



CAZENOVIA
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Discovering Tomorrow
Together

2025-2026 Budget Re-Vote

Public Hearing & Presentation
Tuesday, June 10th, 6:30pm
High School Auditorium



ESSUDA BUDGETS in 60 seconds

2019

The rest of the budget pays for other things students need to learn, like textbooks, desks and microscopes.

May 21



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Tonight's Agenda

- Academic Highlights
- Budget Vote: May 20th
- The Revised Budget Proposal
- How We Got Here
- If the Re-Vote Fails
- Key Dates & Voting Information





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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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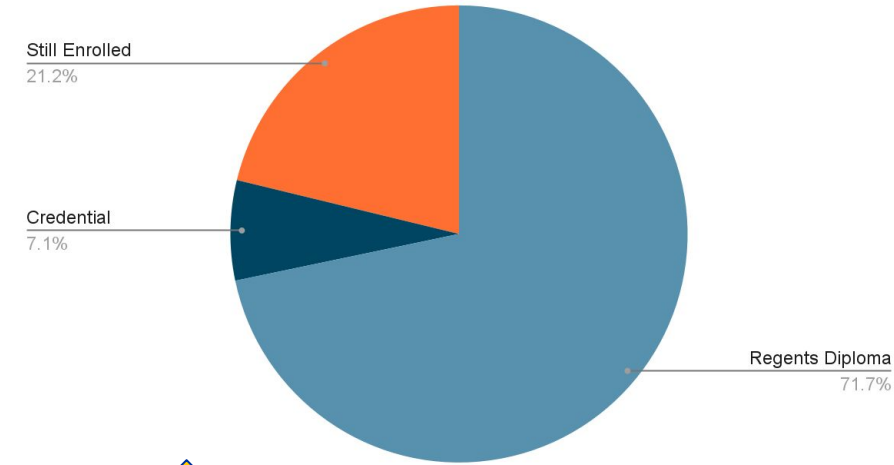
Academic Highlights

- 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

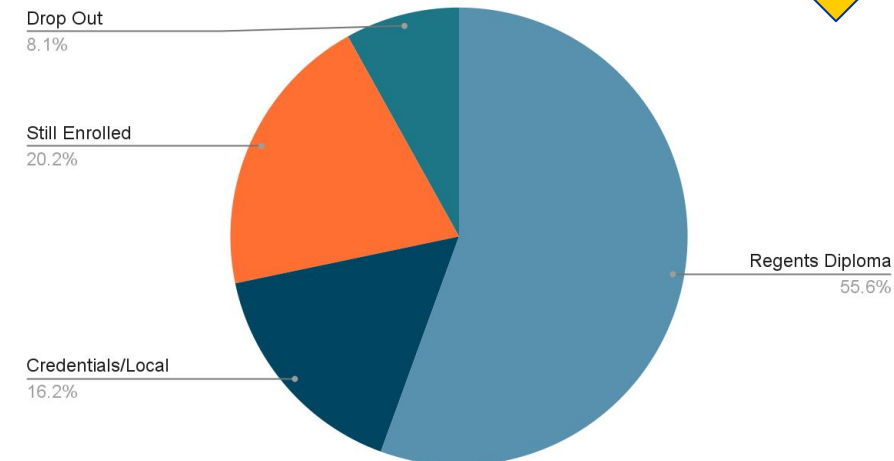
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Graduation Data: Students with Disabilities

State - Students with Disabilities



NYS ↓



How We Got Here

- Between 2009-10 and 2016-17, Cazenovia experienced a cumulative loss of \$8 million in state aid due to the NYS Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA).
- Cazenovia's historical fiscal restraint means we did not 'flex' our budgets high in previous years, before the implementation of tax levy formula, thus foregoing the benefits of compounding tax base growth.
- Our wealth ratio is 27.2% above the state average, which reduces Cazenovia's NYS aid, as it implies a stronger local funding capability.
- Increased costs and inflation are impacting all facets of the school's budget and operations.



