

# 2025–2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

## Budget Adoption



April 23, 2025



# MISSION

The Garden City School District Seeks to create an environment for learning which enables each student the opportunity to grow as an individual as well as a group member while striving to achieve the optimal level of academic, social, and personal success.

Students will thrive in a learning environment that is developmentally appropriate, individualized and challenging.

Our goal and responsibility is to help each student develop an enthusiasm for learning, a respect for self and others, and the skills to become a creative independent thinker and problem solver.

# VISION

Inspiring and Challenging our Students to Accomplish Their Personal Best

Students will:

- Foster a curiosity for learning
- Engage in productive cognitive struggle
- Find their individual passions, creativity and strength
- Grow increasingly self confident
- Develop appreciation for multiple disciplines and the larger world
- Collaborate, communicate and adapt
- Build respectful relationships.

# PROPOSED BUDGET 2025-2026

**\$137,760,845**

**Budget to budget increase:  
\$3,773,479 or 2.82%**

**Projected tax levy increase  
(with STAR):  
2.42%**

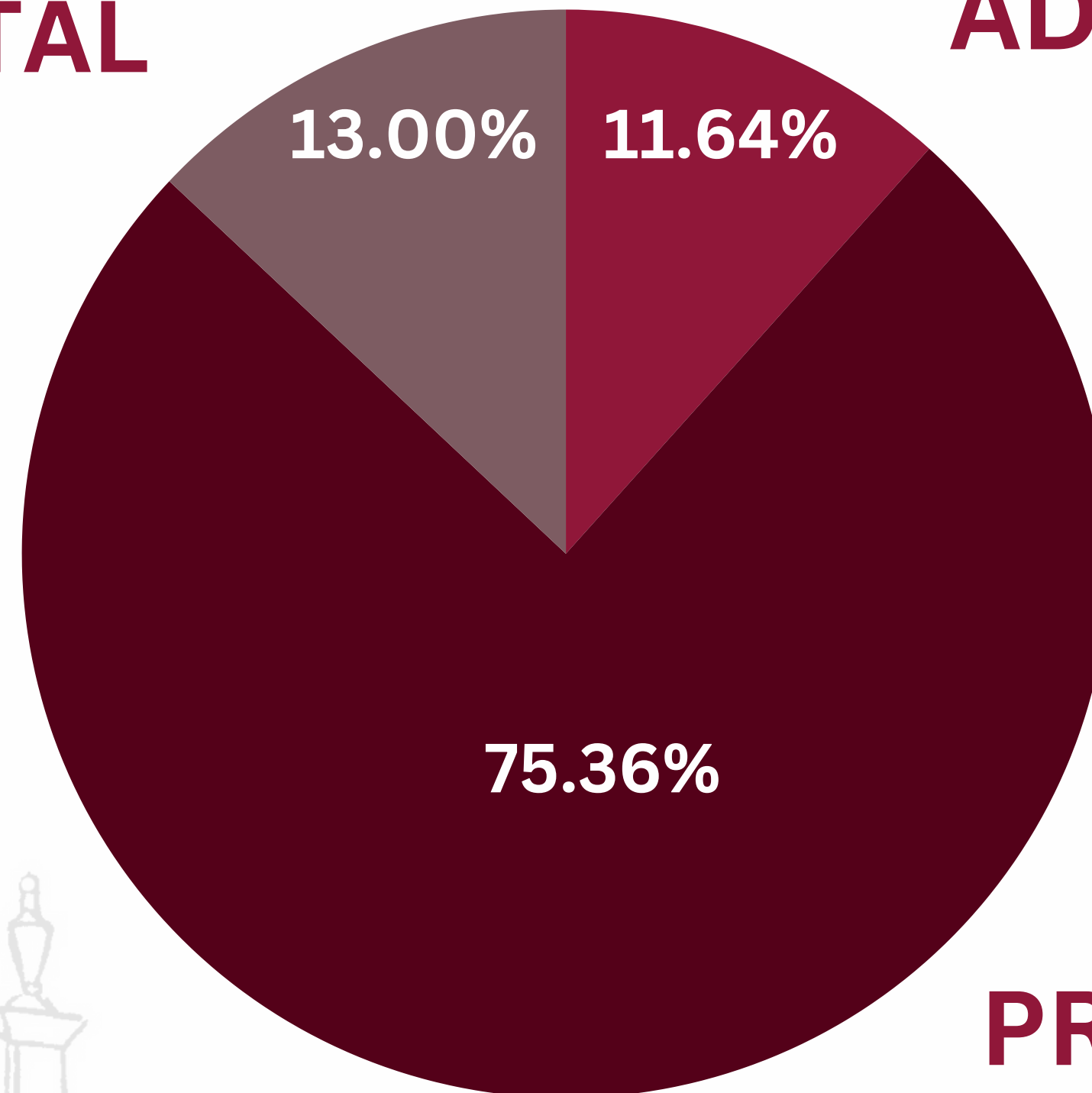
**Maximum Allowable Tax  
Levy:  
2.42 %**



