

2025 - 2026 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

	Budget Adopted for 2024-25 School Year	Budget Proposed for 2025-26 School Year	Contingency Budget 2025-26 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$21,481,383	\$22,334,947	\$22,263,193
Increase/Decrease for the 2025-26 School Year		\$853,564	\$781,810
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.98%	3.82%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.95%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budget Amount	\$5,740,309	\$5,812,063	
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 Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0	\$0	
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$5,885,257	\$5,961,438	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions	\$5,740,309	\$5,812,063	
I. Difference G-H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval)	\$144,949	\$149,375	
Administrative component	\$2,023,376	\$2,045,035	\$2,042,035
Program component	\$16,302,988	\$17,117,886	\$17,081,051
Capital component	\$3,155,019	\$3,172,026	\$3,136,026

CONTINGENT BUDGET

According to the state law, the public may vote on a school budget only twice in any given year. In the event the proposed budget is defeated by voters, the Board of Education must adopt a contingency budget.

State law establishes a limit on the increase of a contingent budget over the district budget for the prior year. No longer is there a spending cap on contingent budgets. Instead, there is now a zero percent cap on the tax levy increase. In other words, a district would have to levy the same amount of taxes as in the current year or less - without any adjustments for the state pension rate increases.

WHITEHALL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

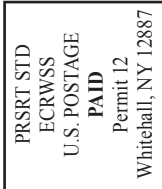
	2024-25 Budgeted	2025-26 Proposed Budget
Total Spending	\$21,481,363	\$22,334,947
Total Estimated Tax Levy	\$5,740,309	\$5,812,063
Total School Enrollment	712	731
Consumer Price Index	4.12%	2.95%
	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Estimated
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$5,541,499	\$5,783,880
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$866,477	\$857,835
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$3,412,222	\$3,358,134
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	15.88%	15.04%

★ Basic STAR Exemption Impact



Estimated Basic STAR* Exemption Savings based on a hypothetical home within the school district with a full value of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) and a Basic STAR exemption of \$30,000.

The Basic School Tax Relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.



POSTAL CUSTOMER
Whitehall, NY 12887



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Whitehall, NY 12887
www.railroaders.net

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VISIT DISTRICT WEBSITE TO ACCESS:

- Assessor's Report
- NYS Report Card
- Additional budget documents

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BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 20, 2025
12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Jr.-Sr. High School in LGI

All Individuals Must Provide Proof of Residency at the Vote



Whitehall Central School District Budget Newsletter



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Tuesday, May 20, 2025
12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Jr.-Sr. High School in LGI



ABSENTEE BALLOTS

A list of individuals issued absentee and early mail-in ballots will be available in the District Clerk's office starting April 21, 2025, and can be viewed on the five business days before the election, excluding weekends and holidays.



VOTING QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must be at least 18 years of age as of May 20, 2025
- Must be a resident of the district for 30 days or more on Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Shining a Spotlight on the Class of 2025's Top 10

We are proud to recognize the ten students who have earned the highest academic honors in the Class of 2025.



Taylor Gross
SUNY Adirondack; Nursing Program

Emily Lyng
Binghamton University; BFA in Graphic Design

Scott Stoodley, Jr.
University at Albany; Actuarial Science and Data Analytics

Presley Gosselin
Russell Sage College; Accelerated Physical Therapy Program

Leah Tracy
Northeast College of Health Sciences; Sonography Program

Aidan Mowatt
Le Moyne College; Biology

Kerra Panoushek
Keuka College; Business Management

Sophia Skiff
SUNY Adirondack; Photography

Olivia Gordon
Florida Southern College; Biology

Shea Randall
SUNY Plattsburgh



*Congratulations to the
Class of 2025!*

Graduation will be held on Friday, June 27, 2025

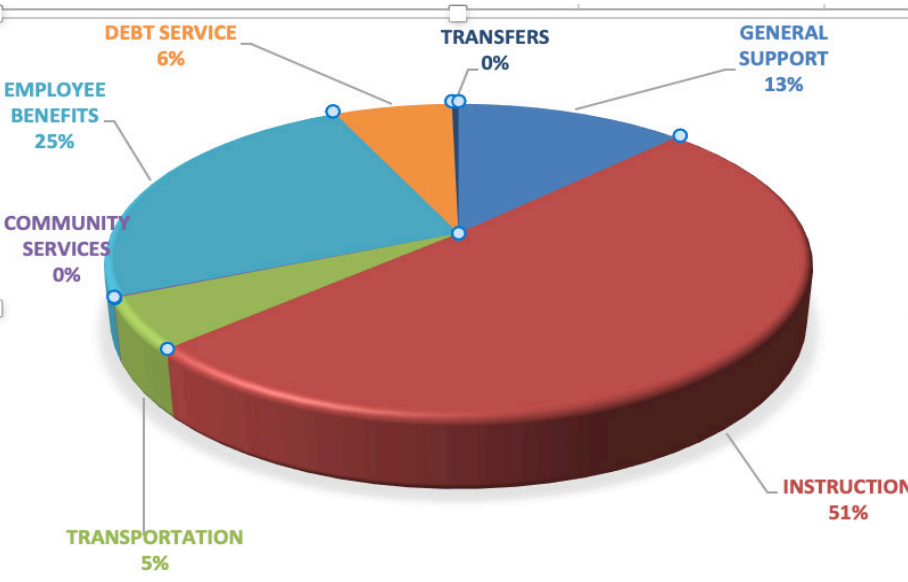
2025-2026 Proposed Budget for the Whitehall Central School District

Expense Summary

This year's budget shows an increase of 3.97%. The majority of the budgetary increases are in the benefits as the district faced a large increase in health insurance premiums.

No programs will be cut and the district will continue to offer full day Pre-Kindergarten.

EXPENSE SUMMARY	2024-25 BUDGET	2025-26 BUDGET	\$ DIFF.	% DIFF.	% OF BUDGET
GENERAL SUPPORT	\$2,566,971	\$2,777,470	\$210,499	8.20%	12.44%
INSTRUCTION	\$11,175,927	\$11,356,288	\$180,361	1.61%	50.85%
TRANSPORTATION	\$1,139,873	\$1,175,532	\$35,659	3.13%	5.26%
COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	0.00%	0.11%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$5,043,912	\$5,491,782	\$447,870	8.88%	24.59%
DEBT SERVICE	\$1,424,700	\$1,428,875	\$4,175	0.3%	6.40%
TRANSFERS	\$105,000	\$80,000	(\$25,000)	-23.81%	0.36%
TOTALS	\$21,481,383	\$22,334,947	\$853,564	3.97%	100.00%



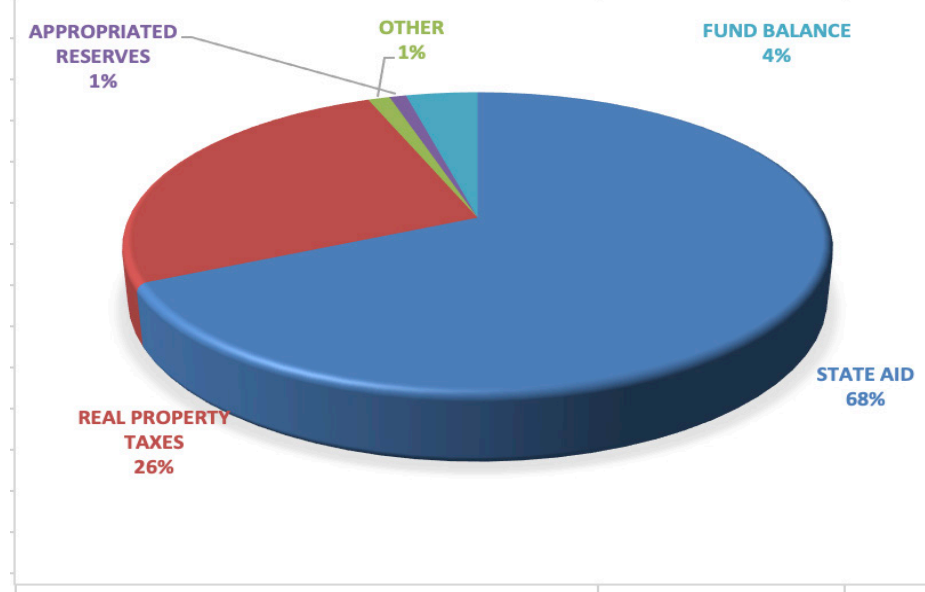
THREE PART BUDGET ANALYSIS	2024-25 BUDGET	2025-26 BUDGET	\$ DIFF.	% DIFF.	% OF BUDGET
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$2,023,376	\$2,045,035	\$21,659	1.07%	9.156%
PROGRAM	\$16,302,988	\$17,117,886	\$814,898	5.00%	76.642%
CAPITAL	\$3,155,019	\$3,172,026	\$17,007	0.54%	14.202%
TOTALS	\$21,481,383	\$22,334,947	\$853,564	3.97%	100.00%

