



Greenwood Lake Union Free School District

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Dear Greenwood Lake Community,

As your Greenwood Lake Board of Education, we write to you today regarding where things currently stand with the 2026-27 School Budget. We have now completed the first phase of the budget reconsideration process following the May 19th school budget vote. Two Special Business Meetings were held, one on May 21st to discuss options moving forward and another on June 1st to adopt a revised budget. Between those meetings, two Board Budget Workshops were held on May 26th and May 29th, and a community forum was held on May 28th. The result of that process is a revised budget proposal that will be presented to voters on June 16th.

The New 26-27 Budget

After much discussion and work over the past two weeks, we adopted a revised budget of \$32,042,475, representing a reduction of \$703,605 from the originally proposed budget. Adjustments are reflected in the following list:

- Eliminate multiple software services (curriculum, business office, technology departments)
- Reduce and/or eliminate some Building & Grounds contracted services (i.e. goose control, number of tick spray applications)
- Eliminate one bus purchase (leaves two buses in the budget)
- Eliminate fully funded academic field trips
- Reduce tutoring services
- Reduce allocation for student consumable materials
- Reduce the number of before/after school clubs offered
- Reduce the amount of the transfer to the school lunch fund
- Eliminate 6 positions (across multiple departments; one of those six being the assistant principal position)
- Reduce the number of work hours for some hourly employees

The replacement of the elementary school fire alarm is included in the revised budget. During the budget reconsideration process, community members identified the fire alarm replacement as an important priority, and the Board considered that feedback as part of its deliberations. The revised budget reflects a tax levy increase of 4.25%, down from 4.87% in the original budget.

For the average GWL homeowner (assessed value of \$30,000), this is estimated to result in an annual tax increase of approximately \$220.28, or about \$18.36 per month, pending the finalization of property tax assessments over the summer.

More specific numbers and details of the budget will be included in the budget newsletter that is currently being developed and will be sent to all homes within the District.

Contingent Budget

Should the revised budget fail, a contingent budget would be adopted by the Board of Education. This would result in the inability to purchase equipment (Chromebooks, all buses, bus garage tools, buildings and grounds equipment, etc.), the fire alarm would not be funded, community use of buildings (Little League, soccer, Scouts, etc.) would need to be charged for, and additional staffing reductions could be required. A contingent budget would mean no increase to taxes but would also impose additional spending restrictions and limitations that would affect District operations in future years.



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As a reminder, all Budget Reconsideration presentations, videos of meetings, workshops, the community forum, and related resources are available [on our website](#). If anyone would like to review a hard copy of the full Budget Statement and associated required documents, hard copy binders are available for public viewing in the main office of both schools and at the Greenwood Lake Library.

We encourage all residents to review the available information so they can make an informed decision on June 16th.

Question & Answer Document

The Board received questions at the forum and via email and has spent time reviewing them. Those questions have been compiled into a [Q&A document](#) for everyone to review. It is also available on the Budget Reconsideration webpage.

Public Re-Vote Details

The official budget re-vote will take place on Tuesday, June 16th, from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM at the Greenwood Lake Elementary School (80 Waterstone Road). Because the elementary spring concert is also taking place that day, voting will occur in the art room. There will be signs to assist residents in finding the entrance at the far right end of the building, directly across from the Greenwood Lake Library.

We hope to see strong participation from our community.

Next Board Meeting

The next monthly business meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17th at 6:00 PM at the Middle School (changed from Monday, June 15th). At that meeting, the Board will review and act upon the results of the June 16th vote, whether that results in implementation of the revised budget approved by voters or adoption of a contingent budget.

Thank you to everyone who has engaged with us and provided feedback over the course of the last two weeks. The budget reconsideration process has provided valuable feedback and perspective for the District and for us as a Board. We intend to continue creating opportunities for community feedback, both in the near future and on an ongoing basis.

We appreciate your continued engagement in this important process and encourage all eligible residents to vote on June 16th.

Sincerely,

The Greenwood Lake Board of Education