


# Voters to Elect Three JPS Board of Education Members

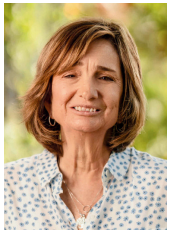
***In order of appearance on the ballot.***



**Christine Schnars**, an incumbent, is seeking her fourth term since returning to the board in 2017. She first joined the board in 1987 and has previously served as its president and vice president. She was installed as president of the New York State School Boards Association board of directors in October and serves on the E2CCB Board of Education. She is a past president of the Fletcher PTA and served on the NYSPTA Board of Governors. Schnars, her late husband Jim, and her four children are all JHS alumni. She has five grandchildren currently enrolled in JPS.



**Paul Abbott**, an incumbent, is seeking his seventh term, having started on the board in July 2008. Mr. Abbott has served as the Board of Education President since 2016. He is a JHS alumnus and graduated from JCC, the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Academy and the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va. He is retired as the Investigative Commander of the Jamestown Police Department and is currently employed by the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Department. Mr. Abbott and his wife, Jennifer, have two daughters: Kelsey, a 2013 JHS graduate and Hannah, a 2017 JHS graduate.



**Carmela Proctor** is seeking her first term on the Board of Education. Proctor retired from Jamestown Public Schools in 2016 after spending 18 years as Principal of Jefferson Middle School. Prior to that, she served 17 years as an elementary special education teacher in Jamestown elementary schools. She is a member of Zion Covenant Church and the Jamestown Area YMCA and is a proud graduate of Jamestown High School. She received her associates degree from SUNY Jamestown Community College, her undergraduate degree in special education at SUNY Buffalo State, and her master's and administrative degrees from SUNY Fredonia.

*The **three individuals** who receive the most votes will be elected to **three-year terms** to commence **July 1, 2026** and end **June 30, 2029.***

# School Budget & BOE Election Info...

## Tuesday, May 19, 2026

**Polls are open** for registered voters from **noon to 9 p.m.** at **Jefferson** & **Washington** Middle Schools & **Lincoln** Elementary School.

If you have any questions about where you should vote, please contact JPS District Clerk Rhonda Frank at (716) 483-4420 or rhonda.k.frank@jpsny.org.

**What are You Voting On?**

- **NO Increase to the Local Tax Levy**
- **2026-27 Proposed Budget - $120,898,274**
- **Election of Three Board of Education Members**
- **Proposition #2: Sale of Harrison Street Property to Jamestown Board of Public Utilities**
- **Proposition #3: Authorization for the Prendergast Library to increase funding by $70,000 annually.**

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## 2026-27 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 | $ 115,876,898 | $120,898,274 | $120,193,634 |
| Increase/Decrease for the 2026-27 School Year | | $5,248,595 | $704,640 |
| Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget | | 4.3 % | 3.7% |
| Change in the Consumer Price Index | | 2.63% | |
| A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount | $14,641,567 | $14,641,567 | |
| B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable | $350,000 | $420,000 | |
| 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) | $14,991,567 | $15,061,567 | $15,061,567 |
| F. Total Permissible Exclusions | $0 | $0 | |
| G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions | $14,641,567 | $14,641,567 | |
| H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D) | $14,641,567 | $14,641,567 | |
| I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) ** | $0 | $0 | |
| Administrative Component | $12,567,492 | $13,729,187 | $13,264,547 |
| Program Component | $79,811,620 | $84,220,997 | $84,130,977 |
| Capital Component | $23,467,786 | $22,948,110 | $22,798,110 |

* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2026-27 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

In the even of a contingency budget there will be a reduction in buildings and grounds equipment, eliminate the newly proposed positions of Asst Principal and Secretary at the Innovation Center at Rogers, reduce BOCES services, as well as eliminate music and athletic equipment.

** 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)

| Description | Amount |
|---|---|
| Sale of property on Harrison Street | $ |
| Library Tax | $ 420,000 |
| | $ |
| | $ |

*NOTE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS OFFICIALS: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov

| | Under the Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year |
|---|---|
| Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings[1] | $1,211.97 |

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 by the qualified voters of the Jamestown Public school district, Chautauqua County, New York, will be held at Lincoln Elementary, Washington Middle and Jefferson Middle school(s) in said district on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at __:00 am/pm prevailing time *OR* between the hours of 12:00pm and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Lincoln Elementary, Washington Middle and Jefferson Middle school(s), at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine. ***Districts should include information according to Executive Orders and as advised by legal counsel.***

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.