

BRIGHTER TOGETHER

DISTRICT DISPATCH

North Syracuse
Central School District

BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

A Student-Centered Approach to the 2025-26 Budget

Dear North Syracuse Central School District community,

On Tuesday, May 20, residents of the North Syracuse Central School District will vote on a proposed 2025-26 school year budget totaling \$224,048,589. This budget includes a tax levy increase of 2.91%, which is within the allowable cap. While the district continues to face financial pressures, the proposal reflects a strong commitment to students and to the priorities outlined in the district's strategic plan: ensuring every child becomes a proficient reader, building emotional competence, and preparing all graduates for success beyond high school.

One of the most important ways the district supports student achievement is by investing in high-quality curriculum, effective instruction and the daily learning experiences that help students grow academically, socially and emotionally. We've prioritized maintaining small class sizes because we know that personalized attention and strong teacher-student relationships lead to better outcomes. Even amid significant financial challenges—including the loss of more than \$18 million in federal pandemic relief funds (CRRSA and ARP), rising costs and limited state aid increases—NSCSD remains focused on protecting these essential investments. Our commitment to excellent teaching and student-centered learning remains unwavering.

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Allen Road Elementary School students and families were recently invited to take part in the school's "Pop In and Play" math and literacy game night. Events like this are just one example of the many ways our schools are working to help all students become proficient readers.

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BUDGET AT-A-GLANCE

Proposed budget	Tax Levy increase
\$224,048,589	\$3,045,302

Proposed school tax levy increase
at tax cap = 2.91%

 **VOTE**
Tuesday, May 20
from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

TAX IMPACT ON \$100,000 HOME BEFORE STAR

	Cicero	Clay	Salina
Full Value	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Assessed Value (AV)	\$70,500	\$2,750	\$81,000
Est. Tax Rate Per \$1,000 of AV	\$26.26	\$673.43	\$22.86
Est. Annual School Tax	\$1,851.33	\$1,851.93	\$1,851.56
Tax Increase Yr. / Mo.	\$52.88/ \$4.41	\$52.30/ \$4.36	\$52.55/ \$4.38

These calculations exclude the benefits of STAR.

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District Expenditures : \$224,048,589

PROGRAM

	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Regular Instruction	\$57,117,706	\$56,138,758	\$(978,948)	-1.71%
Special School Program	\$29,329,507	\$32,056,513	\$2,727,006	9.30%
Student Services	\$13,831,410	\$15,455,927	\$1,624,517	11.75%
In-Service Training	\$976,801	\$1,191,384	\$214,583	21.97%
Legal	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$0	0.00%
Transportation	\$10,626,028	\$11,076,046	\$450,018	4.24%
Employee Benefits	\$52,021,358	\$52,779,889	\$758,531	1.46%
Total	\$164,077,810	\$168,873,517	\$4,795,707	2.92%

The Program (instructional) component represents the largest portion and focal point of the budget, accounting for 75.37% of the entire budget.

ADMINISTRATIVE

	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Board of Education	\$146,864	\$144,901	\$(1,963)	-1.34%
Central Administration	\$2,568,848	\$2,599,003	\$30,155	1.17%
Central Support	\$3,282,550	\$3,642,702	\$360,152	10.97%
Supervision/Staff Development	\$7,710,761	\$8,147,741	\$436,980	5.67%
Employee Benefits	\$6,212,453	\$6,584,940	\$372,487	6.00%
Total	\$19,921,476	\$21,119,287	\$1,197,811	6.01%

The Administrative component includes Board of Education, administrative and professional development and makes up 9.43% of the entire budget. *Please note, Board members are volunteers. There is no compensation associated with these positions.

CAPITAL

	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Operation/Maintenance of Plant	\$13,332,129	\$13,801,535	\$469,406	3.52%
Central Support	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	0.00%
Employee Benefits	\$4,871,863	\$5,311,012	\$439,149	9.01%
Debt Service	\$9,743,313	\$14,693,238	\$4,949,925	50.80%
Total	\$28,197,305	\$34,055,785	\$5,858,480	20.78%

The Capital component accounts for 15.20% of the entire budget.

