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Our students blend brilliance and kindness into the Tartan tapestry, motivating us to thrive and embrace the Tartan spirit. Together, we create a distinct pattern, one shared moment at a time.

**Keep shining. Keep growing.  
Keep rocking the Tartan vibe.**

### May 19 annual budget vote and school board election; polls open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

#### Amid consolidation, budget proposal balances fiscal responsibility with educational stability

On Tuesday, May 19, Scotia-Glenville residents will be asked to consider a \$67,155,932 budget for the 2026-27 school year. The proposal complies with state mandates while preserving all existing programs, services and extracurricular activities for our students. Additionally, it maintains funding for two full-time school resource officers. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the high school B-Wing Gym.

The proposed budget reflects a spending increase of less than 1%, or \$642,238, from the current year. It also includes a 1.78% increase in the tax levy, totaling \$615,267.

For a home assessed at \$160,000, the estimated tax increase would be approximately \$102 per year, or roughly \$8.50 per month, before any STAR savings are applied.

In addition to voting on the school budget, residents will consider two additional measures. **Both propositions are being presented with no increase to the 2026-27 tax levy.**

**Proposition 2:** The district would purchase a new 57-passenger diesel bus with wheelchair capacity for \$214,000 to replace Bus 213, which is 12 years old.

**Proposition 3:** The Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure Upgrade Project would support the district's transition to a zero-emission bus fleet by 2035, as mandated by the state.

For more information on the propositions, see page 3.

### Board of Education Election

Voters will choose from five candidates running for three vacant seats on the school board. Each seat carries a three-year, unpaid term. Candidates will appear on the ballot in the order determined by a random drawing.

#### For more information

To learn about each candidate and watch the May 6 Meet the Candidates Night, scan the QR code or visit the Budget & Taxes section on the district's website.



## VOTE

Tuesday, May 19 • 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
High School B-Wing Gymnasium

### Budget Snapshot

- ➔ Proposed Budget: **\$67,155,932**
- ➔ Spending Increase: **\$642,238 or 0.97%**
- ➔ Estimated Tax Rate Increase: **2.54%**
- ➔ Tax Levy Increase: **\$615,267 or 1.78%**

### Voter information

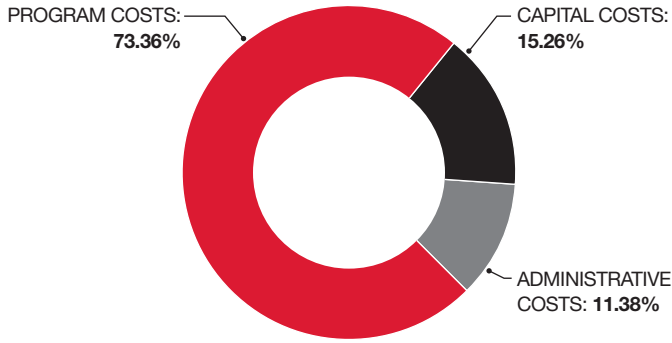
The district uses registration records from the Schenectady County Board of Elections for verification. Voters must be U.S. citizens, age 18 or older, and residents of the district for a minimum of 30 days immediately preceding the vote.

You can request an absentee or early voter ballot by contacting District Clerk Cathy Smith at (518) 347-3600 ext. 7101, or [csmith@sgcsd.net](mailto:csmith@sgcsd.net). Ballots must be returned 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19 in order to be counted.



# Three-part budget for 2026-27

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



## Program

### 73.36% of the proposed 2026-27 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.

2025-26 ADOPTED BUDGET	2026-27 PROPOSED BUDGET
\$48,788,283 (73.35%)	\$49,261,194 (73.36%)

## Capital

### 15.26% of the proposed 2026-27 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.

2025-26 ADOPTED BUDGET	2026-27 PROPOSED BUDGET
\$10,151,259 (15.26%)	\$10,250,135 (15.26%)

## Administrative

### 11.38% of the proposed 2026-27 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.

2025-26 ADOPTED BUDGET	2026-27 PROPOSED BUDGET
\$7,574,152 (11.39%)	\$7,644,603 (11.38%)

# Q&A

## Budget, tax and voting information

### Does the 2026-27 revised budget plan stay within Scotia-Glenville's property tax levy cap?

Yes. The state-mandated maximum tax levy cap for Scotia-Glenville in 2026-27 is 1.78%, 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 2026-27 budget affect the tax rate?

Under the proposed budget for 2026-27, the estimated tax rate in Glenville/Scotia is set to rise by 2.54%. This means it will increase 63 cents from \$24.95 to \$25.58 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

The tax rates are determined in July/August after the tax rolls have been finalized.

## 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 appears on a homeowner's school tax bill as a reduced amount due. This STAR exemption is no longer available to new homeowners.

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

The STAR program for 2026-27 will reduce school tax bills in Glenville using the following estimated amounts based on 2025 figures, as the 2026 amounts are not yet available from the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.

