



GREENWOOD LAKE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

PO Box 8, Greenwood Lake, NY 10925

BUDGET VOTE

**Tuesday, June 16
11 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

REVISED BUDGET AT A GLANCE

**PROPOSED 2026-27
REVISED BUDGET
\$32,042,475**

**REVISED SPENDING
DECREASE
\$703,605**

TAX IMPACT TO RESIDENTS

For the average GWL home
(assessed at \$30,000)

A 4.25% increase = \$220 for the year

Polling Location

**Greenwood Lake
Elementary School**

Far right entrance to building.
Complete voter and polling
information, see page 2



For more information, scan the QR Code
or click the Budget Consideration link on
our webpage, www.gwlufsd.org

Voters to decide on reduced \$32 million budget, including funding for a fire alarm replacement

On Tuesday, June 16th, residents of the Greenwood Lake Union Free School District will vote on a revised \$32,042,475 budget proposal for the 2026-27 school year. If approved, the budget would result in a 4.25% tax levy increase, which includes full funding for the elementary school fire alarm replacement. The district's initial proposed budget was defeated on May 19th.

What's different about the revised budget?

The District initially proposed cutting \$1.1 million dollars out of the original budget, which would have meant a tax levy increase of 2.98%. 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 replacement of the elementary school fire alarm is now included in the revised budget. As such, the revised budget reflects a tax levy increase of 4.25%, down from 4.87% in the original budget.

What are the spending cuts?

The revised budget represents a reduction of \$703,605 from the original proposed budget. The spending reductions include the elimination of an administrator, a teacher, and several staff positions, reduction of hours for some hourly employees as well as reductions and/or

elimination in software, contracted services, tutoring, student consumables, transfer to school lunch fund, clubs, field trips, and one of the three originally planned bus purchases. See page 3 for an itemized list of cuts.

What if the revised budget does not pass?

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.



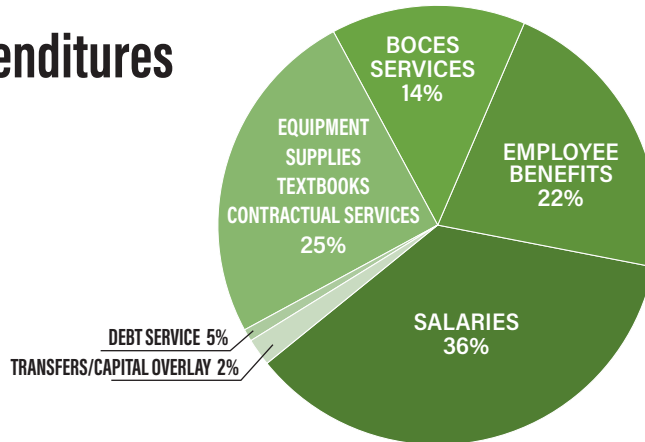
2026-27 BUDGET Questions & Answers

During the Budget Reconsideration process, tax payers were invited to send in questions related to the budget. Those questions have been answered and compiled into a comprehensive document for public review. It can be reviewed by scanning the QR code at right or visiting the Budget Reconsideration webpage link from the main webpage.



THREE PART BUDGET

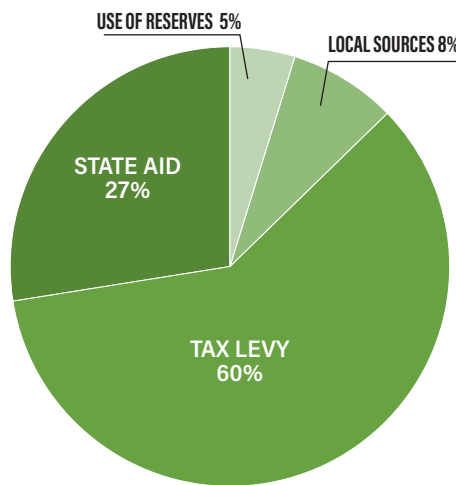
Proposed Expenditures by category



	2025-2026 Budget	Revised 2026-2027 Proposed Budget
Salaries	\$ 11,906,645	\$ 11,572,345
Employee Benefits	6,998,890	6,920,840
BOCES Services	4,019,915	4,588,660
Equipment/Supplies/Textbooks/ Contractual Services	7,612,895	8,024,105
Debt Service	290,110	290,425
Transfers/Capital Overlay	151,960	646,100
TOTAL	\$30,980,415	\$32,042,475

Proposed Revenues

	2025-2026 Budget	Revised 2026-2027 Proposed Budget
State Aid	\$ 8,149,157	\$ 8,818,089
Tax Levy	18,371,273	19,152,052
Local Sources	4,016,185	2,541,601
Use of Reserves	443,800	1,530,733
TOTAL	\$30,980,415	\$ 32,042,475



VOTER INFORMATION & POLLING LOCATION

WHO CAN VOTE

You may vote if you are 18 years old or older, a US citizen, a registered voter, and a District resident for at least 30 days.

*This is not like Village elections where Town residents cannot vote. ANY GWL School District resident is eligible. If you received this newsletter to your home and you are a registered voter, YOU CAN vote.

WHERE DO I VOTE

Voting takes place at the Greenwood Lake Elementary School, 80 Waterstone Road, Greenwood Lake, NY

HOW DO I GET AN ABSENTEE/EARLY VOTER BALLOT?

For an absentee/early voter ballot, please contact the district clerk, Mary DePietro, 845-782-8678 x51100 or email mdepietro@gwlufsd.org

Absentee/Early Voter ballots must be received by the district clerk no later than 5 pm on Tuesday, June 16, 2026.