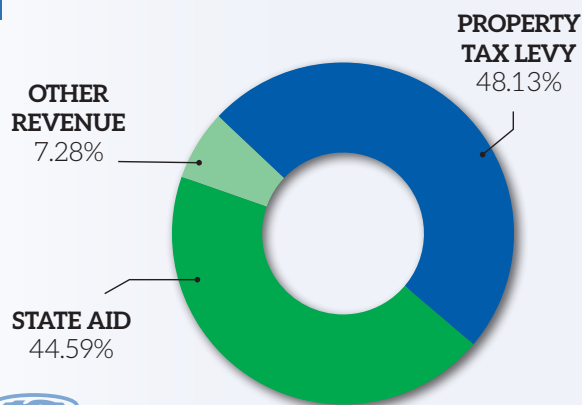
Each year, the North Syracuse Central School District is authorized by New York State and our voters to support a small capital project using operating budget funds. This year's \$100,000 capital outlay project will fund the purchase and installation of acoustic panels in the cafeteria and other large spaces at Roxboro Road Middle School to reduce ambient noise and improve communication and comfort for students and staff.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

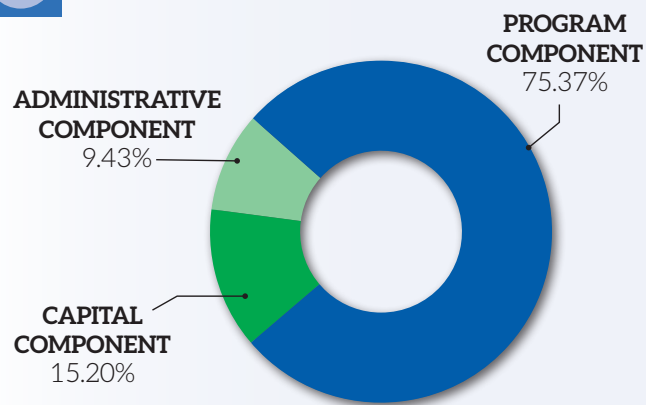
	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percent Change
	\$212,196,591	\$224,048,589	\$11,851,998	5.59%



REVENUES: SOURCE OF FUNDS



EXPENDITURES: COSTS



BUDGET EXPENDITURES | TOTAL BUDGET \$224,048,589

PROGRAM COMPONENT: \$168,873,517
PERCENTAGE OF BUDGET: 75.37%

The **Program component** includes costs associated with educating students. Expenses in this area include transportation, regular and special education costs, student services, training and employee benefits. As a people-based organization, the NSCSD spends the majority of money on personnel.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT: \$21,119,287
PERCENTAGE OF BUDGET: 9.43%

The **Administrative component** of the budget is made up of costs associated with the Board of Education, district administration, support services and staff development. Board of Education members do not receive compensation for their service. This is the smallest portion of the budget.

CAPITAL COMPONENT: \$34,055,785
PERCENTAGE OF BUDGET: 15.20%

The **Capital component** of the budget includes costs associated with the regular maintenance and upkeep of buildings and grounds, as well as special construction projects. Projects in the past few years have included security enhancements, building renovations and roofing work.

DISTRICT REVENUES : SOURCE OF FUNDS

	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percent Change
STATE AID				
General Aid	\$89,450,828	\$91,897,132	\$2,446,304	2.73%
Building Aid	\$3,841,216	\$8,007,328	\$4,166,112	108.46%
Aid Total	\$93,292,044	\$99,904,460	\$6,612,416	7.09%
OTHER REVENUES				
PILOTS (Payments in Lieu of Taxes)	\$765,314	\$808,594	\$43,280	5.66%
County sales tax	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$0	0.00%
Interest	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$500,000	50.00%
Rent	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$0	0.00%
Fund balance	\$7,450,000	\$7,450,000	\$0	0.00%
Use of reserves	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000	100.00%
Medicaid	\$800,000	\$900,000	\$100,000	12.50%
Other	\$2,430,500	\$2,981,500	\$551,000	22.67%
Other Revenues Total	\$14,125,814	\$16,320,094	\$2,194,280	15.53%
PROPERTY TAX LEVY	\$104,778,733	\$107,824,035	\$3,045,302	2.91%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$212,196,591	\$224,048,589	\$11,851,998	5.59%



(Continued from front cover)

Balancing the budget this year required careful consideration and difficult choices. While approximately 38 positions were eliminated, the vast majority were reduced through retirements and attrition, minimizing the impact on current staff and students. Through it all, our focus remained on protecting what matters most: our students, our staff and the quality of education we provide.

