

# GCSD 2025-26 PROPOSED BUDGET INFORMATION

## Why Should I Vote May 20?

*Did you know that less than 10% of registered voters participate in school elections?*

Spring is a busy season for everyone, but please make time to vote on May 20. Your vote determines the funding schools receive for the year and gives you a say in who represents you on the school board.

Your vote matters, so let's review why you should cast a ballot on May 20.

### THE SCHOOL BUDGET FUNDS GREECE SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR

About 10,000 students depend on the Greece Central School District to provide them with educational programs and services. The school budget pays for teachers and support staff, instructional materials, transportation, medical care, student meals, school safety and security, wellness services, and educational supports. None of this is possible without voters.



### THE BOARD MEMBERS YOU ELECT WILL REPRESENT YOU FOR 3 YEARS

The nine-member Board of Education is elected to represent you. There are six candidates running for three open Board of Education seats this year. It's important that you carefully review the qualifications of each Board candidate and select the individuals you think will best represent your vision for the Greece Central School District.

### YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE AT STAKE

When you vote on May 20, you're deciding how your tax dollars are spent. Greece Central School District officials make financial decisions with the voter in mind. We are proposing a budget that maintains programs and services and remains within the tax levy cap for the 15th consecutive year.



### PROPOSITIONS STABILIZE TAXPAYER COSTS

In addition to the budget proposal, residents will be asked to consider two propositions that continue the district's long-term vision for maintaining our bus fleet and facilities and stabilizing taxpayer costs. The first proposition seeks voter authorization to purchase 35 replacement gas or diesel buses for student transportation at an estimated aggregate cost of \$5,647,419. The second seeks authorization to create a Capital Reserve Fund, capped at \$50 million, to support future construction and renovation projects. Approval of these propositions would not affect the tax levy or tax rate.

### A DEFEATED BUDGET COULD MEAN FEWER PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

When voters reject a school budget, the Board of Education has three options under the law: submit the same budget for a second vote; submit a revised budget for a second vote; or, adopt a contingency budget. Some expenditures, including most equipment purchases and some non-instructional programs, are prohibited under a contingency budget.

### VOTING IS QUICK AND EASY

With one polling location, 1790 Latta Road, there is no confusion about where to vote. With electronic poll books and more poll workers on site throughout the day, it should take most people no more than 15 minutes to cast a ballot. The polls will be open at the Transportation and Support Services Facility from 6 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20. We hope to see you there!



**Please mark your calendar and vote on May 20.**

Registered voters can come to the Transportation and Support Services Facility, located at 1790 Latta Road, between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. to cast their ballots. For more information on the 2025-26 budget, go to [greececsd.org](https://greececsd.org). Your support helps schools succeed!