Revenue Summary

This year's budget shows an increase in state aid/revenue of 5.56% and a property tax increase of 1.25%. The district will utilize funds from the ERS reserve and the unassigned fund balance to balance the budget. BOCES aid increased due to a rise in purchased services. The district also has an increase in tuition-paying students.

REVENUE SUMMARY	2024-25 BUDGET	2025-26 BUDGET	\$ DIFF.	% DIFF.	% OF BUDGET
STATE AID/STATE REVENUE	\$14,402,803	\$15,203,884	\$801,081	5.56%	68.07%
REAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$5,740,309	\$5,812,063	\$71,754	1.25%	26.02%
OTHER	\$173,141	\$261,165	\$88,024	50.84%	1.17%
APPROPRIATED RESERVES	\$298,653	\$200,000	(\$98,653)	-33.03%	0.90%
FUND BALANCE	\$866,477	\$857,835	(\$8,642)	-1.00%	3.84%
TOTALS	\$21,481,383	\$22,334,947	\$853,564	3.97%	100.00%

Year over year Real Property Tax increases by \$71,754 or 1.25%.



Whitehall Elementary School Students Raise Over \$2,500 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Whitehall Elementary students raised an incredible \$2,510 during this year's St. Jude Math-A-Thon! Nineteen students participated, sharpening their math skills while supporting children battling cancer. Top fundraisers included Axel S. (\$500), Evalyn S. (\$270), and Behrett S. (\$265). Thanks to the hard work of these students and the generosity of their families and sponsors, every dollar will help ensure St. Jude families never receive a bill for treatment, travel, housing, or food.



Propositions and Board of Education Election

PROPOSITION #1 2025-2026 SCHOOL BUDGET

To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2025-2026 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District. Proposed spending plan of \$22,334,947.

PROPOSITION #2 BUS PURCHASE PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education of the Whitehall Central School District be authorized to purchase one sixty-five (65) passenger school bus for the use of the said School District, the estimated maximum cost thereof, not to exceed a total of \$168,986 that such sum or so much thereof as may be necessary be expended from the unencumbered and unappropriated funds now on hand, or shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education.

PROPOSITION #3 LAND PURCHASE FOR THE SITE OF A FUTURE TRANSPORTATION FACILITY

Shall the Board of Education of the Whitehall Central School District be authorized to utilize the District's General Fund Balance to purchase approximately 7.32+/- Acres of real property located at 270 Broadway, Whitehall, New York 12887 (Tax Map No. 60.13-1-42), at a cost of \$250,000, together with all reasonable and customary fees and closing costs.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education as follows:

- One (1) member, for a 3-year term commencing July 1, 2025 and expiring on June 30, 2028, to succeed Roxanne Waters whose term expires on June 30, 2025.
- One (1) member for a 3-year term, commencing July 1, 2025 and expiring June 30, 2028, to succeed Louis Pratt whose term will expire June 30, 2025.

Members running to fill the two vacant Board of Education seats:

- Christine Diekel
- James Foote
- Louis Pratt
- Robert Putorti, Jr.
- Roxanne Waters

NYS Education Law requires schools to provide residents with an opportunity to write-in an individual's name for each vacancy on the Board. While no nominating petitions were submitted for two (2) of the vacancies, you may write-in one (1) person's name for the vacant seat. Please note that it is important to include the candidate's full name so that the District can determine who the intended recipient is. If the District cannot determine the name of the candidate being written in, it will not be counted.