



Hudson City School District
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HUDSON Highlights

Investing in Our Future: Proposed Budget Maintains Programs Amid Funding Gap

The Hudson City School District will be hosting its annual budget vote and Board of Education Election on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. in three locations within the school district. The district is navigating a pivotal fiscal year, balancing the commitment to high-quality education with the necessity of long-term financial sustainability. The proposed \$59,171,704 budget and 5.8% tax levy for the 2026-27 school year reflects a strategic response to rising costs and the depletion of one-time funding sources. In addition to the revenue generated through the tax levy and state aid, the proposed budget will utilize \$1,889,000 from the unassigned fund balance and \$531,279 from reserves to bridge the gap left by the escalating costs of employee benefits and lagging state aid.

such as partnering with Questar III BOCES for programs and services, reducing software, materials, and supply expenses, and reducing workforce. The proposed reduction of 28 positions includes two executive-level Central Office positions, one building administrator, and support and professional positions from throughout the school program. The district will continue to provide students with robust academic and extracurricular programming.

Hudson CSD is proud to offer students many opportunities, including accelerated programming, college-level courses in the high school, access to career and technical programs, and diverse electives such as agriculture, technology, and American Sign Language.

Approximately half of the district's budget comes from state aid, which is projected to increase by only 0.3% in the 2026-27 school year. District expenditures were originally expected to increase by nearly 8%. However, the district has taken steps to lower projected expenditures by nearly \$4 million, reducing staff and operating expenses, bringing the proposed increase to only 1% for the 2026-27 school year.

"These difficult decisions are the first of many that the district will face as we continue to seek to right-size our programs, meet the needs of all students, and maintain sustainability during increasing costs and diminishing student enrollment," Interim Superintendent Dr. Brian Bailey said. "By consolidating programs and optimizing services through our regional partners, including other schools and BOCES, the district is adapting to ensure that every dollar is directed toward student success. We encourage all residents to review the full proposal as we work together to maintain a strong, fiscally responsible school system for our children."

At the core of this budget is a board-directed effort to protect the classroom experience. This was accomplished by finding operational efficiencies,



Hudson boys varsity basketball team makes school history

The 2026 Hudson Blue Hawks boys varsity basketball team had an outstanding 23-3 season and finished as New York State Class A finalists. The team earned several titles, including Patroon Conference champions, Section 2 Class A champions and regional champions. This is Hudson's second Section 2 title in the past decade and its first at the Class A level, following the 2015-16 Class B championship.

Under head coach Shawn Briscoe, now in his 15th season, the program has won five Patroon Conference titles. We recognize Briscoe and assistant coaches Tyrone Hedgepeth and Isiah Heard for their leadership.

The team will be honored at the state Capitol with a proclamation on May 14, 2026. We thank the Hudson community for its support and commend the team for inspiring students and demonstrating that hard work and a positive attitude lead to success.



VOTE
TUESDAY
MAY 19
11 a.m.-8 p.m.

PROPOSAL SUMMARY

- Proposed budget total
 - \$59,171,704
- Spending increase
 - \$1,530,304
- Tax Levy increase
 - 5.8%

Also on the ballot...

- Board of Education Election (Two Seats)

Qualified voters must be U.S. citizens, age 18 years or older, and residents of Hudson City School District for a period of at least 30 days immediately prior to Election day. Residents can vote by absentee ballot or in person at their designated polling location. Visit hudsoncsd.org/district-voting-information/ for more voting information.

POLLING LOCATIONS

District 1
City of Hudson
Hudson Central Fire Station
(77 N. 7th St, Hudson)

District 2
Greenport,
Stottville/Stockport, Ghent –
Greenport Community Center
(500 Town Hall Dr, Hudson)

District 3
Claverack, Livingston,
Taghkanic
A.B. Shaw Fire House
(67 NY-23, Claverack)

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- Maureen Sheridan
- Michael Zibella

Dr. Brian Bailey, *Interim Superintendent of Schools*

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ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT – This table shows the estimated tax impact of the proposed budget based on an assessed home value of \$200,000.

