

LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION
Lake Central High School
LGI ROOM – ENTER DOOR G
8260 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373

Board Members Present

Cindy Sues, President
Nicole Kelly, Secretary
Howard Marshall, Board Member
Louise Tallent, Board Member
Janice Malchow, Vice-President

Board Members Not Present

Administration Present

Sarah Castaneda, Superintendent
Rebecca Gromala, Assistant Superintendent
Yolanda Bracey, Director of Primary Education
Mary Rebey, Director of Student Services
Bill Ledyard, Director of Facilities
Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education
Rob James, Director of Business Services

Administration Not Present

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*All Motions Were Passed With a 5-0
Roll Call Vote Unless Otherwise Indicated*

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 8, 2026 - 7:00pm

- I. Call to Order – *Cindy Sues*
 - The meeting was called to order and Pledge of Allegiance led by Board President Cindy Sues.
- II. Agenda: Approval, Deletions, Additions – *Sarah Castaneda* – **Action Required**
 - Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
 - Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
- III. Correspondence – *Nicole Kelly*
 - There was no correspondence.
- IV. Liaison Committee Updates – *Cindy Sues*
 - A. Personnel Interview Committee: Howard Marshall
 - B. Schererville Redevelopment Commission: Nicole Kelly
 - C. Schererville Parks Department: Nicole Kelly
 - D. Lake Central Education Foundation: Janice Malchow
 - E. Legislative Committee: Janice Malchow
 - F. Dyer Parks Department: Janice Malchow
 - G. St. John Redevelopment Commission: Cindy Sues
 - H. Dollars for Scholars: Cindy Sues
 - I. Dyer Redevelopment Commission: Louise Tallent
 - J. Wellness Committee: Louise Tallent

- V. Official School Board Business Topics: Consent Agenda – *Sarah Castaneda* – **Action Required**
- A. Approval of Minutes
- Regular Board Meeting: Monday, August 24, 2026
- B. Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures
- Louise Tallent moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
 - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
- VI. Public Comments Regarding Action Items
- There were no public comments regarding action items.
- VII. Official School Board Business Topics: Regular Agenda
- A. Superintendent – *Sarah Castaneda*
- B. Assistant Superintendent – *Rebecca Gromala*
1. Personnel Recommendations – **Action Required**
- Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
 - Howard Marshall seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
- C. Director of Primary Education – *Yolanda Bracey*
1. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required**
- Howard Marshall moved to approve.
 - Nicole Kelly seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
2. Field Trip Requests - **Action Required**
- Howard Marshall moved to approve.
 - Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
3. Vision Story: Bibich - *Josh Wierzba*
- D. Director of Secondary Education – *Misty Scheuneman*
1. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required**
- Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
 - Howard Marshall seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
2. Field Trip Requests - **Action Required**
- Louise Tallent moved to approve.
 - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
- E. Director of Student Services - *Mary Rebey*
1. Professional Leave Request - **Action Required**
- Howard Marshall moved to approve.
 - Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.

F. Director of Facilities – *Bill Ledyard*

G. Director of Business Services – *Rob James*

1. Donations - **Action Required**

- Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
- Louise Tallent seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

2. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required**

- Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
- Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

3. Permission to Advertise the 2027 Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and Bus Replacement Plan - **Action Required**

- Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
- Louise Tallent seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

4. Budget Presentation

VIII. Public Comments – *Cindy Sues*

- Roberta Dzado (parent) spoke to the Board about students being greeted daily at the entry points of each school, removing chromebooks, reading, and uniforms.

IX. Board Comments and Consideration of Future Agenda Items – *Cindy Sues*

Louise Tallent: Thank you for the conscientious reporting that we received.

Janice Malchow: Wishing everyone a great school year, now that we've settled down.

Cindy Sues: Thank you, Mr. James for the detailed report as always.

X. Board Calendar of Future Activities – *Sarah Castaneda*

- Next School Board Meeting: Monday, September 21, 2026

XI. Adjournment – *Cindy Sues* – **Action Required**

- Cindy Sues moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm.
- Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
- Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Minutes of the September 8, 2026 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the September 21, 2026 School Board Meeting.

Cindy Sues, President

ATTEST:

Nicole Kelly, Secretary

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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Rebecca Gromala, Assistant Superintendent
DATE: September 3, 2026
RE: Board Meeting of September 8, 2026

Personnel

(Board action required)

We are recommending that the following be approved:

I. Certified Appointment(s) & Resignation(s):

A. Appointment(s):

1. Adam Noel (Munster), Math Teacher, Grimmer Middle School (effective September 21, 2026); *pending background check*.

B. Resignation(s):

1. Sarah Poncin, Math Teacher, Grimmer Middle School (effective September 4, 2026).

II. Classified Appointment(s), Resignation(s), Retirement(s) & Change of Hours:

A. Appointment(s):

1. Brittany Kappel (rehire), Paraprofessional, Protsman Elementary School (effective August 26, 2026).
2. Macy Rauch (St. John), Paraprofessional, Protsman Elementary School (effective August 31, 2026).
3. Kendall Conner (Cedar Lake), Paraprofessional, Bibich Elementary School (effective August 31, 2026).
4. Emily Devita (Schererville), Paraprofessional, Lake Central High School (effective August 31, 2026).
5. Teigen Pollack (St. John), Paraprofessional, Watson Elementary School (effective September 3, 2026).
6. Daniel Sparks (Merrillville), Paraprofessional, Peifer Elementary School (effective September 8, 2026).
7. Samantha Esquivel (Dyer), Paraprofessional, Protsman Elementary School (effective September 4, 2026).
8. Benjamin Cash (rehire), Paraprofessional, Homan Elementary School (effective September 3, 2026).

