

Superintendent's Report

4/21/26

Wynantskill & Troy Reorganization Vote **PASSES**

WYNANTSKILL, NY - The Wynantskill Union Free School District today announced the results of the public vote regarding the proposed reorganization with the Enlarged City School District of Troy.

On March 31, 2026, district residents cast their ballots on the proposal to merge the Wynantskill UFSD with the Troy Enlarged City School District. The final vote tally was:

- **Yes: 709**
- **No: 507**

Based on these results, the proposition has **passed**.

Superintendent Yodis acknowledged the significance of the vote and expressed appreciation for community participation.

“We are grateful to our residents for engaging in this important decision and making their voices heard. This process has reflected the strong commitment our community has to the future of our students and our schools.”

The approval of the reorganization marks a significant step toward combining resources and educational opportunities for Wynantskill students. The districts will now begin the transition process, which will include coordination with the New York State Education Department and the development of a detailed implementation timeline.

Board of Education President Nichole Hurbanek added:

“We respect the outcome of the vote and remain committed to supporting our students, staff, and community as we move forward together.”

The district will provide additional information and next steps in the coming weeks. Residents are encouraged to visit the district website at <https://www.wynantskillufsd.org/> for updates and resources related to the vote and its implications.



2026-2027 Budget Proposal

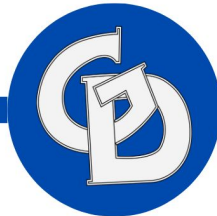
April 21, 2026

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DISTRICT

OUR MISSION

Every One | Every Day | In Every Way | Together

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We remained fiscally conservative while keeping our eye on the prize...our STUDENTS!!!



We built a budget to support the great work from our faculty and staff!

A Year of Possibilities



2025-2026

2026-27 Budget Planning/Feasibility Timeline

Special Meeting -Reorganization Vote - March 31st

April BOE Meeting - April 21st

Budget Hearing - May 12th

Budget Vote - May 19th



NEED TO CREATE 2 BUDGET SCENARIOS:

No reorganization with Troy: 6.4% Tax Increase

Reorganization with Troy: 0% Tax Increase

GD PreK-8 Enrollment Projections 2026-2027

	2026-2027 Est Total
PK	18
K	19
ICAN	6
1	23
2	23
3	41 (6/8 @ LR)
4	31
5	34
6	35
7	29
8	43
	302

**Projected
Enrollment for
2026-27**

	2023-2024 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2025-2026 Actual	2026-2027 Estimated Aids per Executive Proposal
Foundation Aid	1,929,819	1,929,819	1,968,415	1,988,099 (+19,684)
BOCES Aid	328,466	286,919	384,083	325,181 (-\$58,902)
Private/Public Excess Cost Aid (Special Ed)	43,080	46,425	37,494	49,137 (+11,643)
High cost (Special Education)	5,252	49,037	13,924	94,019 (+\$80,095)
Instructional Materials Aid (Hardware, Software, Textbook, Library)	38,449	39,129	39,549	37,529 (-\$2,020)
Transportation (including Summer)	514,638	535,112	494,802	553,194 (+\$58,392)
Building + Bldg Reorg Incent	705,357	306,925	325,154	263,690 (-\$61,464)
Universal Pre-K	97,200	81,000	97,200	150,000 (+\$52,800)
Total Actual Aid Totals for 23-24, 24-25 & 25-26	3,662,261	3,274,366	3,360,621	\$3,460,849 (+\$100,228)

2026-27 Budget Increases in Staffing



TRS Contributions @ 8.24%, FICA & Salary Increase =
\$149,384

ERS Contributions up from 16.5% to 17.6% & Salary Increase
= \$36,240

Health Insurance Increase 7% & 11.6% prescriptions =
approximately \$144,605

Total Increase to Sustain Current Staffing:

Additional \$330,229.00



Other Increases:

Technology (Chromebook
repair/replacements, software)

High School Tuitions

Special Education Increases (GD &
Tuitions)

Transportation Costs (Contracts with YT)

Gas & Electric

Materials

~~2026-2027 Tax Levy Increase of 6.4%~~

If there is no merger with Troy....

Wynantskill will exceed the Maximum Allowable Tax Levy and ask the community to support a Tax Levy Increase of 6.4%. This will require a supermajority vote with 60% “yes” votes.

Based on initial calculations for the 2026-2027 school year, Wynantskill will raise the tax levy \$393,971.00 which is a 6.4% increase on the tax levy.

0% Tax Levy Increase

As Suggested by the Troy City School District...

