

Brunswick

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 20

8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

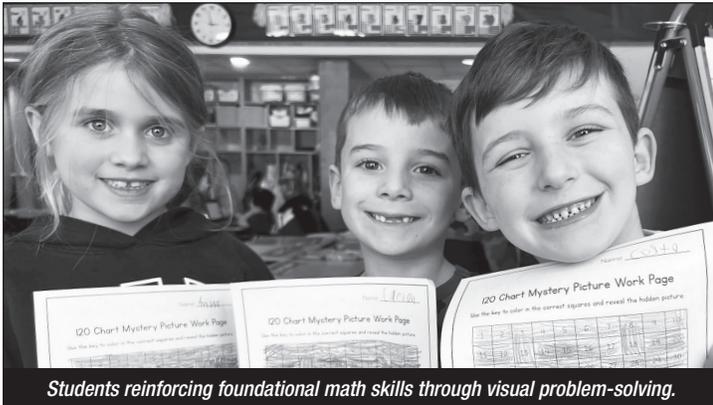
Multipurpose Gymnasium

2025 – 2026 Budget Summary:

Proposed Budget: **\$31,012,896**

Budget-to-Budget Increase: **7.56%**

Tax Levy Increase: **5.90%***



Students reinforcing foundational math skills through visual problem-solving.



Our students performed Grease, showing how creativity and dedication shine brightest with strong community support. Thanks to everyone who helps keep the arts alive!

Protecting Student Programming and Activities

In the development of the 2025-26 school budget, one of the top priorities of the Brunswick Central School District has been to protect the programs and activities that enrich students' lives. From advanced coursework and academic support services, to music, athletics, and clubs, these opportunities are essential to student growth, engagement, and success.

This year's proposed budget reflects a commitment to preserving the educational experience that makes Brunswick CSD unique. Despite financial constraints and rising costs, we have taken a careful and intentional approach to budgeting that allows us to continue offering a wide range of programming for all students, PreK-12.

Our schools are more than just classrooms — they are places where students explore their interests, discover their talents, and connect with peers and mentors. Whether it's through participating in band, competing on a sports team, or receiving individualized academic help, every student benefits from a well-rounded education.

To maintain this level of programming, we prioritized student-facing resources during budget development. While some strategic reductions were necessary, we worked hard to ensure that student learning and engagement opportunities remain intact.

We are proud to offer programs that reflect our district's values and community expectations, and we believe these offerings not only prepare students for academic success, but also help them grow into confident, capable young adults. We've also worked to maintain funding for special education services, mental health support, and extracurriculars.

This budget represents more than numbers — it represents a vision for a district where every student has the opportunity to thrive. We invite you to learn more by visiting our district website.

The budget vote will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. Thank you for your continued support of Brunswick CSD and our shared mission to provide every student with the education they deserve.

2024-2025 HIGHLIGHTS:

- 42% of the class of 2024 Graduates earned advanced regents or advanced regents with honors
- Elementary Select Choir holiday performance televised at WMHT
- Elementary Select Choir Capital District Youth Chorale 9th Invitational Choral Festival at Union College
- Elementary field trips to Ellms Farm, Engelke Farm, Mabee Farms, Proctors, University of Albany Education Day, U.S. District Court, Brunswick Community Library, Joe Bruno Stadium Education Day, NYS Museum
- Robust Work-Based Learning program for students housed in High School
- 95% passing rate on the class of 2024 CTE Technical Assessment
- Tamarac Geometry scored in the top 25% for proficiency of all of NYS
- Twenty-one students attended the 43rd Annual Olympics of the Visual Arts Competition hosted by NYSATA
- The District received the Utica National Insurance Group's School Safety Excellence Award with Titanium level honors
- Maille Maloney (Criminal Justice) placed first while Julius Miller (Technical Math) took second at the Regional SkillsUSA Competition
- Tamarac Middle School welcomed 11 new members into the esteemed ranks of the National Junior Honor Society
- The Elementary School raised more than \$5,800 in its annual Read for Ronald McDonald House Charities fundraiser
- Students had the opportunity to attend Governor Hochul's State of the State for Future Leaders event, which featured a fireside chat
- Seventh grade students raised \$1,051.69 during a Penny Wars event
- The Key Club collaborated with the Music Department to hold a Senior Citizen Concert and Luncheon
- Tamarac Choralaries received the GOLD with distinction and Tamarac MS earned a GOLD at NYSSMA
- Brunswick CSD has the lowest cost per pupil in Rensselaer County relative to the percentage of economically disadvantaged students

REVENUES:

Where money comes from to pay for Brunswick Central Schools

Category	Budget 2024-25	Proposed 2025-26	Change	Percent of Budget
Tax Levy	\$15,103,653	\$15,994,767	\$891,114	51.57%
State Aid	\$11,749,506	\$12,143,580	\$394,074	39.16%
Other Revenue	\$833,177	\$1,082,287	\$249,110	3.49%
Interfund Revenue	—	\$793,682	\$793,682	2.56%
Fund Balance/Reserves	\$1,148,070	\$998,580	\$(149,490)	3.22%
Total	\$28,834,406	\$31,012,896	\$2,178,490	100.00%

* Adoption of this budget requires a tax levy increase of 5.90% which exceeds the statutory tax levy increase limit of 3.55% for this school fiscal year and therefore exceeds the state tax cap and must be approved by sixty percent of the qualified voters present and voting.

