

CHEEKTOWAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal Cheektowaga Central School District 140701	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	\$62,410,376	\$67,947,783	\$67,391,997
Increase/Decrease for the 2025-26 School Year		\$5,537,407	\$4,981,621
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		8.87%	7.98%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.95%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$27,736,376	\$28,292,162	
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)	\$27,736,376	\$28,292,162	\$27,736,376
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$335,895	\$70,592	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$27,400,481	\$28,221,570	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$27,400,481	\$28,221,570	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$5,313,026	\$5,482,509	\$5,428,191
Program Component	\$49,401,002	\$54,596,590	\$54,095,122
Capital Component	\$7,696,348	\$7,868,684	\$7,868,684

The 2025/2026 budget includes a \$100,000 Capital Outlay project to replace heat valves in the Middle School and High School.

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption savings ¹	\$387

*If the proposed budget is defeated, pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law, the tax levy for 2025/2026 would remain at the 2024/2025 level. First to be removed are non-contingent expenses. This includes most equipment, certain student supplies, new and multi-year contractual arrangements. After non-contingent expenses are removed ordinary contingent expenses are removed. This includes reduction in non-mandated programming, interscholastic athletics, extracurricular activities, summer school programs, field trips, non - mandated transportation, additional materials and supplies, and professional development. Exempt items include Debt Service, Charter School payments, Tax Certiorari proceedings and expenses related to increased enrollment.

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2025-2026 by the qualified voters of the Cheektowaga Central School District, Erie County, New York, will be held in the Raymond L. Carr Board Room in said district on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 between the hours of Noon and 9:00 pm, prevailing time, in the Cheektowaga Central High School, 3600 Union Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14225, at which time the ballots 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.

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) **N/A



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School Board meetings are generally held the second Tuesday of the month in the Raymond L. Carr Board Room, 3600 Union Road, Cheektowaga, at 6 p.m.
Those planning on attending are encouraged to verify meeting date and time by visiting our website or calling (716) 686-3606.

CHEEKTOWAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT • BUDGET FLYER 2025



2025-2026 Budget and Trustee Vote

Tuesday, May 20, 2025
12 Noon to 9 p.m.

Raymond L. Carr Board Room
in the High School

*Please park in main (south) lot and use side entrance
(adjacent to the parking lot) into the music area.*

Budget Hearing

The budget hearing and regular board meeting will take place on May 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

Voting Information

- Voting takes place in the Raymond L. Carr Board Room in the music wing of the High School from 12 to 9 p.m.
- A person must be a citizen of the United States of America.
- A person must be 18 years of age or older.
- A person must be a resident (not necessarily a homeowner) of the district for at least thirty (30) days preceding the election.

No prior registration is required and residents do not have to be registered voters.

Identification will be required and the preferred forms are a Board of Elections’ card, driver’s license, postmarked mail, rental/lease receipt, a non-driver identification card or a utility bill.

Board of Education Candidates

One candidate has been nominated for the two open at-large board seats on the Board of Education. The candidate receiving the highest vote totals shall be elected for a 5-year term to commence July 1, 2025, and expire June 30, 2030.

The candidate’s biography can be found online at:
Cheektowagak12.org/Budget/BOEcandidates

