



HANNIBAL

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2025-2026 BUDGET EDITION

2025-2026 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Dear Hannibal Community,

On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude for your continued support of the robust educational opportunities we provide for our students. As we prepare for the 2025-2026 school year, our commitment remains steadfast: to deliver an exceptional educational experience that empowers students to thrive as productive citizens in an ever-evolving world.

As part of this mission, we offer a wide array of academic programs, extracurricular activities, and comprehensive support services. From tailoring reading instruction to foster early literacy at Fairley Elementary, to offering college-level coursework taught by our dedicated teachers, every initiative is centered on the growth and success of our students. We are proud to cultivate a safe, high-quality learning environment where students are encouraged to explore their passions and develop the skills essential for their future.

We are pleased to share that there will be no reductions in student programs, support services, or enrichment opportunities. In fact, we are expanding resources to better meet the diverse needs and interests of our students. This continued investment reflects our unwavering dedication to their success.

To responsibly manage the financial needs of the district while minimizing the burden on our taxpayers, we are strategically utilizing our fund balance. The proposed 1.9% tax levy increase — which remains within the allowable tax cap — demonstrates our commitment to maintaining

excellence without overextending our community.

In addition, the proposed budget includes \$100,000 for capital improvements, in line with NYSED guidelines that allow districts to receive building aid on approved projects up to this amount annually. These funds will support essential exterior envelope improvements (i.e., masonry) at Fairley Elementary, helping to maintain the building's integrity, enhance energy efficiency, and prevent more extensive and costly repairs in the future.

Proposition 2 supports the district's ongoing fleet replacement plan, which ensures safe and reliable transportation for our students. Each year, the district purchases new buses and retires older, less efficient models to maintain a dependable and cost-effective fleet. The state reimburses the district for 90% of these purchases through transportation aid. It is important to note that Proposition 2 does not include the purchase of any electric vehicles; all buses and vehicles acquired, if approved, will be gas- or diesel-powered.

For more information about the proposed budget and voting procedures, please refer to the details provided in this newsletter or visit: www.hannibalcsd.org/budget.

On behalf of the Board of Education, I encourage all community members to vote on Tuesday, May 20, from noon to 8:00 p.m. Thank you for your partnership and ongoing support.

Warm regards,

Christopher A. Staats
Superintendent of Schools

BUDGET VOTE & BOE ELECTION:

May 20, 2025

You may vote in-person, noon to 8 p.m. at Hannibal High School, or by absentee or early voting ballot. It is advised that voters request an absentee or early ballot (if not voting in-person) no later than May 13.

To ensure timely delivery and receipt, please mail your completed absentee or early ballot to the district clerk by May 15, or hand-deliver it to the district clerk by 5 p.m. May 20.

Please call 315-564-8100, ext. 8 for more information.

QUALIFIED VOTERS MUST:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Be a resident of the District for a period of at least 30 days prior to the day of the vote
- Not be disqualified by any reason set forth in NYS Election Law §5-106.

Please contact the District Clerk at 315-564-8100, ext. 8, to request that an absentee or early voting ballot be sent to you.





HANNIBAL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT?

2025-2026 Budget Propositions

PROPOSITION 1

Shall the Board of Education authorize the proposition of voters' approval on May 20, 2025, for expending the sum of \$42,581,000 for the 2025-2026 school year for school purposes, and levy the necessary tax thereof?

PROPOSITION 2

Shall the Board of Education of the Hannibal Central School District be authorized to purchase two (2) school buses, each with wheelchair lifts, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto, and one (1) student transportation vehicle, and to expend a total sum not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) which is estimated to be the maximum amount necessary to purchase the two (2) buses and one (1) student transportation vehicle, and shall the Board be authorized to pay for the school buses and student transportation vehicle by expending up to \$200,000 from the 2021 transportation reserve fund, together with the remaining necessary balance not to exceed \$400,000 paid from the 2024-2025 and/or 2025-2026 budget appropriations?

Proposition 2 continues the District's annual bus replacement plan to ensure safe, reliable transportation by retiring older vehicles and purchasing new gas- or diesel-powered models. No electric vehicles are included in this proposition.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Three members will be elected to the Board of Education; two (2) for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2025 and expiring on June 30, 2028, and one (1) for a one-year term commencing May 21, 2025 and expiring on June 30, 2026. The two candidates receiving the most votes will assume the three-year terms and the candidate with the third highest votes will assume the partial term.

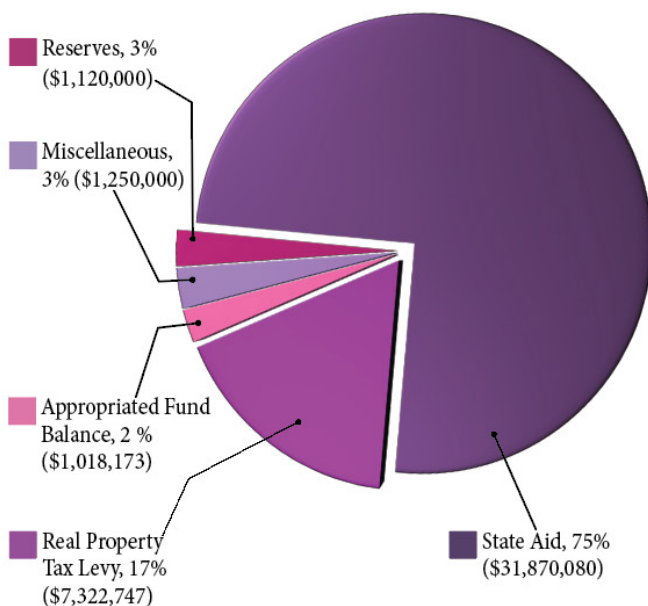
The following candidates have completed all of the necessary paperwork and will appear on the May 20 ballot in the following order:

1. Christopher J. Long

2. Meghan T. Welling

3. Jessica L. Wakefield

WHAT ARE THE REVENUE SOURCES?



WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON MY TAX BILL?

Assessed Value	24-25 Bill	Projected Bill 25-26	Est. Increase Per \$1,000
—	\$24.19	\$24.65	\$0.46
\$50,000	\$483.80	\$492.99	\$9.19
\$75,000	\$1,088.54	\$1,109.22	\$20.68
\$100,000	\$1,693.29	\$1,725.46	\$32.17
\$150,000	\$2,902.78	\$2,957.93	\$55.15
\$175,000	\$3,507.52	\$3,574.16	\$66.64
\$200,000	\$4,112.27	\$4,190.40	\$78.13

***The district has no control over equalization or assessed values — 1.9% increase over 2024-25**



HANNIBAL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2025-2026 THREE-PART BUDGET

PROGRAM	2024-2025 ADOPTED BUDGET	2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET	DOLLAR DIFFERENCE	PERCENT OF CHANGE
Academic Instruction	8,640,800	9,098,600	457,800	5.3%
Exceptional Student Services	6,152,500	6,883,500	731,000	11.9%
Career Tech Ed & Special Schools	1,950,000	1,540,000	-410,000	-21.0%
Library and Tech-Integrated Instruction	1,257,000	1,276,500	19,500	1.6%
Attendance, Guidance, Psyc. and Social Services	869,300	1,153,000	283,700	32.6%
Health Services	253,000	253,000	0	0.0%
Co-Curricular Activities and Athletics	641,400	682,000	40,600	6.3%
Transportation Services	2,210,500	2,516,000	305,500	13.8%
Employee Benefits for Instruction	5,734,000	6,028,200	294,200	5.1%
Transfer to School Lunch and SWD Programs	40,000	60,000	20,000	50.0%
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	27,748,500	29,490,800	1,742,300	6.3%

CAPITAL	2024-2025 ADOPTED BUDGET	2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET	DOLLAR DIFFERENCE	PERCENT OF CHANGE
Operations, Maintenance, and Safety	2,912,000	3,066,000	154,000	5.3%
Refund on Property Taxes	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
Serial Bonds-School Construction	4,400,000	4,100,000	-300,000	-6.8%
Employee Benefits for Operation & Maint.	600,000	632,700	32,700	5.5%
Transfer to Capital Fund	100,000	100,000	0	0.0%
TOTAL CAPITAL	8,017,000	7,903,700	-113,300	-1.4%