B. Resignation(s):

1. Dalya Yaqoob, Paraprofessional, Kahler Middle School (effective August 26, 2026).

C. Retirement(s):

1. Sandra Hedrick, Custodian, Peifer Elementary School (effective January 4, 2027); *25 years of dedicated service*.

D. Change of Hours:

1. Joan Caldwell, from 7.25 to 7.0 hours per day as a Paraprofessional at Lake Central High School (effective August 25, 2026).
2. Lelenia Tyburski, from 3.0 to 3.25 hours per day as a Café Assistant at Grimmer Middle School (effective August 28, 2026).
3. Carolyn Biron, from 6.75 to 6.25 hours per day as a Paraprofessional at Protsman Elementary School (effective September 2, 2026).
4. Jen Kuiper, from 7.0 to 8.0 hours per day 4 days per week as a Paraprofessional at Protsman Elementary School (effective August 28, 2026).

III. Certified Extracurricular Appointment(s) and Resignation(s):

A. Appointment(s):

1. Tabitha Brinsfield-Davis, Purchase of Plan – World Language, Lake Central High School (effective August 11, 2026).
2. Kevin Lewis, Purchase of Plan-Grade 5 Music, Grimmer Middle School (effective August 22, 2026).
3. Stephanie Porter, Girls On The Move Co-Sponsor, Kahler Middle School (effective 26-27 school year).
4. David VanVleck, Best Buddies Co-Sponsor, Kahler Middle School (effective 26-27 school year).

B. Resignation(s):

1. Karen Noel, Unified Track & Field Coach, Lake Central High School (effective August 26, 2026).
2. Adriana Ponce, Unified Track & Field Assistant Coach, Lake Central High School (effective August 27, 2026).

IV. Classified Extracurricular Appointment(s) & Resignation(s):

A. Appointment(s):

1. Jerrold Paul, Assistant Football Co-Coach, Lake Central High School (effective August 3, 2026).
2. Rachael Flanagan, Spell Bowl Coach, Homan Elementary School (effective August 31, 2026).
3. Jeff Fisher, Varsity Assistant Football Co-Coach, Lake Central High School (effective August 3, 2026).

B. Resignation(s):

1. Tim Gramenz, Assistant Football Co-Coach, Lake Central High School (effective August 26, 2026).
2. Colin Small, Freshman Baseball Coach, Lake Central High School (effective August 20, 2026).

Approval of Lake Central School Corporation Substitute Staff Appointments and Resignations – Refer to attached list of substitutes that have been hired and have resigned.

NEW CERTIFIED HIRES FOR 2026-2027

Last Name	First Name	Hire Date	Position/School	Deg/Exp	University	Board Approved
Plawecki	Matthew	8/10/2026	Science/LCHS	Bachelors/11 yrs.	Calumet College of Saint Joseph	5/4/2026
Bock	Gianna	8/10/2026	Applied Skills/Bibich Elem.	Masters/8 yrs.	Governors State University	5/4/2026
Krull	Kayla	8/10/2026	Applied Skills/Kahler MS	Masters/0	Purdue University	5/4/2026
Steinbeck	Lyndsey	8/10/2026	Applied Skills/Clark MS	Bachelors/1 yr.	Purdue University NW	5/18/2026
Bahl	Emily	8/10/2026	Applied Skills/Bibich Elem.	Bachelors/0	Indiana University NW	5/18/2026
Campbell (Lawson)	Abigail	8/10/2026	Applied Skills/Clark MS	Bachelors/0	Purdue University NW	6/15/2026
Romeli	Colleen	8/10/2026	Temp. Math/LCHS	Bachelors/5	Purdue University NW	6/15/2026
Kuypers	Josiah	8/10/2026	Temp. Math/LCHS	Bachelors/0	Purdue University NW	6/15/2026
Eklund	Cara	8/10/2026	Temp. Gr 5/Clark MS	Bachelors/0	Indiana University NW	6/15/2026
Knezevic	Jennifer	8/10/2026	Temp. Gr 5/Clark MS	Bachelors/4	Purdue University NW	6/15/2026
Munoz	Shannon	8/10/2026	Resource Teacher/Bibich Elem.	Masters/4	Saint Xavier University	6/15/2026
Copak	Tyler	8/10/2026	Temp. Physical Education/Kahler MS	Bachelors/1	Indiana University	6/15/2026
Meekma	Corinne	8/10/2026	Art Teacher/Grimmer MS	Bachelors/1	Indiana University NW	6/15/2026
Chase	Nolan	8/10/2026	Temp. English (ELA)/Kahler MS	Bachelors/0	Purdue University NW	6/15/2026
Parikh	Saheli	8/10/2026	Temp. Social Studies/Kahler MS	Bachelors/0	Purdue University	6/15/2026
Murray	Elizabeth	8/10/2026	Direct English/LCHS	Bachelors/9	Illinois State University	6/15/2026
Keonoe	Lauren	8/10/2026	Applied Skills/Protsman Elem.	Bachelors/15	Lewis University	6/15/2026
Mansour	Angelina	8/10/2026	Grade 2/Bibich Elem.	Bachelors/3	Purdue University NW	6/15/2026
Kickert	Brianna	8/10/2026	Temp. Grade 4/Bibich Elem.	Bachelors/1	Western Governors University	6/15/2026
LaBelle	Abigail	8/10/2026	Temp. Kindergarten/Bibich Elem.	Bachelors/0	Purdue University NW	6/15/2026
Padilla	Celia	7/20/2026	Assist. Elem. Prin. Student Services	Masters/13	Indiana University NW	6/15/2026
Green	Kelly	8/10/2026	Grade 3/Peifer Elem.	Bachelors/2	Purdue University NW	6/15/2026
Fowler	Jennifer	8/10/2026	Temp. Grade 3/Peifer Elem.	Bachelors/7	Purdue University NW	6/15/2026
Malesh	Cathryn	8/10/2026	Temp. Grade 3/Kolling Elem.	Bachelors/0	Indiana University	6/15/2026
Baran	Amy	8/12/2025	School Service Provider/Grimmer MS	Bachelors/1	Purdue University	6/15/2026
Stargel	Skylar	08/10/2026	Applied Skills/Protsman Elem.	Masters/6	Western Governors University	7/13/2026
Badger	Emily	8/10/2026	Temp. English (ELA)/Clark MS	Bachelors/4	Ball State University	7/13/2026
Nylen	Katie	8/10/2026	Temp. Grade 3/Peifer Elem.	Bachelors/2	Purdue University	7/13/2026
Bajda	Kaylyn	8/10/2026	Temp. Grade 4/Protsman Elem.	Bachelors/8	Concordia University	7/13/2026
Miller	Lauryn	8/10/2026	School Service Provider/Bibich Elem.	Masters/1	Indiana University NW	7/13/2026
Keelan	Michelle	8/10/2026	School Counselor/LCHS	Masters/4	Purdue University NW	8/3/2026
Ingram	Riley	8/10/2026	Temp. Math/LCHS	Bachelors/0	Purdue University NW	8/3/2026
Bassick	Rachel	8/10/2026	Temp. Kindergarten/Homan Elem.	Bachelors/12	DePauw University	8/3/2026
Price	Reagan	8/10/2026	Temp. Grade 5/Grimmer MS	Bachelors/0	Indiana University	8/17/2026
Smith	Cali	10/18/2026	Temp. Kindergarten/Kolling	Bachelors/0	Purdue University	8/17/2026
Noel	Adam	9/21/2026	Math Teacher/Grimmer MS	Masters/21	Indiana Wesleyan University	9/8/2026

9/8/2026

Substitutes - Hired

Employee Name	Hire Date	Job Description
Tiffany Bosker	8/25/2026	Sub Cafeteria
Barbara Kooy	8/26/2026	Classified Sub
Wendy Sarkkinen	8/31/2026	Sub Cafeteria
Sarah Morden	8/31/2026	Sub Cafeteria
Ljiliana Mitrovic	8/28/2026	Sub Custodian
Cali Smith	8/28/2026	Sub Teacher
Isabelle Rhein	8/28/2026	Sub Teacher
Maegan Veleeparambil	9/3/2026	Sub Teacher

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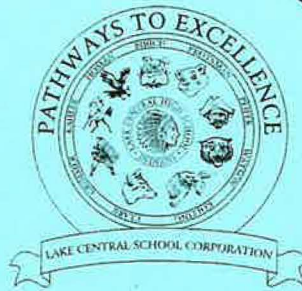
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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Yolanda Bracey, Director of Primary Education
DATE: September 3, 2026
RE: **Board Meeting of September 8, 2026**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

NAME	Emily Bahl, Gianna Bock
POSITION	Applied Skills Teachers
SCHOOL	Bibich Elementary
EVENT	CEC Sped Workshop
DATES	9/10 - 9/11/2026
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Early career special education teacher workshop
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Council for Exceptional Children
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$35 x (2) Estimated Hotel Cost - \$106.95 x (2) Estimated Required Fees - \$0 Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage x (2)
FUNDING	Corporation Title II

YB/vv

NAME	S. Venturelli, D. Pavlina, K. Tellez, M. Heinecke, T. Kelley, A. De Rosa
POSITION	Kindergarten Teachers
SCHOOL	Bibich Elementary
EVENT	Kindergarten Field Trip
DATES	10/02/2026
PLACE	Beecher, IL
DESCRIPTION	Field trip to the pumpkin patch
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Bibich Kindergarten Team
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Self-Funded

NAME	Cassandra Cruz
POSITION	Principal
SCHOOL	Kolling Elementary
EVENT	ISSSA Advanced Training
DATES	10/02/2026
PLACE	Elkhart, IN
DESCRIPTION	Required annual school safety training
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	IDOE
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$35 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$150.08 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage
FUNDING	684-7

NAME	Aly Juran, Becky Stevenson, Delayna Hackett, Rachel Bassick
POSITION	Kindergarten Teachers
SCHOOL	Homan Elementary
EVENT	Kindergarten Field Trip
DATES	10/09/2026
PLACE	Beecher, IL
DESCRIPTION	Field trip to the pumpkin patch
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Homan Kindergarten Team
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Self-Funded

NAME	Ashley Kostelnik
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	Peifer/Watson Elementary Schools
EVENT	INSHAPE Conference
DATES	11/04 - 11/06/2026
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Annual conference for physical education teachers
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	INSHAPE
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$343.98 Estimated Required Fees – \$851.78 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage
FUNDING	Corporation Title II

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TO: Board of School Trustees

FROM: Yolanda Bracey, Director of Elementary Education

DATE: September 3, 2026

RE: **Board Meeting of September 8, 2026**

FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

Sheri Venturelli, Debbie Pavlina, Krista Tellez, Mara Heinecke, Tiffany Kelley and Abigail De Rosa, Kindergarten teachers at Bibich Elementary, request to take approximately (104) Kindergarten students to Beecher, IL on October 2, 2026. The students will visit Windmill Acres Pumpkin Patch where they will learn about the life cycle of pumpkins. This is a self-funded event.

