



CAZENOVIA

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Spring 2026
Budget Newsletter



2026-27 Proposed School Budget

The Cazenovia Central School District is proud to present the proposed budget of \$40,695,632 for the 2026-27 school year. This proposal is the result of a dedicated effort to balance fiscal responsibility with our unwavering commitment to provide our students with a world-class education. Our focus remains clear: supporting students in every facet of their journey through academic, extracurricular, mental health, and future-ready opportunities.

We believe that “success” looks different for every child. Whether a student is excelling in an Advanced Placement course, mastering a trade through Career and Technical Education (CTE), finding their voice in the Arts, or building the foundational skills that all students need to be successful, this budget ensures that resources are in place for them to find their unique version of success.

Like any household and business, the District is facing significant economic pressures. Expenses are increasing primarily due to higher healthcare premiums and the rising “cost of doing business” in general, which includes utilities, transportation, and essential supplies.

To maintain our current educational offerings, and continue to provide students with the greatest numbers of opportunities to help them succeed, the district is proposing a 4.99% tax levy increase, which is the calculated tax cap, while utilizing \$1,351,696 of fund balance. This year’s proposed budget represents a 2.7% increase over last year’s budget, while maintaining one of the lowest per-pupil expenditures in the region.

The budget vote will take place from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19 in the Middle School Aux Gym.

Please remember to

VOTE

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Cazenovia Middle School

*Discovering
Tomorrow
Together*

Budget Snapshot

Proposed Budget

\$40,695,632

Tax Cap

4.99% = \$1,178,111

Proposed Tax Levy Increase

4.99% = \$1,178,111

Budget Highlights

- Maintains all current academic, athletic, and extracurricular offerings
- Continues to support the full spectrum of student needs
- One of the lowest per-pupil expenditures in the region

For more
information
about the
budget,
scan here:



Expenditures

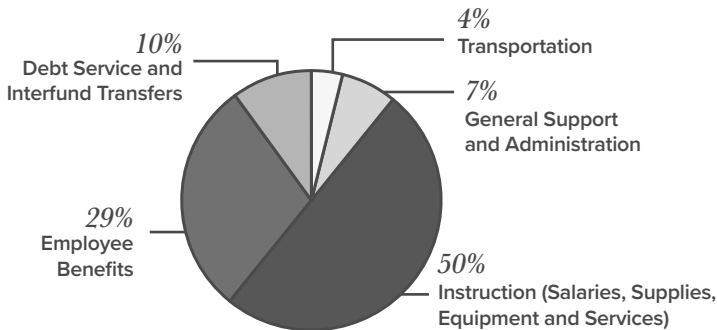
Breakdown by Category

All public schools in New York state are required by law to report their spending in three categories.

The budget is broadly divided into three areas:

1. Program (student services, staff, activities, transport);
2. Administrative (leadership, operations, board);
3. Capital (buildings, land, major equipment, infrastructure upgrades).

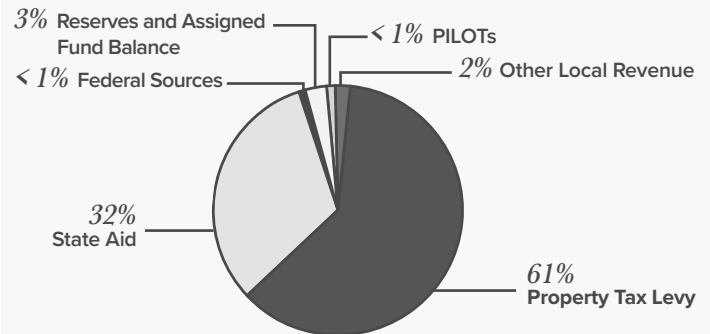
Category	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Proposed	Change
Program	\$28,463,454	\$29,572,708	\$1,109,254
Administrative	\$3,868,400	\$3,983,200	\$114,800
Capital	\$7,285,564	\$7,139,724	-\$145,840
Total	\$39,617,418	\$40,695,632	\$1,078,214



Revenues

Breakdown by Category

Category	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Proposed	Change
State Aid	\$13,100,234	\$13,205,280	\$105,046
Federal Sources	\$120,000	\$180,000	\$60,000
Property Tax Levy	\$23,601,305	\$24,779,416	\$1,178,111
PILOTs (Payments In Lieu Of Taxes)	\$253,899	\$253,899	\$0
Other Local Revenue (Includes: Charges, Interest, Rentals)	\$900,975	\$925,341	\$24,366
Use of Reserves	\$1,000,000	\$600,000	-\$400,000
Assigned Fund Balance	\$641,005	\$751,696	\$110,691
Total	\$39,617,418	\$40,695,632	\$1,078,214



\$100K CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT

As in years past, the 2026-27 budget includes \$100,000 for a capital project to be completed during the upcoming school year. This type of project is eligible for State Building Aid (currently 67.3%), which is reimbursed to the district in the school year after completion. By performing these projects each year, the district is able to address facility needs between major capital construction projects. This year, we are proposing to make improvements related to HVAC upgrades for outdated equipment and/or physical security upgrades of doors and/or painting and patching of walls and/or classroom floor replacements at Emory Avenue Complex.



