



CAZENOVIA
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Discovering Tomorrow
Together

2025-2026 Budget Vote

Public Hearing & Presentation
Tuesday, May 12th, 6:30pm
High School Auditorium





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Tonight's Agenda

1. Goals of the Budget Process
2. Background Information
3. Academic Highlights
4. Propositions on the Ballot
5. Revenue Budget
6. Expenditures Budget
7. *Estimated* Taxpayer Impact
8. The Contingent Budget
9. Recap of the Ballot





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Goals of the Budget Process

To create a budget that provides the best possible opportunities for our students, both academic and extracurricular, in the safest environment possible, while remaining fiscally responsible to our community.





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Background Info

Key Budget Considerations

- Student to Staff Ratio
- Revenue Sources
 - Tax Levy Limit?
 - State & Federal Aid?
- Expenditures
 - Needs?
 - Reductions?
- Fund Balance & Reserves





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Academic Highlights

- 54 students attending a UPK program (up from 34 the previous year & 72 planned for next year).
- Continued implementation of rigorous curricular programs - Wit and Wisdom (ELA) and Eureka Math Squared.
- Assessment Data:
 - 99% Algebra II Regents pass rate (vs 74% state);
8th Grade Math: 77% proficient (vs. 41% state)
 - 8th Grade ELA: 78% proficient (vs. 52% state)
- 96% Graduation Rate '23-'24
 - 61% with an Advanced Regents Diploma (vs 33% state)
 - 86% with the Seal of Civic Readiness (up from 56% last year)
 - 17% with the Seal of Biliteracy

Percent of Graduates

Commencement
1.0%

Regents Diploma
32.0%

Advanced Regents
67.0%



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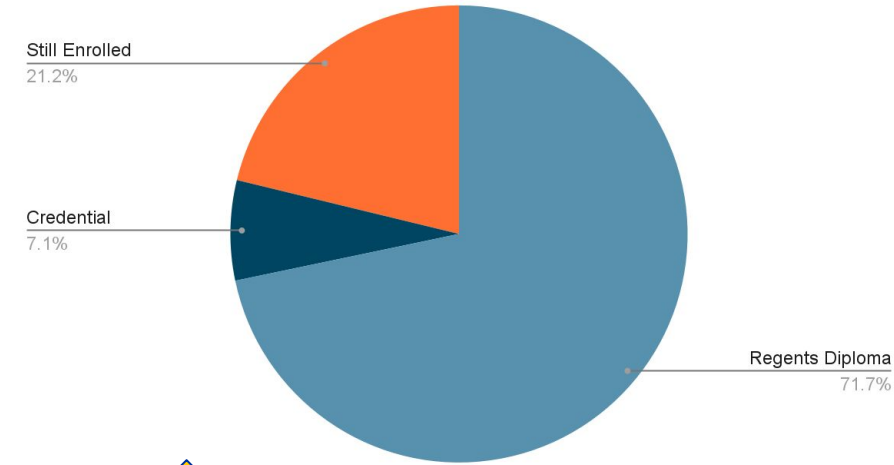
Academic Highlights

- 48% of Cazenovia students take at least 1 AP class prior to graduation.
- Also offer college credit courses through RIT, TC3, MVCC etc.
- Opportunity for students to take over 70 college credit courses prior to graduation, including CTE, SS, Science, Math, English, World Languages, etc.

Recent Recognitions:

- Innovation in Education Award (WCNY Studios) 7th grade CTE Exploratory Class
- NAMM Best Communities for Music Education Award
- High U.S. News & World Report Best High Schools & Middle Schools Ranking

