



# Beacon

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MAY 2025

## Spring 2025 Budget Newsletter

Dear Beacon City School District Community:

We are proud to present this budget to our community this year. Over the past several months, we have worked with stakeholder input to develop a budget that maintains the momentum we have built and supports new programming to meet student needs.

The 25-26 budget maintains many of the gains we have made over the last few years:

- Implementation of a full-day pre-k program
- Small class sizes at the elementary level
- Instrumental music beginning in the fourth grade
- Immersive learning and exploration with overnight field trips at Rombout Middle School
- A wide range of course offerings at Beacon High School, including 10 AP courses and 8 Dutchess Community College courses
- A strong athletics program with many offerings from modified to the varsity level
- An expanded offering of clubs and extracurriculars at all levels of school

The 25-26 budget also adds academic intervention teachers, a mental health clinic at Rombout Middle School, a half-time speech teacher, summer programming for some of our high school students, and enhanced professional development for our staff.

If the budget vote does not pass, the district must implement a contingency budget. The contingency budget would force us to make \$2.4 million in cuts across all areas of the district, and we could not avoid a negative impact on all of our students.

When we plan the district budget, we can't ever lose sight of the ultimate goal: to ensure that every student is prepared for learning, life, and work beyond school. It takes everyone – students, teachers, and administrators – to reach that goal. But it also takes the community to make it possible, by supporting a budget that is considered carefully and used wisely. We're in this together, and we can only succeed together.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns, and we hope to have your support with our budget.

Sincerely,

Matt Landahl and Flora Stadler  
Superintendent President, BOE

**VOTE**  
**May 20, 2025**  
**6am - 9pm**

**Voting Locations:**  
**Beacon HS/Glenham ES**

- BUDGET VOTE
- ELECT THREE (3) BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

<b>Budget Summary</b>	<b>2024-2025 BUDGET</b>	<b>2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET</b>	<b>\$9,401,600</b>	<b>\$9,549,040</b>	<b>\$147,440</b>
Board of Education	46,700	46,700	0
Central Administration	363,600	383,000	19,400
Finance	884,700	931,650	46,950
Legal	20,000	20,000	0
Personnel	107,500	110,500	3,000
Records Management	4,750	4,750	0
Public Information	90,000	110,000	20,000
Central Services	52,404	62,922	10,518
Security	823,637	847,000	23,363
Special Items	844,000	850,000	6,000
Curriculum Development & Supervision	675,251	734,750	59,499
Supervision -- Regular School	2,396,300	2,472,700	76,400
Supervision -- Handicapped	664,000	512,000	(152,000)
Supervision -- Benefits	2,428,758	2,463,068	34,310
<b>INSTRUCTIONAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$62,591,409</b>	<b>\$65,079,065</b>	<b>\$2,487,656</b>
Legal	175,000	160,000	(15,000)
Central Services	67,456	54,808	(12,648)
Curriculum Development & Supervision	0	0	0
In-Service Training	100,000	100,000	0
Teaching -- Regular School	20,407,424	21,084,440	677,016
Teaching -- Handicapped	12,054,511	13,252,393	1,197,882
Special Needs/Occ. Ed.	500,000	500,000	0
Special Schools	0	0	0
Special Schools - Alt Ed	20,000	20,000	0
School Library & Audio Visual	775,931	716,367	(59,564)
Computer Assisted Instruction	2,564,221	2,578,000	13,779
Attendance/Guidance	1,048,761	1,097,714	48,953
Health Services	670,150	641,150	(29,000)
Psychological/Social Work	1,466,219	1,540,213	73,994
Co-Curricular Activities	236,000	242,000	6,000
Interscholastic Activities	682,000	732,000	50,000
Pupil Transportation	3,717,450	3,974,650	257,200
Community Services	151,000	170,000	19,000
Instruction -- Benefits	17,815,286	18,075,330	260,044
Transfer to Special Aid	140,000	140,000	0
<b>CAPITAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$11,861,991</b>	<b>\$13,091,895</b>	<b>\$1,229,904</b>
Central Services	5,109,240	5,390,370	281,130
Special Items	70,000	50,000	(20,000)
Central Services -- Benefits	1,000,871	1,015,848	14,977
Debt Service	5,681,880	6,635,677	953,797
Transfer to Capital Fund	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$83,855,000</b>	<b>\$87,720,000</b>	<b>\$3,865,000</b>

VOTE

MAY 20, 2025

VOTE

Voters will be asked to decide the following:

PROPOSITION #1: 2025 -2026 BUDGET

SHALL the budget for the Beacon City School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025, in the amount of \$87,720,000 be adopted, and the necessary taxes to meet such expenditures be levied and collected?

ELECTION OF THREE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

To elect three (3) members to the Board of Education as follows:

1. Meredith Heuer

2. Catherine Buscemi

3. Semra Ercin

The terms are as follows:

Three (3) members to the Board of Education for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028.

What is the potential tax impact?

Estimated tax impact on a median value home if assessments remain the same as last school year:

Beacon - \$240/year, \$20/month

Fishkill - \$253/year, \$21.08/month

Wappingers - \$225/year, \$18.75/month

If Assessments increase 5%:

Beacon - \$31/year, \$2.58/month

Fishkill - \$31/year, \$2.58/month

Wappingers - \$32/year, \$2.67/month

Note: Assessments have increased on an average of 7% over the last nine years.

