

Berlin

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

JUNE 2026

2026-2027 SCHOOL BUDGET REVOTE

Dear Berlin CSD Residents,

Thank you for your engagement with the development of a revised budget. On June 2, the Board of Education adopted a new \$26,351,128 proposal for the 2026-2027 school year. The revised budget includes a reduction in the tax levy to 2%, which is below the allowable 2.16% cap. Voting will take place in the cafeteria of Berlin Middle High School from 12-9pm on Tuesday, June 16, 2026. The Booster Club will be hosting a chicken bbq in front of the MSHS from 3-6pm. Please consider ordering a delicious meal and contributing to an important fundraiser for BNL's athletic program. I encourage all eligible residents of the Berlin CSD community to exercise your right to vote on June 16.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Rizzo
 Superintendent of Schools

REVOTE
TUESDAY
June 16, 2026
12 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Voting will take place at
Berlin Middle High School
17400 Route 22, Berlin, NY 12022

THE 2026 – 2027 BUDGET
 The Budget for the 2026 – 2027 school year is not to exceed **\$26,351,128**. This is an increase of **2.00%**.

2026-27 School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2025-26 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2026-27 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 26,266,209	\$26,351,128	25,890,665
Increase/Decrease for the 2026-27 School Year		\$84,919	-375,544
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		0.003 %	-.014%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.63%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$10,874,224	\$11,091,709	
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)	\$10,874,224	\$11,091,709	\$10,874,224
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$392,673	\$367,238	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$10,343,636	\$10,742,294	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$10,481,551	\$10,724,471	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	-\$137,915	\$17,823	
Administrative Component	\$3,358,951	\$3,455,379	\$3,289,916
Program Component	\$18,806,833	\$18,578,970	\$18,438,970
Capital Component	\$4,100,425	\$4,316,779	\$4,161,779

* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2026-27 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

Description	Amount
	\$
	\$
	\$

** 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)

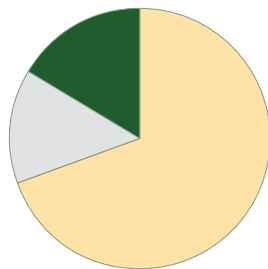
	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$551

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-2027 by the qualified voters of the Berlin Central School District, Rensselaer County, New York, will be held at Berlin Middle High School Cafeteria in said district on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 between the hours of 12:00 pm and 9:00 pm, prevailing time in Berlin 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.

Three Part Budget

School districts must, by law, divide their budgets into three components, administrative, capital and program, and each year they must show how much each portion has increased in relation to the whole budget. The 2026-2027 budget is apportioned as follows:



- Administrative Budget Component – 13%
- Capital Budget Component – 16%
- Program Budget Component – 71%

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**BUDGET
REVOTE**
Tuesday, June 16

Contingency Budget

If the voters reject a school budget, the Board of Education has three options under the NYS law:

- submit the same budget for a second vote;
- submit a revised budget for a second vote;
or
- adopt a contingent (or contingency) budget

When the voters of a NYS school district fail to approve a school budget the second time, the district is required by law to operate under a contingent budget.

What happens when a contingent budget must be adopted?

State law mandates that under a contingent budget, a school district must adopt a budget with no tax levy increase and eliminate all non-contingent expenses, such as certain student supplies, certain equipment purchases and community use of school facilities that results in a district expense. The administrative budget would also be subject to certain restrictions.

What would a contingent budget mean for Berlin?

If operating under a contingent budget, the tax levy can be no greater than the prior year tax levy (zero percent increase).

Based on the Adopted Budget, the tax levy would need to be reduced from \$11,091,709 to \$10,874,224, a decrease of \$217,485. Additional reductions would be required to remain within the administrative cap.

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

To vote, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- At least 18 years of age
- A resident of the district for 30 days prior to the vote

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Qualified district residents who are unable to go to the polling place on June 16th can cast their votes by absentee ballot. For an application, call the District Clerk at 518-658-1500, Extension 1010. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter.

All completed ballots must be received by the district clerk no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2026.

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