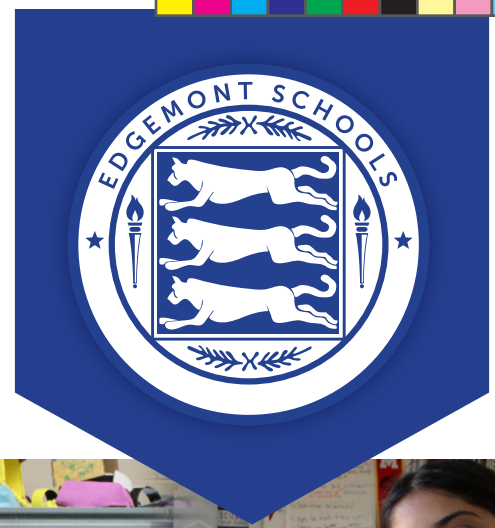


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EDGEMONT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT



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2026-27 Proposed Budget Summary

Proposed Budget.....	\$77,409,438
Budget-to-Budget Increase	4.62%
Proposed Tax Levy	\$64,229,035*
Tax Levy-to-Levy Increase.....	3.50%

* The proposed tax levy is approximately \$2.5 million lower than the maximum allowable levy permitted under New York State Property Tax Law. To achieve this, the proposed budget includes a planned appropriation of \$2.8 million from existing fund balance to reduce the taxpayer impact.

Budget Highlights

► **Advancing a cohesive K-12 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) program**, including funding for two dedicated elementary STEAM teachers and expanded learning opportunities in newly constructed STEAM spaces funded through the 2024 Building Dreams Bond.

► **Investing in what we teach and how we support teachers in teaching it well**, through targeted investments in literacy (Science of Reading), mathematics, high-quality instructional materials and aligned professional development.

► **Maintaining district facilities and advancing projects associated with the 2024 Building Dreams Bond.** These long-term investments are supported through planned debt service, ensuring our schools remain safe, functional and aligned with the district's multi-year facilities plan.

Building a bright and promising future for our students and community

Dear Edgemont resident,

Next year's school budget reflects our continued commitment to Edgemont's outstanding education, operational excellence and responsible fiscal stewardship.

Our proposed budget continues innovation in education, including STEAM, digital fluency and other emerging technologies. These investments reflect our commitment to ensure students receive a well-rounded education that will enable them to meet the demands of an ever-changing world while working to advance our vision for the Profile of an Edgemont Graduate who is a critical thinker, creative problem solver and an informed and responsible citizen of the world.

Equally important, this budget advances our focus on accountability and continuous improvement through the implementation of systems that promote data-driven practices. These structures allow us to evaluate the impact of our programs, align spending with measurable outcomes and ensure that every dollar is contributing to student success.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of our schools. We look forward to seeing you at the polls on Tuesday, May 19.

Sincerely,

The Board of Education

Grace Lin, *President*
Heather Stern, *Vice President*
Jennifer DeMarrais, *Trustee*
Mark Fleischhauer, *Trustee*

Elyse Paidas, *Trustee*
Ami Patel Song, *Trustee*
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Dr. Kenneth R. Hamilton, *Superintendent of Schools*

Edgemont School Budget
Vote on Tuesday, May 19, 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Edgemont Jr./Sr. High School, San Marco Gymnasium

PROPOSITIONS ON YOUR BALLOT

#1: 2026-27 School Budget. The first proposition on the ballot is the district's operating budget for the 2026-27 school year. The proposed budget supports Edgemont's outstanding educational program while being fiscally responsible. The budget is below the New York State tax levy cap.

Propositions 2 and 3 both pertain to the use of and the establishment of capital reserves. Neither would have any impact on taxes and no additional debt would be incurred.

#2: The second proposition pertains to capital reserves. It seeks voter authorization for the expenditure of funds not to exceed \$3.25 million from the existing 2023 capital reserve fund for the purpose of addressing targeted capital improvements that were identified in our 5-year facility plan. These include Greenville's roof replacement, the playground replacement at Seely Place, and the repair and replacement of gym bleachers, the gym floors and stair nosing as well as the replacement of air handling units in the gymnasiums at EHS.

#3: The third proposition seeks voter authorization to establish an additional capital reserve, not to exceed \$7.5 million with the option to fund the reserve by no more than \$2.5 million per year until the limit is reached. Creating this additional reserve provides the district with the flexibility to allocate surplus funds generated at year's end this year or others to support our five-year facility plan.



We are committed to "All Means All," ensuring that each student has equitable access to individualized, high-quality academic, co-curricular and extracurricular programs that support their development in alignment with the Profile of an Edgemont Graduate.

BUDGET BY CATEGORY

Category	2025-2026 Budget	2026-2027 Proposal
SALARIES	\$39,782,547	\$40,578,012
HEALTH INSURANCE & MEDICARE	\$10,335,808	\$11,294,375
OTHER BENEFITS	\$1,105,174	\$1,095,256
RETIREMENT	\$4,042,010	\$3,794,331
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$2,976,493	\$3,012,683
PERSONNEL TOTAL	\$58,242,032	\$59,774,657
BOND INTEREST & PRINCIPAL	\$2,377,577	\$4,913,949
BOCES ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	\$352,033	\$352,695
AUDITING	\$92,493	\$94,644
LEGAL	\$234,530	\$247,065
UNALLOCATED INSURANCE	\$270,707	\$292,148
PROGRAMS - STUDENTS W/ DISABILITIES	\$2,698,412	\$3,311,008
TRANSPORTATION	\$1,486,557	\$1,754,307
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS	\$1,281,457	\$1,321,652
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	\$437,312	\$443,342
BOCES OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION	\$127,652	\$182,360
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$2,442,840	\$2,142,452
TECHNOLOGY	\$1,199,354	\$1,215,043
EQUIPMENT (NON FACILITIES/TECH/ATH. RELATED)	\$84,573	\$56,313
SUPPLIES (NON FACILITIES/TECH/ATH. RELATED)	\$443,188	\$443,249
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL	\$1,100,000	\$ -
OTHER*	\$1,123,832	\$864,554
NON-PERSONNEL TOTAL	\$15,752,517	\$17,634,781
GRAND TOTAL	\$73,994,549	\$77,409,438

*Includes: textbooks, BOCES services, consultants, professional development, security, printing/mailling, etc.

