

BCSD Bulletin

A PUBLICATION OF THE BEDFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



BUDGET VOTE

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026 | 7 AM - 9 PM

AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN YOUR ATTENDANCE AREA

Budget Facts:

Total Proposed 2026-2027 Budget	\$165,895,484
Budget-to-Budget Increase	3.10%
Tax Levy % Increase	2.62%

Budget Priorities:

Close projected budget gap of approximately \$5 million, strategically using reserves as necessary while we:

- **Maintain** programs, electives, offerings and student experience
- **Further** goals of our Success Plan
- **Ensure** fiscal alignment with enrollment

BCSD ELA & Math Scores Soar: Students Performing at the Highest Level in 10+ Years!

- Our students continue to outperform the New York State average in every single grade level for ELA
- ELA proficiency has risen from 46% in 2013 to 62% in 2025
- There has been a 20-percentage-point gain in math scores since implementing the Bridges in Mathematics program
- Neighboring districts have visited to learn from our implementation process with new literacy and math curriculums



View our 2025 Student Achievement Report

EXCELLENCE DRIVEN, VALUE FOCUSED

Dear BCSD Community,

I am pleased to present for your consideration the Board of Education's proposed 2026-27 school budget, as approved on April 22, 2026.

We approached this budget by first asking "What do we need?" Using a modified zero-based budgeting strategy, we were able to assess the district's necessities to ensure fiscal responsibility while continuing our upward trajectory. We plan to continue this process each year to keep our district in alignment with enrollment and our students' needs.

In our Portrait of a Graduate, we list essential skills that we want every single Bedford Central School District student to develop throughout their career in our schools. We want them to be able to: *Find their passion. Find their purpose. Find their people.* This budget allows us to continue progressing excellence as we prepare our students for a bright future.

The proposed 2026-27 budget of \$165,895,484 assigns approximately \$815,210 of our Fund Balance to close a projected \$5 million budget gap driven by increased healthcare, transportation, operations and maintenance, and capital improvement costs. We have now moved from a self-insured healthcare plan to NYSHIP (with a projected savings of more than \$3 million) and helped right-size staffing through attrition.

Key items in this proposed budget include:

- Conducting a transportation efficiency study to reduce future expenses
- Adding a social worker at Fox Lane Middle School
- Maintaining our recently added Safety Coordinator, Elementary School Resource Officer and Mount Kisco Elementary Safety Monitor
- Adding resources for recommendations from our Dual Language Bilingual Education study
- Adding \$250K to the capital projects fund to enhance maintenance

As one BCSD community, my goal throughout the budget development process has been to provide the programs and resources necessary to help each student, staff member and school do their very best work in pursuit of our district's mission. I wholeheartedly believe this budget serves the children and families of our community well, while supporting fiscal responsibility in both the short and longer term.

Special thanks to the members of our administrative team who helped craft our initial Superintendent's Budget proposal, along with our dedicated Board of Education members who deliberated extensively in public with engaged community members throughout this thorough process to refine the budget you are now being asked to consider. I sincerely and respectfully ask for your participation in the democratic process by taking time to visit your polling place on May 19, 2026.

In partnership,

Dr. Robert Glass, Superintendent



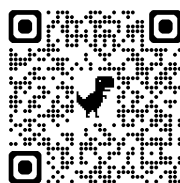
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2026-27 School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2025-26 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2026-27 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$160,905,500	\$165,895,484	\$162,086,063
Increase/Decrease for the 2026-27 School Year		\$5,080,500	\$1,180,563
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.10%	0.74%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.63%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$145,659,209	\$149,468,630	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable			
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **			
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy			
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$145,659,209	\$149,468,830	\$145,659,209
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$9,281,464	\$9,278,752	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$137,027,245	\$140,189,878	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$136,377,745	\$140,189,878	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$649,500	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$14,931,546	\$15,283,219	\$14,927,800
Program Component	\$125,039,616	\$129,233,079	\$126,265,540
Capital Component	\$20,934,338	\$21,379,186	\$20,892,723

* In the event of a contingency budget, The District is required to maintain the 2026-2027 tax levy. The expense budget would require a decrease of \$3,809,421. This would necessitate the elimination of certified and classified staff positions, professional development, curriculum enhancements, and contingent expenses such as instructional and operating equipment.

The budget-to-budget change would be 0.74%. This statement of assumptions is projecting a contingency budget for the 2026-2027 school year should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to section 2023 of the Education Law.

** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)	Description	Amount

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year
The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 by the qualified voters of the Bedford Central School District, Westchester County, New York, will be held at Bedford Hills, Bedford Village, Mt. Kisco, Pound Ridge & West Patent Elementary school(s) in said district on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.	\$1,197 Town Bedford
	\$1,018 Town Mt. Kisco
	\$1,179 Town New Castle
	\$1,062 Town North Castle
	\$1,175 Town Pound Ridge

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Aviso presupuestario del distrito escolar 2026-27

Propuesta presupuestaria general	Presupuesto adoptado para el curso escolar 25-26	Presupuesto propuesto para el curso escolar 26-27	Presupuesto de contingencia para el curso escolar 26-27*
Cantidad total presupuestada, sin incluir propuestas separadas	\$160,905,500	\$165,895,484	\$162,086,063
Aumento/Disminución para el curso escolar 2026-27		\$5,080,500	\$1,180,563
Aumento o disminución porcentual en el presupuesto propuesto		3.10%	0.74%
Cambio en el índice de precios al consumidor		2.63%	
A. Gravamen propuesto para apoyar el importe total presupuestado	\$145,659,209	\$149,468,630	
B. Gravamen para apoyar la deuda bibliotecaria, si procede			
C. Gravamen para proposiciones no excluybles, si es aplicable **			
D. Cantidad total de la reserva del tope fiscal utilizada para reducir el gravamen del año en curso			
E. Total propuesto de impuestos para el año escolar (A + B + C - D)	\$145,659,209	\$149,468,830	\$145,659,209
F. Exclusiones totales permitidas	\$9,281,464	\$9,278,752	
G. Límite de gravamen del impuesto escolar, excluyendo el gravamen para exclusiones permitidas	\$137,027,245	\$140,189,878	
H. Recaudación total propuesta por el año escolar, excluyendo la gravamen para apoyar la deuda de la biblioteca y/o exclusiones permitidas (E – B – F + D)	\$136,377,745	\$140,189,878	
I. Diferencia: G – H (valor negativo requiere un 60,0% de aprobación del votante – véase la nota más abajo sobre proposiciones separadas) **	\$649,500	\$0	
Componente Administrativo	\$14,931,546	\$15,283,219	\$14,927,800
Componente de Programa	\$125,039,616	\$129,233,079	\$126,265,540
Componente de Capital	\$20,934,338	\$21,379,186	\$20,892,723

*En caso de un presupuesto contingente, el Distrito está obligado a mantener el gravamen fiscal 2026-2027. El presupuesto de gastos requeriría una reducción de 3,809,421 dólares. Esto requeriría la eliminación de puestos de personal certificado y clasificado, desarrollo profesional, mejoras curriculares y gastos contingentes como equipos didácticos y operativos.

El cambio presupuestario a presupuesto sería del 0,74%. Esta declaración de suposiciones proyecta un presupuesto de contingencia para el curso escolar 2026-2027 en caso de que el presupuesto propuesto sea rechazado conforme al artículo 2023 de la Ley de Educación.

** Enumerar propuestas separadas que no estén incluidas en el importe total presupuestado: (El recaudamiento fiscal asociado a propuestas de servicios educativos o de transporte no es elegible para exclusión y puede afectar los requisitos de aprobación de votantes)	Descripción	Cantidad

Ahorro estimado de exención básica STAR ¹	Según el presupuesto propuesto para el curso 26-27
La votación anual presupuestaria para el año fiscal 2026-27 por los votantes cualificados del Distrito Escolar Central de Bedford, condado de Westchester, Nueva York, se celebrará en Bedford Hills, Bedford Village, Mt. Kisco, Pound Ridge & West Patent Elementary School(s) en dicho distrito, el martes 19 de mayo de 2026 entre las 7:00 y las 21:00, hora vigente, en ese momento las urnas se abrirán para votar mediante papeleta o máquina	\$1,197 Ciudad de Bedford
	\$1,018 Pueblo Mt. Kisco
	\$1,179 Ciudad New Castle
	\$1,062 Ciudad Norte del Castillo
	\$1,175 Pueblo Pound Ridge

1. La exención básica del impuesto escolar (STAR) está autorizada por la sección 425 de la Ley del Impuesto sobre la Propiedad Inmobiliaria.

