,148 | 1,666,220 | 3.96% |
| Transfers to Other Funds | - | - | - | |
| | 60,815,112 | 63,201,454 | 2,386,342 | 3.92% |
| Capital Expenses: | | | | |
| Debt Service | 2,070,175 | 2,606,849 | 536,674 | 25.92% |
| Capital Expenditures | 3,715,029 | 3,791,000 | 75,971 | 2.04% |
| Transfers to Capital & Nonrecurring Reserve Fund | 2,000,000 | - | (2,000,000) | |
| | 7,785,204 | 6,397,849 | (1,387,355) | -17.82% |
| Contingency | 500,000 | 500,000 | - | 0.00% |
| Total Expenses | \$ 69,100,316 | \$ 70,099,303 | \$ 998,987 | 1.45% |
| Non-Property Tax Revenues: | | | | |
| Other Revenues | \$ 18,505,627 | \$ 19,159,459 | \$ 653,832 | 3.53% |
| Transfers from Other Funds | 3,454,299 | 1,892,759 | (1,561,540) | |
| | 21,959,926 | 21,052,218 | (907,708) | -4.13% |
| Property Taxes Required | 47,140,390 | 49,047,085 | 1,906,695 | 4.04% |
| Total Revenues | \$ 69,100,316 | \$ 70,099,303 | \$ 998,987 | 1.45% |
| Net Collectible Grand List | 2,014,038,090 | 2,035,262,352 | 21,224,262 | 1.05% |
| Mill Rate | 23.41 | 24.10 | 0.69 | 2.96% |

General Government

(By Department)



| Department | FY 2025-26 | FY 2026-27 | \$ Inc / (Dec) | % Inc / (Dec) |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | Adopted Budget | Proposed Budget | | |
| Employee Benefits & Insurance | \$ 3,935,493 | \$ 3,842,092 | \$ (93,401) | -2.37% |
| Police | 3,255,982 | 3,487,253 | 231,271 | 7.10% |
| Public Utilities | 2,368,193 | 2,462,895 | 94,702 | 4.00% |
| Public Works | 2,160,492 | 2,243,521 | 83,029 | 3.84% |
| Fire | 1,219,851 | 1,216,191 | (3,660) | -0.30% |
| Community Services | 1,095,199 | 1,159,052 | 63,853 | 5.83% |
| Library | 572,949 | 636,091 | 63,142 | 11.02% |
| Information Technology | 495,702 | 523,374 | 27,672 | 5.58% |
| Finance | 483,181 | 517,243 | 34,062 | 7.05% |
| Building Department | 365,719 | 376,475 | 10,756 | 2.94% |
| EMS / Ambulance | 338,222 | 351,689 | 13,467 | 3.98% |
| State Aid Roads | 291,826 | 386,230 | 94,404 | 32.35% |
| Election | 103,850 | 125,218 | 21,368 | 20.58% |
| Civil Preparedness | 16,148 | 46,148 | 30,000 | 185.78% |
| Other | 2,086,377 | 2,135,834 | 49,457 | 2.37% |
| Budget | \$ 18,789,184 | \$ 19,509,306 | \$ 720,122 | 3.83% |

General Government

(By Expense Type)



| Expense Type | FY 2025-26 | FY 2026-27 | \$ Inc / (Dec) | % Inc / (Dec) |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | Adopted Budget | Proposed Budget | | |
| Payroll | \$ 8,180,409 | \$ 8,499,909 | \$ 319,500 | 3.91% |
| Medical Insurance | 1,796,400 | 1,680,829 | (115,571) | -6.43% |
| 457(b) Plan | 332,000 | 396,550 | 64,550 | 19.44% |
| Other EE Benefits | 2,222,313 | 2,250,684 | 28,371 | 1.28% |
| Trash Hauling | 1,679,753 | 1,749,975 | 70,222 | 4.18% |
| Utilities | 1,071,179 | 1,129,970 | 58,791 | 5.49% |
| State Aid Roads | 291,826 | 386,230 | 94,404 | 32.35% |
| Service Maintenance | 391,644 | 470,677 | 79,033 | 20.18% |
| Landfill Engineering, Testing, Permit | 9,000 | 38,725 | 29,725 | 330.28% |
| All Other | 2,814,660 | 2,905,757 | 91,097 | 3.24% |
| Budget | \$ 18,789,184 | \$ 19,509,306 | \$ 720,122 | 3.83% |

- Payroll and Benefits - 66% of budget
- Trash Hauling and Utilities - 15% of budget
- All Other - 19% of budget

General Government

(Personnel Headcount)



| Department | FY 2026 | | FY 2027 | | Change |
|----------------------|---------|----|---------|----|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| | FT | PT | FT | PT | |
| Police | 27 | 2 | 27 | 2 | |
| Public Works | 11 | 3 | 11 | 1 | Removed: PT Office Cleaners (2) |
| Fire Department | 8 | 3 | 8 | 3 | Added: PT Fire Fighter; Removed: PT Administrative Assistant |
| Library | 7 | 10 | 7 | 10 | |
| Community Services | 7 | 10 | 7 | 10 | |
| Finance | 4 | 1 | 4 | 1 | |
| Building | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | Removed: PT Fire Inspectors (2) |
| EMS/Ambulance | 3 | - | 3 | - | |
| Selectmen | 2 | - | 2 | - | |
| Human Resources | 2 | - | 2 | - | |
| Assessor | 2 | - | 2 | - | |
| Tax Collector | 2 | - | 2 | - | |
| Town Clerk | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | |
| Planning and Zoning | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | |
| Animal Control | 1 | - | 1 | - | |
| Election | - | 5 | - | 5 | |
| Economic Development | - | 1 | - | 1 | |
| | 81 | 43 | 81 | 39 | |
| | 124 | | 120 | | |

