

“We develop confident,
continual learners who are
caring community members.”



2026-2027 Budget Presentation

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Agenda

1. District Priorities and Achievements
2. 2026-2027 Proposed Expenses
3. 2026-2027 Proposed Revenue
4. Next Steps
5. Questions

District Celebrations

Family & Community:

- Parent Teacher Conferences 5-8
- Revamped Family Engagement Night at SES
- 2 Family Engagement Nights at SMS
- Community night built around the movie “LIKE”
- Community Schools Coordinator, Anan Le, worked in collaboration with In the Interest of Others to host a food distribution event to support Solvay families

Musical:

- 9th consecutive year as a best community for music education
- The Saxophone Ensemble performed a Spotlight Series concert before the Syracuse Orchestra
- Numerous students received recognition for their music abilities
 - Alex Grant and James Webber participated in the OCMEA All-County Jazz Festival
- 15 SHS students participated in this year’s NYSSMA Solo Festival
- SHS Vocal Jazz Ensemble performed the Star Spangled Banner at a Syracuse Mets game



District Celebrations

Academic:

- Students participated in State Level Competition
 - DECA - 2 Students Placed in Top 10
 - National History Day
- Anticipating 15 students receiving OCC diploma as well as their high school diploma in June
- 49 Solvay Success Students are registered to take course work at OCC this summer
- 13 students anticipated to receive Seal of Biliteracy
- Author Liz Moore visited SHS to share details about the publishing of her 5 novels



District Celebrations

Special Education:

- Buzz Cafe & Classroom Service
- Adapted Sports Clinic in October 2026
- Best Buddies Program Started
- Initiation of a community garden



Athletics:

Spring 2025

- Varsity Baseball & Softball: OHSL League Champion and Section 3 Class B Champions
- Serenity Williams was a state champion in the Pentathlon, setting a new school record



District Celebrations

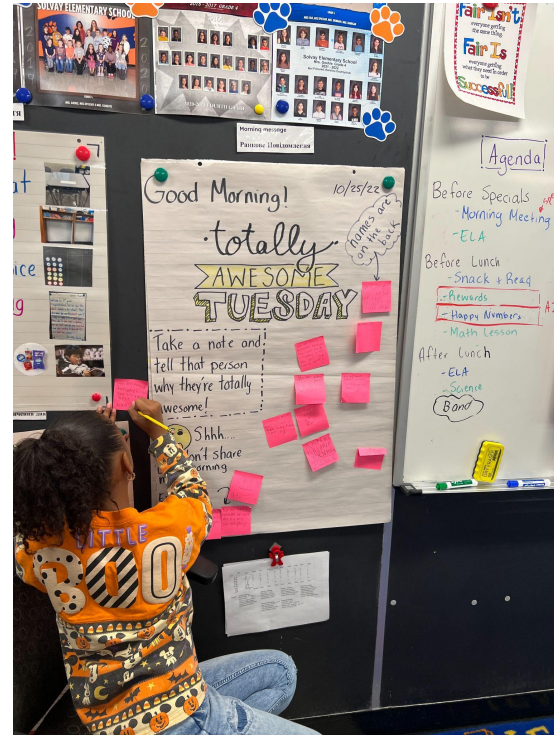
Fall 2025 and Winter 2026

- 100% of all fall varsity teams qualified as NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Teams
(75% of team must have GPA of 90% or higher)
- Varsity Boys Basketball and Varsity Boys Bowling were OHSL League Champions
- Zaileese Tarbell (8th grade) was a Section 3 individual bowling champion and qualified for the girls state bowling championships
- Jernessa Donaldson competed at the state championship meet in weight throw and shot put (the only thrower from Section 3 to qualify in both throwing events)
- AJ Hicks set a school record and competed in the 300m



District Focus Areas

- Increasing family engagement
- Creating a welcoming and affirming environment for all students, staff and families
- Supporting the needs of our students and community to the fullest extent possible
- Development of various pathways to graduation based on the Blue Ribbon Commission
- Providing diverse and rigorous programming for our students
- Continuous improvements in teaching and learning.



2026-2027 Proposed Expenditure Budget

	25/26 Budget	26/27 Proposed Budget	\$ change	% change
Salaries	\$20,670,800	\$21,513,400	\$842,600	4.08%
Benefits	\$11,675,000	\$12,025,000	\$350,000	3.00%
BOCES	\$4,475,000	\$4,487,300	\$12,300	0.27%
Debt/Transfers	\$3,510,000	\$3,465,000	-\$45,000	-1.28%
Other	\$2,731,200	\$2,935,600	\$204,400	7.48%
Equipment	\$1,261,800	\$1,221,000	-\$40,800	-3.23%
Supplies	\$1,221,200	\$1,192,700	-\$28,500	-2.33%
	\$45,545,000	\$46,840,000	\$1,295,000	
			2.84%	



Salaries & benefits

71% of total budget - \$32.4m

92% of total budget increase - \$1.1m

Increased benefit costs :

Health insurance up 10%

TRS 8.75% from 9.59% - down 8% - 85% of payroll

ERS 17.6% from 19.4% - down 9.6% - 15% of payroll



All other categories

Equipment

- Continue furniture replacement for buildings
- Purchase 3 large school buses and 3 small school buses (NOT ELECTRIC)

Other

- Increase in utilities, vehicle & property insurance
- Fuel for buses

Transfers - scheduled debt service (offset by building aid)

BOCES - flat

Supplies - reduced but continue purchase of classroom supplies



2026-2027 Revenue Budget Summary

	25-26 Budget	26-27 Proposed Budget	\$ change	% of change	% of Budget
State Aid	\$24,560,000	\$25,540,000	\$980,000	4%	55%
Taxes	\$17,755,000	\$18,070,000	\$315,000	2%	39%
Other	\$1,230,000	\$1,230,000	\$ -	0%	3%
Fund Balance	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$ -	0%	4%
	\$45,545,000	\$46,840,000	\$1,295,000		
			2.84%		



2026-2027 Budget Revenue - State Aid

2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	
24,560,000	25,540,000	980,000	4%
\$ Changes	500,000	Foundation Aid	
	480,000	Transportation aid	
	\$980,000		



2026-2027 Budget Revenue - Taxes

Tax levy increase of 1.78% which is within tax cap

Expected tax increase for \$100 k home = \$ 63 or \$5 per month

Account	Description	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Proposed Budget	\$ Change
A 1001	REAL PROPERTY TAXES	15,885,000	16,200,000	315,000
A 1081	IN LIEU OF TAXES	20,000	20,000	0
A 1085	SCHOOL TAX RELIEF	1,800,000	1,800,000	0
A 1120	COUNTY SALES TAX	50,000	50,000	0
		17,755,000	18,070,000	315,000



Next steps

Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 19th

Noon - 9 pm

SHS Foyer

Questions?

