



Budget Proposal 2026-2027

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING – MAY 12, 2026

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1. Proposed Revenues

- WHERE DOES SCHOOL FUNDING COME FROM?
- LOCAL SCHOOL TAXES

Where Does Lyncourt Funding Come From?

Budgeted Revenues	2025-2026	2026-2027 Proposed	\$ Change	Percent Change
State Aid	\$ 9,370,761	\$ 9,753,320	\$ 539,276	4.08%
Tax Levy	\$ 6,655,000	\$ 6,854,000	\$ 130,655	2.99%
PILOT	\$ 589,380	\$ 602,678	\$ 13,036	2.26%
Fund Balance + Reserves	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	N/A%
Other	\$ 89,859	\$ 90,002	\$ 57,033	0.16%
Total	\$ 16,705,000	\$ 17,450,000	\$ 745,000	4.46%

Tax Levy

Tax Levy 2025-26

\$6,655,000

This amount was approved by the Board of Education and voters last May

Proposed Tax Levy 2026-27

\$6,854,000

(\$199,00 or 2.99% increase)

This amount is proposed by the Board of Education and is up for approval by voters now

Estimated property taxes will increase by about \$21.77 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation.
Please note this is an average and cannot predict a specific property's actual taxation

How do Taxes Compare to Inflation?

School Year	Local Tax Increase	Inflation
2022-23	3.18%	8.0%
2023-24	0.0%	4.1%
2024-25	0.0%	3.2%
2025-26	2.00%	2.9%
2026-27 *Proposed	*2.99%	*Not Yet Available
3 Year Average	1.66%	3.20%
5 Year Average	1.63%	4.46%



2. Proposed Expenditures

- THREE PART BUDGET:
 - Program
 - Capital
 - Administration

Three Part Budget -

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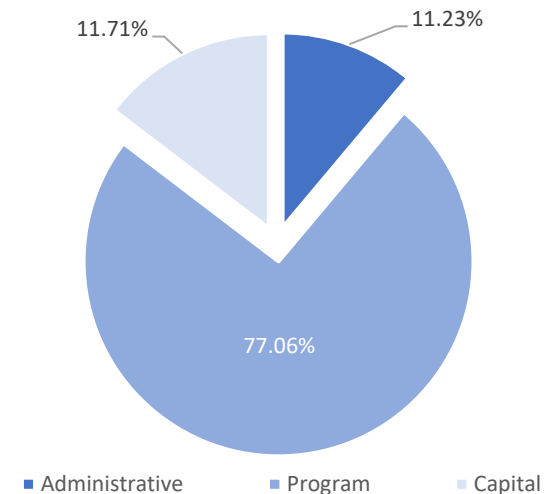
- Administrative – Relates to expenses for management and overall support of the district. Examples include Board of Education expenses, central administration, building administration, business office, legal fees and auditing services.

- Program – All expenses related to students and their programmatic needs. Examples include educational programs, transportation, athletics and extracurricular activities, as well as teacher salaries and employee benefits.

- Capital – Deals with all equipment, supplies, materials and personnel for the operation and maintenance of the district. It also includes payments on principal and interest on debt.

	2025-26 Budgeted \$	2025-26 %	2025-26 Proposed \$	2025-26 %
Administrative	1,920,771	11.50	2,044,149	11.71
Program	12,657,271	75.77	13,446,578	77.06
Capital	2,126,958	12.73	1,959,273	11.23
Total	16,705,000	100%	17,450,000	100%

Proposed Budget:



Administrative Expenses

Proposed Changes:

- Network Administrator 0.4 FTE – BOCES
- New Administrative Manual - BOCES
- New BOCES Capital Project
- Reduction of BOCES Payroll Position

Overall, a proposed total increase of \$123,378 from last year.