Note: Excludes recording secretaries, seasonal, per diem, and stipend employees

Board of Education



| Description | FY 2025-26 | FY 2026-27 | \$ Inc / (Dec) | % Inc / (Dec) |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| | Adopted Budget | Proposed Budget | | |
| Salaries | \$ 27,878,624 | \$ 28,923,181 | \$ 1,044,557 | 3.75% |
| Benefits | 7,637,559 | 7,954,851 | 317,292 | 4.15% |
| Professional & Technical Services | 727,250 | 714,210 | (13,040) | -1.79% |
| Purchased Property Services | 1,654,886 | 1,708,352 | 53,466 | 3.23% |
| Other Purchased Services | 6,113,127 | 6,771,955 | 658,828 | 10.78% |
| Supplies & Materials | 687,205 | 725,770 | 38,565 | 5.61% |
| Equipment | 90,374 | 64,470 | (25,904) | -28.66% |
| Dues & Fees | 183,520 | 198,587 | 15,067 | 8.21% |
| Gross Expenditures | 44,972,545 | 47,061,377 | 2,088,831 | 4.64% |
| Grants & Other Revenues (BOE) | (2,946,617) | (3,369,229) | (422,612) | 14.34% |
| Net Expenditures | \$ 42,025,928 | \$ 43,692,148 | \$ 1,666,219 | 3.96% |

Debt Schedule

Principal and Interest (\$000)



| Date of Issue | 2012 ¹ | 2016 ² | 2020 ³ | 2026 ⁴ | TOTAL |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Amount of Issue (in \$000's) | \$9,000 | \$9,100 | \$10,535 | \$13,820 | |
| Interest Rate | 2% - 3% | 3.25% - 4% | 2% - 5% | 4% - 5% | |
| 2026-27 | \$ 654 | \$ 666 | \$ 704 | \$ 583 | \$ 2,607 |
| 2027-28 | 641 | 650 | 683 | 1,321 | 3,295 |
| 2028-29 | 0 | 635 | 665 | 1,285 | 2,585 |
| 2029-30 | 0 | 620 | 649 | 1,249 | 2,518 |
| 2030-31 | 0 | 604 | 636 | 1,213 | 2,453 |
| 2031-32 | 0 | 589 | 625 | 1,176 | 2,390 |
| 2032-33 | 0 | 574 | 615 | 1,140 | 2,329 |
| 2033-34 | 0 | 558 | 605 | 1,104 | 2,267 |
| 2034-35 | 0 | 543 | 599 | 1,075 | 2,217 |
| Remaining Years | 0 | 527 | 3,370 | 9,946 | 13,843 |
| Total | \$1,295 | \$5,966 | \$9,151 | \$20,092 | \$36,504 |

¹ Roads, Fire Trucks & Boston Neck Road Bridge

² Roads & Drainage

³ Town Hall, Fire Apparatus, Road & Drainage, Remington St Br, Street Lights

⁴ Emergency Services Radio, MIS HVAC, SHS HVAC / Roof / Floor; AWS Bathrooms / Exterior, Bridges & Roads

Components of Current Year Debt Service (in \$000's):

| | Prior Debt | New Debt | Total |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Roads / Drainage | \$ 1,290 | \$ 44 | \$ 1,334 |
| Bridges | 115 | 213 | 328 |
| Town Hall | 293 | - | 293 |
| Fire Apparatus | 289 | - | 289 |
| School Projects | - | 211 | 211 |
| Emergency Radio System | - | 115 | 115 |
| Street Lights | 37 | - | 37 |
| | \$ 2,024 | \$ 583 | \$ 2,607 |

Capital Project Highlights



| Description | Capital Expenditures, Gross Cost | Grants & Other Offsets | Capital Expenditures, Net Cost |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Pavement Management | \$ 1,200,000 | \$ - | \$ 1,200,000 |
| Police - HVAC System* | 300,000 | - | 300,000 |
| Facility Master Plan Implementation (Pre-Referendum)* | 265,000 | - | 265,000 |
| SHS - Auditorium Stage & House Lighting* | 195,000 | - | 195,000 |
| Cruiser Fund (2 Vehicles) | 150,000 | - | 150,000 |
| Small Bridge Fund | 150,000 | - | 150,000 |
| F550 Dump Truck | 143,000 | - | 143,000 |
| AWS - LED Lighting Upgrade | 120,000 | - | 120,000 |
| Sports Field & Town Green Rehab (Grading/Drainage/Seeding) | 100,000 | - | 100,000 |
| Other (32 Items) | 1,168,000 | - | 1,168,000 |
| | <u>\$ 3,791,000</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 3,791,000</u> |

*Funded by \$760,000 transfer from CNRE

Transfers to Other Funds



| Transfers to Other Funds | FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget | FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget | \$ Inc / (Dec) | % Inc / (Dec) |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Capital & Nonrecurring Reserve Fund | \$ 2,000,000 | \$ - | \$ (2,000,000) | |
| Transfer to Other Funds | <u>\$ 2,000,000</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ (2,000,000)</u> | <u>-100.00%</u> |

Capital Projects & Debt Service



| | FY 2022-23 | FY 2023-24 | FY 2024-25 | FY 2025-26 | FY 2026-27 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Budget | Budget | Budget | Budget | Proposed |
| Capital Expenditures (ACCE) | \$ 4,540,608 | \$ 5,908,786 | \$ 2,924,745 | \$ 3,715,029 | \$ 3,791,000 |
| Transfer to/(from) Capital & Nonrecurring Reserve Fund | 500,000 | - | 2,250,000 | 2,000,000 | (760,000) |
| Sweeps from Capital & Nonrecurring Fund | - | (100,000) | (881,669) | (514,009) | (642,469) |
| State Aid Roads | 292,924 | 292,924 | 291,826 | 291,826 | 386,230 |
| Capital Expense Reimbursement | - | - | - | - | - |
| Net Capital | 5,333,532 | 6,101,710 | 4,584,902 | 5,492,846 | 2,774,761 |
| Debt Service | 2,250,700 | 2,188,325 | 2,124,225 | 2,070,175 | 2,606,849 |
| Capital and Debt Service | 7,584,232 | 8,290,035 | 6,709,127 | 7,563,021 | 5,381,610 |
| Capital / Debt as % of Budget | 12.1% | 12.7% | 10.1% | 10.9% | 7.7% |

Other Revenues



| Other Revenues | FY 2025-26 | | FY 2026-27 | |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | Adopted Budget | Proposed Budget | \$ Inc / (Dec) | % Inc / (Dec) |
| State & Federal Grants | \$ 5,625,361 | \$ 5,781,557 | \$ 156,196 | 2.78% |
| Education-Related Grants & Revenues | 7,985,107 | 8,012,244 | 27,137 | 0.34% |
| Revenue from Other Agencies | 751,909 | 763,809 | 11,900 | 1.58% |
| Interest | 1,000,000 | 1,250,000 | 250,000 | 25.00% |
| Supplemental Property Taxes/Fees/ Interest | 1,225,000 | 1,200,000 | (25,000) | -2.04% |
| Building Department Revenue | 500,000 | 600,000 | 100,000 | 20.00% |
| Parks & Recreation Revenue | 450,000 | 481,000 | 31,000 | 6.89% |
| Rent - Town Property | 65,000 | 108,919 | 43,919 | 67.57% |
| Other | 903,250 | 961,930 | 58,680 | 6.50% |
| Other Revenues | \$ 18,505,627 | \$ 19,159,459 | \$ 653,832 | 3.53% |

