

SUSTAINING EXCELLENCE

Dearest neighbors,

This newsletter will outline the budget proposal for 2026-27, which voters will decide on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. The district is pleased to again present a proposal which is compliant with New York State's tax levy limit (tax cap), and which we believe will perpetuate the exceptional curricular and co-curricular programming which has become the hallmark of our beloved district.

As of the authoring of this newsletter, the State's budget is several weeks late, with no apparent resolution in sight. This is a frustrating development for districts seeking to finalize their own spending plans, but perhaps somewhat less consequential for our district given that the most recent Executive (Governor's) proposal (which has historically featured the most conservative



estimate of State Aid), reflected a projected increase in State funding higher than that for most districts. That proposal reflects (quite appropriately, we believe) increased support for students experiencing poverty, students who are English language learners, and students receiving special education services – all categories which are more present in the City of Plattsburgh than in most localities in our region.

Many media reports have outlined budgetary pressure and staffing/programming cuts in nearby districts. These may reflect a worsening economic outlook and a more austere climate for districts moving forward. While our district is planning for a generally status quo operation next year, the possibility of economic recession and diminishing State revenues (which could impact aid to education) in the next few years requires vigilant monitoring. To this end, while the involuntary reductions in force with which some districts are grappling are not our current reality, opportunities for efficiency and

savings via attrition will be carefully considered, if and as they arise.

The Clinton County Board of Elections has introduced very slight changes to the City's school voting districts, and a different section of this newsletter will address these.

We hope that you share our tremendous pride in the Plattsburgh City School District. Budget specifics are detailed further on page 3 of this newsletter. We thank you for your consideration of this year's budget proposal, and for all that you do to keep our district special and excellent. We hope you will make time on May 19th to participate in the annual budget vote and Board member election.

With continued thanks and Hornet pride,

Jay Lebrun
Superintendent of Schools

Facts & Figures

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Change in Budget
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Budget Hearing

Duken Building
Wednesday
May 6 @ 7:00 p.m.



IMPORTANT VOTER INFORMATION

Facts & Figures

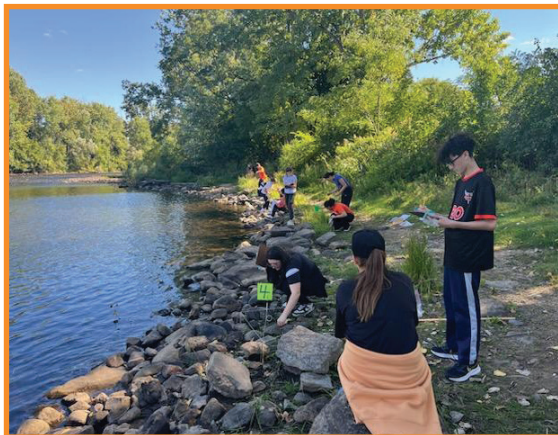
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School Budget Vote & School Board Election

Tuesday, May 19
7 a.m. - 8 p.m.



NOTICE TO VOTERS

Plattsburgh City School District School Board Election & Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

POLLS OPEN 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.



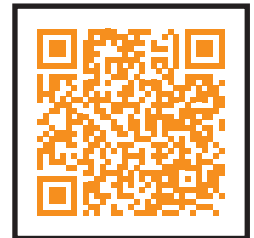
Due to the City of Plattsburgh's redistricting, some voters for the **School Board Election & School Budget Vote** will now vote in a different polling location on May 19th. This primarily applies to some voters who vote at Duken and Momot Elementary locations.

A map showing your voting District for the **School Board Election & School Budget Vote** is on the Plattsburgh City School District website under "Budget Information," along with other voter information of interest.

<https://www.plattscsd.org/budget-information>

Scroll down and click on "PCSD School Election Voting Map"

Questions? Feel free to call the District Clerk at 518-957-6002.



ABSENTEE/EARLY MAIL VOTING BALLOTS

Absentee and Early Mail Voting ballots are available to any interested, registered voter who is not able to vote in-person or would like to vote early. Effective January 1, 2024, Governor Hochul signed into law the New York Early Mail Voter Act, which allows any qualified/eligible voter to vote as an Early Mail Voter in these elections. Interested individuals can go to www.plattscsd.org to complete an Absentee or Early Mail Voter ballot application or contact the **District Clerk, Dawn Stetz at 518-957-6002 for more information.**

CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT

The proposed 2026-27 school budget includes funding for a Capital Outlay Project, or a “mini” capital improvement, not to exceed \$100,000.

The PHS Auditorium wall panels have reached the end of their useful life, with visible cracking and deterioration of the finish throughout the space. As part of the 2026–27 Capital Outlay Project, the outer veneer of these panels will be replaced to restore the appearance of the auditorium. Other related work will also be addressed as bid results allow.

Our Auditorium at PHS is one of our signature spaces; this work provides a cost-effective way to refresh a heavily used space, improving its overall look and maintaining a quality environment for students, staff, and community events, without the need for a full panel replacement.



Projected Annual Tax Impact of the 2026-27 Budget

These tax impact estimates do not assume any change in the total taxable assessed value for the City. This total valuation will not be known until June. Any increase in total taxable assessments will decrease the tax rate.

***Note: These estimates do not reflect any exemptions (ie. STAR).** Each taxpayer should further consider those exemptions for which they qualify.

Property Assessment*	Current Tax Bill \$18.46 per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Projected Tax Bill \$18.92 per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Annual Increase
\$50,000	\$923	\$946	\$23
\$100,000	\$1,846	\$1,892	\$46
\$150,000	\$2,769	\$2,838	\$69
\$200,000	\$3,692	\$3,784	\$92
\$250,000	\$4,615	\$4,730	\$115
\$300,000	\$5,538	\$5,676	\$138
\$350,000	\$6,461	\$6,622	\$161
\$400,000	\$7,384	\$7,568	\$184



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WHEN & WHERE TO VOTE

Tuesday

May 19, 2026
7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Glasgow Elementary

(Bailey Ave. Elementary)

50 Bailey Ave.
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Duken Building

49 Broad St.
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Momot Elementary

60 Monty St.
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

To find your polling location, visit: www.plattscsd.org/election-map/

2026-27 BUDGET OVERVIEW

	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Proposed	Change
Budget	\$55,873,862	\$57,410,993	2.75%
Revenues	\$52,794,379	\$54,754,755	3.71%
Applied Reserves	\$3,079,483	\$2,656,238	-13.74%
Proposed Tax Levy	\$25,907,674	\$26,557,754*	2.51%

*The proposed tax levy is compliant with the tax cap, and the proposed budget therefore requires only a 'simple majority' for approval.