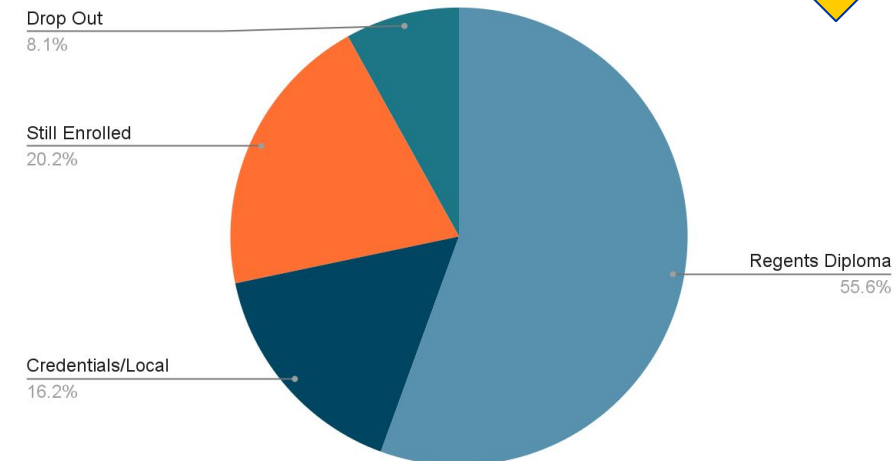
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Graduation Data - Students with Disabilities

State - Students with Disabilities



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The Ballot

What to expect on May 20, 2025 when you vote



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The Ballot

1. Proposed Budget \$40,446,980
2. Purchase of four buses, at a total cost not to exceed \$658,158
3. Public Library Budgets: \$723,380

Board of Education: Vote for TWO:

Judith Hight, Jennifer Parmalee, Danielle Synborski





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The Ballot

Proposition #3

Public Library Budgets Totaling \$723,380

- Cazenovia Public Library: \$525,486
- Woodstock Free Library: \$197,894
- Obligated by law to:
 - hold a vote on their behalf
 - collect taxes on their behalf





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The Ballot

Proposition #2

2025-26 Purchase of four replacement buses

- Three (3) 65-passenger clean diesel buses
- One (1) 24-passenger gasoline bus
- Total cost not to exceed \$658,158





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The Ballot

Proposition #1

2025-26 School Budget

\$40,446,980 = Expenditure Budget

- \$2,019,758 = Budget Increase of 5.26%
- \$1,548,081 = Tax Levy Increase of 6.77%*

1. *Above the NYS Allowable Tax Levy Increase of 3.14%
2. *Requires a supermajority vote (60%)





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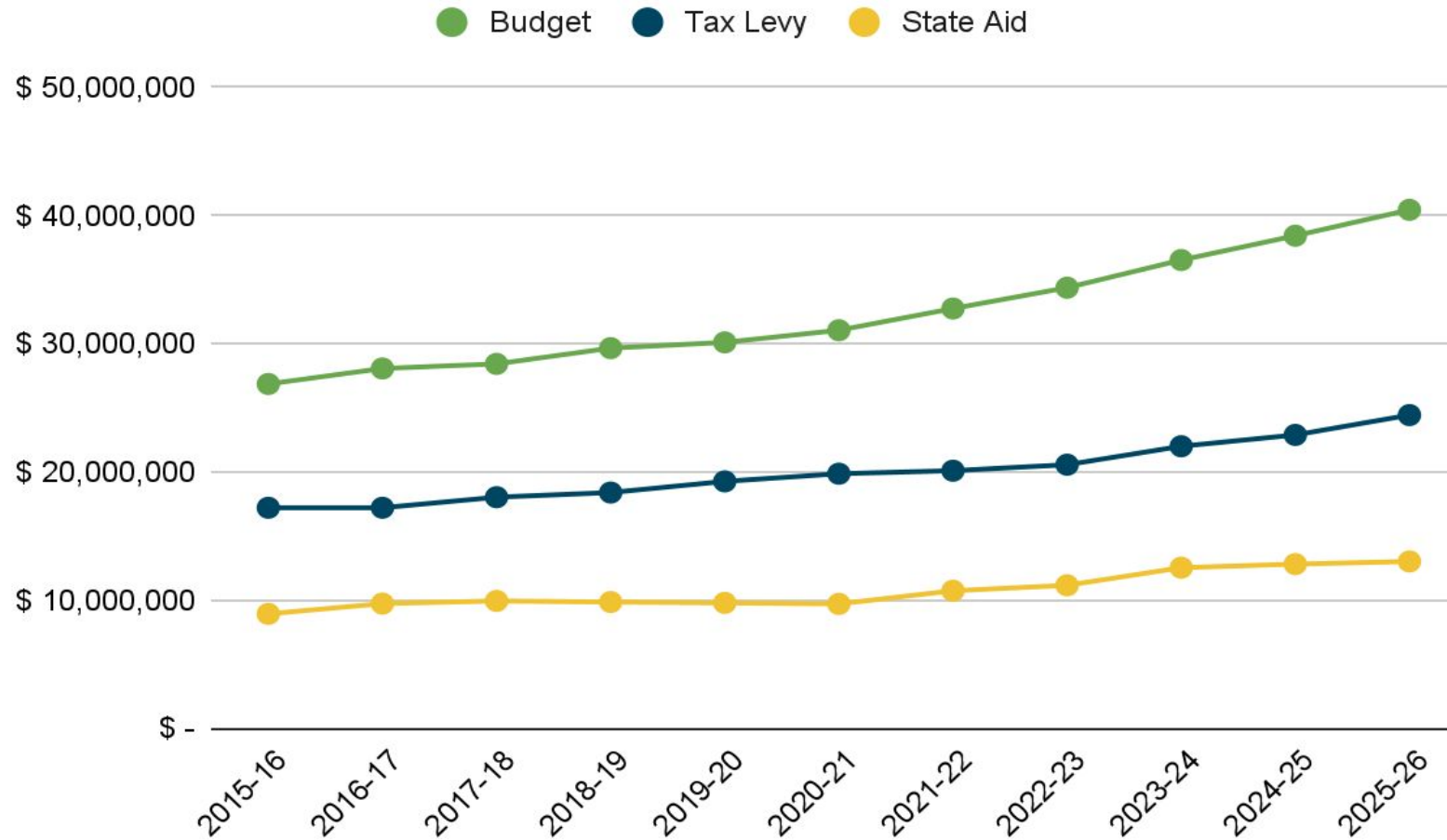
The Budget

