

SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE

CORNWALL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**DRAGON PRIDE
VOTE**

Tues., May 20, 2025

**Middle School:
6 am - 9 pm**

**SUPPORTING
EXCELLENCE**

Both inside the Classroom...

- CCSD is rated #1 in Orange County for Grades 3-8 NYS ELA and Math
- CCSD is Best School District in Orange County (by Niche)
- CCSD – Top 6% in the Nation for “Best School Districts in America” (by Niche)
- CCHS - Ranked Top 11% in Nation (U.S. News and World Report)
- CCHS - College Readiness – Top 12% in the Nation (U.S. News and World Report)
- CCHS 97% Graduation Rate

... And Out!

- Section IX Champions: Cross Country, Football, Cheerleading, Volleyball and Indoor Track & Field
- 4 All-Americans: Girls T&F Distance Medley Relay
- 421 Fall Athletes, 392 Winter Athletes, 506 Spring Athletes
- 10 Senior athletes committed to compete in college/universities next year
- 4 Coaches named NYS Coach of the Year Honors
- 2 All State Musicians
- 11 Area All State Musicians
- The New York State HS Premier for Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

2025-26 BUDGET VOTE!

Addressing Key Needs While Mitigating Tax Impact

This is a challenging time to create a school budget. Just like our taxpayers are facing rising costs in their own budgets, the Cornwall Central School District is managing the increased cost of many essential services. To meet these challenges, the district has crafted a budget that efficiently reallocates resources while investing in high-needs areas, allowing it to make critical improvements while staying below the tax cap.

Securing Our Buildings

Next year's proposed budget makes two key investments in building safety. First: a district-wide lockdown system that would allow administrators to lock every door in their buildings and activate an emergency strobe lighting system with the push of a button. Second: an additional safety monitor at Willow Avenue Elementary School. Together, these improvements would create a safer environment for every student and staff member in the district.

Lowering the Tax Burden

To reduce the impact of next year's proposed budget on local taxpayers, the district is assigning nearly \$2.5 million from fund balance. This money goes directly toward the tax levy and significantly lowers the impact on each household.



CORNWALL BUDGET

THREE-PART BUDGET

New York regulations require school districts to present their budget in a three-part format -- the Administrative, Program, and Capital Component. Cornwall's three-part budget breaks down as follows:

ADMINISTRATIVE

2025-26	\$8,287,857	8.91%
2024-25	\$8,062,174	8.93%

The **Administrative Component** contains all administrative personnel and their respective office staff salaries, benefits, office, and program costs for directing and supervising the instructional activities of the District, as well as Board of Education, legal, auditing, insurance, data processing, and BOCES administrative and capital costs.

PROGRAM

2025-26	\$71,511,104	76.90%
2024-25	\$69,343,430	76.83%

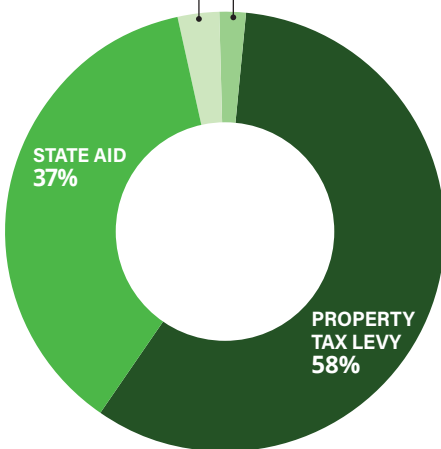
The **Program Component** includes salaries and benefits for classroom teaching and support staff (i.e., teachers, guidance, aides, nurses, librarians, and teaching assistants), instructional materials, supplies and services (such as BOCES programs), interscholastic sports, extracurricular programs, and transportation. All expenses for providing instruction to students are included here.

CAPITAL

2025-26	\$13,187,842	14.18%
2024-25	\$12,855,169	14.24%

The **Capital Component** includes all the costs for facility maintenance operations (including salaries, benefits, supplies, services and utilities), capital expenditures, and debt service.