Transfers from Other Funds



| Transfers from Other Funds | FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget | FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget | \$ Inc / (Dec) | % Inc / (Dec) |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Off Duty Fund | \$ 150,000 | \$ 200,000 | \$ 50,000 | |
| Cemetery Fund | 40,290 | 40,290 | - | |
| Capital & Nonrecurring Fund (Sweeps) | 514,009 | 642,469 | 128,460 | |
| Capital & Nonrecurring Reserve Fund | - | 760,000 | 760,000 | |
| Unassigned Fund | 2,750,000 | - | (2,750,000) | |
| Fund Balance - Bond Premium | - | 250,000 | 250,000 | |
| Transfer from Other Funds | \$ 3,454,299 | \$ 1,892,759 | \$ (1,561,540) | -45.21% |

Grand List Summary



| Classification: | BUDGET | | Change | % of Total | BUDGET | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------------|------------|--------------------|
| | FY 2025-26 | % of Total | | | FY 2026-27 | % of Total | |
| Residential: | | | | | | | |
| Real Estate | \$ 1,615,676,260 | 78.96% | \$ 8,625,150 | 39.31% | \$ 1,624,301,410 | 78.54% | |
| Personal Property | - | 0.00% | - | 0.00% | - | 0.00% | |
| Motor Vehicles | 159,403,789 | 7.79% | 7,014,815 | 31.97% | 166,418,604 | 8.05% | |
| Total Residential | \$ 1,775,080,049 | 86.75% | \$ 15,639,965 | 71.29% | \$ 1,790,720,014 | 86.58% | |
| Commercial: | | | | | | | |
| Real Estate | \$ 164,109,460 | 8.02% | \$ 2,775,920 | 12.65% | \$ 166,885,380 | 8.07% | |
| Personal Property | 101,006,382 | 4.94% | 3,311,592 | 15.09% | 104,317,974 | 5.04% | |
| Motor Vehicles | 6,077,658 | 0.30% | 211,382 | 0.96% | 6,289,040 | 0.30% | |
| Total Commercial | \$ 271,193,500 | 13.25% | \$ 6,298,894 | 28.71% | \$ 277,492,394 | 13.42% | |
| Total: | | | | | | | Inc / (Dec) |
| Real Estate | \$ 1,779,785,720 | 86.98% | \$ 11,401,070 | 51.97% | \$ 1,791,186,790 | 86.61% | 0.64% |
| Personal Property | 101,006,382 | 4.94% | 3,311,592 | 15.09% | 104,317,974 | 5.04% | 3.28% |
| Motor Vehicles | 165,481,447 | 8.09% | 7,226,197 | 32.94% | 172,707,644 | 8.35% | 4.37% |
| Grand Total | \$ 2,046,273,549 | 100.00% | \$ 21,938,859 | 100.00% | \$ 2,068,212,408 | 100.00% | 1.07% |
| Adjustments: | | | | | | | |
| TIF (a) | (9,896,210) | | (210) | | (9,896,420) | | |
| Solar Farm Personal Property (b) | (345,430) | | - | | (345,430) | | |
| New Construction (c) | 2,000,000 | | (500,000) | | 1,500,000 | | |
| Elderly Homeowners Relief (d) | (6,150,000) | | - | | (6,150,000) | | |
| Income and Expense Penalties (e) | 2,500,000 | | - | | 2,500,000 | | |
| Grand List per Budget | \$ 2,034,381,909 | | \$ 21,438,649 | | \$ 2,055,820,558 | | |
| Collection Rate | 99.0% | | 99.0% | | 99.0% | | |
| Net Collectible Grand List | \$ 2,014,038,090 | | \$ 21,224,263 | | \$ 2,035,262,352 | | |
| Net Collectible Grand List Growth | | | | | 1.05% | | |

Notes:

- (a) Assessment increase to properties in TIF District. We add this amount of tax \$\$ to TIF Account.
- (b) Personal Property of Solar Farm. We write this off annually but receive \$15,000 from them (included in revenue as a PILOT).
- (c) Increased assessments for new construction for the remainder of the Grand List
- (d) Assessment reductions for Elderly Homeowners tax relief
- (e) Assessment penalty for failure to file Income & Expense report

Balance Sheet

(Per Audited Financial Statements)



| | June 30, | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
| Bonded Debt | \$ (22,620,000) | \$ (20,950,000) | \$ (19,280,000) | \$ (17,610,000) | \$ (15,945,000) |
| Pension Assets | \$ 43,580,875 | \$ 36,828,019 | \$ 39,486,199 | \$ 42,576,923 | \$ 45,363,415 |
| Pension Liabilities | (47,451,680) | (50,044,936) | (51,179,914) | (51,984,361) | (52,701,145) |
| Net Pension Assets / (Liabilities) | \$ (3,870,805) | \$ (13,216,917) | \$ (11,693,715) | \$ (9,407,438) | \$ (7,337,730) |
| % Funded | 91.8% | 73.6% | 77.2% | 81.9% | 86.1% |
| OPEB Assets | \$ 16,544,534 | \$ 13,796,587 | \$ 15,272,711 | \$ 17,004,312 | \$ 19,308,694 |
| OPEB Liabilities | (18,702,435) | (19,304,629) | (20,019,909) | (20,559,924) | (18,023,870) |
| Net OPEB Assets / (Liabilities) | \$ (2,157,901) | \$ (5,508,042) | \$ (4,747,198) | \$ (3,555,612) | \$ 1,284,824 |
| % Funded | 88.5% | 71.5% | 76.3% | 82.7% | 107.1% |
| Unassigned General Fund | \$ 5,980,108 | \$ 7,489,319 | \$ 9,501,602 | \$ 12,455,790 | \$ 11,311,735 |
| Capital Non Recurring Fund (CNRE) | 3,221,871 | 4,687,352 | 5,416,755 | 5,849,865 | 8,684,117 |
| Total Reserves | \$ 9,201,979 | \$ 12,176,671 | \$ 14,918,357 | \$ 18,305,655 | \$ 19,995,852 |
| Unassigned General Fund as % of Budget | 10.1% | 12.0% | 15.1% | 19.0% | 17.1% |
| Capital Non Recurring Fund (CNRE) as % of Budget | 5.5% | 7.5% | 8.6% | 8.9% | 13.1% |
| Total Reserves as % of Budget | 15.6% | 19.5% | 23.7% | 28.0% | 30.2% |

Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recommends, at a minimum, that general-purpose governments, regardless of size, maintain unrestricted budgetary fund balance in their general fund of no less than two months (16.6%) of regular general fund operating revenues or regular general fund operating expenditures.