0% Tax Increase for the 2026-27 School Year with the Reorganization Vote Passed on March 31st 2026

Tax Levy Increase 0% Leaves a Gap of \$1,000,397

Wynantskill would use fund balance & reserves to offset the lack of revenue



Preliminary Budget Deficit Estimates

Preliminary Budget Deficit Estimate for 2026-27

~~Tax Levy Increase 6.4% = \$393,971 and Leaves a Gap of \$608,910~~

Tax Levy Increase 0% = \$0 and Leaves a Gap of **\$1,000,397**

In comparison to last year...

The 2025-26 Budget Gap = **\$578,813**

(\$115,333.00 1.91% increase on the levy)



Wynantskill's Fund Balance and Reserve Totals

Workers' Compensation Reserve \$135,303
Unemployment Insurance Reserve \$41,063
Retirement Contribution Reserve (ERS) \$605,000
Retirement Contribution Reserve (TRS Sub-Reserve) \$251,510
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve (EBALR) \$330,206
Repair Reserve \$250,000
Insurance Reserve \$487,704
Capital Reserve -Capital Project (1) \$70,000
Total of (8) Restricted Reserves = \$2,170,786



Unassigned Fund Balance 4% \$558,684

Amount needed to cover for a 0% increase = \$1,000,397

Using the Fund Balance and Insurance Reserve \$1,046,388

2026-2027 Budget Numbers

Proposed Budget for 2026-2027 = \$11,600,397


Increase over the 2025-2026 Budget: \$282,615 (2.5%)

Proposed Revenue \$10,600,000

Gap -\$1,000,397



2026-27 Budget Highlights

- Continue School Resource Officer
 - Continue to fully support social emotional learning opportunities with full time social worker, school counselor and school psychologist
 - After-School Academic/Social/Sports Clubs
 - Professional Development in all areas
 - Technology UpKeep and Enhancements- 1:1 Devices, Raptor security
 - Increase Special Education Programs - (2) self-contained classrooms
 - Additional Educational Aides
 - **Expand PreK to 20 students**
 - **Two Instructional Coaches**
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2026-27 Budget Presented in 3 Parts:

- **Administrative Budget**
 - **Program Budget**
 - **Capital Budget**

Administrative Budget

DESCRIPTION	2025-26 BUDGET	2026-27 BUDGET	VARIANCE	PURPOSE
BOARD OF EDUCATION & DISTRICT CLERK	23,993	24,173	180	This section includes the stipend for the district clerk, supplies and other expenses. Also included are costs to support the Annual School Board Election & Budget Vote.
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	159,831	164,445	4,614	Superintendent salary, clerical staff, supplies
FINANCE	196,342	201,493	5,151	Included expenses are to coordinate all financial matters of the district. Business office personnel, auditor, BOCES services such as Health and Safety, STAC
LEGAL SERVICES	10,000	10,000	0	This section supports legal counsel services for arbitration or representation as required.
PERSONNEL	1,600	1,650	50	OLAS
RECORDS MANAGEMENT	1,300	1,300	0	Shredding & Records Management
PUBLIC INFORMATION	61,331	69,227	7,896	District communications /BOCES website hosting
OTHER CENTRAL SERVICES	117,926	120,899	2,973	Postage, copiers, BOCES contracts for schooltool, nutrikids, IEP Direct...Addition of Parent Square, ClassLink & Board DOcs

Administrative Budget Continued...

DESCRIPTION	2025-26 BUDGET	2026-27 BUDGET	VARIANCE	PURPOSE
OTHER SPECIAL ITEMS	114,244	116,049	1,805	School Association Dues, BOCES Administration/Rent Fees
SUPERVISION-REGULAR SCHOOL	181,523	186,838	5,315	Expenses include salaries for building principal, and clerical. Also, supplies, equipment & conf. expenses.
RESEARCH, EVALUATION & PLAN	17,026	17,026	0	This section is for BOCES sponsored workshops and planning for teachers to comply with state mandates, and Data Coordinator through BOCES
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	238,781	263,823	25,042	ERS/TRS, SS, Workers Comp, Health/Dental.
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET	1,123,897	1,176,924	53,026	

Program Budget

DESCRIPTION	2025-26 BUDGET	2026-27 BUDGET	VARIANCE	PURPOSE
INSTRUCTION	5,806,384	5,821,639	15,255	Staff salaries, substitutes, health services, school library, nurse, special education services, tuitions, technology
OTHER DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION	962,675	1,061,734	99,059	Bus driver salaries with longevity increase (does not include benefits), bus materials, repairs and Fuel
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,101,619	2,197,108	95,489	ERS/TRS, SS, workers comp, health/dental
OTHER TRANSFERS	8,095	8,095	0	Transfer to special aid- district share summer
TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET	8,878,773	9,088,576	209,803	

