



## Budget Overview: No Tax Levy Increase After Wynantskill-Troy Reorganization Passes

The Wynantskill Union Free School District community recently participated in a significant vote that will shape the future of our school. On March 31, 2026, residents approved the proposed reorganization with the Enlarged City School District of Troy by a vote of 709 in favor and 507 opposed. This outcome reflects strong community engagement and a shared commitment to providing expanded opportunities for our students. We extend our sincere appreciation to all who took part in this important decision-making process.

As a result of the approved reorganization, the district will move forward with a transition process in collaboration with the New York State Education Department, with more details to be shared in the coming weeks. Financially, this outcome allows the district to present a 0% tax levy increase for the upcoming budget year, as recommended by the Enlarged City School District of Troy. Rather than implementing the previously projected 6.4% increase, the district will close a gap of just over \$1 million using reserves and fund balance. This approach avoids additional burden on taxpayers while anticipating future \$241 million in state incentive aid associated with the merger.

This year's budget includes preserving and enhancing our most critical support services without raising taxes, including:

- School Resource Officer
- Full mental health team (social worker, school counselor & psychologist)
- After-school academic and recreational clubs
- Additional special education classroom
- PreK expansion to 20 students
- Instructional Coaches in literacy and math

"We are proud to provide tax relief for our community while continuing to support high-quality learning opportunities for all Gardner-Dickinson students through this upcoming budget and transition year with Troy CSD," said Superintendent Dr. Yodis.



**TUESDAY MAY 19**  
**NOON - 9 P.M.**  
**Gardner-Dickinson**  
**School Library**

### Who Can Vote?

Anyone who is a U.S. citizen, 18 years or older and is a resident of the Wynantskill Union Free School District for at least 30 days prior to the vote.

### Absentee & Early Mail Ballots

Unable to go to the polls on May 19?  
 Email  
[kbarber@wynantskillufsd.org](mailto:kbarber@wynantskillufsd.org)  
 for an application.

**0%** TAX LEVY INCREASE

PROPOSED 2026-2027 BUDGET

**\$11,600,397.00**



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# BUDGET COMPARISON

	2025-26	2026-27	Change	% of Budget
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$8,878,773</b>	<b>\$9,088,576</b>	<b>\$461,633</b>	<b>78.35%</b>
Teaching & Instruction, Instructional Media, Computer Services, Guidance/Health Services, Co-Curricular/Athletics, Special Education, Student Transportation, Bus Repairs/Maintenance				
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>\$1,123,897</b>	<b>\$1,176,924</b>	<b>\$14,128</b>	<b>10.14%</b>
Board of Education: Clerk, Legal, Census, Treasurer, Tax Collection Superintendent: Business Administration, Purchasing, Payroll, Insurance, BOCES Administration Principal: Supervision, Staff Development & Training, Curriculum Auditing Services: External, Internal & Claims				
<b>CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$1,315,112</b>	<b>\$1,334,897</b>	<b>\$8,949</b>	<b>11.51%</b>
Operation of Plant, Maintenance of Plant, Construction Principal/Interest, Purchase of Buses				
<b>BUDGET TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,317,782</b>	<b>\$11,600,397</b>	<b>\$484,710</b>	<b>100%</b>

# REVENUE ESTIMATES

	2025-26	2026-27	Change	% of Revenues
<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>	<b>\$6,155,472</b>	<b>\$6,155,472</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>53.06%</b>
<b>STATE AID</b>	<b>\$3,349,096</b>	<b>\$3,302,693</b>	<b>-\$46,403</b>	<b>28.48%</b>
<b>SERVICES DISTRICT PROVIDES</b>	<b>\$944,306</b>	<b>\$939,989</b>	<b>-\$4,317</b>	<b>8.10%</b>
<b>OTHER REVENUES</b>	<b>\$290,095</b>	<b>\$201,846</b>	<b>-\$88,249</b>	<b>1.74%</b>
<b>APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$578,813</b>	<b>\$1,000,397</b>	<b>\$421,584</b>	<b>8.62%</b>

## Learning to Vote, One Pie at a Time

After the huge success of last year's "duct tape a teacher to the wall" vote, we're excited to offer another fun opportunity that helps students learn the importance of voting!

On May 19, during the annual school budget vote and Board of Education election, community members and students (accompanied by an adult) can head to the polls to decide which staff member they'd like to see take a pie to the face.

With a lineup of brave staff volunteers, this lighthearted event gives students a chance to experience the voting process firsthand while building school spirit. We can't wait to see who gets pied!



**2026-2027 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	\$ 11,317,762	\$ 11,600,397	\$ 11,566,566	
Increase/Decrease for the 2025-26 School Year		\$ 282,615	\$248,786	
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.50 %	2.20%	
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.63%		
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$6,155,472	\$6,155,472		
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)	\$6,155,472	\$6,155,472		\$6,155,472
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0		
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$6,155,472	\$6,155,472		
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - F + D)	\$6,155,472	\$6,155,472		
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) ***	\$0	\$0		
Administrative Component	\$1,129,897	\$1,176,924	\$1,149,094	
Program Component	\$8,878,773	\$9,088,576	\$8,088,576	
Capital Component	\$1,315,112	\$1,334,897	\$1,329,896	
To reach contingency budget amount, the District would need to eliminate certain equipment purchases and non-union salary increases.				

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Under the Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year	
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$495

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 by the qualified voters of the Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York, will be held at Gardner Dickinson school in said district on Tuesday, May 18, 2026 between the hours of Noon and 8:00pm, 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.

**PROPOSITION #1: THE 2026-27 BUDGET**

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 2026-27 and to levy the necessary tax, therefore.

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

Voters will elect candidates to fill one (1) open seat on the Board of Education, which will be a one (1) year term.

The following candidate will be listed on the ballot:

*Eric Strang*

### ERIC STRANG

Eric Strang has been a resident of Wynantskill since 1998. He has served on the Wynantskill Union Free School Board since November 2016. Eric continues to work towards providing children the best opportunities to grow their skills and explore their interests through school.

### UPCOMING TROY CSD FIVE-YEAR TAX PLAN:

- 2027-2028 - 5% reduction in school tax levy
- 2028-2029 - 0% school tax levy increase
- 2029-2030 - 0% school tax levy increase
- 2030-2031 - 0% school tax levy increase
- 2031-2032 - 0% school tax levy increase



## VOTER INFORMATION

### When and where is the vote?

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### What if I have questions?

The district website, [www.wynantskillufsd.org/district/budget-taxes](http://www.wynantskillufsd.org/district/budget-taxes) has additional budget resources including a budget presentation from a Board meeting. You can also email the District Clerk at [kbarber@wynantskillufsd.org](mailto:kbarber@wynantskillufsd.org).