

Hoosic Valley CSD Community,

Thank you to everyone who participated in the annual budget vote on Tuesday, May 19. We understand the rejection of the budget proposal may cause concern and questions about what comes next.

District administration and the Board of Education will meet at two upcoming public sessions.

- **Budget Workshop:** Wednesday, May 27 at 4:30 p.m.
- **Special Board Meeting:** Monday, June 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Both meetings are open to the public and we welcome anyone interested in attending. At these meetings the Board will review possible revisions to the budget, as well as discuss the process and timeline for a second vote, which will take place on June 16, 2026.

Under New York State law, if a second budget proposal also fails, the district must adopt a contingency budget. A contingency budget is limited by strict rules: the tax levy must remain at last year's level, and only essential expenses (such as staff salaries, student transportation, utilities and health/safety needs) can be funded. This means that any programs or services beyond the basics could be cut or reduced.

We also want to clarify that Hoosic Valley CSD is not currently nor have we been in any discussions regarding a merger with any other school district. Hoosic Valley will continue to operate as an independent public school district.

We understand that our residents are facing inflationary costs in their own daily lives. The School District is also burdened with these hardships. Healthcare costs have skyrocketed. Gas and electricity costs have increased dramatically. Contracted salaries increase each year. For the District to keep up with inflation and rising costs, it must increase its tax levy or be forced to cut what is offered to students. This could come in the form of extracurriculars, athletics, and field trips.

We encourage everyone to learn about any new proposals, ask questions, and plan to vote. We will use ParentSquare, the District website, and its official social media channels to keep you informed.

Hoosic Valley CSD remains committed to balancing fiscal responsibility with educational excellence. Please feel free to contact the District with any questions.