ROSLYN SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXCELLENCE. ELEVATED.

PROPOSED 2026-2027 BUDGET

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dear Roslyn Community,

On behalf of the Board of Education, I am pleased to present the proposed 2026–2027 school budget. More than a financial plan, this proposal reflects our shared commitment to providing every student with an exceptional educational experience while upholding our strong fiscal responsibility to the community. It represents our continued focus on aligning resources with our priorities and advancing our vision of **"Excellence. Elevated."**

This budget is a strategic investment in our students' future. It supports the implementation of the new K–5 literacy program, Schoolwide Fundamentals, and expands innovative course offerings such as Drones: The Future of Flight. To maintain optimal class sizes and support student success, we are adding key staff, including reading specialists and classroom teachers. Student safety also remains a top priority, with planned upgrades to our lockdown systems and a comprehensive cybersecurity review to safeguard our schools.

The budget also includes the creation of a $45 million Capital Reserve to address long-term facility needs, such as roof and HVAC replacements, gym renovations, and classroom upgrades. This proactive approach allows us to maintain and enhance our learning environments without placing additional pressure on future tax levies.

From our Merit Scholars to our championship athletic teams, musicians, researchers, builders, thinkers, and creators in all disciplines, our students continue to reach new heights. This budget provides the foundation necessary to sustain that excellence, while maintaining a modest 3% budget-to-budget increase and a 2.37% tax levy increase below the allowable limit.

We invite you to review the full budget and participate in the upcoming budget vote on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026**. Your engagement is vital as we work together to support the continued prosperity of our schools and community.

Sincerely,
Meryl Waxman Ben-Levy, President
Roslyn Board of Education

ELECTION OF BOARD TRUSTEES

To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education, for terms of three years, commencing on July 1, 2026, and expiring on June 30, 2029, in the order they will appear on the ballot:

MERYL WAXMAN BEN-LEVY

LEIGH MINSKY

SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION

MAY 19, 2026

7 AM - 9 PM
ROSLYN HIGH SCHOOL

300 Harbor Hill Road
NORTH GYM

Enter campus via Harbor Hill Road

2.37%
TAX LEVY INCREASE
Below the tax cap limit of 2.39%

3%
SPENDING INCREASE

$140,918,000
2026-2027
PROPOSED BUDGET

2026-2027 PROPOSITIONS

PROPOSITION 1

BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed budget of expenditures adopted by the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of $140,918,000 be approved, and the amount thereof shall be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, after first deducting the monies available from State Aid and other sources as provided by law.

PROPOSITION 2

BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed budget of the Bryant Library in the amount of $5,451,371 as prepared by the Trustees of said Library for the 2026-2027 school year and that the amount of $5,451,371 be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable real property in the Roslyn Union Free School District be and hereby are approved.

PROPOSITION 3

Shall the Board of Education be authorized: (a) to purchase school buses for use by the District, including related equipment and apparatus, and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of $568,296; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed $568,296 to pay such cost, said tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed $568,296 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable; and (d) that, in lieu of bonds, the District is authorized to enter into one or more installment purchase contracts for the purchase of some or all of said buses, for a term of not to exceed five (5) years, and a tax is hereby voted to pay each installment on any such contract.

PROPOSITION 4

SHALL the Board of Education be authorized to expend a sum not to exceed $3,500,000 from the 2017 Capital Reserve Fund established in May 2017 for the purpose of performing the following projects: (1) Renovations to the lighting/ceilings in classrooms at Roslyn High School and (2) renovations to parking lot at Roslyn High School, and all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus, and incidental costs associated therewith.

PROPOSITION 5

SHALL the Board of Education, pursuant to Education Law section 3651, be authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund known as the "2026 Capital Reserve Fund" for the following purposes: performing capital improvements at the District's facilities, including: instructional and non-instructional space improvements / renovations / upgrades, (including but not limited to classroom improvements / renovations / upgrades and / or additions to existing facilities), renovations / upgrades / replacements (including auditoriums, gymnasiums, cafeterias, library / multi media centers, roofing, windows, plumbing, HVAC, electrical, toilet rooms, computer / technology, security system, ADA compliant construction, portable classrooms, masonry, concrete, lighting, interior or exterior doors, entry ways, lighting, ceiling, floor, wall, boilers, elevators, carpentry, exterior systems, energy efficiency systems (including the installation of solar power), vocational and career preparation classrooms, site work, tennis / basketball courts, press box, dugout, field house, bleachers, signs, athletic fields, playgrounds, lockers / locker rooms, public address / clock / sound systems, telephone systems storage space), purchase of real property / buildings / land, hazardous material remediation, purchase of furnishings and equipment, and / or purchase of vehicles, all of the foregoing to include all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus and incidental costs related thereto.