USE OF FUND BALANCE 3% MISC. 2%

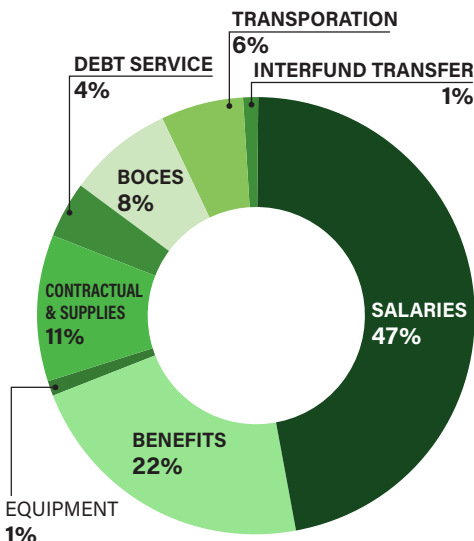


REVENUE SUMMARY

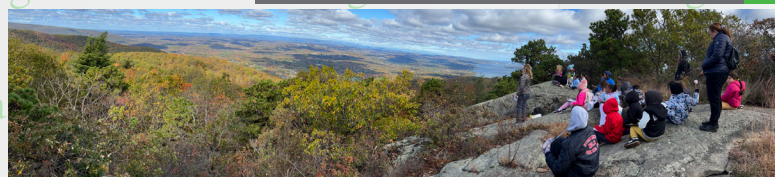
	Budget 2024-25	Proposed 2025-26	\$ Change
Property Tax Levy	\$52,462,363	\$53,906,734	\$1,444,371
State Aid	\$33,612,320	\$34,997,138	\$1,384,818
Use of Fund Balance	\$2,824,894	\$2,489,604	\$(335,290)
Miscellaneous	\$1,361,196	\$1,593,327	\$232,131
Total Revenues	\$90,260,773	\$92,986,803	\$2,726,030

EXPENSE SUMMARY

	Budget 2024-25	Proposed 2025-26	\$ Change
Salaries	\$42,366,645	\$43,762,975	\$1,396,330
Benefits	\$20,169,019	\$20,290,893	\$121,874
Equipment	\$425,356	\$509,000	\$83,644
Contractual and Supplies	\$9,444,431	\$9,922,022	\$477,591
BOCES	\$6,947,869	\$7,247,529	\$299,660
Debt Service	\$3,809,259	\$4,211,542	\$402,283
Transportation	\$5,929,337	\$6,060,958	\$131,621
Interfund Transfer	\$1,168,857	\$981,884	\$(186,973)
Total Expenditures	\$90,260,773	\$92,986,803	\$2,726,030



VOTE NEWS



A CLOSER LOOK AT THIS YEAR'S BUDGET ITEMS

The proposed budget maintains all of our current programs in academics, athletics, and the arts, while adding a few important items that address key needs. Here's a deeper dive into each item, and why they were selected.

■ DISTRICT WIDE LOCKDOWN & EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Through a transfer to capital approach, the district would install emergency lockdown buttons in strategic locations in all schools to immediately place a school in lockdown, and enable telephone and smartphone capabilities to perform these actions as well. The work includes the installation of interior and exterior strobe lights to notify of emergency situations and provide new access control servers to support configurations.

■ SECURITY MONITOR AT WILLOW AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

In order to maximize the effectiveness of the security services at the building and ensure student safety, a security monitor will be added to our Willow Avenue Elementary School.

■ 20 ADDITIONAL SEATS FOR UNIVERSAL PRE-K

To meet the rising demand for this program in our district, the proposed budget would fund 20 additional seats totaling 118 students entering the UPK program in the Fall of 2025.

■ EARLY INTERVENTION SUPPORT TEACHER SPLIT BETWEEN 2 SCHOOLS

Due to the increase in students requiring early intervention services, COH and WAE need additional support. This early intervention teacher, shared by both schools, will help identify learning gaps, create plans to address those learning gaps and progress monitor interventions for success.

