



**Shenendehowa**  
Central School District

*Commitment to Excellence*



## THE \$223,237,339 BUDGET FOR 2025-2026 TAX LEVY ALIGNS WITH TAX CAP

### THE FUTURE IS NOW: DEFINING TOMORROW BY ACTIONS TODAY

*"The 2025-2026 Budget preserves quality programs, ensuring continued opportunities for student growth and success. The actions we take today will positively impact their future."*

**- Superintendent Dr. L. Oliver Robinson**

Shenendehowa always takes a measured approach to the development of the school budget. It's essential to create future prosperity that will preserve what is important to students because we define tomorrow by our actions today.

This year, we have focused on maintaining the stability of our programs, ensuring that the District is positioned to meet the evolving needs of students. This budget preserves academic supports, mental health initiatives, and addresses the evolving needs of our special education program, all while continuing to prioritize safety, technology obsolescence, and expanding opportunities for student engagement.

As we approach the celebration of Shen's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we will celebrate our continued dedication to providing an environment where ALL students can achieve excellence.

### 2025-2026 BUDGET VOTE

May 20, 2025 ■ 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM ■ Gowana Gym

<b>Total budget:</b>	<b>\$223,237,339</b>
Spending increase:	<b>4.43%</b>
Tax LEVY aligns with NYS tax cap of <b>3.29%</b>	
<b>A property valued at \$300,000 would see an estimated tax bill increase of \$2.00.</b>	

#### Bus Purchase Resolution

- (11) 66-passenger Type "C" Buses
- (2) 66-passenger Type "C-EV" Buses\*

\*Contingent upon receiving NYSBIP funds, otherwise (2) standard buses will be purchased.

- (5) 30-passenger Type "A" Buses
- (2) 24-passenger w/3 WC Type "C" Buses

**Total Cost Not to Exceed: \$3,486,700**

#### Capital Project Reserve Resolution

Authorization to establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 3651 of Education Law, to a **limit of \$15,000,000.**

#### Capital Project Resolution

- Building Condition Repairs and Upgrades
- Safety Audit Upgrades
- Bus Electrification (infrastructure)
- Academic Program Enhancements

**Proposed Cost: \$85,500,000**

**Capital Reserve Offset: \$5,000,000**

**Balance to Borrow: \$80,500,000**

**Building Aid: 69.6%**

#### School Board Election

Three seats on the Board of Education are up for election. Each seat carries a three-year term. The seats are currently held by Petra Holden, Deanna Stephenson, and Tom Templeton.

## CONTINUED STABILITY IN PROGRAMS & INVESTING IN OUR STUDENTS' FUTURES

Through the prudent allocation of funds, Shenendehowa continues to maintain and grow programs and services. When educators and families can rely on the continuity of resources and support, it builds a strong foundation for academic success and fosters an engaged school experience for students.

The budget is an investment in our students' futures. By dedicating resources to areas like early childhood programs, mental health services, technology infrastructure, and special education, the district can provide students with the skills and support they need to thrive in a changing world.

Budget decisions that prioritize equity and innovation open doors for all learners. Ultimately, a forward-thinking budget reflects the district's commitment to preparing students for success beyond the classroom, and beyond Shen upon graduation.



### PROPOSED BUDGET FINAL ANALYSIS

- Tax levy aligns with property tax cap of 3.29%
- Supports the evolving needs of students
- Provides facility and program enhancements

### FIVE-YEAR BUDGET INCREASE HISTORY

5-Year Average	4.22%
Proposed 2025-2026	4.43%
2024-2025	3.47%
2023-2024	6.31%
2022-2023	3.85%
2021-2022	3.03%

### WHEN/WHERE TO VOTE

**Tuesday, May 20, 2025**, polls open from **7:00 AM - 9:00 PM** at the **Gowana Middle School Gym**

#### Who can vote?

- You are eligible to vote if you are: a U.S. citizen, 18 years or older and have been a Shenendehowa district resident for at least 30 days prior to the vote
- No pre-registration is required
- Official personal photo identification is required



### CAN'T GET TO THE POLLS?

Absentee ballots may be used by any resident who will not be available to come to the campus to vote. They are available at the District Office, 5 Chelsea Place, Clifton Park. For information, call the District Clerk at 881-0623. By law, absentee ballots are mailed to any resident who is certified by Saratoga County as disabled. If you are disabled and did not receive an absentee ballot, please call the District Clerk's office. Ballots must be returned to the District Clerk no later than 5 pm on May 20.

### DIRECTIONS TO THE POLLS

Gowana Middle School is located on Shen's main campus. Enter the campus using the Route 146 entrance and then bear left. Gowana is on the right. Follow the signs to the entrance of the polling place.