

2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

A BALANCED BUDGET FOCUSED ON STUDENTS

The District is pleased to share that our proposed budget for the upcoming school year does not exceed the District's tax levy cap, reflecting our continued commitment to fiscal responsibility while prioritizing the needs of our students and community. This year's tax levy includes the scheduled impact of the remaining 2022 voter-approved capital project debt within our budget.

This completed capital project represents the community's prior investment in improving our facilities and learning environments, which included renovated music rooms, library, cafeteria, kitchen, art room, and track. As we incorporate this into the current budget, we have remained focused on maintaining stability and ensuring that our financial plan continues to support the high-quality programs and opportunities our students deserve.

ALIGNING RESOURCES WITH OUR VISION

This budget is more than a financial document. It is a reflection of our shared priorities. All resources have been aligned with the District's Strategic Plan, developed last summer, and grounded in our vision: *Inspire, Explore, Achieve, Belong*. Every decision was made with a focus on enhancing student achievement and engagement in learning.

Through this strategic planning process, we are already beginning to see measurable growth in our key areas of focus, including early reader proficiency, overall student achievement in reading, mathematics, and science, improved student attendance rates, and the development of embedded systems that support continuous student growth. These early results reinforce that our work is moving in the right direction and that our investments are making a meaningful impact.

At a time when state aid increases are not keeping pace with rising fixed expenses such as transportation, utilities, and contractual obligations, we have remained steadfast in our commitment to preserving what matters most, our students' educational experience. I am pleased that this budget allows us to continue all current programming.

SUPPORTING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND FUTURE READINESS

Our proposed budget maintains all New York State-required academic programs necessary for graduation, while continuing to expand opportunities that prepare students for success beyond high school. Through our dual enrollment offerings, students can earn over 30 college-level credits, gaining a valuable head start on their future.

We also continue to offer financial literacy, business education, and driver education courses that equip students with essential life skills. Academic supports such as afterschool tutoring, Regents preparation, Academic Intervention Services, and specialized instruction in special education remain in place to ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed

ENRICHING THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

A well-rounded education extends beyond the classroom, and this budget supports a wide range of opportunities that allow students to explore their interests and passions. Our choral and music programs, student-run clubs, and athletic programs remain strong, providing meaningful engagement for students at all levels.

At the elementary level, we are excited to continue offering new extracurricular opportunities such as Poetry Club, Environmental Club, and STEM/Robotics. Field trips across all grade levels further enhance learning by connecting classroom experiences to the world beyond school.

We also recognize the importance of supporting the whole child. Our social and emotional learning initiatives, guidance programs, and middle school/high school mentoring program continue to play a vital role in fostering a supportive and inclusive school environment.

INVESTING IN FACILITIES AND THE FUTURE

Maintaining safe, clean, and well-maintained learning environments is essential. This budget includes ongoing investments in our facilities and transportation systems to ensure reliability and safety. Additionally, we have included a \$100,000 aidable Capital Outlay Project to support continuous building improvements and propose purchasing one (1) diesel fueled 66 passenger school bus, keeping with our planned school bus purchase rotation.

Technology also remains a priority, with funding dedicated to maintaining and updating the hardware and software necessary to support modern teaching and learning.

LOOKING AHEAD

This proposed budget represents a thoughtful and balanced approach, one that does not exceed the tax levy cap while continuing to invest in our students, our programs, and our future. I am grateful for the continued support of our community and confident that this plan reflects our shared commitment to providing the best possible educational experience for every Charlotte Valley student.

BUDGET HEARING
MAY 5, 2026, 6:30 PM
AUDITORIUM

BUDGET VOTE
MAY 19, 2026, NOON-8 PM
SCHOOL LIBRARY

2026-27 PROPOSED BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

THREE-PART BUDGET

With the enactment of Chapter 436 of the 1997 Laws of New York State, a school district's proposed budget must be presented to the voters in a three-part format. Below, you will find the proposed 2026-27 budget in that format, along with comparative data for the current year's budget.

