



## REVISED 2025-2026 BUDGET

Dear Horseheads Community,

The Board of Education has approved a revised proposed budget for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of \$104,828,196 to be presented to the community for their vote on Tuesday, June 17. This proposed budget represents a budget increase of 2.09% versus 3.03% in the previously defeated budget.

This revised budget now requires a 50% voter approval to pass, as it does not challenge the tax levy limit law. In fact, **it is now below the tax levy limit**. The revised levy is \$65,172 less than the maximum amount the district is allowed to ask of the community per the calculation prescribed by law. The district accomplished this by applying additional foundation aid (allocated by New York State after the adoption of the late New York State budget) and reducing expenditures.

The revised proposed budget results in a tax levy increase of 4.56%, down from 7.40%. Based on the preliminary assessment data, **the full value tax rate is estimated to increase by 0.31%, or \$5.00 per \$100,000 of assessed value**, down from the prior estimate of \$48.00.

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### 2025-26 REVISED SCHOOL BUDGET PROPOSITION

Budget: \$104,828,196

Year-Over-Year Increase: 2.09%

Est. Annual Tax Rate Increase: 0.31%

Est. Annual Tax Rate Increase:  
\$0.05 per \$1,000 or  
\$5 per \$100,000 full home value

### REVISED BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, June 17  
7 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Horseheads High School  
North Gym

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The district continues to be proud of the academic, art, and athletic programs that are provided to the students of our community.

This budget further supports this by:

- Maintaining student programs and extracurricular activities
- Ensuring the sustainability of our previously grant funded Summer Learning Academy
- Enhancing social-emotional, academic, and behavioral supports at our elementary schools with intervention teachers and teaching assistants
- Providing for the continuation of curriculum work that strengthens our academic programs
- Preserving the livelihoods of all staff

**If the Board-approved revised budget does not pass, the Board must automatically convert to a state-mandated contingent budget.** There will be no further votes put before the public. Under a contingent budget, the district would have to reduce expenses by an additional \$2.13 million, as the district is prohibited from increasing the tax levy over what voters approved in the 2024-2025 school year. These cuts would affect students by reducing staff, educational programs, extracurricular activities, and athletics.

I encourage you to take the time to read the information found in this communication, in the previous newsletter, and on the district's website. **Please vote on Tuesday, June 17.**

Sincerely,

Warren Conklin  
Board of Education President

# REVISED SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

<b>Overall Budget Proposal</b>	<b>Budget Adopted for 2024-25 School Year</b>	<b>Budget Proposed for 2025-26 School Year</b>	<b>Contingency Budget for 2025-26 School Year*</b>
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$102,686,280	\$104,828,196	\$102,696,914
Increase/Decrease for the 2025-26 School Year		\$2,141,196	\$10,634
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.09 %	0.01%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.95%	
Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$47,820,026	\$50,001,308	
Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0	\$0	
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy	\$47,820,026	\$50,001,308	\$47,820,026
Total Permissible Exclusions	\$2,317,250	\$3,639,593	
School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$44,214,624	\$46,426,887	
Total Proposed Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions	\$45,502,776	\$46,361,715	
Difference: (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	- \$1,288,152	\$65,172	
Administrative Component	\$13,978,603	\$13,577,977	\$13,079,394
Program Component	\$67,993,121	\$69,434,062	\$68,010,776
Capital Component	\$20,714,556	\$21,816,157	\$21,606,744

\*A contingency budget includes ordinary contingent expenses as determined by the Board and salaries subject to a cap on the administrative portion of the budget, with no increase in the tax levy over the prior year. There would be no purchase of new equipment, including buses unless approved by separate proposition, no capital expenditures unless approved by separate proposition and except in emergency situations, no salary increases for certain civil service employees not covered by an agreement with a recognized bargaining unit, outside organizations would have to pay for all facilities use, and the budget would be subject to an administrative cap on administrative 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)

## Separate Propositions\*\*

Description	Amount
N/A	

## Estimated Basic School Tax Relief (STAR) Exemption Savings<sup>1</sup>

	<b>Budget Proposed for 2025-26 School Year</b>
Basic STAR Tax Savings	\$479

**The annual budget re-vote for the fiscal year 2025-26 by the qualified voters of the Horseheads Central School District, Chemung, and Schuyler Counties, New York, will be held at the Horseheads High School in said district on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time in the Horseheads High School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.**

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