



# MOUNT VERNON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## “Protecting Opportunities. Building Stability.”

*“Small Investment. Lifelong Return.”*

*Dr. Demario A. Strickland*

*Superintendent*





# **DR. STRICKLAND**

## **CORE BELIEFS**

- 1. Every child has unlimited potential.**
- 2. Literacy is the key to unlocking a child's future.**
- 3. The quality of teaching determines the quality of learning.**
- 4. Strong relationships create strong outcomes.**
- 5. A child's ZIP Code should not determine their future.**



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## 2025-26 GOALS

- Grade 3 students achieving proficient or above on the NYS ELA Assessment will increase from **48%** in June 2025 to **53%** in June 2026
- Grade 5 students achieving proficient or above on the NYS Mathematics Assessment will increase from **39%** in June 2025 to **44%** in June 2026
- The percentage of 9th grade students earning 5 or more credits will increase from **75.8%** in June 2025 to **80.8%** in June 2026
- The four-year cohort graduation rate will increase from **79%** in August 2025 to **84%** in August 2026



## Budget Snapshot

\$275.5M Budget  
(\$700K)

1.2% Budget (0.3%)

Increase from 25-26

1.50% Tax Levy  
Increase (0.49%)

**State Aid – 2%**



# ADJUSTMENTS MADE

## Revenue

State Aid	\$137K
Property Taxes	-\$688K
Other Revenue	-\$148K
<b>Total</b>	<b>-\$699K</b>

## Expenditures

Reduced Overtime	-\$225K
Target Reducing Charter School Enrollment Due to Bussing Changes & Process Improvement	-\$474K
<b>Total</b>	<b>-\$699K</b>

# WHAT THIS BUDGET PROTECTS



**Athletics**



**Arts**



**Music**



**Clubs**



**Counseling**



**Safety**



**Technology**



**Career  
Pathways**



**Gifted &  
Talented**



**Dual Language**



# Investments Families Will See!



**More Math Support  
Specialists**



**Expanded Bilingual  
Supports**



**Continued CTE  
Pathways**



**Safe  
Schools**



**Technology  
Access**



**Student Wellness  
Supports**



Eastchester UFSD	6.31%	NO
Bronxville UFSD	4.80%	YES
Poughkeepsie CSD	4.21%	YES
Pelham UFSD	3.72%	YES
Edgemont UFSD	3.50%	YES
Ardsley UFSD	3.40%	YES
Scarsdale Public Schools	3.37%	YES
Mamaroneck UFSD	3.07%	YES
Greenburgh CSD	3.03%	YES
Chappaqua CSD	2.99%	YES
Pleasantville UFSD	2.96%	YES

Rye UFSD	2.96%	YES
Tuckahoe UFSD	2.68%	YES
Bedford CSD	2.62%	YES
Brewster CSD	2.60%	YES
Ossining UFSD	2.43%	YES
Yorktown CSD	2.38%	YES
Rye Neck UFSD	2.38%	YES
Somers CSD	2.31%	YES
Croton-Harmon UFSD	2.19%	YES
Mount Vernon CSD	1.99%	NO
New Rochelle	1.85%	YES



# TAX LEVIES AND BUDGET VOTE RESULTS FOR 2026-2027

# What's at stake?

- Programs – Library, Extracurricular, athletics, field trips & enrichment, arts, music, and electives
- Staffing – 5% cuts to staffing across the board
- Facilities – Maintenance projects, upgrades, grounds
- Technology – Device refreshes
- Support Services – After-school/community programs, non-mandated counseling or wellness services
- Professional Learning and Development
- New Contracts for Mount Vernon Administrators & Civil Service

