



Hoosick Falls Central School District

Our Mission:
"To develop responsible citizens
who possess the knowledge, skills,
and values to be successful
participants in a global society."

2025 - 2026 BUDGET Maintains Staffing & Programming

On Tuesday, May 20, 2025, the Hoosick Falls Central School District will hold voting for the 2025-2026 school budget.

This year, many school districts in our region are experiencing significant financial challenges. Some are facing difficult decisions, including staff reductions, cuts to student programs, and tax increases that exceed typical levels. These challenges stem from a variety of contributing factors.

Fortunately, our district is in a stronger position. Thanks to a combination of increased state aid and strategic financial planning, we are able to keep the proposed tax levy increase modest while preserving all staffing and student programs.

As our community's demographics continue to shift, so do the needs of our students. Each year, we strive to meet those needs creatively and efficiently, always mindful of the financial realities our residents face. **The Board of Education, in collaboration with district leadership, remains committed to developing a fiscally responsible budget that supports both current and future academic demands.**

Our focus is on maintaining manageable costs, preserving existing programs, and expanding opportunities from career and technical education to advanced placement courses. The proposed budget reflects the next phase of our multi-year financial plan, designed to ensure the long-term sustainability of the academic programming our students and families rely on.

For the 2025-2026 school year, the Board of Education adopted a tax levy increase at the tax cap of 1.31% on a proposed budget of \$31,308,609. Our average yearly tax increase for the past 10 years has been just 1.03%, which is far below the accumulated tax cap over this period of time.

The budget vote this year includes three (3) propositions: Proposition 1 (General Fund), Proposition 2 (Bus Proposition), Proposition 3 (Bus Purchase Reserve Fund). The bus propositions continue our forward-looking, budget friendly fleet replacement and upkeep program (Prop 2), while increasing our ability to save for future purchases as equipment becomes more expensive (Prop 3).

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. For more detailed information about the proposed budget, please visit our website at www.hoosickfallscsd.org.

Your vote on the Hoosick Falls Central School District budget on May 20th matters. I truly believe that our school and our children are a bright light in this community, deserving of our shared investment of time, resources, and care. I hope you'll take a few minutes out of your day to stop by and cast your vote.

Sincerely,

Joseph Patire
President, Board of Education
Hoosick Falls Central School District



Fourth graders and high school woodworking students enjoyed hands-on learning for a special "Toolbox Project". This event was organized in partnership with the District, Questar III BOCES, the Northeast Construction Trades Workforce Coalition (NCTWC), and Curtis Lumber.



Elementary students kicked off their recent Parents as Reading Partners (PARP) month with some active Yoga.

34 High School students traveled to Europe over the 2025 Spring Recess, and visited London and Paris.



Middle School students participated in the Center for Economic Growth's "What's so Cool About Manufacturing?" video competition, and took home the Viewers' Choice Award for their video featuring Saint-Gobain.



DAILEY INFO - FROM HERE ON OUT

A Message from Superintendent Dailey

We are experiencing what may be the greatest shift in perspective on education in at least two, possibly three generations. From preschool to college, government funding at both a federal and state level is being re-examined. **Thankfully, Hoosick Falls CSD has continued to receive financial support which allows us to maintain our focus and work for the benefit of our children. Much of the last school year has been spent developing long range financial, staffing and academic plans.** We have maintained almost all programming while navigating an uncertain financial future.

Some key points in this budget include:

- Developing the 2025 - 2026 budget with a tax increase of 1.31%
- Maintaining an average tax increase of 1.03% over the past ten years (2016-2025)
- Sustained programming in all areas including finance, agriculture, art, music, drama, AP and college courses, technical courses, as well as the Tiny Homes Project
- Continued relationship with Southwest VT Regional Technical School, sending over 20 students to attend CTE programs
- \$100,000 capital outlay project to begin replacement plan of exterior doors in the building

Accomplishments for the 2024-2025 school year include:

- *Special Olympics National Unified Champion School 2023-2027*
- Viewers' Choice Award for the Capital Region New York State What's So Cool About Manufacturing competition
- High School Musical Theater Awards: Mea Cleary recognized as one of the Top Ten Outstanding Lead Performers
- Multiple recognitions for both chorale and band students and ensembles at NYSSMA and other competitions
- Multiple athletes competing at NYS Championships in Track and Field as well as Wrestling competitions
- Reaching the NYS Regionals in Field Hockey for the 4th consecutive year

In addition to the General Fund (Prop 1), we are asking voters to approve the purchase of four **diesel** buses at **zero** cost to the taxpayer (Prop 2) and to increase the size of the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund (Prop 3). We are not changing our approach to purchasing buses, but the cost has increased over the past year and is projected to increase even more in the coming years. By increasing the size of the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund, we will be able to continue purchasing buses each year with zero cost to the taxpayer. Increasing the size of the Bus Reserve allows us to adjust to the increased costs of the buses each year.

Each year we ask you, the taxpayer, to support Hoosick Falls Central School District. We are one of the most successful small, rural schools in the Capital Region and we couldn't do it without you. We have only been able to provide the academic programming, vast array of clubs and courses, and multiple arts and athletic programs with your continued support. It is truly appreciated.

Please take the time to vote on Tuesday, May 20th!



Is there any tax impact from Proposition 2, to purchase school buses?

NO! The proposed school bus purchase of four diesel buses will be made through a 5-year borrowing plan. The District will receive an estimated 90% in State Aid for this purchase over a 5-year term. The Capital Bus Reserve will be used to offset the cost, less the State Aid, with **no impact to the taxpayer.**

Presenting the CLASS of 2025 TOP 10 SENIORS!