History, Revenues and Expenditures



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Budget History





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A Glimpse at Revenue

	2024-25	2025-26	Change \$	Change%
Tax Levy	\$22,882,786	\$24,430,867	+\$1,548,081	+ 6.77%
Other Property Taxes	\$ 286,756	\$ 302,899	+\$ 16,143	+ 5.72%
State Aid	\$12,802,430	\$13,009,718	+\$ 207,288	+ 1.62%
Fund Bal/Reserves	\$ 1,641,005	\$ 1,641,005	+\$ 0	+ 0%
<u>Other Income</u>	<u>\$ 814,245</u>	<u>\$ 1,062,491</u>	<u>+\$ 248,246</u>	<u>+30.49%</u>
	\$38,427,222	\$40,446,980	+\$2,019,758	+ 5.26%



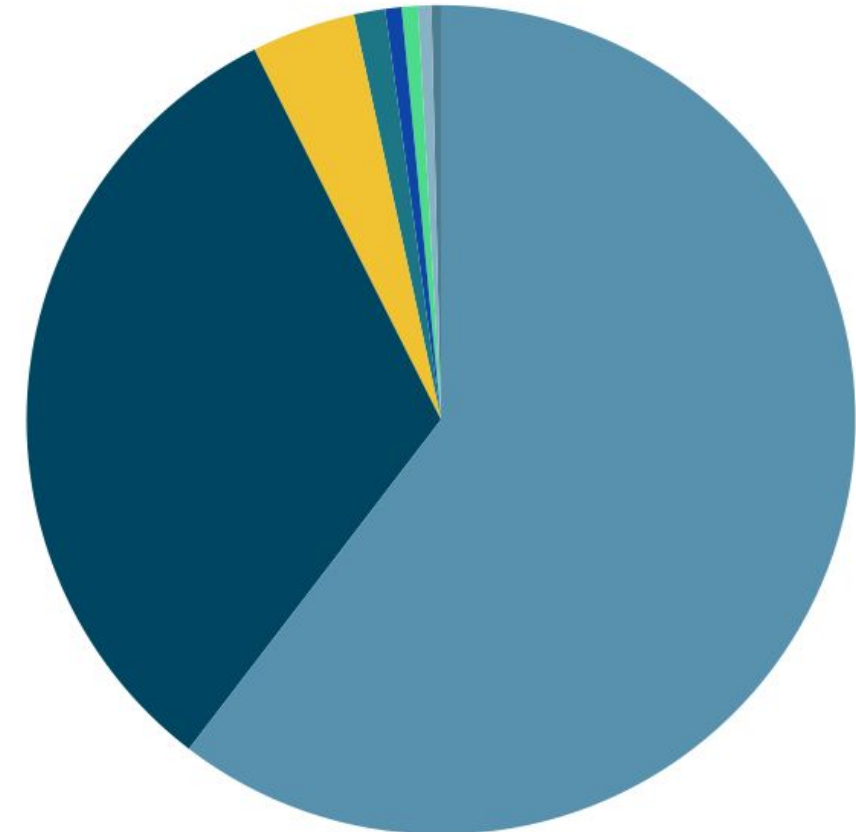
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Total Revenue

