

CLARENCE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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2026-27

Public Budget Hearing

May 11, 2026





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Organizational Purpose & Budget Goals



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The mission of the Clarence Central School District is to produce independent, lifelong learners who are responsible, contributing members of a diverse society.



Budget Goals

- Maintain and protect the core programs and opportunities that make the Clarence Central School District exceptional.
- Be fiscally responsible by preparing a sustainable budget that does not exceed the NYS real property tax levy limit (Tax Cap).





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Budget Calendar & Timeline



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October	Budget process starts
December	Budget review with Buildings and Departments
January 12	Budget Study Session 1
January 16	NYS Governor's Office puts out a budget
February 9	Budget Study Session 2
March 1	Tax levy limit calculation due
March 16	Budget Study Session 3
April 21	Budget Adoption
*May 11	Budget Hearing
May 19	Annual Budget Vote and BOE Election





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District Highlights



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- Ranked #2 Best School District in the Buffalo Area by Niche.
- Clarence High School ranked #3 for Athletics in NYS and #1 in Buffalo Area by Niche.
- Recognized by the NAMM Foundation as a “Best Community for Music Education”.
- 161 students were selected for honor ensembles.
- Members of the High School Chorale were invited to perform with the Buffalo Philharmonic and the Greater Buffalo Youth Orchestra.
- Named a 2024-2025 NYSPHSAA School of Distinction for Academic Excellence as a result of every team earning the scholar-athlete team designation.
- 7 teams won Sectional Championships in 2024-2025.



Revenue Budget



Revenue Budget

Category	2025-2026 Budgeted	2026-2027 Anticipated
Tax Levy	\$59,102,900	\$61,256,752
- PILOTS	\$290,325	\$285,952
Aid (NYS/BOCES/Medicaid)	\$29,007,417	\$28,534,384
Sales Tax & All Miscellaneous	\$8,027,070	\$8,243,928
Balances	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Total	\$98,927,712	\$100,821,016



Tax Levy vs. Tax Rate

- Tax Levy
 - The amount of money raised via property taxes as a revenue in the school budget.
 - The levy is determined by subtracting the total spending number in the budget from all other sources of revenue.
- Tax Rate
 - The dollar per thousand number needed to raise the total tax levy.
 - Determined by dividing the total assessed value of a Town by the total tax levy to be raised.



Historical Tax Rate Calculations

Year	Estimated Rate	Actual Rate	Difference
2026-27	\$10.36	?	?
2025-26	\$10.31	\$10.11	(\$0.20)
2024-25	\$10.35	\$10.06	(\$0.29)
2023-24	\$13.15	\$12.93	(\$0.22)
2022-23	\$13.98	\$12.98	(\$1.00)
2021-22	\$14.15	\$13.92	(\$0.23)
2020-21	\$14.18	\$13.88	(\$0.30)
2019-20	\$13.98	\$13.90	(\$0.08)
2018-19	\$14.99	\$13.67	(\$1.32)
2017-18	\$14.67	\$14.49	(\$0.18)



Key Revenue Figures

- Tax Levy Increase: 3.64%
- Budget-to-Budget Increase: 1.9%
- Estimated Tax Rate: \$10.36





Expenditure Budget



Expenditure Budget

Category	2025-2026	2026-2027
Instruction	\$73,817,164	\$75,830,245
Capital	\$16,394,557	\$16,016,703
Administrative	\$8,715,991	\$8,974,068
Total	\$98,927,712	\$100,821,016



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Instruction - \$75,830,245

All instructional services and transportation for 4,900 students in all public and 58 private schools and placements.

Capital - \$16,016,703

Our Operations & Maintenance Department takes care of over 900,000 square feet and 200 acres. This category also includes all capital/debt service costs approved by the community.

Administration - \$8,974,068

Costs associated with supervision for all schools, all District Offices and various insurance, auditing and legal fees.



Instruction

All instruction services, including psychologists, counselors, and social workers, and transportation for over 4,900 students in all public and private school placements.

Regular Education/Instruction for all schools	\$37,939,251
Special Education and Special Programs	\$14,342,925
Transportation	\$5,611,100
Benefits for all teachers, aides, bus drivers, etc.	\$17,936,969
Total	\$75,830,245



Capital

Buildings and Grounds takes care of over 900,000 square feet of buildings and 200 acres of land. This category also includes all capital debt service costs approved by the community and required testing and reporting.

Operations and Maintenance	\$6,801,349
Debt Service for Community Approved Projects	\$6,699,569
Benefits (includes health, workers' compensation and NYS retirement)	\$2,515,785
Total	\$16,016,703



Administration

Costs associated with supervision for all schools and school offices, all District Office Support, and insurances.

District Offices, includes Superintendent, Business and Personnel	\$3,167,672
Curriculum and School Supervision	\$3,215,378
Liability, Property and Cyber Insurances	\$708,402
Benefits	\$1,882,616
Total	\$8,974,068



Federal Funded Programming

Annual targeted federal funds

Federal Funds	2025-26	2026-27
Title I	\$264,231	\$205,082
IDEA - 611	\$1,354,906	\$1,305,287
IDEA - 619	\$24,039	\$25,563
Title IIa	\$108,395	\$75,192
Title IV	\$34,717	\$17,115
Mentor Teacher	\$51,239	\$51,240
Total	\$1,837,527	\$1,679,479
UPK	\$1,409,400	\$1,800,000



History of Fiscal Conservatism

Budget Year	Spending Increase	Tax Levy Increase	Tax Cap
2026-27 Est.	1.9%	3.6%	At Cap
2025-26	1.8%	2.5%	At Cap
2024-25	4.3%	3.7%	At Cap
2023-24	4.4%	3.2%	At Cap
2022-23	-.36%	2.9%	At Cap
2021-22	1.5%	2.9%	At Cap
2020-21	2.9%	2.9%	At Cap
2019-20	3.2%	3.2%	Below Cap
2018-19	3.6%	3.9%	Below Cap
2017-18	2.7%	1.7%	At Cap
10 YR. AVERAGES	2.6%	3.1%	



Proposition #2: Bus/Vehicle Purchase

2 - 70 Passenger Buses	\$366,254
2 - 35 Wheelchair Buses	\$294,430
2 - 30 Passenger Buses	\$202,124
2 - Snow Plows/Salter	\$132,000
	\$ 994,808



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Vote Day Information



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Tuesday, May 19th

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Clarence High School Gymnasium



- Proposition #1: 2026-2027 Budget - \$100,821,016
- Proposition #2: Bus/Vehicle Purchase - \$994,808
- Board of Education Seats (3)



Ballot Information

- **Proposition #1 -**

Resolved that the 2026-27 School District budget for the Clarence Central School District, in the amount of \$100,821,016 be adopted.

- **Proposition #2 -**

The Board of Education is asking for authorization to purchase school buses and similar vehicles for an amount not to exceed \$994,808.

- **Three Board of Education Seats**



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