Town	Annual Taxes (2025-26)	Proposed Annual Taxes (2026-27)*	Annual Difference*	Monthly Difference*
Claverack	\$2,569.89	\$2,719.07	\$149.18	\$12.43
Ghent	\$2,202.76	\$2,330.63	\$127.87	\$10.66
Greenport	\$1,696.12	\$1,794.58	\$98.46	\$8.21
Hudson	\$2,388.91	\$2,527.58	\$138.67	\$11.56
Livingston	\$3,608.77	\$3,818.26	\$209.49	\$17.46
Stockport	\$1,696.12	\$1,794.58	\$98.46	\$8.21
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*Based on the proposed 5.8% tax levy increase. Figures are estimates and subject to change based on STAR exemptions, changes in assessed and full values, and equalization rates.



Left: Four elementary students smile for a photo as they prepare to go outside for a game of flag football.



Right: Two elementary students read together as part of the Hudson Reads program.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

What happens if the budget is defeated?

If the proposal is voted down, the District may resubmit the original budget or submit a revised budget to voters on June 16, 2026. If the revised proposal is not approved, the Board must adopt a contingency budget. Under a contingency budget, the District may not increase the tax levy over the prior year. Each program and department would be reviewed to eliminate non-mandated expenses for next year (e.g., extracurricular activities, field trips, sports, staff positions, and non-mandated academic programs or electives).

What if I have questions?

If you have more questions visit www.hudsoncsd.org/budget/2026-27-budget/ or call the Business Office at 518-828-4360 x2100.

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ON THE BALLOT

BUDGET PROPOSAL: Voters will decide on a 2026-27 school budget in the amount of \$59,171,704.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION: Voters will elect candidates to fill two open seats on the Board of Education.

- One seat: the remainder of a current vacancy plus a full three-year, unpaid term (May 19, 2026 - June 30, 2029)
- Second seat: a full three-year, unpaid term (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029)

Voters may select two candidates from the ballot or write in a candidate. The candidate who receives the most votes will serve the longer term and will be sworn in at the May 19, 2026 board meeting.

To learn about the candidates, visit www.hudsoncsd.org/boe/. There are 3 candidates that will be listed on the ballot.

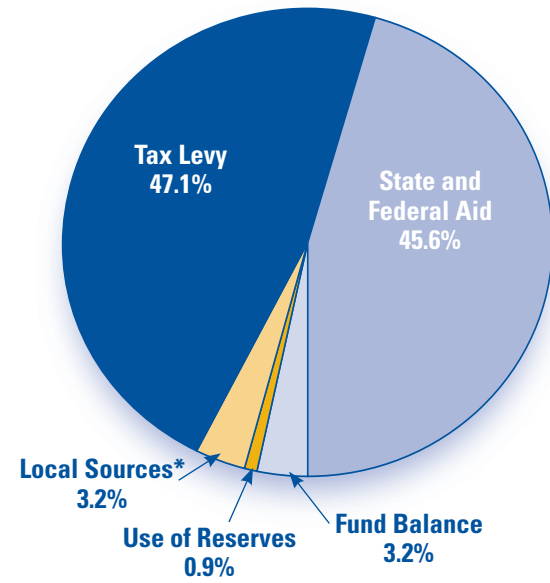
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REVENUES: Where money comes from...

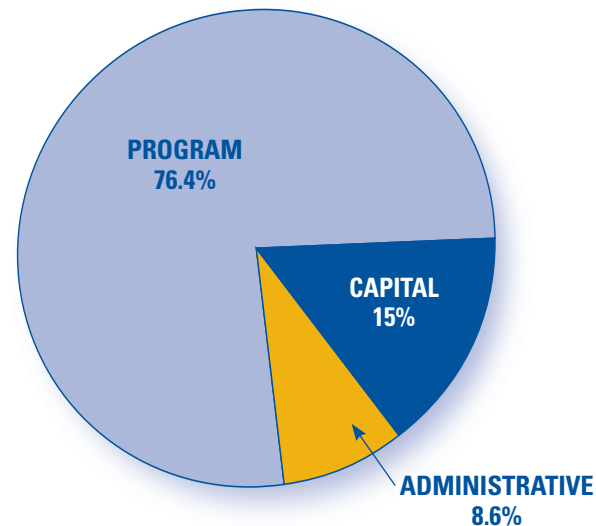
Source of Funds	2025-2026 Budget	2026-27 Proposed
Local Property Tax Levy	\$26,362,055	\$27,892,359
State and Federal Aid	\$26,885,125	\$26,974,066
Local Sources*	\$2,215,000	\$1,885,000
Planned Use of Reserve	\$963,048	\$531,279
Assigned Fund Balance	\$2,118,772	\$1,889,000
Grand Totals	\$ 58,544,000	\$59,171,704