\$40,446,980

1. Tax Levy	\$24.4M	(60.4%)
2. State Aid	\$13.0M	(32.2%)
3. Fund Balance Use	\$1.6M	(4.1%)
4. Interfund Transfer	\$492K	(1.2%)
5. Fees, Charges, Other	\$259K	(0.6%)
6. PILOTs	\$254K	(0.6%)
7. Medicare & Medicaid	\$210K	(0.5%)
8. Interest Earnings	\$150K	(0.4%)



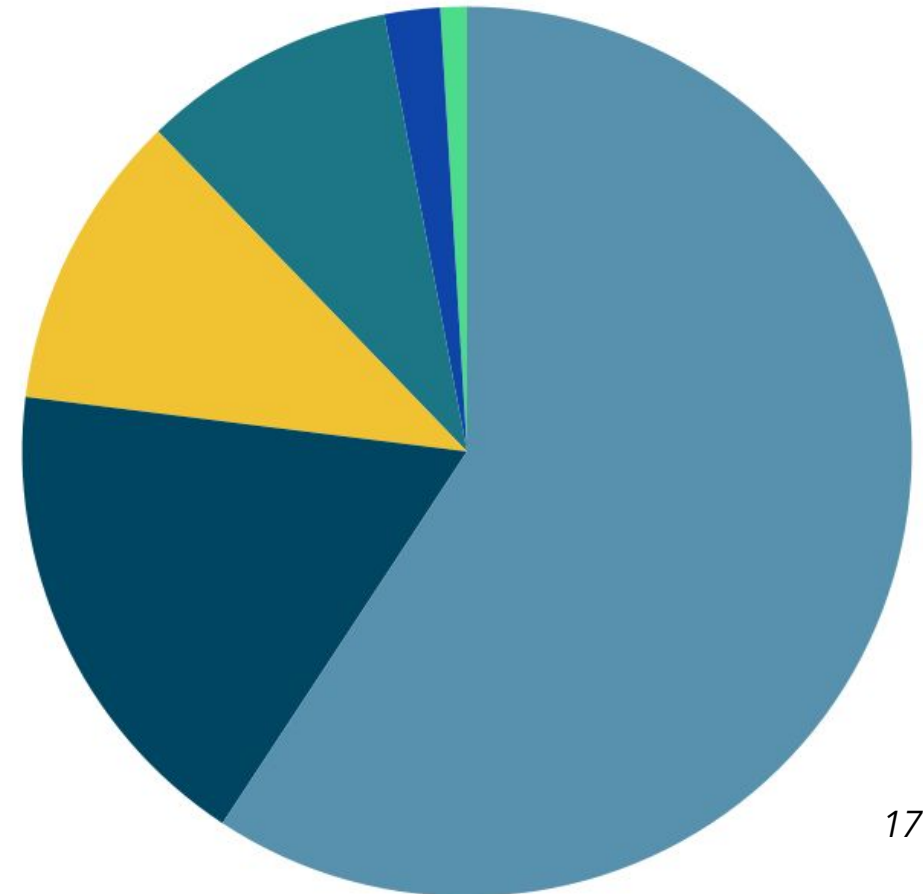


State Aid Revenue

\$13,009,718

1. Foundation	\$7.7M	(59.3%)
2. Building	\$2.3M	(17.7%)
3. Transportation	\$1.4M	(10.8%)
4. BOCES	\$1.2M	(9.2%)
5. High Cost	\$263K	(2.0%)
6. Instructional Materials	\$125K	(1.0%)

● Foundation ● Building ● Transportation
● BOCES ● High Cost ● Instructional Materials