Recently, we invited community members to share ideas and input through a ThoughtExchange survey. Many of you emphasized the same goals we've prioritized—especially the importance of strong communication and connections between families and schools. Your voices reaffirm the power of partnership in helping our students succeed.

State and federal funding will play a key role in strengthening our long-term planning and expanding opportunities for students. As we move forward, we are committed to advocating for the resources our schools deserve and ensuring continued investment in innovation, academic excellence and student success. This year's proposed budget reflects a responsible, student-centered approach—preserving essential programs, maintaining small class sizes and honoring our commitment to the community.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools and our mission. Most importantly, thank you for supporting the students we all serve. Please remember to vote on **Tuesday, May 20**.

Sincerely,



Dr. Terry L. Ward, *Superintendent of Schools*

Photo by Jacob Lax



ARE Literacy: Partnering for Student Success

When teachers and families partner to support learning, student success grows. We are committed to strengthening communication so that every student's success can be supported and celebrated.

Throughout this publication, you'll see many photos taken by Jacob Lax, a graduate of the Cicero-North Syracuse High School Class of 2018. He credits his high school teachers and the education he received in the North Syracuse Central School District for helping him develop his photography and videography skills.

Jacob is a talented photo and video journalist who frequently contributes to CNS Athletics and districtwide projects.



It takes all of us. From your child's first day of school through their graduation day, we are all a part of their success. As the North Syracuse Central School District moves into year four of our five-year strategic plan, we remain focused on goal number one: improving graduation rates and preparing every student for life after high school. Whether pursuing college, careers or the military—every teacher, parent, staff member and peer plays a role in their journey.

Photos by Jacob Lax



Reinvigorating the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC)

As the North Syracuse Central School District (NSCSD) prepares its 2025-26 budget, a renewed focus is being placed on including student perspectives in the decision-making process. One key way this is happening is through the revitalization of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC).

Dr. Terry L. Ward, who became superintendent in January, is committed to strengthening student voice across the district. He is collaborating with building principals at Gillette Road Middle School, Roxboro Road Middle School, North Syracuse Junior High School and Cicero-North Syracuse High School to ensure diverse student representation on the SSAC and to bring students into conversations about priorities—including those related to the budget.

"Students are the ones who live our decisions every day," said Dr. Ward. "We want to make sure we're investing in what matters most to them, and that starts with listening."

The SSAC serves as a direct line of communication between students and district leadership, allowing students to share input on academic programs, school climate and key initiatives.

Feedback from a recent ThoughtExchange survey confirmed that students have important ideas and care deeply about their schools. The SSAC provides a more consistent way to gather and act on that input throughout the year.

Dr. Ward plans to meet with the advisory council before the end of this school year and will continue those conversations to help drive district priorities for the 2025-26 school year and beyond.

"We are Brighter Together when we treat students as true partners," said Dr. Ward. "The budget isn't just about numbers—it's about values. And our students can help us make sure we're aligning our spending with what they need to succeed."



Throughout the school year, Dr. Ward has been spending time talking to students at all grade levels. He is pictured here with Ms. Ballagh's first graders at KWS Bear Road Elementary School.

Building a Brighter Future Together: Reviewing ThoughtExchange Feedback

As you know, the NSCSD recently conducted a ThoughtExchange survey asking community members to discuss a change, improvement or initiative they think would have the greatest positive impact. The Exchange brought together a diverse group of voices: 42% teachers and instructional staff, 41% parents and guardians and 18% students and community members.

In our preliminary analysis of the data, several key themes emerged. Common ideas included innovating teaching methods to coincide with evolving student needs, ensuring safe and engaging environments and enhancing communication between our schools and families.

In the next months, we will be taking a deeper dive into the data to develop strategies for using your thoughtful insight to plan improvements aligned with our strategic goals. Dr. Ward will present initial findings to the Board of Education at a meeting later this school year.

Dr. Ward commented on the potential of the tool. He said, "We're excited about using ThoughtExchange to ensure all voices are heard as the district progresses in becoming an exceptional place for all students, staff and families."

In preparation for the next school year, the district's leadership team will be trained to utilize the tool to integrate community feedback into every level of planning and decision-making.