REVENUE ANTICIPATIONS

Revenue Source	2025-2026 Budget	2026-2027 Proposal
SALARIES	\$7,642,718	\$7,665,766
HEALTH INSURANCE & MEDICARE	\$840,000	\$875,000
OTHER BENEFITS	\$1,030,141	\$740,000
RETIREMENT	\$149,072	\$311,946
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$282,501	\$301,068
BOND INTEREST & PRINCIPAL	\$306,208	\$239,237
BOCES ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	\$189,809	\$163,242
AUDITING	\$38,333	\$33,333
LEGAL	\$1,456,338	\$2,850,811
UNALLOCATED INSURANCE	\$62,059,429	\$64,229,035
GRAND TOTAL	\$73,994,549	\$77,409,438

The 4.62% proposed increase is largely the result of new debt service obligation in excess of \$2.5 million tied to the 2025 Building Dreams Capital Bond.

Building Dreams Capital Bond Progress & Associated Debt Service

The district’s annual debt service for the 2026-27 school year is projected to increase by \$2.6 million from the current year. This increase is primarily attributable to the issuance of approximately \$32 million in bonds to support the Building Dreams Capital Bond projects, which are now actively

underway across the district. The increase in debt service accounts for approximately 76% of the overall budget-to-budget increase.

For additional information and ongoing updates regarding the 2024 Capital Bond, visit edgemont.org/bond



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	\$ 73,994,549	\$ 77,409,438	\$ 75,216,035
Increase/Decrease for the 2026-27 School Year		\$ 3,414,889	\$ 1,221,486
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		4.62%	1.65%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.63%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 62,059,429	\$ 64,229,035	
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)	\$ 62,059,429	\$ 64,229,035	\$ 62,059,429
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 2,693,980	\$ 3,926,706	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 60,465,449	\$ 62,858,480	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$ 59,545,449	\$ 60,302,329	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 2,556,151	
Administrative Component	\$ 8,981,311	\$ 9,017,287	\$ 8,596,385
Program Component	\$ 54,565,636	\$ 56,488,268	\$ 55,153,966
Capital Component	\$ 10,447,602	\$ 11,903,883	\$ 11,465,684
* 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. In the event that the proposed 2026-2027 budget is not approved by the voters, the District will adopt a contingency budget in the amount of \$75,216,035, representing a reduction of \$2,193,403 from the proposed budget of \$77,409,438. These reductions are targeted and are required under Section 2023 of the New York State Education Law, which limits spending to only those expenses necessary to maintain the educational program, preserve District property, ensure health and safety, and meet legal and contractual obligations. Under these constraints, the property tax levy may not exceed the prior year's levy, and all non-essential expenditures must be removed. The largest reduction, approximately \$1,540,241, occurs within the Program Component and includes the elimination of non-essential instructional materials, program enhancements, and all new initiatives, including the planned expansion of the elementary STEAM program. Reductions also include professional development, travel, and stipends not deemed essential to core instruction. Staffing would be limited to positions required to operate existing programs, with proposed new positions, such as two elementary STEAM teachers and a behavioral specialist, eliminated. The Administrative Component is reduced by approximately \$646,541, reflecting the removal of discretionary spending and compliance with statutory limits. The remaining \$217,000 reflects the deferral of equipment purchases and non-critical capital improvements. Salary expenditures reflect only contractual obligations, and certain activities, such as community use of facilities, may require fees.			
** 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)	Description	Amount	
	Capital Reserve Expenditure Proposition (no tax levy impact)	\$3,250,000	
	Establishment of a new Capital Reserve (no tax levy impact)	\$0	
		Under the Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year	
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹		\$1,573	

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 by the qualified voters of the Edgemont Union Free School District, Westchester County, New York, will be held at the Edgemont Jr./Sr. High School in said district on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between the hours of 6:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Jim San Marco Gymnasium, 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.

Voter Qualifications

An individual must:

- Be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older.
- Have been a resident of the school district for 30 days preceding the day of the vote.
- Be registered to vote with either the school district's board of registration or the Westchester County Board of Elections. If you have previously registered to vote but have not voted in either a school district or general election in the past four years, you must re-register to vote. If needed, contact Jennifer Masci, District Clerk, at jmasci@edgemont.org | (914) 472-7768 to verify your registration status.



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Requesting Absentee & Early Mail Ballots

Applications for absentee and early mail ballots may be obtained from the District Clerk during school business hours through the day before the election. Ballots will be issued in person during this period. All absentee and early mail ballots must be received in the Central Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 19, 2026. Ballots received after this time cannot be accepted, regardless of postmark. A patient in a hospital or who is unable to vote because of illness or physical disability.

Additional Information

For additional information, please contact Jennifer Masci, District Clerk, at jmasci@edgemont.org | (914) 472-7768. The District Office is located at 300 White Oak Lane, Scarsdale, NY 10583



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Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.
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- ✓ School district budget
- ✓ Two propositions pertaining to the use of and the establishment of capital reserves
- ✓ Election of three members to the Board of Education for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2026, and expiring on June 30, 2029.