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2025-2026

Falconer Central School District Newsletter

WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT?

PROPOSITION #1 PROPOSED

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

The 2025-2026 Proposed School District Budget for The Falconer Central School District is \$32,528,000.

PROPOSITION #2 MODIFICATION OF THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Board of Education of the Falconer Central School District is hereby authorized to expend an addition \$4.7 million for the 2025 Capital Improvement Project

PROPOSITION #3 ESTABLISHMENT OF A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FUND

The Board of Education of the Falconer Central School District is hereby authorized to establish a capital improvement reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law of New York State.

ELECTION OF ONE CANDIDATE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

One (1) candidate will be elected to a five (5) year term of the Board of Education

- Ro Woodard

Upcoming Events

May -----	
12	Fenner Musical Spectacular 6:30 p.m. (MS/HS Aud.)
13	Gr. 6 Spring Concert 6:30 p.m. (MS/HS Aud.) Gr. 7 Spring Concert 7:30 p.m. (MS/HS Aud.)
15	Gr. 9-12 Spring Concert 7:00 p.m. (MS/HS Aud.)
17	Jr. /Sr. Prom
18	After Prom Party (MS/HS)
19	Elementary PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m. (Fenner)
20	Budget Vote/ BOE Election 2-8 p.m. (MS/HS) Board of Education Mtg. 5:30 p.m. (MS/HS)
21	Fenner Scholastic Fair
22	MS/HS Progress Reports
26	Memorial Day (No School)
June -----	
3	Board of Education Mtg. 5:30 p.m. (MS/HS)
7	CCMTA All-County Spring Festival (Chaut. Institution)
9	Elementary PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m. (Fenner)
10	Kindergarten Screening
11	NYS Regents (Geometry)
11-12	UPK Screening
13	Kindergarten Family Picnic
17	Board of Education Mtg. 5:30 p.m. (MS/HS) NYS Regents (ELA/Liv. Env.)
18	NYS Regents (Global/Alg. I)
19	Juneteenth (No School)
20	Temple Field Day NYS Regents (US/Earth Sci.)
23	Baccalaureate



TOTAL 2025-2026 PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET

	Adopted Budget 2024-2025	Proposed Budget 2025-2026
Program Component :		
Instruction/Teaching	\$10,673,533	\$11,388,555
Special Education	\$3,416,755	\$3,527,143
Pupil Services	\$1,291,422	\$1,309,102
Extra Curricular	\$577,655	\$578,385
Pupil Transportation	\$1,111,002	\$1,110,008
Legal and Interfund Transfers	\$109,870	\$65,415
Employee Benefits	\$5,902,513	\$6,033,473
Total Program Component	\$23,082,750	\$24,012,081
Administrative Component :		
Central Administration	\$314,096	\$322,701
Business Administration	\$437,173	\$417,079
Instructional, Security and BOCES Administration	\$1,752,607	\$1,804,255
Employee Benefits	\$731,119	\$815,493
Total Administrative Component	\$3,234,995	\$3,359,528
Capital Component:		
Operations & Maintenance	\$1,790,468	\$1,893,263
Employee Benefits	\$506,368	\$493,534
Purchase of Buses	\$414,000	\$412,000
Debt Service and Capital Fund Transfers	\$1,796,419	\$2,357,594
Total Capital Component	\$4,507,255	\$5,156,391
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	\$30,825,000	\$32,528,000

PROPOSED REVENUE PLAN

	2024-2025	2025-2026
Tax Levy	\$7,133,890	\$7,133,890
State and Federal Aid	\$21,116,110	\$22,225,110
Other Revenues	\$490,000	\$540,000
Fund Balance/Use of Reserves	\$2,085,000	\$2,629,000
Total Proposed Revenue Plan	\$30,825,000	\$32,528,000



FALCONER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT \$4.7M

On May 20, 2025, Falconer Central School District residents will have an opportunity to vote on a \$4.7M Capital Improvement Project that is designed to address District needs in the areas of building integrity, systems, efficiency and infrastructure for future air conditioning. The project consists of building needs identified during the facilities assessment required by New York State.

MIDDLE/ HIGH SCHOOL

The proposed renovations to the MS/HS include work in the existing bathrooms. Also proposed is the replacement of the existing street sign, fire alarm system, and mechanical systems. Mechanical units throughout the buildings will undergo infrastructure upgrades to facilitate the future installation of air conditioning systems.



FENNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



The proposed renovations to Fenner Elementary include work in the STEAM room. Also proposed is the replacement of the existing generator and mechanical systems. Mechanical units throughout the buildings will undergo infrastructure upgrades to facilitate the future installation of air conditioning systems.

TEMPLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The proposed renovations to Temple Elementary include work in the existing bathrooms. Also proposed are the replacement of existing mechanical systems. Mechanical units throughout the buildings will undergo infrastructure upgrades to facilitate the future installation of air conditioning systems.



No Tax Increase

VOTE:

Tuesday
May 20, 2025
2 - 8 PM
MS/HS Gym Foyer

PROJECT FUNDING

0\$ TAX INCREASE



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2025-26 School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2024-25 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2025-26 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 30,825,000	\$32,528,000	\$31,112,725
Increase/Decrease for the 2025-26 School Year		\$1,703,000	\$287,725
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		5.52%	0.93%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.95%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$7,133,890	\$7,133,890	
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)	\$7,133,890	\$7,133,890	\$7,133,890
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$3,234	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$7,388,857	\$7,427,771	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$7,130,656	\$7,133,890	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$258,201	\$293,881	
Administrative Component	\$3,317,247	\$3,359,528	\$3,215,253
Program Component	\$23,006,997	\$24,012,081	\$23,888,081
Capital Component	\$4,500,756	\$5,156,391	\$4,009,391

* Non-aidable equipment and nonessential maintenance may not be included in a contingency budget. Fees will be charged for community use of buildings and grounds except where there is no cost to the district.

Description	Amount
Modification of the Maximum Estimated Cost for the Capital Improvement Project	\$ 4,700,000
Establishment of a Capital Improvement Reserve Fund	\$ 0

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$404

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2025-2026 by the qualified voters of the Falconer Central School District, Chautauqua County, New York, will be held at gymnasium foyer in said district on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 between the hours of 2:00PM and 8:00PM, prevailing time in the Middle/High School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine.

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

Absentee and Early Voting Ballots :

Applications for Absentee and Early Mail Voting may be obtained at the office of the District Clerk in the Middle/High School Business Office. Completed applications must be received at least (7) days before the District Vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter (May 13, 2025), or the day before the District Vote, if the ballot is to be delivered to the voter in person (May 19, 2025). Completed absentee and early mail ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00PM on May 20, 2025.



School Budget Vote and Board Member Election:

Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 2:00PM—8:00PM

Middle/High School Gymnasium Foyer