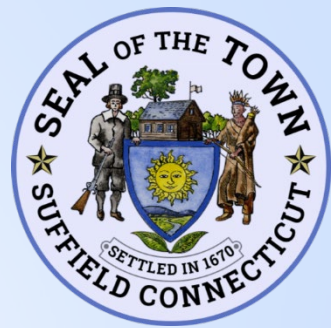
History of Mill Rates



Mill Rate History for the Town of Suffield

| GL YEAR | MILL RATE | | INC/(DEC) | | GL YEAR | MILL RATE | | INC/(DEC) |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 2025 | 24.10 | | 2.96% | | 1996 | 23.83 | | 1.40% |
| 2024 | 23.41 | | 3.44% | | 1995 | 23.50 | | 3.84% |
| 2023 | 22.63 | *Reval YR | -20.90% | 1.22% | 1994 | 22.63 | | 4.72% |
| 2022 | 28.61 | | 0.00% | | 1993 | 21.61 | | 3.89% |
| 2021 | 28.61 | | -0.10% | | 1992 | 20.80 | | 2.61% |
| 2020 | 28.64 | | 0.00% | | 1991 | 20.27 | | 3.37% |
| 2019 | 28.64 | | -0.28% | | 1990 | 19.61 | | 0.00% |
| 2018 | 28.72 | *Reval YR | -2.05% | 1.09% | 1989 | 19.61 | *Reval YR | -56.89% |
| 2017 | 29.32 | | 1.49% | | 1988 | 45.49 | | 10.82% |
| 2016 | 28.89 | | 2.45% | | 1987 | 41.05 | | 4.59% |
| 2015 | 28.20 | | 1.51% | | 1986 | 39.25 | | 3.97% |
| 2014 | 27.78 | | 2.43% | | 1985 | 37.75 | | 5.59% |
| 2013 | 27.12 | *Reval YR | 7.79% | 0.40% | 1984 | 35.75 | | 5.15% |
| 2012 | 25.16 | | 1.29% | | 1983 | 34.00 | | 6.25% |
| 2011 | 24.84 | | 2.77% | | 1982 | 32.00 | | 13.07% |
| 2010 | 24.17 | | 4.41% | | 1981 | 28.30 | | 12.08% |
| 2009 | 23.15 | | 0.00% | | 1980 | 25.25 | | 4.12% |
| 2008 | 23.15 | *Reval YR | -15.20% | -1.80% | 1979 | 24.25 | *Reval YR | -54.03% |
| 2007 | 27.30 | | 3.41% | | 1978 | 52.75 | | -4.09% |
| 2006 | 26.40 | | 4.18% | | 1977 | 55.00 | | 1.85% |
| 2005 | 25.34 | | 3.72% | | 1976 | 54.00 | | 3.35% |
| 2004 | 24.43 | | 3.47% | | 1975 | 52.25 | | 6.09% |
| 2003 | 23.61 | *Reval YR | -21.27% | 2.33% | 1974 | 49.25 | | 1.55% |
| 2002 | 29.99 | | 4.97% | | 1973 | 48.50 | | 4.86% |
| 2001 | 28.57 | | 4.00% | | 1972 | 46.25 | | 1.09% |
| 2000 | 27.47 | | 3.50% | | 1971 | 45.75 | | 2.23% |
| 1999 | 26.54 | *Reval YR | 12.60% | -1.60% | 1970 | 44.75 | | 1.70% |
| 1998 | 23.57 | | 1.03% | | 1969 | 44.00 | *Reval YR | -26.36% |
| 1997 | 23.33 | | -2.10% | | 1968 | 59.75 | | |

