



# JORDAN-ELBRIDGE

## Central School District

### BUDGET #2 EDITION 2025

## 2025-2026 SCHOOL BUDGET REVOTE *Key Dates*

### BUDGET HEARING

Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

6:00 p.m.

JEMS Library

### BUDGET REVOTE

Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

JEHS Events Entrance

Voting will take place in-person. Absentee ballots will be available by request. If you'd like one, please contact the District Clerk at 315-689-8500 ext. 5002. All ballots have to be returned to the District Clerk by **5 p.m. on June 17, 2025.**

Jordan-Elbridge's newly proposed Budget #2 totals \$39,458,847—\$126,153 less than the previously defeated budget—and includes a reduced 0.85% tax levy increase (down from 1.50%). The budget continues to fully support all academic and co-curricular programs while maintaining the district's fiscally responsible practice of purchasing buses with cash to avoid interest expenses. Strategic use of reserve funds will help minimize the tax impact, and anticipated staffing reductions in 2025-26 due to retirements and enrollment shifts are projected to save \$464,000. **Key reductions in this proposal include the removal of the Superintendent's budgeted contractual entitlements (-\$86,154), decreased bus spending (-\$35,000), and elimination of the Tax Collector stipend (-\$5,000).**

**Highlighted boxes indicate proposed changes from 2025-26 Proposed Budget #1 to 2025-26 Proposed Budget #2**

## TAX RATE HISTORY OF SCHOOL LEVY

SCHOOL BUDGET YEAR	Tax Rate Change	Special Notes
2016-2017	0.00%	
2017-2018	0.00%	
2018-2019	1.90%	Addition of School Resource Officers
2019-2020	0.00%	Levy showed 0.20% increase; actual tax impact 0% due to PILOT adjustments
2020-2021	0.00%	COVID-era reliance on federal funding
2021-2022	0.00%	
2022-2023	2.80%	Adjusting to the realized impacts of inflation
2023-2024	2.75%	
2024-2025	0.00%	
2025-2026	0.85%	Helps offset minimum state aid increases

# PROPOSED 2025–2026 BUDGET SUMMARY

## ANTICIPATED OPERATING REVENUES

REVENUE SOURCES	2024-2025 Revised Revenues	2025-2026 Estimated Revenues	% Change
Tax Levy (Including STAR)	\$13,200,000	\$13,312,200	0.85%
Other Tax Items	596,552	597,749	0.2%
Non-property Taxes	20,000	20,000	0%
Charges for Services	35,000	35,000	0%
Use of Property	82,000	82,000	0%
Miscellaneous & Interest	545,000	864,715	58.7%
State Aid	19,192,648	20,062,536	4.5%
Federal Medicaid Revenue	25,000	25,000	0%
Interfund Transfer-EBALR	0	0	N/A
Interfund Transfer-Tax Certiori	0	94,647	N/A
Interfund Transfer-TRS	0	150,000	N/A
Interfund Transfer-ERS	0	400,000	N/A
Interfund Transfer-Workers Comp	0	100,000	N/A
Interfund Transfer-Bus Reserve	600,000	615,000	2.5%
Interfund Transfer-Unemployment	118,800	100,000	(15.8%)
Appropriated Fund Balance	3,000,000	3,000,000	0%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$37,415,000</b>	<b>\$39,458,847</b>	<b>5.46%</b>

School property tax increase (decreased from defeated budget increase of 1.5%)

Reduction of 1 clerical position at Elbridge Elementary

Rental of classroom to BOCES

Increased student services

Minimum Foundation Aid increase of 2%

Additional student participation

Removed planned use of EBALR

Addition of Engagement Specialist

Required to decrease Tax Certiori Reserve if no active property tax claims

Reduction of county social worker partnership & hiring new school psychologist

Maintains Fund Balance below the comptroller's 4% threshold

Marching band & athletic supplies

## PROPOSED BUDGET #2 AT A GLANCE

FUNCTION	2024-2025 Adopted Budget	2025-2026 Proposed Budget #2	% Change
General Support	\$4,737,313	\$4,906,627	3.6%
Instruction	17,840,658	19,089,434	7.0%
Pupil Transportation	3,415,475	3,658,223	7.1%
Community Service	33,400	36,000	7.8%
Employee Benefits	7,975,559	8,438,750	5.8%
Debt Service	2,892,595	2,869,813	(0.8%)
Interfund Transfers	520,000	460,000	(11.5%)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$37,415,000</b>	<b>\$39,458,847</b>	<b>5.46%</b>