Aly Juran, Becky Stevenson, Delayna Hackett and Rachel Bassick, Kindergarten teachers at Homan Elementary, request to take approximately (80) Kindergarten students to Beecher, IL on October 9, 2026. The students will visit Windmill Acres Pumpkin Patch where they will learn about the life cycle of pumpkins. This is a self-funded event.

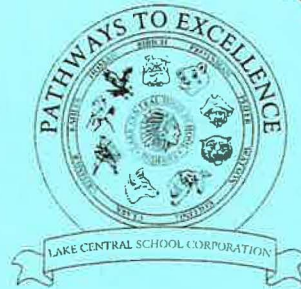
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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education
DATE: September 3, 2026
RE: **Board Meeting of September 8, 2026**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

NAME	Amy Eggebrecht, Shelly Ores, Kyle Stephens / Jolene Bogacki
POSITION	Reading Specialists / Instructional Coach
SCHOOL	Clark, Grimmer and Kahler Middle Schools
EVENT	UFLI Word Origins
DATES	9/10/2026
PLACE	Merrillville, IN
DESCRIPTION	Workshop focused on expanding students understanding of vocabulary through morphology and word study
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana University
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$0 Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage x (4)
FUNDING	Corporation Title II

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NAME	Megan Graman, Courtney Severin
POSITION	School Counselors
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Purdue University & Indiana University Joint Counselor Event
DATES	9/10/2026
PLACE	Merrillville, IN
DESCRIPTION	Admissions updates, affordability, financial aid and student resources information
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Purdue University & Indiana University
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage x (2)
FUNDING	6846-11300-58000-0002

NAME	Carrie Brown
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Dual Credit Workshop, ACP
DATES	9/10 - 9/11/2026
PLACE	Bloomington, IN
DESCRIPTION	Mandatory yearly training for DC Chemistry Teachers
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	IU Advanced College Project
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$35 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage
FUNDING	6846-11300-58000-0002

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NAME	Morgan Garton
POSITION	Girls Cross Country Coach
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Eagle Classic Invite
DATES	9/11 - 9/12/2026
PLACE	Nashville, IN
DESCRIPTION	Cross Country Invite
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Brown County Park
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Athletics

NAME	Laura Bloom-Johnson
POSITION	Teacher / Girls on the Move Sponsor
SCHOOL	Kahler Middle School
EVENT	Girls on the Move Field Trip
DATES	9/23/2026
PLACE	Valparaiso, IN
DESCRIPTION	Field trip to visit Rogers Lakewood Park and Valpo Velvet Ice Cream Shop
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Kahler Girls on the Move
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Self-Funded

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NAME	Michelle Keelan, Ginger Marinkovich
POSITION	School Counselors
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Ball State, IU Indy and USI Counselor Event
DATES	9/24/2026
PLACE	Merrillville, IN
DESCRIPTION	Admissions Presentation
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	BSU, IU Indy, USI
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage x (2)
FUNDING	6846-1 300-58000-0002

NAME	Kristen Marsh, Kevin Lewis
POSITION	Choir Director, Band Director
SCHOOL	Grimmer Middle School
EVENT	Choir & Band Field Trip
DATES	10/14/2026
PLACE	Chicago, IL
DESCRIPTION	Field trip to see the musical “Waitress”
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Grimmer Music Department
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Self-Funded

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NAME	Elsa Kluga
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Spanish 4H Field Trip
DATES	10/16/2026
PLACE	Chicago, IL
DESCRIPTION	Field trip to visit the Museum of Mexican Art
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	LCHS World Language Department
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Self-Funded

NAME	Richard Moore / Joe Stanis
POSITION	Associate Principal / Assistant Principal
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	IASP Assistant Principals Conference
DATES	11/15 - 11/17/2026
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Annual Assistant Principals Conference
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	IASP
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 x (2) Estimated Hotel Cost – \$500 x (2) Estimated Required Fees – \$219 x (2) Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage & Parking x (2)
FUNDING	6846-11300-58000-0002

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NAME	Kristina Collard
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	National High School Journalism Convention
DATES	11/17 - 11/22/2026
PLACE	Orlando, FL
DESCRIPTION	Annual Journalism Convention
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Journalism Education Association and National Scholastic Press Association
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Self-Funded

NAME	Kim Kwiecinski, Saheli Parikh, Brittany Lewis, Melissa Gonnella
POSITION	Teachers
SCHOOL	Kahler Middle School
EVENT	6th Gr Social Studies Field Trip
DATES	11/18/2026
PLACE	Schaumburg, IL
DESCRIPTION	Field Trip to Medieval Times
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Kahler Social Studies Department
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Self-Funded

Board Meeting of September 8, 2026

NAME	Erin Novak, Kari Regan
POSITION	Principal / Assistant Principal
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	IASP Fall Professionals Conference
DATES	11/22 - 11/24/2026
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Annual IASP Fall Conference
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	IASP
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 x (2) Estimated Hotel Cost – \$345 x (1) Estimated Required Fees – \$304 x (2) Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage & Parking
FUNDING	6846-11300-58000-0002

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Director of Student Services

TO: Board of School Trustees

FROM: Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education

DATE: September 3, 2026

RE: **Board Meeting of September 8, 2026**

FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

Morgan Garton, teacher at Peifer Elementary and Girls Cross Country Coach at LCHS, requests to take approximately (10) members of the Girls Cross Country Team to Nashville, IN on September 11 - September 12, 2026. The team will compete in the Eagle Classic Invite at Brown County Park. All fees will be covered by athletics.