NORTH SYRACUSE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brighter Together: Northstars are Rising to New Heights

NSCSD continues to provide students with outstanding opportunities to thrive not only in the classroom but also through extracurricular academic, art, music, athletic and other co-curricular activities.

When students feel connected to their school, teachers and the activities they love, they are more likely to succeed. These meaningful connections support our district's top strategic goal: improving high school graduation rates and preparing students for success beyond graduation.

To foster those connections, NSCSD continues to expand its co-curricular offerings. In recent years, the district has added programs like unified bowling and basketball, girls wrestling and girls flag football—offering more ways for students to feel seen, supported and engaged.

Our students are also embracing how sports and technology intersect. New programs like drone soccer and esports offer innovative and exciting ways for students to learn, collaborate and explore future-ready skills in a team setting.

These successes reflect the district's commitment to fostering a supportive, inclusive environment where students are empowered to explore their passions and build the confidence and skills needed for life after graduation.

State Champs

← Last spring, the Cicero-North Syracuse (CNS) High School girls' lacrosse team earned the New York State title for the first time since their back-to-back wins in 1995 and 1996. We anticipate another incredible season with 10 seniors returning to the team. All of these talented athletes are going on to play lacrosse at the college level.

A group of girls' lacrosse players in grey uniforms are celebrating on a field, holding a large trophy shaped like the state of New York. They are cheering and raising their arms.

A young girl in a green Special Olympics t-shirt and orange cap is high-fiving a woman in a green sleeveless shirt and sunglasses. They are both smiling and celebrating.

Special Olympics

Photo by Jacob Lax

↑ The district is a proud, longtime supporter of Special Olympics athletes and has hosted the Special Olympics at Michael J. Bragman Stadium each spring for more than 20 years. The event is not only rewarding for the Olympians, but teachers, teaching assistants, adult and student volunteers, parents and spectators enjoy it just as much.

A large group of students and coaches are posing for a photo on a track. They are holding a large trophy that says "NYS PHSA" and "Section III". Many are wearing pink shirts and holding gold medals.

Section III Champions

↑ NSCSD student-athletes and teams continue to live up to the district's tradition of excellence. Over the past year, six teams have earned Section III championship titles. Congratulations to our girls outdoor track, girls lacrosse, cheerleading, girls soccer, boys indoor track and girls indoor track teams for their outstanding achievements!

Four girls' lacrosse players are posing together, showing off their championship rings. They are all smiling and holding up their hands to display the rings.

Supportive Adults

← In January 2025, the CNS lacrosse team was presented with their New York State Girls Lacrosse Championship rings for their spring 2024 title—an emotional moment made possible by the dedication of coaches and staff. Coach Stephanie Prentice, a CNS alum and member of the 1995 and 1996 title teams, now leads today's Northstars as both a coach and physical education teacher.

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Drone Soccer

Photo by Jacob Lax

➔ Students are exploring new frontiers through esports and drone soccer, where teamwork meets cutting-edge technology. These programs are more than games—they're building future-ready skills and keeping students engaged in meaningful, modern ways. In February, the CNS drone soccer program hosted a competition at Gillette Road Middle School.



Science and Engineering

➔ Gillette Road Middle School (GRMS) sixth grader Dean Capece recently earned High Honors and the Lockheed Martin Technology and Engineering Award at the CNY Science & Engineering Fair held at the Museum of Science and Technology in Syracuse. His project was titled "Pressure Power: Hydraulics and Pneumatics."

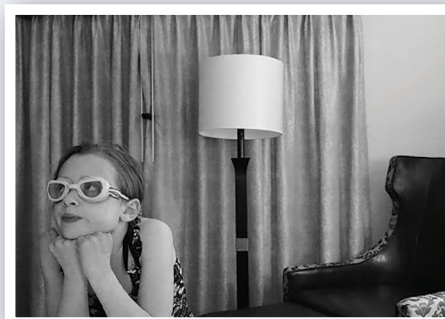


Fine Arts

➔ NSCSD students continue to excel in the arts, earning recognition at county, state, regional and even national levels. CNS Senior Andrea Iqbal (pictured left) was selected to perform in the National Association for Music Education All-Eastern Symphony Orchestra. Throughout the district, more than 60 musicians earned spots in All-County and Area and Conference All-State ensembles.