PROGRAM	
Current Year	\$8,759,692
Proposed 2026-27	\$8,911,053
Change of	\$151,361

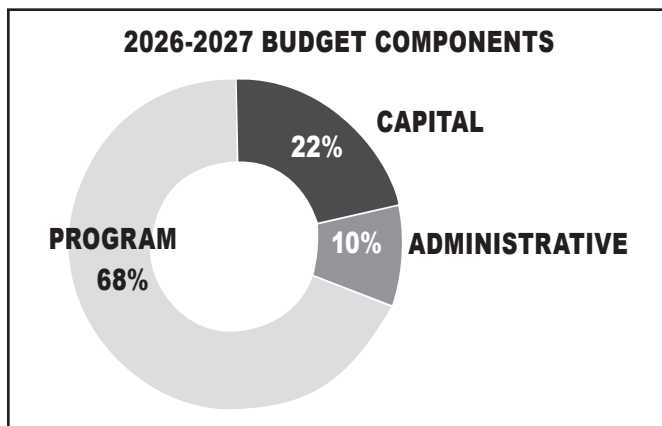
The Program component of the budget includes all expenses related to the delivery of instruction such as, instructional staff salaries, transportation, special education, textbooks, supplies, instructional equipment, athletics, library, health services, extracurricular activities and the benefits of for staff in this budget.

CAPITAL	
Current Year	\$2,707,305
Proposed 2026-27	\$2,974,387
Change of	\$267,082

The Capital component of the budget includes all expenses related to the operations and maintenance, insurance, utilities, debt service, custodial personnel, maintenance personnel, supplies and equipment used in maintaining the facilities and benefits for staff in this budget component.

ADMINISTRATIVE	
Current Year	\$1,288,679
Proposed 2026-27	\$1,377,599
Change of	\$88,920

The Administrative component of the budget includes expenses of the Board of Education, District Office, Business Office, records management, mailing, legal services and administrative benefits.



Total Budget: \$13,263,039

REVENUE	
Property Taxes:	\$3,744,492
State Aid:	\$8,055,537
Other: Tuitions, Reimbursements, Shared revenues	\$881,000
Fund Balance and Reserves:	\$582,010

EXPENSES	
General Support: Central Administration, Building & Grounds	\$1,694,267
Instruction: Instruction, Special Education, Occupational Education, Co-Curriculum, Athletics	\$6,160,632
Transportation: Transportation Services	\$760,518
Employee Benefits:	\$2,772,830
Bonded Debt & Transfers:	\$1,874,792
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$13,263,039

YOU WILL BE VOTING ON

PROPOSITION I - BUDGET AMOUNT

To adopt the budget as presented in the amount \$13,263,039, to authorize the Board of Education to levy and collect the necessary taxes.

PROPOSITION II - BUDGET AMOUNT

Authorize the school district to purchase one (1) diesel fueled 66 passenger school bus, not to exceed a sum of \$190,000, and pay through the 2026-2027 budget appropriations.

TRUSTEE AT LARGE (VOTE FOR TWO CANDIDATES)

Two three year terms to fill vacancies created by the expiration of terms of Mrs. Rebecca Garrison and Mr. Jeff Vroman.

- Candidate TBD
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VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

- Citizen of the United States
- Resident of the district for a thirty-day period preceding the meeting at which desiring voting.
- No person shall be deemed ineligible to vote by reason of age, race, or sex, who has the other qualifications required by this section
- Voters do not need to be registered. Non-registered voters may obtain absentee ballots through the District Office at plante.jennifer@charlottevalley.org or by calling 607-278-5511.
- Must be 18 years of age

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Amanda Richter, Vice President

Joe Ballard

Matt Moyse

Jeff Vroman

Current Resident or

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Postal Patron

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NOON – 8:00 PM
SCHOOL CAFETERIA

BUDGET AT A GLANCE

WE ARE PROPOSING A BUDGET OF

\$13,263,039

BUDGET-TO-BUDGET, THIS IS AN INCREASE OF

3.98%

THE PROPOSED TAX LEVY INCREASE

3.52%

MAXIMUM TAX CAP

3.52%

PROPOSED LEVY IS UNDER THE TAX CAP

**SEE CENTERFOLD
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INFORMATION**