



Liverpool Central School District and Liverpool Public Library 2026-2027 Budget Proposals



VOTE:

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

District Office Board Room

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Budget Message from the Liverpool CSD Superintendent

As Superintendent of the Liverpool Central School District, I am proud that we provide opportunities that *prepare our students for tomorrow...today.*

Like you, I reside in Liverpool, and I am a taxpayer in the Liverpool Central School District. Many of you are my friends and neighbors. This weighs on me as we work to make difficult decisions to balance next year's budget. These decisions are necessary to get off our current track of our expenses exceeding our renewable revenues. This is a balancing act because we must also meet the needs of our students and staff while remaining mindful of taxpayer expectations. We believe we have found this balance by controlling the primary cost drivers of our budget. This budget allows the Liverpool Central School District to maintain programs and opportunities for students while maintaining necessary academic supports.



As our Budget Advisory Team began meeting in October, followed shortly by my budget presentations to the Board of Education, it became clear early on that this would be a challenging budget process. Throughout, our goal remained to stay student-centered while engaging in thoughtful - and at times difficult - conversations.

The Budget Advisory Team conducted a comprehensive review of four key cost centers to identify potential line-item reductions and ensure alignment with our priorities: staffing, health costs, transportation efficiency, and discretionary spending.

- ✓ **Staffing:** Evaluating the necessity of each position and opportunities to reassign staff.
- ✓ **Health Costs:** Promoting informed healthcare decisions and responsible stewardship, as our self-insured status means usage directly impacts costs.
- ✓ **Transportation:** Reviewing route efficiency, eligibility distances, and fleet maintenance.
- ✓ **Discretionary Spending:** Examining areas such as professional development travel, field trips, contractual and school-level expenditures.

As we developed the 2026–2027 school budget, it was critical for the Budget Advisory Team to take a comprehensive approach in planning for the resources and support services needed for our students. Every effort was made to thoroughly examine all areas of spending.

The district's draft budget was presented to the Board on April 20 and reflects our continued commitment to keeping students at the center of all we do. The proposed operating budget includes an overall increase of approximately 6.34%, with an estimated local tax levy increase of 3.30%, which is within the New York State property tax cap.

The 2026–2027 Budget Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Community members will have the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed spending plan. As a reminder, all Board of Education meetings - including the public hearing - will be live-streamed for those unable to attend in person.

Voters also will have the opportunity to elect members to the Board of Education, with three (3-year) seats available.

The Board of Education and the district remain focused on supporting student needs and promoting academic success. I encourage you to participate in the vote on May 19 at the District Office.

Sincerely,

Richard B. Chapman

Richard B. Chapman
Superintendent of Schools

Budget Summary

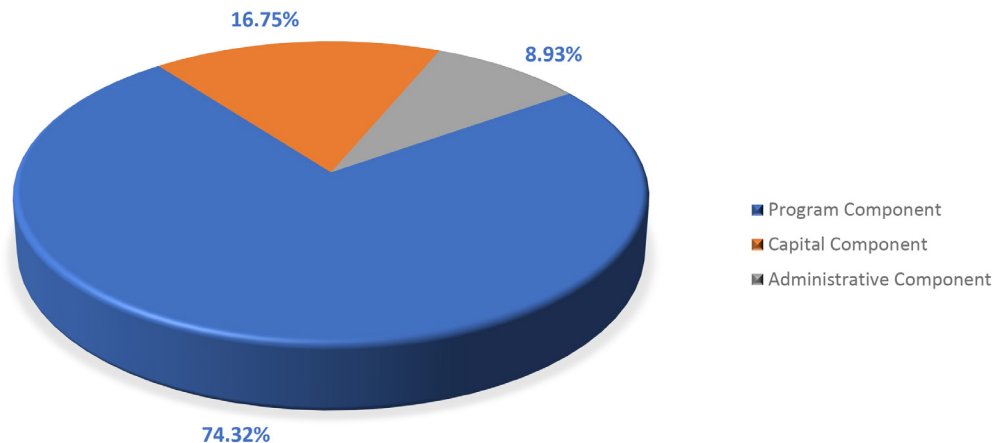
This table provides a comparison of the three major budget components: administrative, program and capital of the 2026-2027 proposed budget.

