

Auburn

Enlarged City School District

PLEASE VOTE

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025
7:00 AM TO 9:00 PM

- ☐ 4 voting sites: Auburn Junior High School, Casey Park, Owasco, and Seward Elementary Schools. Your polling location may have changed. Please visit aecsd.education/budget for more information.
- ☐ In order to vote: you do not need to be a registered voter; you must be a citizen of the United States; you must be at least 18 years old; and a resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to May 20, 2025.
- ☐ Absentee ballots are available at the Harriet Tubman Administration Building at 78 Thornton Avenue. (must be returned by 5:00 pm on election day).
- ☐ Public hearing at the Auburn High School Library at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 13, 2025

2025-2026 Budget is \$107,323,677

- ☐ Budget is up 2.8% (or \$2.9 million) from 2024-2025
- ☐ Use of \$2 million of fund balance and \$500,000 of reserves in this Budget

Staffing Changes in this Budget (Net Increase of 11.5 Positions)

- ☐ +3 Special Ed Teacher
- ☐ +3 Teacher Assistants
- ☐ +5 Teacher Aides
- ☐ +0.5 Music Teacher

Educational Programming/Services

- ☐ With the addition of the above positions, we will be able to:
 - Continue Summer School, which was previously funded by federal stimulus funds
 - Provide continuing education to the new Music Production Room
 - Showcase more district events and improve community outreach
 - Provide necessary Special Educational programming at the elementary level
 - Provide more social-emotional/mental health resources and support to our students
 - Focus more intensely on improving our graduation rate and lowering our dropout rate
 - Provide our students with equitable access to educational opportunities and services
 - Better ensure that our students are performing at grade-level in both Reading & Math
 - Provide increased professional learning opportunities for staff

Tax Levy Increase of 3.25% (Below NYS-mandated tax cap)

- ☐ Average Increase in Taxes, from last year, on a \$100,000 home:
\$80/year (or \$6.70/month)



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the “Tax Levy Limit,” and why are taxes going up by less than 2%?

NYS adopted a tax levy limit commonly referred to as “the 2% tax cap”. Each district must calculate its individual tax levy limit by using a formula defined by NYS. Auburn’s tax levy limit for 2025-2026 is 3.78%. Districts are authorized to exceed the tax levy limit, but in order to do so, 60% of the voters must approve the budget (instead of a simple majority).

Is the District exceeding the tax cap?

No, the proposed budget includes a 3.25% tax levy increase, which is below the tax cap limit set by New York State, thus not requiring a super majority for approval.

What happens if we go to a Contingency Budget?

If the proposed budget is voted down, the Board of Education will decide whether to have a second vote on the same budget or a revised budget. If defeated a second time, NYS requires that the district adopt a Contingency Budget. If that happens, the proposed budget would be reduced by eliminating all unaided equipment expenditures (for example: plows, trucks, lawnmowers, athletic equipment, office computers), and fees for community use of buildings would be implemented. Additionally, there can be no increase in the district’s tax levy from the prior year. That means \$1,158,462 in property tax revenue would have to be cut from the budget, as well as \$200,000 in non-aided equipment purchases.

Key Statistics

The Auburn Enlarged City School District does its best to ensure that it provides high-quality curriculum and instruction that meets the unique needs of each student while not overspending. The comparison below illustrates that:

	<u>Auburn</u>	<u>NYS Average</u>
Total Expenditures per Pupil:	\$21,263	\$26,857
(Per 2022-2023 NYS Fiscal Transparency Report)		
Visit the NYS Property Tax Report Card at https://data.nysed.gov		


District Enrollment (2024-2025): 3,735

**Students Qualifying for Free or
Reduced-Priced Meals (2024-2025): 61%**

Number of Employees		<u>2025-2026</u>	
(General Fund budget only)	Faculty	424	60.1%
	Support staff	251	35.6%
	Admin/Supervisors	<u>30</u>	4.3%
	Total	705	



Number of Buildings: 7 school buildings, 1 administration building

 *Vote Tuesday, May 20, 2025*