



THE RAIDER RUNDOWN

ANNUAL BUDGET REPORT 2026-2027 | MAY 2026

VOTE! 2026

BUDGET & BOARD ELECTIONS

TUESDAY,
MAY 19, 2026

MS/HS
AUDITORIUM
FOYER

9 AM - 9 PM

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Jeffrey Sortisio
Superintendent

Dear Eden Community,

As we approach the annual budget vote, I would like to take a moment to share an overview of the proposed school budget and what it means for our students, staff, and community.

I am pleased to report that this year's proposed budget is **tax cap compliant**, reflecting our continued commitment to fiscal responsibility while maintaining the high standards our community expects. Through careful planning and thoughtful decision-making, we have remained within the allowable levy limit without compromising the quality of our educational programs.

At the heart of this budget is a clear priority: **supporting student learning and success**. The proposed plan preserves and strengthens key academic programs, supports essential student services, and ensures access to meaningful extracurricular opportunities. We remain focused on meeting the diverse needs of all learners while preparing our students for future success.

This budget also continues our investment in instructional resources, staff development, and programs that promote student engagement, accountability, and well-being. Each decision has been guided by what will have the greatest positive impact on our students.

We recognize the importance of balancing educational excellence with sensitivity to taxpayers. Our goal has been to develop a budget that reflects both responsible resource management and a continued commitment to providing a high-quality educational experience for every student in Eden.

Additional details about the budget are outlined in the pages that follow. We encourage all community members to participate in the budget vote on Tuesday, May 19th at the Middle & High School Auditorium Foyer from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm.

Thank you for your continued support of the Eden Central School District.





Grease High School Musical



Eden High School's production of Grease was a tremendous success, showcasing the incredible talent, dedication, and hard work of students and staff alike. From the moment the curtain rose, audiences were transported to the halls of Rydell High, where energetic musical numbers, dynamic choreography, and strong performances brought this beloved classic to life.

The cast delivered outstanding performances, capturing the spirit and personality of each character while demonstrating impressive vocal and acting abilities. The show featured crowd-favorite songs that had audiences clapping along and fully engaged from start to finish.

Behind the scenes, the production was equally impressive. Students and staff worked tirelessly on set design, costumes, lighting, and sound, creating a polished and professional experience. Every detail contributed to the overall success of the show and highlighted the collaborative effort that makes Eden's performing arts program special.



The enthusiasm from the audience and the support from the community made the performances even more meaningful for the cast and crew. The production of Grease not only entertained but also showcased the creativity, teamwork, and commitment of Eden High School students.

It was a standout moment for Eden High School and a production that will be remembered with pride by all involved.



RAIDERS GIVE BACK WEEK



Students and staff came together with a shared goal: to give back and support our local community. This effort highlighted the power of small acts of kindness coming together to create a big impact.





Brandon Bojczuk



CLASS OF 2026, TOP 10



Hailey Barrett



Elijah Qi



Silas Kannisto



Evan Ecker



Emerson Kannisto



Mia Scott



Lucy Heffernan



Benjamin Agle



Ciara Clark



EDEN FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

FUNDRAISER

MAY 19
2:30-6:00 PM

1/2 Chicken Dinner, \$17

Pickup at the MS/HS Auditorium Foyer.
A limited number of dinners will be available for purchase at the door.

ART & TECH SHOW

Annual District-wide
Art & Tech Show

MS/HS Auditorium Foyer
May 18th - 22nd



EDEN ATHLETICS - CONGRATULATIONS RAIDERS!



Eden Varsity Cheerleading at the NYSPHSAA Fall State Championship



Eden Wrestling team made it to the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Dual Meet State Championships

NYSPHSAA Wrestling Individual State Championships, (from left to right) Trevor DellaPenta, Mason DellaPenta, Bryce DellaPenta



BUDGET INFORMATION

EDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROPOSED 2026-2027 BUDGET “AT A GLANCE”

2026-2027

2025-2026

Salaries	\$ 18,793,200	47.08%
Equipment	\$ 145,805	0.37%
Contractual	\$ 4,503,773	11.28%
Materials & Supplies	\$ 533,967	1.34%
BOCES	\$ 4,215,264	10.56%
Benefits	\$ 8,295,761	20.78%
Debt Service	\$ 3,208,750	8.04%
Transfers	\$ 224,500	0.55%
Total Budget	\$ 39,921,020	100.00 %

\$ 18,765,446	46.82%
\$ 102,706	0.26%
\$ 4,183,745	10.44%
\$ 489,603	1.22%
\$ 3,733,208	9.32%
\$ 8,276,073	20.65%
\$ 4,322,459	10.78%
\$ 203,529	0.51%
\$ 40,076,769	100.00 %

BUDGET & TAX LEVY HISTORY

School Year	Proposed Budget		Proposed Levy		Allowable by Law	
	Budget Total	% Change	Tax Levy	% Change	% Change	% Below
2026-27	\$39,921,020	-0.39%	\$16,916,573	2.52%	2.52%	0.00%
2025-26	\$40,076,769	6.24%	\$16,500,419	2.58%	2.58%	0.00%
2024-25	\$37,722,985	3.61%	\$16,085,148	2.00%	4.26%	2.26%
2023-24	\$36,409,963	7.61%	\$15,769,751	2.00%	7.49%	5.49%
2022-23	\$33,836,483	3.67%	\$15,460,541	1.95%	2.13%	0.18%

Eden CSD’s PROPOSED BUDGET for 2026-27 is \$39,921,020, a slight decrease from the 2025-26 school year. While the total budget is down by \$155,749 (0.39%) due to the expiration of a short-term debt payment, our day-to-day operating expenses have increased. Without that one-time debt factor, the budget reflects a 3.74% increase (\$1,437,860) to maintain district programs and services.