* Other Local Sources includes payments in lieu of taxes, interest & penalties, charges for services, use of facilities, & utility tax



EXPENSES: How money is spent...

Expense Category	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Proposed
ADMINISTRATIVE:		
Board of Education	\$45,978	\$46,788
Central Administration	\$312,382	\$305,184
Finance Services	\$655,269	\$708,993
Legal/Public Information/ Personnel	\$504,746	\$409,071
District Wide Services	\$1,052,920	\$1,252,328
Supervisory/Improvement	\$2,415,568	\$2,007,732
Fringe Benefits	\$414,625	\$378,625
Administrative Total	\$5,401,488	\$5,108,721
PROGRAM		
Regular Instruction	\$11,504,698	\$11,482,393
Special Education	\$8,354,166	\$8,413,060
Occupational Education	\$752,179	\$636,745
Library/Technology	\$1,721,981	\$1,417,047
Student Services	\$2,140,735	\$1,743,390
Interscholastic/Extra-Curricular	\$342,834	\$409,305
Transportation	\$5,300,593	\$4,673,808
Recreation	\$40,632	\$70,415
Transfer to Other Funds	\$125,000	\$160,000
Fringe Benefits	\$14,470,596	\$16,209,523
Program Total	\$44,753,414	\$45,215,686
CAPITAL		
Operation & Maintenance	\$2,975,629	\$3,250,705
Judgements/Refund of Taxes	\$2,500	\$53,775
Debt Service	\$4,950,402	\$5,067,860
Interfund Transfers	\$100,000	\$100,000
Fringe Benefits	\$360,567	\$374,957
Capital Total	\$8,389,098	\$8,847,297
Total District Budget:	\$58,544,000	\$59,171,704



Career Day: Grade 8 student, Esther Abuka, presents the skills and education needed to excel as a Biomedical Engineer to grade 6 student, Viviana Davi.

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	\$ 58,544,000	\$59,171,704	\$57,641,400
Increase/Decrease for the 2026-27 School Year		\$627,704	(\$902,600)
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.07%	(1.54%)
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.63%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 26,362,055	\$27,892,359	
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)	\$26,362,055	\$27,892,359	\$26,362,055
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$117,180	\$623,823	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$26,244,875	\$27,268,536	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$26,244,875	\$27,268,536	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$5,401,488	\$5,108,721	\$4,963,259
Program Component	\$44,753,414	\$45,215,686	\$43,935,844
Capital Component	\$8,389,098	\$8,847,297	\$8,742,297

*Should the 2026-2027 proposed budget be defeated by the voters twice (in both May and June,) the Board of Education would be obligated to adopt a contingency budget. A contingency budget requires that the tax levy be no greater than the levy of the prior year. After eliminating approximately \$265,000, in non-contingent expenditures, the budget would need to be further reduced. A possible, not final, allocation of the contingent budget is reflected in the third column of this "notice" labeled "Contingency Budget for the 2026-2027 School Year."

Description	Amount
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

** 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)

Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$321

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 by the qualified voters of the Hudson City School District, Columbia County, New York, will be held at [Hudson Central Fire Station](#), [Greenport Community Center](#), and [AB Shaw Firehouse](#) in said district on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between the hours of 11:00am and 8:00pm, prevailing time in the [Hudson Central Fire Station](#), [Greenport Community Center](#), and [AB Shaw Firehouse](#), at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine. ***Districts should include information according to Executive Orders and as advised by legal counsel.***

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.