Administrative Component			
	2025-2026	2026-2027	Variance
Board of Education	\$118,958	\$96,290	-19.06%
Central Administration	\$4,149,591	\$3,948,631	-4.84%
Supervision - Regular School	\$5,908,336	\$5,706,189	-3.42%
Property/Liability/ Student Accident Insurance	\$863,633	\$2,747,735	218.16%
BOCES Administrative	\$750,742	\$942,826	25.59%
Employee Benefits	\$5,149,570	\$5,838,816	13.38%
Total Administrative	\$16,940,830	\$19,280,487	13.81%
Percent of Total Budget	8.34%	8.93%	
Program Component			
Regular School	\$55,799,690	\$57,966,900	3.88%
Technology/AV/Library	\$6,105,383	\$6,233,629	2.10%
Students w/Disabilities	\$25,919,648	\$28,262,575	9.04%
Athletics	\$1,540,612	\$1,505,077	-2.31%
Pupil Transportation	\$9,186,431	\$9,650,894	5.06%
Students w/Disabilities Summer Program	\$330,000	\$330,000	0.00%
Employee Benefits	\$52,559,182	\$56,499,949	7.50%
Total Program	\$151,440,946	\$160,449,024	5.95%
Percent of Total Budget	74.60%	74.32%	
Capital Component			
Facilities Expenses	\$14,201,707	\$14,222,061	0.14%
Debt Service	\$15,826,316	\$16,556,645	4.61%
Employee Benefits	\$4,595,067	\$5,375,490	16.98%
Total Capital	\$34,623,090	\$36,154,196	4.42%
Percent of Total Budget	17.06%	16.75%	
Grand Total	\$203,004,866	\$215,883,707	6.34%

Administrative Component (8.93%) - This component is intended to provide the necessary support for district functions. This category includes all expenses for the Board of Education, superintendent, business office, auditor, tax collection, fiscal agent, legal services, personnel office, records management, public information, central printing and mailing, property and casualty insurance, school association dues, BOCES administrative share, and supervision of instruction and staff development.

Program Component (74.32%) - This component is intended to provide every student with educational experiences and opportunities to foster the full development of their potential. This budget category includes all instructional personnel and programs: regular school, special education, library, media, instructional technology, guidance, student health services, school psychologists, attendance and census costs, music, co-curricular activities, athletics, in-district and out-of-district pupil transportation.

Capital Component (16.75%) - This component is intended to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for students, staff and the community. This budget category includes all personnel, equipment, supplies, and materials for the operation and maintenance of district facilities. Refunds of real property taxes, and all payments of principal and interest on short-term and long-term obligations are included in this category.



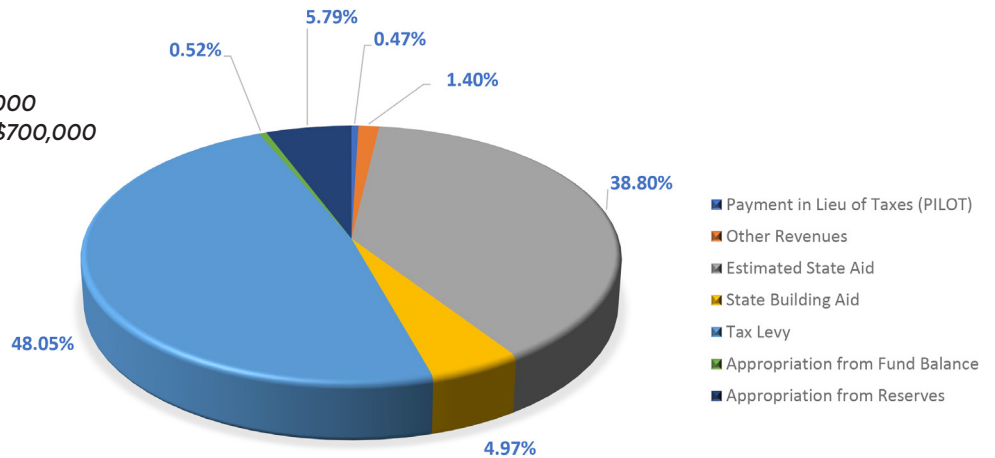
Revenue

	2025-2026	2026-2027	Variance
Payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT)	\$954,832	\$1,025,622	7.41%
Other Revenues	\$3,232,432	\$3,014,335	-6.75%
Estimated State Aid Includes BOCES	\$80,608,467	\$83,766,478	3.92%
State Building Aid	\$10,291,842	\$10,720,870	4.17%
Tax Levy	\$100,417,293	\$103,729,377	3.30%
Total Renewable Revenues	\$195,504,866	\$202,256,682	3.45%
Appropriation from fund balance	\$5,000,000	\$1,127,025	-77.46%
Appropriation from reserves*	\$2,500,000	\$12,500,000	400.00%
Total District Allocation	\$7,500,000	\$13,627,025	81.69%
Grand Total	\$203,004,866	\$215,883,707	6.34%

The majority of the revenue to operate our school program comes from local taxpayers and state sources. The chart reflects estimated revenues and revenue sources to balance the proposed financial plan.

*Reserves

Employee Retirement System Reserve: \$2,000,000
 Employee Benefit & Accrued Liability Reserve: \$700,000
 Health Insurance Reserve: \$9,000,000
 Liability Reserve: \$500,000
 Workers' Compensation Reserve: \$100,000
 Tax Certiorari Reserve: \$200,000
 Total: \$12,500,000



Tax Impact

The proposed tax levy increase of 3.30% results in a projected true tax rate of \$18.95 per \$1,000 of full assessed value after equalization rate is applied. This is a projected increase of 60 cents per \$1,000. The overall assessed property values, taking equalization rates into account, typically increase from year to year. The increased property values provide a larger base to divide the total tax levy over, which typically results in a lower tax rate per \$1,000 than projected at this time of year. The estimated tax impact (if there is no change in the assessed value) on a \$100,000 home is an additional \$60.

What Happens if the Budget is Defeated?

The Board of Education has three options:

1. Put the same budget back before voters
2. Reduce the budget and ask voters to approve the budget
3. Go directly to a contingent budget with no revote

If the budget is defeated twice, the board must adopt the contingent budget, which may not increase the current tax levy by any amount.

How will a contingent budget affect the school district?

Under a contingent budget, there will be no instructional or non-instructional equipment purchases and no community use of facilities unless groups or organizations pay all associated costs. Further cuts from program and administration would be required to conform to spending caps.

Important Dates

May
7

Public Hearing
5:30 p.m.

District Office Board Room
(195 Blackberry Road)

May
19

Budget Vote
6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
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On the Ballot

Proposition #1: 2026-2027 School Budget - \$215,883,707

Shall the budget to meet the estimated expenditures of the Liverpool Central School District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 in the amount of \$215,883,707 be approved?

Proposition #2: Bus & Vehicle Purchase - \$2,717,264

Shall the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Liverpool Central School District (the "School District") be authorized to purchase and finance student transportation vehicles, at a total combined maximum estimated cost not to exceed \$2,717,264, and shall the Board be authorized to raise the specified sum for these purposes, or so much thereof as may be necessary, by levying a tax upon the taxable property of the School District, to be collected in annual installments in the years and in the amounts as the Board shall determine in accordance with Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, to issue up to \$2,717,264 of obligations of the School District?

What would the district like to purchase?	
10 Large 66 Passenger Buses	\$2,163,240
2 Small Buses	\$243,646
2 Small Buses w/Wheel Chair Lift	\$290,378
Financing Fees	\$20,000
Total Not to Exceed	\$2,717,264
Less:	
Transportation Aid Ratio 25-26 (78%)	\$2,119,466
Total Estimated Local Share	\$597,798
Est Local Share Per Year Over 5 Years	\$119,560

Capital Outlay Project

The 2026-2027 capital outlay project will consist of much needed repairs to the plumbing and drainage systems at the Transportation Center. This project will generate building aid revenue of 84% or \$84,000 for the \$100,000 project. This project will replace the drainage system oil-water separator in the bus storage building as well as replacement of the domestic hot water system for the Transportation Center.



Who is Eligible to Cast Ballots on May 19, 2026?

Residents living in the Liverpool Central School District can vote during the LCSD School Budget & Board of Education election, as well as the Liverpool Public Library and Board of Trustees election, on May 19, 2026.

