

## BUDGET REVOTE NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2024-26 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	\$ 14,707,074	\$15,427,799	\$14,590,624
Increase/Decrease for the 2025-26 School Year		\$720,725	-\$116,450
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		4.9 %	-.79%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.95%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$9,846,483	\$10,732,666	
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)	\$9,846,483	\$10,732,666	\$9,846,483
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$268,811	\$504,434	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$8,761,913	\$9,843,250	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$9,577,672	\$10,228,232	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	-\$815,759	-\$384,982	
Administrative Component	\$1,915,308	\$1,997,954	\$1,361,344
Program Component	\$10,746,308	\$11,322,782	\$11,134,217
Capital Component	\$2,045,458	\$2,107,063	\$2,095,063
<p>* 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.</p> <p>The contingency budget administrative percentage will not exceed the prior year's percentage, the budget will require a reduction in all equipment, supplies, and professional development. The Tax levy decrease will be offset by extracurricular, sports and program reductions.</p> <p>** 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)</p>			

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$
Town of Canaan	\$373
Town of Chatham	\$377
Town of Nassau	\$306
Town of New Lebanon	\$373
Town of Stephentown	\$313

The budget revote for the fiscal year 2025-26 by the qualified voters of the New Lebanon Central school district, Columbia County, New York, will be held at Walter B Howard school(s) in said district on Tuesday, June 17th, 2025 at between the hours of 12:00 pm and 8:00pm, prevailing time in the Elementary school, 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.



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7:00 p.m. Please visit our website for specific dates.*  
[www.newlebanoncsd.org/district/boe](http://www.newlebanoncsd.org/district/boe)

**INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT**  
Christopher Harper

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## POSTAL PATRON

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**June 17, 2025  
12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Walter B. Howard Elementary  
School Gymnasium

## BUDGET REVOTE:

# What It Means for Our Schools

First, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out to vote on our original proposed school budget. We heard the community loud and clear. With consideration of all of the communication we have received, the Board and I have worked hard to revise and come up with a new budget proposal. Unfortunately, we have had to make significant staffing cuts to lower this proposal. The resubmitted budget with a lower increase will balance the rising costs we face and the concerns we hear from residents. New Lebanon is a special community, and we are committed to doing right by our residents and students.

If this revised budget is not approved, the district would be required by law to adopt a contingency budget. A failed budget vote would freeze spending at last year's levels, with no increase to cover rising health insurance premiums for staff and retirees, contractual salary increases, inflation, or new state mandates. The impact would be significant. More staff reductions will be necessary. Field trips will not take place. Building maintenance and equipment replacements will be deferred. Community access to school facilities will be limited. In addition, the district may be forced to suspend after-school clubs and inter-scholastic athletics could be cut entirely. Non-required electives may also need to be reduced or eliminated.

The Board and district leadership have done their best to revise the budget in a way that protects our core programs while responding to the concerns raised by voters. These are not decisions anyone wants to make. The revised budget represents our best effort to move forward responsibly. Please vote on Tuesday, June 17, from 12 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Walter B. Howard Elementary.

Best,  
Christopher M. Harper, *Interim Superintendent*

## What's at Stake



Sports



Teachers



Electives



Field Trips



Community  
Programs

