

CHEEKTOWAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal Cheektowaga Central School District 140701	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	\$67,947,783	\$71,445,275	\$70,882,547
Increase/Decrease for the 2026-27 School Year		\$3,497,492	\$2,934,764
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		5.15%	4.32%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.63%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$28,292,162	\$28,854,890	
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	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$28,292,162	\$28,854,890	\$28,292,162
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$70,592	\$22,628	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$28,221,570	\$28,832,262	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$28,221,570	\$28,832,262	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$5,482,509	\$5,981,425	\$5,781,425
Program Component	\$54,596,590	\$57,933,075	\$57,570,347
Capital Component	\$7,868,684	\$7,530,775	\$7,530,775

The 2026/2027 budget includes a \$100,000 Capital Outlay project at Union East Elementary to install voltage monitor/phase loss protection devices on major mechanical equipment to protect against damage caused by utility power voltage fluctuation and/or phase loss.

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year	
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption savings¹	\$350

*If the proposed budget is defeated, pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law, the tax levy for 2026/2027 would remain at the 2025/2026 level. First to be removed are non-contingent expenses. This includes most equipment, certain student supplies, new and multi-year contractual arrangements. After non-contingent expenses are removed ordinary contingent expenses are removed. This includes reduction in non-mandated programming, interscholastic athletics, extracurricular activities, summer school programs, field trips, non-mandated transportation, additional materials and supplies, and professional development. Exempt items include Debt Service, Charter School payments, Tax Certiorari proceedings and expenses related to increased enrollment.

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-2027 by the qualified voters of the Cheektowaga Central School District, Erie County, New York, will be held in the Raymond L. Carr Board Room in said district on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between the hours of 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., prevailing time, in the Cheektowaga Central High School, 3600 Union Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14225, at which time the ballots 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.

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) **N/A



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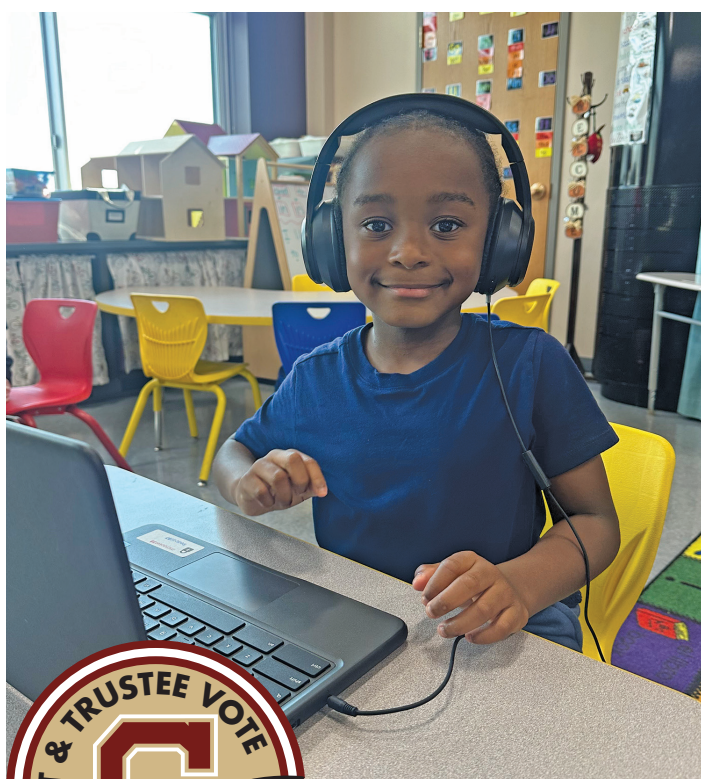
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School Board meetings are generally held the second Tuesday of the month in the Raymond L. Carr Board Room, 3600 Union Road, Cheektowaga, at 6 p.m. Those planning on attending are encouraged to verify meeting date and time by visiting our website or calling (716) 686-3606.

CHEEKTOWAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT • BUDGET FLYER 2026



**2026-2027
Budget and
Trustee Vote**
**Tuesday, May 19, 2026
11 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

Raymond L. Carr Board Room
in the High School

*Please park in main (south) lot and use side entrance
(adjacent to the parking lot) into the music area.*

Voting Information

- Voting takes place in the Raymond L. Carr Board Room in the music wing of the High School from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- A person must be a citizen of the United States of America.
- A person must be 18 years of age or older.
- A person must be a resident (not necessarily a homeowner) of the district for at least thirty (30) days preceding the election.

No prior registration is required and residents do not have to be registered voters.

Identification will be required and the preferred forms are a Board of Elections' card, driver's license, postmarked mail, rental/lease receipt, a non-driver identification card or a utility bill.

**Board of Education
Candidates**

The Cheektowaga Central School District has one open at-large board seat on the Board of Education. The candidate receiving the highest vote totals shall be elected for a 5-year term to commence July 1, 2026, and expire June 30, 2031.



TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026 • 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Budget Proposal At A Glance

2026-2027 Proposed Budget

\$71,445,275

Tax Levy 2025-2026

\$28,282,162

Proposed Tax Levy 2026-2027

\$28,854,890

Proposed Tax Levy Increase

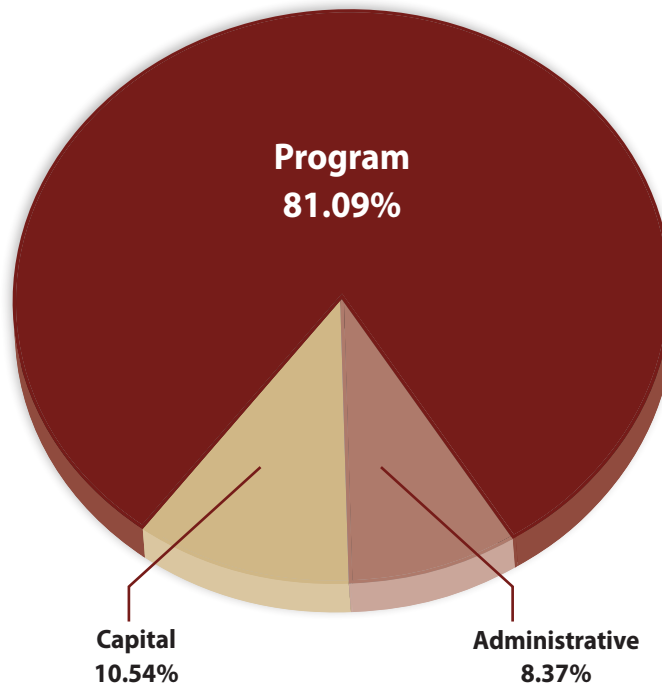
1.99%

What does this mean to the "average" family home in the District?

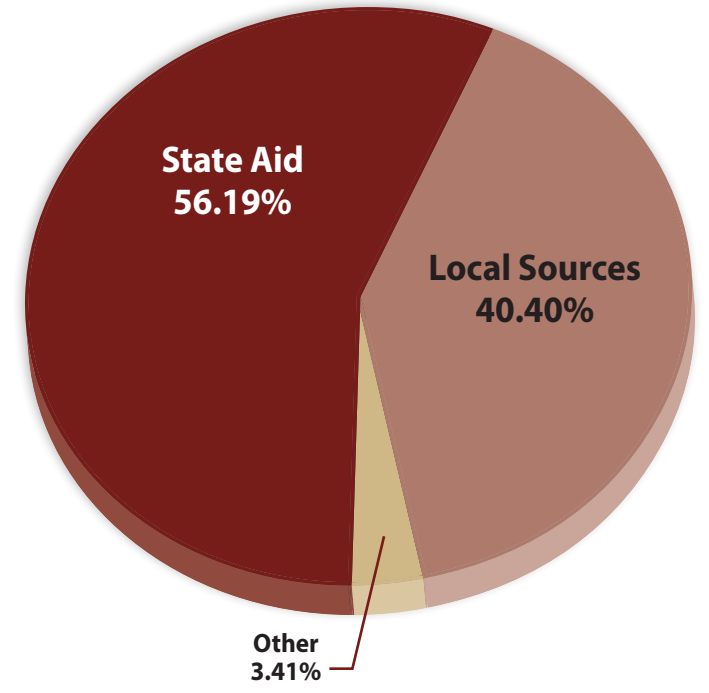
Annual cost increase - \$28.68

Monthly cost increase - \$2.39

2026-27 Proposed Expenditures



2026-27 Estimated Revenues



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2026-27 Proposed Expenditures

Three-Part Components	2025-26	2026-27
Administrative - 8.37% <i>Provides funding for the support services of the District. This component is comprised of those expenses which are associated with the Board of Education, Central Administration and Central Services.</i>	\$5,482,509	\$5,981,425
Program - 81.09% <i>This portion covers general instruction, special education, BOCES instructional programs, curriculum and staff development. Additionally, pupil support services such as counseling, library, health, co-curricular, interscholastic and transportation are included in this component.</i>	\$54,596,590	\$57,933,075
Capital - 10.54% <i>Comprised of those expenses which are associated with the operation and maintenance portions of the budget. Also included in this component is debt service.</i>	\$7,868,684	\$7,530,775
TOTAL	\$67,947,783	\$71,445,275

Ballot Information

PROPOSITION NO. 1

BUDGET FOR CHEEKTOWAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Cheektowaga Central School District (the "District") for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefore are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property of the District to be levied and collected as required by law.

YES NO

One Member of the Board of Education (5-year term)

1A Write in your candidate's first and last name

Save the Date:
Veterans Concert for Heroes
Friday, June 12 at 6pm

Where Does School Funding Come From?



Items included in the proposed budget

- Maintain smaller class sizes in the lower grades
- Increased academic intervention services



A Message from the Superintendent and Board of Education President

As we approach the 2026-27 Budget Vote, and on the heels of a successful Capital Project vote, this mailing will provide you with important financial information to help keep our community informed and engaged.

While both votes are essential to the future of our schools, they serve different purposes. A Capital Project Vote focuses on long-term improvements to facilities, such as repairs, end-of-life replacements, renovations, safety upgrades, and infrastructure required for a safe and appropriate learning environment. In contrast, the annual Budget Vote determines the funding needed for day-to-day operations, including staff contracts, district transportation, utilities, academic programming, and athletics that directly support student learning and well-being.

Together, these decisions shape the structure of our school system, strengthen relationships among students, staff, and families, and ensure meaningful engagement across our community. Your voice and participation are vital as we continue to build a strong and supportive educational environment for all students.

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to our schools...where character, curriculum, and community connect.

Scott Zipp
Superintendent

Renee Wilson
Board of Education President

Highlighting Our Successes...

Union East Elementary School

Union East is proud of the hard work and dedication our students and teachers demonstrate each day. Their commitment is reflected in the academic progress we continue to see across all subject areas.

We remain focused on meeting the needs of every student, particularly in reading and math. One of our key priorities is providing differentiated reading instruction that supports each student's individual strengths and learning needs.

In addition to academic growth, we are committed to developing strong character within our school community. Our character education slogan, "Unleash Your Potential," encourages students to demonstrate positive character traits and strive to be their best each day. Students are recognized regularly for showing respect, responsibility, and leadership throughout the school.

We look forward to continuing to celebrate the growth, achievements, and success of our students in the months ahead.

Cheektowaga Central Middle School

The staff of CCMS is committed to helping all students make memories in the Middle! We strive to provide a high quality education, which gives our students the tools they need to move on to the high school and beyond. The education of our students is of utmost importance to us and we stand ready to help all students meet their educational goals. Our faculty and staff work together as a team to educate, motivate and inspire all students to achieve excellence, personal growth and social responsibility.

Cheektowaga Central High School

With the continued support of our community, Cheektowaga Central High School strives to provide meaningful opportunities for every student to learn, grow, and succeed in a welcoming and inclusive environment. Students have access to 19 college-level courses and a wide variety of electives across all academic areas, allowing them to explore their interests and prepare for future goals.

Beyond the classroom, students can participate in more than 35 athletic teams and 26 clubs and activities, including our highly successful Unified program. Our Fine Arts department enriches the school community through several concerts each year and an annual musical production, all of which highlight the creativity and dedication of our students. Additionally, our Pupil Services team supports post-secondary planning through guest speakers, college visits, and career field trips that help students explore opportunities after graduation.