If the proposed tax levy is more than its limit, that district will need a super majority to approve its budget.



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Tax Cap

Since the Tax Cap began in the 2012-2013 fiscal year, Cazenovia has:

- Met the cap 9 times (including once at 0%).
- Been over the cap 2 times.
- Been under the cap 2 times.



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The Ballot

Proposition #1 (Yes/No): 2025-26 Expenditure Budget \$39,617,418

	May 20 Budget	June 17 Budget	Difference
Budget	\$40,446,980	\$39,617,418	\$829,562
Budget Increase	\$2,019,758 5.26%	\$1,190,196 3.10%	\$829,562
Tax Levy	\$24,430,867	\$23,601,305	\$829,562
Tax Levy Increase	\$1,548,081 6.77%	\$718,519 3.14%*	\$829,562

1. *At our NYS Allowable Tax Levy Limit of 3.14%
2. *Requires a simple majority vote (50%+1)





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Recent \$829,562 Cuts

Balance the budget

- Staffing Reductions
- Administrative and Communication Changes
- Academic and Fine Arts Program Adjustments
- Extracurricular and Athletic Program Eliminations



Year	Additions	Subtractions
2025-26		1 HS assistant principal 0.5 art teacher 0.5 music teacher 0.4 English teacher 1 school counselor (gr. 7-9) 2 library aides 1 clerical assistant 6 department leaders 3 curriculum leaders 4 building leaders 1 math instructional coach 1 restorative practices coordinator BOCES communications services printed calendar central registrar 6 JV athletics teams suspended (football, boys soccer, baseball, girls soccer, field hockey, girls lacrosse) 15 extracurricular clubs
2024-25		1 world language teacher 1 ELA instructional coach 1 BS reading teacher 1 library aide 1 teacher aide BOCES on-site copy center 1 JV athletics team suspended (boys lacrosse)
2023-24	1 math instructional coach 6 extra curricular clubs	1 mental health coordinator 1 HS CTE/technology teacher
2022-23	1 ELA instructional coach 1 indoor track assistant coach	
2021-22	1 instructional technology director	1 (remote) technology director 2 JV athletics teams suspended (football, softball)
2020-21		0.5 BOCES LAN tech
2019-20	unified basketball program unified bowling program	1 HS science teacher 1 HS reading teacher 1 tech support staff



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The Revised Ballot

What to expect when you vote June 17:

- Revised Budget Proposition
- No other referendum items
- A simple majority will pass the budget





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The Revised Budget

History, Revenues and Expenditures



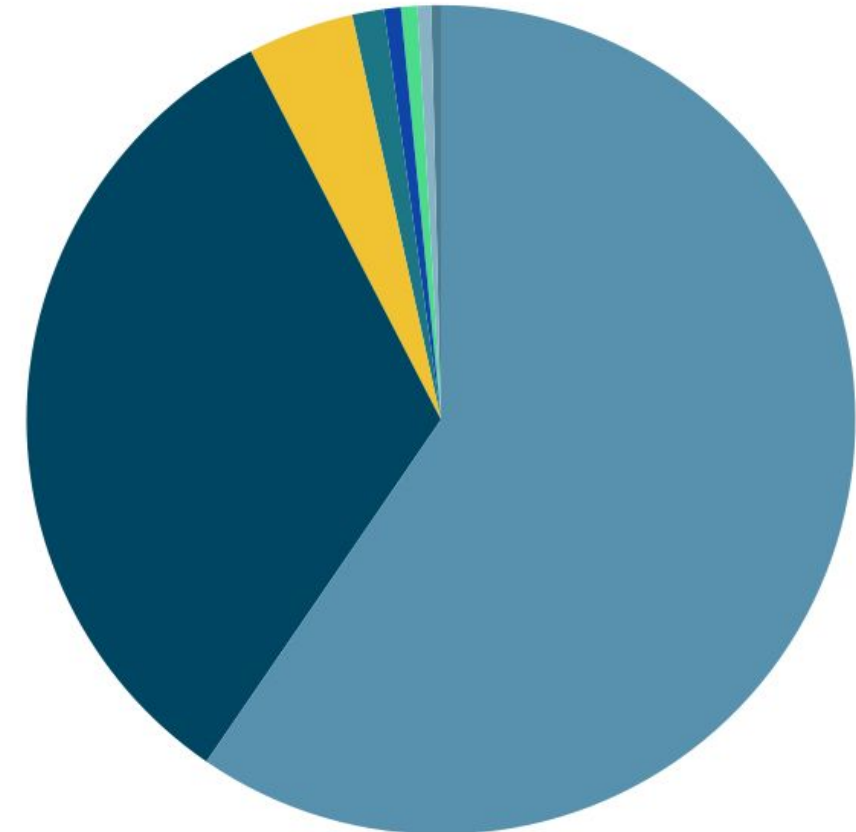
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Total Revenue

