



Onondaga Central Schools

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Date: March 24, 2026
To: Members of the Board of Education
From: Joseph Sterbank, District Clerk
Subject: Legal Ad for 2026-27 Budget Vote

Per NYS Education Law §2003-

The district clerk of each common school district shall give notice of the time and place of the annual meeting by publishing a notice four times within the seven weeks preceding such annual meeting, the first publication to be at least forty-five days before said meeting, in two newspapers if there shall be two, or in one newspaper if there shall be but one, having general circulation within such district.

The attached legal notice is to be advertised in the Syracuse Post Standard on the following dates:

- April 2, 2026
- April 16, 2026
- April 23, 2026
- May 5, 2026

Please let me know if you have any comments or questions.

cc: Mr. Rob Price, Superintendent of Schools

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
OF THE VOTERS OF THE ONONDAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ONONDAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District will be held in the Rockwell Elementary Gymnasium Room and Junior/Senior High School Cafeteria in Nedrow, NY, on May 19, 2026 from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., for the purpose of voting upon the following propositions which shall be placed on the ballot in substantially the following form, with the proposed budget amount inserted after it has been approved by the Board of Education:

**Proposition I
(Budget)**

Shall the proposed budget of the Onondaga Central School District as recommended by the Board of Education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, be adopted and shall the Board of Education be authorized to levy the necessary taxes therefor?

**Proposition II
(Library)**

Shall the Onondaga Central School District levy and collect a tax, pursuant to Section 259 of the Education Law of the State of New York, in the sum of \$66,948 (which is an increase of \$1,950 from the levy in effect from 2025-2026 in the sum of \$64,998) for the continuing support and maintenance of the free library services offered to district residents by the Onondaga Free Library historically supported by the Onondaga Central School District?

**PROPOSITION III
(Gasoline School Bus Proposition)**

Shall the Board of Education of the Onondaga Central School District be authorized to purchase and finance two (2) 66-passenger gasoline school buses and one (1) 30-passenger gasoline school buses, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto, and expend a total sum not to exceed \$453,500, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and pay for such vehicles by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District, in the principal amount not to exceed \$453,500, shall be issued?

**PROPOSITION IV
(Electric School Bus Proposition)**

If Proposition III does not pass, shall the Board of Education of the Onondaga Central School District be authorized to purchase and finance two (2) 66-passenger electric school buses and one (1) 28-passenger electric school bus, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and

all other costs incidental thereto, and expend a total sum not to exceed \$1,309,305, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and pay for such vehicles by applying \$714,000 in available grant funding from the New York School Bus Incentive Program and, for the balance, by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District to be collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District, in the principal amount not to exceed \$595,305 shall be issued?

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN at such election, voters shall elect 2 members to the Board of Education, each for a 3 year term. Petitions for nominating candidates for office must be filed in the District Clerk's Office between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., no later than April 20, 2026. Each petition must be addressed to the District Clerk and be signed by at least 25 voters.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that qualified voters of the District may obtain applications for an absentee ballot or an early voting ballot from the office of the Clerk of the District. Completed applications must be received by the Clerk of the District no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 18, 2026 and must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 12, 2026 if the absentee ballot or an early voting ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after 4:00 p.m. on May 12, 2026 will require the voter to personally appear at the office of the Clerk of the District to receive an absentee ballot or an early voting ballot. A listing of all persons to whom an absentee ballot or an early voting ballot is issued will be available for inspection by any qualified voter in the office of the Clerk of the District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. during each of the 5 business days prior to the election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that military ballots may be applied for by qualified voters by requesting an application from the District Clerk at 315-552-5001 or jsterbank@onondagacsd.org. Completed applications for military ballots must be received by the Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 24, 2026. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN the budget hearing will be held on May 5, 2026 at 6 P.M., at in the Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria at 4479 South Onondaga, Nedrow NY for the purpose of discussing expenditure of funds for the 2026-2027 school year and the budgeting thereof.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN residents may obtain a copy of the detailed statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes at each schoolhouse in the District in which school is maintained from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm on each day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday during the 14 days immediately preceding the election.

DATED: March 10, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ONONDAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT