



## District Highlights

- **\$18.6 million voter-approved capital project** to enhance facilities and improve student learning environments with no additional tax impact.
- **Eight Advanced Placement courses** and numerous dual-credit college opportunities.
- **NYSED-approved Agricultural Career and Technical Education program**, including a state-of-the-art greenhouse for experiential learning.
- **Creative arts instruction, music classes, lessons, and theatrical performances** beginning in the elementary grades.
- **District-run Universal Pre-K program** serving 36 4-year-old children.
- **Interactive display boards** to be installed in every classroom through NYS Smart Schools Investment.
- **Spanish instruction beginning in Pre-K.**
- **More than 20 extracurricular activities** and clubs.
- **Fourteen sports teams** compete across three seasons for student-athletes in grades 7–12.
- **New York State Department of Health-approved school-based mental health and dental services** at MPS and the Jr./Sr. High School.
- **Fitness center** available to students, staff, and community members.
- **A no cell phone policy** implemented during the 2024–25 school year ensures a distraction-free learning environment.
- **District-wide security upgrades** include bullet-resistant glass in key locations, a school resource officer at the Jr./Sr. High School, and a safety patrol officer at MPS.
- **An instructional reading coach** supporting the science of reading.
- **A behavior specialist** through ICAN providing additional support for young learners.
- **A Connected Community Schools site coordinator** supporting whole-child engagement, family development, and outreach.
- **A prevention specialist** through the Center for Family Life and Recovery, assisting students in making healthy choices.

**Waterville**  
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
381 Madison Street  
Waterville, NY 13480



**VOTE: May 20**  
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Waterville Jr./Sr.  
High School Cafeteria

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## CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### 2025-2026 BUDGET



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# Budget vote, board elections scheduled for May 20

On Tuesday, May 20, Waterville Central School District residents will vote on a proposed \$23,127,669 spending plan for the 2025-26 school year. The proposed budget was thoughtfully developed to support the district’s educational mission and meet the needs of all students — while remaining fiscally responsible to the community.

The budget proposal includes a 2.00% increase in the tax levy, which is consistent with prior year budgets. The tax levy reflects the portion of funding the district seeks to collect through local property taxes to help balance the overall budget.

Due to a limited Foundation Aid increase this year, the district is making targeted spending adjustments to address rising costs in programmatic services, employee benefits and operational expenses. The district will apply fund balance strategically to close remaining budget gaps.

## Key Budget Drivers for 2025-26

### RIISING COSTS

- Health insurance premiums to increase by 12%.
- Contributions to state retirement systems to rise by 8%.
- Costs previously covered by pandemic relief funds shifted to the general fund.

### SALARY OBLIGATIONS

- Contractual salary increases for Waterville Teachers Association members.
- Salary increases for SEIU-represented non-instructional staff.

### ADDITIONAL BUDGET PRESSURES

- Increased costs for special education placements.
- Higher liability insurance premiums.

The budget also includes a \$100,000 capital outlay project to fund replacing doors at Memorial Park Elementary School.

The budget includes a proposal on the ballot for the purchase of two large school buses, one small school bus, and one pickup truck with a dump body and plow, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$602,000.

### LIBRARY

The ballot includes a proposition that, if approved, would authorize the district to levy and collect a tax in the amount of \$266,950 for the Waterville Public Library and \$104,205 for the C.W. Clark Memorial Library.

One person, Corrine Bishop, is running for one of three open seats on the Waterville Public Library Board of Trustees.

# School District Budget Notice

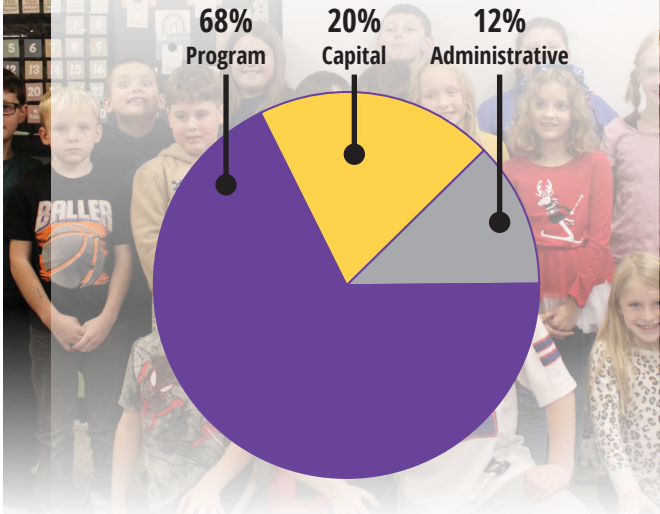
	2024-25 Adopted Budget	2025-26 Proposed Budget	2025-26 Contingency Budget
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$22,297,968	\$23,127,669	\$23,006,587
Increase/Decrease for the 2025-26 School Year		\$829,701	\$708,619
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.72%	3.18%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.95%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$6,055,269	\$6,176,351	
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)	\$6,055,269	\$6,176,351	\$6,055,269
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$420,226	\$395,087	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$5,635,043	\$5,781,264	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$5,635,043	\$5,781,264	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$2,519,778	\$2,764,860	\$2,643,778
Program Component	\$14,969,175	\$15,710,011	\$15,710,011
Capital Component	\$4,809,015	\$4,652,798	\$4,652,798

** Should the proposed budget be defeated, pursuant to Section 2023 Education Law, the contingency budget shows the reduction in supplies and materials and discretionary software.		
**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
	Proposition to purchase buses and a pickup truck	\$602,000
2025-26 Proposed Budget		
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>		\$435

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

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2025-26 by the qualified voters of the Waterville Central School district, Oneida County, New York, will be held at 381 Madison Street in the Jr./Sr. High School cafeteria in said district on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., prevailing time in the Waterville school(s), at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

## 3-PART BUDGET AT A GLANCE



The vote will be held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Waterville Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria, 381 Madison Street, Waterville, NY 13480.



## Board of Education candidates

Daniel Nichols and Laurie Zweifel

More information about the candidates can be found at [waterville.org/departments-services/budget-finance/](http://waterville.org/departments-services/budget-finance/)

## Absentee Ballots

Both absentee ballot and early voting are available. You must fill out an application to vote by early voting or absentee ballot. There are separate applications for each, but the application process and deadlines are the same for both. Early mail voting is similar to absentee voting, but requires no reason as to why in-person voting is not possible. The voter must indicate only that they are qualified and wish to vote early by mail.

To obtain an application for either type of ballot, please call District Clerk Jennifer Nichols at (315) 841-3816 or email [jnichols@watervillesd.org](mailto:jnichols@watervillesd.org).

The completed ballot must be received by 5 p.m. on May 20, 2025 (the day of the vote).