

Lyncourt Union Free School District

2024-2025 Proposed Budget

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Members of the Lyncourt School Community,

As we enter another budget season, I am honored to address you once again as your Superintendent. It brings me great pleasure to inform you that for the second consecutive year, we have managed to propose a budget that maintains our school programming with no increase to the school tax levy!

This accomplishment has been made possible through careful planning, sensible financial management, and a deep commitment to serving the needs of our students. I am immensely proud of the collaborative efforts of our administrative team, faculty, staff, and board members who have worked tirelessly to ensure that our educational programs remain robust and accessible to all.

Over the past several years, our school district has experienced significant growth in terms of student enrollment. While this growth presents its own set of challenges, we find ourselves in a strong and stable financial position as we look ahead to the future. As we continue to grow and evolve as a school community, it is essential that we remain committed to providing our students with the highest quality education possible.

It is my sincere hope that our budget proposal reflects the values and priorities of the Lyncourt community while ensuring that our students receive the high-quality education they deserve. Your input and feedback are invaluable to this process, and I encourage you to attend our annual budget hearing on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

Moving forward, I am confident that our school district will continue to thrive and excel, thanks to our shared vision, strong leadership, and unwavering dedication to the success of every student. Together, we will continue to make a positive impact on the lives of our students and ensure that they have the resources and support they need to reach their full potential.

In closing, I want to reaffirm my deep appreciation for the privilege of serving as your Superintendent. I am continually inspired by the dedication, passion, and enthusiasm of our Lyncourt school community, and I look forward to the continued success and growth of our district in the years to come. Thank you for your unwavering support, and together, let us strive for every child, every chance, every day.

Mr. James J. Austin

Mr. James J. Austin, Superintendent

Sample Voter Ballot

PROPOSITION No. 1 - 2024-2025 BUDGET

Shall the Board of Education of the Lyncourt Union Free School District at Salina be authorized to expend the amount of Fifteen Million, Nine Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$15,965,000.00) as a general fund appropriation for the 2024- 2025 school year and to levy the necessary tax therefor upon the taxable property of the District?

PROPOSITION No. 2 - SALINA FREE LIBRARY PROPOSITION

Shall the annual appropriation for the Salina Free Library within the Lyncourt Union Free School District be increased from the sum of Seventy Four Thousand, Nine Hundred and Twenty Three Dollars (\$74,923.00) annually to the sum of Seventy Six Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty Two Dollars (\$76,422.00) to be appropriated annually for the Salina Free Library, such sum to be raised by levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District located in the Town of Salina in accordance with Section 259 of the Education Law?

PROPOSITION No. 3 - INSTRUCTIONAL CONTRACTS

Shall the Lyncourt Union Free School District be authorized to extend the Instruction Contracts with the East Syracuse Minoa Central School District and Solvay Union Free School District for the school years 2025-2026 through 2028-2029, to continue to allow for the education of eligible Lyncourt students entering grades 9-12, at East Syracuse Minoa High School and Solvay Union Free School District?

PROPOSTION No. 4 – 2024 CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Resolved, the Board of Education of the Lyncourt Union Free School District is hereby authorized to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law to be designated, “2024 Capital Reserve Fund” created to defray the cost of the construction, reconstruction and equipping of School District buildings, facilities, and land, including original equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, furnishings, land acquisitions, and other incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, and in order to accomplish the same, the Board is hereby authorized to establish the ultimate amount of such reserve fund to Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000) inclusive of accrued interest and other investment earnings, with a probable term of ten (10) years. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to pay funds from the available fund balance, state aid reimbursement to the School District on account of capital projects, such other monies as the voters may direct, and/or other legally available funds of the School District to such reserve fund in an amount determined by the Board of Education up to the maximum authorized amount.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION-VOTE FOR A MAXIMUM OF TWO:

The two candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve a 3-year term as a Member to the Board of Education.