Capital Budget

DESCRIPTION	2025-26 BUDGET	2026-27 BUDGET	VARIANCE	PURPOSE
OPERATION OF PLANT	579,110	590,576	11,466	Supervision salaries, contractual Gas, Electricity, Water, Phone, Trash Removal, Custodial Services (Cleaning Company)
MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	97,035	112,560	15,525	Supplies, equipment 1 maintenance employee
JUDGEMENTS & CLAIMS	500	500	0	Tax claims
REFUND ON REAL PROPERTY	500	500	0	This section supports court ordered reductions of assessments after bills have been printed or paid.
OTHER SPECIAL ITEMS	18,240	20,429	2,189	Property insurance
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	78,835	84,194	5,359	Custodial benefits
DEBT SERVICE	540,892	526,138	(14,754)	Principal and interest on bond for 1 old project, and BOND for current project
TOTAL CAPITAL	1,315,112	1,334,897	19,785	

Budget Summary

DESCRIPTION	2025-26 BUDGET	2026-27 BUDGET	% of the 2025-26 Budget	PURPOSE
ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET	1,123,897	1,176,924	10.14%	Superintendent, principal, business staff
PROGRAM BUDGET	8,878,773	9,088,576	78.35%	Instructional staff, supplies, textbooks, athletics, transportation, special ed
CAPITAL BUDGET	1,315,112	1,334,897	11.51%	Operation of the plant, and School Resource Officer
TOTAL BUDGET	11,317,782	11,600,397	100.00%	2.50% Increase to the 25-26 Budget

Proposed Revenues 2026-2027

DESCRIPTION	2026-27 Revenue
School Tax/STAR	\$6,155,472
State Aid	\$3,302,693
Total Services	\$939,989
Total Other	\$201,846
Use of appropriated fund balance	\$1,000,397
Total	\$11,600,397

Proposed Revenues 2025-26 vs -2026-27

DESCRIPTION	2025-26 Revenue	2026-27 Revenue	Difference
School Tax/STAR	6,155,472	6,155,472	0
State Aid	3,349,096	3,302,693	(46,403)
Total Services	944,306	939,989	(4,317)
Total Other	290,095	201,846	(88,249)
Total without fund balance	10,738,969	10,600,000	(138,969)
Use of appropriated fund balance	578,813	1,000,397	421,584
Total	\$11,317,782	\$11,600,397	

Budget Proposition #1

Consideration for approval:

To adopt for presentation to the voters of the district, as PROPOSITION #1, the 2026-2027 Budget as recommended by Administration as follows:

Shall the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York be authorized to expend the total amount of **\$11,600,397** during the school year 2026-2027 and to levy the necessary tax therefore.

Important Dates:

- May 12, 2026 – Public Hearing with 3-Part Budget - 7:00 PM
- May 19, 2026 – Annual Budget Vote – 12:00 PM – 9:00 PM



Thank you for your support!!!



Wynantskill UFSD Transportation

Bus Driver Appreciation Day Next Week

- Breakfast and Training at GD 4/22/26
- Thank you Mike Goyer for Training GD Drivers
- Thank you PTA for Gift Bags
- Thank you Lori, Tina & Eric for Breakfast

New bus #92 Delivered

Working on summer runs and next year's private schools



Buildings and Grounds (From Rocco)

- **Room 247**
 - RMB completed installation of the new heating coil.
 - Stark Tech inspection of UV confirmed the actuator for the zone valve failed in the closed position, not allowing hot water to the coil. All other components tested and operating as they should. Actuator has been replaced
 - Carpet & cove base installed. Thank you Flooring Environment!
 - Kyle Barber you may have your room back! :-)
- **Library.**
 - Electrical outlet mounted on stud
 - Sheet rock installed, spackled, sanded, and painted.
 - Cove base for the column and wall will be installed once it arrives.
- **New Speaker Project**
 - Waiting for delivery of the additional clocks, for the gym, cafeteria, library, and speaker for the stage.
 - Johnson Controls made a site visit to inspect the fire panel and the new audio rack for the speaker/clock system. Quote and tie-in to follow
- **Gym Doors**
 - Kelly Brothers installed the two new doors at the gym and the girls locker room
 - Mangione locksmith is scheduled to install the new key core at the gym.

Principal's Report



Middle School Drama Club Perform
How to Survive a Zombie
Apocalypse!