Laura Bloom-Johnson, teacher and Girls on the Move Sponsor at Kahler Middle School, requests to take approximately (42) members of the Girls on the Move Club to Valparaiso, IN on September 23, 2026. The group will visit Rogers Lakewood Park to meet a graphic designer and learn about her work. They will also visit Valpo Velvet Ice Cream Shop. This is a self-funded event.

Kristen Marsh, Choir Director and Kevin Lewis, Band Director at Grimmer Middle School request to take approximately (100) choir and band students to Chicago, IL on October 14, 2026. The choir and band students will visit the Nederlander Theatre to see the musical "Waitress" and then have dinner at Ed Debevic's. This is a self-funded event.

Elsa Kluga, teacher at LCHS, requests to take approximately (24) Spanish 4H students to Chicago, IL on October 16, 2026. The students will visit the National Museum of Mexican Art. Then they will return to St. John, IN and enjoy lunch at La Carreta Restaurant. This is a self-funded event.

MS/vv

Kristina Collard, teacher at LCHS, requests to take approximately (17) publications and broadcasting students to Orlando, FL on November 17 - November 22, 2026. The students will attend the National High School Journalism Convention where they will hear keynote speakers, attend sessions, and participate in contests. This is a self-funded event.

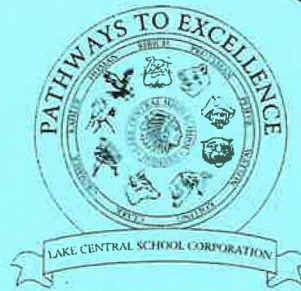
Kim Kwiecinski, Saheli Parikh, Brittany Lewis and Melissa Gonnella, teachers at Kahler Middle School, request to take approximately (230) 6th grade Social Studies students to Schaumburg, IL on November 18, 2026. The students will visit Medieval Times where they will enjoy a live tournament revolving around the Middle Ages. This is a self-funded event.

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Director of Student Services

TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Mary Rebey, Director of Student Services
DATE: September 3, 2026
RE: **Board Meeting of September 8, 2026**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

NAME	Marisa Jagadich
POSITION	Educational Diagnostician
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Renewal
DATES	9/23/2026
PLACE	Schaumburg, IL
DESCRIPTION	Recertification training
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Crisis Prevention Institute
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$2499 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage
FUNDING	6460-1241-312-0001

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Rob James
Director of Business Services

To: Board of School Trustees

From: Mr. Rob James, Director of Business Services

Date: September 3, 2026

RE: Board Meeting September 8, 2026

Donations (Action Required)

Received

The local Tri Kappa, Zeta Psi Chapter donated the following amounts to the Music / Theatre Departments at each school:

Lake Central High School - \$2,000

Each Middle School - \$1,000

Each Elementary School - \$600

Clark Middle School received two \$100 donations in August from Cybergrants, LLC on behalf of Charities Aid Foundation of America on behalf of Constellation. A Clark parent, Raymond Stringer, made the donations through his employer (Constellation).

Bibich Elementary School received a donation of \$2,135.40 from Boosters Enterprises.

The LCHS Band received a donation of \$3,000 from the new St John Jewel grocery store.

Professional Leave Requests (Action Required)

I am requesting professional leave to attend the four quarterly IASBO Board of Directors meetings during the 2026-2027 school year, as detailed in the Board packet.

Permission to Advertise 2027 Budget, Capital Project Plan, and Bus Replacement Plan (Action Required)

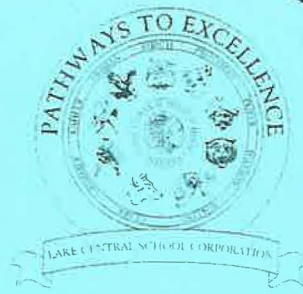
I will be giving a presentation to the School Board regarding the upcoming 2027 Budget. At the completion, I will ask the Board permission to advertise the 2027 Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and 5-Year Bus Replacement Plans. The Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and Bus Replacement Plan will be posted on the State's Gateway website, as well as on our school corporation website.

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Rob James
Director of Business Services

TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Rob James, Director of Business Services
DATE: September 3, 2026
RE: **Board Meeting Of September 8, 2026**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE

NAME	Rob James
POSITION	Director of Business Services
SCHOOL	Lake Central School Corporation
EVENT	2026-2027 IASBO Board of Directors Meetings
DATES	September 10, 2026 December 2, 2026 March 5, 2027 June 3-4, 2027
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	2026-2027 IASBO Board of Directors Meetings
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana Association of School Business Officials
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$0 Estimated Travel Cost - \$0
FUNDING	None; IASBO pays for all expenses



2027 Budget Presentation

Lake Central School Corporation

September 8, 2026

2027 Budget Presentation

- 2027 Budget Calendar
- Budget Preparation
 - Revenues, Expenditures, Assessed Values, Tax Credit Revenue Losses
- Capital Projects Plan
- Bus Replacement Plan
- Estimate of Funds to be Raised / Budget Amounts
- Historical Comparison
- Recommendation