ADMINISTRATIVE	2025-2026	2026-2027 Proposed
Board of Education	\$ 26,500	\$ 37,500
Central Administration	\$ 306,500	\$ 330,500
Finance	\$ 251,150	\$ 264,400
Legal	\$ 16,480	\$ 16,960
Personnel	\$ 48,700	\$ 10,300
Central Services	\$ 412,000	\$ 486,000
Special Items	\$ 74,500	\$ 79,750
BOCES – Admin, Rent & Capital	\$ 65,500	\$ 85,500
Curriculum Dev. & Supervision	\$ 165,500	\$ 162,500
Research, Planning & Evaluation	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500
Employee Benefits	\$ 306,441	\$ 318,441
TOTALS	\$ 1,920,771	\$ 2,044,149

Programmatic Expenses

Proposed Changes:

- Increasing ESM Tuition Costs
- Decreasing Solvay Tuition Costs
 - 11th and 12th grades only in 2026-27
- 6 new students at STEM School – BOCES
 - 9th and 10th grades only in 2026-27
- Increasing Charter School Special Ed Tuition
- Two Additional Aides for Special Ed Services
- Two New Special Ed Students at BOCES
- Increase of 0.2 Speech - BOCES
- Increase of 0.2 ENL - BOCES
- Lyncourt Rec - BOCES
- New 1.0 RN
- Removal of “Everyday Labs” and “Promise Zone” – BOCES
- Changes to Grants
- Increased Transportation Costs
- Benefits like Health Insurance and Retirement

Overall, a proposed total increase of \$789,307 from last year.

PROGRAM	2025-2026	2025-2026 Proposed
Legal	\$ 35,020	\$ 36,040
Inservice Training	\$ 96,500	\$ 93,500
Teaching / Instruction	\$ 4,280,599	\$ 4,353,599
Special Education	\$ 2,382,550	\$ 2,670,200
English Language Learning	\$ 222,300	\$ 248,800
Occupational Education	\$ 19,500	\$ 13,000
Summer School	\$ 59,500	\$ 61,000
Library and Media	\$ 138,006	\$ 146,006
Computer Aided Instruction	\$ 569,197	\$ 601,646
Guidance and Health Services	\$ 379,150	\$ 453,200
Co-Curricular Activities	\$ 43,000	\$ 43,000
Interscholastic Athletics	\$ 56,000	\$ 61,000
Transportation	\$ 1,081,000	\$ 1,277,500
Recreation and Fitness Center	\$ 74,500	\$ 45,000
Employee Benefits	\$ 3,185,449	\$ 3,308,087
Transfer to Other Funds	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
TOTALS	\$ 12,657,271	\$ 13,446,578

Capital Expenses

Proposed Changes:

- Increased Utilities Costs
 - Natural Gas (30%)
 - Electric (17%)
- Reduction to Debt Service

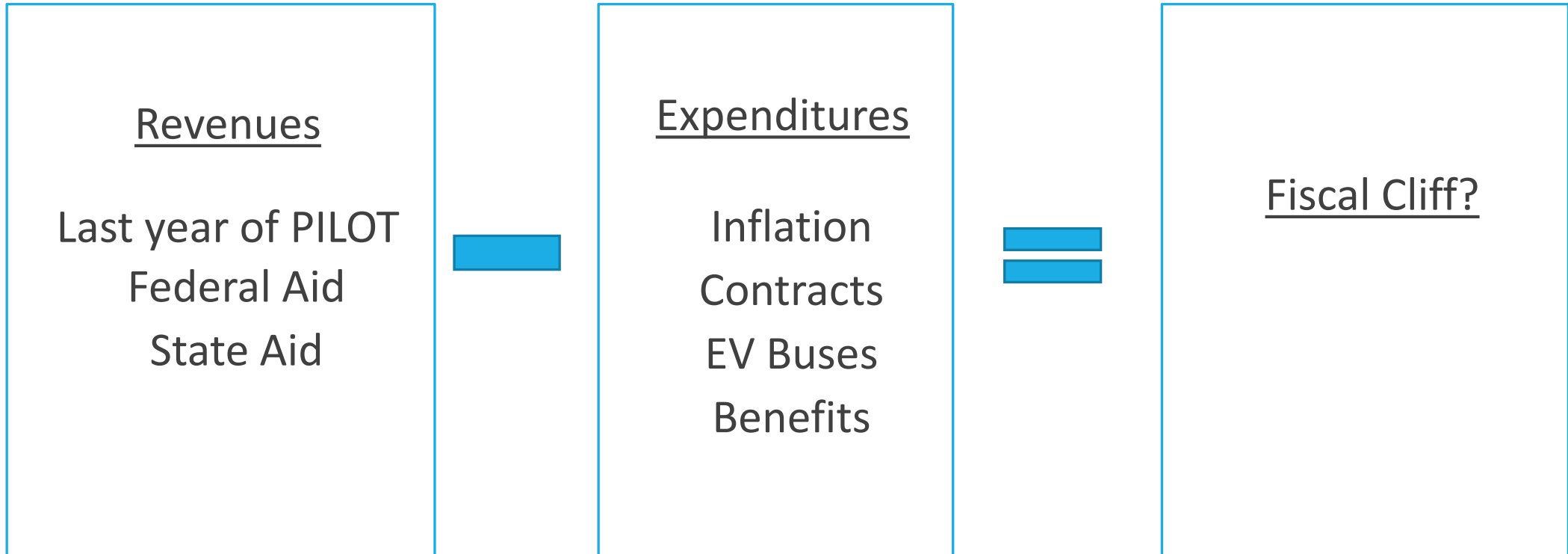
Overall, a proposed total decrease of -\$167,685 from last year.