- Estimated \$456 for Basic STAR recipients. Property owners with incomes below \$500,000 are eligible for the Basic STAR credit, while owners with incomes below \$250,000 are eligible for the Basic STAR exemption.
- Estimated \$1,199 for Enhanced STAR recipients. Enhanced STAR is for property owners over age 65 with incomes of less than \$110,750. **55**

## Expenditures

CATEGORY	2025-26 ADOPTED	2026-27 PROPOSED	% OF 2026-27 BUDGET	\$/% CHANGE FROM 2025-26 TO 2026-27
Instructional costs	\$34,881,378	\$34,690,009	51.66%	-\$191,369 (-0.55%)
Employee benefits	\$17,702,621	\$18,198,822	27.10%	\$496,201 (2.80%)
Buildings and grounds	\$3,711,566	\$3,725,659	5.55%	\$14,093 (0.38%)
Debt service	\$5,242,511	\$5,386,526	8.02%	\$144,015 (2.75%)
Pupil transportation	\$2,679,801	\$2,749,665	4.09%	\$69,864 (2.61%)
Central administrative functions	\$2,085,335	\$2,175,815	3.24%	\$90,480 (4.34%)
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000	0.15%	\$0 (0.00%)
Transfer to special aid	\$100,000	\$121,000	0.18%	\$21,000 (21.00%)
Home and community	\$10,482	\$8,436	0.01%	-\$2,046 (-19.52%)
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>\$66,513,694</b>	<b>\$67,155,932</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$642,238 (0.97%)</b>

## Revenues

CATEGORY	2025-26 ADOPTED	2026-27 PROPOSED	% OF 2026-27 BUDGET	\$/% CHANGE FROM 2025-26 TO 2026-27
• Foundation aid	\$16,325,391	\$16,608,235	24.73%	\$282,844 (1.73%)
• Building aid	\$3,652,784	\$3,687,567	5.49%	\$34,783 (0.95%)
• Transportation aid*	\$2,133,749	\$1,989,053	2.96%	-\$144,696 (-6.78%)
• BOCES aid*	\$1,697,802	\$1,964,453	2.93%	\$266,651 (15.71%)
• High cost special ed. aid*	\$1,377,934	\$1,397,410	2.08%	\$19,476 (1.41%)
• Software, computer, textbook, library aid*	\$221,105	\$218,847	0.33%	-\$2,258 (-1.02%)
<b>Total New York State aid</b>	<b>\$25,408,765</b>	<b>\$25,865,565</b>	<b>38.52%</b>	<b>\$456,800 (1.80%)</b>
Payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT)	\$935,350	\$1,228,521	1.83%	\$293,171 (31.34%)
BOCES rental, refunds, misc.	\$205,500	\$275,000	0.41%	\$69,500 (33.82%)
Interest, Medicaid, Medicare aid	\$865,000	\$800,000	1.20%	-\$65,000 (-7.51%)
Tuition, admissions, etc.	\$247,678	\$247,678	0.37%	\$0 (0%)
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$4,358,558	\$3,631,058	5.41%	-\$727,500 (-16.69%)
Property tax levy	\$34,492,843	\$35,108,110	52.28%	\$615,267 (1.78%)
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$66,513,694</b>	<b>\$67,155,932</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$642,238 (0.97%)</b>

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

## Proposition 2: Diesel Bus Purchase

A proposal to purchase a new 57-passenger, wheelchair-accessible diesel bus for \$214,000, replacing the 12-year-old wheelchair-accessible Bus 213. The new bus, expected between September and November 2026, offers more seating for efficient routing and matches the capacity of an existing wheelchair bus. The retired bus will be auctioned, with proceeds helping to cover debt service payments, which won't impact the budget until the 2027-28 school year. The district plans to pay off the bond over five years, resulting in a net annual cost of \$14,248 after state transportation aid from 2027 to 2032.

## Proposition 3: Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure Upgrade Project

The EV Infrastructure Upgrade Project reflects the district's commitment to sustainability without affecting the 2026-27 tax levy. Furthermore, it is anticipated that there will be no tax impact in future years for this \$3 million project due to incentives from the New York School Bus Incentive Program (NYSBIP) and National Grid, as well as transportation aid and building aid. This investment aims to transition to a zero-emission electric school bus fleet by 2035, involving parking lot reconstruction, conduit installation, and electrical upgrades to support up to 50 electric buses. Additionally, the Beukendaal Building will be demolished to accommodate buses and chargers.

For more information, watch the March 2, 2026 briefing by SEI Design Group on the Board of Education page of our website.

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**State required school district budget notice**

<b>Overall Budget Proposal</b>	<b>BUDGET ADOPTED FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR</b>	<b>BUDGET PROPOSED FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR</b>	<b>CONTINGENCY BUDGET FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR*</b>
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 66,513,694	\$ 67,155,932	\$66,540,665
Increase/Decrease for the 2026-27 School Year		\$642,238	\$26,971
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		0.97%	0.04%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.63%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$34,492,843	\$35,108,110	
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)	\$34,492,843	\$35,108,110	\$34,492,843
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$1,471,536	\$1,619,921	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$33,022,156	\$33,488,189	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$33,021,307	\$33,488,189	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$849	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$7,574,152	\$7,644,603	\$7,561,949
Program Component	\$48,788,283	\$49,261,194	\$48,728,521
Capital Component	\$10,151,259	\$10,250,135	\$10,250,135

\* 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 2025-26 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)

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
57-passenger diesel bus with wheelchair capacity	\$ 214,000
Electric vehicle infrastructure upgrade project	\$3,000,000

**UNDER THE BUDGET PROPOSED FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR**

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$456
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The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 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, May 19, 2026, 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 May 19, 2026. 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.