(\$126,153 less than defeated budget)

## PROPOSED BUDGET #2, 3-PART FORMAT

COMPONENT	2024-2025 Adopted Budget	2025-2026 Proposed Budget #2	% Change
Administrative	\$4,264,922	\$4,358,170	2.2%
Program	26,344,620	28,182,876	7.0%
Capital	6,805,458	6,917,801	1.7%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$37,415,000</b>	<b>\$39,458,847</b>	<b>5.46%</b>

## DISTRICT RESERVES

RESERVE	Balance 6/30/24	Appropriated Reserves for 2024-25 Budget	Interest & Other Recommended Changes 2024-25	Projected Balance 6/30/25	Proposed #2 Reserves Appropriated for 2025-26
Workers Compensation	\$417,289		\$12,519	\$429,808	(\$100,000)
Unemployment Insurance	846,908	(118,800)	25,407	754,315	(100,000)
Liability	309,261		9,278	318,539	
Insurance	161,876		4,856	166,732	
Tax Certiorari	139,186		4,176	143,362	(94,647)
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	220,622		6,619	277,241	0
ERS Reserve	989,970		29,699	1,019,669	(400,000)
TRS Reserve	636,715		19,101	655,816	(150,000)
<b>Capital Reserves:</b>					
- Bus 2017	311,178	(311,178)	0	0	
- Bus 2022	942,582	(288,822)	19,613	673,373	(615,000)
- Bus 2024	643,175		19,295	662,470	
- Building 2016	6,122		184	6,306	
- Building 2019	3,076,813		92,304	3,169,117	
- Building 2024	1,000,000		30,000	1,030,000	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$9,701,697</b>	<b>(\$718,800)</b>	<b>\$273,051</b>	<b>\$9,256,748</b>	<b>(\$1,459,647)</b>

Includes purchase of: 4 half-buses

Bus mechanical lift needs replacement

Continued planned payment on long-term district debt

# PROPOSED 2025-2026 BUDGET

## A LINE-BY-LINE LOOK

### INSTRUCTION

FUNCTION	2024-2025 Budget	2025-2026 Proposed Budget #2	% Change
Curriculum Development	\$142,039	\$146,657	3.3%
Supervision-Regular School	1,080,726	1,040,795	(3.7%)
Research, Planning & Evaluation	146,625	151,000	3%
In-Service Training	92,250	93,000	0.8%
Teaching-Regular School	8,089,978	8,494,385	5%
Programs-Students w/Disabilities	4,316,470	4,851,130	12.4%
English Language Learners	32,500	33,638	3.5%
Occupational Education	793,884	975,000	22.8%
Teaching-Special Schools	60,000	61,800	3%
School Library & AV	311,263	324,029	4.1%
Computer Assisted Instruction	833,610	879,814	5.5%
Guidance	555,170	619,712	11.6%
Health Services	189,408	201,750	6.5%
Psychological Services	169,256	150,125	(11.3%)
Social Work Services	126,700	96,376	(23.9%)
Co-Curricular Activities	260,624	293,710	12.7%
Interscholastic Activities	640,155	676,495	5.7%
<b>Total Instruction:</b>	<b>\$17,840,658</b>	<b>\$19,089,434</b>	<b>7.0%</b>

### GENERAL SUPPORT

FUNCTION	2024-2025 Budget	2025-2026 Proposed Budget #2	% Change	
Board of Education	\$19,730	\$19,730	0%	Budgeted contractual retirement obligations removed
District Clerk	10,000	10,000	0%	
District Meeting	3,150	3,150	0%	
Chief School Administrator	285,645	289,754	1.4%	
Business Administration	368,813	382,189	3.6%	
Auditing	31,500	34,650	10%	
Tax Collection	13,750	12,250	(10.9%)	
Purchasing	4,535	4,665	2.9%	Stipend removed; task assigned to new employee
Legal Services-Other	73,800	83,800	13.6%	
Legal Services-Financial Advisor	6,500	6,500	0%	
Legal-BOCES Services	26,230	27,017	3%	
Personnel	120,075	120,930	0.7%	
Records Management	2,500	2,500	0%	
Public Information & Services	83,340	85,790	2.9%	Cost re-coding to proper budget line
Operation of Plant	1,912,400	1,972,750	3.2%	
Maintenance of Plant	693,180	718,250	3.6%	
Central Printing & Mailing	61,000	77,400	26.9%	
Central Data Processing	552,105	576,602	4.4%	
Insurance & BOCES Admin. Services	469,060	478,700	2.1%	
<b>Total General Support:</b>	<b>\$4,737,313</b>	<b>\$4,906,627</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	