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025 • 12 NOON TO 9 PM

Budget Proposal At A Glance

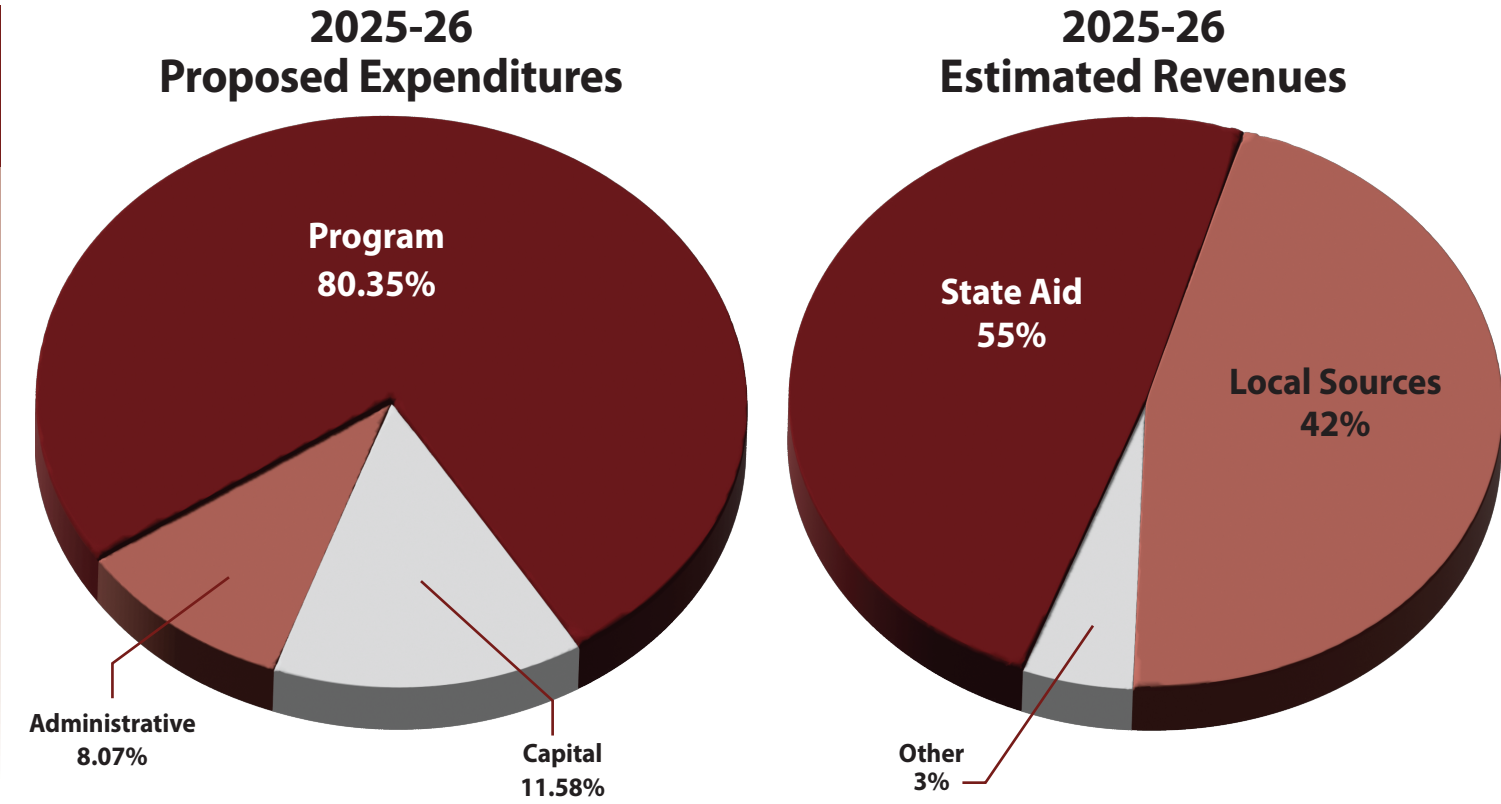
2025-2026 Proposed Budget
\$67,947,783

Tax Levy 2024-2025
\$27,736,376

Proposed Tax Levy 2025-2026
\$28,292,162

Proposed Tax Levy Increase
2%

What does this mean to the “average” family home in the District?
Annual cost increase - \$28
Monthly cost increase - \$2.37



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2025-26 Proposed Expenditures

Three-Part Components	2024-25	2025-26
Administrative - 8.07% <i>Provides funding for the support services of the District. This component is comprised of those expenses which are associated with the Board of Education, Central Administration and Central Services.</i>	\$5,313,026	\$5,482,509
Program - 80.35% <i>This portion covers general instruction, special education, BOCES instructional programs, curriculum and staff development. Additionally, pupil support services such as counseling, library, health, co-curricular, interscholastic and transportation are included in this component.</i>	\$49,401,002	\$54,596,590
Capital - 11.58% <i>Comprised of those expenses which are associated with the operation and maintenance portions of the budget. Also included in this component is debt service.</i>	\$7,696,348	\$7,868,684
TOTAL	\$62,410,376	\$67,947,783

Ballot Information

PROPOSITION NO. 1
BUDGET FOR CHEEKTOWAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Cheektowaga Central School District (the “District”) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefore are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property of the District to be levied and collected as required by law.

