



2026 - 2027
Budget
Hearing

High School Auditorium 6:00 PM

May 5, 2026

2026 - 2027 Budget Vote & Board of Education Election

Tuesday May 19th, 2026

High School Foyer/Lobby

12:00PM – 8:00PM

Qualified voters:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Be a resident of the District for a period of at least 30 days prior to the day of the vote

Votes may be cast either in-person or via an absentee or early ballot.



Voting Machines

How do they work?

Voters will still fill out a physical ballot, but a machine will count them instead of poll workers tallying the vote by hand.

What will this look like on vote day?

- Step 1: If you have voted before → give your name
If you have **not** voted before → give your address,
show residency at that address
- Step 2: Sign in like you normally would
- Step 3: Complete the ballot form
- Step 4: Insert the ballot into the voting machine.
The voting machine will indicate that your ballot was scanned. The ballot will remain in the voting machine.



Budget Goals

The proposed 2026-2027 budget maintains existing student programming, opportunities, and experiences and balances fiscal responsibility with the needs of the District and community. We will ensure all students succeed by focusing on culture and communication, educational excellence, and school experience.



Proposed Budget

	2025-2026 Adopted	2026-2027 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
Administration	\$2,621,200	\$2,880,965	\$259,765	9.9%
Program	\$18,204,979	\$18,325,236	\$120,256	0.7%
Capital	\$4,215,764	\$6,693,672	\$2,477,908	58.8%
TOTAL	\$25,041,943	\$27,899,873	\$2,857,929	11.4%

The proposed budget maintains existing programs in the 2026-2027 school year.

The capital component of this budget includes a \$100,000 transfer to the Capital Fund for a capital outlay project related to stage refurbishment, sound systems, and scoreboards.



Projected Revenues

	2026-2027
State/Federal Aid	\$20,802,925
Tax Levy	\$5,467,148
Miscellaneous Other (admissions, tuition, UPK, etc.)	\$879,000
Use of Reserves (ERS)	\$350,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$400,000
TOTAL	\$27,899,873



Tax Levy

	2025-2026	Proposed Levy	\$ Increase	% Increase
Tax Levy	\$5,295,462	\$5,467,148	\$176,686	3.2%

The proposed tax levy is tax-cap compliant, meaning a simple majority vote will result in an approved budget.