➔ NSCSD artists earned an impressive 182 awards in this year's CNY Scholastic Art Awards, more than any other school in the region. Among those awards, 39 pieces earned prestigious Gold Key Award and CNS Senior Megan Balunas was recognized with the Best Work in Printmaking award. Additionally, three students earned National Silver Key recognition. CNS Junior Andrew Dolson's National award-winning piece entitled "Wondering" is pictured on the right.

➔ GRMS fifth grader Hailey Morey won first place in the 2025 NYS Missing Children's Day Poster Contest. Her powerful artwork, inspired by her mom's stories as a special education teacher, will represent New York at the national level.



Academic Success

Photo by Jacob Lax

➔ North Syracuse Junior High School (NSJH) ninth grader Evelyn Brzostek serves as secretary of her school's National Junior Honor Society. She is pictured "lighting" one of the candles during the 2025 induction ceremony. Recently, 180 students from NSJH and CNS were inducted into the National Honor Society and Junior Honor Society. Membership in these organizations is reserved for students who maintain high academic standards and also demonstrate exceptional leadership, integrity and dedication to community service.



Back to the Basics: District makes Progress in Math and Literacy

BUILDING BLOCKS OF LITERACY HELP STUDENTS SHINE IN THE CLASSROOM

In the NSCSD, we believe reading is the foundation for all learning. That's why one of the district's key strategic goals is to ensure that all students across all grade levels become proficient readers.

This year, we're going back to the basics of literacy instruction by implementing evidence-based curriculum and support systems aligned with the science of reading. These initiatives, part of our ongoing investment in student achievement, are designed to strengthen reading skills at all grade levels.

For our youngest learners, the district has adopted CKLA (Core Knowledge Language Arts) for grades K-4 and EL Education for grades 5-8. These programs build critical background knowledge and vocabulary while emphasizing phonics, fluency and comprehension. At the secondary level, high schools are focusing on Essential Standards in English Language Arts, helping students develop the skills needed for college, careers and lifelong learning.

To support these curriculum efforts, educators are participating in Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) training—an intensive professional development series that equips teachers with the tools to deliver high-quality reading instruction. We're also reinforcing school support teams to ensure students receive the right interventions at the right time.

"Reading is the foundation of everything we do in school," said Director of ELA Jamie Sullivan. "When we give students the tools to become strong readers, we open the door to all other learning. Our district's work around literacy is about making sure every student has access to that opportunity."

Reading is more than just a subject, it is the essential base building block for education. By investing in high-quality literacy instruction, we're ensuring every North Syracuse student has the foundation they need to succeed.



Roxboro Road Middle School teacher Jennifer Agley is pictured working with a group of students on focused reading. Agley recently commented on the EL Literacy program saying, "I believe the program is doing a great job of holding students to a higher standard. I appreciate how anchoring to a common text across both middle school buildings creates consistency and shared purpose. Additionally, the fishbowl assessments at the end of Modules 1 and 2 have been excellent for encouraging student collaboration and deeper discussion."

IMPROVING MATH SKILLS

Over the past several years, the NSCSD has made enhancements to its math curriculum. This year, a record 400 students participated in the national MathCON online competition and Math League, programs designed to foster a love for mathematics and improve problem-solving skills. For MathCON, students worked for five months on challenging and unique math problems before participating in a national online assessment on March 6. This year, we achieved the two highest scores we have ever had on the assessment, and more students (62) scored above 200—approximately the 80th percentile—than ever before.



All schools in the NSCSD are finding unique and engaging ways to help students make progress in mathematics. Pictured: Members of the Roxboro Road Elementary School community recently gathered the school's Family Fun Night. The evening event was designed to help parents and guardians collaborate with their students and teachers on fun and engaging math and reading activities.

Photo by Jacob Lax

Annual Board of Education Member Election

The Board of Education is the official policy-making body of the NSCSD. The board is composed of nine members who are elected by district voters to three-year terms. Members are not compensated for serving on the board. The terms of three board members expire each June 30 and those members may seek re-election at the annual budget vote. There are three candidates running for three vacant seats due to the expiration of terms. The three candidates with expiring terms are Robert Crabtree, Matthew Hermann and Amanda Sugrue. The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to three-year terms (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028).

The district does not endorse one candidate over another and reserves the right to edit biographies for space purposes. Candidates are responsible for providing their own biographies and pictures. Candidate names are listed alphabetically, not according to their order on the ballot.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES



Robert Crabtree is serving his fourth term on the NSCSD School Board, having previously served from 2009-2015, including as Vice President from 2013-2015. He returned to the Board in 2019 and has contributed to the Legislative (Chair), Budget and Facilities committees.

