



North Shore Schools

Discovering Your Dreams

May 19, 2025

Dear North Shore Families,

I hope you are well.

This is a reminder that the North Shore Budget and Board Trustee vote will occur tomorrow, Tuesday, 5/20 from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM in the North Shore High School gymnasium.

Budget Highlights:

- The proposed 2025-26 budget is a 2.4% budget increase from last year (the 11th lowest in District history).
- It includes approximately \$500,000 in cuts to faculty and staff, while maintaining all programs and class sizes at all levels
- It represents a 2.992% tax levy, which is below the NY State allowable tax levy limit. The levy increase permitted is 3.195%
- For the past 3 years, North Shore has been under the tax cap by \$3.3 million

Traditionally, North Shore's budget vote has been close. More so than our neighboring districts. In my recent Budget Talks, I have been asked many times, What if the Budget Fails? To help answer this question, please see the chart below detailing the three possible scenarios:

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2025-26 BUDGET SCENARIOS

If Budget Passes on 5/20	If Budget Fails on 5/20	If Budget Fails on 5/20 on 2 nd Vote, Forcing Contingency
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class sizes maintained Student programs preserved at all levels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Academics - Athletics - Arts Integration of new Literacy curriculum at Elementary level Provides additional funding for ELL & Special Education Provides funding for outdoor improvements & HS science research room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new budget would likely be developed which could result in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduction in classroom sections & teachers Increase in class sizes at all levels Reduction in certain programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enrichment & Clubs - Sports Teams - Fine & Performing Arts - New Electives <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">Note: The Board of Education can place the same budget up for a revote, develop a new budget for a vote, or it can go straight to a contingency budget.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would need to adopt contingent budget requiring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 0% tax levy increase from 2024-25 - Approximately, \$2.8M more in cuts Elimination of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10-15 faculty & staff - Some Athletics, Arts, Music, Enrichment, Extracurriculars & Electives - Capital Projects - Community Ed and public use of fields

Remember to Vote!

May 20, HS Gym, 7 am-10 pm

Go Vikings Go!

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The Budget Vote/Election of Trustees is Tuesday, May 20, 2025, in the HS Gym from 7 am-10 pm.

Sincerely,

Dr. Z

Superintendent of Schools