



Central School District

P.O. Box 648 • 374 Lake Street • Wilson, NY 14172

Message from Your Superintendent and the Board of Education

Dear Wilson Community:

Each year, the development of our school district budget represents much more than numbers on a page; it reflects our shared commitment to students, families, and the future of our community. The proposed 2026–2027 budget was thoughtfully crafted to balance fiscal responsibility with our mission to provide high-quality educational opportunities for every child.

This budget is a strategic roadmap designed to ensure every student in Wilson Central School District has the tools they need to thrive. Throughout this process, we remained focused on preserving strong academic programming, maintaining class sizes, supporting student wellness, investing in instructional technology, and ensuring our facilities remain safe and welcoming. We carefully examined expenditures, prioritized student-centered decisions, and worked to minimize the impact on taxpayers while meeting state requirements and rising operational costs.

We recognize that we are operating in a complex economic climate. Our leadership team and Board of Education have worked diligently to identify efficiencies and streamline administrative costs to offset the local tax burden.

Education is more than just a line item in a ledger; it is the most significant investment a community can make in its own future. As we present the proposed budget for the 2026–2027 school year, our focus remains steadfast: maximizing student opportunity while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

A budget is a reflection of a community's values. I encourage you to review the details on the following pages, attend our upcoming Public Hearing on May 12, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Middle/High School Library Media Center, and reach out with your questions. Our schools are the heart of our community. The programs, services, and opportunities we offer are possible because of your continued support and engagement. I encourage all residents to review the budget information provided, ask questions, and participate in the upcoming budget vote on May 19, 2026.

Thank you for your partnership, trust, and ongoing commitment to the students of Wilson Central School District. Together, we continue to build a strong foundation for lifelong learning and success.

Sincerely,

Timothy P. Carter
Superintendent Wilson CSD

Board of Education:
Christopher Carlin, President

Kathy Stewart, Vice President
Bethzaida Hart

Timothy Kropp
R.J. Seager

Nathan Wass
Jason Woolson



2026-27 Budget Vote and Board Election

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Richard J. Zipp Athletic Center • 10 am to 8 pm

Budget information available on our
District website www.wilsoncsd.org/budget-information

A Dystopian Gallery

Students in Brooke Smith's 10th Grade English class made some interactive projects for the whole school to see!

Based on their reading of "The Hunger Games" students had the option to create a variety of media as if they were living in the dystopian world in which the story is based.

Students had the option of creating their own pieces including newspaper articles, newsletter, brochures or music playlists that connected to the story.

In March the projects were on display in the High School Library in a gallery for everyone to look through.



2026 New York State Seal of Biliteracy Candidates



The NYSSB recognizes high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in English and one or more world languages. The intent of the NYSSB is to encourage the study of languages, to identify high school graduates with language and biliteracy skills for employers, to provide universities with additional information about applicants seeking admission and placement, to prepare students with twenty-first-century skills, to recognize the value of language instruction, and to affirm the value of diversity in a multilingual society. Successful candidates will earn three points in English and three points in each world language from a point's matrix, which includes course grades, national and state exams, transcripts, and culminating projects. The NYSSB takes the form of a Seal on the student's diploma and a medallion worn at graduation.

Congratulations to the following students:

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| Skyler Aydelotte | Ryan Hough |
| Maria Bedolla Rodriguez | Nathan Hurtgam |
| Donna Clark | Robert Kane |
| Morgan Coulter | James Madan |
| Victor Cusatis | Ruby Narehood |
| Zenon Cyphert | Cassandra Ranney |
| Abbie Faery | Rowan Simpson |
| Shamus George | Wyatt Thomas |
| Mackenzie Hardy | Madelyn Tokarski |
| Pearce Hendricks | Lauren VanderLinden |

Wilson Students Medal at Area 1 SkillsUSA Regional Conference

Congratulations to our High School students who traveled to Alfred State College on March 3rd to represent the Niagara Career and Technical Education Center (NCTEC) at the Area 1 SkillsUSA Regional Conference.

The three students, who are in various career and technical education programs at Orleans/Niagara BOCES competed in several SkillsUSA contests after preparing for the last several months in their classes.

The SkillsUSA Championships begin at the local chapters across the country. Local winners advance to the New York State competition, testing their skills against competitors from other schools. The gold medalists then compete at the National SkillsUSA competition in June where they hope to earn gold, silver and bronze medallions, scholarships, tools of the trade and even job offers!

The SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference is one of the largest hands-on workforce development events in the world that features 6,500 state champions across the United States who compete head-to-head in over 114 skilled and leadership competitions.

Congratulations to our winners:

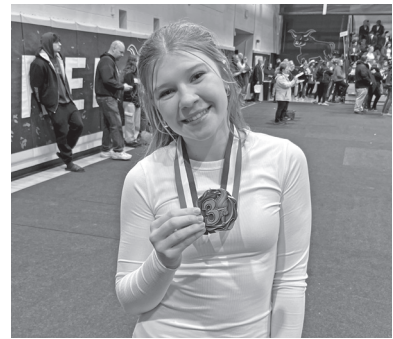
- Cristofaro Interisano, Building Maintenance Management student, who took third place in the Masonry competition.
- Carter Kopp, Diesel Technology/Heavy Equipment student, who took third place in the Diesel Equipment Technology competition.
- Samantha Serafini, Cosmetology student, who took third place in the Cosmetology competition.