QUESTIONS? Please call 845-782-8678 x51100

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR REVISED BUDGET SUMMARY

NYS law requires school districts to present their budgets divided into three expenditure categories— program, administrative and capital— and compare them to the previous year's costs. Greenwood Lake's three-part budget breaks down as follows:

THREE PART BUDGET

	2025-2026 Budget	2026-2027 Proposed Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)
Program	25,157,180	25,604,928	447,748
Capital	3,191,580	3,772,657	581,077
Administrative	2,631,655	2,664,890	33,235
TOTAL	30,980,415	32,042,475	1,062,060

PROGRAM	2025-26	2026-27
Amount	\$25,157,180	\$25,604,928

% of Budget 81.20% 79.91%

The program budget includes salaries and benefits for all teachers, guidance counselors, teaching assistants, aides, psychologists, nurses, social workers and related service providers. It also includes textbooks, in-service training, library costs, student supplies, co-curricular programs, interscholastic athletics and transportation costs for in and out of district students.

CAPITAL	2025-26	2026-27
Amount	\$3,191,580	\$3,772,657

% of Budget 10.30% 11.77%

The capital budget includes equipment purchases, debt service on buildings, security, operations and maintenance costs, utilities, as well as salaries and benefits for all custodial staff members. This year, this component also includes the transfer to capital in order to replace the elementary school fire alarm.

ADMINISTRATIVE	2025-26	2026-27
Amount	\$2,631,655	\$2,664,890

% of Budget 8.49% 8.32%

The administrative budget includes salaries and benefits for all other staff members. It includes administrators, clerical staff, business office, internal claims auditor, and central office. It also includes all legal services, public information, external contracted auditors, records management, central printing mailing, Board of Education related costs, and curriculum development and supervision, research, planning and evaluation.

	2025-26	2026-27
TOTAL BUDGET	\$30,980,415	\$32,042,475

2026-2027

REVISED PROPOSED BUDGET**REDUCTIONS & ELIMINATIONS IN THIS BUDGET:****STAFF POSITION REDUCTIONS**

Assistant Principal
 Elementary Teacher (1)
 Teaching Assistant (2)
 Mechanic (1)
 Head Custodian (1)

REDUCTIONS

Before/After School Clubs
 Tick Control Application
 Bus Purchase (buy 2, not 3)
 Tutoring Services
 Student Consumables
 Transfer to School Lunch Fund

ELIMINATIONS

Funding for Field Trips
 Spanish (K-3)
 Window Cleaning
 Goose Control
 Painting
 Floor Repairs
 Software

(Forecast 5 Analytics, Keyboarding Without Tears, SmartSuite, Renaissance, NewsELA)

INCLUDES

Elementary Fire Alarm Replacement

CONTINGENT BUDGET

A contingent budget includes the reductions and eliminations noted in the revised, proposed budget plus \$922,825 from the list below which may include but are not limited to:

ELIMINATIONS:

All Bus Purchases (3)
 Snow Removal Equipment
 Elementary School Fire Alarm
 Chromebooks
 iPads
 Bus Garage Equipment
 Additional Staff Cuts

CHARGE FOR COMMUNITY USE

By law, when under a contingent budget, community organizations using school buildings and facilities must be charged for use. The expense of staff (i.e. custodians), utilities, etc usually absorbed by the District would now be passed on to the organization. Organizations that have used our facilities include Scouts, GWL Soccer, Little League, CYO Basketball, among others.

TAX LEVY IMPACT:

ASSESSED VALUE	MONTHLY INCREASE	TOTAL YEARLY INCREASE
\$10,000	\$6.12	\$73.43
\$20,000	\$12.24	\$146.85
\$30,000	\$18.36	\$220.28
\$40,000	\$24.48	\$293.71
\$50,000	\$30.59	\$367.13
\$60,000	\$36.71	\$440.56
\$70,000	\$42.83	\$513.98
\$80,000	\$48.95	\$587.41
\$90,000	\$55.07	\$660.84
\$100,000	\$61.19	\$734.26

To find out your home's assessed value:
<https://propertydata.orangecountygov.com/search.aspx>

Choose your municipality:

1. Select "Click here for public access"
2. Search for property by address or owner name or tax ID
3. If more than one result appears, select your home address.
4. Under "Valuation" you will find the total assessment value



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SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2025-26 School Year	Revised Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2026-27 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 30,980,415	\$32,042,475	\$31,119,650
Increase/Decrease for the 2026-27 School Year		\$1,062,060	\$139,235
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.43%	0.45%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.63%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$18,371,273	\$19,152,052	
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)	\$18,371,273	\$19,152,052	\$18,371,273
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$287,113	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$18,590,995	\$18,864,939	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$18,371,273	\$18,864,939	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$219,722	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$2,631,655	\$2,664,890	\$2,641,890
Program Component	\$25,157,180	\$25,604,928	\$25,532,403
Capital Component	\$3,191,580	\$3,772,657	\$2,945,357

* 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.

The most critical assumption is that the total tax levy will be frozen. Only Ordinary Contingent Expenses or those expenses necessary to maintain the educational program, preserve property, and ensure the health and safety of students and staff are included. Non-Contingent items (Equipment/Community Use of Facilities/Certain Capital Costs) cannot be funded. The administrative component of the contingency budget cannot exceed the lower of the percentage of the administrative component in the prior year's budget or the percentage of the administrative component in the recently defeated budget.

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$598.00

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 by the qualified voters of the Greenwood Lake Union Free School District, Orange County, New York, will be held at the Elementary School in said district on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 11:00 am prevailing time OR between the hours of 11:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Elementary school, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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