He also serves as President of the OCM BOCES Board, where he has been active for nine years on the Facilities, Audit (Chair) and Career & Technical committees. Mr. Crabtree is a member of both the Onondaga County and New York State School Boards Associations and received the Onondaga-Madison School Board Achievement Award in 2017.

A retired North Syracuse elementary teacher of 36 years, Mr. Crabtree was recognized as the 1988 Teacher of the Year and received several honors for excellence in teaching and innovation. He was the subject of three NYS Assembly resolutions recognizing his contributions to education.

He continues to serve the community as a longtime CNS Optimist Club member and advisor, an active member and food pantry coordinator at Immanuel Lutheran Church and a 15-year volunteer with North Area Meals on Wheels. His community service has been honored with awards from NYSUT and the Plank Road Chamber of Commerce.



Matthew Hermann is seeking reelection for a third term on the Board of Education where he has served since July 2019. He currently serves on the Board's Legislative and Facilities committees. Mr. Hermann has lived in the district for the past 58 years and resides in North Syracuse with his wife, Carol Guido. Matthew has three adult children, Jordan, Eric and Sean.

Mr. Hermann is employed by OCM BOCES as a project manager where he supervises multiple technology teams and supports various school districts.

Matthew graduated from Cicero High School and went to Onondaga Community College where he earned Associates Degrees in Administration of Justice and Computer Engineering. He also holds a Bachelors of Science Degree in Computer/Electronic Engineering from SUNY Polytechnic.



Amanda Sugrue is seeking reelection for a second term on the NSCSD Board of Education. Mrs. Sugrue has lived in the district for 26 years and has served on the Board since July 2022. She is also a member of the Board's Executive Committee. She resides in Clay with her husband, Dennis, a 1993 CNS graduate; daughter, Grace, a 2023 CNS graduate and freshman at Syracuse University; and daughter, Sophie, a CNS class of 2025 student.

Mrs. Sugrue has volunteered in the district helping with the Fall Play, Spring Musical, NSJH Musical, GRMS Musical, Girls Wrestling, Girls Swimming and Diving, and in the classroom and library at KWS Bear Road Elementary School.

Mrs. Sugrue graduated from Liverpool High School in 1994 and from Albany College of Pharmacy in 1999. She is a pharmacist at Wegmans, where she has worked for 34 years.



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PROPOSITION #1 2025-26 SCHOOL BUDGET

North Syracuse Central School District residents will vote Tuesday, May 20 on a proposed \$224,048,589 spending plan for the 2025-26 school year. It calls for a \$3,045,302/2.91% tax levy increase.

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PROPOSITION #2 VEHICLE BONDING PROPOSITION

Each day, district buses safely transport thousands of students to school and home, and back and forth to extracurricular activities and events. All school buses must pass a rigorous state inspection. Maintaining an updated fleet of vehicles helps reduce the cost of repairs and avoid problems associated with rusting frames that prevent the vehicles from passing New York state inspections.

The 2025–26 vehicle proposition includes the following purchases at a total cost not to exceed \$2,396,063:

- Two 65-passenger, gasoline-engine, wheelchair-accessible buses with air conditioning to support students with special needs (\$420,230)
- Eight 65-passenger, gasoline-engine (traditional large) buses (\$1,385,292)
- Two 65-passenger, gasoline-engine buses with 100-gallon fuel tanks and cargo storage bays (\$355,541)
- Maintenance and operations vehicles, including one large mower, one service van, and one truck (\$235,000)

This year’s vehicle proposition would result in an annual 0.13% tax increase of approximately \$2.41 annually for a \$100,000 home after aid/before STAR.

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PROPOSITION #3 PROPOSITION TO USE GRANT FUNDING FOR VOTER-APPROVED POOL PROJECT

Proposition #3 asks voters to authorize the NSCSD to use a \$3 million grant for the CNS High School pool project. Originally approved by voters in December 2021, the project includes the construction of an approximately 14,500-square-foot addition to the high school to house an indoor pool and related facilities.

