



# **Union-Endicott CSD Budget Hearing May 12, 2025**

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# Board of Education

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## **Mission Statement:**

**The Union-Endicott Central School District will strive to provide a comprehensive and engaging educational experience to each child in our community.**

## **Vision Statement:**

**The Union-Endicott Central School District will ensure all families are connected and included, where each child receives access to programs that meet their needs and honor a chosen pathway.**

# 2025-26

## Voter Proposed Budget

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- **Proposed FINAL budget draft \$108,504,021**
- **Increase of \$3,475,628 (3.31%) over 2024-25 budget**
- **Based on a tax levy increase of \$794,586 (1.75%)**

# New York State Budget Updates

## (Additional details continue to be forthcoming)

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- State Aid came very close to what was budgeted (as of May 7, 2025)
- The proposal for universal access meals is accepted
- The zero-emission bus transition process is significantly amended with a waiver process and requirements for independent range estimates
- The universal retiree salary cap waiver for public sector retirees working in public school districts and BOCES is extended for two more years
- The bell-to-bell internet enabled device ban is included (cell phones)

# Contingent Budget

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<b>25-26 Proposed Budget</b>	<b>\$108,504,021</b>
<b>25-26 Proposed Tax Levy</b>	<b>1.75%</b>
<b>25-26 Contingent Budget</b>	<b>\$106,594,021</b>
<b>25-26 Contingent Tax Levy</b>	<b>-0.03%</b>

**Under a Contingent Budget: \$1,910,000 will have to be cut from the proposed budget:**

<b>Administration</b>	<b>\$240,000</b>
<b>Program</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>
<b>Capital</b>	<b>\$1,630,000</b>

## Union-Endicott Central School District - Budget Notice

<b>Overall Budget Proposal</b>	Budget Adopted for the 2024-25 School	Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School	Contingency Budget for the 2025-26 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$105,028,393	\$108,504,021	\$106,594,021
Increase/Decrease for the 2025-2026 School Year		\$3,475,628	\$1,565,628
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.31%	1.49%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.95%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount, Net of Reserve	\$45,404,897	\$46,199,483	
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)	\$45,404,897	\$46,199,483	\$45,389,483
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$696,806	\$704,663	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$45,341,540	\$45,702,321	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$44,708,091	\$45,494,820	
I. Difference: G-H (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval)**	\$633,449	\$207,501	
Administrative Component	\$13,329,289	\$14,086,394	\$13,846,394
Program Component	\$75,619,116	\$78,608,400	\$78,568,400
Capital Component	\$16,079,988	\$15,809,227	\$14,179,227

\*Statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2025-26 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law: The proposed contingency budget contains reductions for non-contingent items including equipment, the capital outlay project, the security capital project, and also reductions of administrative expenses.

\*\* 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
Bus Purchases	\$926,000

Estimated Basic Star Exemption Savings	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year	\$756
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The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2025-26 by the qualified voters of the Union-Endicott Central School District, Broome County, New York, will be held at: the District Office, 1100 E.Main Street, Endicott, NY in said district on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 between the hours of 11:00 AM and 8:00 PM, prevailing time in the Union-Endicott Central school(s), at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine.