\$39,617,418

1. Tax Levy	\$23.6M	(59.6%)
2. State Aid	\$13.0M	(32.8%)
3. Fund Balance Use	\$1.6M	(4.1%)
4. Interfund Transfer	\$492K	(1.2%)
5. Fees, Charges, Other	\$259K	(0.7%)
6. PILOTs	\$254K	(0.6%)
7. Medicare & Medicaid	\$210K	(0.5%)
8. Interest Earnings	\$150K	(0.4%)





Expenditures: Revised Three-Part Budget

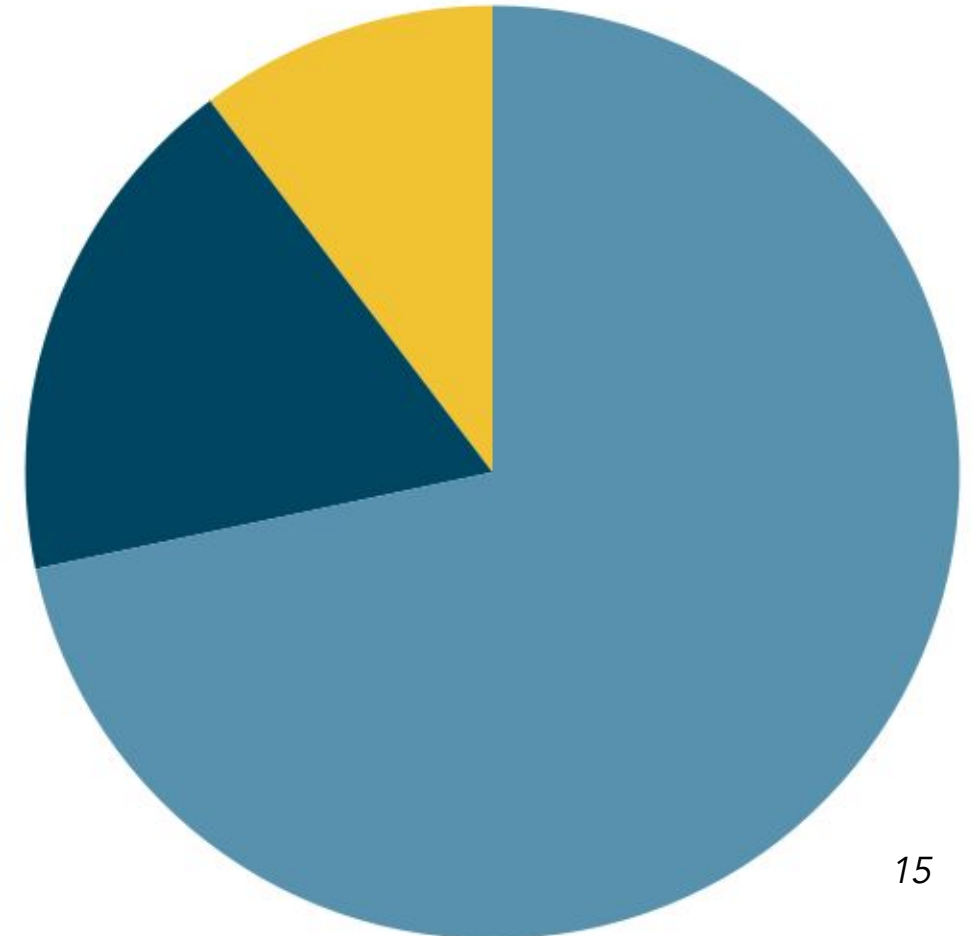