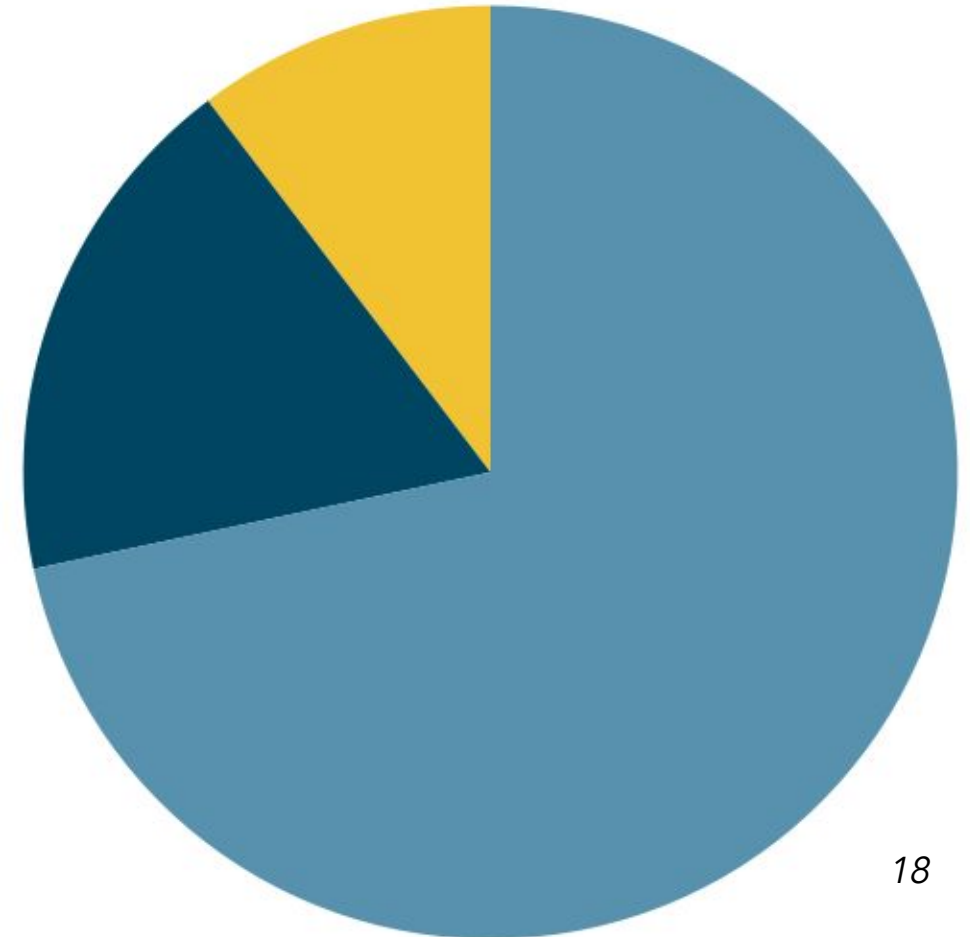
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Expenditures: Three-Part Budget