Voters must be:

- Citizens of the United States;
- 18 years of age or older;
- Residents of the school district for at least a 30-day period immediately preceding the election; and
- Registered with the district Board of Voter Registration or the Onondaga County Board of Elections.

Residents who have registered to vote with LCSD, and have maintained that registration by voting in

a school district election within the last four calendar years, are properly registered to vote. **Residents who are not registered with the district can do so on Tuesday, May 12, at the District Office (195 Blackberry Road in Bayberry) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.**

Those who currently are registered to vote with the Onondaga County Board of Elections also may vote in school and library elections with no further registration. However, those who are not also entered in the school district register of voters may experience a slight delay at the polls because they will be asked to execute poll records for the district voter file before they will be permitted to vote.

Qualified voters who wish to vote early, will be away from home, or are otherwise unable to vote in person may vote by absentee or early ballot.

Absentee and early ballots can be mailed to residents until May 12.

After May 12, residents must pick them up in Room 29 of the District Office. To obtain an absentee or early ballot application, or for more information, contact the Office of the District Clerk at 315-622-7191.

The District Clerk must receive absentee or early ballots no later than 5 p.m. on the LCSD and LPL Budget Vote Day (May 19). The ballots can be mailed to or dropped off to the District Clerk, Gail Massett, at the District Office (195 Blackberry Road, Liverpool).

Candidates for Board of Education

Three terms of office on the Liverpool Central School District Board of Education will expire on June 30, 2026. Successors to these offices will be elected to three-year terms, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029, at the annual school district election on May 19, 2026. These board seats currently are held by Jecenia Bresett, Stacey Chilbert and Dan McKeever.



My name is **Dawn Curry-Clarry**. I have always called Liverpool home. I am a 1997 graduate of Liverpool High School and a parent to a 2026 graduate. I have volunteered my time for many causes over the years, to include the Village of Liverpool Tree Lighting, Paige's Pediatric Cancer Fund, Vera House, and Liverpool American Legion to name a few. I graduated from Le Moyne College and have spent my career in Employee and Labor Relations working in multiple disciplines to include organized labor, government, manufacturing and construction. These different disciplines have taught me to look at issues from several different perspectives, which allows for creative and productive solutions to real problems. It seems now more than ever, we need someone on the school board who will listen to all perspectives and work to solve the real problems at hand and have the tough crucial conversations that are needed. My professional and personal experiences will allow me to be that voice of reason on the school board. Quality education for our kids is and always should be the focus and cornerstone of every decision the school board makes. As a graduate and parent of LCSD, I'm committed to ensuring our kids continue to receive a quality education.



My name is **Victoria R. Baratta**. I was born in Syracuse NY and raised in Liverpool, NY where I still reside. I attended school in Liverpool from 3rd to 12th grade, as well as the University of Maryland at College Park while in the military. I am a 21-year veteran from the military. I served in both the US Army and the US Air National Guard. I became a Syracuse Police Officer in 1985 where I worked in Patrol Division, Special Investigations Division, Community Services. I retired after 28 years of duty. While working as a police officer, I continued to focus on my education and attended Syracuse University. Toward the end of my police career, I simultaneously worked as a repair technician at Apple in Syracuse, and in the martial arts as a Karate and Krav Maga instructor. While working, getting married and having two wonderful children, I graduated with honors with a degree in Psychology from Syracuse University. Several years later I was asked to return to the Syracuse Police Department to run a Cadet Program, to help men and women prepare to successfully achieve their goal of entering the Syracuse Police Department Regional Police Academy and I am currently still with the Syracuse Police Department as a Gang Violence Analyst. My purpose for running for this position is

because I have spent my life trying to make life better for others. Raising my children in the Liverpool School District has driven me to not only do what I can for our children in the district – but also the parents and family members that live here as well.



My name is **Jecenia Bresett**. I'm proud to be part of this district for over 20 years, and giving back has always been important to me. Through the PTO, I've volunteered for fundraisers, after-school programs, and school events - and my husband and children often volunteer alongside me, making it a true family commitment to our schools. For the past three years, I've been honored to serve on the Board of Education. That experience has strengthened my ability to make thoughtful, informed decisions that support our students, staff, and community. As a mom of three, one in college and twins in high school, I understand firsthand the importance of strong schools and supportive environments. I'm proud to be running for a second term to continue serving our community, supporting our educators, and always putting students first.