ADMINISTRATION	2024-2025 ADOPTED BUDGET	2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET	DOLLAR DIFFERENCE	PERCENT OF CHANGE
Board of Education & District Clerk	60,500	63,500	3,000	5.0%
CSO, Curriculum & Supervision	1,597,500	1,666,000	68,500	4.3%
Financial Services	522,800	554,500	31,700	6.1%
Personnel and Legal	146,000	151,000	5,000	3.4%
Public Relations and Printing	135,500	140,500	5,000	3.7%
Unallocated Insurance	145,000	150,000	5,000	3.4%
CNYRIC & BOCES Administrative Costs	1,272,000	1,325,000	53,000	4.2%
Employee Benefits for Admin. & ALL Retirees	1,080,200	1,136,000	55,800	5.2%
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	4,959,500	5,186,500	227,000	4.6%
TOTAL PROJECTED BUDGET	40,725,000	42,581,000	1,856,000	4.6%

BUDGET AT A GLANCE

Proposed Budget

\$42,581,000

Tax Levy Increase

\$136,538 or 1.9%

Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Noon – 8:00 pm @ District Office

2025-2026 Budget Highlights

- Strengthening social-emotional supports across all school buildings
- Launching a college readiness initiative to support high school students on the path to higher education
- Creating new elective courses to expand student opportunities and interests
- Maintaining all current academic and extracurricular programming
- Adding faculty to support student needs:
 - Additional School Psychologist
 - New Elementary Teaching Position
 - Expanded Exceptional Student Services Team

BUDGET HEARING

May 7, 2025

5:30 p.m.

Board Room



STUDENT MUSICIANS SHINE

To celebrate Music in Our Schools Month, the Hannibal Central School District hosted a districtwide concert in March featuring its talented student musicians. Vocalists and instrumentalists from elementary school through high school were able to display their musical abilities to a packed auditorium of family and friends. Upcoming concert dates can be found on the district calendar and on our website at www.hannibalcsd.org/calendar.



STUDENTS SHOWCASE SKILLS IN BATTLE OF THE BOOKS EVENT



Above: the Book Nerds team from Fairley Elementary School placed sixth in the countywide competition.

Below: The fifth/sixth grade team from DMK earned third place in the county battle.



Hannibal students recently put their reading skills to the test in the annual Battle of the Books competition, demonstrating their knowledge and recall ability.

Teams competed in 16 rounds of questions where students had to correctly identify the author and the book in which the question referenced. Winning teams in the school competition squared off against their peers at the county battle, held recently at John C. Birdlebough High School in Phoenix.

The competition encourages students to engage with

literature in a competitive format, fostering a lifelong love of reading while building teamwork, comprehension, and critical thinking skills.

"We are so proud of all our students who took part in this year's Battle of the Books," said Fairley Elementary library media specialist Marie Smith. "Their enthusiasm and commitment to reading are truly inspiring."

'GROW WITH YOUR GRANDPARENTS AND GROWNUPS' EVENT A SUCCESS

Fairley Elementary School recently welcomed students, grandparents, and grownups for an annual event that offered families a chance to slow down, connect, and create lasting memories through gardening and crafts.

The event, dubbed "Grow with Your Grandparents and Grownups," gave students the opportunity to bond with their loved ones while planting seeds in flower pots to take home. In addition to the gardening activity, guests enjoyed arts and crafts that encouraged creativity and collaboration across generations.

"This event was all about connection," said Fairley Principal Amy Bird. "We wanted to create a space where students could share a meaningful experience with their grandparents and grownups."



Fairley students enjoy time with their parents and grandparents during a recent family engagement event.





STUDENTS PERFORM DISNEY'S 'ALICE IN WONDERLAND JR.'



Students portray Tweedle Dee, Tweedle Dum and Alice during dress rehearsals for their recent performance of Disney's "Alice in Wonderland Jr."

Hannibal High School recently brought the magic of Wonderland to life with its spring musical production of Disney's "Alice in Wonderland Jr." The performance, which took place March 28-29, featured colorful

costumes, lively choreography, and a cast of talented student performers who captivated audiences.

Based on the beloved Disney animated film, "Alice in Wonderland Jr." follows the curious journey of Alice as she tumbles down the rabbit hole and encounters whimsical characters like the Mad Hatter, Queen of Hearts, Cheshire Cat, and more.

"Our students worked incredibly hard to bring this show to life, and it was amazing to see their creativity and dedication shine on stage," said Dr. Denise Ellis, director of the production and music teacher at Hannibal High School. "This show gave our students the opportunity to grow not only as performers but also as collaborators and storytellers."



Students deliver a spectacular performance on opening night.

FAIRLEY STUDENTS SHINE AT INVENTIVE MINDS COMPETITION

Innovative Fairley Elementary students recently showcased their creativity and problem-solving abilities as part of the annual Inventive Minds competition.