March Courage
Stars

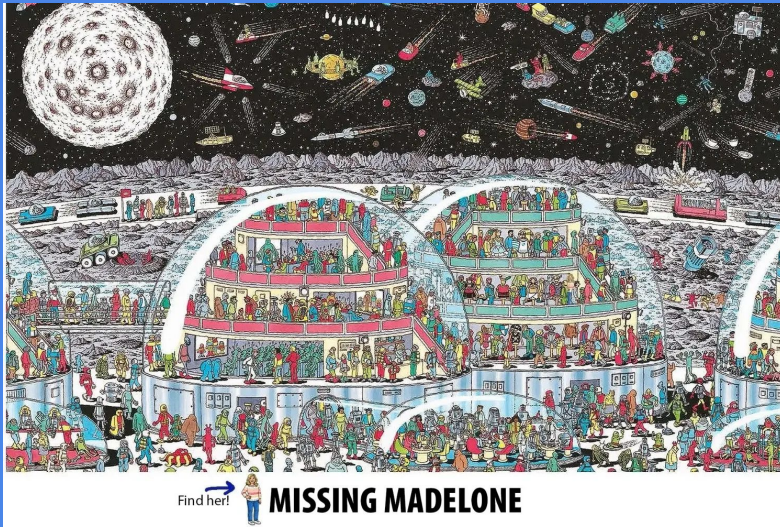


GD Wears Purple!



GD Appreciation for ALL
Assemblies

April Appreciation for ALL



We Appreciate Mrs.
Madelone, Mr. Lutz & ICAN
Staff!



Troy HS Jazz Band Visits GD!



ICAN Smoothie Cart

Current Clubs:

Running Club

Volleyball Club

Art Brick Painting Club

Peer Mediation Club

Circle Club



STEM Fair Postponed



GD Hallway Heroes!

**BECOME A
HALLWAY HERO!**

Help keep our school
clean and safe!



Help pick up litter!



Report any problems!



New York State Testing

ELA (Grades 3-8) April 21-22
(make-ups April 23-24)

Science (Grades 5 & 8) May 6
(make-ups May 7)

Math (Grades 3-8) May 12-13
(make-ups May 15-16)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



UPCOMING EVENTS

End of Year Events and Activities!

FIELD TRIPS

GRADES 5-8

Grade 5 ~ Legoland ~ May 18th
Grade 6 ~ Bronx Zoo ~ May 4th
Grade 7 ~ Mystic, CT ~ June 8th
Grade 8 ~ Boston, MA ~ June 15th

GRADES K-4

Grade 3 ~ Pine Bush ~ May 15th
Grade 4 ~ Albany Capital and NYS Museum ~ Date TBD
Grades K-4 ~ Sage Theater Institute ~
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus ~ May 6th



GD DAY AT THE JOE VALLEYCATS GAME

May 21st

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING CONCERT

May 19th ~ 6 pm

PARENT INFO SESSIONS

PreK & Kindergarten Parent Info Sessions ~ April 28th
Incoming PreK parents ~ 5 pm
Incoming Kindergarten parents ~ 5:45 pm

END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATIONS

FIELD DAY

Grades PreK-5 Field Day ~ Thursday, June 25th @ GD
Middle School Grafton Day ~ Thursday, June 25th

GRADUATION!

8th Grade Graduation ~ Wednesday, June 24th @ 7pm

MOVING UP CEREMONIES

PreK Moving Up ~ June 22nd 12:30 pm
Kindergarten Moving Up ~ June 22nd 1:30 pm
Fifth Grade Moving Up ~ June 24th 1:15pm

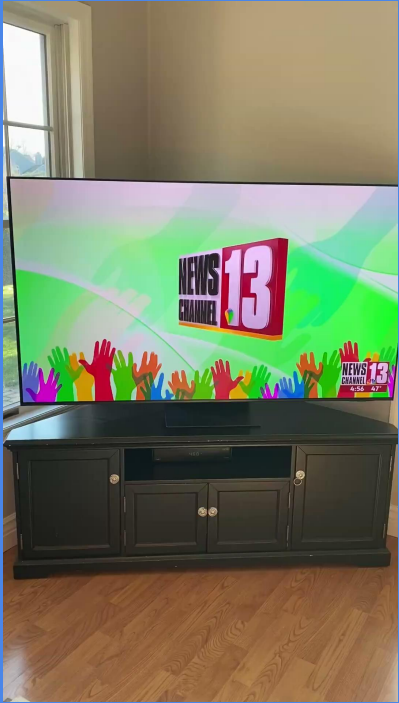


GARDNER-DICKINSON SPIRIT DAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 24



TWIN DAY!



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