1% increase on the tax levy = \$52,954.62

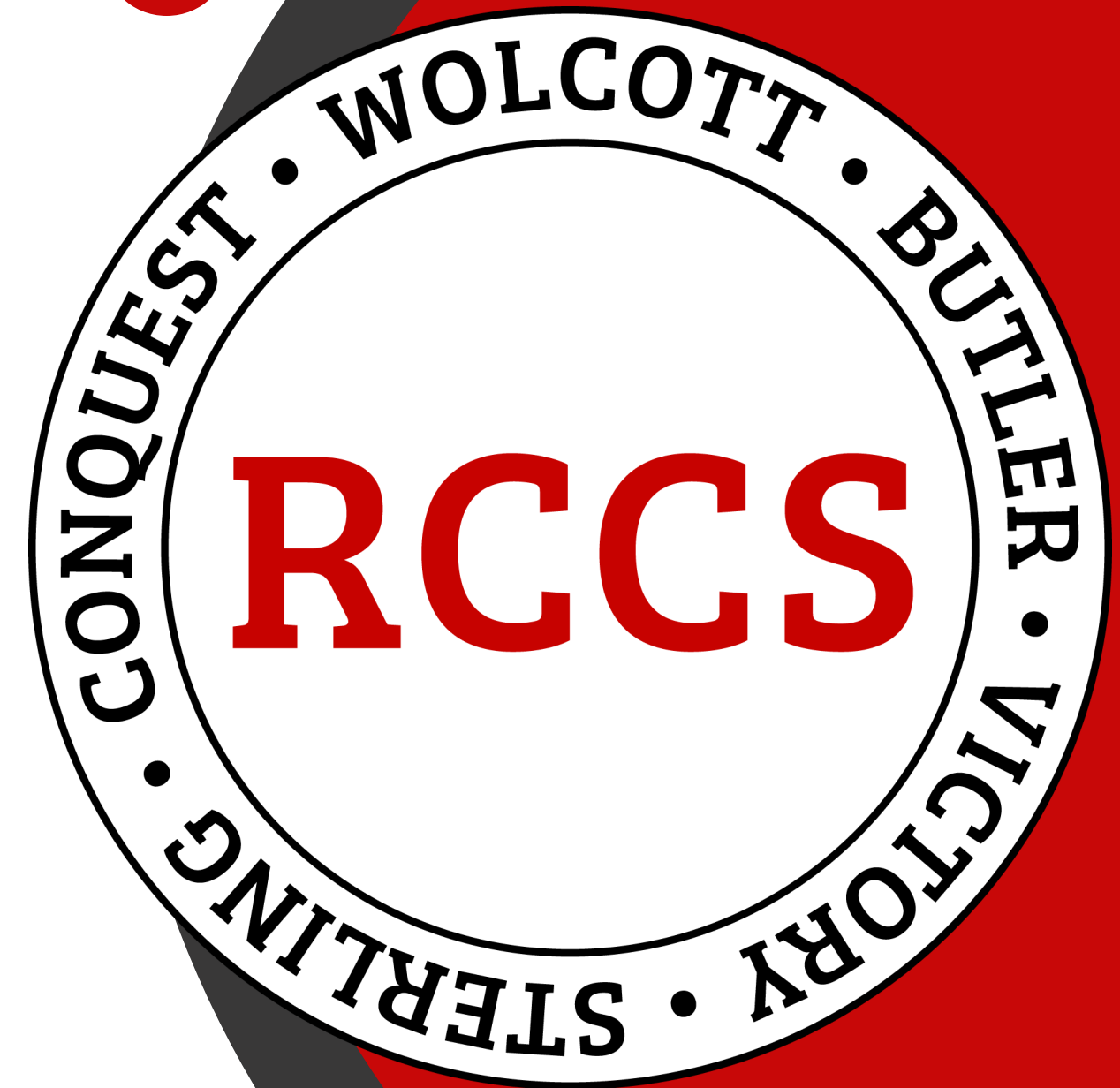
	2025-2026 Final Rate per \$1,000	2026-2027 Estimated Rate per \$1,000	Change	ESTIMATED Change in Tax Bill \$100,000 Assessed Value
Conquest	\$11.92	\$12.30	\$0.37	\$37.43
Sterling	\$8.59	\$8.86	\$0.27	\$26.95
Victory	\$13.21	\$13.62	\$0.41	\$41.46
Butler	\$7.64	\$7.91	\$0.27	\$26.95
Wolcott	\$10.46	\$10.83	\$0.37	\$36.91

PLEASE NOTE: These are ESTIMATED values only. Final tax rates are calculated using assessments that will be completed in August.



Proposition # 1: 2026-2027 Budget

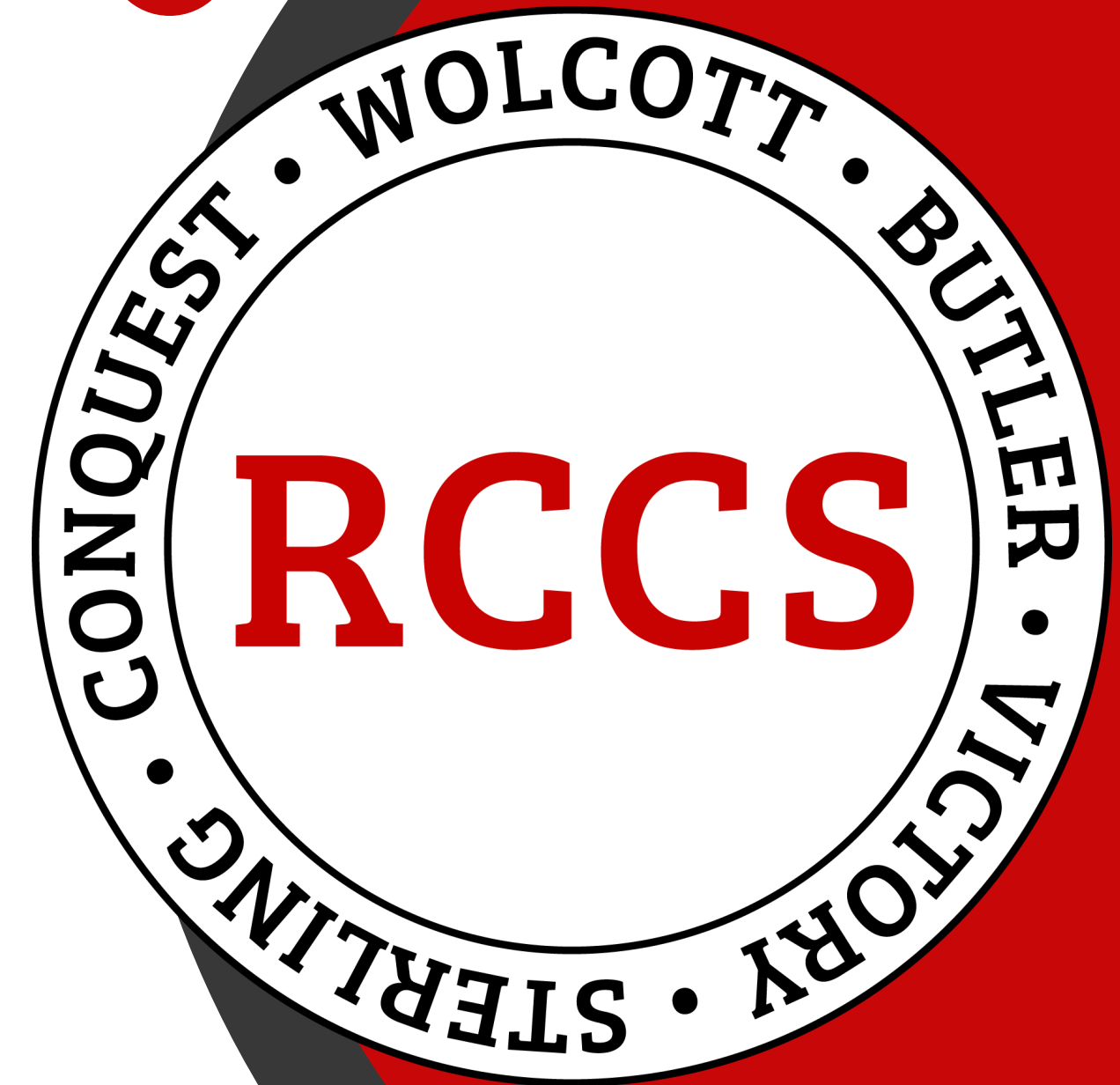
Shall the budget for the Red Creek Central School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, as presented by the Board of Education, in the amount of \$27,899,873 be approved and adopted, the required funds be appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the District to be levied and collected as required by law?



Proposition # 2:

Purchase of Vehicles to be Used in Student Transportation

Shall the Board of Education of the Red Creek Central School District, be hereby authorized to expend \$420,000 from the District's existing 2020 Capital Bus Purchase Reserve Fund, established by the voters of the District on June 9, 2020, and to use such funds toward the purchase of one (1) 66-passenger school bus and three (3) 8-passenger vehicles for use in student transportation, at an aggregate maximum cost of \$420,000, inclusive of trade in value?



Board of Education Member Election

For the election of two (2) Board Members: Two seats for three (3) year terms each beginning July 1, 2026, to fill vacancies created by the expiration of the terms of Elizabeth Decker and Stephanie Folds.

Candidates:

Elizabeth Decker*

Charles A. Palermo

Stephanie Folds*

*denotes incumbent

Questions?