### TRANSPORTATION; BENEFITS; DEBT SERVICE; INTERFUND TRANSFERS

	2024-2025 Budget	2025-2026 Proposed Budget #2	% Change
<b>PUPIL TRANSPORTATION</b>			
District Transportation	\$3,234,750	\$3,308,932	2.3%
Garage Building	160,125	328,175	104.9%
Transportation From BOCES	20,600	21,116	2.5%
<b>Total Pupil Transportation:</b>	<b>\$3,415,475</b>	<b>\$3,658,223</b>	<b>7.1%</b>
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>			
<b>Total Community Service:</b>	<b>\$33,400</b>	<b>\$36,000</b>	<b>7.8%</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE (PRINCIPAL &amp; INTEREST)</b>			
<b>Total Debt Service-Construction:</b>	<b>\$2,588,132</b>	<b>\$2,561,813</b>	<b>(1.0%)</b>
<b>Total Debt Service-BOCES:</b>	<b>\$304,463</b>	<b>\$308,000</b>	<b>1.2%</b>

	2024-2025 Budget	2025-2026 Proposed Budget #2	% Change
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>			
Employees' Retirement	\$560,595	\$569,000	1.5%
Teachers' Retirement	1,334,000	1,344,500	0.8%
Social Security	1,401,624	1,415,800	1.0%
Workers' Compensation	190,000	190,000	0%
Unemployment Insurance	35,000	35,000	0%
Health (Medical)	4,276,340	4,703,450	10%
Vision, Dental, 403b, Flex	170,00	171,000	0.3%
Employee Tuition	7,500	10,000	33%
<b>Total Employee Benefits:</b>	<b>\$7,975,559</b>	<b>\$8,438,750</b>	<b>5.8%</b>
<b>INTERFUND TRANSFERS</b>			
Transfer to Special Aid Funds	\$420,000	\$360,000	(14.3%)
Transfer to Capital Fund	100,000	100,000	0%
<b>Total Interfund Transfers:</b>	<b>\$520,000</b>	<b>\$460,000</b>	<b>(11.5%)</b>

	2024-2025 Budget	2025-2026 Proposed Budget #2	% Change
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$37,415,000</b>	<b>\$39,458,847</b>	<b>5.46%</b>



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## WHAT HAPPENS IF BUDGET #2 FAILS?

On May 20, 2025, the Jordan-Elbridge community voted on the district's first proposed budget for the 2025-26 school year. That budget did not pass by a simple majority. Now, a revised budget—Budget #2—will go to a community vote on **Tuesday, June 17, 2025**.

There are two possible outcomes for that vote:

1. **Budget #2 is approved** by a simple majority (50% of the vote +1). The district will move forward with its programs and plans as outlined in the revised proposal.
2. **Budget #2 is defeated**. In this case, the Board of Education is required by New York State law to adopt a **contingency budget**.

### UNDERSTANDING THE CONTINGENCY BUDGET

A contingency budget limits district spending to *only essential and ordinary expenses*—those necessary to keep schools operating safely and maintain current educational programs and facilities. If Budget #2 is defeated and the Board must adopt a contingency budget, the following restrictions will apply:

- **No community use of school buildings** when school is not in session.
- **No purchases of new equipment**, including school buses.
- **No new field trips or non-essential supply purchases**.

Only expenses that preserve educational services, property, and student/staff safety will be allowed.

### WHAT HAPPENS TO THE TAX LEVY?

Under a contingency budget, **the total tax levy is frozen at the 2024-25 level: \$13.2 million**. However, this does *not* guarantee that individual property tax bills will remain unchanged. Property taxes may still increase or decrease depending on factors such as assessments and property value shifts within the town.

### WHY IT MATTERS

A contingency budget significantly reduces the district's ability to invest in its schools. It limits opportunities for students, halts the purchase of needed equipment, and eliminates community access to school buildings outside of regular hours. These impacts affect not just students and staff, but the wider Jordan-Elbridge community.

All eligible voters are encouraged to make their voices heard on **June 17, 2025**.

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