

2025-2026 BUDGET VOORHEESVILLE CSD



January 5, 2026
2026-2027 Budget Planning



Voorheesville CSD Vision Statement

The Voorheesville Central School District is an engaging and supportive community of learning where everyone can participate and thrive at their highest potential.



Voorheesville CSD Mission Statement

The mission of the Voorheesville Central School District is to provide all students a strong foundation of knowledge and experiences in a safe and supportive environment to prepare them to be productive members of the global society and to value life-long learning.

Voorheesville CSD Goal Statement - Student Achievement



The Voorheesville Central School District will
provide enhanced



opportunities to support the achievement of all
students as they increase their capacity for
learning and progress toward excellence.

Voorheesville CSD Goal Statement - Staffing



The Voorheesville Central School District will support the recruitment, training, and retention of a highly qualified and diverse staff.

Voorheesville CSD Goal Statements - Financial Responsibility



The Voorheesville Central School District will be a faithful steward of the community's financial commitment to public education and will be responsible in managing all resources.



Voorheesville CSD Goal Statement - Communication



The Voorheesville Central School District will foster trust and engagement through open two-way communication, outreach, and responsiveness to all internal and external stakeholders.

Voorheesville CSD Goal Statement:

Safe & Supportive Learning Environment

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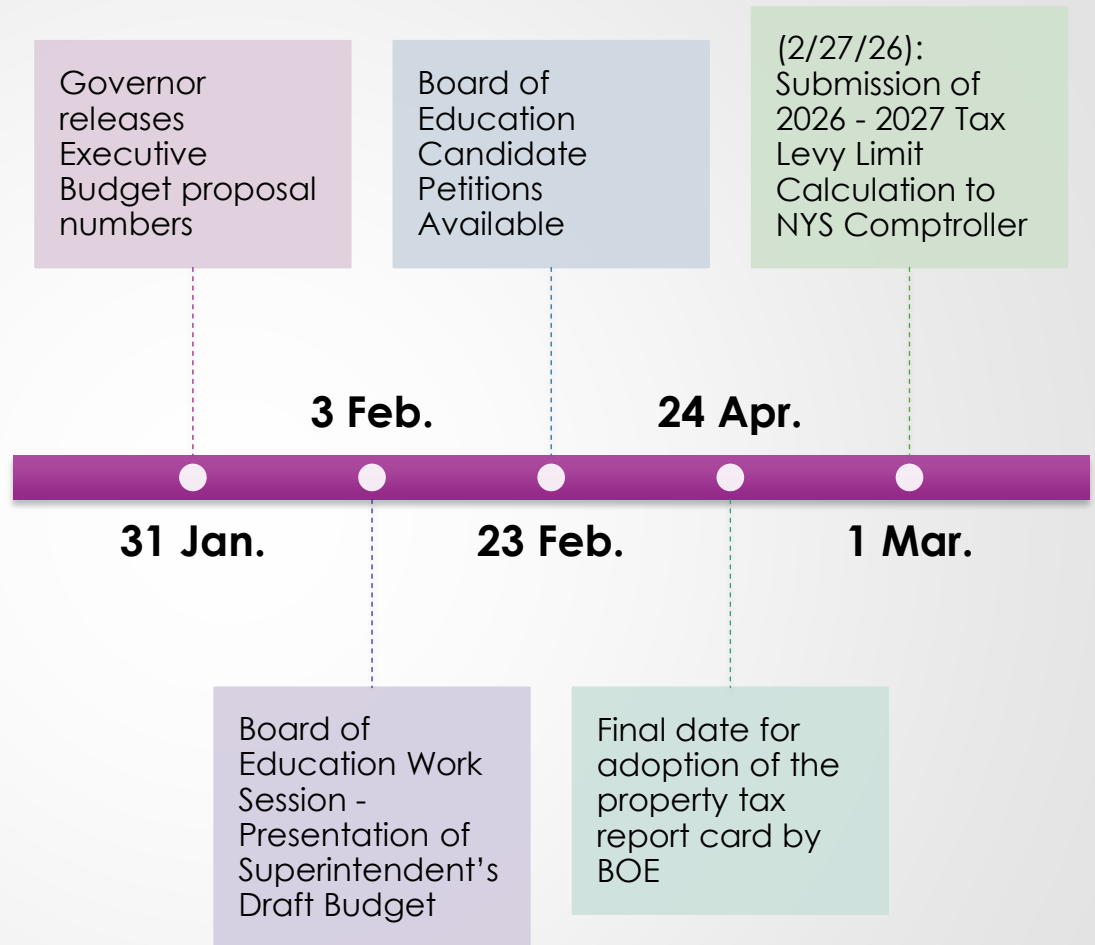


The Voorheesville Central School District will provide a safe and supportive learning environment and facilities that are inclusive, nurturing, and responsive to the social-emotional and mental health needs of all students and staff.



