



“This year, our budget continues to prioritize a well-rounded and rigorous educational experience for all Heatly students. We remain committed to sustaining strong programming while thoughtfully enhancing opportunities that support student growth, engagement, and success.”

*Dr. Daniel Kalbfliesh
Superintendent of Schools*

2026-2027 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

The 2026-27 budget proposal is designed to sustain our educational programming and extracurricular activities while continuing to navigate fiscal challenges. The district has worked to maximize efficiencies across departments, ensuring that resources are directed toward student-centered programs while continuing to reduce administrative costs where possible. This approach reflects our commitment to maintaining high-quality opportunities for students despite ongoing financial pressures.

The proposed budget aligns closely with the district’s mission of optimizing engagement among all members of the school community so that every student can reach their maximum potential. It includes the resources necessary to sustain programs and services that challenge students academically, build skills for success beyond Heatly, strengthen relationships with families, and enrich the overall student experience.

In addition, the district remains committed to long-term financial planning to preserve program stability and maintain a responsible, predictable tax levy for Green Island residents. While the district has historically reduced budgets to lessen the burden on taxpayers, rising costs over time require a balanced approach. This proposal includes a modest tax levy increase to maintain current programming and avoid more significant increases in future years that could require a supermajority vote.

ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION

- The new Early Mail Voter Act, effective Jan. 1, 2024, allows for early voting. For information, contact District Clerk Angela Legault at alegault@greenisland.org.
- Qualified voters may request an absentee ballot by contacting District Clerk Angela Legault at alegault@greenisland.org or (518) 273-1422 ext. 7.
- A qualified voter is defined as: a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age, and a resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to the vote.
- Completed absentee ballots must be received by the district by 5 p.m. on May 19th. Ballots can be mailed, returned to the Main Office, or placed in the secure drop box at the back door entrance.



- TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2-8 P.M.
- CAFETERIA

BUDGET AT-A-GLANCE

- ▶ 2026-27 Proposed Budget
\$9,012,604
- ▶ Spending Increase
\$370,121
- ▶ Tax Levy Increase
2.43%; \$105,183

BOARD OF EDUCATION

There are two Board trustee vacancies to be filled at this year's vote, both three (3) year terms. The current members are: Nancy McNulty and Alisha Hope.

- Both terms will begin on July 1, 2026 and run through June 30, 2029.



Heatly School prioritizes student engagement, learning for all, and fostering a safe and healthy environment for our school community.

School District Budget Notice

OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL

	Budget Adopted for the 2025-26 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2026-27 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$8,642,483	\$9,012,604	\$8,907,421
Increase/Decrease for the 2026-27 School Year		\$370,121	\$264,938
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		4.28%	3.07%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.63%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$4,323,299	\$4,428,482	
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)	\$4,323,299	\$4,428,482	\$4,323,299
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$353,338	\$362,146	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$3,969,961	\$4,066,336	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$3,969,961	\$4,066,336	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$691,778	\$736,242	\$691,778
Program Component	\$6,851,374	\$7,108,623	\$7,051,404
Capital Component	\$1,099,331	\$1,167,739	\$1,164,239

*Under state law, boards of education may submit a budget to voters a maximum of two times. Upon the defeat of the proposed budget, The Board of Education may adopt a contingent budget, in which the tax levy amount shall not exceed the amount of the previous year. The adoption of such a budget would require reductions in staffing, materials, supplies, equipment, public use of the building, and other expenditures.

**List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount; (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

For more detailed information about these propositions, visit <https://www.greenisland.org/board-of-education/budget-finance/>

Description	Amount
Capital Reserve for Technology	Not to exceed \$1,000,000
Capital Reserve for Furniture	Not to exceed \$1,000,000
Capital Reserve for Equipment	Not to exceed \$1,000,000

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year	Amount
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$471

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 by the qualified voters of the Green Island Union Free School District, Albany County, New York, will be held at Heatly School in said district on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., prevailing time in the Heatly School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot. Voters must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age and a resident of Green Island for 30 days.

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



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