

# South Country Central 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	\$147,164,277	\$150,516,580	\$140,899,330
Increase/Decrease for the 2026-27 School Year		\$3,352,303	-\$6,264,947
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.28%	-4.26%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.63%	
<b>A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>\$71,496,354</b>	<b>\$81,113,604</b>	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0	\$0	
<b>E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)</b>	<b>\$71,496,354</b>	<b>\$81,113,604</b>	<b>\$71,496,354</b>
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$5,427,851	\$7,008,632	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$66,068,503	\$68,434,098	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$66,068,503	\$74,104,972	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$0	-\$5,670,874	
<b>Administrative Component</b>	<b>\$17,359,732</b>	<b>\$18,350,230</b>	<b>\$17,521,998</b>
<b>Program Component</b>	<b>\$107,978,966</b>	<b>\$110,367,762</b>	<b>\$102,125,743</b>
<b>Capital Component</b>	<b>\$21,825,579</b>	<b>\$21,798,588</b>	<b>\$21,251,589</b>

\* A contingent budget will only contain legal expenditures specifically authorized by statute and expenditures that maintain educational programs, preserve property, and maintain the health and safety of students and staff. Includes reductions in staffing, programs, capital items and non-contingent items such as student supplies, certain equipment, and community use of building and grounds.

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

Description	Amount
Reduction of transportation service for resident students attending non-public schools effective at the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year from 25 miles to 15 miles.	-\$900,000

<b>Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings<sup>1</sup> (Under the Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year)</b>	<b>\$2,147</b>
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<sup>1</sup> The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 by the qualified voters of the South Country Central School District, Suffolk County, New York, will be held at Bellport Middle School in said district on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m., at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine.