

# ST. JOHNSBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 19, 2026**



# AGENDA

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- Review FY2027 Budget Draft #2
- Review Estimated Tax Impact
- Approval of Warning Language

# **SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN DRAFT #2**

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## **Budget Revisions in Response to Stakeholder Feedback:**

- Targeted adjustments made to reduce the proposed increase toward the 5% range
- Refinements to staffing structure and administrative roles
- Strategic use of grants, capitol reserve, and anticipated surplus as revenue



# FY2027 BUDGET #2 OVERVIEW

## DRAFT #1

**\$32,210,692**

Total Proposed  
Expenditures

**6.6%**

Increase from  
Current Year

**\$1.19\***

Estimated  
Tax Rate

**\$0.1313\***

Estimated Tax  
Rate Increase

**12.4%\***

Estimated Tax  
Rate Increase

## DRAFT #2

**\$31,830,266**

Total Proposed  
Expenditures

**5.34%**

Increase from  
Current Year

**\$1.16\***

Estimated  
Tax Rate

**\$0.0992\***

Estimated Tax  
Rate Increase

**9.3%\***

Estimated Tax  
Rate Increase

\*Please note that this estimate is based on the most current information available, and adjustments may occur as updated data is provided by the state.

# PRIMARY COST DRIVERS

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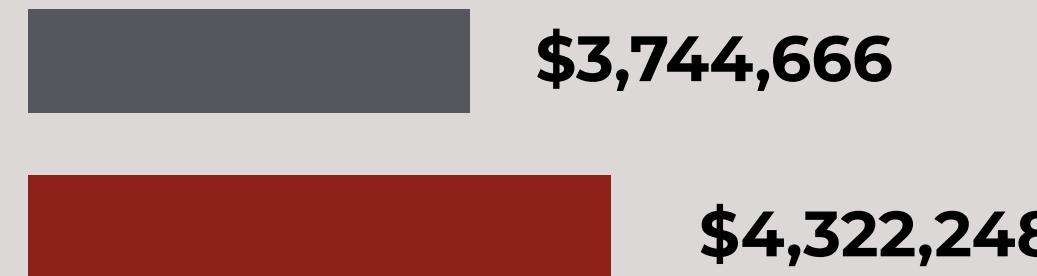
## Salaries

Increased **8.6%** over last year, which includes the addition of 7.6 FTE Special Education & 1 FTE Custodial positions (\$863,641)



## Benefits

Increased **15.4%** over last year (\$577,582)



## High School Tuition

Increased **5.7%** for Regular Education Tuition for students in grades 9-12 (\$469,870)



FY2026



FY2027

# FY2027 ESTIMATED HOMESTEAD TAX RATES

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## ST. JOHNSBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT

### ESTIMATED HOMESTEAD TAX RATES FY2027

	FY2026 TAX RATE	FY2027 ESTIMATED TAX RATE	\$ VARIANCE	% VARIANCE
Total Expenditures	\$30,217,239	\$31,830,266	\$1,613,027	5.34%
Total Revenues	\$5,250,092	\$5,484,947	\$234,855	4.47%
Net Education Spending	\$24,967,147	\$26,345,319	\$1,378,172	5.52%
LTW Average Daily Membership	1,869	1,820	(49)	-2.64%
Education Spending per LTW ADM	\$13,359	\$14,479	\$1,120	8.39%
Dollar Equivalent Yield <sup>1</sup>	\$8,596	\$8,849	\$253	2.94%
School District Tax Rate	\$1.5430	\$1.6272	\$0.0842	5.46%
2025 Statewide Adjustment to CLA <sup>2</sup>	1.4514	1.4000	-0.0514	-3.54%
Estimated Homestead Tax Rate <sup>3</sup>	\$1.0631	\$1.1623	\$0.0992	9.33%

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# OUTSTANDING INPUTS TO CALCULATE THE TAX RATE

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- Negotiations (placeholder)
- Announced high school tuition
  - St. Johnsbury Academy and Lyndon Institute have now announced FY27 tuition
- Final Yield
- Potential state buy-down



# Estimated Impact on Homestead Property Tax (Draft #2)

	FY2026 Tax Rate	FY2027 Tax Rate	\$ Tax Rate Change	% Tax Rate Change
Homestead Tax Rate	\$1.06	\$1.16*	\$.0992*	9.3%*
Homestead Property Value	FY2026 Tax Payment	FY2027 Estimated Tax Payment	Annual \$ Change in Tax Payment	Monthly \$ Change in Tax Payment
Estimated Tax on \$100,000 Home	\$1,063	\$1,162	\$99	\$8.26
Estimated Tax on \$200,000 Home	\$2,126	\$2,325	\$198	\$16.53
Estimated Tax on \$300,000 Home	\$3,189	\$3,487	\$298	\$24.79
Estimated Tax on \$400,000 Home	\$4,252	\$4,649	\$397	\$33.06

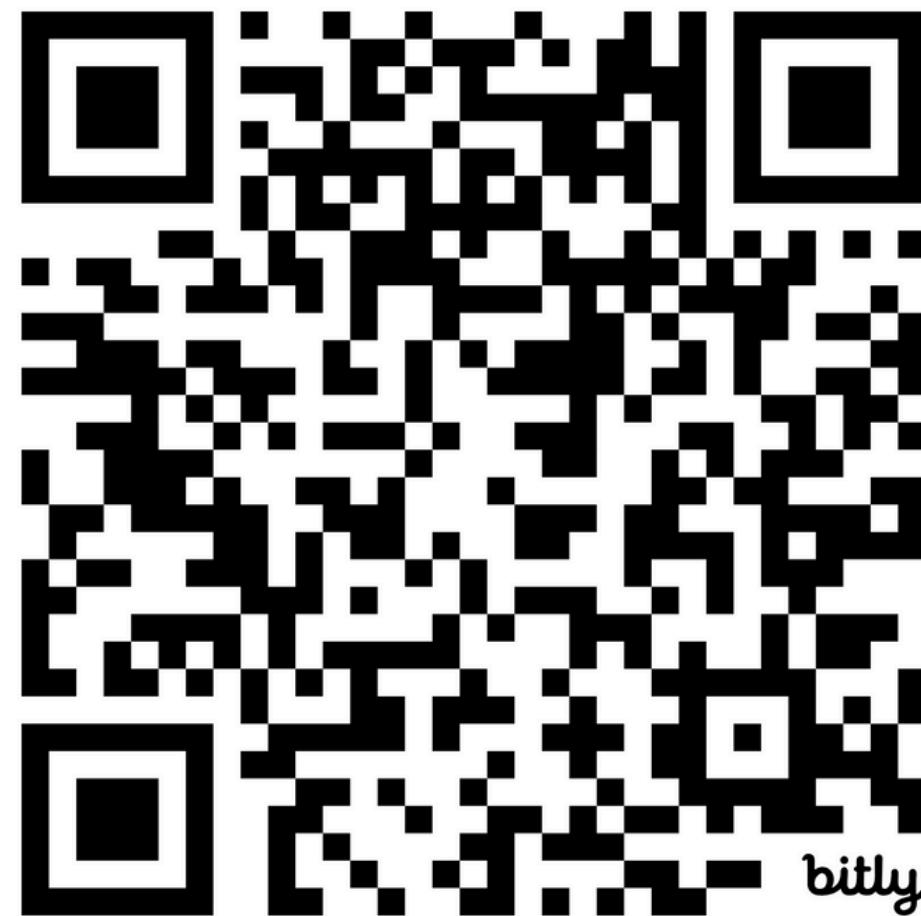
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# WARNING LANGUAGE

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**ARTICLE 01:** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury School District approve the school board to expend \$31,830,266 in general funds, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The St. Johnsbury School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending \$14,479, which is 8.39% higher than the per pupil education spending for the current year.

**ARTICLE 02:** Shall the voters of the St. Johnsbury School District authorize the school board to allocate up to 50% of the FY2025 surplus to the capital reserve fund for deferred maintenance and critical facilities improvements.



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