\$39,617,418

1. Program	\$28.4M	(71.9%)
2. Capital	\$7.3M	(18.4%)
3. Administrative	\$3.9M	(9.8%)

Last Year: \$38,427,222:

1. Program	\$26.8M	(69.9%)
2. Capital	\$7.3M	(19.3%)
3. Admin	\$4.2M	(10.9%)

● Program ● Capital ● Administrative



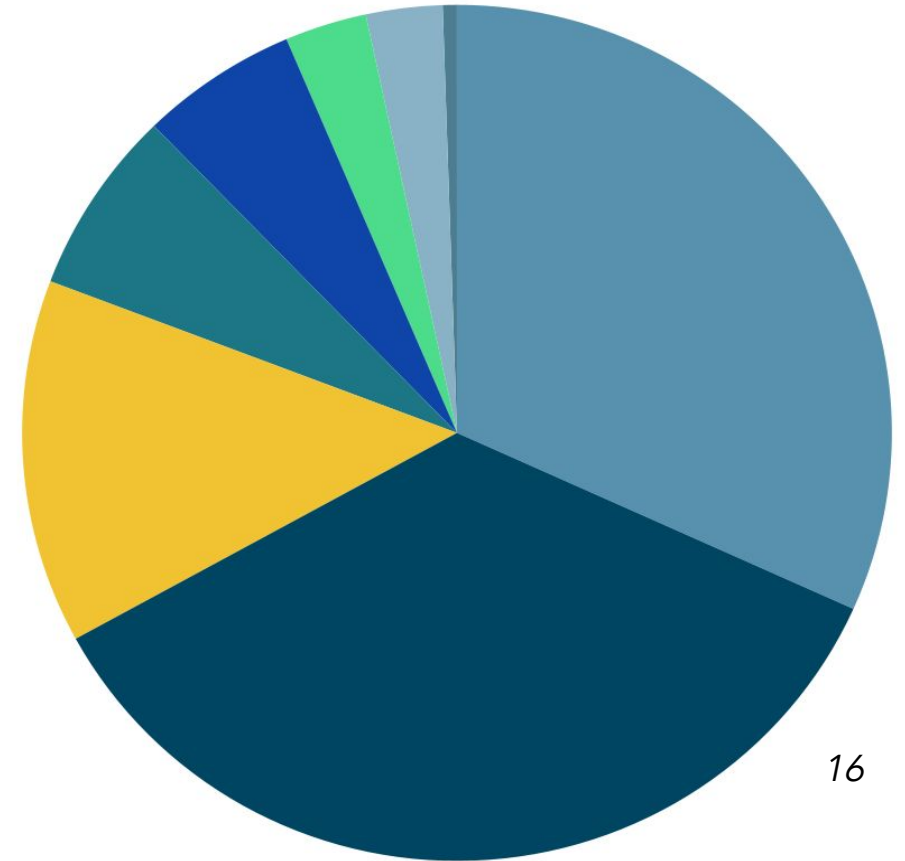


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Part 1: Program (Revised Budget)