Due to higher-than-anticipated construction costs, Assemblyman Al Stirpe has secured an additional \$3 million in funding for the district’s aquatic facility. This funding will help address cost challenges related to inflation and the competitive construction market. Approval of this proposition would allow the district to utilize the grant.

There will be no additional cost to the local taxpayers - no impact on the tax levy.



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PROPOSITION #4 LIBRARY PROPOSITION (TOWN OF SALINA ONLY)

Each year, residents of the Town of Salina have the opportunity to vote on the Salina Free Library proposition. This proposition is only available for Town of Salina residents. The 2025 proposition asks voters to approve an increase from \$510,565 to \$524,861 with the amount to be raised by levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the district located in the Town of Salina in accordance with Section 259 of the Education Law.

Voter Qualifications

In order to vote on the May 20 school budget and election, you must be a United States citizen, 18 years of age or older and meet the following qualifications:

- ✓ A resident of the NSCSD for at least 30 days prior to the vote;
- ✓ Not under sentence for a felony conviction and not adjudged mentally incompetent;
- ✓ Registered to vote in Onondaga County or the NSCSD.

Registration Information

If you are not already registered to vote, you must pre-register by May 15, 2025 to vote on May 20. The NSCSD is holding an evening registration meeting on Tuesday, May 13.

Absentee, Military and Early Voting

All qualified voters in the North Syracuse Central School District are eligible to vote with a mail-in ballot.

Military ballots: may be applied for by qualified voters by requesting an application from District Clerk Jilian Herrera at (315) 218-2131 or jherrera@nscsd.org. Completed applications for military ballots must be received by the Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on April 24, 2025. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail.

Absentee ballots: If a voter is requesting an absentee ballot, they must complete the application and state the reason they will not be able to appear in person on the day of the election/vote. A qualified voter may use an absentee ballot if, on voting day, they are a patient in a hospital or unable to appear personally because of illness or physical disability; is required to be outside the country because of duties, occupation or studies; is on vacation outside the country; or is detained in jail awaiting conviction of an offense other than a felony.

If you are registered as a permanently disabled absentee voter with the Onondaga County Board of Elections, an absentee ballot will be provided to you without having to request an application.

To request an application for an absentee ballot, please contact District Clerk Jilian Herrera by email at jherrera@nscsd.org or call (315) 218-2131. Upon receipt and approval of the application, a ballot will be mailed to the requesting voter.

Early vote ballots: All qualified voters in the NSCSD are eligible to vote early with a mail-in ballot for ANY reason. To request an application for an early, mail-in ballot, please contact District Clerk Jilian Herrera by email at jherrera@nscsd.org or call (315) 218-2131.

Completed applications for absentee and/or early voting ballots must be received by District Clerk Jilian Herrera at least seven (7) days before the election/vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election/vote if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter.

All completed ballots must be received by District Clerk Jilian Herrera by 5 p.m. on May 19, 2025.

For more information, contact District Clerk Jilian Herrera by email at jherrera@nscsd.org or call (315) 218-2131.

Budget Presentations

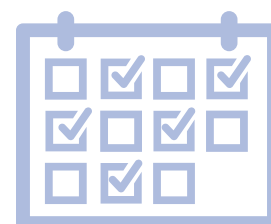
April 29 In-Person Meeting at 5 p.m. Roxboro Road Middle School (300 Bernard Street, Mattydale)

May 1 Virtual Meeting at 7 p.m. (Join meeting at www.nscsd.org/meet1)

May 6 Virtual Meeting at 6 p.m. (Join meeting at www.nscsd.org/meet2)

May 7 In-Person Meeting at 7 p.m. Cicero Elementary School (5979 Route 31, Cicero)

May 13 In-Person Meeting at 6 p.m. Jerome F. Melvin Admin. Office (5355 West Taft Road, N. Syracuse)





North Syracuse Central School District

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- ✓ For residents living NORTH of 481:
Michael J. Bragman Stadium at C-NS High School - 6002 Route 31, Cicero, NY
- ✓ For residents living SOUTH of 481:
Administrative Office Building - 5355 West Taft Road, North Syracuse, NY



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on **MAY 20, 2025**
From 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

ON THE BALLOT :

- ✓ 2025-26 School Budget
- ✓ Vehicle Bonding Proposition
- ✓ Authorization to use Grant Funding
- ✓ Library Proposition (Town of Salina only)
- ✓ Three Board of Education Seats

NSCSD.org/budget