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**CAPITAL**

**ADMINISTRATION**



**PROGRAM**

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3 Part Budget	Amount	% of Budget
Administrative	\$16,035,739	11.64%
Program	\$103,822,981	75.36%
Capital	\$17,902,125	13.00%
TOTAL	\$137,760,845	100%



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	Budget 2024-25	Proposed Budget 2025-26	Dollar Change	% Increase
Personnel Services	\$69,021,788	\$71,779,326	\$2,757,538	4.00%
Equipment	\$1,446,585	\$1,421,785	-\$24,800	-1.71%
Contractual	\$10,471,504	\$11,285,959	\$814,455	7.78%
Supplies & Materials	\$2,235,182	\$2,296,121	\$60,939	2.73%
Tuition	\$2,431,221	\$2,010,699	-\$420,522	-17.30%
Textbooks	\$399,056	\$434,321	\$35,265	8.84%
BOCES Services	\$5,088,937	\$5,459,689	\$370,752	7.29%
Debt Service	\$3,372,714	\$3,376,889	\$4,175	0.12%
Employee Benefits	\$37,120,379	\$37,196,056	\$75,677	0.20%
Capital Projects	\$2,200,000	\$2,300,000	\$100,000	4.55%
Interfund Transfer	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL	\$133,987,366	\$137,760,845	\$3,773,479	2.82%



# Executive Summary 2025-2026 Budget Proposal



## Budget Overview:

- *The 2025-2026 budget ensures that every student has access to high-quality education, safe and supportive schools, and the resources needed to thrive—while maintaining fiscal responsibility for our community.*

## Key Objectives:

- *Maintain balance between fiscal constraints and quality educational offerings.*
- *Prioritize resources for academic success, safety, and operational efficiency.*

# 2025-26 Budget Priorities



- **Student Success:** *Prioritize student needs in every decision.*
- **Community Engagement:** *Actively listen and respond to stakeholders.*
- **Safe & Supportive Schools:** *Ensure student welfare across social, emotional, and physical well-being.*
- **Academic & SEL Growth:** *Strengthen academic and social-emotional learning.*
- **Space Optimization:** *Utilize facilities effectively for learning and activities.*
- **Future-Ready Schools:** *Invest in infrastructure and evolving technology.*
- **Facility Excellence:** *Maintain safe, clean, and energy-efficient buildings.*



# ON THE BALLOT

Two propositions will be on the  
May 20, 2025 ballot:

- School District Budget
- Election of two Board  
of Education Trustees



# BUDGET CALENDAR

Budget Work Sessions	Date
Budget Development and Revenues	February 25, 2025
Overview and Non-Instructional/Administrative/Capital Components	March 11, 2025
Instructional Components – Part I	March 25, 2025
Instructional Components – Part II	April 8, 2025
Adoption of District Budget	April 23, 2025
Budget Hearing	May 13, 2025
Budget Vote and Election	May 20, 2025



