



# Beacon

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MAY 2026

## Spring 2026 Budget Newsletter

Dear Beacon City School District Community:

We're proud to share this year's budget with you. It reflects our dedication to giving students the best education and opportunities possible. Over the past several months, we've developed a budget that builds on the wonderful things we're doing in each building, is responsive to the evolving needs of students, and safeguards the future for students and staff.

The 26-27 budget maintains many of the gains we've made over the last few years, including:

- Full-day pre-k program
- Average class sizes of 18-20 in grades K-12
- Instrumental music beginning in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- A wide range of course offerings at Beacon High School, including 10 Advanced Placement courses and 9 Dutchess Community College courses.
- A strong athletics program with offerings from the modified to the varsity level
- Expanded club and extracurricular options at all levels of school

This budget also allows us to implement a 9-period day at Rombout Middle School, with the addition of three teaching positions. This new schedule, which has been a success at the high school level, will give Rombout students more options and opportunities, including new electives, technology and art classes, and increased access to academic support.

If the budget vote does not pass, the district must revert to a contingency budget. This would force us to make \$2.4 million in cuts across all areas of the district. With cuts that significant, there would be no way to avoid a negative impact on all of our students.

We need the district budget to fulfill our core mission of ensuring that every student is prepared for learning, life, and work beyond school. But we also need you, our school community, to make it possible by supporting a budget that is considered carefully and used wisely. We're in this together, and we can only succeed together.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns, and we hope for your support in the budget vote.

Sincerely,

Matt Landahl and Flora Stadler  
*Superintendent*      *President, BOE*

**VOTE**  
**May 19, 2026**  
**6am - 9pm**

**Voting Locations:**  
**Beacon HS/Glenham ES**

- BUDGET VOTE
- BUS PURCHASES
- ELECT THREE (3) BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

<b>Budget Summary</b>	<b>2025-2026 BUDGET</b>	<b>2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET</b>	<b>\$9,549,040</b>	<b>\$10,079,616</b>	<b>\$530,576</b>
Board of Education	46,700	46,700	0
Central Administration	383,000	377,200	(5,800)
Finance	931,650	954,200	22,550
Legal	20,000	20,000	0
Personnel	110,500	170,500	60,000
Records Management	4,750	4,750	0
Public Information	110,000	135,000	25,000
Central Services	62,922	94,922	32,000
Security	847,000	896,500	49,500
Special Items	850,000	943,000	93,000
Curriculum Development & Supervision	734,750	690,450	(44,300)
Supervision -- Regular School	2,472,700	2,560,275	87,575
Supervision -- Handicapped	512,000	541,500	29,500
Supervision -- Benefits	2,463,068	2,644,619	181,551
<b>INSTRUCTIONAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$65,079,065</b>	<b>\$68,273,791</b>	<b>\$3,194,479</b>
Legal	160,000	165,000	5,000
Central Services	54,808	54,808	0
Curriculum Development & Supervision	0	0	0
In-Service Training	100,000	150,000	50,000
Teaching -- Regular School	21,084,440	21,216,717	132,277
Teaching -- Handicapped	13,252,393	14,042,500	790,107
Special Needs/Occ. Ed.	500,000	780,000	280,000
Special Schools	0	0	0
Special Schools - Alt Ed	20,000	0	(20,000)
School Library & Audio Visual	716,367	733,095	16,728
Computer Assisted Instruction	2,578,000	2,749,000	171,000
Attendance/Guidance	1,097,714	1,137,643	39,929
Health Services	641,150	686,150	45,000
Psychological/Social Work	1,540,213	1,691,101	150,888
Co-Curricular Activities	242,000	295,000	53,000
Interscholastic Activities	732,000	838,000	106,000
Pupil Transportation	3,974,650	3,994,968	20,318
Community Services	170,000	170,000	0
Instruction -- Benefits	18,075,330	19,429,809	1,354,479
Transfer to Special Aid	140,000	140,000	0
<b>CAPITAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$13,091,895</b>	<b>\$13,496,593</b>	<b>\$404,698</b>
Central Services	5,390,370	5,559,654	169,284
Special Items	50,000	70,000	20,000
Central Services -- Benefits	1,015,848	1,127,292	111,444
Debt Service	6,635,677	6,739,647	103,970
Transfer to Capital Fund	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$87,720,000</b>	<b>\$91,850,000</b>	<b>\$4,130,000</b>

**VOTE MAY 19, 2026 VOTE**

**Voters will be asked to decide the following:**

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**PROPOSITION #1: 2026 -2027 BUDGET**  
**SHALL** the budget for the Beacon City School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026, in the amount of \$91,850,000 be adopted, and the necessary taxes to meet such expenditures be levied and collected?

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**PROPOSITION #2: BUS PURCHASES**  
**SHALL** the bond resolution authorizing the purchase of school buses, including incidental equipment and expenses, at a maximum cost of \$640,000; authorizing the issuance of up to \$640,000 bonds (five year maximum maturity) and, with respect to such bonds, providing for a tax levy therefor in annual installments; pledging the District's faith and credit for debt service; delegating powers with respect to bonds and notes; and providing for an estoppel procedure, be approved?

