

CALEDONIA-MUMFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL PUBLICATION ON THE 2026-27 PROPOSED BUDGET

CAL-MUM CHRONICLE



PROPOSED TAX LEVY INCREASE: 0%

BUDGET AT A GLANCE: \$23,560,437

11.89%

Of Budget

Administrative
\$2,801,073

Costs associated with the administration
of the District and each school building.

17.61%

Of Budget

Capital
\$4,149,913

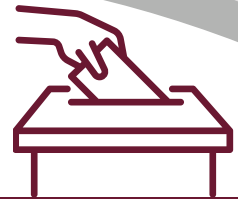
Costs associated with operations,
maintenance and security of the school
facilities.

70.50%

Of Budget

Program
\$16,609,451

Costs associated with the student
instruction, support services, and
transportation for students-public and
non-public.



Budget Vote
May 19, 2026
12:00 PM - 9:00 PM
District Office

Public Hearing &
Meet the Candidates Night
May 12, 2026
7:00 PM
M/HS Aud.

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- ✓ Return on Investment -
School Report Card
- ✓ Breakdown of the
Proposed 2026-27 Budget
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Education Candidates
- ✓ 2026-27 Property tax
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Propositions on the Ballot



CALEDONIA-MUMFORD RAIDERS



Veterans' Breakfast



Fire Prevention



M/HS Archery Club



Genesee Country Museum Field Trip



Writing Lab



M/HS Musical: Mama Mia



Pop Up Food Pantry



8th Grade Service Project

CALEDONIA-MUMFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

A LETTER FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. REBEKAH CHENAILLE

Dear Raider Community,

On Tuesday, May 19, 2026, we will host our annual Budget Vote and Board of Education Election from 12-9 p.m. in the District Office. Community members will vote on the proposed \$23,560,437 budget for the 2026-27 school year, the purchase of a diesel bus, and two Board of Education seats.

The proposed budget includes a 0% increase to the tax levy, keeping the community tax levy flat at \$7,923,478. Throughout the budget development process, the Board of Education prioritized community feedback. Thank you to everyone who completed surveys, attended talks, invited us to community events, or reached out with questions, concerns, and ideas.

Across those conversations, three themes consistently emerged: academics remain the top priority, our community is proud of its schools, and many families are facing difficult economic times. We were challenged to develop a budget that continues to support every Raider while remaining responsible to tax payers.

Caledonia-Mumford is among a smaller number of NYS school districts projected to receive more than a 1% increase in Foundation Aid. Based on the Governor's proposed budget, the district is anticipating a 4.17% increase, or approximately \$351,091 in additional state revenue.

Much of this increase is tied to changes in student needs, including areas such as special education, English as a New Language services, and poverty indicators, which factor into the Foundation Aid formula. While this additional revenue is helpful, it was nearly offset by rising costs, including health insurance expenses.

This budget also expands the district's Universal Prekindergarten program to full-day instruction. In recent years, the district has averaged approximately 32 students in its half-day program, and registration for the new full-day program has reached 45 students.

The transition to full-day UPK aligns with a statewide priority and is supported through additional state funding. As a result, previously allocated funds can now help offset other district expenses while also expanding opportunities for students and families.

This budget reflects the community's desire to support every Raider while carefully managing spending. Residents can continue to expect a high-quality educational experience and meaningful opportunities for students to learn, grow, and give back to their community.

While this year's additional state funding helped make a zero-percent tax levy increase possible, state aid can fluctuate significantly from year to year. For that reason, Caledonia-Mumford remains committed to building budgets that stay within the tax cap and provide long-term stability for taxpayers.

One of the greatest strengths of this year's process was the focus on two-way communication. Your feedback helped shape this proposed budget, and we remain committed to providing future opportunities for community members to share their perspectives and guide district decision-making.

We hope this budget newsletter provides helpful information as you prepare to vote on May 19. Please remember to vote — your voice matters.

Thank you for your continued support,



Rebekah Chenaille, Ed. D
Superintendent of Schools

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New Newsletter Format!

You'll notice our budget newsletter looks different from past years. This bold new design was created in consultation with our Cal-Mum Budget Ambassadors. These volunteers provided input on how to present complex budget information in a clear, concise and easy-to-understand format for their fellow district residents. We thank them for their service and for their passion for transparency and keeping voters informed!



Mentor Program Camp Stella Maris Field Trip



ES Musical: Disney's Dare to Dream Jr.



HS Health Class



HS Rocket Launch Project



PARP Parade



MS Play: The Absolutely True Story of King Arthur

HOME OF CHAMPIONS

CALEDONIA-MUMFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT CARD DATA

Data is provided by the New York State Department of Education for the 2024-2025 Academic Year.
For a comprehensive overview, you can view the full report card at nysed.gov.

K-12 ENROLLMENT

766 STUDENTS

GRADUATION RATE

98%

STUDENT:TEACHER RATIO

9.5 : 1

% ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED

40%

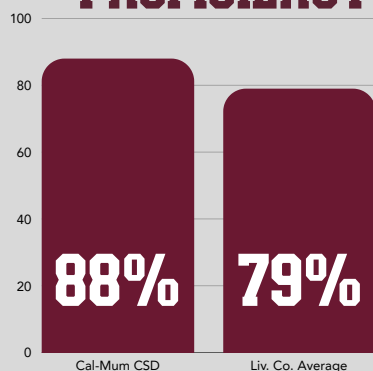
GRADUATE WITH ADVANCED HONORS

44%

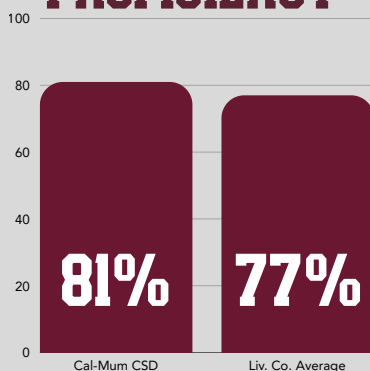
PRIMARY LEARNING DEVICE PROVIDED FOR

100% OF STUDENTS

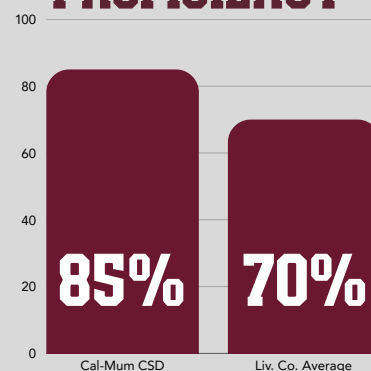
ELA REGENTS PROFICIENCY



MATH REGENTS PROFICIENCY



SCIENCE REGENTS PROFICIENCY



HOW DO PER PUPIL EXPENDITURES COMPARE?

CAL-MUM CSD

\$25,021

COUNTY AVERAGE

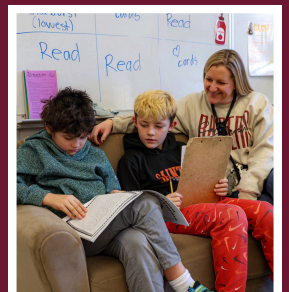
\$28,405

NYS AVERAGE

\$31,791

PROPOSED 2026-27 BUDGET — ESTIMATED REVENUE

	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Proposed
I. State Aid State Aid includes Foundation Aid and categorical aids such as Textbook, Computer, Building, Special Education, and Transportation Aid. These aids are generally based on the District's prior-year expenditures.	\$10,534,902	\$11,284,727	\$11,033,646	\$11,614,019	\$13,465,039
Increase in Building Aid — Building Aid has increased by \$1,177,627 from 2025-2026 to 2026-2027 as a result of the 2025 Capital Project. This increase in aid offsets the increase in debt service expenditures.					
<i>Foundation</i> <i>Categorical</i> <i>Building</i>	\$7,161,860 \$2,064,694 \$1,308,348	\$7,780,584 \$2,250,795 \$1,253,348	\$7,910,584 \$2,308,976 \$814,086	\$8,431,985 \$2,354,089 \$827,945	\$8,777,880 \$2,681,587 \$2,005,572
II. Property Tax The tax levy is the total amount raised through property taxes to fund the District's budget after accounting for State Aid and other revenues.	\$7,575,001	\$7,718,926	\$7,923,478	\$7,923,478	\$7,923,478
III. Appropriated Fund Balance The District maintains a fund balance to manage cash flow and cover unexpected costs. Appropriated fund balance is the planned use of these funds in the upcoming budget to help reduce the tax levy. If expenses are lower than expected or no major unforeseen costs occur, these funds can be used to offset property taxes.	\$365,000	\$465,000	\$465,000	\$647,303	\$647,303
IV. Appropriated Unemployment Reserve The District is appropriating a portion of the unemployment reserve as a revenue source to support the budget.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000
V. Restricted Reserves Restricted reserves are savings set aside for specific purposes. Using them helps fund those costs and can help limit the amount raised through property taxes.	\$420,000	\$420,000	\$670,000	\$570,000	\$474,815
VI. PILOT Agreements PILOTs (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) are fees paid by certain property owners instead of traditional property taxes. These agreements are typically established through local or county economic development agencies.	\$28,802	\$54,182	\$88,361	\$117,378	\$144,867
VII. Other Revenue Other revenue includes interest earnings, sales tax, penalties on late property tax payments, Medicaid reimbursements, tuition, and other miscellaneous sources.	\$405,500	\$425,500	\$425,500	\$788,500	\$704,935
Total	\$19,329,205	\$20,368,335	\$20,605,985	\$21,660,678	\$23,560,437



PROPOSED 2026-27 BUDGET — ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE

	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Proposed
I. Leadership & School Improvement The BOE and Central Administration category covers the cost of district leadership and operations, including the Superintendent and Business Office, as well as services such as legal and audit support, communications, tax collection, insurance, BOCES services, and data processing.	\$576,932	\$614,917	\$646,714	\$712,496	\$735,352
II. Facilities & Operations This category covers utilities, as well as staffing, materials, and repairs needed to maintain District buildings, grounds, and infrastructure.	\$1,694,838	\$1,840,027	\$1,955,083	\$2,045,383	\$2,229,982
III. Teaching & Learning This category covers salaries for instructional staff and school personnel, along with classroom materials such as textbooks and supplies.	\$5,500,589	\$5,684,486	\$5,819,139	\$5,878,989	\$5,853,192
IV. Special Education & Student Services This category supports special education programs and student services, including staffing, BOCES placements, counseling, career and college guidance, and health services.	\$3,499,252	\$3,608,277	\$3,834,990	\$4,054,303	\$4,075,461
IV. School Libraries & Technology This category covers library programs and instructional technology, including staffing, resources, computers, and support.	\$949,710	\$1,154,620	\$1,153,497	\$1,257,255	\$1,419,744
VI. Co-Curricular & Extra-Curricular Activities This budget category covers interscholastic sports and community education.	\$415,772	\$451,904	\$467,765	\$538,416	\$487,059
VII. Transportation This category covers transportation costs, including buses, maintenance, and staff. Approximately 74% of these expenses are offset by State Aid.	\$881,486	\$914,986	\$971,819	\$1,027,155	\$1,150,406
VIII. Employee Benefits This category includes employee benefits such as Social Security, Medicare, Workers' Compensation, pension contributions, and the District's share of health insurance.	\$4,328,770	\$4,471,299	\$4,529,477	\$4,745,404	\$5,170,059
IX. Debt Service Debt service covers payments on capital projects and buses. Increased costs are planned and largely offset by state aid, with no added impact on the tax levy.	\$1,501,856	\$1,627,819	\$1,227,501	\$1,401,277	\$2,439,182
Increase in Debt Service — While the District's principal and interest expenses have increased with the capital project, those same costs are offset by increased State Building Aid. Local share remains stable allowing us to protect taxpayers and improve our facilities.					
Total	\$19,349,205	\$20,368,335	\$20,605,985	\$21,660,678	\$23,560,437

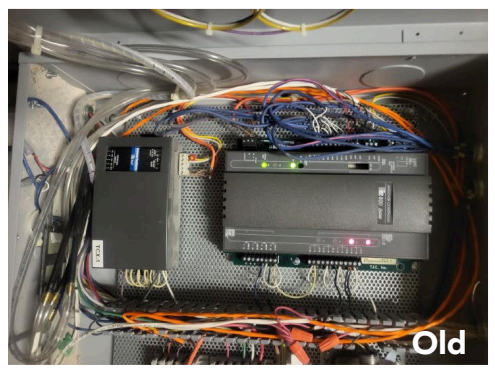


PROPOSED 2026-27 BUDGET — RESERVE PLAN

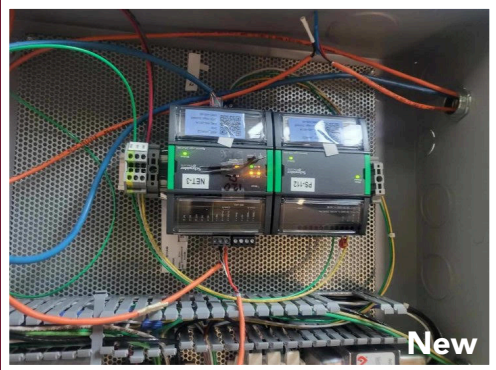
Operational Reserves	Reserve Target Strategy	Balance 6/30/24	Balance 6/30/25	Intended Reserve use for 2026-27 Budget
I. Employee Retirement System (ERS) Restricted Reserve	Fund to 4 years of anticipated ERS Invoices	\$886,359	\$921,465	\$310,000 from the ERS Reserve will be used to fund a portion of the 2026–27 ERS contribution.
II. Teacher Retirement System (TRS) Restricted Reserve	Fully fund to 10% limit	\$611,492	\$316,817	\$119,600 from the TRS Reserve will be used to offset TRS costs within the 2% cap.
III. Unemployment Reserve	This reserve is annually compared to liabilities identified in the external audit.	\$930,021	\$967,074	\$200,000 from the Unemployment Insurance Reserve will be used to support the 2026–27 budget.
IV. Vehicle Equipment Reserve 2023	Fund to enable the purchase of 1 bus per year out of this fund, in lieu of financing	\$605,322	\$549,889	Up to \$200,000 from the Vehicle & Equipment Reserve will be used to purchase a bus without financing.
V. Capital Reserve 2022	Fund to cover local share of next capital project	\$1,737,246	\$2,182,647	The District will continue funding this reserve for the next capital project, with an estimated local share of \$3,675,000.

CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT

Invest \$100,000 in capital improvements and receive \$86,000 in State Aid



Old



New

Upgrade controllers for our digital HVAC monitoring system at the M/HS

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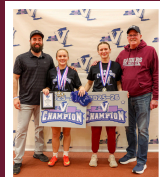


Scan the QR code above for access to the Reserve Plan.

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Scan the QR code above for access to the Detailed Budget Packet.



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	\$ 21,660,678	\$ 23,560,437	\$ 23,399,143
Increase/Decrease for the 2026-27 School Year		\$ 1,899,759	\$ 1,738,465
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		8.77 %	8.03%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.63%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 7,923,478	\$ 7,923,478	
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)	\$ 7,923,478	\$ 7,923,478	\$ 7,923,478
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 182,949	\$ 187,106	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 7,922,834	\$ 7,896,060	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$7,740,529	\$7,736,372	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 182,305	\$ 159,688	
Administrative Component	\$ 2,751,304	\$ 2,801,073	\$ 2,801,073
Program Component	\$ 15,726,868	\$ 16,609,451	\$ 16,593,157
Capital Component	\$ 3,182,721	\$ 4,149,913	\$ 4,004,913
* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2026-27 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.			
		Description	Amount
		Purchase of one vehicle to transport children using Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 200,000
** 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)			

*NOTE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS OFFICIALS: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$427 (Caledonia) \$401 (Chili) \$412 (LeRoy) \$442 (Riga) \$381 (Wheatland)

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 by the qualified voters of the Caledonia-Mumford school district, Livingston County, New York, will be held at District Office in said district on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between the hours of 12:00pm and 9:00pm prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS

Community members will have the opportunity to vote for two candidates to join the Board of Education. Below, you'll find profiles of the candidates running, so you can make an informed decision.

Cameron Seeley

Address: 395 Callan Road, LeRoy, NY 14482

Lived in the CMCS District: 3 Years

Why do you wish to serve on the Cal-Mum Board of Education?

I'm a 2011 Livonia graduate, Eagle Scout, and proud parent of two children in the Cal-Mum School District. After relocating here three years ago, my family was welcomed with open arms, and it helped us thrive here.

Now I want to do the same for others. I've spent the last three years volunteering at school events, coaching summer soccer, and building real connections with students and families. Through those experiences, I've learned that our kids deserve strong role models, steady leadership, and people who genuinely care about their success.

I'm ready to step into that role. With a background in commercial construction, I bring a practical, solutions-focused perspective, especially when it comes to capital improvement projects and long-term planning.

I'm comfortable guiding conversations, asking the right questions, and making decisions that balance today's needs with tomorrow's goals. I'm not just invested in this district, I am part of it.

Serving on the Board of Education would be an honor, and I'm ready to advocate, contribute and help move our school forward.

Relevant Experience:

- Commercial construction estimator and project manager
- Parent
- Coach

Meet our Ex Officio Student Member: Gianna Pillittere

Why are you interested in serving as a student representative?

I am eager to serve as a student representative on the Caledonia-Mumford Central School Board of Education because I am deeply committed to improving the educational experience for all students. I believe in the power of student voices and the importance of their involvement in shaping school policies and practices. Serving as a representative would allow me to advocate for my peers, address their concerns, and contribute to decisions that directly impact their educational lives. I am driven by a passion for creating a more inclusive and supportive learning environment, where every student has the room and support to thrive. I am dedicated to fostering open communication between students, faculty, and the board of education. I am eager to learn and grow as a leader, and I believe this role would provide invaluable opportunities to develop my skills and make a positive impact in Cal-Mum.

Extracurriculars & Leadership Roles:

- 2028 Class Secretary
- JV Volleyball Co-captain
- NHS member
- Student Council Representative
- Competitive Dance

Elizabeth Doll

Address: 367 Leicester Street, Caledonia, NY 14423

Lived in the CMCS District: Entire life

Why do you wish to serve on the Cal-Mum Board of Education?

I have lived in the Caledonia-Mumford Central School District my entire life and remain deeply connected to this community.

I joined the Board of Education 12 years ago to give back to the community where I was raised and to become more involved in my children's education. Over that time, I have developed a strong understanding of school district governance and a deep respect for the educators who teach, support, and guide our youth each day. I remain firmly committed to supporting their work and ensuring they have the resources and respect needed to help students succeed.

I currently serve as President of the Board of Education, where I have continued to grow as a leader. I am committed to fostering a collaborative and respectful relationship among the board, administration, staff, and community. I also believe strongly in maintaining open, two-way communication throughout our school community, ensuring voices are heard and information is shared transparently.

In addition, I recognize the importance of being fiscally responsible, especially during these challenging financial times, while continuing to prioritize strong educational opportunities for all students.

I am seeking to continue my service on the Board to ensure every decision we make keeps students at the center and strengthens the future of our district.

Relevant Experience:

- Lifelong resident and graduate of Caledonia-Mumford Central School District (Class of 1997)
- Parent of a CMCS graduate and current 9th grade student
- 20+ years of experience as a mental health professional supporting individuals and families
- 12 years of service on the Caledonia-Mumford Board of Education
- Current Board President
- Ongoing participation in professional development, including multiple trainings and educational opportunities throughout board service
- Attendance at five NYSSBA conferences supporting continued learning in school governance and leadership



2026-27 PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

STAR Credit vs. STAR Exemption

New York State offers two types of STAR benefits to help reduce school taxes:

STAR Credit (Most Common)

- Paid as a check or direct deposit from NYS each year
- May increase annually
- Available to all eligible homeowners

STAR Exemption (Limited)

- Reduces your tax bill directly
- Amount is frozen and does not increase
- Only available to homeowners who enrolled prior to 2015

Most homeowners are now enrolled in the STAR Credit, which is the State’s primary program.

For more information or to switch to the STAR Credit, visit: www.tax.ny.gov/star

PROJECTED SCHOOL TAX RATES*

	2025/26 Tax Rate Per \$1,000	2026/27 Tax Rate Per \$1,000	
CALEDONIA	\$15.15	\$10.78	
LEROY	\$14.50	\$11.84	
RIGA	\$12.48	\$10.10	
WHEATLAND	\$18.35	\$17.30	
CHILI	\$12.73	\$10.26	

***THESE TAX RATES ARE ESTIMATES AND MAY CHANGE WHEN THE TAX ROLLS ARE FINALIZED**

Estimated Tax Rates by Municipality

The tax rates shown above are estimates based on the proposed 2026–27 budget and current property assessment data. Final tax rates are set in August and may change based on updates to assessed values and final State Aid.

Tax rates are expressed as a dollar amount per \$1,000 of assessed value. To estimate your school tax bill, divide your home’s assessed value by 1,000, then multiply by the tax rate.

For example, a home assessed at \$100,000 would be calculated as follows:
 $\$100,000 \div 1,000 = 100$
 $100 \times \$15.00 \text{ tax rate} = \$1,500 \text{ estimated school tax (before STAR savings)}$

It is important to note that changes in the tax rate do not always directly translate to changes in an individual tax bill. Because tax rates are influenced by changes in total property values within each municipality, a decrease in the tax rate does not necessarily mean a homeowner’s tax bill will decrease, and vice versa.

Board of Education Elizabeth Doll, President John Bickford, Vice-President Michael Balonek Elizabeth Dietrich Rebecca McNear Margaret Roll Arnie Rychlicki Keira Noll, Ex Officio Superintendent of Schools Dr. Rebekah Chenaille	Caledonia-Mumford Central School 99 North St., Caledonia, NY 14423 585-538-3400 www.cal-mum.org ***ECRWSS Postal Customer	Non-Profit Org. U.S. Postage PAID Permit No. #15 Avon, NY 14414
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Budget Vote

12:00 PM - 9:00 PM
May 19, 2026
District Office

**** NOTE:** Parking will be available on Freeman Drive



What You'll See on the Ballot

PROPOSITION #1	2026-27 Budget
RESOLVED, that the proposed budget of expenditures for the fiscal year 2026-2027 in the amount of \$23,560,437 and for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditures adopted by the Board of Education, be one and the same, hereby is approved and the amount thereof shall be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district.	
<div>☐ YES</div> <div>☐ NO</div>	
PROPOSITION #2	Bus Resolution
RESOVED, that the Board of Education of the Caledonia-Mumford Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition of one (1) school bus, at an aggregate maximum cost not to exceed of \$200,000, inclusive of trade in value, with such sum or so much thereof as may be necessary to be raised by an expenditure of \$200,000 from the District's existing Capital Vehicle Equipment Reserve, established by the voters of the District on May 16, 2023, and be it further resolved that the Board of Education shall be authorized to enter into a purchase contract for this school bus on terms satisfactory to the Board of Education.	
<div>☐ YES</div> <div>☐ NO</div>	
Board Elections	School Board Members
Offices	Board of Education Member
Caledonia-Mumford	<div>☐ Cameron Seeley</div> <div>☐ Elizabeth Doll</div>
Write-In	<div>☐ Write In: _____</div> <div>☐ Write In: _____</div>

Voter Eligibility

1. A citizen of the United States
2. Eighteen (18) years of age
3. A resident within the District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the date of the vote

Absentee Ballot

If you are unable to vote in person on May 19, 2026, you may request an absentee ballot application by contacting the District Clerk, Sheri Murdock, at 585-538-3400.