1-Ashley Druckenmiller, 2-Maddox Dorman, 3-Aiden Fleming, 4-Lucy Haynes, 5-Sadie Cornell, 6-Samuel Fauler, 7-Mea Cleary, 8-Isabella Caron, 9-Lila Coon, & 10-Cole Ziehm





2025 - 2026 BUDGET AT A GLANCE

Proposed Budget: \$31,308,609

Tax Levy Increase: At the tax cap of 1.31%

Board of Education: Election of three open seats for a three-year term, ending 6/30/2028.

>Brian Keegan
>Joseph Patire
>Jena Case



MAY 20, 2025
9 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
High School Gym



Proposition #1 General Fund Budget

Appropriate \$31,308,609 for the 2025-2026 school year, and for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditures adopted by the Board of Education on April 24, 2025 be approved and the amount thereof be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, after first deducting the monies available from state aid and other sources as provided by law. This includes funds to pick up children in the approved Child Safety Zone.



Proposition #2 Bus Proposition

Purchase school buses at a maximum estimated cost of \$775,000 and that such amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said District shall be issued.



Proposition #3 Bus Purchase Reserve Fund

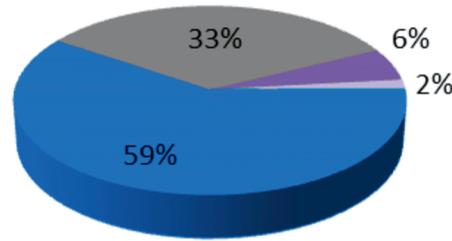
Establish a capital reserve fund to be known as the "Bus Purchase Reserve Fund" to accumulate moneys to finance the purchase of school buses with the maximum amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, plus investment income.

The probable term is ten (10) years unless terminated earlier by an affirmative vote of the qualified voters of the HFCS.

The Board shall be authorized, but not required, to fund such reserve beginning June 30, 2025 from the existing capital reserve fund and from unreserved fund balance. All expenditures from the Reserve fund shall only be made upon the affirmative vote of the qualified voters of the HFCS.

REVENUES

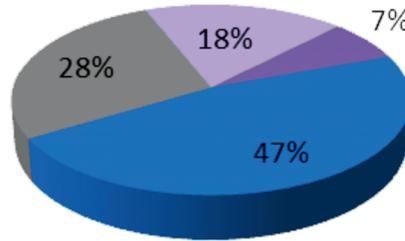
Where does the money come from?



- State Aid
- Local School Taxes
- Fund Balance
- Transfers / Misc.

EXPENDITURES

How does the money get spent?



- Personnel - Salaries
- Personnel - Benefits
- Operating (Non-Personnel)
- Transfer to Debt Service

2025 - 2026 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

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	\$ 30,599,028	\$ 31,308,609	\$ 30,833,518
Increase/Decrease for the 2025-26 School Year		\$ 709,581	\$ 234,490
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.32 %	.77%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.95%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 10,278,991	\$ 10,413,689	
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)	\$ 10,278,991	\$ 10,413,689	\$ 10,278,991
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 286,895	\$ 198,265	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 9,998,224	\$ 10,215,424	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$ 9,992,096	\$ 10,215,424	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 6,128	\$ 0	
Administrative Component	\$ 3,209,260	\$ 3,165,792	\$ 3,161,817
Program Component	\$ 22,107,633	\$ 23,302,662	\$ 23,147,546
Capital Component	\$ 5,282,135	\$ 4,840,155	\$ 4,524,155

* Provide a 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 School District must exclude non-contingent items such as supplies, certain equipment purchases except those deemed necessary for health and safety reasons or that are state aidable, and community use of school facilities (unless rental fees cover the full cost of facilities use); \$87,500 of instructional and athletic equipment purchases, \$61,000 of student school supplies, \$216,000 of operations equipment purchases, \$100,000 capital outlay project cost, \$10,591 salary increases will be eliminated under a contingent budget.

** 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 Purchase	\$ 775,000
	\$
	\$
	\$

NOTE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS OFFICIALS: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: amscmgrts@nysed.gov	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$ 501

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2025-26 by the qualified voters of the Hoosick Falls Central school district, Rensselaer and Washington County, New York, will be held at the High School in said district on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 between the hours of 9:00 am and 8:30pm, 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.



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Superintendent of Schools

Patrick Dailey



VOTE

MAY 20, 2025

9 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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VOTER QUALIFICATIONS:



Voters must be a United States citizen, at least 18 years of age, and a resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to the vote.

All individuals must provide proof of residency at time of vote. Proof must include a physical address, not a P.O. Box.

For those who cannot vote in person, absentee ballots may be requested through the District Office at (518) 686-7321 x1600. All ballots must be mailed or delivered to the school and received by 5:00 p.m. on May 20, 2025 to qualify as a legal ballot.

**SUPPORT STUDENTS
WHEN YOU COME TO
THE BUDGET VOTE ON
MAY 20, 2025!**

HFCSD ART SHOW
K - 12 Art &
Woodworking



2:30 - 6 pm

EMPTY BOWLS
Fundraiser
for HACA



2:30 - 6 pm

\$10 Donation
recommended.

Donation allows you to choose
1 student-made bowl and get
2 scoops of ice cream.
Ice Cream donated by Battenkill
Creamery & Stewart's Shops

SPRING CONCERT
Middle School
& High School



7 - 8:30 pm



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