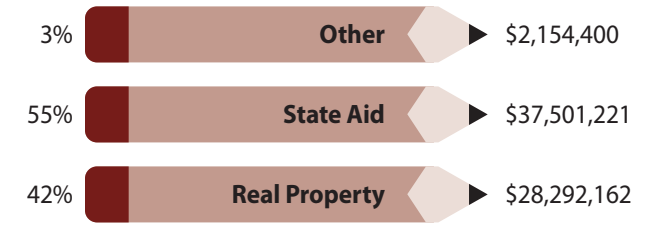
☐ YES ☐ NO

Two Members of the Board of Education
(5-year term)

1A Renee Wilson ☐

Save the Date:
Veterans Concert for Heroes
Friday, June 13 at 6pm

Where Does School Funding Come From?



Items included in the proposed budget

- Maintain smaller class sizes in the lower grades
- Increased academic intervention services



A Message from the BOE President

Budget season is a crucial time for the administration and board to assess district needs and financial strength. The proposed 2025-26 budget focuses on the district’s mission and vision, prioritizing student success through engagement, structure, well-being, and relationships.

Our focus on engagement ensures students are actively involved in their learning, while a structured approach provides a clear pathway for academic and personal growth. We are committed to supporting student well-being, both inside and outside the classroom, creating a balanced environment. Relationships - between students, educators, families, and the community - continue to be at the heart of our efforts.

We remain dedicated to fiscal responsibility and the long-term sustainability of our district. This budget aims to enhance academic rigor, support student achievement, and maintain fiscal responsibility while offering diverse programs and extracurricular activities. Together, we are preparing students to be leaders in both our community and the global world. Please remember to vote and help shape the future of our school district.

Renee Wilson
Board of Education President

A Message from the Superintendent

As we approach the 2025-26 budget vote, this mailing will provide you with important financial information. However, I also want to highlight how this budget impacts our schools. We have worked diligently to create a budget that supports our four cornerstones, reflects the needs of our students, and strengthens our district for the future.

We try to look at our school budget through the lens of our students. Our top priority is ensuring a safe and clean learning environment. Additionally, we must maintain an appropriate number of staff members to provide instruction, resources, services, and opportunities for all students, from pre-K through grade 12.

Our goal is to create a budget that supports not only the needs of today but also the future - an institution where character, curriculum, and community connect.

Thank you for your dedication to our schools and the future of our students.

Scott Zipp
Superintendent

Highlighting Our Successes...

Union East Elementary School

Union East is proud of the work our students and teachers do each and every day. This dedication is reflected in the progress we see across all academic areas. We are committed to meeting the needs of all students in both reading and math. Our school has prioritized providing differentiated reading instruction tailored to each student’s strengths and needs. Additionally, we stand by our character education slogan, “Be the Elite.” Students are challenged and recognized daily for demonstrating positive character throughout the school community. We look forward to continuing to celebrate the growth and success of our students.

Cheektowaga Central Middle School

The faculty and staff at Cheektowaga Central Middle School are deeply committed to our students and support them in all that they do. We strive to provide the highest quality education, enriching extracurricular experiences, and a wide range of opportunities to help our students grow into caring, capable, and well-rounded individuals.

Cheektowaga Central High School

With the support of our community, the high school continually seeks ways to provide opportunities for all students to succeed in a welcoming and inclusive environment. Currently, we offer 19 college-level courses and a wide variety of electives across all content areas. We also support more than 40 athletic teams and 26 clubs, including a highly successful Unified program.

Our Fine Arts department hosts several concerts and an annual musical production, showcasing student talent and creativity. In addition, our Pupil Services team organizes a range of free guest speaker events and college and career field trips to support students in their post-secondary planning.

We remain committed to helping our students reach their full potential - academically, socially, emotionally, and athletically - while honoring each individual's unique strengths. This important work is only possible with your continued support.