Budget Calendar

- September 8, 2026 - Budget Presentation and Permission to advertise 2027 Budget
- September 9, 2026 - Post Notice of Public Hearing
- September 21, 2026 - Public Hearing - 2027 Budget
- October 19, 2026 - Adoption of 2027 Budget

2027 Budget Preparation – Legislative Review - Revenue

	Appropriation for K-12 Tuition Support in the State Budget	Lake Central Funding per Student
FY 2020	\$7,331,500,000	\$5,769
FY 2021	\$7,514,400,000	\$5,925
FY 2022	\$7,860,000,000	\$6,269
FY 2023	\$8,200,000,000	\$6,509
FY 2024	\$8,840,000,000	\$6,850
FY 2025	\$9,030,000,000	\$6,945
FY 2026	\$9,370,000,000	\$7,245
FY 2027	\$9,650,000,000	\$7,350

2027 Budget Preparation – Revenue Challenges

- State Tuition Support revenue for July - December 2026 will be based on our October 2026 ADM count and our January - June 2027 revenue will be based on our February 2027 ADM count.
- Therefore, the revenue to support this 2027 calendar year budget is based on ADM counts in February 2027 and October 2027.
- Our graduating senior classes have been over 200 students larger than the incoming kindergarten class. Even through we get move ins at all grade levels, the shifting of the cohort is causing our overall district student population to decrease.

2027 Budget Preparation – Revenue Challenges

- In addition to the cohort changes, we are also seeing an increase in the number of students living within our boundaries who are utilizing vouchers and attending parochial schools.
- As of now, we are estimated to be down ~150 students from the fall 2025 ADM count. At \$7,350 per student, that equates to ~\$1,102,500 lost revenue. However, with the funding increase per student, our revenue from the school funding formula should be down ~\$250,000 from the amount received for the 2025-2026 school year.
- We anticipate an annual decrease in the overall ADM to continue in the upcoming years.

2027 Budget Preparation – Expenditures

- Payroll and Benefits comprise over 87% of the expenditures of our operating funds. With anticipated student and revenue decreases in our Education Fund, we are continuously reviewing our staffing levels and absorbing positions in order to decrease our expenses.
- Health Insurance costs continue to rise for the school district and for our employees
- We continue to also see increased costs in other areas such as property insurance, utilities, security, technology, cybersecurity measures, and school buses

2027 Budget Preparation – Expenditures

	2021	2026	% Increase
School Buses	\$117,000 per bus	\$160,000 per bus	37%
Insurance	\$750,000	\$1,400,000	87%
Utilities	\$2,800,000 (annual)	\$3,900,000 (annual)	39%

- These are significant hits to our Operations Fund and we have no control over any of the cost increases.
- Decreases in future revenues could force school districts to issue debt to pay for the regular building upkeep and repairs.

Net Assessed Value (NAV)

- Tax Rates are applied to the NAV to generate a tax levy (the levy is the dollar amount to be raised)
 - Taxpayers struggle to know the difference between replacement value (insurance purposes), gross assessed value (market value), and the net assessed value of property (taxable value)
- Significant changes to the property tax formula from 2025's SEA-1 is causing revenue shock to all tax supported entities.
- Local NAV's are expected to decrease which will lead to increased tax rates, and in turn, larger circuit breaker losses to local government.

