

## AT-A-GLANCE

Proposed Budget:  
**\$133,800,000**

Tax Levy Increase:  
**2.49%**

Spending Increase:  
**3.48%**

BUDGET 2025-2026 EDITION

# VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



**VOTE ON  
MAY 20, 2025**

**6 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

Valley Central High School  
Gymnasium

**VOTER  
REGISTRATION  
DAY**

**May 13, 2025**

**3-7 p.m.**

Valley Central  
Administration  
Building

**VOTER  
ELIGIBILITY**

- ☒ U.S. citizen
- ☒ School district resident for at least 30 days
- ☒ 18 years of age by May 20, 2025
- ☒ Registered to vote with the School District and/or County Board of Elections

**ABSENTEE &  
EARLY MAIL  
BALLOTS**

Applications for absentee & early mail ballots are available on the District website or from the Office of the District Clerk.

**MORE INFORMATION**

**VCSDNY.ORG**



VC has been working hard on its Strategic Plan, including Priority #1: Elevating Student Success and Engagement.



The VC boys and girls indoor track teams did an amazing job at the Section 9 Class A Championship with four athletes bringing home medals.

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**Evette Avila**  
Superintendent  
of Schools

### SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

On May 20, Valley Central School District voters will have the opportunity to consider two important propositions that directly impact our schools and community—the annual school budget and a capital project proposal.

Proposition 1 is the annual school budget. The proposed 2025-26 budget is \$133,800,000 with a tax levy increase of 2.49% and is designed to prioritize student achievement and fiscal sustainability. We have worked

diligently to develop a fiscally responsible, balanced budget that supports educational programs, accounts for rising costs, preserves an adequate fund balance and is mindful of the financial impact to taxpayers, while at the same time ensuring the stability and long-term health of our schools.

The proposed school budget aligns with the District's Strategic Plan, with a focus on Priority 1: Elevating Student Engagement and Success. This includes introducing a new literacy program that aligns with the Science of Reading, which would give all students the tools to reach high levels of proficiency and achievement.

The proposed budget includes staff development opportunities, social-emotional supports and services to meet the needs of all our students. The budget also aligns with Priority 2: Community

Belonging and VC Pride. By ensuring our interior and exterior spaces are inviting, we can instill a sense of pride in the District. The budget aligns with Priority 3: Clear and Transparent Communication by implementing ParentSquare and Hudl, and updating our website to strengthen our communication.

Proposition 2 focuses on capital improvements and essential repairs to district buildings. Specifically, Proposition 2 focuses on replacing windows at the Alternative Learning Center in Maybrook, renovating Montgomery Elementary School with window replacements and a new gymnasium floor, replacing tile flooring throughout East Coldenham Elementary School, and replacing the water holding tank and installing air conditioning in the cafeteria at the middle school.

These capital project improvements would upgrade our facilities to enhance the learning environment for all students and staff. The improvements outlined in Proposition 2 would have no additional tax impact on residents as it would be funded by a combination of state building aid and the District's fund balance.

At Valley Central, we work diligently every day to create a school district that the community can be proud of—a great place for children. We have accomplished a great deal this year, and our district administrators, faculty and staff look forward to continuing to focus on implementing our District's Strategic Plan so that we can empower every member of our school community to achieve at high levels and embrace the joy of continuous learning. Please remember to vote on Tuesday, May 20. Polls will be open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Valley Central High School.



The information provided below is the "School District Budget Notice" as required by state law.  
School districts must distribute this notice, as prescribed, to all district residents.

## REQUIRED SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

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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	\$129,300,000	\$133,800,000	\$132,083,000
Increase/Decrease for the 2025-26 School Year		\$4,500,000	\$2,783,000
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.48%	2.15%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.95%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$68,974,000	\$70,691,000	
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)	\$68,974,000	\$70,691,000	\$68,974,000
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$1,001,965	\$1,170,193	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$69,760,051	\$71,324,435	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$67,972,035	\$69,520,807	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$1,788,016	\$1,803,628	
Administrative Component	\$11,156,368	\$12,296,040	\$11,380,415
Program Component	\$105,239,266	\$107,921,555	\$107,391,555
Capital Component	\$12,904,366	\$13,582,405	\$13,311,030

\* 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.

Pursuant to section 2023 of the Education Law, the Board of Education will comply with all laws and regulations relative to declaring ordinary contingent expenses in the event of a contingency budget for the 2025-26 school year. Salaries for professional educators and support personnel will be declared contingent expenses as well as costs necessary to maintain mandated educational programs, maintain and preserve District property, as well as costs to ensure the health and safety of students and staff.

