

THE FALCON FLYER



Fabius-Pompey
Central
School District



ISSUE: **BUDGET ISSUE 2026**

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VOTE: Tuesday May 19, 2026, 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Middle School-High School Foyer (Towns of Fabius and Cuyler)

Pompey Community Church (Towns of Pompey, LaFayette & Cazenovia)

Budget Hearing Date: Tuesday May 5, 2026
6:30 p.m., Middle School-High School Library

PROPOSITION I: Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District, County of Onondaga, State of New York, be and hereby is authorized to expend during the fiscal year 2026-2027 the sum of \$22,793,004 as set forth in its statement of estimated expenses and to levy the necessary taxes thereof.

PROPOSITION II: Shall the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District be authorized to purchase and

finance three (3) diesel student transportation vehicles, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto, and expend a total sum not to exceed \$526,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall 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 \$526,000, shall be issued.

PROPOSITION III: To elect two (2) members to the Board of Education for three (3) year terms (7/1/26 – 6/30/29). The seats are presently held by Denise Fresina DiRienzo and Eric Exelby.

Choose two:

- ♦ Denise Fresina DiRienzo
- ♦ Eric Exelby



BOARD CANDIDATES

Denise Fresina DiRienzo



Hi, I'm Denise Fresina DiRienzo. As an FP alumna and parent of a 9th grader and a college student, I've spent over a decade volunteering in our district. I'm committed to the long-term success of community and youth. My professional background in higher education leadership, including executive roles at D'Youville University, SUNY Oswego, and Cornell, provides a "front-row seat" to the skills today's employers and colleges demand.

As your current Board Vice President, I bridge the gap between our local classrooms and the evolving workforce in healthcare and technology. With a doctorate in higher education leadership, I offer the strategic expertise needed to adapt our curriculum for the next generation. I am committed to leveraging our district's unique assets to ensure every student is prepared for success, whether in trade school, college, or the workforce. I ask for your vote.

Eric Exelby



I strive to represent all members of our district, from taxpayers, staff and students fairly. Things have changed since I graduated from Fabius-Pompey, but our community values about education haven't.

While serving on the Board of Education, I have tried to keep programs moving forward. I enjoy celebrating the success of our students, going out into the world, choosing a path that brings them happiness and success.

I have gained knowledge and experience while on the school board. I will continue to find ways to balance the needs and wants of the district.

Thank you for your support.

GENERAL BUDGET 2026-2027

	2025-26	2026-27	\$ Change
Projected Revenue			
NYS General State Aid	\$10,034,506	\$11,199,592	\$1,165,086
Onondaga County Sales Tax	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$-
Use of Money - Interest Earnings	\$244,056	\$125,743	\$(118,313)
Drug Education	\$26,000	\$27,000	\$1,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$340,658	\$850,901	\$510,243
Total	\$10,673,220	\$12,231,237	
Tax Levy	\$10,059,402	\$10,561,767	\$502,365
Total General Fund Budget	\$20,732,622	\$22,793,004	\$2,060,382

	Budgeted 2025-26	Budgeted 2026-27	Percent Change
Total Spending	\$20,732,622	\$22,793,004	9.94%
Total Estimated School Tax Levy	\$10,059,402	\$10,561,767	4.99%
Public School Enrollment	629	645	2.54%
Consumer Price Index	2.95%	2.63%	-10.85%

VOTE: May 19, 2026

RISING COSTS ARE OUTPACING STATE AID

Members of the Fabius-Pompey school community are likely aware of the rise in healthcare costs and how it is impacting the upcoming school budget. Is it no secret that these costs are rising nationwide due to multiple factors which are not unique to school districts—they can be felt across all industries. The most common trends seen are higher premiums, larger deductibles, and greater financial strain on employers, families, and public budgets. These costs are driven mainly by prescription medications, consolidation of physician services, the need for hospital care, and increased use of specialty testing and treatments. More specifically (but not all inclusive):

- ◆ Drug spending has surged, driven heavily by specialty medications and GLP 1 therapies for diabetes and weight management which can be a significant contributor to premium growth.
- ◆ Consolidation of physician services by hospital systems can increase costs through additional facility fees.
- ◆ Many adults are experiencing a rise in chronic physical disease and mental health concerns requiring more care.
- ◆ Demographic shifts are increasing demand for more

frequent and complex acute care and outpatient services.

- ◆ Employer-sponsored family premiums have risen materially in recent years, reflecting the cost pressures of the rise in healthcare spending.
- ◆ Demographic shifts are increasing demand for more frequent and complex care.

The bottom line is that these trends, which are beyond our control, contribute to rising costs that exceed the growth in state aid for the Fabius-Pompey school district. Providing health insurance coverage at a sustainable rate is our goal, which is challenged by these trends. These cost pressures are expected to continue to stress school budgets like ours.

For more information from some reputable sources, please visit these websites:

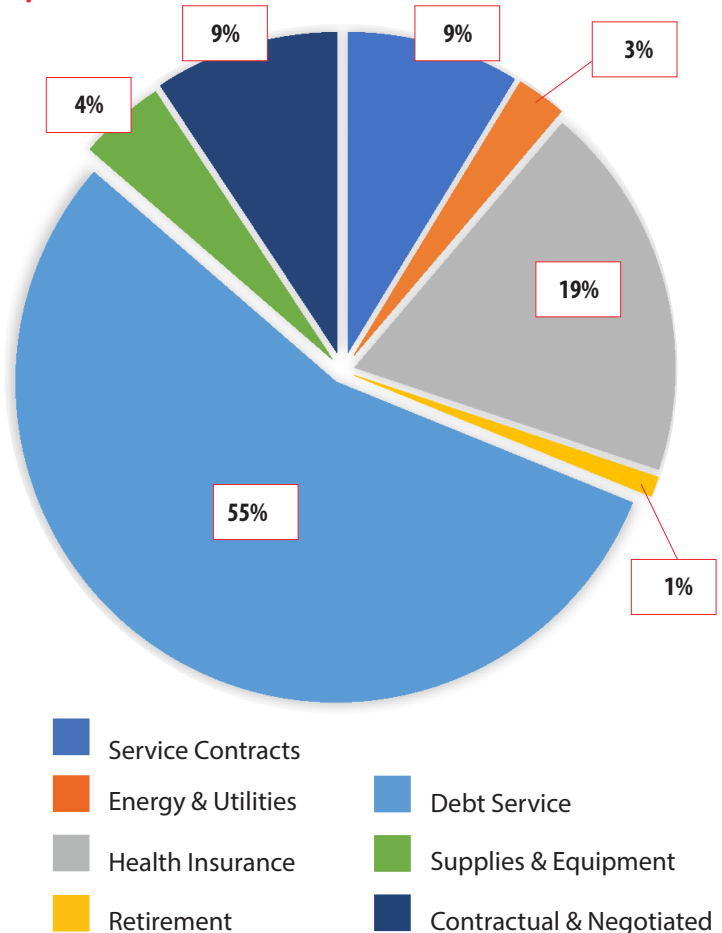
- ◆ <https://mccourt.georgetown.edu/news/why-healthcare-costs-continue-to-rise/>
- ◆ <https://hsph.harvard.edu/health-policy-management/news/health-insurance-premiums-are-rising-heres-why/>

PROPOSED BUDGET DETAILS AND EXPENDITURES

The following fixed costs reflect projected Increases/(Decreases).

Service Contracts - All expenses from BOCES, and services contracted for the District such as trash removal, and HVAC services.	<u>Amount</u> \$196,555
Energy & Utilities - Transportation, Heating Fuel, Electric, and Telephone Expenses.	\$56,325
Health Insurance - Health Insurance Costs Negotiated with Employee Associations (including Workers Compensation).	\$427,223
Employee Retirement - Retirement Cost Increases for all Employees set by New York State, and Employee Contracts.	\$22,794
Debt Service - Principal and Interest payments on our Building Projects, Bus Purchases, and Deficit Financing.	\$1,245,501
Supplies and Equipment - The Supplies and Equipment for the entire District.	(\$97,843)
Contractual Agreements - All Employee Contractual Expenses for 2025-26 (including Social Security, Dental & Unemployment).	\$209,828
Total Expenditure Increase	\$2,060,382

Expenditures



REVENUES

Revenues for the 2026-27 Proposed Budget reflect decreases in key areas. Listed below are the budgeted revenues for the 2026-27 school year.

General Budget 2026-27 Revenues 2026-27 PROJECTED REVENUE

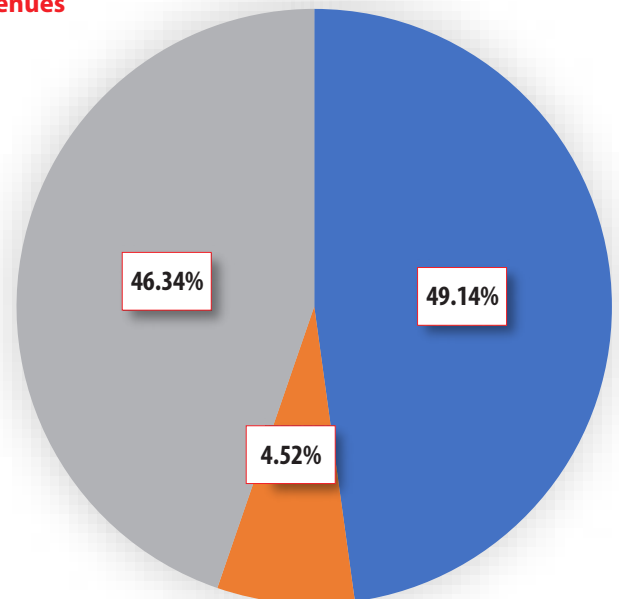
NYS GENERAL STATE AID	\$11,199,592
ONONDAGA COUNTY SALES TAX	\$28,000
USE OF MONEY - INTEREST EARNINGS	\$125,743
DRUG EDUCATION	\$27,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$850,901
TOTAL	\$12,231,237

TAX LEVY **\$10,561,767**

TOTAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET **\$22,793,004**

The following pie chart represents the percentages of the entire proposed Budget represented by each revenue category.

Revenues



■ Tax Levy

■ Misc. Revenue

■ NYS General State Aid



ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT

**11.60% of
Total Budget**

	2025-26 Final Budget	2026-27 Proposed Budget	Diff- erence
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Board of Education

Contractual Expenses	15,200	9,700	(5,500)
Supplies and Materials	350	350	-
BOCES Services	3,396	3,396	-
	18,946	13,446	(5,500)

District Clerk

Salaries	6,082	6,325	243
	6,082	6,325	243

District Meetings

Contractual Expenses	3,000	3,500	500
BOCES Services	-	17,784	17,784
	3,000	21,284	18,284

Total	28,028	41,055	13,027
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Central Administration

Salaries	205,083	231,149	26,066
Contractual Supplies	1,400	1,400	-
Supplies and Materials	500	500	-
Total	206,983	233,049	26,066

Business Administration

Salaries	153,174	164,331	11,157
Contractual Expenses	10,500	10,500	-
Supplies and Materials	1,000	1,000	-
BOCES Services	131,048	55,569	(75,479)
	295,722	231,400	(64,322)

Auditing

Salaries	376	400	24
Contractual Expenses	23,920	24,745	825
	24,296	25,145	849

Tax Collector

Salaries	11,528	12,048	520
Contractual Expenses	6,832	6,832	-
	18,360	18,880	520

District Treasurer

Salaries	19,968	20,876	908
	19,968	20,876	908

Total	358,347	296,301	(62,045)
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Legal Fees

Attorneys	20,000	20,000	-
	20,000	20,000	-

Personnel

Salaries	19,968	20,876	908
Contractual Expenses	3,000	3,100	100
BOCES Services	40,031	21,271	(18,760)
	62,999	45,246	(17,753)

	2025-26 Final Budget	2026-27 Proposed Budget	Diff- erence
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Public Information & Services

Salaries	25,690	27,746	2,056
Supplies and Materials	1,000	1,000	-
BOCES Services	10,324	13,644	3,320
	37,014	42,390	5,376

Total	120,013	107,636	(12,377)
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Central Printing and Mailing

Contractual Expenses	17,524	17,524	-
BOCES Services	73,287	74,929	1,642
	90,811	92,453	1,642

Central Data Processing

BOCES Services	346,497	380,765	34,268
	346,497	380,765	34,268

Total	437,308	473,218	35,910
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Special Items

Unallocated Insurance	83,409	91,750	8,341
Membership Dues	14,500	14,500	-
Assessments - Land & Water	2,232	2,776	544
BOCES Admin. Charges	66,644	84,343	17,699
Total	166,785	193,369	26,584

Curriculum Development & Supervision

Salaries	-	129,650	129,650
Supplies and Materials	25,000	25,000	-
BOCES Services	26,054	850	(25,204)
Total	51,054	155,500	104,446

Supervision Regular School

Salaries	472,033	360,383	(111,649)
Contractual Expenses	3,400	3,400	-
Supplies and Materials	4,950	4,950	-
BOCES In-Service	28,766	30,207	1,441
Total	509,149	398,941	(110,208)

Research, Planning, and Evaluation

BOCES In-Service	15,169	15,813	644
Total	15,169	15,813	644

Employee Benefits

State Employees' Retirement	36,679	46,450	9,771
State Teachers' Retirement	73,458	73,458	-
Social Security	70,991	75,606	4,616
Workers' Compensation	10,317	5,287	(5,030)
Unemployment Insurance	2,715	-	(2,715)
Health Insurance	509,172	523,190	14,018
Dental Insurance	2,590	2,590	-
Other Insurance Benefits	13,030	3,142	(9,889)
Total	718,952	729,723	10,772

Total Administrative	2,611,787	2,644,606	32,819
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CAPITAL COMPONENT

18.98 % of Total Budget	2025-26 Final Budget	2026-27 Proposed Budget	Diff- erence
Operations of Plant			
Salaries	348,335	348,335	-
Equipment	55,500	-	(55,500)
Utilities and Heating Fuel	395,955	442,569	46,614
Supplies and Materials	36,641	36,641	-
BOCES Services	107,076	111,409	4,333
	943,506	938,955	(4,552)
Maintenance of Plant			
Salaries	242,064	242,064	-
Contractual Expenses	85,000	85,000	-
Supplies and Materials	18,500	18,500	-
	345,564	345,564	-
Security of the Plant			
Salaries	76,138	60,000	(16,138)
Equipment	35,000	-	(35,000)
Contractual Expenses	-	1,000	1,000
Supplies and Materials	-	500	500
BOCES Services	1,804	1,820	16
	112,942	63,320	(49,622)
Total	1,402,012	1,347,839	(54,173)
Debt Service			
Capital Construction			
Principal	600,000	710,680	110,680
Interest	275,075	1,390,395	1,115,320
	875,075	2,101,075	1,226,000
School Bus Acquisition			
Principal	322,000	337,000	15,000
Interest	40,551	45,052	4,501
	362,551	382,052	19,501
Total	1,237,626	2,483,127	1,245,501
Interfund Transfers			
Transfer to Capital	100,000	-	(100,000)
Total	100,000	-	(100,000)
Employee Benefits			
State Employees' Retirement	26,751	31,024	4,274
Social Security	51,776	50,498	(1,277)
Workers' Compensation	7,525	3,531	(3,993)
Unemployment Insurance	1,980	-	(1,980)
Health Insurance	336,639	399,509	62,870
Dental Insurance	1,889	1,220	(669)
Other Insurance Benefits	9,503	9,675	172
Total	436,063	495,458	59,395
Total Capital	3,175,701	4,326,424	1,150,723

PROGRAM COMPONENT

69.42% of Total Budget	2025-26 Final Budget	2026-27 Proposed Budget	Diff- erence
In-service Training - Instructional			
BOCES In-Service	15,169	42,199	37,739
Total	4,460	42,199	37,739
Teaching Regular School			
Salaries	4,090,250	4,154,055	63,805
Equipment	7,700	-	(7,700)
Contractual Expenses	64,050	94,050	30,000
Supplies and Materials	57,500	57,500	-
Textbooks	37,324	37,324	-
BOCES Services	164,105	128,545	(35,560)
Total	4,420,929	4,471,474	50,545
Progs. Handicapped Conditions			
Salaries	578,189	636,008	57,819
Equipment	-	-	-
Contractual Expenses	7,500	151,500	144,000
Supplies and Materials	4,300	4,300	-
BOCES Services	979,532	1,011,920	32,388
Total	1,569,521	1,803,728	234,207
Programs for English Language Learners (ELL)			
Salaries	-	114,829	114,829
Total	-	114,829	114,829
Occupational Education			
BOCES Tuition	262,406	292,726	30,321
Total	262,406	292,726	30,321
Teaching Special Schools - Alt. Ed.			
BOCES Tuition	42,614	-	(42,614)
Total	42,614	-	(42,614)
School Library & Audiovisual			
Salaries	75,516	78,537	3,020
Equipment	3,500	-	(3,500)
Supplies and Materials	19,156	19,156	-
BOCES Services	46,964	46,018	(946)
	145,136	143,711	(1,425)
Computer Assisted Instruction			
Salaries	39,784	-	(39,784)
Computer Hardware	10,905	10,905	-
Contractual Expenses	3,800	3,800	-
Supplies and Materials	4,500	4,500	-
Computer Software	9,363	9,363	-
BOCES Services	222,207	212,040	(10,167)
	290,559	240,608	(49,951)
Total	435,695	384,319	(51,377)
Attendance			
Salaries	890	-	(890)
	890	-	(890)

PROGRAM COMPONENT

	2025-26 Final Budget	2026-27 Proposed Budget	Diff- erence
Guidance			
Salaries	292,609	302,659	10,050
Contractual Expenses	250	250	-
Supplies and Materials	1,000	1,000	-
BOCES Services	5,928	5,925	(3)
	299,787	309,834	10,047
Health Services			
Salaries	86,683	105,547	18,863
Equipment	450	-	(450)
Contractual Expenses	5,500	5,500	-
Supplies and Materials	1,915	1,915	-
	94,548	112,962	18,413
Psychological Services			
Salaries	94,259	98,029	3,770
Contractual Expenses	3,350	13,350	10,000
Supplies and Materials	3,000	3,000	-
	100,609	114,379	13,770
Social Work Services			
Salaries	74,324	77,297	2,973
	74,324	77,297	2,973
Co-Curricular Activities			
Salaries	91,626	95,291	3,665
Supplies and Materials	1,500	1,500	-
BOCES Services	975	1,990	1,015
	94,101	98,781	4,680
Interscholastic Athletics			
Salaries	245,411	257,682	12,271
Equipment	3,092	3,092	-
Contractual Expenses	15,426	15,426	-
Officials	35,635	45,000	9,365
Supplies and Materials	26,000	26,000	-
BOCES Services	20,063	20,591	528
	345,627	367,791	22,164
Total	1,009,886	1,081,043	71,158
District Transportation Services			
Salaries	1,019,571	1,060,354	40,783
Contractual Expenses	81,647	103,887	22,240
Supplies and Materials	67,242	70,604	3,362
BOCES Services	2,920	3,021	100
Fuel/Lube/Tires	121,924	129,699	7,775
	1,293,304	1,367,565	74,260

	2025-26 Final Budget	2026-27 Proposed Budget	Diff- erence
Garage Building			
Salaries	146,879	152,754	5,875
Contractual Expenses	27,500	28,500	1,000
Utilities and Heating Fuel	11,194	13,209	2,015
Supplies and Materials	10,000	10,000	-
	195,573	204,463	8,890
Total	1,488,878	1,572,02	83,150
Interfund Transfers			
Transfer to Food Services	48,000	48,000	-
Total	48,000	48,000	-
Employee Benefits			
State Employees' Retirement	274,356	340,250	65,894
State Teachers' Retirement	549,466	492,321	(57,145)
Social Security	531,009	553,822	22,812
Workers' Compensation	77,174	38,730	(38,444)
Unemployment Insurance	20,305	-	(20,305)
Health Insurance	4,093,593	4,456,438	362,844
Dental Insurance	19,376	12,620	(6,757)
Other Insurance Benefits	97,466	117,450	19,983
Total	5,662,747	6,011,629	348,882

Total Program	14,945,134	15,821,975	876,841
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Grand Total	20,732,622	22,793,004	2,060,382
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ADMINISTRATIVE/PROGRAM COMPARISON per NYS Criteria

	2025-26	2026-27	\$ Change
Administrative Component Total	2,611,787	2,644,606	32,819
Program Component Total	14,945,134	15,821,975	876,841
Combined Administrative & Program Total	17,556,921	18,466,581	909,659
Admin. Component as a % of Combined Admin. and Program		2025-26 14.88%	2026-27 14.32%

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS are as follows. You must be 1) a citizen of the United States, 2) eighteen years of age, and 3) a resident of the District for at least thirty days prior to May 19, 2026.

VOTER REGISTRATION shall take place with the District Clerk, Deputy District Clerk or a member of the Board of Registration during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., any school day, at the District Office located at 1211 Mill Street, Fabius, New York, provided, however, that such registration shall not take place after May 14, 2026.

Voter registration with the District Clerk is not necessary if you are an active registered voter in your county of residence.

APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE AND EARLY MAIL BALLOTS are available in the District Office.

To receive an application for an absentee or early mail ballot, please contact the Deputy District Clerk by mail at 1211 Mill Street, Fabius, NY 13063, by email at dlarose@fabiuspompey.org, or by calling (315) 683-5301.

Completed applications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 18, 2026. Completed applications must be received no later than 3:30 p.m. on May 12, 2026, if the absentee or early mail ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after 3:30 p.m. on May 12, 2026, will require the voter to personally appear at the office of the District Clerk to receive an absentee or early mail ballot.

Please contact the District Clerk at (315) 683-5301 with questions.

Q: Compared to the current school year, will the 2026-2027 school budget increase or decrease? A: The 2026-2027 school budget will see an increase compared to the current year. The main reason for the increase is debt service payments related to Project 2026, which was voted approved in December 2023 and scheduled for completion during the 2026-27 school year. Also, significant increases in health insurance costs for both active employees and retirees are another large driver for the budget increase. Lastly, contractually required wages & salary increases are another reason for why the budget is up. Without these three factors, the budget would actually decrease by nearly \$150,000.

Q: Why are district expenses increasing when the student population is now only two-thirds of its historical peak? A: Although enrollment has declined over the past 20-25 years, staffing levels have not decreased proportionally. Staffing remains the largest cost driver in the budget. Combined with ongoing salary increases and the steep rise in health insurance - climbing from approximately \$1 million in 2001-2002 to nearly \$5.4 million in 2026-2027 - the total cost to operate the district has continued to grow. Additionally, the district still maintains two school buildings and grounds, which are fixed infrastructure costs that do not fluctuate with enrollment.

Q: What is the status of New York State aid, which makes up nearly 50% of Fabius-Pompey's revenue? A: At the time of printing, the New York State budget had not yet been finalized, despite an April 1st deadline. This was also the case last year. We anticipate only a modest increase of 2 percent in Foundation Aid—the district's primary form of state funding. This limited growth places additional pressure on local revenue sources, including the tax levy and federal grants to support core educational programs.

Q: What tax levy increase has the Board of Education approved, and is it above the tax cap? A: The Board has approved a 4.99% increase in the tax levy, which is within the tax cap limit. The reason both the cap and levy increase are well above the 2-3% average over the past few years, is because of the debt service payments added from Project 2026.

Q: What is the estimated tax rate increase for the 2026-2027 school year? Why might it differ from the tax levy increase? A: The estimated tax rate increase is about 4%. While the tax levy reflects the total amount to be raised, the tax rate is influenced by the total value of taxable property in the district. New construction and property improvements help distribute the levy across a broader tax base, thereby reducing the individual tax rate impact. For example, some new homes and barns have recently been built in Pompey and Fabius.

Q: If I'm not a registered voter, how do I register to vote on the school budget? A: You can register to vote with the District Clerk, Deputy District Clerk or a member of the Board of Registration between 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM (school days) at the District Office, 1211 Mill Street. However, such registration cannot take place after May 14th.

Q: Does the 2026-2027 operating budget include funding for a small capital project? A: No. In previous years, the budget included a \$100,000 interfund transfer to support district-wide security and safety improvements. Additionally, the district had allocated \$35,000 for camera installations and maintenance. However, the District has removed these annual budgetary amounts from the 2026-27 budget since past small project, combined with Project 2026, have or will sufficiently address our investment safety and security for next year.



FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

As we finalize preparation of the budget for the 2026-2027 school year, we would like to share an update with our Fabius-Pompey community. The budget process is a thoughtful and detailed effort that unfolds over several months—beginning in November and concluding with adoption in April. Throughout this work, we carefully balance rising costs, state requirements, and available resources, always with our students at the center of every decision.

Our goal remains consistent: to provide a strong educational experience for all students while being responsible stewards of taxpayer resources.

Like many public school districts across New York State, we continue to face increasing financial pressures. One of the most significant challenges is the rising cost of health insurance. These costs have grown steadily over time and now represent a substantial portion of the District's budget. While we work closely with our partners to manage these increases, they are largely outside of our control and require us to make difficult and deliberate trade-offs in other areas of spending.

Looking ahead, these costs are expected to continue rising. Health insurance, which accounted for approximately 10% of the District's budget in 2000, is projected to exceed 30% by the 2028-2029 school year. This trend presents a long-term challenge that we must plan for carefully. Additional information on this topic can be found in the accompanying article.