Cristofaro Interisano



Carter Kopp



Samantha Serafini

History on Stage

Students in Theresa Reagan's sixth grade social studies class brought an ancient tale to the stage.

Back in February, the Middle School students put on a play of "The Epic of Gilgamesh" coinciding with their studies of ancient civilizations for their fellow students and community members during the school day.

The play derives from an ancient Mesopotamian poem, The story focuses on the titular character, Gilgamesh, the tyrannical king of Uruk, who is on a journey seeking meaning, friendship, and immortality following the death of his companion, Enkidu.

A job well done to all the students who put on a wonderful and educational play!



“Off To See the Wizard”



This year's High School and Middle School Musical production brought audiences to the magical land of Oz.

Cast and crew brought the classic tale of “The Wizard of Oz” to the stage over a series of three successful performances in March. They worked diligently over several months to bring Oz and all of its magical characters — from flying monkeys to munchkins — to life for the audience.

The classic story from Frank L. Baum's story and movie adaptations which follows Dorothy's journey from Kansas all the way to the Emerald City in the magical land of Oz accompanied by the Cowardly Lion, Tin Man and Scarecrow in search of the Wizard while evading the Wicked Witch of the West.

Students were also able to follow Dorothy on some of her adventures down the yellow brick road when the cast put on a special daytime preview during the school day.

Job well done to the entire cast and crew on another successful production!



Putting Wilson Soccer on the Map

Often times, you'll find Paul Herrmann sitting at his desk drawing up plays.

Even though this past soccer season is well into the rearview mirror and next season is still several months away, the High School Varsity soccer coach is always ready to get back out on the field, even after coming off the most successful season in program history.

"I'm passionate about it like I am here in the classroom. So, I'm really trying my best to make kids love the game."

And there was a lot to love for the varsity soccer team this past season.

Besides the Lakemen going 21-1, winning the Niagara-Orleans League, winning the Section VI Class C title and making the state title game for the first time in program history, those efforts led Coach Herrmann being selected as the 2025 All Western New York Coach of the Year for Section VI.

"I was shocked. I'm still shocked," Coach Herrmann admits.

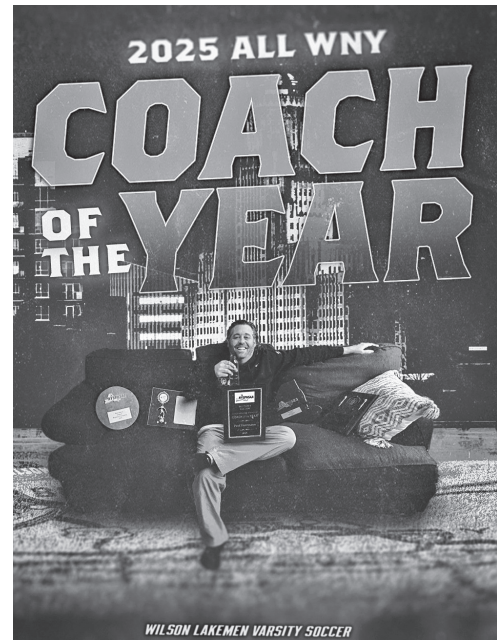
While there also were a fair share of adversities including recovery from accidents and illnesses amongst family members of the team, those forged even tighter bonds and fueled the team to come together in the big moments.

Just as it was a team effort that got them through those big moments in the season, Coach Herrmann said it was a team effort that led to being recognized for the award.

"I take credit for the losses and my players take credit for the wins. So, it was an entertaining conversation with my son when he said, 'Dad, I get credit for 21 wins this year? And I go, 'Yeah, and I get credit for one loss,'" Coach Herrmann said.

Ahead of his fifth season coaching the team, achieving that honor is just one more step towards Coach Herrmann's goal of putting Wilson soccer on the map.

"I wanted to put Wilson on the map and I think at the end, when I got that award, I looked at my JV coach and I said, 'So did I put Wilson on the map? And he looked at me and he said, 'Yeah.'"



Niagara Police Athletic League Award Winners

Congratulations to our Wilson student-athletes recognized at the Niagara PAL Sports luncheon!



(From left) Sandi Albrecht, Aidan Neumann, Abbie Faery, and Brock Lepsch.

BALLOT FOR THE MAY 19, 2026 VOTE:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 PROPOSED 2026-2027 BUDGET: RESOLVED, that the annual budget of the Wilson Central School District, Niagara County, New York (the “District”) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, as presented by the Board of Education, in the total sum of \$31,584,299 is hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefore are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District as required by law.

Yes No

PROPOSITION NO. 2 PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE DISTRICT (USING MONIES ALREADY ON HAND IN THE DISTRICT’S CAPITAL TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND, 2022): RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Wilson Central School District, Niagara County, New York (the “District”) be, and it hereby is, authorized to purchase technology equipment at a maximum estimated cost of \$45,000 for use by the District, utilizing \$45,000 from funds currently on hand in the District’s Capital Technology Equipment Reserve Fund, 2022.

Yes No

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION: Vote to elect Three (3) Board of Education Trustees. Candidates are elected to fill three (3) year terms (July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029). The candidates are: 1.) Timothy F. Kropp 2.) Laurette Clark and 3.) R.J. Seager.

Candidate information is available at:

<https://www.wilsoncsd.org/our-district/board-of-education/budget-vote-and-election-2026-2027>

Proposed General Fund by Category

Expenditures	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Estimate	Difference	% Change
Salaries	\$12,558,905.00	\$12,779,029.00	\$220,124.00	1.76%
Benefits	\$6,844,750.00	\$7,022,750.00	\$178,000.00	2.60%
BOCES	\$3,776,570.00	\$4,054,722.00	\$278,152.00	7.37%
Outside Services	\$2,452,900.00	\$2,513,704.00	\$60,804.00	2.48%
Debt	\$1,538,835.00	\$1,626,194.00	\$87,359.00	5.68%
Utilities	\$481,378.00	\$575,500.00	\$94,122.00	19.55%
Equipment/Materials	\$956,900.00	\$751,400.00	-\$205,500.00	-21.48%
Transportation	\$2,045,000.00	\$2,116,000.00	\$71,000.00	3.47%
Transfers	\$145,000.00	\$145,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Total	\$30,800,238.00	\$31,584,299.00	\$784,061.00	2.55%

Revenue	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Estimate	Difference	% Change
Taxes	\$13,604,723.00	\$13,944,841.00	\$340,118.00	2.50%
State Aid	\$15,400,205.00	\$15,880,169.00	\$479,964.00	3.12%
Fund Balance	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Reserve	\$278,000.00	\$212,911.00	-\$65,089.00	-23.41%
Other Revenue	\$1,017,310.00	\$1,046,378.00	\$29,068.00	2.86%
Total	\$30,800,238.00	\$31,584,299.00	\$784,061.00	2.55%

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WILSON CENTRAL 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	\$30,800,238	\$31,584,299	\$31,359,299					
Increase/Decrease for the 2026-27 School Year		\$784,061	\$225,000					
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.55%	.72%					
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.63%						
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$13,604,723	\$13,944,841						
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)	\$13,604,723	\$13,944,841	\$13,604,713					
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0						
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$13,912,993	\$14,182,324						
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E-B-F+D)	\$13,604,723	\$13,944,841						
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$308,270	\$237,483						
Administrative Component	\$3,140,537	\$3,270,556	\$3,270,556					
Program Component	\$23,526,822	\$23,888,687	\$23,768,687					
Capital Component	\$4,132,879	\$4,425,056	\$4,320,056					
* The contingent budget is calculated using NYS contingent budget formula which excludes non contingent items. In addition, a contingent budget would require the District to charge for the use of facilities. These assumptions may change should the 2026-27 budget be a contingent budget.								
** 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)								
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	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$490

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 by the qualified voters of the Wilson Central School District, Niagara County, New York, will be held at the Zipp Gym Foyer of the High School in said district on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between the hours of 10:00am and 8:00pm, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by paper ballot.

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



Budget Hearing
Tuesday, May 12, 2026 • 6:30 pm
Middle/High School Library Media Center

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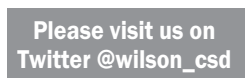
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Tuesday, May 12, 2026

6:30 p.m.

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Absentee Ballots
Early Voting
Military Ballots

Contact

Mrs. Jennifer Pavan

District Clerk

At 716-751-9399

Vote

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Voter Qualifications and Absentee, Early Mail Ballot and Military Ballot Information

All voters at any School District meeting for election must possess all of the following general qualifications:

1. Be at least 18 years of age.
2. Be a resident within the District for a period of at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which he/she offers to vote.
3. Be a citizen of the United States.

Applications for absentee ballots are available in the Office of the School District Clerk located at 374 Lake Street, Wilson between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday or by calling 716-751-9399. If you would like a ballot mailed to you, please make this request by May 12, 2026. If you plan to pick up your ballot, your application must be received on the day prior to the vote. Completed absentee and early voting ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on May 19, 2026, the day of the vote.

Kindergarten Registration

Replace with: If you still need to register your child for Kindergarten, and they will turn 5 by December 1, 2026, please call 716-751-9341 x 133 for a registration packet or visit the following link to download and print a packet <https://wes.wilsoncsd.org/upkk-reg>. You must submit a packet to be eligible for Kindergarten Screening.

UPK

Registration

If your child will turn 4 by December 1, 2026, and you did not submit an application, please call 716-751-9341 x 117 to be placed on the waiting list.

For More Information:

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