NAV Projection – June 2025

Lake Central School Corporation



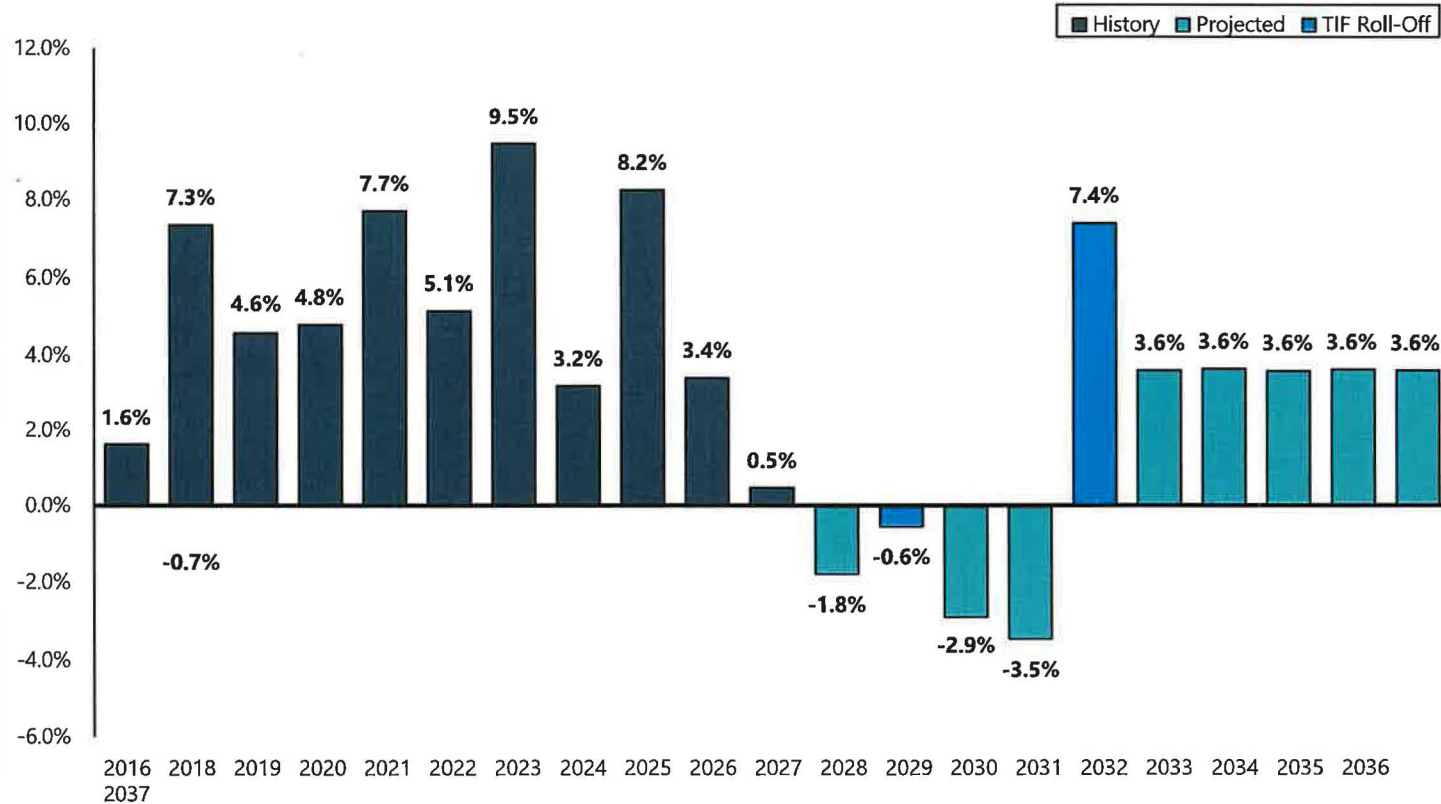
Lake Central Net Assessed Value

- Our 2026 Net Assessed Valuation (NAV) is \$6,393,890,035
 - \$7,033,799,394 for our Referendum Funds
- The NAV increased by \$210,515,086 (3.4%) from 2025 to 2026
 - NAV for Referendum Funds increased by \$235,010,746
- Due to 2025's SEA-1 legislation, NAV's are expected to decrease in upcoming years.
 - Because of higher than expected growth in GROSS Assessed Values, preliminary reports indicate our Net AV for 2027 will actually increase by ~0.50%

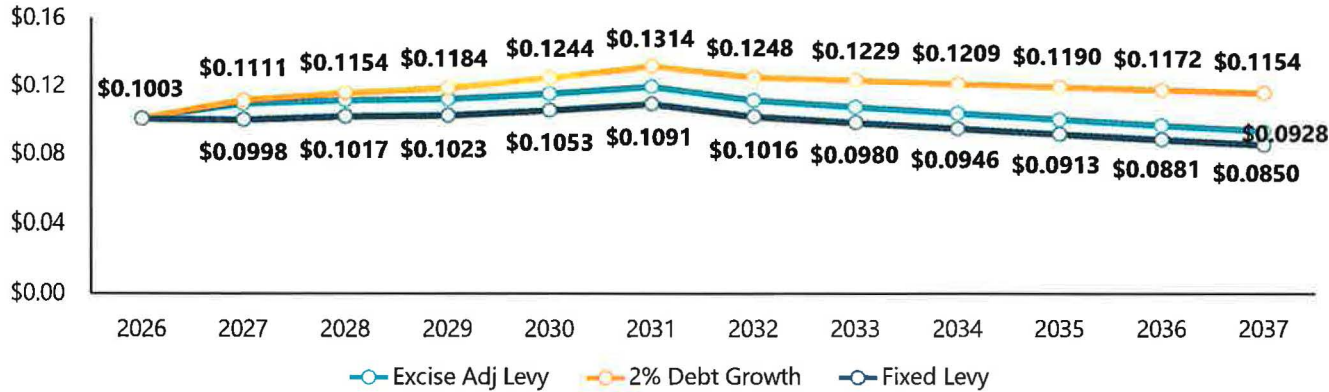
Certified NAV Annual Projection – August 2026

Baseline AV

- SEA 1 2025 contains provisions that change the tax base for local governmental units moving forward.
- The deductions contained in SEA 1 phase in over the period between 2026 and 2031 (pay year).
- In 2027, the de minimis business personal property exemption is increased to \$2M.
- Once SEA 1 is fully implemented, net assessed values are projected to increase by approximately **3.6%** annually.
- **In 2029, the St John EDA 1 TIF expires**
- **In 2032, the Kennedy Avenue EDA TIF expires**