\$40,446,980

1. Program	\$29.0M	(71.7%)
2. Capital	\$7.3M	(18.0%)
3. Administrative	\$4.2M	(10.3%)

● Program ● Capital ● Administrative





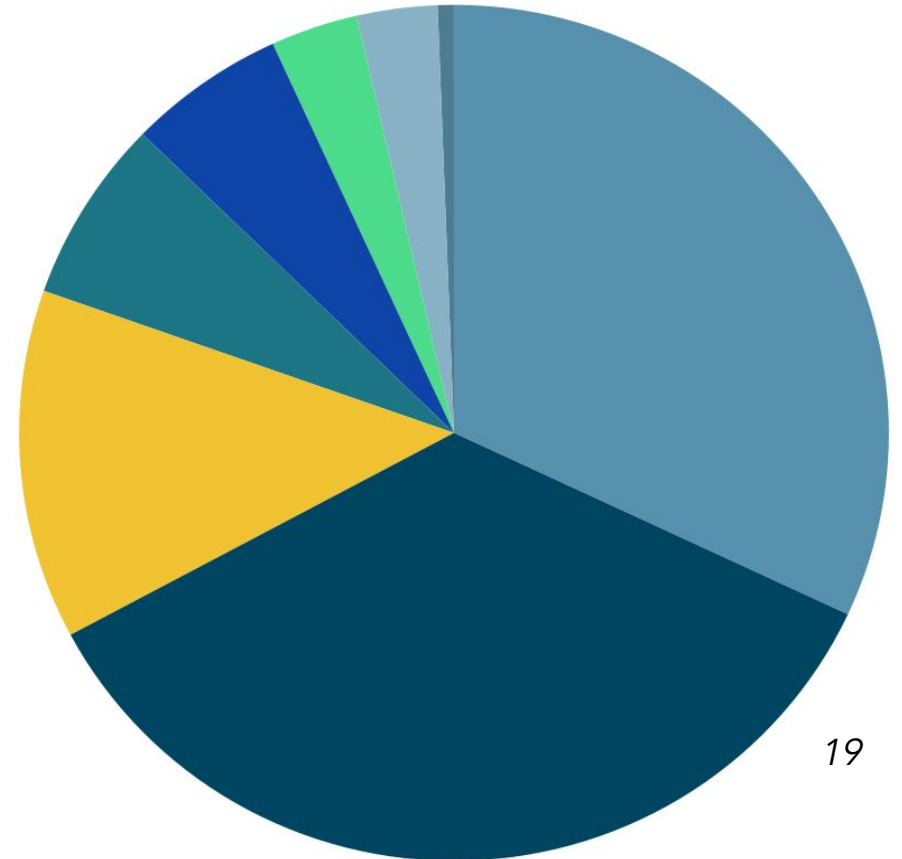
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Part 1: Program

\$28,991,677

1. Regular Instruction	\$9.3M	(32.0%)
2. Employee Benefits	\$10.2M	(35.2%)
3. Special Education	\$3.8M	(13.2%)
4. District Transportation	\$2.0M	(6.9%)
5. Library, AV, Computer	\$1.7M	(5.9%)
6. Student Services	\$938K	(3.2%)
7. Student Activities & Athletics	\$870K	(3.0%)
8. Professional Development	\$174K	(0.6%)
9. Community Service	\$750	(0.003%)