Eden CSD continues its commitment to taxpayers by proposing a tax levy that aligns strictly with state guidelines. The estimated 2026-27 levy of \$16,916,573 reflects a 2.52% increase, meeting the maximum allowable limit under NYS law without exceeding it. As shown in the chart above, the District has successfully stayed at or below the legal tax cap for the last five years and every year since the law’s inception.

If you are interested in more detailed information about the budget figures and the budget development process, please refer to the Business Office, Budget Information section of the District website at Edencsd.org or use the QR code provided.

A complete copy of the Public Budget Document is available on the District website or in the District Office.



SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

EDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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	\$ 40,076,769.00	\$ 39,921,020.00	\$ 39,489,958.00
Increase/Decrease for the 2026-27 School Year		\$ (155,749.00)	\$ (586,811.00)
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		-0.39%	-1.46%
Change in Consumer Price Index		2.63%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount			
	\$ 16,500,419.00	\$ 16,916,573.00	
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			
	\$ -	\$ -	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)			
	\$ 16,500,419.00	\$ 16,916,573.00	\$ 16,500,419.00
F. Total Permissible Exclusions			
	\$ -	\$ -	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions			
	\$ 16,500,419.00	\$ 16,916,573.00	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)			
	\$ 16,500,419.00	\$ 16,916,573.00	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Required 60.0% Voter Approval) - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions**			
	\$ -	\$ -	
Administrative Component			
	\$ 4,124,211.76	\$ 4,395,891.21	\$ 4,395,891.21
Program Component			
	\$ 28,650,128.84	\$ 29,118,269.14	\$ 29,038,920.14
Capital Component			
	\$ 7,302,428.40	\$ 6,406,859.65	\$ 6,270,859.65

*Should the District be required to implement a contingency budget, \$416,154 of student supplies and materials, equipment, nonessential maintenance, and non-instructional non-unionized salaries would need to be removed from the budget. Also, due to the contingency budget regulations, school facilities would not be available for public use at no cost.

Separate Propositions

Description	Amount
Proposition #2 Use of the Capital Reserve Fund for Bus Purchaes	\$ 587,648.00
Proposition #3 Create a New Capital Reserve Fund	\$ -

** 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).

BASIC STAR EXEMPTION IMPACT

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹ : Boston	\$ 386
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹ : Concord	\$ 389
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹ : Eden	\$ 365
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹ : Evans	\$ 392
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹ : North Collins	\$ 387

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-2027 by the qualified voters of the **Eden Central School District**, Erie County, New York, will be held at the MS/HS Auditorium Foyer in said district on Tuesday May 19, 2026 between the hours of 9:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the **Eden Central School District**, 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.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

KALA SINICKI

Living in Eden and graduating from the school has always been a point of pride. After growing up here, it was important to my husband and I to live and invest in the community. We bought our first home in Eden and started a property investment business with another Eden couple. We wanted to live in Eden because few towns can replicate the way of life and the educational opportunities we are privileged to have. I truly feel that I can add to the school district, bringing valuable insight. Currently, I have three children in different buildings. My oldest is in high school. My middle child is medically frail with significant special needs and often receives services at home. My youngest is just starting middle school. I have spent the last year going to the school board and district meetings, making sure that I could fully commit to what is often a very demanding position. Being extremely driven and passionate, I can assure you that I will work for our children!



JEANETTE CARLIN

My name is Jeanette Carlin, and I have been a resident of Eden for the past 11 years. My husband and I have two sons in the district, in 7th and 9th grade, both of whom are student-athletes. I work as a Program Manager for the Alzheimer's Association. I am active with the Eden Little Loop and have been the Cheerleading Coordinator since 2022. In addition, I regularly volunteer in our schools through PTA and sports events through the Eden Sports Boosters. Serving on the school board would allow me to bring a strong parent and taxpayer perspective while advocating for pupil services and person-centered learning. Thank you to everyone who has supported me in this effort.



CHERYL CARPENTER

My name is Cheryl Carpenter, and I am running for my 4th 3-year term on the Eden Central School District Board of Education. I am a retired Special Education Math teacher who worked at Erie 2 BOCES for 37 years and retired in June 2023. I was the girls' Varsity Head Swim Coach at East Aurora for 25 years. After moving to Eden in 2007, I started volunteering with the Girls Varsity Swim Team from 2013 to 2023. My sister raised her three children in Eden, and they have attended the district as students and athletes. Now, their own children are now entering the district as well. My passion for special education and high school sports has been very helpful in contributing to the Board of Education and the district. My nine years on the board have provided me with a great understanding of how a school district and its budget operate.