\$28,463,454

1. Regular Instruction	\$9.0M	(31.7%)
2. Employee Benefits	\$10.0M	(35.3%)
3. Special Education	\$3.9M	(13.7%)
4. District Transportation	\$2.0M	(7.0%)
5. Library, AV, Computer	\$1.7M	(5.9%)
6. Student Services	\$867K	(3.0%)
7. Student Activities & Athletics	\$809K	(2.8%)
8. Professional Development	\$149K	(0.5%)
9. Community Service	\$750	(0.003%)





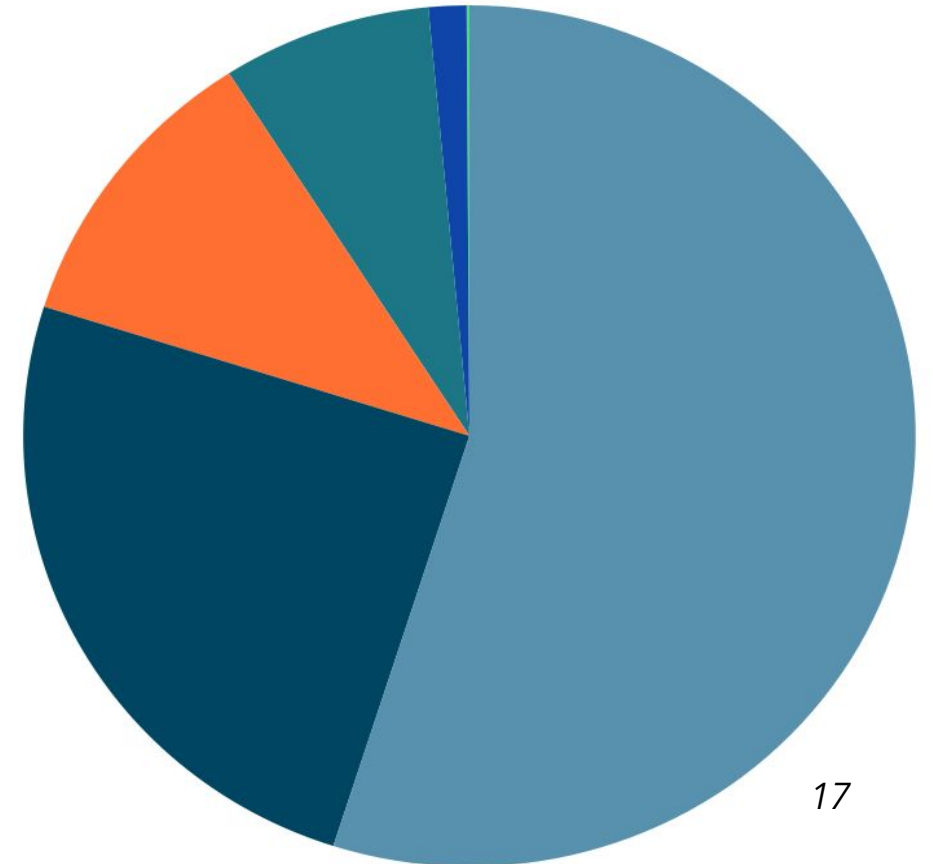
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Part 2: Capital (Revised Budget)

\$7,285,564

1. Debt Service	\$4.0M	(54.9%)
2. Operation of Facilities	\$1.8M	(24.9%)
3. Employee Benefits	\$807K	(11.1%)
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





