



BUDGET EDITION 2025-26

2025-2026 School Budget

KEY DATES

PUBLIC HEARING & MEET THE BOE CANDIDATES

**Thursday, May 8, 2025
6:30 PM in the Auditorium**

Please Vote!

BUDGET VOTE

**Tuesday, May 20, 2025
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Large Gymnasium Foyer**

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Eligible voters may submit absentee ballots under certain conditions. For information, contact the District Office (607) 863-3200. Ballots must be received by 5:00 PM on May 20, 2025.

LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear Residents,

The \$18,864,427 proposed budget contains an increase of 1% or \$186,707. Revenue estimates include a Foundation Aid increase of \$151,943 and a Tax Levy increase of 2% or \$81,540, an amount below the allowable tax levy limit. As planned, we will be able to maintain all current programs for our students for 2025 – 2026.

The major budget to budget increases are as follows:

- **\$219,647 Benefits** (Employee Retirement System, Health Insurance, Workers Compensation, Unemployment)
- **\$85,000 Tuition for Students with Special Needs**
- **\$8,000 Insurance**
- **\$13,907 Transportation Costs**
- **\$38,069 BOCES Computer Assisted Instruction Costs**

The following expense reductions occurred:

- **-\$405,295 Overall BOCES Costs**
- **-\$33,000 Clerical Non-Instructional Salary**
- **-\$15,000 Charter School Tuition**

Over the past few years, the District has been allocating Federal dollars for one-time purchases to help combat learning loss, add enrichment opportunities for our students, and provide summer learning. These Federal funds had to be expended

prior to September 30, 2024. Past increases in our Foundation Aid have been instrumental in maintaining current program and extracurricular offerings.

Please mark your calendars for these important dates:

Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 6:30 PM in the Wilbur Auditorium **2025 – 2026 Budget Hearing**

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 from noon to 8:00 PM for the **School Budget Vote and Board of Education Elections**

If you have any questions about the proposed 2025 - 2026 School Budget, or any information included within this brochure, please contact one of the members of the Board of Education or our Superintendent, Mr. Todd Freeman. You may also view the budget PowerPoint presentation on our website at www.cc.cnyric.org.

Respectfully,
Cincinnati Board of Education

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**REVENUE BUDGET**

	2024-25 BUDGET	2025-26 PROPOSED BUDGET
STATE AID		
Foundation	\$9,973,258.00	\$10,125,201.00
BOCES	\$1,367,830.00	\$1,401,635.00
High Cost Excess	\$185,788.00	\$189,816.00
Hardware & Technology	\$9,422.00	\$9,841.00
Software, Library, Textbook	\$39,946.00	\$41,505.00
Transportation	\$982,900.00	\$1,082,042.00
Building Aid	\$1,242,471.00	\$1,071,436.00
Miscellaneous State Aid	\$0	\$0
Total State Aid	\$13,801,615	\$13,921,476
PROPERTY TAXES		
Tax Levy	\$4,077,046.00	\$4,158,586.00
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$30,781.00	\$31,087.00
Tax Penalty	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Total Property Taxes	\$4,112,827	\$4,194,673
OTHER INCOME		
Interest on Deposits	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$109,151.00	\$94,151.00
Medicaid	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Reserves	\$141,627.00	\$141,627.00
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$480,000.00	\$480,000.00
Total Other Income	\$763,278	\$748,278
TOTAL - BUDGET	\$18,677,720	\$18,864,427

ESTIMATED ANNUAL RESIDENT COST

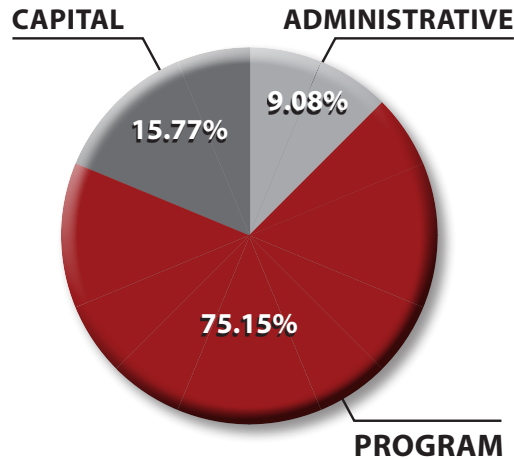
ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE	ANNUAL INCREASE (NO STAR)	ANNUAL INCREASE (BASIC STAR)	ANNUAL INCREASE (ENHANCED STAR)
\$40,000.00	\$10.15	\$2.54	\$-
\$50,000.00	\$12.69	\$5.08	\$-
\$60,000.00	\$15.23	\$7.61	\$-
\$70,000.00	\$17.76	\$10.15	\$1.70
\$80,000.00	\$20.30	\$12.69	\$4.24
\$90,000.00	\$22.84	\$15.23	\$6.78
\$100,000.00	\$25.38	\$17.76	\$9.31

The above chart represents a standard STAR Basic exemption of \$30,000 of the assessed property value and a \$63,300 exemption for Enhanced Star. Actual rate increase may vary due to the differences in the equalization rate.



THREE PART BUDGET BREAKDOWN

THREE-PART BUDGET



ADMINISTRATIVE (9.08%)

The Administrative Component includes:

The administrative component represents 9.08% of the total budget which includes expenses for the Board of Education, school information officer, central administration, superintendent of buildings & grounds, transportation supervisor, instructional supervision, curriculum development, legal services, central data processing, printing, mailing, and employee benefits attributable to salaries in these functions.

PROGRAM (75.15%)

The Program Component includes:

The program component represents the largest portion and focal point of our budget. The program component represents 75.15 % of the total budget which includes regular instruction, special education, occupational education, curriculum and staff development, and summer school. Also included are pupil services such as health, guidance, library, co-curricular, athletics, and transportation. Associated employee benefit expenses, legal, and community service expenses are also included.

CAPITAL (15.77%)

The Capital Component includes:

The capital component represents 15.77% of the total budget including expenses for the operation and maintenance of district facilities, building renovation costs, property tax refunds, and employee benefits attributable to salaries included in these functions.



	2024-25	2025-26 PROPOSED
ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET COMPONENT		
Board of Education	23,088	23,288
Central Administration	233,807	219,238
Central Support	811,993	840,139
Supervision/Staff Development	372,464	384,478
Employee Benefits	233,889	245,311
Total Administrative Component	1,675,241	1,712,454
% Change	8.97%	9.08%
PROGRAM BUDGET COMPONENT		
Regular Instruction	4,726,982	4,353,921
Special School Programs	3,462,436	3,419,680
Student Services	1,419,109	1,529,406
Transportation	676,213	708,202
Employee Benefits	3,971,616	4,165,564
Total Program Component	14,256,356	14,176,773
% Change	76.33%	75.15%
CAPITAL BUDGET COMPONENT		
Operation & Maintenance	1,086,796	1,089,032
Employee Benefits	292,361	306,638
Debt Service	1,366,966	1,579,530
Total Capital Budget	2,746,123	2,975,200
% Change	14.70%	15.77%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	18,677,720	18,864,427
Employee Benefits	4,497,866	4,717,513

ESTIMATED BASIC STAR EXEMPTION SAVINGS*

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year, the Estimated Basic STAR Savings:

\$418.00

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



Todd Freeman
Superintendent of Schools

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WHO CAN VOTE?

According to New York Education Law, in order to vote, you must be:

- ✓ A citizen of the United States
- ✓ 18 years of age
- ✓ A resident of the district for at least 30 days
- You do not have to be registered to vote.
- You do NOT have to own property in the district, but you MUST reside in the district.
- Identification and proof of residence WILL be requested at the time of voting.

PROPOSITIONS

PROPOSITION 1

Shall the Board of Education of the Cincinnati Central School District be authorized to appropriate and expend an amount not to exceed \$18,864,427 for general purpose for the year of 2025-2026 and to levy a tax on the taxable property of the school district as provided by law?

PROPOSITION 2

The Board of Education of the Cincinnati Central School District is hereby authorized to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law to be designated, "2025 Facilities Improvement Capital Reserve Fund" created to defray the cost of the construction and reconstruction of School District buildings and facilities, including original equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, furnishings and other incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, and in order to accomplish the same, the Board is hereby authorized to establish the ultimate amount of such Reserve Fund to be \$3,000,000.00 Dollars, plus accrued interest and other investment earnings with a probable term of ten (10) years and, to appropriate from the available fund balance and/or other legally available funds of the School District to such Reserve Fund.

PROPOSITION 3

The Board of Education of the Cincinnati Central School District, Cortland, Chenango and Broome Counties, New York, is hereby authorized to purchase student transport vehicles including incidental equipment and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$317,000, 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 shall be issued.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The election of two (2) members of the Board of Education. Two (2) three-year terms to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of James Gardner and Sara Stafford.