Mrs. Kimberly Vespi

Mrs. Judy Wilsch

Lyncourt UFSD - Three Part Budget - 2024-25

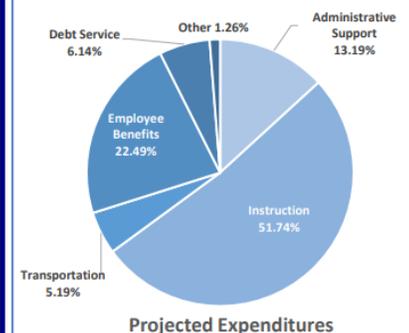
	Administrative	Program	Capital	TOTAL
Board of Education	\$ 29,300			\$ 29,300
Central Administration	287,650			287,650
Finance	202,850			202,850
Legal	14,544	30,906		45,450
Personnel	39,150			39,150
Central Services	388,700			388,700
Special Items	68,700			68,700
BOCES Admin, Rent & Capital	62,150			62,150
Curriculum Dev. & Supervision	158,100			158,100
Supervision	230,900			230,900
Research, Planning & Evaluation	1,800			1,800
Operation of Plant			910,200	910,200
Security of Plant			71,000	71,000
Inservice Training		77,500		77,500
Regular Instruction		4,070,992		4,070,992
Special Educational Instruction		2,348,950		2,348,950
English Language Learners Instr.		237,200		237,200
Occupational Education		19,550		19,550
Summer School		43,500		43,500
Library and Media		127,938		127,938
Computer Aided Instruction		487,676		487,676
Guidance & Health Services		358,350		358,350
Co-Curricular Activities		47,000		47,000
Interscholastic Athletics		50,500		50,500
Transportation		828,500		828,500
Recreation & Fitness Center		70,933		70,933
Employee Benefits	290,801	3,022,890	276,441	3,590,132
Debt Service			980,329	980,329
Transfer to Special Aid Fund		30,000		30,000
Transfer to Capital Fund			100,000	100,000
TOTAL	\$ 1,774,645	\$ 11,852,385	\$ 2,337,970	\$ 15,965,000
% OF TOTAL	11.12%	74.24%	14.64%	100.00%
Prior Year Total (\$)	\$ 1,597,658	\$ 11,593,299	\$ 2,459,043	\$ 15,650,000
Change from Prior Year (\$)	\$ 176,987	\$ 259,086	\$ (121,073)	\$ 315,000
Prior Year Total (%)	10.21%	74.08%	15.71%	100.00%
Change from Prior Year (%)	0.91%	0.16%	-1.07%	2.01%

Three-Part Budget - All public schools in New York State are required by law to report their spending in three categories: Administrative, Program and Capital.

Administrative: includes expenses for Board of Education, central administration, finance and legal services, public information, personnel, some facilities operations, central services, special items, and supervision of regular school employee benefits.

Program: includes expenses for curriculum development, instructional programs, supplies, district information, athletic programs, most employee benefits and charter schools.

Capital: includes most expenses for facilitates operations, all maintenance, debt service principal and interest on all building projects.



School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2023-24 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2024-25 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 15,650,000	\$ 15,965,000	\$ 15,695,878
Increase/Decrease for the 2024-25 School Year		\$ 315,000	\$ 45,878
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.01%	0.29%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.12%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount			
	\$ 6,524,345	\$ 6,524,345	
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)			
	\$ 6,524,345	\$ 6,524,345	\$ 6,524,345
F. Total Permissible Exclusions			
	\$ 0	\$ 0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions			
	\$ 6,714,546	\$ 6,714,546	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)			
	\$ 6,524,345	\$ 6,524,345	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **			
	\$ 0	\$ 190,201	
Administrative Component			
	\$ 1,597,658	\$ 1,774,645	\$ 1,642,845
Program Component			
	\$ 11,593,299	\$ 11,852,385	\$ 11,820,063
Capital Component			
	\$ 2,459,043	\$ 2,337,970	\$ 2,232,970

*Note - Should the proposed budget be defeated, the Board of Education may choose to amend the budget for a re-vote. In the event voters reject the budget twice, the Board of Education must enact a contingent budget pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law. The contingent budget would eliminate all equipment purchases, transfers to capital, and the use of the school building by the public. Further reductions would be made to travel expenditures, non-collectively bargained salaries, athletics and co-curriculars, supplies, and new multi-year contractual arrangements

Description Amount

There are no separate propositions which are not included in the total budgeted amount \$0

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹ \$880

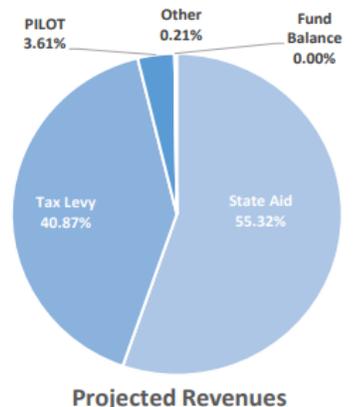
The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2024-25 by the qualified voters of the Lyncourt Union Free School District, Onondaga County, New York, will be held at Lyncourt Union Free School, 2707 Court Street, Syracuse, NY, in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between the hours of 7:00am and 8:00pm, prevailing time in the District Conference Room, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting paper ballot.

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Capital Outlay Project: The 2024-25 budget includes the budgetary appropriation of \$100,000 for a capital outlay exception project or "mini project" with building aid expected from the state in the following school year. The work will consist of capital work, including but not limited to the following: site improvements and interior upgrades.

Proposition #4: This proposition authorizes the creation of a new 2024 Capital Reserve. Our existing Capital Reserve was approved by Lyncourt voters in 2015 and expires next year. If approved, the 2024 Capital Reserve will expire in 2034 and a \$7M cap is proposed to account for inflation over that span. There will be zero cost to taxpayers if proposition #4 is approved.

Revenue Source	2023-24	2024-25	
State Aid	\$ 8,530,428	\$ 8,831,485	55.32%
Property Tax Levy	\$ 6,524,345	\$ 6,524,345	40.87%
PILOT	\$ 563,562	\$ 576,344	3.61%
Reserves	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Other Income	\$ 31,665	\$ 32,826	0.20%
Total Budgeted	\$ 15,650,000	\$ 15,965,000	100.00%



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VOTER INFORMATION

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING will be conducted in the Lyncourt DeAngelis Auditorium

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

➡ Ask questions and discuss next year's budget

BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

7:00 A.M.-8:00 P.M.

Lyncourt School in the District Conference Room, 2707 Court Street, Syracuse, NY

➡ The opportunity to vote on the Lyncourt School proposed budget

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS—WHO CAN VOTE?

If you meet the following New York State requirements you are eligible to vote:

- You are a citizen of the United States.
- You are at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- You are a resident of the school district for at least thirty (30) days prior to May 21, 2024.

****You can vote if you rent and live in the Lyncourt School District.**

ABSENTEE BALLOTS and EARLY MAIL BALLOTS

Individuals interested in obtaining an absentee ballot for the upcoming school budget vote on May 21, 2024, may do so at the District Office during business hours, 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m Monday-Friday. Qualified district voters must request in advance an application for an absentee ballot. The voter must complete the application and state the reason he/she will not be able to appear the day of the election. Requirements in order to obtain an absentee ballot are those involving an illness or physical disability, business responsibilities which require travel on the day of the vote, vacation, or students away at college.

Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. on May 14, 2024, if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after May 14, 2024 will require the voter to personally appear at the District Clerk's office by 5/20/2024 at 5:00 p.m. Completed absentee ballots must be received by 5:00 P.M. on May 21, 2024.

Applications for early mail ballots may be applied for at the office of the clerk of the district. A list of all persons to whom early mail ballots shall have been issued, will be available in the said office of the clerk on each of the five days prior to the day of the election except Sundays, and that such list will also be posted at the polling place or places.

If you have any questions, you may contact the District Clerk at 315-455-7571, Option #7.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE TUESDAY, May 21st, 2024 7:00 A.M.-8:00 P.M.