My name is **Lindsey Giles (Wiehl)** and I would like to start by saying that I am not political, and I never will be. I do not hold multiple degrees, but I am educated and I am a strong advocate for bringing back focus to fundamental skills. I am running for this seat with no political ties or motivations, but only with a very strong desire to remove politics from the school setting. As an alumnus, a parent and a taxpayer, my hope is to assist in bringing more common sense, efficiency, and a voice that represents the views of the broader community to the table. This is inclusive of speaking for teachers and teachers' aides who are the cornerstone of every successful education system. I am currently a member of the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office with 20 years of service, spending my last 13 years predominantly working road patrol in this community. Through my childhood, raising my own family and my current employment, I have created many personal and professional relationships in our community. I intend to continue creating relationships, acting as a bridge between our community and our schools, and ensuring advocacy for every community member.

Also on the ballot is **Elijah Micah Lee Curtis.**



My name is **John Kritzer**. I am a lifelong Central New Yorker, a proud Liverpool parent of four, and a public servant with over two decades of experience in leadership and community safety. I am running for the Board of Education to bring a proactive, common-sense approach to the security and success of our schools. My career is defined by service. I served 14 years as a Military Police Officer with the New York Air National Guard's 174th Fighter Wing, including a 2014 overseas deployment. In 2006, I joined the Syracuse Police Department, serving nearly 20 years and rising to the rank of Sergeant. Today, as the Security Director for the Syracuse Housing Authority, I manage safety operations for over 5,000 residents and lead a team of 30 professionals. Beyond my professional background, my most important role is being a father. With children in the Liverpool Central School District for over 12 years, I understand the challenges our families face. I am committed to ensuring our schools are safe, transparent, and focused on student achievement. I ask for your vote to help keep Liverpool schools strong and secure for every student.

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Budget Vote

2026-2027

A Message From the Liverpool Public Library Board President

When we cut the ribbon on our new Mobile Library in September 2025, we knew we were opening the door to a new opportunity to meet our community where they are. From senior residences to preschools, from school visits to community events, we're getting our Mobile Library out and about through our entire service area. We know that for some patrons, visiting us at 310 Tulip Street is not always a possibility, so we're doing what we can to increase convenience and access to information and materials.



No matter where you interact with LPL, we strive to ensure that we are a space that supports lifelong learning for all, connection, and sustainable stewardship.

The LPL budget requires a 2.63% increase for the 2026-2027 operating year. This falls within the New York State property tax cap guidelines. It ensures we can continue to offer the vast array of events, books, educational camps, e-materials, technology, resources, and more that our community relies on. This decision was made with careful consideration for our taxpayers and their ability to contribute.



Thank you for your continued commitment to our library. Together, we can ensure it continues to thrive for future generations.

Dennis McLaughlin, *President, Liverpool Public Library Board of Trustees*

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We launched our Mobile Library. It allows us to visit patrons in underserved areas, including apartment complexes and senior residences. Our Mobile Library went to schools and community events, reaching new people and sharing all that LPL has to offer. • We debuted our Civics Hub. The hub provides non-biased information, activities, events, books, and movies on a variety of timely civic topics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We offered more than 1000 events and activities to educate, inspire, and engage patrons of all ages throughout the year. • We partnered with Community Organizations. We partnered with the LCSD, Onondaga County Parks, the Erie Canal Museum, Onondaga Historic Association, and so many more local organizations. We collaborate with partners to bring the best to our community.
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Voter Information

What are you voting for?

The proposed 2026-2027 Liverpool Public Library Budget

Where will the voting be held?

In the District Office at 195 Blackberry Road. This is the same time and place as the Liverpool Central School District vote, **but the library is an independent entity and has a separate line on the ballot.**

Who is a qualified voter?

A qualified voter is someone who is a citizen of the United States; 18 years of age or older; resident of the Liverpool CSD for at least 30 days before May 19, 2026, either as a renter or property owner; and registered with the Board of Voter Registration or the Onondaga County Board of Elections.

How do you know if you are registered to vote?

