



Dear Parents,

The Executive Committees of the Garden City PTA and Garden City SEPTA ask you to join us in support of children, public education, and our community and **VOTE YES** for the **2026-27 School Budget** on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026**. Polls are open from **6:00 am to 9:00 pm** at the **Garden City High School Gymnasium**.

VOTE YES FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL BUDGET

The proposed school budget:

- Allocates over 75% of budget funds to program expenses that directly benefit our children.
- Does not exceed the allowable tax levy increase of 2.98%
- Supports implementation of a new K-2 literacy program and provides necessary professional development in response to community priorities and aligned with the district's literacy review.
- Provides professional development to support expanded literacy and math teaching blocks in the Middle School.
- Includes updated High School classrooms and equipment for art, physics, and business instruction, including the new Bloomberg Lab.
- Ensures funding for all athletic teams and intramural activities, adds assistant coaches for both boys' and girls' sports, and includes funds for the replacement of athletic equipment and uniforms.
- Funds the purchase of new musical instruments across multiple schools.

Failed budgets negatively impact our children's education and the community. Under New York State law, if a school budget fails to pass, the Board of Education may be required to develop "contingent" or "austerity" budget which would strictly limit the types of activities, programs, services and purchases that may be funded, and would result in a reduction of approximately more than \$4.6 million from the proposed budget.

Your vote matters and makes a difference. Please take the time to vote on May 19th!

Thank you,

The Executive Committees of the Garden City PTA and Garden City SEPTA

REMEMBER TO VOTE

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