Summary Appropriation Budget

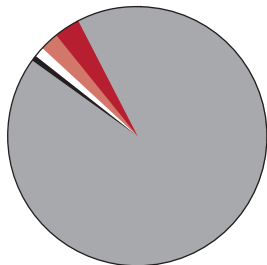
GENERAL SUPPORT	Budget 2025-26	Proposed Budget 2026-27
Board of Education	\$28,425	\$28,425
Central Admin, Business Office, Auditing	\$1,612,295	\$1,597,820
Legal, Personnel & Public Info.	\$1,266,210	\$1,315,928
Operations & Maintenance	\$8,591,145	\$9,187,869
Central Services & BOCES Admin.	\$2,791,145	\$3,031,192
Total General Support	\$14,289,220	\$15,161,234
INSTRUCTION		
Curriculum & Instruction	\$1,211,915	\$1,289,560
Supervision	\$4,372,420	\$4,602,527
Regular Instruction	\$41,987,810	\$43,425,482
Special & Occupational Education, ESOL	\$24,947,685	\$25,464,065
Library & Technology	\$3,703,680	\$3,880,905
Attendance, Guidance & Health Services	\$3,338,915	\$3,246,550
Psychological & Social Services	\$2,503,600	\$2,534,213
Co-Curricular & Athletics	\$1,262,125	\$1,416,040
Total Instruction	\$83,328,150	\$85,859,342
OTHER		
Transportation	\$9,904,765	\$10,514,661
Employee Benefits	\$42,954,720	\$44,254,233
Debt Service	\$9,628,645	\$9,056,014
Interfund Transfers	\$800,000	\$1,050,000
Total Other	\$63,288,130	\$64,874,908
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$160,905,500	\$165,895,484

What happens if the budget doesn't pass?

Should the proposed budget be defeated, \$3,809,421 in expenditures would need to be removed in a contingent budget. These may include equipment purchases and repairs, unreimbursed community use of facilities, extra-curricular clubs, athletics, electives and advanced placement courses, certain student supplies and staffing reductions, which may lead to increased class sizes.

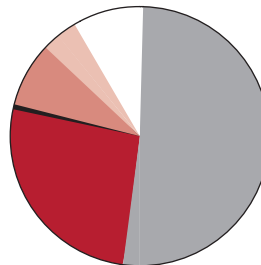


Where will the money come from?



- 90.10% Property Tax \$149,468,630
- 5.25% State Aid \$8,717,537
- 2.23% Non-Tax Sources \$3,694,107
- 1.93% Sales Tax \$3,200,000
- 0.49% Fund Balance \$815,210

Where will the money be spent?



- 51.76% Instruction \$85,859,342
- 26.68% Employee Benefits \$44,254,233
- 9.14% General Support \$15,161,234
- 6.34% Transportation \$10,514,661
- 5.46% Debt Service \$9,056,014
- 0.63% Interfund Transfer \$1,050,000



BCSD Points of Pride

- Grades 3-8 continue to perform above the state average in ELA, math and science
- Grades 3-8 ELA proficiency had a 6.5% improvement, the largest growth we've seen in five years. This positive trend coincides with the first year of our new K-5 ELA curriculum implementation
- Students in grades 9-12 continue to perform above the state average on Regents exams
- 88% of students taking AP exams in 2025 scored 3 or higher
- Highest graduation rate at 94% for 5-year August 2025 cohort
- Fox Lane offers 150 courses, including 24 AP classes, 15 dual-enrollment opportunities and 70 electives
- 44 students received the NYS Seal of Biliteracy in 2025
- More than 1,368 student-athletes participate across 73 teams
- 34 students from Fox Lane High School were selected for Area All-State ensembles—a five-fold increase in acceptance since the re-establishment of the Area All-State ensembles in 2022



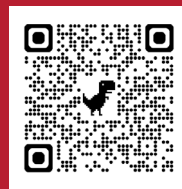
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- Two Fox Lane seniors were named 2026 National Merit Scholarship finalists
- Fox Lane's Science Olympiad team won 21 individual medals and secured a sixth-place overall finish at the Lower Hudson Valley Regional North Competition
- Fox Lane High School's Chamber Orchestra earned national recognition following its performance at the 2026 National Orchestra Festival. They were the only public-school ensemble selected from New York State
- One of our student artists is heading to nationals in the Young Artists & Writers' Scholastic Art and Writing Awards (notable alumni of the program include Stephen King, Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, Amanda Gorman and more)
- Many of our student-athletes have won awards this year, including 75 All-League and one All-Conference. We also had multiple athletes go to States, a Section 1 Champion, a Section 1 sportsmanship award winner and new school record holders



SEVEN SCHOOLS, ONE COMMUNITY

**Our students are pretty incredible. Want proof?
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things they've been up to.**





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Voter Registration

To vote in school elections, you must be a registered voter for either school elections or general elections. To be eligible to register, you must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age by the election date and a resident of the district for at least 30 days before the election. The last day for registration with the district is May 14, 2026.

Absentee/Early Mail Ballots

An application must be submitted before an absentee/early mail ballot can be provided to a voter. Applications for absentee/early mail ballots must be completed and received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be picked up by the voter.



Absentee/early mail ballot applications are available from Sandra Speyer, district clerk, at the Administration Building on the Fox Lane Campus during regular business hours (8:30 am – 3:30 pm) or by downloading the application which can be found by scanning the QR code.

School Board Candidates

There are two (2) open seats for trustees. The candidates for those seats are:
Leo Sposato and Erin Hayes.