You are registered to vote if you are already registered with the Onondaga County Board of Elections to vote in the general election; or you have been previously placed on the register and voted in the last four years. For more information, go to www.liverpool.k12.ny.us/budget/2026-2027-information.

Where is there more information? What does the budget provide?

Budget information can be found in this pamphlet, at the library, or online at LPL.ORG.

2.63%
Tax Impact

Current Board of Trustees:

Dennis McLaughlin,
President

David Wood,
Vice President

Yvette Hewitt,
Secretary

Kay Budmen

Laura Calderwood

Cindy Heaslip

Veronica Mainville

Susan Reckhow
LPL Director

Trustees serve a five-year term and are elected by the residents of the Liverpool Central School District.

A Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 6 in the Liverpool Public Library's Carman Community Room.

Liverpool Public Library
310 Tulip St,
Liverpool, NY, 13088

LPL.ORG
315-457-0310

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 • 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.
District Office • 195 Blackberry Road

2026-2027 Proposed Library Budget

BUDGET OVERVIEW

	Adopted 25/26	Proposed 26/27
Expenses	\$825,500	\$837,240
Salaries	\$2,461,000	\$2,596,000
Benefits	\$1,324,000	\$1,330,000
Total Budget	\$4,610,500	\$4,763,240
Tax Impact	2.73%	2.63%

REVENUES

	Adopted 25/26	Proposed 26/27
Property Taxes	\$4,355,670	\$4,470,240
Contribution in Lieu of Tax	\$40,000	\$40,000
Library Charges	\$4,830	\$5,000
Interest Earnings	\$30,000	\$50,000
Gifts and Donations	\$25,000	\$30,000
Other than LLIA Grants		
System Cash Grant	\$41,000	\$45,000
State Aid for Libraries	\$1,000	\$1,000
Other Unclassified	\$48,000	\$52,000
App from Fund Balance	\$65,000	\$70,000
Total Revenue	\$4,610,500	\$4,763,240

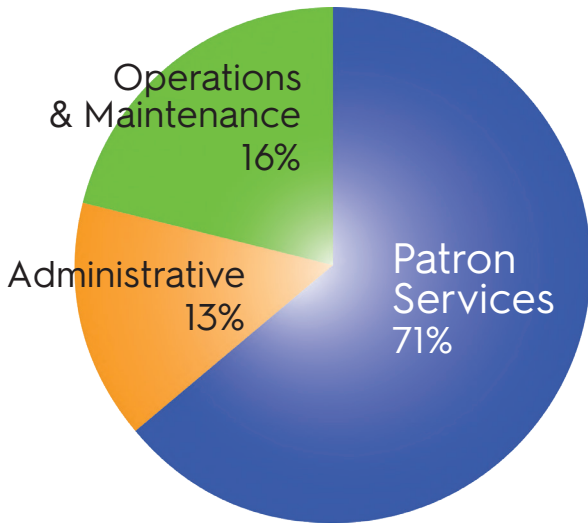
PATRON SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

	Adopted 25/26	Proposed 26/27
Audio and Video Media	\$92,000	\$92,000
Audio Visual Supplies	\$3,000	\$2,240
Computer Hardware	\$20,000	\$21,000
Computer Software	\$10,000	\$10,000
Conference	\$8,000	\$8,000
Consultant and Professional Fees	\$24,000	\$24,000
Continuing Education	\$3,000	\$3,000
Database/Software Maintenance	\$60,000	\$60,000
Data Processing Supplies	\$3,000	\$3,000
Electronic Databases	\$30,000	\$30,000
General Supplies	\$7,000	\$5,000
Library Books, eBooks	\$140,000	\$140,000
Library Supplies	\$40,000	\$35,000
Mileage and Travel	\$2,800	\$2,800
Postage	\$1,200	\$1,200
Selected Projects	\$12,000	\$12,000
Subscriptions	\$12,000	\$14,000
Tuition Reimbursement	-	-
Total Patron Expenses	\$468,000	\$463,240
Salaries/Social Security/Medicare	\$1,773,914	\$1,928,427
Benefits	\$954,353	\$987,985
Patron Services Total	\$3,196,267	\$3,379,652

