



PORT BYRON

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGET 2025-2026 NEWSLETTER

TOWN BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

- **Conquest**
May 7th at 6 p.m.
at the Town Hall
- **Mentz**
May 12th at 7 p.m. at
the Lehn Library during
our board meeting
- **Montezuma**
May 13th at 6 p.m.
at the Town Hall
- **Throop**
May 14th at 6 p.m.
at the Town Hall



BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 20, 2025
9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Athletic Center Lobby
(Please enter through
Athletic Center Lobby
entrance on Athletic Drive)

**Port Byron Central
School District**
30 Maple Avenue
Port Byron, NY 13140
(315) 776-5728

2025-2026 BUDGET FACTS

Proposed Budget:
\$27,483,817

**Proposed School
Tax Levy**
\$6,655,868

**Estimated School
Tax Levy Increase**
1.2%

Dear Port Byron CSD Community,

As we prepare for the upcoming school budget vote and Board of Education elections, I am proud to share with you the 2025–2026 budget proposal. This budget continues to reflect our commitment to providing exceptional educational opportunities for students while remaining fiscally responsible to our community.

We remain focused on keeping costs to taxpayers as low as possible, and this year's proposed tax levy increase is 1.2% – well below the maximum allowable increase under New York State's tax cap formula. Even with this modest increase, we continue to grow and expand what we offer our students—finding creative, cost-effective ways to do more with less.

This year's budget includes expanded art instruction, made possible through a new shared teaching position with Union Springs CSD—a partnership that reflects our willingness to collaborate regionally in order to provide more for our students.

We are also investing in a second distance learning lab, giving students greater access to dual enrollment and college-level coursework through Cayuga Community College. This expansion allows us to further develop new career-aligned pathways in advanced manufacturing, health services, graphic design, criminal justice, business and finance, and teacher preparation—helping students explore their interests while building real-world skills.

In addition, next year's budget expands opportunities for career exploration for all students in grades UPK–12. We will continue working with our community partners, local businesses, and regional educational institutions to provide meaningful field trips, design challenges, guest speakers, and job shadowing experiences that help students connect what they're learning in school to the world beyond our school walls.

In our elementary grades, we continue to strengthen our foundation by enhancing curriculum offerings in science, engineering, and technology—building upon the strong core content instruction already in place. These early experiences are designed to spark curiosity, foster problem-solving, and prepare students for a future where innovation and adaptability are essential.

This year's budget also preserves everything our community has come to expect and value, including:

- School supplies provided for all students in grades UPK–12
- Access to Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs through Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES
- Ongoing commitment to newly created electives in the high school (Financial Literacy, Agriculture Education, Coding, and other STEM courses)
- A full-time School Resource Officer through the Cayuga County Sheriff's Department
- And most importantly, the incredible team of educators and support staff members who make Port Byron a special place for our students to learn and grow

Please review the full budget newsletter, attend one of our upcoming budget presentations, or reach out with any questions. Your voice matters, and your vote ensures we continue moving forward together.

Please come out and vote on Tuesday, May 20. Let's keep supporting our students, our staff, and our schools!

Thank you for your continued support.



Go Panthers!

Michael Jorgensen,
Superintendent of Schools



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ADMINISTRATIVE

	2024-2025	2025-2026
Board of Education	48,075.00	54,242.00
Central Administration	293,649.00	304,689.00
Finance	621,117.00	565,596.00
Legal	29,774.00	31,161.00
Personnel	11,725.00	11,850.00
Public Information	12,933.00	13,283.00
Other Central Services	435,194.00	502,143.00
Other Special Items	275,004.00	253,404.00
Supervision	685,295.00	634,262.00
Research Planning & Development	133,799.00	136,379.00
Benefits	817,930.00	680,798.00
Total	3,364,495	3,187,807

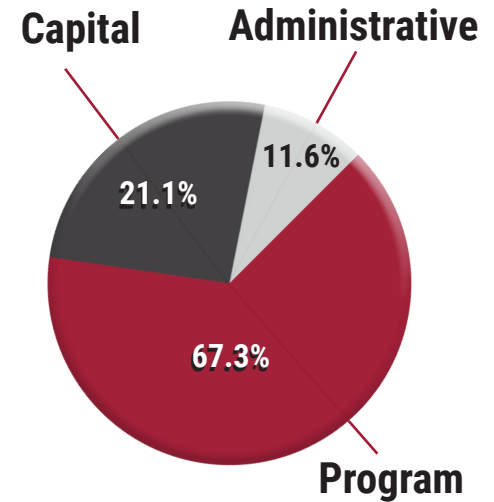
PROGRAM

	2024-2025	2025-2026
Legal	25,000.00	30,000.00
Inservice/Curriculum Development	129,621.00	132,021.00
Teaching Regular School	5,251,833.00	5,822,038.00
Teaching Special Programs	3,228,789.00	3,310,707.00
Teaching Special Schools	873,593.00	906,557.00
Library Media Services	175,502.00	157,137.00
Computer Assisted Instruction	1,139,453.00	1,136,401.00
Guidance	306,523.00	286,419.00
Health Services	125,513.00	129,781.00
Psychological Services	25,000.00	0.00
Pupil Services Athletics	485,249.00	462,500.00
Transportation	1,658,020.00	2,061,273.00
Benefits	3,675,666.00	4,073,596.00
Total	17,099,762	18,508,431

CAPITAL

	2024-2025	2025-2026
Operation of Plant	1,123,458.00	1,198,479.00
Maintenance of Plant	296,007.00	308,191.00
Other Special Items	82,500.00	99,500.00
Refund of Property Tax	2,000.00	2,000.00
Bus Garage	466,300.00	467,300.00
Debt Service	1,773,764.00	3,063,936.00
Transfer to Capital Fund (Capital Outlay)	250,000.00	250,000.00
Interfund Transfers	24,000.00	25,000.00
Benefits	385,530.00	373,173.00
Total	4,403,559	5,787,579

Three-Part Budget



ADMINISTRATIVE

The administrative component provides for overall general support and management activities including board of education, central administration, business office, and legal and auditing services. Costs for administration and supervision of each of the district's schools are also included.

PROGRAM

This program component includes salaries of all teaching staff, as well as pupil transportation and employee benefits.

CAPITAL

The capital component of the budget deals with all personnel, equipment, supplies and materials for the operation and maintenance of district facilities. It also includes any judgment and claims, refunds of real property taxes and all payments on principal and interest on judgments.



Voters To Decide On Four Propositions

PROPOSITION 1: 2025-2026 BUDGET

Shall the Board of Education of the Port Byron Central School District, Cayuga and Wayne Counties, New York be authorized to adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$27,483,817.00 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District?

PROPOSITION 2: TRANSPORTATION PURCHASE

Shall the Board of Education of the Port Byron Central School District be authorized to purchase and finance two (2) 66-passenger school buses and one (1) 7-passenger school van, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto, and expend a total sum not to exceed \$450,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District, in the principal amount not to exceed \$450,000, be issued?

PROPOSITION 3: PORT BYRON LIBRARY

Shall the Board of Education of the Port Byron Central School District, Cayuga and Wayne Counties, New York be authorized to increase the funding for the Port Byron Library by \$3,000.00 bringing it from \$105,147.00 to \$108,147.00 for the 2025-2026 school year?

PROPOSITION 4: VOTERS TO ELECT TWO (2) MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Port Byron Central School District residents will elect two (2) members of the Board of Education to 3-year terms commencing July 1, 2025 and expiring June 30, 2028 to fill the vacancies of the expiring terms of Todd Delaney and Christopher Recckio.

TODD DELANEY

I am seeking my third term on the Port Byron Board of Education. I graduated from Port Byron in 1991—the last class to graduate from the old high school—and in 2016, my family and I moved into the village of Port Byron, just a short walk from campus. My wife, Katie, and I have two sons: Thomas, now in seventh grade, and Ryan, currently in fifth grade.

CHRISTOPHER RECCKIO

After graduating from college, I opened my business in Port Byron, Recckio's Body Shop, and have been in business for 36 years. I take pride in my business, my community, and the Port Byron Central School District.

Read the Full Bios on Our Website



To view full candidate bios, please visit our website at pbcschools.org/budgetandtaxes or use the QR code above!

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Increase/Decrease for the 2025-26 School Year		\$2,616,001	\$1,779,351
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		10.5 %	7.16%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.95%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$6,576,945	\$6,655,868	
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)	\$6,576,945	\$6,655,868	\$6,655,868
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$193,784	\$298,262	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$6,642,651	\$6,850,839	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$6,383,161	\$6,357,606	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$259,490	\$493,233	
Administrative Component	\$3,364,495	\$3,187,807	\$3,166,157
Program Component	\$17,099,762	\$18,508,431	\$18,508,431
Capital Component	\$4,403,559	\$5,787,579	\$4,972,579
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Under the Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$386.63

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F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$193,784	\$298,262	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$6,642,651	\$6,850,839	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$6,383,161	\$6,357,606	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$259,490	\$493,233	
Administrative Component	\$3,364,495	\$3,187,807	\$3,166,157
Program Component	\$17,099,762	\$18,508,431	\$18,508,431
Capital Component	\$4,403,559	\$5,787,579	\$4,972,579
* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2025-26 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law. The reductions that make up the contingency budget include no new buses, no maintenance equipment purchases, no capital outlay project, and reduction in contractual expenses (conferences and staff development opportunities).			
** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)			
		Description	Amount
		Replacement student transport vehicles	\$450,000.00
		Library	\$108,147.00
			\$
			\$

*NOTE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS OFFICIALS: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: amscomats@nysed.gov

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$386.63

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2025-26 by the qualified voters of the Port Byron Central school district, Cayuga County, New York, will be held at Port Byron Central School District in said district on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 between the hours of 9:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Athletic Lobby, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine. ***Districts should include information according to Executive Orders and as advised by legal counsel.***

¹ The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.