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

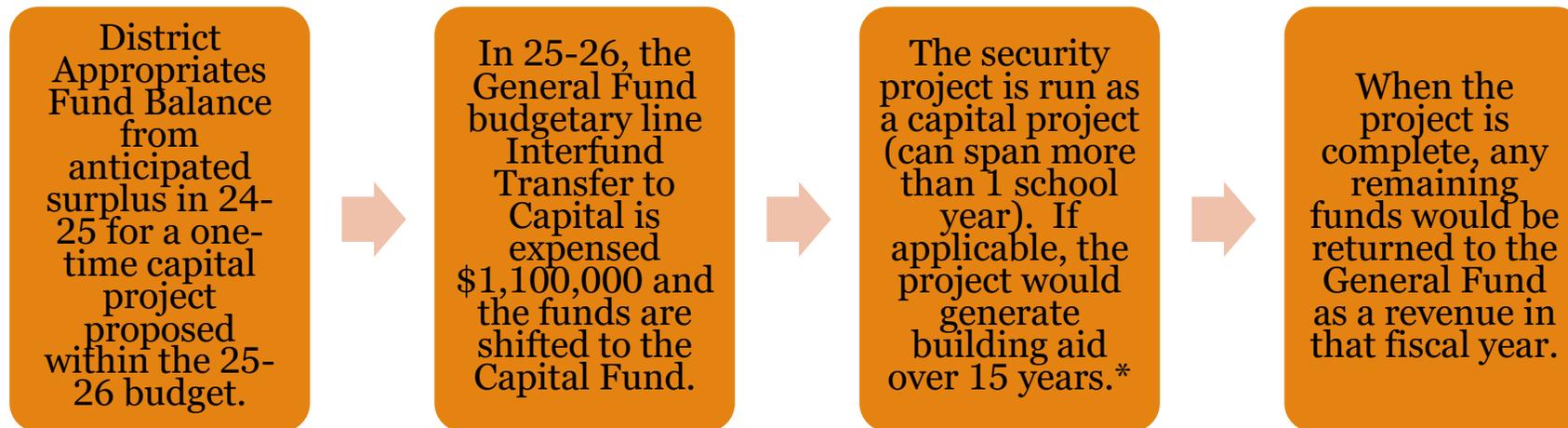
# \$100,000 Project for 2025-26



Each year, the Union-Endicott Central School District incorporates a capital outlay construction project into the budget. The advantage of these \$100,000 projects is the district receives state aid back the following year, which is applied to the following year capital outlay project. The district has been replacing lights within the schools with LED lights which are more energy efficient and a better quality of light. The 2025-2026 capital outlay project will continue light replacement in some classrooms at Jennie F. Snapp Middle School. These projects, although quite small for a capital project, have been a big benefit to the district in improving lighting throughout all the district school buildings.

# Special Project for Safety

**Using an appropriated fund balance special project totaling \$1,100,000, all seven schools will have the addition of AI security and weapons detection system (ex. Evolv, Open Gate, Xtract One, Zero Eyes). The budget includes additional stipends for current staff to manage the systems and upgrades to security measures in buildings.**



\*The District is assessing whether this project, or part of it, will be eligible for building aid.

# Proposition #1

## (BUDGET)

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**SHALL THE DISTRICT APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO MEET THE ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR THE DISTRICT WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES, EXCLUSIVE OF PUBLIC MONEYS, AND AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF TAXES THEREFORE?**

# Proposition #2

## (SCHOOL BUSES-FUELED)

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**SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED TO WIT: RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE UNION-ENDICOTT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE DISTRICT OBLIGATIONS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$926,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIVE FUELED SCHOOL BUSES, AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF A TAX TO BE COLLECTED IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS, TO MAKE FUTURE DEBT PAYMENTS?**

# School Board Election

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Vote for **ONE(1)** school board member for a **five(5)** year term

- **Shannon Sharpe**
- **Dodie Ainslie**
- **David Jensen**

# Upcoming Events

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- **May 20 Budget Vote and Board Member Election**
  - **Polling Place: *District Office ONLY 11:00 am to 8:00 pm***

# UECSD 10-YEAR HISTORY OF TOWN TAX INCREASES

Year	School District Tax Levy	Tax Levy Increase	Tax Levy %	Town of Union	Town of Union %	Town of Owego	Town of Owego %
2024-25	\$ 45,404,897	\$ 335,340	0.74%	729.199120	1.52%	42.788060	-7.01%
2023-24	\$ 45,069,557	\$ 840,782	1.90%	718.304226	0.74%	46.014092	10.86%
2022-23	\$ 44,228,775	\$ 891,969	2.06%	713.031388	3.36%	41.507309	1.80%
2021-22	\$ 43,336,806	\$ 511,443	1.19%	689.881836	2.90%	40.774975	0.65%
2020-21	\$ 42,825,363	\$ 790,677	1.88%	670.447013	1.74%	40.513615	4.90%
2019-20	\$ 42,034,686	\$ 808,950	1.96%	658.983943	1.86%	38.621551	3.53%
2018-19	\$ 41,225,736	\$ 1,019,923	2.54%	646.954155	3.00%	37.306075	4.37%
2017-18	\$ 40,205,813	\$ 528,573	1.33%	628.128740	1.88%	35.743370	0.49%
2016-17	\$ 39,677,240	\$ 58,733	0.15%	616.516400	-0.19%	35.569900	3.87%
2015-16	\$ 39,618,507	\$ 508,234	1.30%	617.671700	2.23%	34.244300	-1.41%
Average			1.51%		1.90%		2.20%

## Union Endicott Central School District Estimated School Tax Information

# Estimated UE CSD School Tax Information

**This information is an estimate only and not finalized. We expect these numbers to change. The provided information is based on adjustments to the estimated equalization rates from each town’s assessor. These are early estimates and are very likely to be adjusted prior to the finalization of the tax rates and issuance of tax bills. The “unknown information” includes, (1) The overall town assessment changes for the Town of Union and the Town of Owego, and (2) The exemption changes, including STAR, for the Town of Union and the Town of Owego.**

2025-26 Tax Levy	% increase tax levy	Town of Union rates	Town of Union %	Town of Owego rates	Town of Owego %
\$46,406,984	2.21%	\$754.69	3.50%	\$40.14	-6.18%
\$46,308,454	1.99%	\$753.09	3.28%	\$40.06	-6.38%
<b>\$46,199,483</b>	<b>1.75%</b>	<b>\$751.32</b>	<b>3.03%</b>	<b>\$39.96</b>	<b>-6.60%</b>
\$46,085,970	1.50%	\$749.47	2.78%	\$39.87	-6.83%
\$45,858,946	1.00%	\$745.78	2.27%	\$39.67	-7.29%
\$45,631,921	0.50%	\$742.09	1.77%	\$39.47	-7.74%
\$45,404,897	0.00%	\$738.39	1.26%	\$39.28	-8.20%