



Solvay Union Free School District

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

FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
TOTAL BUDGET \$45,545,000

BUDGET PREVIEW

LOCAL		STATE		RESERVES		OTHER		TOTAL
Property Taxes & STAR Revenue		State Aid		Use of Reserves & Fund Balance		Tuition, Shared Revenue, etc.		REVENUES
\$17,755,000	+	\$24,560,000	+	\$2,000,000	+	\$1,230,000	=	\$45,545,000

GENERAL SUPPORT

Central Administration,
Buildings & Grounds
\$4,794,400

INSTRUCTION

Including: Special
Education, Occupational
Education, Co-Curriculum,
Athletics
\$22,035,200

TRANSPORTATION

Services
\$3,539,400

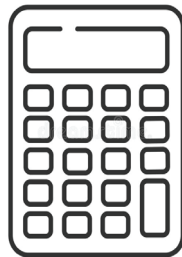
**EMPLOYEE
BENEFITS
\$11,701,000**

**BONDED DEBT &
TRANSFERS
\$3,475,000**

**TOTAL
EXPENDITURES
\$45,545,000**

Thanks to our school community for your continued support of our schools and students. Our Board of Education has adopted a \$45,545,000 budget for 2025-2026, which is an increase of 3.71% over 2024-2025. This budget includes \$100,000 for a capital improvement project to repair sidewalks at SES and install more tac boards to display student work, which will be aided at 86%. The vote also includes school board seats for three year terms.

TAX CAP CALCULATION



Proposed 25-26 Levy	\$17,685,000
24-25 Tax Levy	<u>\$17,260,000</u>
Increase (2.46%)	\$425,000

NOTE
The property
tax increase
is within the
Tax Cap.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Our district strongly emphasizes academic achievement and offers multiple pathways to student success. Notably, our innovative Solvay Success Academy allows students to earn a tuition-free Associate's Degree from OCC while completing their high school diploma, and participation continues to grow. Solvay is one of only five districts with the OCC Advantage program, enabling eligible graduates to attend OCC tuition-free for two years. Reflecting our academic strengths, several athletic teams have earned scholar-athlete recognition, and students have excelled by advancing to state-level competition in DECA and National History Day. To further enrich learning, we continue to expand CTE and elective course offerings in core areas. Moreover, RECOVS and 21st Century grants support valuable enrichment, support, and before- and after-school programs.

Beyond academics, we foster well-rounded development, as demonstrated by high student participation in athletics and the increasing involvement in extracurricular clubs and activities. For the eighth consecutive year, the NAMM Foundation has recognized our commitment to the fine arts with the Best Communities for Music Education designation, where student participation continues to rise in instrumental and vocal music, art, and musical productions. Community support enables enhancements to our buildings, playgrounds, athletic fields, gyms, and auditoriums, providing excellent environments for learning and participation. We proudly offer a comprehensive and supportive full-day PreK program for our youngest Bearcats. Furthermore, we continue to strengthen community bonds through programs like our second annual Veterans Day recognition event. The generosity of our community is evident in the over \$160,000 in annual scholarships provided by the Dollars for Scholars committee. Finally, we actively create partnerships with local agencies, colleges, and businesses to provide additional support, services, and opportunities for our students.



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Joseph Barnello, President
Elizabeth Schmidt, Vice President
Lena Rose Orlando, Assistant Clerk
Karen Henry, District Clerk
Stephen P. Zalewski, Member

Jay Tinklepaugh, Superintendent of Schools

2025-26 BUDGET HEARING
Solvay High School Aux. Gym
Monday, May 12, 2025
6:00 p.m.

2025-26 BUDGET VOTE
Solvay High School
Tuesday, May 20, 2025
noon-9:00 p.m.

THREE-PART BUDGET PROGRAM

Current year..... \$31,565,288
Proposed 2025-26..... \$32,626,720
Change of..... \$1,061,432
This portion includes salaries and benefits of teachers and supervisors who spend the majority of their time teaching; such instructional costs as supplies, equipment and textbooks; co-curricular activities and interscholastic athletics; staff development; and transportation operating costs.

CAPITAL

Current year..... \$7,774,248
Proposed 2025-26..... \$8,162,320
Change of..... \$388,072
This covers all school bus purchases, debt service on buildings, and leasing costs; tax certiorari and court-ordered costs; and all facility costs, including salaries and benefits of the custodial staff; service contracts, maintenance supplies and equipment; and utilities.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Current year..... \$4,575,464
Proposed 2025-26..... \$4,755,960
Change of..... \$180,496
Includes expenses for office and administrative costs; salaries and benefits for certified school administrators who spend 50 percent or more of their time performing supervisory duties; data processing; public information; legal fees; property insurance; and school board expenses.

2025-26 PROPOSITION

Proposition 1: Solvay UFSD BUDGET

Shall the Board of Education of the Solvay Union Free School District, Towns of Geddes and Camillus, County of Onondaga, State of New York, be and is hereby authorized to expend during the fiscal year 2025-2026 the sum of forty five million, five hundred forty five thousand dollars (\$45,545,000) as general fund appropriations as set forth in its statement of estimated expenses and to levy the necessary taxes there of.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Vote for any TWO (2):

1. Joseph Barnello
2. Jessica Rolince



The 2025-2026 proposed budget is available at any Solvay school building or online at
www.solvayschools.org