EXPENSES:

How money is spent at Brunswick Central Schools

Category	Budget 2024-25	Proposed 2025-26	Change	Percent of Budget
General Support	\$3,451,148	\$3,490,752	\$39,604	11.26%
Instruction	\$13,861,284	\$14,140,249	\$278,965	45.59%
Transportation	\$1,950,048	\$2,017,862	\$67,814	6.51%
Community Services	\$9,000	\$9,000	—	0.03%
Employee Benefits	\$7,675,776	\$8,430,018	\$754,242	27.18%
Interfund Transfers	\$1,887,150	\$2,925,015	\$1,037,865	9.43%
Total	\$28,834,406	\$31,012,896	\$2,178,490	100.00%

CTE/VOTEC PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

- Gaming and Multimedia 3
- Cosmetology 3
- Culinary Arts 4
- Auto Services 1
- Criminal Justice 2
- Construction Tech 2
- Auto Tech 5
- Heavy Equipment 4
- HVAC 3
- Welding 2
- Electrical Trades 1
- New Visions 7

ATHLETICS

- Fall: 241
- Winter: 209
- Spring: 215
- 220 multi-sport athletes

Winter Scholar Athletes: 66 athletes, 7 Varsity teams
 Fall Scholar Athletes: 74 athletes, 8 Varsity teams



Students engaged in a hands-on geography project—reinforcing their understanding of Earth's shape, continents, and oceans through interactive learning

Brunswick CSD Budget Notice

School Districts are required by law to mail this information to all households within the district.
If you would like additional information about the budget, please call the District Office at 279-4600 ext. 2604.

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2024-25 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2025-26 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 28,834,406	\$ 31,012,896	\$ 30,121,782
Increase/Decrease for the 2025-26 School Year		\$ 2,178,490	\$ 1,287,376
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		7.56%	4.46%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.95%	
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A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 15,103,653	\$ 15,994,767	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$ -	\$ -	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$ -	\$ -	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$ -	\$ -	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$ 15,103,653	\$ 15,994,767	\$ 15,103,653
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 498,428	\$ 637,111	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 15,169,059	\$ 15,639,462	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$ 15,103,653	\$ 15,994,767	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 65,406	\$ (355,305)	
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Administrative Component	\$ 2,923,797	\$ 3,050,897	\$ 2,926,147
Program Component	\$ 21,283,301	\$ 22,388,063	\$ 22,111,699
Capital Component	\$ 4,627,308	\$ 5,573,963	\$ 5,083,936
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<p>* If a contingency budget is adopted, the community will be charged for the use of facilities, the district will not replace school buses, will not purchase certain equipment, will not engage in a capital outlay project, will not contract for a school resource officer and various student programming will be reduced including but not limited to guidance, music, athletics and the REACH program.</p>			

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$ 455

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2025-26 by the qualified voters of the Brunswick Central School District, Rensselaer County, New York, will be held in the Tamarac MS/HS Multi-Purpose Gymnasium in said district on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 between the hours of 8:00am and 8:00pm, prevailing time 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.

CURRENT RESIDENT

Board of Education

Tammie Fanfa
Ryan Goodenough
Jenna Horton
Valerie Lee
Danielle Roadcap
Jack Roddy
Kevin Shufon
Dina Trahan
Leah Wertz

Superintendent

Dr. Angelina Maloney

Assistant Superintendent for Business

Stephanie Fanning

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Voter Information

What am I voting on?

A \$31,012,896 budget for the 2025-26 school year and four candidates for three open seats for the school board.

When and where is the vote?

Tuesday, May 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Who is eligible to vote?

Anyone who is a U.S. citizen, 18 years or older, a registered voter and a resident of the Brunswick (Brittonkill) Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the vote.

How can I vote by absentee ballot?

Qualified district residents who are unable to go to the polls on May 20 can cast their votes by absentee ballot.

For an application visit the district website or call the District Office at 279-4600 ext. 2604. If the ballot is to be mailed, the application must be received by May 13. If the ballot is to be delivered in person, the application must be received by May 19. All completed ballots must be received by the district clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 20.

What if I have questions?

Additional information about the budget is posted on the district's website, <http://www.brunswickcsd.org>. For further information, please call the District Office at 279-4600 ext. 2604.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

There are four candidates for three open seats.

- Jeannine Kaskoun
- Zachary Metzger
- John Roddy
- Leah Wertz

To learn more about each of the candidates, visit <https://www.brunswickcsd.org/o/bcsd/page/budget-information>