Mill Rate Comparison



State of CT - Hartford County

Mill Rates

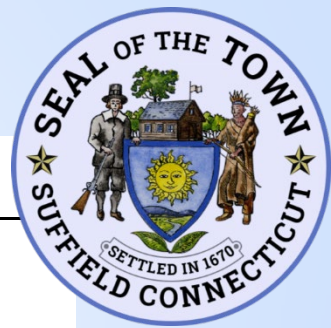
| FY 21-22 | | FY 22-23 | | FY 23-24 | | FY 24-25 | | FY 25-26 | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Municipality/District | Mill Rate | Municipality/District | Mill Rate | Municipality/District | Mill Rate | Municipality/District | Mill Rate | Municipality/District | Mill Rate |
| Hartford | 74.29 | Hartford | 68.95 | Hartford | 68.95 | Hartford | 68.95 | Hartford | 68.95 |
| New Britain | 49.50 | New Britain | 49.50 | East Hartford | 42.54 | East Hartford | 44.00 | East Hartford | 45.90 |
| East Hartford | 49.35 | Wethersfield | 41.08 | Wethersfield | 41.78 | Wethersfield | 43.22 | West Hartford | 44.78 |
| West Hartford | 42.42 | East Hartford | 41.00 | West Hartford | 40.92 | West Hartford | 42.35 | Wethersfield | 41.22 |
| Wethersfield | 40.67 | West Hartford | 40.68 | Newington | 38.36 | Newington | 39.67 | Newington | 39.98 |
| Granby | 39.61 | Granby | 39.98 | New Britain | 38.28 | New Britain | 39.59 | Manchester | 39.82 |
| Newington | 38.81 | South Windsor | 38.77 | Manchester | 37.20 | Manchester | 38.68 | New Britain | 39.18 |
| Bristol | 38.35 | Newington | 38.49 | Bloomfield | 36.78 | Bloomfield | 37.49 | Marlborough | 37.74 |
| South Windsor | 37.86 | Bristol | 38.35 | East Granby | 36.30 | Marlborough | 36.29 | Bloomfield | 35.64 |
| Simsbury | 37.41 | Simsbury | 37.41 | Rocky Hill | 35.92 | South Windsor | 34.46 | South Windsor | 35.61 |
| Glastonbury | 37.32 | Glastonbury | 37.30 | Avon | 35.39 | Canton | 34.15 | Plainville | 34.36 |
| Manchester | 36.52 | Marlborough | 35.55 | Canton | 35.37 | Granby | 33.13 | Granby | 34.21 |
| Marlborough | 35.84 | Avon | 34.61 | Marlborough | 34.73 | Plainville | 32.64 | Bristol | 33.75 |
| Bloomfield | 35.58 | Bloomfield | 34.53 | East Windsor | 34.28 | Simsbury | 32.26 | Canton | 33.50 |
| Plainville | 34.56 | Rocky Hill | 34.52 | Windsor | 33.60 | Glastonbury | 31.93 | Southington | 33.21 |
| East Windsor | 34.50 | East Windsor | 34.38 | South Windsor | 33.14 | Bristol | 31.85 | Simsbury | 33.02 |
| Enfield | 34.23 | Berlin | 34.31 | Burlington | 32.20 | Southington | 31.44 | Glastonbury | 32.83 |
| Avon | 34.21 | East Granby | 34.10 | Granby | 31.89 | Enfield | 30.56 | Enfield | 31.50 |
| Rocky Hill | 34.10 | Canton | 33.69 | Plainville | 31.42 | Windsor | 30.32 | Avon | 30.75 |
| Berlin | 33.93 | Windsor | 33.27 | Glastonbury | 31.01 | Berlin | 30.21 | Berlin | 30.65 |
| East Granby | 33.60 | Burlington | 32.70 | Simsbury | 30.82 | East Granby | 29.80 | East Granby | 30.50 |
| Burlington | 33.40 | Manchester | 31.42 | Enfield | 30.56 | Avon | 29.66 | Rocky Hill | 30.24 |
| Windsor | 33.27 | Plainville | 30.64 | Southington | 30.36 | Rocky Hill | 29.17 | Hartland | 29.15 |
| Canton | 33.22 | Farmington | 29.32 | Bristol | 30.35 | Windsor Locks | 28.14 | Windsor | 28.45 |
| Southington | 29.03 | Southington | 29.13 | Berlin | 29.56 | Hartland | 27.75 | Farmington | 26.62 |
| Farmington | 28.81 | Suffield | 28.61 | Suffield | 28.61 | Burlington | 25.90 | Burlington | 26.60 |
| Suffield | 28.64 | Enfield | 27.89 | Hartland | 27.25 | Farmington | 25.45 | East Windsor | 24.89 |
| Hartland | 27.00 | Hartland | 27.00 | Windsor Locks | 26.33 | East Windsor | 24.56 | Windsor Locks | 23.99 |
| Windsor Locks | 25.83 | Windsor Locks | 25.83 | Farmington | 24.21 | Suffield | 22.63 | Suffield | 23.41 |

Source: https://data.ct.gov/Local-Government/Mill-Rates-for-FY-2014-2026/emyx-j53e/about_data

Highlighted municipalities have per capita income over \$50,000 and household income over \$100,000

Note: Mandatory revaluation every five years

Tax Bill



FY 2026-27 Detailed Tax Bill

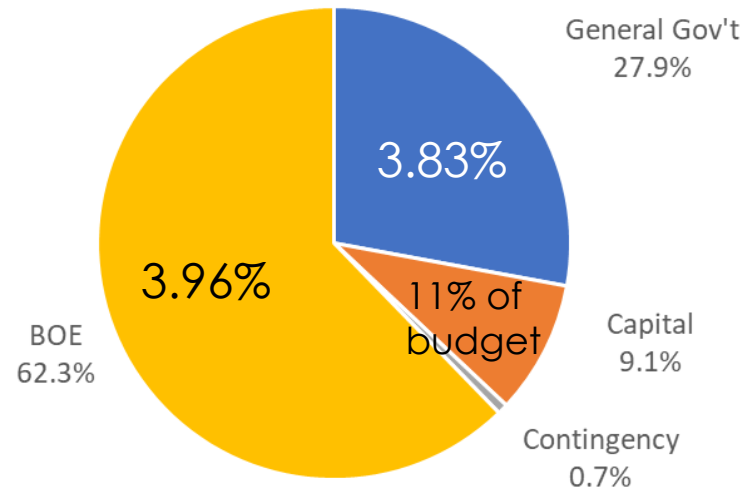
| | Annual | Monthly | % | Description |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Board of Education: | \$ 4,909 | \$ 409 | 72.7% | K-12 education for approximately 2,000 students |
| Board of Selectman: | | | | |
| Public Safety: | | | | |
| Police | 452 | 38 | 6.7% | Safeguarding of life and property |
| Fire | 167 | 14 | 2.5% | Fire protection 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. |
| EMS | 47 | 4 | 0.7% | Provides life saving treatment and transportation of the ill and injured. |
| | 666 | 55 | 9.9% | |
| Employee Benefits | 529 | 44 | 7.8% | Medical, pension, and other benefits for town employees |
| Public Works | 287 | 24 | 4.3% | Highway crew, landfill operation, snow removal |
| Public Utilities | 339 | 28 | 5.0% | Trash hauling fees / hydrant water |
| Community Services | 91 | 8 | 1.3% | Parks & Recreation / Youth Services / Senior Center |
| Library | 88 | 7 | 1.3% | Kent Memorial Library |
| All Other | 454 | 38 | 6.7% | All other functions of town government (IT, Finance, Town Clerk, HR, Assessors, Selectman, Animal Control, Tax Collector, P&Z, Elections, Conservation, etc.) |
| | 2,453 | 204 | 36.4% | |
| Capital Spend | 615 | 51 | 9.1% | Maintenance of town assets (debt service and ACCE) |
| State Funding Offset | (815) | (68) | -12.1% | State funding not specific to any department or service above |
| Other | (414) | (34) | -6.1% | Interest income, transfers, and other revenues |
| Total Tax Bill | \$ 6,748 | \$ 562 | 100.0% | |

Bill for typical Suffield property with \$400,000 market value and \$280,000 assessed value.

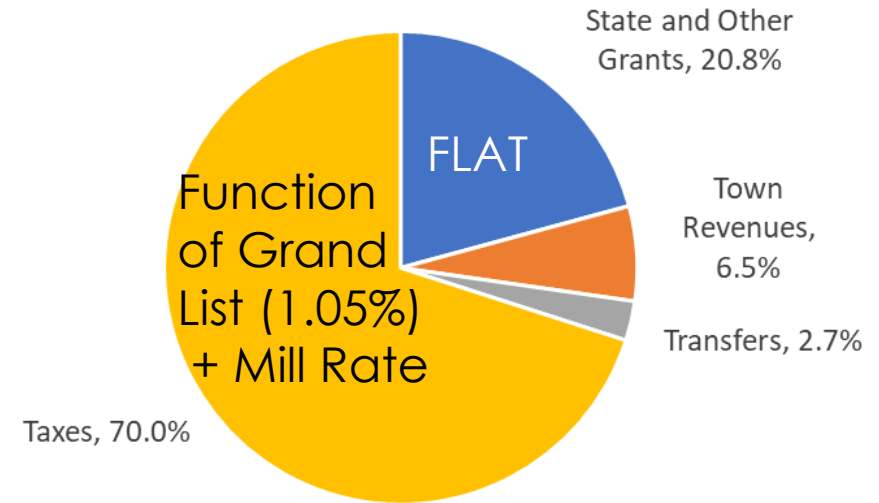
Takeaways



Fiscal Year 2026-27 Expenditure Budget



Fiscal Year 2026-27 Revenue Budget



CPI-U is currently 3.3%

Risks:

- Inflation, including medical insurance, wages, utilities
- Flat funding from the state
- Unfunded mandates and Real Estate Tax Exemptions
- Stock Market
- Capital Needs (middle school, fire station)
- Unknown unknowns (radio project, bridges)



Selectman's Budget

Increase of 3.8%, \$720,122

Almost 50% of the increase is due wage increases and benefits

\$380,000 wages and benefits

+ \$94,702 Public Utilities

+ \$94,404 State Aid Road (paving) offset in revenue line item

+ \$30,000 new software cost for new radio system

+ \$30,000 landfill permitting and engineering fees

+ \$21,000 election costs

Total of the above increases reflects \$650,156, 91% of the budgeted increase

Notable Changes:

- Addition of 1 P/T Firefighter to allow for 2 staff on duty on every shift
- Significant increase to Landfill testing and regulatory fees
- Second year of increased costs to Elections
- \$30,000 annual fee for new radio system
- Savings from health benefits due to negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreements

Budget Drivers for Departments



Police Department-\$231,271

- **Mostly driven by CBA**

Public Utilities-\$94,702

- **Includes trash collection, electricity, and fire hydrants**

State Aid Road-\$94,404 offset in revenue, but reflected in expenses

DPW-\$83,029

- **Landfill testing and regulatory fees**
- **Higher cost for operating expenses**

Library \$63,142 and Community Services \$63,853 due to wages

General Government Operation

| Fiscal Year | FY 26/27 | FY 25/26 | FY 25/24 | FY 24/23 | FY 23/22 |
|---------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Dollar Amount | \$720,122 | \$474,569 | \$219,605 | \$616,042 | \$324,598 |
| Percentage | 3.8% | 2.59% | 1.2% | 3.5% | 1.89% |
| CPI | 3.3% as of March | 2.7% | 2.9% | 4.1% | 8.0% |
| % Difference | +.5% | -.011 | -1.7 | -.6 | -6.11 |

Average increase of 2.60%
CPI average 3.66%



Suffield Public Schools

Board of Education
Budget Fiscal Year 2026-27

PROPOSED BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET FY27

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Board of Education Budget FY26 | \$42,025,928 |
| Superintendent's Proposed FY27 | \$44,665,997 |
| Board of Education Reduction | \$ 973,849 |
| Board of Education Proposed FY27 | \$43,692,148 |

PROPOSED BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET FY27

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| BOE Proposed FY27 | \$43,692,148 |
| Increase | \$ 1,666,220 |
| % Change | 3.96% |

FY27 BUDGET DRIVERS

- Salaries higher through contractual increases but remain below average for all groups
- Reduced 2.0 FTE Certified and 1.0 FTE Non-Certified positions - savings = \$385,000 (including benefits)
- 11.5% health insurance premium rate increase raises budget by \$252K
- End of very favorable five-year transportation contract results in a \$200K increase
- Aggressive approach to outplacements results in budget savings

FY27 BUDGET INCREASES

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Salaries | 2.68% |
| Health Insurance | 0.60% |
| Outplacements Tuition/Transportation | -0.47% |
| General Transportation | 0.48% |
| FICA/Medicare | 0.16% |
| Utilities | 0.12% |
| All Other | 0.39% |
| TOTAL PROPOSED INCREASE | 3.96% |