Tax Rates per \$1,000 - Dutchess County

\$10.05

Pine Plains

\$10.58

Rhinebeck

\$11.19

Poughkeepsie

\$11.83

Millbrook

\$11.98

Beacon

\$13.16

Dover

\$13.90

Wappingers

\$16.10

Red Hook

\$17.18

Pawling

\$17.32

Hyde Park

\$17.80

Spackenkill

\$17.89

Artington

REVENUE

2025-2026

Local Property Taxes

\$50,102,098

State Aid

\$31,932,119

Interest and Earnings

\$750,000

Interest, Penalties, PILOTS

\$566,000

Use of Reserves/Fund Balance

\$2,500,000

Transfer from Debt Service

\$0

Miscellaneous

\$1,869,783

TOTAL REVENUE

\$87,720,000

# VOTE MAY 20, 2025 • 6:00 AM - 9:00 PM VOTE

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2025-26 by the qualified voters of the Beacon City School District, Dutchess County, New York, will be held at **Beacon High School** and **Glenham Elementary School** in said district on **Tuesday, May 20, 2025**, between the hours of **6:00am and 9:00pm**, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

## Budget Notice

	Budget Adopted for the 2024-2025 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2025-2026 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2025-2026 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$83,855,000	\$87,720,000	\$85,293,306
Increase/Decrease for 2025-2026 School Year		\$3,865,000	\$1,438,306
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		4.61 %	1.72%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.95%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$47,675,404	\$50,102,098	
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)	\$47,675,404	\$50,102,098	\$47,675,404
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$977,963	\$1,425,390	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$46,697,441	\$48,676,708	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)	\$46,697,441	\$48,676,708	
I. Difference: (G – H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
BUDGET COMPONENTS:			
Administrative	\$9,401,600	\$9,549,040	\$9,313,170
Program	\$62,591,409	\$65,079,065	\$62,973,741
Capital	\$11,861,991	\$13,091,895	\$13,006,395

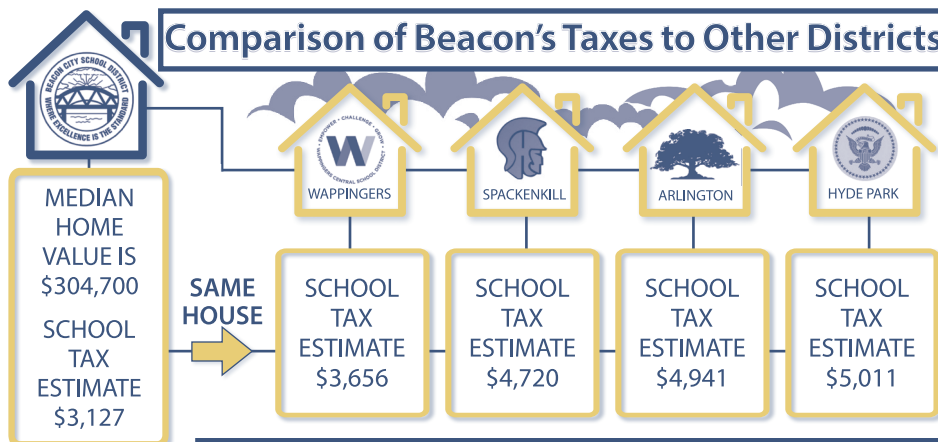
\*Statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2025-2026 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated: If the budget does not pass and goes to contingency, "cost of living" increases are not allowed. Therefore the proposed budget would have to be cut by approximately \$2,400,000. Since other costs have increased, this would mean significant cuts in programs and activities, which may include: Increases in class sizes, Elimination of non-core classes such as art, music and electives, Cuts to Athletics, Clubs, and Student Activities at all levels, Cuts to non-mandatory equipment purchases, Charging full cost of facility use to all non-school organizations, Reductions/Eliminations of school related building usage.

\*\*List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount:  
(Tax Levy associated with propositions not eligible for exclusion may affect property tax levy limit and voter approval requirements.)

Description	Amount
Under the Budget Proposed for the 2025-2026 School Year	\$500

Estimated Basic STAR Tax Savings

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



## 2 Polling Locations for the Beacon City School District:

Voters who reside within the boundaries of the City of Beacon:

**Beacon High School**  
101 Matteawan Road, Beacon, New York, 12508

Voters who reside within the boundaries of the Town of Fishkill or the Town of Wappinger:

**Glenham Elementary**  
20 Chase Drive, Fishkill, New York 12524





**Beacon City School District**  
10 Education Drive, Beacon, NY 12508

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2025-2026 Proposed  
Budget Increase

**4.61%**

2025-2026 Proposed  
Tax Levy Increase\*

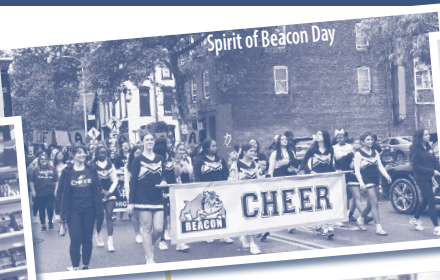
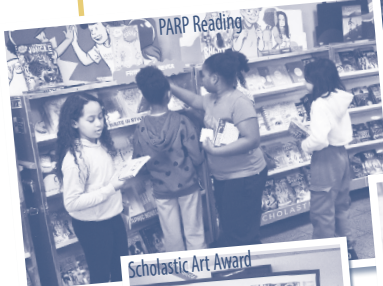
**5.09%**

\*Within the 2025-26 Tax Levy Limit

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**Thank you for...**



**...another year of excellence!**

**BEACON CITY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**BOARD of EDUCATION**

Ms. Flora Stadler, *President*  
Ms. Meredith Heuer, *Vice President*

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Ms. Semra Ercin  
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Ms. Alena Kush  
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Ms. LaVonne McNair  
Mr. Eric Schetter  
Mr. Anthony White

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