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**ELECTION OF THREE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS**  
 To elect three (3) members to the Board of Education as follows:

1. Eric Schetter
2. Jermaine Wright
3. Kaitlyn Secor

**What is the potential tax impact?**  
 Estimated tax impact on a median value home if assessments remain the same as last school year:

Beacon - \$213/year, \$18/month	Fishkill - \$213/year, \$18/month	Wappingers - \$244/year, \$20/month
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**Comparison of Beacon's Taxes to Other Districts**

**MEDIAN HOME VALUE IS \$450,00**

**SCHOOL TAX ESTIMATE IS \$5,029**

**SAME HOUSE** ↓

**SCHOOL TAX ESTIMATE \$5,392**

**SCHOOL TAX ESTIMATE \$7,238**

**SCHOOL TAX ESTIMATE \$7,201**

**SCHOOL TAX ESTIMATE \$7,184**

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<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>2026-2027</b>
Local Property Taxes	\$52,342,777
State Aid	\$32,957,419
Interest and Earnings	\$550,000
Interest, Penalties, PILOTS	\$775,000
Use of Reserves/Fund Balance	\$2,750,000
Transfer from Debt Service	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$2,474,804
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$91,850,000</b>

**VOTE MAY 19, 2026 • 6:00 AM - 9:00 PM VOTE**

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 by the qualified voters of the Beacon City School District, Dutchess County, New York, will be held at **Beacon High School** and **Glenham Elementary School** in said district on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026**, between the hours of **6:00am and 9:00pm**, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

## Budget Notice

	<i>Budget Adopted for the 2025-2026 School Year</i>	<i>Budget Proposed for the 2026-2027 School Year</i>	<i>Contingency Budget for the 2026-2027 School Year*</i>
<b>Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions</b>	<b>\$87,720,000</b>	<b>\$91,850,000</b>	<b>\$89,609,321</b>
<b>Increase/Decrease for 2026-2027 School Year</b>		<b>\$4,130,000</b>	<b>\$1,889,321</b>
<b>Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget</b>		<b>4.71 %</b>	<b>2.15%</b>
<b>Change in the Consumer Price Index</b>		<b>2.63%</b>	
<b>A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>\$50,102,098</b>	<b>\$52,342,777</b>	
<b>B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
<b>C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
<b>D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
<b>E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)</b>	<b>\$50,102,098</b>	<b>\$52,342,777</b>	<b>\$50,102,098</b>
<b>F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit</b>	<b>\$1,425,390</b>	<b>\$1,823,866</b>	
<b>G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions</b>	<b>\$48,676,708</b>	<b>\$50,518,911</b>	
<b>H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
<b>I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
<b>BUDGET COMPONENTS:</b>			
<b>Administrative</b>	<b>\$9,549,040</b>	<b>\$10,079,616</b>	<b>\$9,779,616</b>
<b>Program</b>	<b>\$65,079,065</b>	<b>\$68,273,791</b>	<b>\$66,528,612</b>
<b>Capital</b>	<b>\$13,091,895</b>	<b>\$13,496,593</b>	<b>\$13,301,093</b>

**\*Statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2026-2027 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated:** If the budget does not pass and goes to contingency, "cost of living" increases are not allowed. Therefore the proposed budget would have to be cut by approximately \$2,400,000. Since other costs have increased, this would mean significant cuts in programs and activities, which may include: Increases in class sizes, Elimination of non-core classes such as art, music and electives, Cuts to Athletics, Clubs, and Student Activities at all levels, Cuts to non-mandatory equipment purchases, Charging full cost of facility use to all non-school organizations, Reductions/Eliminations of school related building usage.

\*\*List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with propositions not eligible for exclusion may affect property tax levy limit and voter approval requirements.)

Description	Amount
<b>Bus Proposition</b>	<b>\$640,000</b>

Estimated Basic STAR Tax Savings

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

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2026-2027 School Year	<b>\$490</b>
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### PROPOSITION #2: BUS PURCHASES

- Two Wheelchair Vans - **\$255,000**
- One 72 passenger buses - **\$185,000**
- Two small school bus (vans) - **\$200,000**
- Total Bus Proposition - \$640,000**



## 2 Polling Locations for the Beacon City School District:

*Voters who reside within the boundaries of the City of Beacon:*

**Beacon High School**  
101 Matteawan Road, Beacon, New York, 12508

*Voters who reside within the boundaries of the Town of Fishkill or the Town of Wappinger:*

**Glenham Elementary**  
20 Chase Drive, Fishkill, New York 12524



**Beacon City School District**  
10 Education Drive, Beacon, NY 12508

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2026-2027 Proposed Budget Increase

2026-2027 Proposed Tax Levy Increase\*

**4.71%** **4.47%**

\*Within the 2026-27 Tax Levy Limit

**Voting Locations: Beacon HS/Glenham ES**

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**Thank you for...**



**BEACON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**(845) 838-6900**

**BOARD of EDUCATION**

Ms. Flora Stadler, *President*  
Ms. Meredith Heuer, *Vice President*

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Ms. Catherine Buscemi  
Ms. Semra Ercin  
Mr. Christopher Lewine  
Ms. LaVonne McNair  
Mr. Eric Schetter

Ms. Vickie Jackson  
*Clerk of the Board*

**SUPERINTENDENT of SCHOOLS**

**Dr. Matthew Landahl**  
Deputy Superintendent  
**Ann Marie Quartironi**

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