	Adopted 25/26	Proposed 26/27
Board Expenses	\$2,000	\$2,000
Consultant and Professional fees	\$16,000	\$16,000
Database/Software Maintenance	\$6,000	\$6,000
Election Expenses	\$1,000	\$1,000
Fees	\$4,000	\$4,000
Insurance Director's & Officers	\$4,000	\$4,000
Memberships	\$800	\$800
Mileage and Travel	\$200	\$200
Total Administrative Expenses	\$34,000	\$34,000
Salaries/Social Security/Medicare	\$426,248	\$402,242
Benefits	\$229,318	\$206,079
Administrative Total	\$689,566	\$642,321

OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE

	Adopted 25/26	Proposed 26/27
Cloud Service Hardware	\$10,000	\$10,000
Computer Software	\$5,000	\$5,000
Computer Hardware	\$20,000	\$21,000
Custodial Supplies	\$15,500	\$16,000
Database/Software Maintenance Fees	\$28,000	\$28,000
Electric and Gas	\$45,000	\$45,000
Fees	\$28,000	\$28,000
Insurance	\$38,000	\$42,000
Maintenance and Large Equipment Repair	\$10,000	\$15,000
Network Software	\$15,000	\$15,000
Other Equipment Repair	\$15,000	\$17,000
Rentals	\$30,000	\$32,000
Telecommunication Service	\$24,000	\$26,000
Water	\$2,000	\$2,000
Workers Compensation	\$33,000	\$33,000
Unemployment Insurance	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total Operations Expenses	\$323,500	\$340,000
Salaries/Social Security/Medicare	\$260,838	\$265,331
Benefits	\$140,329	\$135,936
Operations Total	\$724,667	\$741,267



BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Patron Services and Programs at 71% represents a major portion of the 2026-2027 budget. This includes expenses related to books, DVDs, digital books and audio books, program presenter fees, computer database and software programs and patron service staff.

Administrative represents 13% of the 2026-2027 budget. Administrative costs include legal, consultation and insurance expenses along with office and administration staff.

Operations/Maintenance represents 16% of the 2026-2027 budget. Included in this portion of the budget are building and equipment maintenance and rental fees, service contracts, computer hardware, network software, support staff, maintenance supplies and equipment.

LIBRARY USAGE AT LPL IN 2025

Items Checked Out (Physical & Electronic)	459,887
Children and Teen Events Offered	617
Children and Teen Events Attendance	13,484
Adult and General Interest Events	538
Adult and General Interest Events Attendance	10,124
One-on-One Programs	1,376
Wi-Fi Use	6,774 Sessions
Computer Sessions	15,556
Website Sessions	250,602



BOE Approves 2026-2027 School Year Calendar

The Liverpool Central School District Board of Education recently approved the calendar for the 2026-2027 school year.

-  **September 2-3:** Supt. Conference Day
-  **September 7:** Labor Day
-  **September 8:** First Day of School
-  **October 12:** Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day Observance
-  **October 23:** Half Day K-8 – Parent/Teacher Conferences
-  **October 30:** Half Day K-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences & Grades 6-12 PLC
-  **November 3:** Supt. Conference Day
-  **November 11:** Veterans Day Observance
-  **November 25-27:** Thanksgiving Recess
-  **December 9:** PD Half Day K-12
-  **December 23-31:** Holiday Recess
-  **December 25:** Christmas Holiday
-  **January 1:** New Year's Holiday
-  **January 18:** Martin Luther King Day
-  **January 26-29:** Regents Exams
-  **January 29:** PD Half Day K-8 & 9-12 & Regents Exams
-  **February 15:** President's Day Holiday
-  **February 15-19:** Winter Recess
-  **March 9:** Supt. Conference Day
-  **March 26:** Good Friday
-  **April 12-16:** Spring Recess
-  **May 19:** PD Half Day K-12
-  **May 28:** Possible Snow Day Give Back
-  **May 31:** Memorial Day Holiday
-  **June 15-24:** Regents Exams (not 6/18)
-  **June 16:** Half Day K-5 Articulation Day & 9-12 Regents
-  **June 18:** Rating Day
-  **June 25:** Rating Day

Change to 2025-2026 Liverpool CSD Calendar

On April 20, the Liverpool Central School District Board of Education revised the District Calendar for the current (2025-2026) school year.

Since the district did not utilize all of its emergency/snow days provided under regulations in New York State Education Law, the board approved an extension to the Memorial Day weekend.

School will now be closed for students and staff on Friday, May 22, as well as the regularly scheduled Memorial Day Holiday on Monday, May 25, and Tuesday, May 26. Please mark your calendars to reflect this update.



Liverpool CSD Earns School Safety Award

The Liverpool Central School District is one of at least 157 school districts and Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) in New York State to receive the Utica National Insurance Group's "School Safety Excellence Award" for 2026 at the Titanium with Honors level.

This is the 14th year in a row the district has earned this honor, which is presented annually and recognizes school districts' safety efforts as they work to help keep students, staff and visitors safe.

The district received its award at Utica National's 44th school safety seminar, one of six such seminars the company hosts in the state. For more than 50 years Utica National has kept kids and school staff safe and currently insures more than 300 school districts in upstate New York alone.

Liverpool CSD officials accepted a certificate to commemorate the district's safety efforts and a \$500 grant to support the district's ongoing school safety program.

Utica National's School Safety Excellence Award Program has three levels - titanium, platinum, and gold - in which schools can earn a meritorious distinction by meeting specific criteria to enhance overall safety. Through the program, schools with their own transportation, schools with contract transportation, and BOCES are evaluated. Categories covered include bullying prevention programs, playground safety and other areas, and are measured using specific, quantifiable surveys.

"Safety and health concerns continue to be a priority in our school districts," explained Mark Angelucci, Senior Vice President and Head of Utica National's Specialty Lines. "Districts that go 'above and beyond' to provide a safe, healthy and focused culture for learning are to be applauded, and we're pleased to count Liverpool Central School District among them."

LCSD Hosts Annual Autism & Neurodiversity Night

The Liverpool Central School District recently hosted its third annual Autism & Neurodiversity Night at the Soule Road Complex.

District families and staff had the opportunity to learn about different resources and programs available, as well as speak with professionals in the field of special education. There were activities with supervision by LHS students so parents, caregivers and guardians could visit the informational tables.

The event also included big trucks & emergency vehicles, sensory areas, quiet spaces and raffles baskets.



The district would love to receive feedback from community members who attended the event to learn what worked well and identify ways to make the event even bigger and better next year. Scan the QR Code or visit <https://tinyurl.com/23uadyu3>.





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LHS Athletic Hall Seeks Nominations

The Liverpool High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is looking for Liverpool graduates who have distinguished themselves on the athletic fields at LHS. The gymnasium lobby at LHS displays the Hall of Fame inductees who have been honored since the first class of inductees in 1987. More than 200 individual plaques honor past inductees for their athletic achievements and contributions to the athletic program.

To be eligible, a candidate must:

- A) have attended Liverpool High School
- B) have participated in at least one Varsity Sport at LHS
- C) submit, or have submitted on their behalf, a written resume of his/her athletic achievements at LHS
- D) be at least 5 years out of high school (before the class of 2021)

Nominations will be accepted for:

- 1) **INDIVIDUAL ATHLETES...** with emphasis on their accomplishments at LHS.
- 2) **CONTRIBUTOR...** an outstanding contributor to athletic programs of LHS, either in coaching or other service related to Liverpool athletics. Coaches must be **RETIRED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR INDUCTION.**
- 3) **TEAM NOMINATIONS...** those teams that have won state championships or were ranked #1 in the state at the end of the season before there were state playoffs.

Nominations for induction will be accepted until June 30, 2026. The submission guidelines list the information the committee needs for evaluations. Once the nomination is submitted, the nominee will remain eligible for the next five years. Nominations can be submitted online by visiting the Athletic Hall of Fame Web site at www.liverpool.k12.ny.us/departments/athletics/athletic-hall-of-fame.

Submission Guidelines

- Name of Nominee
- Age
- Year Graduated from LHS
- Years at Liverpool
- Address of Nominee
- Sport(s) nominee participated in
- Awards and Recognition (League, Section III, Region, State or All- American designation)
- Records Set
- Nominee's Accomplishments after High School
- Current Employment of Nominee
- Personal Comments
- Person Making the Nomination (include address and contact information)