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BUDGET At a Glance

PROPOSED BUDGET

\$13,607,856

SPENDING INCREASE

6.4%

PROPERTY TAX LEVY INCREASE

2.47%

What is on the Ballot?

This year, the Worcester
CSD ballot will include:

The Budget Proposition for
2025-2026

A Board of Education Seat
to fill a five year term



Budget **VOTE**

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 | 12-8 p.m.

Worcester Central School Library,
198 Main Street

Voters to decide on \$13.6 million proposed budget, board election

**Budget adds opportunities for students,
remains below tax levy limit**

On Tuesday, May 20, 2025, Worcester Central School voters will decide on a \$13,607,856 budget proposal for the 2025-26 school year. The proposed budget maintains all current academic and extracurricular programming for students, and adds BOCES services, a school resource officer as well as a teaching position to accommodate growth. The proposed budget is a 6.4% spending increase compared to last year and includes a proposed 2.47% tax levy increase that is lower than the calculated allowable tax levy limit of 2.49%.

In addition, the proposed budget includes the purchase of two diesel powered school buses to maintain the five year bus replacement schedule established years ago by the Board of Education. This ensures our fleet maintains newly enhanced safety features and minimizes repair costs for maintaining buses and vehicles past their practical life.

"We are excited for the next school year and appreciate the investment our community makes in our students", said Superintendent Tim Gonzales. "Our board of education is working hard for our students to meet success, while being aware of the impact on taxpayers."

Voters will also elect one candidate to the board of education.





Grant Beverland earns title of Valedictorian

Grant Beverland has earned the honor of being the Valedictorian of the Class of 2025. Grant is the son of Michael and Jo-Ann Beverland. He has attended WCS since pre-kindergarten. Grant has participated in Band, Drumline, Student Council, Track and Field, National Honor Society, and SkillsUSA. For his senior year, Grant has been attending the New Vision Engineering program. After graduation, Grant plans to attend Clarkson University to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering.



Mason Sivacek earns title of Salutatorian

Mason Sivacek has earned the honor of being the Salutatorian of the Class of 2025. During his time at WCS Mason has participated in sports, such as, soccer and basketball. He enjoys many activities in and out of school and has participated in many of WCS school clubs. He is a member of SADD, Varsity Leadership Club, and Student Council. Mason loves being outdoors and enjoys hiking. This fall he plans to attend SUNY Oswego and eventually earn a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Questions & Answers about the Proposed Budget

Q: What additions are in the budget?

A: The 2025-26 budget proposes the purchase of 2 diesel powered buses and the addition of a school resource officer to enhance security on campus. This year's proposed budget has additional BOCES services for English as a new language learners and assistance for students with disabilities.

Q: Is the proposed budget within the district's tax levy limit?

A: The proposed 2025-26 tax levy increase is 2.47%, which increases the budget \$93,694, and is under the 2.49% tax cap as calculated by the required state formula.

Q: Why is the "2% tax cap" not really 2%?

A: The "2% tax cap" is actually different for every school in the state and is determined by NYS law through a formula using each school's unique fiscal data. Tax levy limits vary by district every year. For the 2025-26 school year the WCS tax levy limit is 2.49%. The calculated amount is a threshold that determines what level of voter support is needed to pass a budget. If a district's tax levy increase is below or equal to the limit, a simple majority (50 percent plus one vote) is needed. If a district's tax levy increase exceeds the limit, 60 percent voter approval is required.



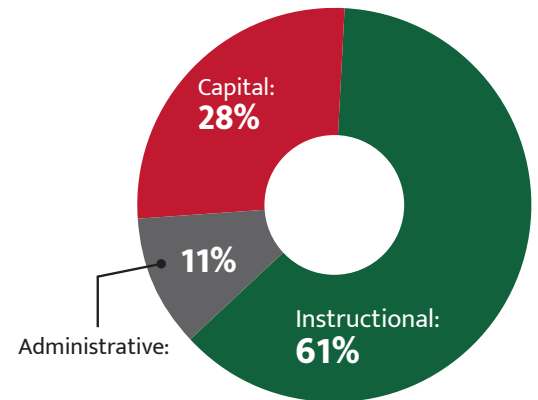


3-PART BUDGET SUMMARY

Where does the money go?

