



North Shore Schools

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May 15, 2025

Dear North Shore Families,

*The Budget Vote/Election of Trustees is less than a week away on **Tuesday, May 20, in the HS Gym from 7 am-10 pm.** I wanted to share with you some **2025-26 Budget Highlights:***

- The proposed 2025-26 budget is \$125,635.847.75, representing a **2.4%** budget increase from last year
- It includes approximately **\$500,000 in cuts** to faculty and staff, while maintaining most 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

*More specifically, **the 2025-26 Budget Provides the following:***

What The 2025-26 Budget Provides

2.435% Budget to Budget Increase

2.992% Tax Levy Increase

S H R E


SIZE OF CLASSES
Class sizes will not be changed in this budget.

HIGHER FUNDING FOR ELL AND SPECIAL ED
Provides additional funding for ELL and Special Education students.

OUTDOOR UPDATES
Provides funding for outdoor improvements (fencing, press box) as well as a renovated science research space.

READING AND LITERACY PROGRAM
Integrates the Science of Reading into the elementary literacy program.

EXISTING PROGRAMING MAINTAINED
All courses and extracurricular programs maintained.

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*As reported, while other school districts on Long Island are showing a decrease in their student population, our **North Shore CSD enrollment remains at consistent levels and is increasing.***

- District enrollment for next year is already at xxxxxx and growing (already higher than the BOCES projection with kindergarten students still registering and including students going to private school)

*Cuts for 2023/24 and 2024/25 **totaled \$5.2 million:***

- **51 total positions** have been eliminated (including 29 teachers, 7 teaching assistants, 3 administrators, 10 paraprofessionals, and 2 clerical positions.
- The **total \$ of personnel cuts totaled \$4.0 M**, while non-personnel cuts totaled \$1.2M
- Since \$5.2 Million in cuts have already been made, further cuts would lead to impacts on class size, possible student program elimination or require district reorganization

*The District has continued to discuss the possible revenue shortfall of over **\$8 Million in the 2027-28 school year** due to additional lost revenue from LIPA.*

- The District will continue to use reserves and find efficiencies
- The District continues to spend a tremendous time meeting with legislators in Albany and on Long Island to find support
- The District meets with a revenue generation committee to plan for the future.
- A contingency budget now could leave the District with few options for solutions in 2027-28.

The District continues to work hard to protect the experience of our students by finding efficiencies, while balancing the fiscal concerns of our community members.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools