



**Scotia-Glenville**  
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

# News

2025-26 BUDGET REVOTE



## Tartans United!

### S-G Unified Basketball wins first sectional championship title

Congratulations to all the athletes, cheerleaders, coaches, and supporters for an exciting finale to the Unified Basketball season. The team triumphed over Hudson Falls, winning the May 28 championship game with a score of 43-34 at MVP Arena in Albany.

## Revised budget vote set for June 17 at the high school; polls are open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**New proposal reduces tax levy increase to 3.25%, at the state cap; lowers estimated tax rate to 1.63%**

The school budget revote is fast approaching, and it's crucial that every community member takes time to review the proposal, share the information, and most importantly, cast their vote.

On Tuesday, June 17, Scotia-Glenville residents will vote on a revised \$66,513,694 budget proposal for the 2025-26 school year. The updated plan adjusts the proposed tax levy increase to 3.25%, which is within the state's allowable tax cap and down from the 5.09% increase, which voters rejected on May 20.

To achieve this, the district reduced expenses by \$614,964. The reductions were in the areas of buildings and grounds, transportation, the district office and one library position. As a result, the estimated tax rate increase is now 1.63%, down from the original 3.44% projection. For a home assessed at \$160,000, that would mean an estimated increase of \$64 per year, or about \$5.33 per month, before factoring in any STAR savings.

"The message from our community was clear: these are challenging times, and difficult decisions must be made," Superintendent Susan Swartz said. "This revised budget reflects thoughtful adjustments that prioritize students while addressing financial realities. We are hopeful that we can move forward together to sustain the quality education our students deserve."

### What happens if the revised budget is rejected?

If the revised budget is defeated, the Board of Education must adopt a contingency budget by Tuesday, July 1. This would result in significant cuts to staff, athletics, extracurricular activities, and other essential programs. A contingency budget cannot increase the tax levy over the previous year, reducing revenue by \$1,084,331. State law also limits what can be funded under a contingency budget, which would negatively affect students. **\$6**

## REVOTE

Tuesday, June 17 • 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
High School B-wing Gymnasium

### Budget Snapshot

- ➔ Proposed Budget: **\$66,513,694**
- ➔ Spending Increase: **\$1,428,500 or 2.19%**
- ➔ Estimated Tax Rate Increase: **1.63%**
- ➔ Tax Levy Increase: **\$1,084,331 or 3.25%**

### Voter information

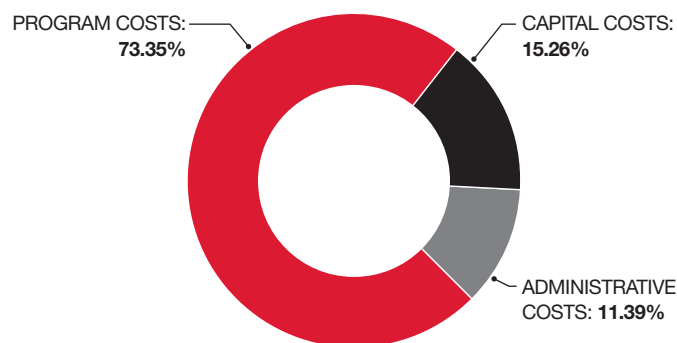
The district uses registration records from the Schenectady County Board of Elections for verification. Voters must be U.S. citizens, age 18 or older, and residents of the district for a minimum of 30 days immediately preceding the vote.

You can request an absentee or early voter ballot by contacting District Clerk Jill Busman at (518) 347-3600 ext. 7102, or [jbusman@sgcsd.net](mailto:jbusman@sgcsd.net). Ballots must be returned by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17 in order to be counted.



## Three-part budget for 2025-26

New York state requires school districts to show their proposed annual budgets divided into three categories: Program, Capital and Administrative.



### Program

#### 73.35% of the proposed 2025-26 budget

This part of the budget includes the salaries and benefits of teachers, teaching assistants, teacher aides and supervisors who spend a majority of their time teaching; instructional costs such as supplies, equipment and textbooks; and transportation operating costs.

2024-25 ADOPTED BUDGET	2025-26 PROPOSED BUDGET
\$47,374,296 (72.79%)	\$48,788,283 (73.35%)

### Capital

#### 15.26% of the proposed 2025-26 budget

This part of the budget includes all purchases of buses; legal judgments and settled claims; salary and benefits for custodial and maintenance staff; all facilities costs, including service contracts, supplies, utilities, maintenance, repairs, construction, renovation and debt; leasing costs; and capital transfers.