The maximum amount of the aforesaid 2026 Capital Reserve Fund shall be $45,000,000, plus investment income. The probable term is to be twenty-five (25) years; the funds are to be transferred from surplus monies, if any, remaining in the general fund including a sum not to exceed $6,000,000 from the 2025-2026 budget and thereafter in an annual amount of not more than $6,000,000 from surplus money or other reserves for each remaining year of the probable term. Upon the establishment and funding of said reserve, the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee shall be directed to deposit monies of this reserve fund in a separate bank account to be known as the "2026 Capital Reserve Fund."

DISTRICTWIDE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2025-2026

ACADEMICS

- 98% of the graduating Class of 2025 attended college
- 97% of the 2025 graduates earned a Regents Diploma
- 83% of the Class of 2025 graduated with a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation
- Roslyn High School earned the prestigious Platinum Level AP School Honor Roll recognition
- 623 RHS students in AP courses
- 5 RHS students named finalists and 21 RHS students named Commended in the 2026 National Merit Scholarship program
- 215 RHS students inducted into the National Honor Society
- 34 RHS students qualified for the DECA State Competition
- 120 RHS students inducted into the World Language Honor Society
- 7 RHS students advanced to the second round of LISEF
- 4 Scholars (Semifinalists) in the Regeneron Science Talent Search

ARTS

- The Marching Bulldogs won second place and the silver medal in Division 1 at the 2025 NYS Field Band Conference Championship
- The Roslyn Winter Guard placed fourth at the 2025 Mid-Atlantic Indoor Network Championship
- 2 RHS students accepted into the esteemed All-State Ensemble
- 12 students districtwide selected to participate in the LISFA ensembles
- 24 RHS students inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society
- 6 RHS students inducted into the Thespian Honor Society
- RHS Royal Crown Players performed The Iliad, The Odyssey, and all of Greek Mythology in Ninety-Nine Minutes or Less and Les Miserables
- RMS Spotlight presented a performance of Matilda
- Over 40 students districtwide chosen to perform in the Nassau Music Educators Association All-County ensembles

ATHLETICS

- Varsity Boys Winter Track and Field 2025-2026 County Champions and State Competitor Shot Put and Weight Throw
- Boys Fencing 2025-2026 County Champion Foil
- Varsity Girls Swimming 2025 County Champion and State Competitor Freestyle
- Varsity Boys Volleyball 2025 County Champions
- 14 student-athletes took part in a highly successful, inclusive Challenger Basketball program
- 30 Varsity Scholar Athlete Teams at RHS
- RHS Girls Volleyball program hosted the annual “Spike Out Cancer” game
- Two RHS student-athletes signed commitment letters to play at the collegiate level
- Roslyn was named a NYS Public High School Athletic Association School of Distinction

Section 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act requires school districts in Nassau County to provide election information in English and Spanish.

The SCOPE of the Roslyn Schools
USPS 609-660

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2026-2027 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Launch a transformative K–5 literacy initiative grounded in the Science of Reading to elevate student achievement and ensure foundational skills for every learner to access and analyze complex texts
- Continue to develop and leverage an in-house GPT to explore AI models within a secure platform in the district
- Empower future-ready learners through the introduction of Financial Literacy and life skills programming that connects classroom learning to real-world application
- Expand innovative secondary pathways with forward-thinking courses such as Drones, and a Leadership Academy centered on service and creating a positive impact on the community
- Ignite curiosity through immersive science with the introduction of a StarLab Planetarium, bringing dynamic, hands-on exploration into our classrooms
- Rear high school parking lot expansion (funded via the 2017 Capital Reserve with no tax levy impact) to add 8,000 square feet, with 27 more parking spaces, pedestrian sidewalks and a bus drop-off and pick-up area, featuring improved ingress/egress, security cameras, lighting, and classroom upgrades
- Increase staff to keep pace with enrollment and new programming and maintain optimal class size
- Strengthen our digital ecosystem with enhanced cybersecurity systems and student safeguards to ensure safe, secure, and responsible technology use
- Replace East Hills playground and fall protection, install a generator in the transportation building, enhance safety and accessibility across campus with strategic site improvements, including traffic flow redesign, and ADA-accessible walkways

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2025-2026	2026-2027
Budget Total	$136,811,323	$140,918,000
Budget Dollar Increase	$4,244,153	$4,106,677
Budget Percent Increase	3.2%	3%
Tax Levy Percent Increase	2.89%	2.37%

If the budget fails on the first vote, the BOE can decide to put up the same or an adjusted budget for a public re-vote or adopt a contingency budget.

To access the 2026-2027 budget details, scan above with your QR reader or visit: www.roslynschools.org