On the Ballot: Propositions

1. SCHOOL BUDGET 2026-27

Voters will vote on the proposed budget \$40,695,632 for the 2026-27 school year.

2. BUS PURCHASE

Voters will vote on the purchase of four new school buses (gas and diesel), at a total cost not to exceed \$680,404.

3. LIBRARY CONTRIBUTION

Shall the Board of Education of the Cazenovia Central School District be authorized to levy a tax in the amount of \$543,878 for the Cazenovia Public Library and \$201,852 for the New Woodstock Free Library, said amounts to be remitted to those public libraries. The combined total levy is \$745,730.

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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	\$39,617,418	\$40,695,632	\$39,517,521
Increase/Decrease for the 2026-27 School Year		\$1,078,214	\$(99,897)
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.7%	-0.252%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.6%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$23,601,305	\$24,779,416	
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)	\$23,601,305	\$24,779,416	\$23,601,305
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$1,143,299	\$1,739,076	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$22,458,006	\$23,040,340	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$22,458,006	\$23,040,340	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$3,868,400	\$3,983,200	\$3,937,185
Program Component	\$28,463,454	\$29,572,708	\$28,881,347
Capital Component	\$7,285,564	\$7,139,724	\$6,698,989

** Should the proposed 2026-27 budget be defeated, a contingency budget, as mandated by education law, will be adopted. This will require the elimination of all non-contingent expenses. Assumptions include cutting non-mandated programs like extracurriculars and electives, minimizing administrative costs, freezing non-mandated hiring, reducing supply purchases, deferring non-emergency capital projects, and potential reductions in instructional and support services.

** 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
PURCHASE FOUR (4) REPLACEMENT SCHOOL BUSES	\$680,404
Under the Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year	
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$497

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 by the qualified voters of the Cazenovia Central School District, will be held at Middle School Aux Gym in said district on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., 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.



Tax Rate Estimate (per \$1,000 assessed value)

School taxes paid by property owners are calculated using tax rates, which are determined by the school tax levy along with assessment and equalization rates set by municipalities.

Township	Actual	Projected	\$ Change	% Change
Cazenovia	\$21.38	\$22.45	\$1.07	4.99%
Fenner	\$22.12	\$23.22	\$1.10	4.99%
Georgetown	\$18.59	\$19.52	\$0.93	4.99%
Lincoln	\$21.38	\$22.45	\$1.07	4.99%
Nelson	\$22.12	\$23.22	\$1.10	4.99%
Pompey	\$22.51	\$23.63	\$1.12	4.99%
Sullivan	\$21.56	\$22.64	\$1.08	4.99%

Example: Town of Cazenovia

Assessed Value	STAR Exemption	Taxed Value	
\$100,000	\$21,630	\$78,370	
Tax Bill Amount			
2025-26	2026-27	\$ Change	% Change
\$1,675.52	\$1,759.16	\$83.64	4.99%



CAZENOVIA

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

District Office: 31 Emory Ave.
Cazenovia, NY 13035

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Cazenovia, NY
13035
Permit #32

Board Members

- Judith Hight, President
- Travis Barr, Vice President
- Leigh Baldwin
- Jeffrey Dewan
- Ron Luteran
- Emily Wiemers
- Jan Woodworth
- Sebastian Gebers, Student
Member Ex Officio

Emily Ayres, District Clerk

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RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

Cazenovia CSD Mission Statement:

We nurture, inspire and empower students to make a positive impact in our world by building healthy relationships in a safe, diverse and welcoming environment that encourages learning and growth for ALL.

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VOTE

Tuesday, May 19, 2026
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Cazenovia Middle School, Auxiliary Gym

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On the Ballot: Board of Education Candidates

(vote for up to 4)

- Jeffrey Dewan
- Jan Woodworth
- Elizabeth Blackburn
- Emily Wiemers
- Sasha Rasmussen

For more information
about the candidates,
scan here:



Voter Information

Who may vote?

Per New York state law, a qualified voter is a United States citizen, at least 18 years old, a school district resident for at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which he or she offers to vote, and who is not otherwise prohibited from voting under the provisions of section 5-106 of the Election Law.

Absentee and early mail ballots

Applications to obtain an absentee ballot or early vote by mail ballot can be found on the district website or by visiting the District Office during normal business hours. In order for your ballot to count, it must be received by the District Clerk (in its signed, dated, and sealed official envelope) by 5 p.m. on May 19, 2026 (by mail or in person).

Please call (315) 655-1317 or email District Clerk Emily Ayres at eyres@caz.cnyric.org with any questions.