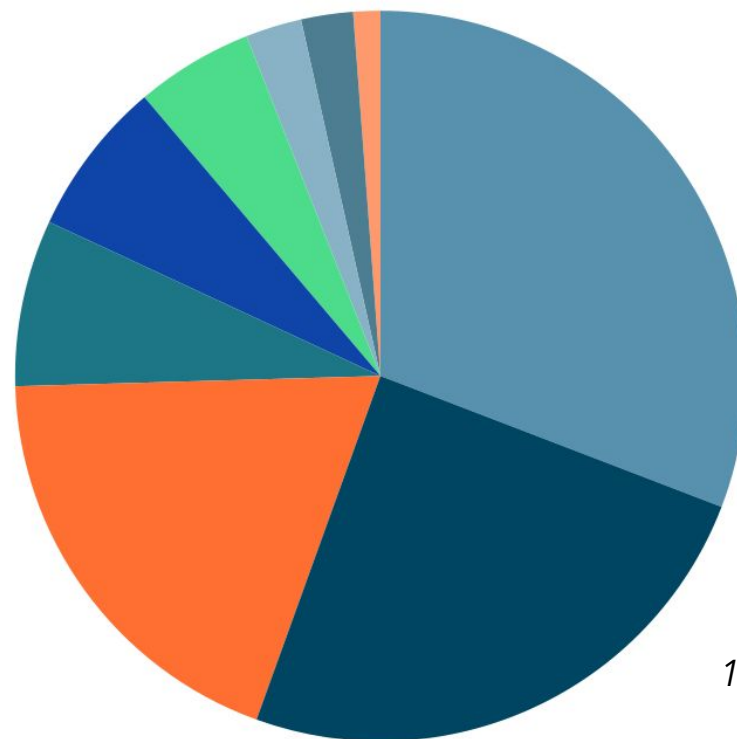
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Part 3: Admin (Revised Budget)

\$3,868,400

1. Employee Benefits	\$1.2M	(30.8%)
2. Curr. Development & School Supervision	\$955k	(24.7%)
3. Bus. Office, Finance & Audit	\$737k	(19.0%)
4. Insurance, Dues, BOCES	\$285k	(7.4%)
5. Central Administration	\$267k	(6.9%)
6. Computer/Print Districtwide	\$201k	(5.2%)
7. Legal Costs, Public Info	\$96k	(2.5%)
8. Security of Plant	\$89k	(2.3%)
9. Board of Education	\$46k	(1.2%)

The Administrative Budget





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Estimated Tax Impact

- Many things impact your actual tax bill
 - the tax levy
 - total taxable property
 - equalization rates
 - assessments
 - exemptions



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Estimated Impact to Taxpayers on True/Market Value

	2024-2025	Revised Budget 2025-2026 (ESTIMATED)	YEARLY Increase (ESTIMATED)	MONTHLY Increase (ESTIMATED)
Tax Rate per \$1000 of True/Market Value	\$14.51	\$14.96	\$0.45	\$0.0375
Tax Bill per \$100,000 of True/Market Value	\$1,451	\$1,496	\$45.00	\$3.75
Tax Bill per \$200,000 of True/Market Value	\$2,902	\$2,992	\$90.00	\$7.50
Tax Bill per \$300,000 of True/Market Value	\$4,353	\$4,488	\$135.00	\$11.25
Tax Bill per \$400,000 of True/Market Value	\$5,804	\$5,984	\$180.00	\$15.00





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Budget Re-Vote Result

What happens if the revised budget does not pass?



1. No Tax Levy Increase

- Cut \$1,548,081 from Expenditures Budget (additional \$718,519)

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 an additional \$473,954 of Program Budget
- Cut an additional \$180,151 of Capital Budget
- Cut an additional \$64,414 of Administrative Budget





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Ballot Recap

June 17: vote YES or NO on the revised budget

\$39,617,418



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Proposition #1

2025-26 Revised School Budget

\$39,617,418 = Revised Expenditure Budget

- **\$1,190,196** = Budget Increase of **3.10%**
 - **\$718,519** = Tax Levy Increase of **3.14%**
1. *At the NYS Allowable Tax Levy Increase of 3.14%
 2. *Requires a simple majority vote (50%+1)





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Re-Vote

Thank you and please vote!

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

7:00 am - 9:00 pm

Middle School Aux Gym
31 Emory Ave, Cazenovia

ALL qualified voters can Vote Early or Absentee!

Applications accepted (in-person) until Monday, June 16 at 4:00 pm
See the District Clerk, Emily Ayres, for more info