★ ADDITIONAL BALLOT PROPOSITION ★

RESOLVED, that the Cornwall Central School District, is hereby authorized to establish **A NEW CAPITAL RESERVE FUND** pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law to be designated 2025 Buildings and Facilities Capital Reserve Fund for the construction of additions to, improvements to, reconstruction and equipping of School District buildings, facilities and athletic fields and tracks, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and site and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at an ultimate amount of \$5,000,000, plus accrued interest and investment earnings, with a probable term of ten (10) years, the source of funding to be surplus dollars and/or legally available funds available to the District when it closes its books every June 30.

■ FAQ's

(Frequently Asked Questions)

Why vote?

Your vote helps determine what academic opportunities are available to students, what repairs can be made to facilities, and what investments can be made in the arts, athletics, and more.

What's the process for crafting the budget?

Each year, key stakeholders from across the district, including teachers, principals, and administrators, identify critical needs in academics, athletics, and the arts.

Central administration evaluates those needs and crafts a fiscally responsible budget for the Board to consider.

Why were these budget addition items chosen in particular?

Student safety continues to be a top priority. By investing in building security, we aim to create an environment where every student feels safe and supported. We're also focused on our youngest learners. Studies show that early education has an outsized impact on student achievement, allowing us to invest in the future in a cost-effective way.

What happens if the budget is voted down?

The school district would have two options: hold a second vote or adopt a "contingent budget". Under a contingent budget, the district would be forced to revert back to the previous year's tax levy, which means the 2025-26 proposed budget would need to be cut by \$1,444,371, having a significant impact on programming.



BOARD OF EDUCATION

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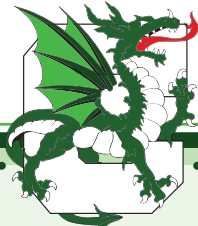
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WHERE DO I VOTE?

Cornwall Central Middle School Gymnasium
122 Main Street, Cornwall, NY 12518

WHAT AM I VOTING ON?

- The proposed 2025-2026 school budget
- There are also three open seats on the Board of Education. The following candidates are running:
 - Richard Schaffner**
 - Bass Shakra**
 - Jamie Fox**
 - Brendan Carty**
 - Lofton Riser**

WHO CAN VOTE?

Residents of the Cornwall Central School District are eligible to vote in the annual school budget vote if they are:

- U.S. Citizen
- 18 years of age or older
- A resident of the Cornwall Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the vote.
- Registered to vote in advance of the vote — either with the Orange County Board of Elections or the Cornwall Central School District.

2025-26 Cornwall Central School District Budget Notice

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Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2024-25 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2025-26 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 90,260,773	\$ 92,986,803	\$ 91,542,432
Increase/Decrease for the 2025-26 School Year		\$ 2,726,029	\$ 1,281,659
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.02 %	1.42%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.95%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 52,462,363	\$ 53,906,734	
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)	\$ 52,462,363	\$ 53,906,734	\$ 52,462,363
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 2,253,862	\$ 2,441,810	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 50,928,869	\$ 51,636,366	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$ 50,208,501	\$ 51,464,924	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)	\$ 720,368	\$ 171,442	
Administrative Component	\$ 8,062,174	\$ 8,287,857	\$ 8,222,857
Program Component	\$ 69,343,430	\$ 71,511,104	\$ 70,541,733
Capital Component	\$ 12,855,169	\$ 13,187,842	\$ 12,777,842

*STATEMENT OF ASSUMPTION: If the proposed budget is defeated (pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law) the Board of Education may resubmit the budget to the voters or immediately adopt a contingency budget. The contingency budget will result in the elimination / reduction of various equipment slated to be purchased in 2025-26 (excluding health & safety and NYS hardware aided amounts), various staff positions, and capital projects funded directly by the budget (transfer to capital). Additionally, in accordance with NYS Law, under a contingency budget the District would have to charge all outside groups to use District facilities.

** 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 Savings¹

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

\$710

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2025-26 by the qualified voters of the Cornwall Central School District, Orange County, New York, will be held at the Cornwall Central Middle School Gymnasium in said district on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M., at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.