The competition tasked students with identifying a problem and developing an invention that would address the issue. Students created prototypes of their inventions and were required to present their inventions to a panel of judges who determined the winner. The winners from the school competition advanced to the regional battle against Red Creek.

Fairley's standout performers at the regional competition included Emma Wells, who earned second place with her project, "The Pup Brush"; Stella Forsythe, who took third place with "The Art Glove"; and Jace Rockwood, who placed seventh with his project, "The Ultimate Fun Organizer."

"We are incredibly proud of our students' achievements and the creativity they brought to this competition," said Fairley Principal Amy Bird.

"Events like Inventive Minds help spark a passion for innovation at a young age, and our students rose to the occasion."

Advisors Kate Babbitt and Bethany Simmons echoed those sentiments and lauded the students for their hard work and innovation. They said they always look forward to seeing the students' creativity on display.



Inventive Minds participants gather for a group photo following the school competition.

EIGHTH GRADERS TAKE ON P-TECH STEM CHALLENGE

A morning of engineering, problem-solving and teamwork recently culminated in a fun competition for Hannibal eighth graders who participated in a STEM challenge.

The event, coordinated by Oswego County P-TECH, encouraged students to apply principles of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in a fun and engaging way.

Working in teams, students were tasked with constructing a vehicle or device using cardboard and other provided materials. The objective was to design a contraption capable of carrying the weight of at least 10 Jolly Ranchers down a ramp. The team whose creation traveled the farthest distance emerged as the winner.

"This challenge was a fantastic way for students to think critically, collaborate, and apply real-world problem-solving skills," said DMK Principal Khrystie Allen. "It's always exciting to see their creativity come to life in such an interactive setting."



DMK students test their vessels during the recent STEM challenge.



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HEALTHY FAMILY NIGHT SET FOR MAY 22 AT FAIRLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Fairley Elementary School is gearing up for its annual Healthy Family Night, with a full slate of games, activities, raffles, a book fair, and information booths in the works.

The annual event, set for 5-7 p.m. May 22, will feature a variety of community agencies, nonprofit organizations and local businesses. Past participants have included the Child Advocacy Center; Camp Hollis; Camp Waves of Hope; Catholic Charities; Blessings in a

Backpack; Excellus BCBS; Farnham Family Services; Food Bank of CNY; Hannibal Library; Hannibal Pharmacy; Hannibal Tops; CiTi Audiology; Peace, Love & a Fuller Experience; Yoga; Oswego County Opportunities; Ontario Orchards; Oswego Health; Workforce NY; and more!

In addition to the participating organizations, there will also be prize giveaways, raffles and other activities, sponsored by generous

community donors.

"We would like to thank everyone who makes this event such a success every year," said Hannibal Central School District psychologist Brittany Meier, who organizes the event alongside Fairley social worker Maggie Olon. "This is truly a community event, and we couldn't do it without the support of our families, our staff, local agencies and volunteers."

DMK STUDENTS NAMED SHOWCASED AUTHORS IN THE REV THEATRE'S ECHOES PROGRAM

Hannibal eighth graders Kyliegh Miller and Elvie Kells, put their creativity into motion and were rewarded as Showcased Authors in The Rev Theatre's prestigious Echoes program.

The program, organized by The Rev Theatre, provides students with a platform to explore their voices through storytelling. It encourages young writers to express themselves and share their unique perspectives in a meaningful and artistic way.



Kyliegh Miller and Elvie Kells earned the Showcased Author Award.

"We are incredibly proud of Kyliegh and Elvie for their achievements," said Dennis M. Kenney Middle School Principal Khrystie Allen. "Their hard work and creativity have earned them this well-deserved recognition, and we are excited to see them continue to grow as young authors."

As part of their recognition, Miller and Kells' work was featured in the Echoes performance, which is shared with a wider audience of students across the region. This accomplishment serves as an inspiration to their peers and underscores the importance of arts education in fostering creative expression among students.

UPK & K REGISTRATION

If you have a child who will be entering UPK or kindergarten next school year, please return your registration packet as soon as possible. The registration window will close June 30. You should have received a registration packet in the mail. Please note that UPK students who are registered by June 30 are guaranteed a spot. However, if the packet is not received by the deadline, the district will conduct a lottery drawing where students are selected at random in August. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact our district registrar's office at 315-564-8100, ext. 1.