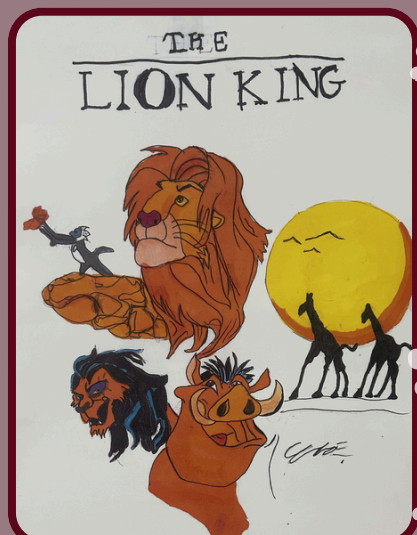


Elementary 5th Grade Musical



Eden Elementary fifth-grade students took the stage with their lively production of The Lion King Kids. Inspired by the beloved story, the musical followed Simba's journey of courage, friendship, and discovering his place in the "circle of life".

The production was the result of weeks of preparation, with students, teachers, and volunteers collaborating behind the scenes. Special thanks go to the music staff for their guidance and to the many families who supported rehearsals and preparations along the way.



Eden Musical Flyer designed by 5th grade student, Eli Flynn.

VOTING DETAILS

EDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROPOSITION NO. 1

ANNUAL BUDGET

Shall the Board of Education of Eden Central School District be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the proposed 2026-2027 Budget in the amount of \$39,921,020 and to levy the necessary tax?

Yes No

PROPOSITION NO. 2

Use of Capital Reserve Funds for Diesel Bus Purchases, \$587,648.

No taxpayer impact

Yes No

PROPOSITION NO. 3

Establish a new capital reserve fund for the acquisition of and financing of buses and similar vehicles for use in the transportation program of the District and various equipment for use in the construction and maintenance programs of the District.

No taxpayer impact

Yes No

BOARD OF EDUCATION

TWO (2) VACANT SEATS

CANDIDATES:

1. Kala Sinicki
2. Jeanette Carlin
3. Cheryl Carpenter



VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

Proof of Residency is Required to Vote

All eligible voters will need to provide proof of residency in order to cast their ballots at the budget vote on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

According to Chapter 775 of the Laws of New York, 1990, voters must present one form of proof, which testifies to their legal address. **The form of proof must be one of the following:**

- Board of Elections card
- Drivers License
- Non-driver identification
- Rental/lease receipt

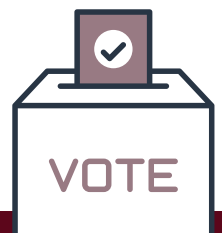
Voter Eligibility Requirements

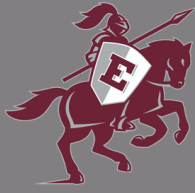
To vote on the 2026-27 school budget, you must meet the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen
- 18 Years of Age or Older
- Resident of the District for 30+ days (since April 19, 2026)
- Able to Provide Proof of Residency

Did you know?

You **do NOT** need to own your home or be previously registered with the Board of Elections to vote in the school budget election.





EDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

8289 N. Main St.
Eden, NY 14057

Board of Education:

Donald Sutfin, President
Jennifer Horschel, Vice President
Cheryl Carpenter
Jack Cuddihy
Jennifer DellaPenta
Marlene Grunder

Jeffrey Sortisio
Superintendent of Schools

Frances May
Assistant Superintendent for Finance

Eden Central School District Residents Notice of Important Information

The District's Budget Vote and Board of Education member election for the 2026-2027 school year to be held at Eden Middle & High School, 3150 Schoolview Rd., Eden, NY in the auditorium foyer.

Date of Annual Budget Vote and Board Member Election: Tuesday, May 19, 2026

You may cast your ballot in person on budget day or via absentee/early mail ballot.

To request an absentee or early mail ballot:

1. You must first complete an application. You can obtain one through the following methods:
 - **In Person:** Visit the District Office.
 - **By Mail:** Send a request to Amanda Pachucinski, District Clerk, 8289 N. Main St., Eden, NY 14057.
 - **By Email:** Contact absenteeballot@edensd.org.
2. Once your application is approved, the District Clerk will either provide the ballot to you or mail it to you with a postage-due return envelope.

Electronic Poll Books for Faster Check-In!

To make the voting process quicker and more efficient, the District utilizes Electronic Poll Books.

Please have your driver's license or Board of Elections card ready to be scanned upon arrival.

Not registered? If you are a qualified voter but are not registered with the Erie County Board of Elections, you can still vote! Simply complete a voter affidavit at the polls and provide proof of residency (such as a utility bill in your name).

For any questions regarding voter registration or ballot applications, please contact our District Clerk, Amanda Pachucinski, at absenteeballot@edensd.org.

Your voice matters—we look forward to seeing you at the polls!