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Process to date

- District and building administration along with department supervisors evaluate current and future programs. They prepare budget propositions for the 26-27 to be submitted/discussed with the Superintendent and Business Official from November-the end of January.
- Topics range from facilities projects, safety initiatives, mental health supports, curriculum supports, personnel, etc.
- Superintendent budget and recommendations stem from district level recommendations that align with Board Goals.



What Drives a NYS School District Budget?

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Staffing & Benefits

Salaries, steps, health insurance, retirement

Special Education

Mandated services, placements, transportation

Transportation

Bus contracts, fuel, driver shortages

Facilities & Operations

Utilities, maintenance, capital debt

Instruction & Mandates

Curriculum, ENL/CTE, NYSED requirements

Technology & Cybersecurity

Devices, licenses, data protection

Insurance & Contracts

Property/liability, BOCES, legal/audit

Inflation & Revenue Limits

Rising costs, state aid limits, tax cap

How NYS School Districts are Funded



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Where the Money Comes From

- 26–28% from state & federal aid
- ~2% from grants and other revenues
- ≈67% from local property taxes

Understanding the “2% Tax Cap”

- Not a flat 2% limit
- Based on an inflation-driven state formula
- Includes specific exclusions
- Levy may be above or below 2%
- Exceeding the cap requires a supermajority vote

Notable 2026-27 State Aid Considerations/ Items of Interest

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- Current November Database estimates that school aid will grow by \$807 Million in 2026-27 – absent further data updates and any law changes made in Governor's budget
- Overall Foundation aid increasing by \$714 million – driven primarily by the 2.8% inflation adjustment to base foundation aid – CPI is estimate & subject to change in February
- Projected growth is the lowest seen in recent years

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Factors that impact Foundation Aid

- On formula OR Save Harmless
 - VCSD is save harmless
- Enrollment changes
 - 2025-26 > 1,382
 - 206-27 > 1,393 +11 or .8%
- VCSD Pupil Need Index increased by .005 or 0.4% which equates to slightly increased anticipated funding
- District Wealth Measurement – VCSD decreased slightly (-2.7%) – inversely increasing our State Sharing ratio which provides more aid

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VEHICLE PROPOSITION(S) FOR MAY 19th VOTE

- 1 Large Diesel 72 passenger bus
- 1 Large Electric School Bus - EPA grant submitted January 2025, Still under review as of 11/2025
- Diesel Buses aided over 5 years at Transportation Aid Ratio(63%)
- Electric Buses aided over 8 years at Transportation Aid Ratio

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Historical Review of Tax Cap

Law began in 2011 - now in 15th year

Allowable Levy Growth Factor (i.e. 2%) Over the 14 year period: lowest at .12% in 2016 to highest at 8.0% for 2024 -

Tax Base Growth Factors: As of December 31st: 1.0063 for VCSD

2025 = 1.0175

Slight decrease from prior year

Historical Lookback Allowable/Approved Levy Increases

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	Spending Increase	Levy Increase
2020-21	2.40%	3.14%
2021-22	3.58%	2.72%
2022-23	4.42%	2.50%
2023-24	6.86%	2.50%
2024-25	14.64%	3.75%
2025-26	0.12%	5.97%



Voorheesville Budget Planning for 2026 - 2027 Budget Calendar

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December 1: Budget Calendar presented to Board of Education for approval

December 2025: Budget Discussion at Cabinet

January 5, 2026: Budget Planning Presentation

February 2, 2026: Board of Education Meeting: Presentation of Superintendent's Draft Budget; Long Range Financial Plan Presentation by BPD – Financial Advisors

February 23, 2026: Board of Education Candidate Petitions Available

March 1, 2026: Submit 2026-2027 calculation of tax levy limit to Office of State Comptroller

March 2, 2026: Board of Education Meeting: Presentation of Superintendent's Proposed Budget Presentation

April 1-April 23, 2026: Publication of legal notices of school budget hearing and budget vote

April 13, 2026: Final budget presentation by the Superintendent; Board adopts budget and Property Tax Report Card

April 20, 2026: Deadline for Board of Education Candidates Petitions. Due by 5:00 pm

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April 21, 2026: Absentee ballots made available to requestors

April 22, 2026: Reserve Budget Meeting for adoption if needed; BOCES Board of Ed Meeting

April 24, 2026: Final date for the adoption of the property tax report card by the BOE.

April 27, 2026: Submit Property Tax Report Card to SED and local newspaper of general circulation (day after BOE adopts)

April 28, 2026: Latest date for Board to adopt Budget

May 5, 2026: Public Budget Documents available at school buildings and public library

May 13, 2026: Budget Hearing 6:00 PM

May 6-13, 2026: Budget Brochure mailed to community

May 19, 2026: Budget Vote and Board Trustee Election; Absentee Ballots must be received by 5:00 pm

Questions? Thank You