STAFFING

Staffing Reductions/Addition FY 27

2.0 Secondary Math and ELA Coaching Positions

1.0 SHS Secretarial Position

0.8 Spanish Position

Staffing Reductions FY 26

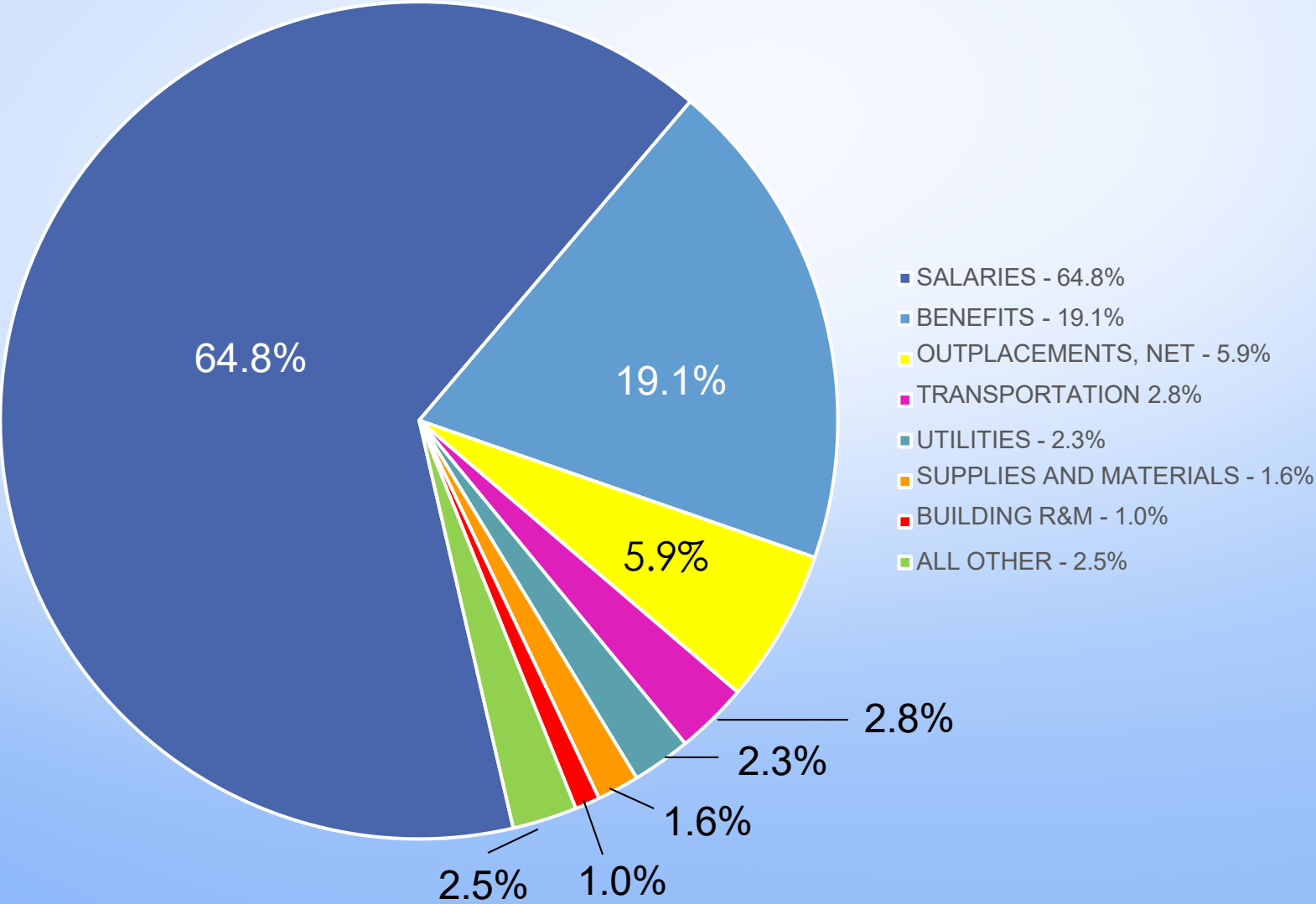
2.0 Elementary Teaching Positions

1.0 FTE SHS School Psychologist

1.0 FTE SHS English Teacher

1.0 FTE Maintenance Position

PROPOSED BOE BUDGET LINE ITEMS FY27



FY27 EDUCATION RELATED REVENUE

Education Related Revenue

| Revenue Source | FY 25-26 | FY 26-27 Proposed | \$ | % |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Education Cost Sharing - Town | \$ 6,109,575 | \$ 6,163,712 | \$ 54,137 | 0.9% |
| AgriScience - Town | 1,539,532 | 1,539,532 | - | - |
| Other - Town | 336,000 | 309,000 | (27,000) | -8.0% |
| Grants - BOE | 1,124,195 | 1,060,686 | (63,509) | -5.6% |
| Reimbursements - BOE | 3,186,179 | 3,524,277 | 338,098 | 10.6% |
| Total | \$ 12,295,481 | \$ 12,597,207 | \$ 301,726 | 2.5% |

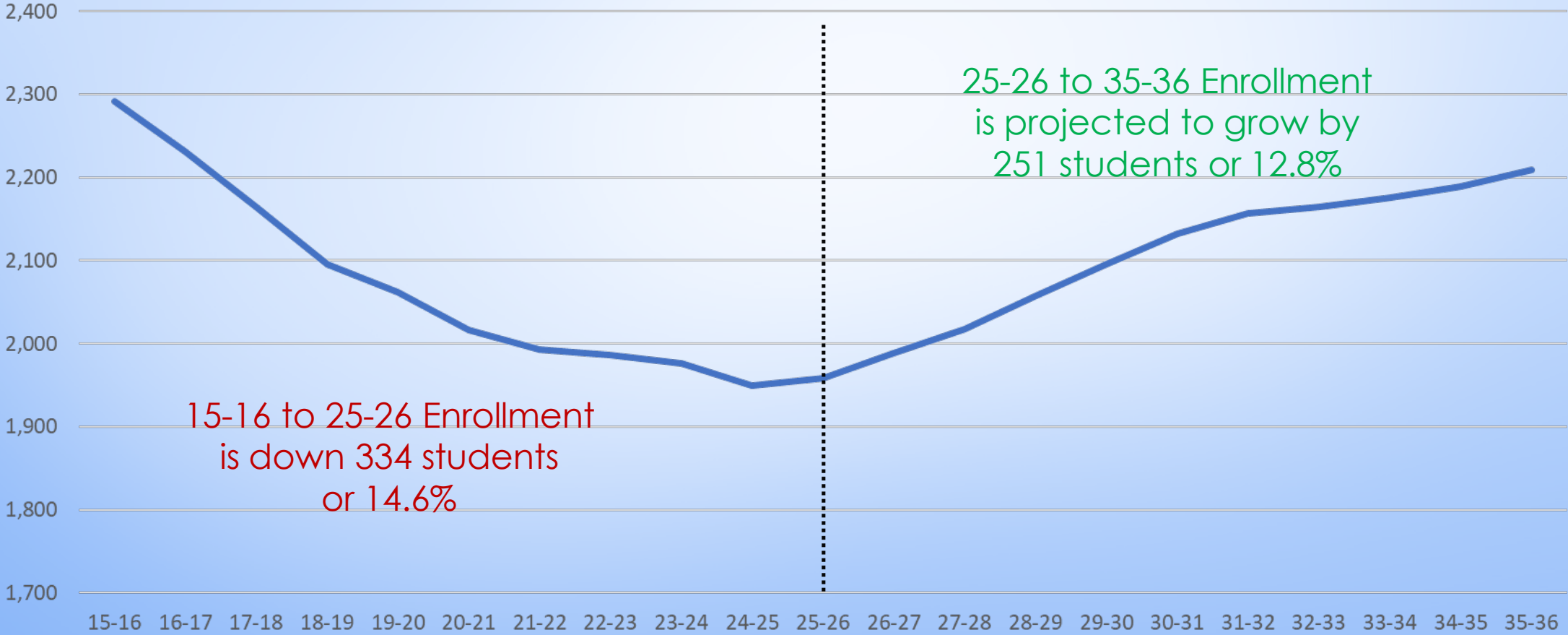
ECS Revenue



Notes

- State grants are projected to be relatively flat in year two of the biennial budget
- ECS 9 year average grant of \$6,126,019