2024-25 ADOPTED BUDGET	2025-26 PROPOSED BUDGET
\$10,268,410 (15.78%)	\$10,151,259 (15.26%)

### Administrative

#### 11.39% of the proposed 2025-26 budget

This part of the budget includes office and central administrative costs; salaries and benefits for certified and non-certified administrators who spend 50% or more of their time performing supervisory duties; data processing; supplies; legal fees; property insurance; and school board expenses.

2024-25 ADOPTED BUDGET	2025-26 PROPOSED BUDGET
\$7,442,488 (11.43%)	\$7,574,152 (11.39%)

## Q&A

### Budget, tax, and voting information

#### Does the 2025-26 revised budget plan stay within Scotia-Glenville's property tax levy cap?

Yes. The state-mandated maximum tax levy cap for Scotia-Glenville in 2025-26 is 3.25%, based on the state's eight-step formula. The revised budget is at the cap and therefore requires a simple majority, 50% plus one, to be approved by voters.

#### How does the revised 2025-26 budget affect the tax rate?

Under the proposed 2025-26 budget, the estimated tax rate in Glenville/Scotia would increase by 1.63%, from \$24.59 to \$24.99 per \$1,000 of assessed value, a 40-cent increase.

For a home assessed at \$160,000, that would mean an estimated tax bill increase of \$64 per year, or about \$5.33 per month, before factoring in the STAR rebate.

### How does the state's STAR program affect my tax bill?

The New York State School Tax Relief Program (STAR) is paid by the state to the school district and is not administered by Scotia-Glenville. It is reflected as a smaller amount due on homeowner's school tax bills. This STAR exemption is no longer available to new homeowners.

Newer homeowners and others who have opted for it receive the STAR tax credit. They receive a check from the state in the STAR amount, usually in October or November.

The STAR program in 2025-26 will reduce school tax bills in Glenville by these amounts:

- Estimated \$502 for Basic STAR recipients. Property owners with incomes below \$500,000 are eligible.
- Estimated \$1,199 for Enhanced STAR recipients. Enhanced STAR is for property owners over age 65 with incomes of less than \$107,300. **\$0**

## Expenditures

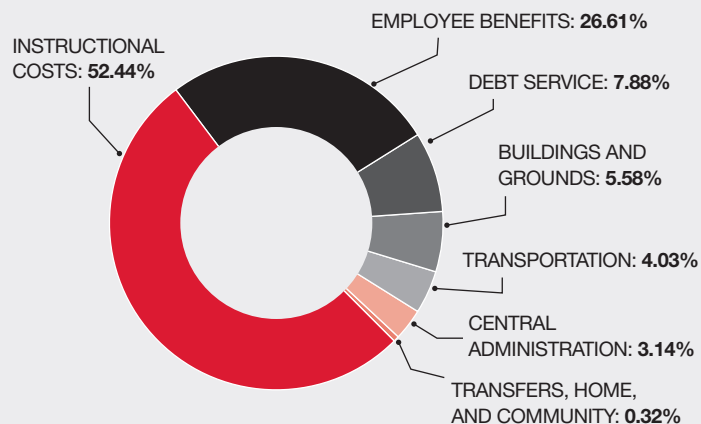
CATEGORY	2024-25 ADOPTED	2025-26 PROPOSED	% OF 2025-26 BUDGET	\$/% CHANGE FROM 2024-25 TO 2025-26
Instructional costs	\$34,381,144	\$34,881,378	52.44%	\$500,234 (1.45%)
Employee benefits	\$16,273,802	\$17,702,621	26.61%	\$1,428,819 (8.78%)
Buildings and grounds	\$3,803,996	\$3,711,566	5.58%	-\$92,430 (-2.43%)
Debt service	\$5,320,989	\$5,242,511	7.88%	-\$78,478 (-1.47%)
Pupil transportation	\$2,828,770	\$2,679,801	4.03%	-\$148,969 (-5.27%)
Central administrative functions	\$2,250,227	\$2,085,334	3.14%	-\$164,893 (-7.33%)
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000	0.15%	\$0 (0.00%)
Transfer to School Lunch Fund	\$15,000	\$0	0.00%	-\$15,000 (-100%)
Transfer to special aid	\$99,000	\$100,000	0.15%	\$1,000 (1.01%)
Home and community	\$12,266	\$10,483	0.02%	-\$1,783 (-14.53%)
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>\$65,085,194</b>	<b>\$66,513,694</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$1,428,500 (2.19%)</b>