A line-by-line look at Expenditures

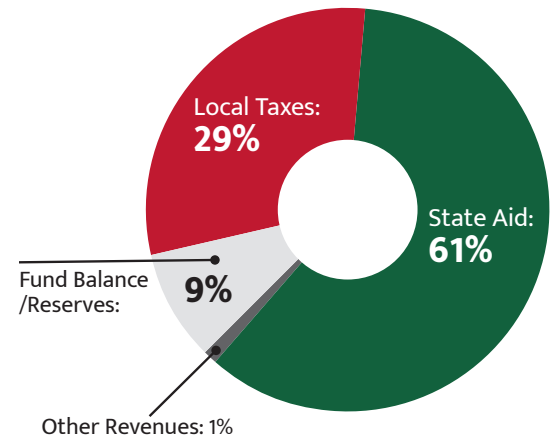
EXPENSES	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Proposed	% Change
Administrative	\$1,412,179	\$1,473,006	4.3%
Program	\$7,890,493	\$8,309,474	5.3%
Capital	\$3,483,075	\$3,825,376	9.8%
Total Expenses	\$12,785,747	\$13,607,856	6.4%



Where does the money come from?

A line-by-line look at Revenues

REVENUES	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Proposed	% Change
Fund Balance/Reserves	\$1,117,629	\$1,250,000	11.8%
Other Revenues	\$151,000	\$151,000	0%
State Aid	\$7,723,830	\$8,319,874	7.7%
Local Taxes	\$3,793,288	\$3,886,982	2.4%
Total Revenues	\$12,785,474	\$13,607,856	6.4%



One seat on the Board of Education

Travis Hunt



My name is Travis Hunt and I am seeking your support to serve our community and represent you on the Worcester Central School Board.

Born and raised in Worcester, I am a third generation alum of WCS and proud father of two boys representing a fourth generation. My time as a Wolverine was truly special and I am grateful to the school and the community for providing me with a strong foundation to build my life upon.

After graduation (Class of '05), I spent two years in the Adirondacks at Paul Smith's College, earning my Associates degree in Surveying Technology. About a year after graduating there I headed south to Wilkes Barre, PA to complete my Bachelors degree in Surveying Engineering. During my summers at Penn State, I was able to secure a seasonal position with the Bureau of Land Management in Alaska and traveled around the "Last Frontier" to perform land surveys. After the second field season I returned home and worked locally with a private firm until the opportunity came to work for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. I have been with NYSDEC for a little over 11 years now, working with the Real Property Bureau to protect our State's natural resources.

My wife, Lauren and I settled in to our homestead in 2020, excited to raise our boys up "on the farm". We've been raising Dexter cattle, heritage pigs, and chickens for the past few years, with everyone pitching in to get the chores done.

But in between the work, we make time to help out and enjoy some of the great opportunities our community offers. I've coached Tee Ball and Youth Soccer and am hoping to have another great season with those. More recently, I've been helping the Booster Club and Lauren has started working with PTO, to support these organizations and the important work they do for our youth. It is rewarding to see the children enjoy the events and programs that our community groups host.

I feel very fortunate to call this community my home and I also feel our school is at the heart of it. It would be my honor to serve you all and I would work hard to ensure the school and community continue to thrive. I encourage everyone to get involved, however you can, so you too can see how special Worcester really is! Please come out to vote and I look forward to seeing you at the next event!

On Tuesday, May 20, voters will elect a candidate to fill one five year term seat on the Worcester Board of Education.

Board of Education

William Fisher, President

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Travis Hunt

Tim Gonzales, Superintendent



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Budget 2025-26

Budget Vote Information

What will I be voting on?

- A \$13,607,856 budget proposal for 2025-26.
- One school board seat. (See page 3.)

When and where do I vote?

Tuesday, May 20, 2025, from 12-8 p.m. at the Worcester CSD Library.

Who is eligible to vote?

District residents who are U.S. citizens, 18 years old or older and residents in the school district for at least 30 days prior to the vote; and are not otherwise disqualified under the Education Law

How can I vote by absentee ballot or mail ballot?

An application may be requested from the district clerk Wendy Elliott by phone at (607) 397-8785 or in-person at the district office, 198 Main St., Worcester, NY 12197.

Absentee ballots are available by application from the district clerk for qualified voters unable to vote on the day of the referendum.

A qualified voter may apply for an early mail ballot on your own behalf by application from the district clerk.

Completed applications for an absentee ballot or completed applications for an early mail ballot must be received by the district clerk at least seven days before the election, if the ballot is to be mailed to the absentee voter or mailed to the early mail voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the absentee voter or delivered personally to the early mail voter.

All ballots are due by 5 p.m. on May 20.

WHAT IF THE BUDGET VOTE FAILS?

The board of education can adopt a contingent budget which would prevent WCSD from increasing the current levy by any amount.

To make up the levy difference of \$93,694 incurred with a contingency budget, WCSD could possibly cut program expenses or increase the amount we would have to take from our fund balance.

Alternatively, the district may choose to hold a re-vote on June 17, 2025.



Board of Education 2024-25 Meetings Schedule

May 7, 2025: Budget Hearing - Worcester Central School Library, 6:30 p.m.

May 28, 2025: Worcester Central School Library, 6:30 p.m.

June 18, 2025: Worcester Central School Library, 6:30 p.m.