In addition, the District will begin making debt service payments in 2026-2027 related to Project 2026, which was approved by voters in December 2023. These payments are similar to a homeowner's mortgage and support important improvements to our facilities. While New York State provides Building Aid to help offset a portion of these costs, the remaining cost represents a fixed and unavoidable obligation that must be incorporated into the District's annual budget. In the expenditure budget, you will see a sizeable increase under the Debt Service section. However, in the revenue budget, you will see a similarly sizeable increase under the Building Aid.

At the same time, state aid has remained relatively flat, and the District has made modest adjustments to the tax levy in order to maintain programs and services. Without careful planning, this combination of factors could require increased reliance on the District's reserves. However, like any household, we recognize that savings are not a long-term solution for ongoing expenses, and it is important to ensure that spending is aligned with recurring revenue.

With all of this in mind, the District has taken a careful and measured approach to developing the 2026-2027 budget. We have reviewed all areas of spending to identify efficiencies while maintaining current staffing levels and preserving the programs, services, and opportunities that our students rely on each day. Protecting classroom instruction and student support services continues to be our top priority.

At the May budget vote, we are asking the community to approve a 4.99% increase to the tax levy. This increase remains below the

state's tax cap and therefore requires a simple majority for approval. While any increase is taken seriously, this adjustment is necessary to support previously approved capital project costs and to ensure the District can continue to meet its obligations, including wages and benefits.

This year's proposed budget reflects a thoughtful balance between fiscal responsibility and maintaining the quality of education our community values. We remain committed to supporting student learning, enhancing curriculum opportunities, and continuing growth in areas such as STEAM and Career and Technical Education. These investments are aligned with the District's long-term priorities, including Strategic Plan Goals 1 and 2, which focus on expanding academic opportunities and strengthening vertical alignment of curriculum across grade levels.

In addition, this work connects directly to New York State's broader direction, including the Blue Ribbon Commission and the development of a Portrait of a Graduate. These efforts emphasize skills like critical thinking, communication, and real-world problem solving. Our Instructional Technology Plan supports this by using technology to enhance instruction, build digital fluency, and create more opportunities for students to collaborate and engage in meaningful learning experiences. Together, these efforts help ensure our students are well prepared for what comes next.

We encourage you to stay engaged in the budget process and to attend the annual public budget hearing on May 5th. This forum provides an opportunity to learn more about the proposed budget, understand the factors shaping it, and ask questions during the formal public process.

Thank you for your continued support of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District. Working together, we can ensure a strong and sustainable future for our students and our community.

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PROPOSITION II TRANSPORTATION

The Fabius-Pompey Central School District asks its voters each year to approve a bus purchase request, which will replace costly or aging school vehicles. This year the Board of Education will conduct a Special meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 to seek approval for the purchase of three (3) school buses, not to exceed the cost of five hundred twenty-six thousand dollars (\$526,000).

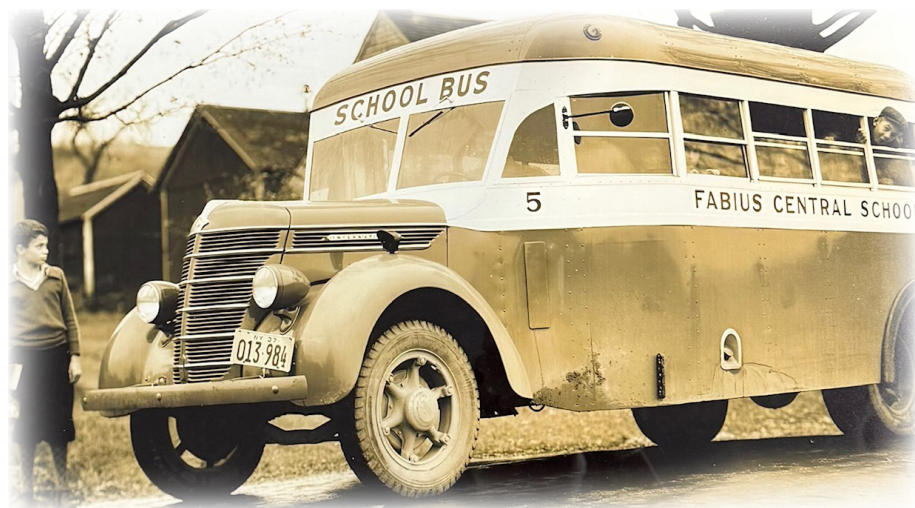
The District currently maintains 26 vehicles in its fleet to safely transport our students. Regular academic transportation includes transporting our students to and from school, transporting our special needs students to programs that lie outside the District, transporting students enrolled in BOCES occupational programs to locations outside the District, and transporting our students on educational field trips. School buses are also used for transporting students who participate in extra-curricular activities, such as interscholastic athletics and student club events. The total fleet mileage for last year, 2024-2025, was 288,780.

The 2025-26 Fleet is as follows:

Bus#	Year	Make	Pupil Capacity	Current Mileage**
37D	2013	Dodge Minivan	6	80,753
*81	2017	International CE	60	119,732
*82	2017	International CE	60	92,419
83	2018	International CE	65	78,608
84	2018	International CE	60	109,259
85	2018	International CE	60	84,614
86	2019	International CE	60	80,502
87	2019	International CE	60	69,645
88	2019	International CE	60	65,566
89	2020	International CE	54 w/3 wheelchairs	82,453
90	2020	International CE	60	70,658
91	2021	International CE	60	48,178
92	2021	International CE	60	68,504
93	2021	International CE	60	49,185
94	2022	International CE	66	41,638
95	2022	International CE	54 w/3 wheelchairs	59,421
96	2024	International CE	30	55,814
97	2024	International CE	30	58,189
98	2024	International CE	30	59,242
99	2025	International CE	66	17,526
100	2025	International CE	66	11,877
1	2026	International CE	60	14,630
2	2026	International CE	60	8,703
3	2026	International CE	66	13,184
4	2026	International CE	60	1,688
5	2026	International CE	60	216

*These vehicles were sold April 2026.

**Mileage is current through December 31, 2025



TAX RATE INFORMATION

Tax Rate Guidelines: Please use the following guideline to determine estimated school taxes for the 2026-27 school year.

Tax Rates will be finalized in August when the District receives the final State Equalization Rates and final assessments.

The taxes below are calculated using an estimated increase to assessed value based on the past four year average.

Tax Equation = Assessed Value (minus \$17,100 Basic STAR Exemption) / 1,000 X Estimated Tax Rate

Example:

Assessed Value	\$ 100,000
<u>Less Basic STAR Exemption</u>	<u>\$ 17,100</u>
Assessment After STAR	\$ 82,900
Assessment Divided by \$1,000	83
30 Multiplied by Estimated Tax Rate of \$31.34	\$ 2,598.33 -- This is the 2026-76 Estimated Property Tax.



OR

If the assessment is ... the estimated school tax for the 2026-27 school year would be...

\$ 125,000	\$ 3,381.91
\$ 150,000	\$ 4,165.48
\$ 175,000	\$ 4,949.06
\$ 200,000	\$ 5,732.63

The School Tax Relief (STAR) program offers property tax relief to eligible New York State homeowners. If you are eligible and enrolled in the STAR program, you'll receive your benefit each year in one of two ways:

1. STAR credit check. If you are registered for the STAR credit, the Tax Department will send you a STAR check in the mail each year. You can use the check to pay your school taxes. You can receive the STAR credit if you own your home and it's your primary residence and the combined income of the owners and the owners' spouses is \$500,000 or less.
2. STAR exemption: a reduction on your school tax bill. If you've been receiving the STAR exemption since 2015, you can continue to receive it for the same primary residence. As long as you remain eligible, you'll see a reduction on your school tax bill for the amount of your STAR exemption. Note: The STAR exemption is no longer available to new homeowners.

All property owners, upon application to the Town Assessor, are eligible for one of two STAR Tax Exemptions or Credits:

Basic STAR - a \$30,000 deduction or credit on assessed value, if assessed at full value. A one time application is required.

Enhanced STAR - a \$60,000 deduction or credit on assessed value available to Senior Citizens ONLY, requires an annual verification by March 1.



**For more information, please visit our website
or contact the District Office at (315) 683-5301**

Budget Hearing Date: Tuesday May 5, 2026
6:30 p.m., Middle School-High School Library

BUDGET VOTE DATE: Tuesday May 19, 2026, 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Middle School-High School Foyer (Towns of Fabius and Cuyler)
Pompey Community Church (Towns of Pompey, LaFayette & Cazenovia)



THE VOTE ON THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL BUDGET, TRANSPORTATION PROPOSITION and BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION shall take place Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., in the Middle School-High School Auditorium Foyer at 1211 Mill Street in Fabius for district residents of the Towns of Fabius and Cuyler, and at the Pompey Community Church at 2555 Berwyn Road in Pompey for district residents of the Towns of Pompey, LaFayette and Cazenovia.