\$100k Capital Outlay Project:

Will include but not limited to: auditorium and interior improvements, and exterior sign upgrades

CAPITAL	2025-2026	2026-2027 Proposed
Operation of Plant	\$ 910,500	\$ 940,500
Security	\$ 76,000	\$ 81,000
Employee Benefits	\$ 291,308	\$ 302,523
Debt Service	\$ 749,150	\$ 535,250
Transfer to Other Funds	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
TOTALS	\$ 2,126,958	\$ 1,959,273

3. Future Projections





4. Voting Information

- PROPOSITIONS
- ADDITIONAL VOTING INFORMATION
- ADDITIONAL BUDGET INFORMATION

Proposition 1 – Annual Budget

Shall the Board of Education of the Lyncourt Union Free School District at Salina be authorized to expend the amount of Seventeen Million, Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$17,450,000.00) as a general fund appropriation for the 2026 - 2027 school year and to levy the necessary tax therefore upon the taxable property of the District?



Proposition 2 – Salina Free Library

Shall the annual appropriation for the Salina Free Library within the Lyncourt Union Free School District be increased from the sum seventy eight thousand, five hundred, sixty two dollars (\$78,562.00) to the sum eighty thousand, three hundred, sixty nine dollars (\$80,369.00) to be appropriated annually for the Salina Free Library, such sum to be raised by levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District located in the Town of Salina in accordance with Section 259 of the Education Law?



Members of the Board of Education

One open position exist for next year. This position is for a three year term.

Candidates:

- Kenda Carfagno



Voting Day

Voting on the Budget Proposition, Salina Free Library Proposition and election of Board Membership will be held:

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

12:00 noon to 8:00pm

Lyncourt School, District Conference Room
2707 Court Street, Syracuse, New York

Additional Voting Information

QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE:

To vote in a school district budget vote and board election, you do not need to be a registered voter. However, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States;
- Be 18 years of age or older;
- Be a resident within the district for a period of 30 days preceding the date of the vote;
- Be eligible to register or vote at an election in accordance with the provisions of section 5-106 of the election law.

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT:

As of today, absentee ballots require the voter to personally appear with a completed application at the District Clerk's office by 5/18/2026 at 5:00pm.

Completed absentee ballots received after 5:00pm on 5/19/2026 cannot be accepted.

DO YOU RENT?

You do not need to own property to participate. Renters are eligible to vote!

Additional Budget Information

Please call David Shaw, Business Administrator at 313-7965 or visit the Business Office section of the Lyncourt website. There you will find additional details such as:

- Proposed Line Item Budget (3 Part Format)
- Property Tax Report Card
- Academic Report Card
- Fiscal Accountability Summary
- Administrative Compensation Information Form
- Exemption Impact Reports for Onondaga County
- Budget Newsletter, including the Budget Notice





Thank You for Attending!

REMEMBER TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, MAY 19TH