## Revenues

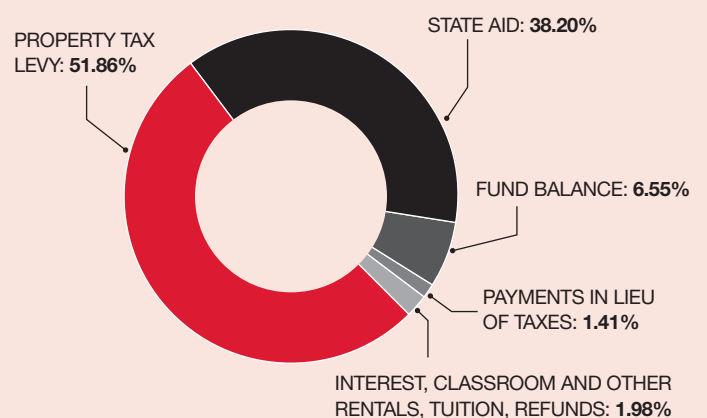
CATEGORY	2024-25 ADOPTED	2025-26 PROPOSED	% OF 2025-26 BUDGET	\$/% CHANGE FROM 2024-25 TO 2025-26
• Foundation aid	\$16,003,818	\$16,325,391	24.54%	\$321,573 (2.01%)
• Building aid	\$3,640,560	\$3,652,784	5.49%	\$12,224 (0.34%)
• Transportation aid*	\$1,981,339	\$2,133,749	3.21%	\$152,410 (7.69%)
• BOCES aid*	\$1,933,170	\$1,697,802	2.55%	-\$235,368 (-12.18%)
• High cost special ed. aid*	\$994,001	\$1,377,934	2.07%	\$383,933 (38.63%)
• Software, computer, textbook, library aid*	\$225,481	\$221,105	0.33%	-\$4,376 (-1.94%)
<b>Total New York State aid</b>	<b>\$24,778,369</b>	<b>\$25,408,765</b>	<b>38.20%</b>	<b>\$630,396 (2.54%)</b>
Payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT)	\$1,352,077	\$935,350	1.41%	-\$416,727 (-30.82%)
BOCES rental, refunds, misc.	\$180,000	\$205,500	0.31%	\$25,500 (14.17%)
Interest, Medicaid, Medicare aid	\$810,000	\$865,000	1.30%	\$55,000 (6.79%)
Tuition, admissions, etc.	\$247,678	\$247,678	0.37%	\$0 (0%)
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$4,308,558	\$4,358,558	6.55%	\$50,000 (1.16%)
Property tax levy	\$33,408,512	\$34,492,843	51.86%	\$1,084,331 (3.25%)
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$65,085,194</b>	<b>\$66,513,694</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$1,428,500 (2.19%)</b>

\*These are for reimbursement of services that S-G has already paid out.

## PROJECTED EXPENDITURES 2025-26



## PROJECTED REVENUES 2025-26



## Board of Education

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### State required school district budget notice

Overall Budget Proposal	BUDGET ADOPTED FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR	BUDGET PROPOSED FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR	CONTINGENCYBUDGET FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$65,085,194	\$66,513,694	\$65,429,363
Increase/Decrease for the 2025-26 School Year		\$1,428,500	\$344,169
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.19%	0.53%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.95%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$33,408,512	\$34,492,843	
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)	\$33,408,512	\$34,492,843	\$33,408,512
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$1,547,499	\$1,471,536	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$31,871.449	\$33,022,156	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$31,861,013	\$33,021,307	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$10,436	\$849	
Administrative Component	\$7,442,488	\$7,574,152	\$7,428,436
Program Component	\$47,374,296	\$48,788,283	\$47,849,668
Capital Component	\$10,268,411	\$10,151,259	\$10,151,259

\* Under State law, Boards of Education typically may submit a budget to voters a maximum of two times. The Board of Education may adopt a contingent budget and set the tax levy at the 2024-25 levy amount. That would require reductions in staffing, supplies, equipment, public use of facilities and other expenditures.

\*\* 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

### UNDER THE BUDGET PROPOSED FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$502
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The annual budget re-vote for the fiscal year 2025-26 by the qualified voters of the Scotia-Glenville Central school district, Schenectady, Montgomery and Saratoga Counties, New York, will be held in said district on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. in the B-wing gymnasium at the High School, Sacandaga Road, Scotia, NY. Absentee and early mail ballots must be returned by 5 p.m., prevailing time, on June 17, 2025. Voters must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age and a resident of the school district for 30 days immediately preceding the vote.

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