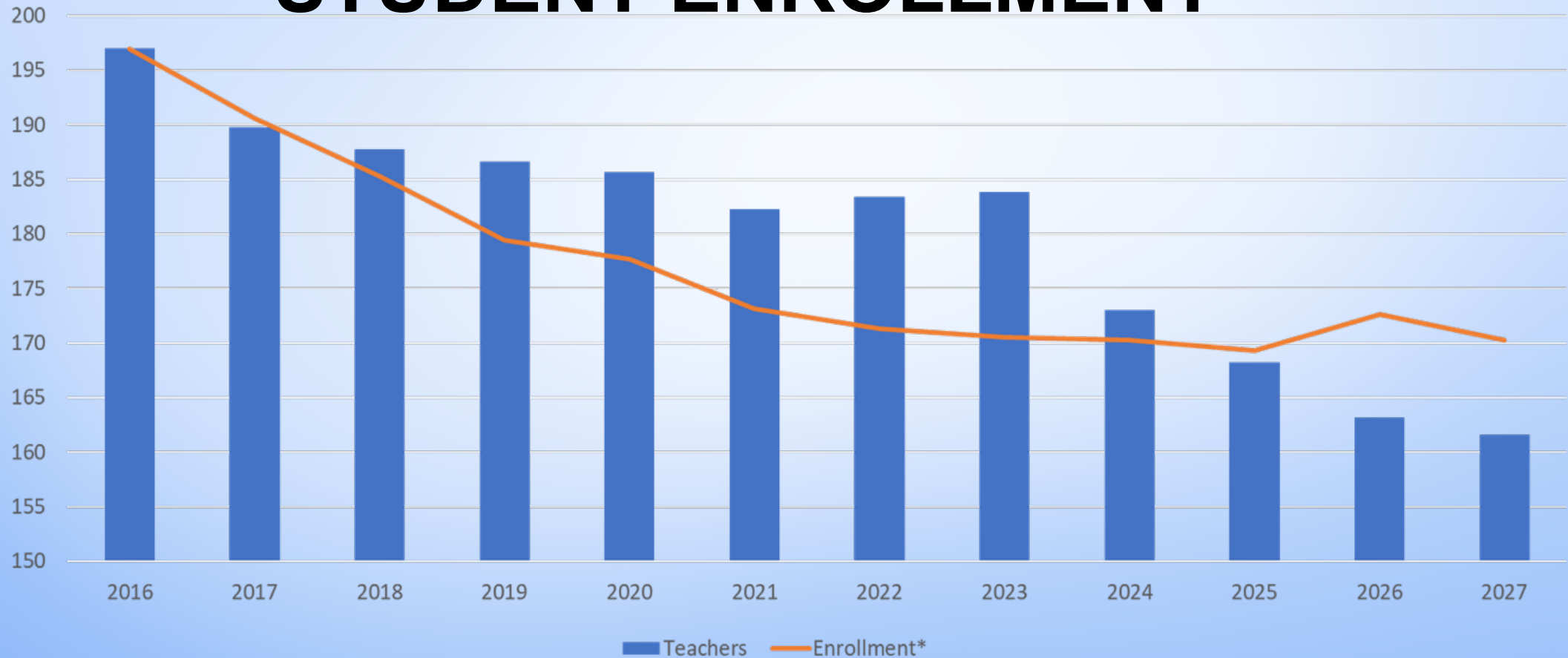
HISTORICAL AND PROJECTED ENROLLMENT CHANGES



15-16 to 25-26 Enrollment
is down 334 students
or 14.6%

25-26 to 35-36 Enrollment
is projected to grow by
251 students or 12.8%

CERTIFIED TEACHERS vs. STUDENT ENROLLMENT



* Enrollment is expressed as a percentage with 2016 as the base year (i.e. actual enrollment each year ÷ 11.97)

SUFFIELD PER PUPIL RANK TREND

STATE AND DRG

| School Year | Per Pupil Expenditure | State (169 Total) | DRG C Rank (30 Total) |
|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 2016-17 | \$16,049 | 104 | 21 |
| 2017-18 | \$16,626 | 98 | 21 |
| 2018-19 | \$17,418 | 83 | 20 |
| 2019-20 | \$17,621 | 97 | 23 |
| 2020-21 | \$18,895 | 112 | 25 |
| 2021-22 | \$18,715 | 113 | 26 |
| 2022-23 | \$19,068 | 115 | 26 |
| 2023-24 | \$20,970 | 101 | 24 |
| 2024-25 | \$21,164 | 113 | 25 |

FY27 BOE BUDGET KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Inflationary pressures driving line item increases
 - Salaries
 - Health insurance
 - Transportation
- Staffing reductions partially offset contractual salary increases
- Aggressive approach to controlling outplacement costs
- ***Overall, the budget preserves the programs and services necessary to support student success and continue progress in teaching and learning across the district, while remaining mindful of the financial impact on the community***



**Questions or
Comments?**

Suffield High School Shingle Roof Resolution

Resolution authorizing an appropriation of \$1,950,000 for the Suffield High School Shingle Roof Replacement Project and the financing of said appropriation by the issuance of general obligation bonds of the town and notes in anticipation of such bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,950,000.

Full text of resolution available in the Town Clerk's office

Suffield High School Photovoltaic Project Resolution

Resolution authorizing an appropriation of \$600,000 for the Suffield High School Photovoltaic Project and the financing of said appropriation by the issuance of general obligation bonds of the town and notes in anticipation of such bonds in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.

Full text of resolution available in the Town Clerk's office

General Fund Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Resolution #1

Resolved: That the Town Meeting of the Town of Suffield approve the report and Town budget recommendation of the Board of Finance and to make such appropriations in connection therewith as may be advisable.

General Fund Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Resolution #2

Resolved: That the Town Meeting of the Town of Suffield authorizes the Board of Finance to print and distribute explanatory texts concerning the budget, if the budget is petitioned to referendum. Such texts may not advocate approval or disapproval of the budget and must conform to the Connecticut General Statutes, Sec. 9-369b.