\*\* 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
Proposition 2 - Renovation and Improvement of School District Facilities	\$11,100,000
	\$
	\$
	\$

\*NOTE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS OFFICIALS: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: [emscmgts@nyased.gov](mailto:emscmgts@nyased.gov)

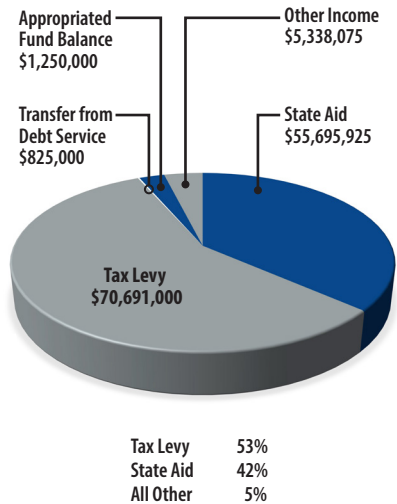
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$593
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Under the Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year

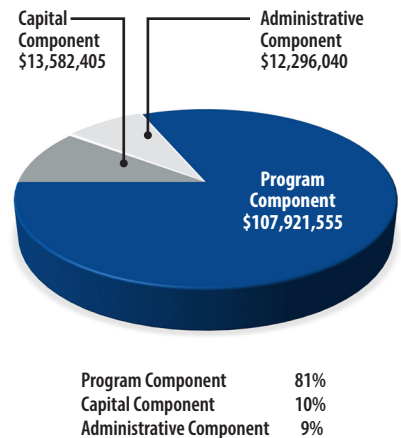
The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2025-26 by the qualified voters of the Valley Central School District, Orange County, New York, will be held at the Valley Central High School in said district on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9 p.m., prevailing time in the gymnasium, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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

## SOURCE OF FUNDS



## THREE-PART BUDGET



## BUDGET EXPENDITURES | TOTAL BUDGET \$133,800,000

### PROGRAM COMPONENT: \$107,921,555 PERCENTAGE OF BUDGET: 81%

The program component provides funding for the salaries and benefits of all teachers, guidance counselors, aides, monitors, psychologists, nurses, social workers, and speech therapists. The program component also includes the costs associated with all the instructional and extracurricular programs, transportation and athletic activities.

### CAPITAL COMPONENT: \$13,582,405 PERCENTAGE OF BUDGET: 10%

The capital component provides funds for the operation and maintenance of Valley Central's school buildings, debt service, property tax refunds, tax certiorari and court-ordered costs, and the salaries and benefits for the maintenance and custodial staff.

### ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT: \$12,296,040 PERCENTAGE OF BUDGET: 9%

The administrative component provides funding for the overall general support and management activities of the district, including the salaries and benefits of all professional members who spend 50% or more of their time in administration and supervision, curriculum development, clerical staff, public information, business office operations, and legal and auditing services.

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## THE BOTTOM LINE ON TAX IMPACT

THE FOLLOWING REFLECTS THE ESTIMATED INCREASE IN SCHOOL TAXES UNDER THE PROPOSED TAX LEVY INCREASE OF 2.49%

**2025-26 Average Cost to Taxpayer Based on Proposed Tax Levy**

Full Value	Senior/STAR		STAR		No STAR	
	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual
<b>\$200,000</b>	\$3.42	\$41	\$5.08	\$61	\$6.00	\$72
<b>\$300,000</b>	\$6.42	\$77	\$8.08	\$97	\$9.00	\$108
<b>\$400,000</b>	\$9.42	\$113	\$11.08	\$133	\$12.00	\$144

*This estimate is for illustrative purposes only and is an estimation based on full equalized value.*

**The chart to the left is broken down into three categories:**



A senior citizen homeowner **receiving Enhanced STAR** (based on a \$86,100 equalized value exemption)



A homeowner **receiving STAR** (based on a \$30,000 equalized value exemption)



A homeowner **without STAR** (usually the case for a non-primary residence)

**For information on the STAR Program: [www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star](http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star)**



The Valley Central School District offers a **Senior Citizen Tax Exemption**, a **Veterans Tax Exemption**, and a **Volunteer Firefighter/Ambulance Worker Tax Exemption**. For more information about eligibility and applying for these exemptions, please contact the assessor's office in your town.

## PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT

### PROPOSITION 2 RENOVATION & IMPROVEMENT OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

#### ALTERNATIVE LEARNING CENTER AT MAYBROOK

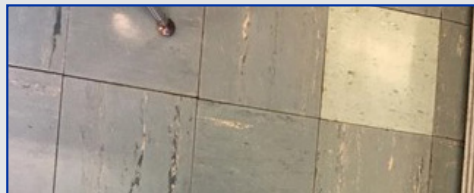
- + Window replacement including needed lintel replacement (the support beam above the window)



*ALC at Maybrook Window Interior*

#### EAST COLDENHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- + Replacement of resilient tile flooring (building wide)



*East Coldenham Elementary School Tile Flooring*

#### MONTGOMERY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- + Gymnasium flooring replacement
- + Window replacement (1936, 1969, 2000 wings) including needed lintel replacement (the support beam above the window)



*Montgomery Elementary School Windows*

#### VALLEY CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

- + Install air conditioning in the cafeteria
- + Replacement of the water holding tank from 1967

SCAN HERE FOR ADDITIONAL CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS AND AN INFORMATIONAL VIDEO



### PROPOSITION 2 FUNDING FACTS

- + Maximum cost **NOT TO EXCEED** \$11,100,000
- + Expect to receive **APPROXIMATELY 72.7% IN STATE AID** on eligible expenses
- + **FUND BALANCE OF \$4,960,000** will be applied
- + **NO ADDITIONAL TAX** impact on taxpayers





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