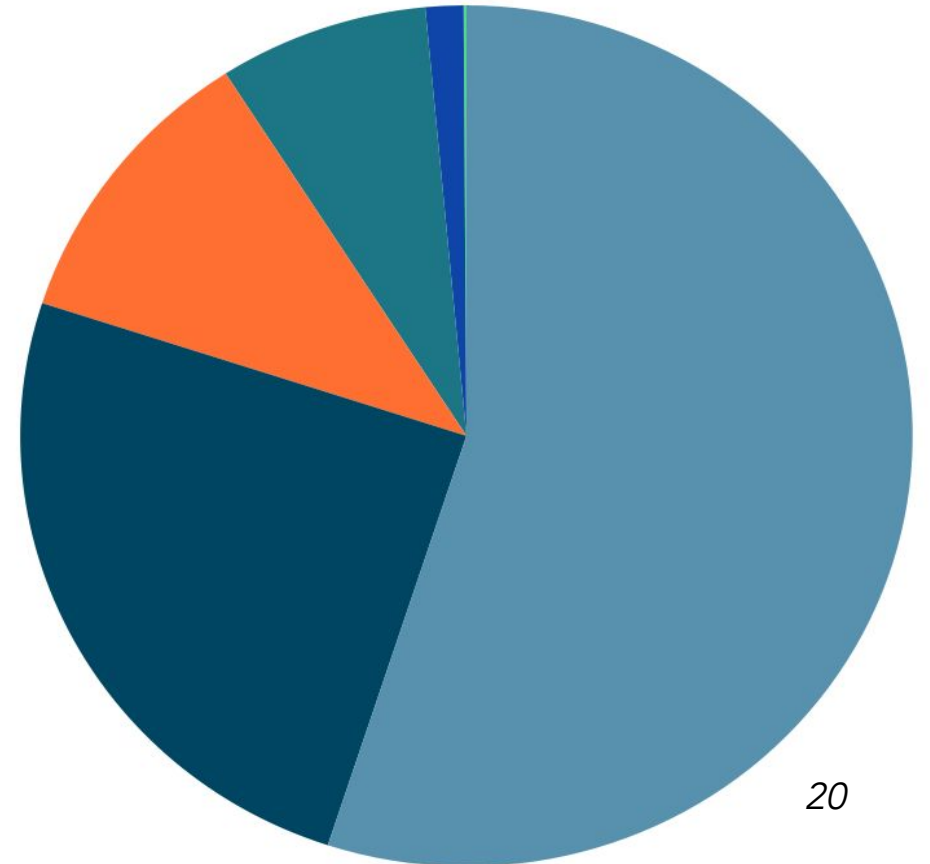


Part 2: Capital

\$7,273,143

1. Debt Service	\$4.0M	(55.0%)
2. Operation of Facilities	\$1.8M	(25.0%)
3. Employee Benefits	\$794K	(10.9%)
4. Maintenance of Facilities	\$553K	(7.6%)
5. Transfer to Other Funds	\$100K	(1.4%)
6. Miscellaneous	\$7.5K	(0.1%)

● Debt Service ● Operation of Facilities ● Employee Benefits
● Maintenance of Facilities ● Transfer to Other Funds
● Miscellaneous



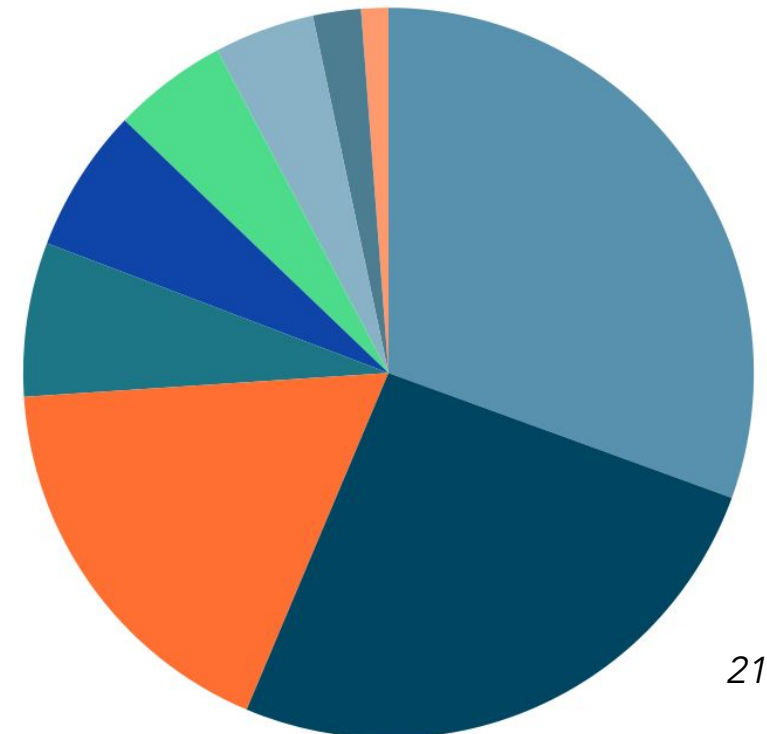


Part 3: Admin

\$4,182,160

1. Employee Benefits	\$1.3M	(30.6%)
2. Curr. Development & School Supervision	\$1.1M	(25.8%)
3. Bus. Office, Finance & Audit	\$737K	(17.6%)
4. Insurance, Dues, BOCES	\$285K	(6.8%)
5. Central Administration	\$267K	(6.4%)
6. Computer/Print Districtwide	\$212K	(5.1%)
7. Legal Costs, Public Info	\$186K	(4.4%)
8. Security of Plant	\$89K	(2.1%)
9. Board of Education	\$50K	(1.2%)

The Administrative Budget





Estimated Tax Impact

- Many things impact your actual tax bill
 - total taxable property, assessments, exemptions, equalization rates, the tax levy, etc.
- What follows is an estimate based upon *nothing* changing from year-to-year (not likely).



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Historical Tax Rates

2015-2016:	\$17.43	2020-2021:	\$18.66
2016-2017:	\$16.97	2021-2022:	\$18.48
2017-2018:	\$17.56	2022-2023:	\$17.22
2018-2019:	\$17.90	2023-2024:	\$15.05
2019-2020:	\$18.37	2024-2025:	\$14.51



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Tax Rate Information

- \$14.51 per \$1,000 of true value*
- 2nd lowest in Madison County
- 6th lowest in our BOCES

*True Value = Assessed value divided by Equalization Rate.





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Estimated Impact to Taxpayers on True/Market Value

	2024-2025	2025-2026 (ESTIMATED)	Increase (ESTIMATED)	MONTHLY Increase (ESTIMATED)
Tax Rate per \$1000 of True/Market Value	\$14.51	\$15.49	\$0.98	\$0.0817
Tax Bill per \$100,000 of True/Market Value	\$1,451	\$1,549	\$98.00	\$8.17
Tax Bill per \$200,000 of True/Market Value	\$2,902	\$3,098	\$196.00	\$16.33
Tax Bill per \$300,000 of True/Market Value	\$4,353	\$4,647	\$294.00	\$24.51





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Estimated Impact to
Taxpayers on True Value,
aka Market Value

Estimated Taxpayer Impact

	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>
• Tax Rate Per \$1,000 of True Value*	\$14.51	\$15.49
• Tax Bill Per \$100,000 of True Value* <i>before</i> STAR	\$1,451	\$1,549
• <i>Estimated</i> Total Tax Increase per \$100,000 of True Value* at 6.77% Levy Increase		\$98

*True Value = Assessed value divided by NYS Equalization Rate; aka "Market Value"





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Estimated Impact to Taxpayers on ASSESSED Value

Description	24/25 Tax Rate (per thousand)	25/26 at 3.14% (per thousand)	25-26 at 6.77% (per thousand)
Tax Rate on Market Value	\$14.51	\$14.96	\$15.49
Town of Cazenovia	\$20.43	\$21.07	\$21.81
Village of Cazenovia	\$20.43	\$21.07	\$21.81
Town of Fenner	\$22.67	\$23.38	\$24.20
Town of Nelson	\$22.67	\$23.38	\$24.20
		<i>estimates only</i>	<i>estimates only</i>



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Aside from Tax Rate ...Responsible Budgeting

One of the
lowest total
spending
budgets
for our size

District Name	Total Proposed Spending 2024-25	Enrollment 2024-25	Budget Per Pupil
CANASTOTA CSD	\$ 38,132,742	1,105	34,509
SKANEATELES CS	\$ 40,970,455	1,258	32,568
HANNIBAL CSD	\$ 40,725,000	1,266	32,168
JORDAN-ELBRIDG	\$ 37,415,000	1,165	32,116
PULASKI CSD	\$ 31,258,000	975	32,059
PHOENIX CSD	\$ 51,984,562	1,625	31,990
ONEIDA CITY SD	\$ 54,303,630	1,710	31,757
SOLVAY UFSD	\$ 43,915,000	1,390	31,594
MARCELLUS CSD	\$ 41,709,230	1,380	30,224
CAZENOVIA CSD	\$ 38,427,222	1,340	28,677

*Budget & Enrollment data from
property tax report cards



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Budget Vote Result

What happens if the budget does not pass?



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What if the Budget Fails?

The Board of Education chooses:

1. Go Directly to Contingent Budget

OR

2. Hold a second vote

a. Board decides on what, if any, alterations to the budget





Contingent Budget

1. No Tax Levy Increase

- Cut \$1,548,081 from Expenditures Budget

2. No Non-Contingent Items

- No equipment or bus purchases
- Board of Education determines other non-contingent items (e.g. sports, clubs, conferences, certain supplies, free public use of facilities)

3. Retain Admin-to-Admin + Program Ratio

- NO increase in the ratio of admin spending
- Cut \$1,195,477 of Program Budget
- Cut \$180,151 of Capital Budget
- Cut \$172,453 of Administrative Budget





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Ballot Recap

Yes/No votes - Pick TWO Board Members



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Propositions & Candidates

Propositions: Vote YES or NO

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|--|--------------|
| 1. 2025-2026 School Budget | \$40,446,980 |
| 2. Purchase of four (4) Replacement School Buses | \$658,158 |
| 3. Public Library Budgets | \$723,380 |

Board of Education Candidates: Vote for Two (2)

- Judith Hight
- Jennifer Parmalee
- Danielle Synborski

Board of Education Candidate Forum

Tuesday, May 13, 2025 | 6:30 PM

Cazenovia Public Library & Museum

Presented by the [League of Women Voters of Cazenovia](#)





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Thank you and please vote!

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

7:00 am - 9:00 pm

Middle School Auxiliary Gym
31 Emory Ave, Cazenovia

Absentee Ballots accepted by mail until 5:00 pm

