








Special Budget Edition MAY 2026 MECHANICVILLE

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

2026-27 BUDGET VOTE *at-a-glance*

VOTE Tuesday, May 19 Noon to 9 p.m. Mechanicville High School Gymnasium, 25 Kniskern Ave.	▶ \$37,350,893 Proposed Budget	3.4% Tax levy increase	2.31% Overall budget increase	Student-Focused. Financially Responsible. Built for Sustainable Success.
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DISTRICT PRIORITIES

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CULTURE
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STUDENT PERFORMANCE
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DISTRICT FACILITIES
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COMMUNICATION
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FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY



↑ Taking their final bow, the Drama Club celebrates a standout performance of “Legally Blonde,” a shining example of how district support for the arts creates meaningful, engaging experiences for students.

Message from the Superintendent

Dear MCS D Community:

The Mechanicville City School District Board of Education has officially adopted a proposed budget for the 2026-27 school year. This proposal will go before voters on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

Budget Overview

The proposed \$37,350,893 budget would allow us to continue to provide high-quality education to our students, maintain our facilities and preserve long-term fiscal stability.

The budget represents a 2.31% increase in expenditures. The budget proposes a 3.4% increase in the tax levy to help offset a decrease in revenue, particularly in state funding.

Facilities and Infrastructure

Our campus has seen many positive changes recently due to well-thought-out capital projects.

- We remain committed to maintaining and improving these facilities.
- Again, with advocacy for state funding, we will continue to plan for future enhancements to our physical plant.

Fiscal Strategy & Sustainability

In addition to the tax levy increase, the district would utilize a portion of our fund balance to close the budget gap. We are using considerably less fund balance this budget than in budgets past. As conventional wisdom has it, the use of fund balance to close the budget gap is not sustainable. To strengthen our financial position, we have made the following adjustments:

- We would use considerably less fund balance in this budget compared to previous years.
- Our ultimate goal is to reduce this reliance further until the use of fund balance is no longer required.
- Through continued advocacy for state funding, we aim to remain financially stable for the future.

Our Commitment

In a world of financial uncertainty, we believe this balanced budget is fiscally responsible. It places the district in a better position to navigate future challenges while continuing to provide a well-balanced educational experience for every student.

Sincerely,
G. Michael Apostol
Superintendent of Schools

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Budget Vote and Board Election

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What's inside?

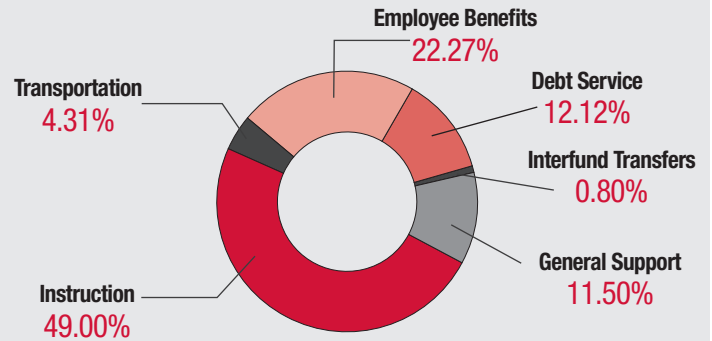
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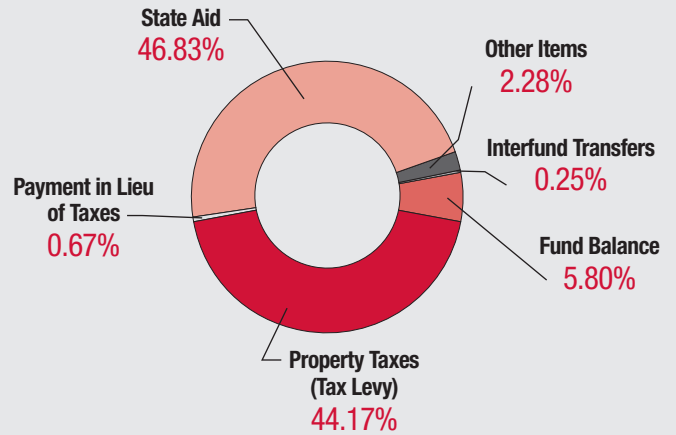


2026-27 Budget Summary

EXPENDITURES	2026-27 Proposed Budget	2025-26 Budget	Percent Change
General Support	\$4,294,861	\$3,930,447	9.27%
Instruction	\$18,300,366	\$17,945,232	1.98%
Transportation	\$1,610,555	\$1,836,425	-12.30%
Employee Benefits	\$8,319,255	\$8,169,007	1.84%
Debt Service	\$4,525,856	\$4,324,857	4.65%
Interfund Transfers	\$300,000	\$300,000	0.00%
Total	\$37,350,893	\$36,505,968	2.31%



REVENUES	2026-27 Proposed Budget	2025-26 Budget	Percent Change
Property Taxes	\$16,498,133	\$15,955,498	3.40%
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$250,000	\$225,000	11.11%
State Aid	\$17,490,675	\$16,882,968	3.60%
Other Items	\$851,000	\$509,500	67.03%
Interfund Transfers	\$95,000	\$95,000	0.00%
Fund Balance	\$2,166,085	\$2,613,002	-17.10%
Appropriated TRS Reserve	\$0	\$100,000	-100%
Appropriated Debt Reserve	\$0	\$125,000	-100%
Total Sources of Funding	\$37,350,893	\$36,505,968	2.31%



School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2025-26 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2026-27 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$36,505,968	\$37,350,893	\$36,769,746
Increase/Decrease for the 2026-27 School Year		\$844,925	\$263,778
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.31%	0.72%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.63%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$15,955,498	\$16,498,133	
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)	\$15,955,498	\$16,498,133	\$15,955,498
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$2,186,307	\$2,774,160	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$14,327,755	\$14,286,733	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$13,769,191	\$13,723,973	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$558,564	\$562,760	
Administrative Component	\$2,581,970	\$2,749,357	\$2,637,730
Program Component	\$27,110,016	\$27,668,215	\$27,502,023
Capital Component	\$6,813,982	\$6,933,321	\$6,629,993

*If a contingency budget is adopted, the community will be charged for use of facilities, the district will not replace school buses, technology or equipment (beyond the amount of hardware aid paid by the state), managerial confidential employees will not receive raises, sports will not be funded, staffing and some programs may be eliminated pursuant to section 2023 of the Education 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)

Description	Amount
Statutory Bond approval - financing for bus purchases	\$598,000

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$489.60

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 by the qualified voters of the Mechanicville City School District, Saratoga County, New York, will be held at Mechanicville City High School gymnasium, using the red awning entrance in said district on Tuesday May 19, 2026 between the hours of noon and 9:00 p.m., 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.

Proposed budget highlights

Highlights & Additions:

- Proposed 2026-27 spending is \$844,925 higher than the 2025-26 budget, an increase of 2.31%. This reflects the district's continued commitment to supporting students by honoring negotiated contracts with its bargaining units.
- The proposed tax levy increase of 3.4%, or \$542,635, is less than the district's calculated tax levy limit of 6.60%, or \$1,053,063.
- Preliminary state estimates issued before a final budget has been passed show a decrease in building aid for the 2026-27 school year, meaning greater reliance on the tax levy to maintain current services.
- \$100,000 capital outlay project to replace worn and outdated flooring at the high school.
- \$35,000 to improve elementary school security with upgraded cameras and replacement of aging doors.
- The district is proposing to buy two 72-passenger buses, one 30-passenger bus, and one 30-passenger wheelchair accessible bus, at a cost of \$598,000, financed through transportation aid and statutory bonds.
- Addition of one elementary school counselor.
- Implement a new reading curriculum at the elementary school.
- Addition of girls lacrosse program to the district's athletics program.





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VOTING INFORMATION

Tuesday, May 19, 2026
Noon to 9 p.m.

**Mechanicville
High School Gymnasium**
25 Kniskern Ave.

All voters must be registered, U.S. citizens, age 18 or older on election day, and residents of the Mechanicville City School District for at least 30 days immediately prior to election day. Visit the district office or website for an absentee or early mail ballot application or call 518-664-5727 ext. 1103 for more information.

Propositions

Proposition 1: Budget

- SHALL the Board of Education of Mechanicville City School District be authorized during the 2026-2027 school year to expend \$37,350,893 and to levy the necessary tax therefore?

Proposition 2: Bus Purchase

- SHALL the bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Mechanicville on March 10, 2026, which authorized (1) the acquisition of school buses, at a maximum aggregate cost of \$598,000; (2) expenditure of such sum for such purpose; (3) levy of the necessary tax therefor (including the levy of a tax to pay the interest on obligations when due) to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education in accordance with Section 416 of the Education Law, taking into account state aid; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issuance of bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$598,000, be approved?

Proposition 3: Board of Education

- To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education to three (3) year terms each commencing on July 1, 2026, and expiring on June 30, 2029, to succeed John Pugliese and Marlene Tierney whose terms expire on June 30, 2026.

Proposition 4: Public Library Trustee

- To elect one (1) Trustee of the Mechanicville District Public Library to fill a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2031, to succeed Dawn Marie Robens whose term expires on June 30, 2026.



↑ Champions on and off the court, our 2026 Girls Varsity Basketball Team celebrates a hard-earned Regional Championship, showcasing dedication, teamwork, and Mechanicville pride.