



Greenwood Lake Union Free School District

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Dear Greenwood Lake Community,

On behalf of the Greenwood Lake Union Free School District Board of Education and administration, I would like to thank all residents who participated in the school budget vote and trustee election. While the proposed budget for the 2026–2027 school year was not approved by voters, we respect the outcome of the vote and remain committed to moving forward thoughtfully and responsibly.

Under New York State law, the District now has three options:

1. The Board of Education may choose to submit the same budget for a revote, or
2. The Board of Education may adopt a contingent budget, or
3. The Board may choose to present a revised budget to the community for a second vote.

The timeline for this decision and process is very tight, as the state mandates the re-vote date (June 16, 2026) and has specific timing requirements related to adoption, legal notices, communication to voters, and more.

As a result, the first **meeting will be scheduled for tomorrow evening (May 21st) at 7:30 pm** at the Middle School. The Board of Education will meet to certify the results of the vote and election and then discuss the implications of each option listed above. This meeting will be open to the public.

As we evaluate next steps, our priority remains providing students with a safe, supportive, and high-quality educational experience while balancing fiscal responsibility to taxpayers.

Should the Board choose to move forward with a second vote, additional information regarding the decided budget proposal, timeline, and community presentations will be shared promptly. There will be opportunities for feedback from the community during that process. If a contingent budget is adopted, the District will communicate the resulting operational and programmatic impacts as required under New York State regulations.

We understand that this outcome may create uncertainty and strong feelings throughout the community. Greenwood Lake has always cared deeply about its schools, and we appreciate the continued involvement, feedback, and partnership of our residents as we determine the best path forward together. As a part of our transparency efforts, we have added a section to our budget [website](#) for community members to be able to access all of the information related to this budget reconsideration process. It will be updated regularly throughout the next few weeks.

Thank you for your continued support of the Greenwood Lake Union Free School District and, most importantly, our students.

Sincerely,

Sarah Hadden