Projected Rates: Debt Service Rate



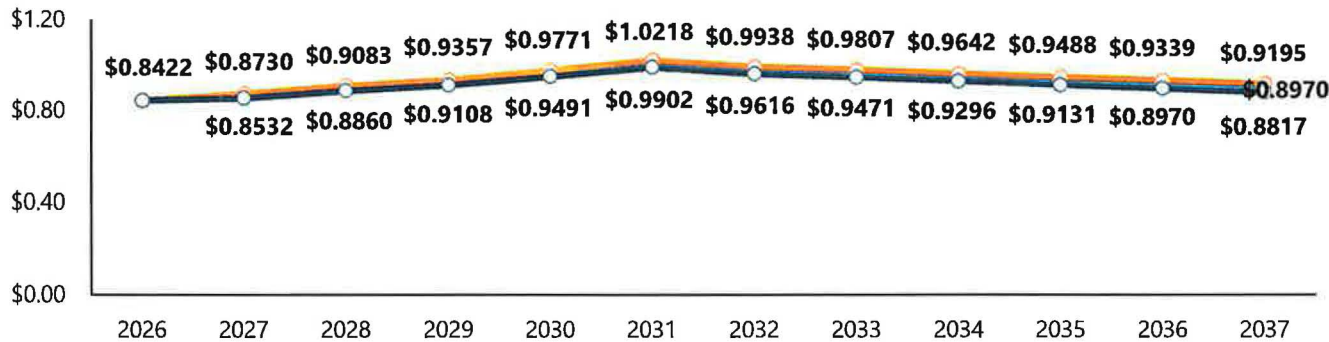
\$0.4176

State Average Debt Rate
2026 Actual

\$0.4566

Projected State Average
2031 – Excise Adj Levy

Projected Rates: Total School Rate



\$1.0263

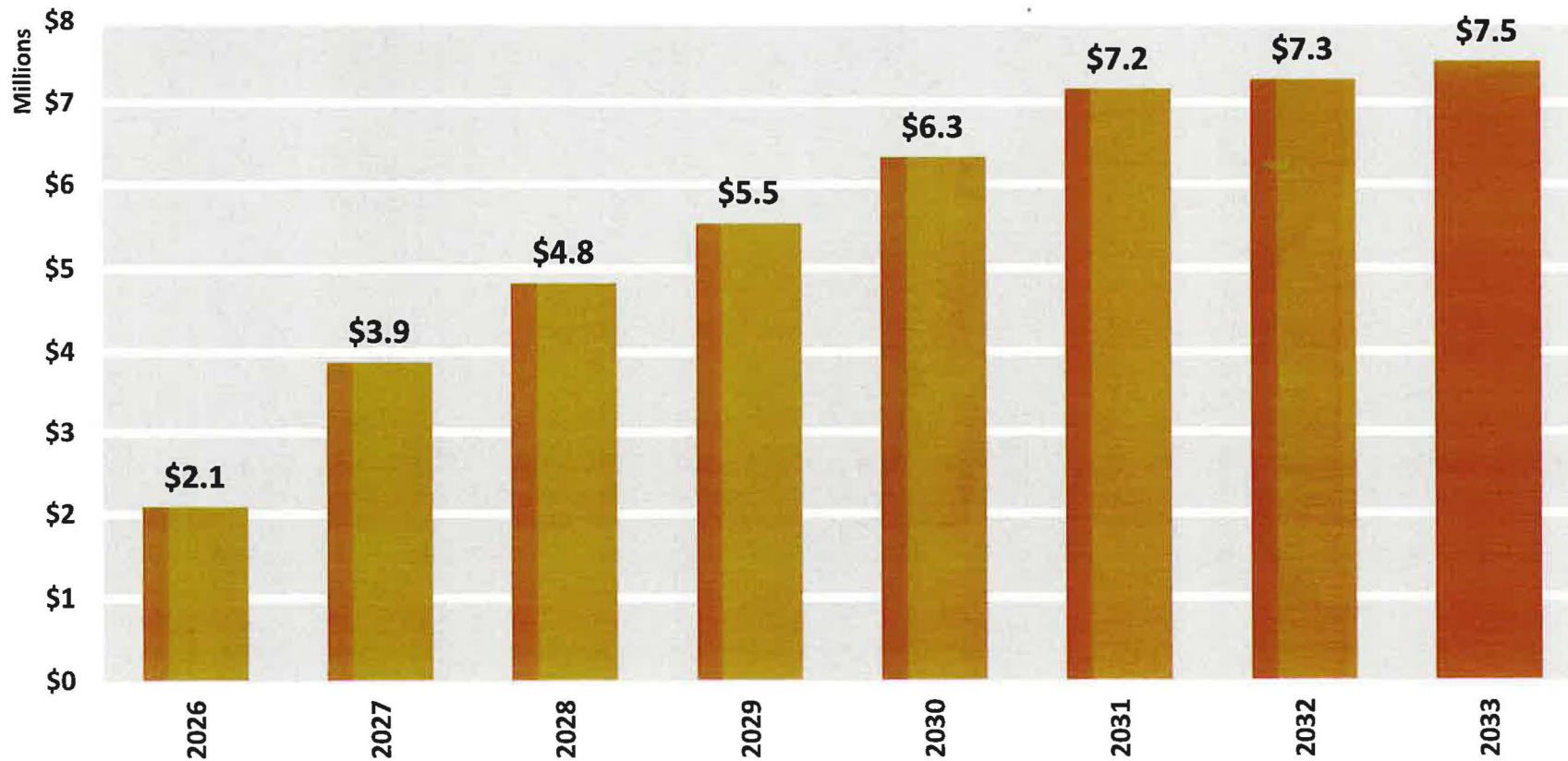
State Average Total Rate
2026 Actual

\$1.2748

Projected State Average
2031 – Excise Adj Levy

Loss of Operations & Operating Referendum Revenue

Lake Central School Corporation – *June 2025; Increased Circuit Breaker; New Homestead Credit; Old \$0.17 Referendum Rate*



DLGF Estimated 2026 Tax Credit Revenue Losses (Tax Caps & Homestead Credits) - Lake Central School Corporation

County	45 - Lake County
Unit Name	Lake Central School Corporation

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Historical Property Tax Credit Information - Civil Funds	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 Estimate (DLGF)	2026 Estimate (Override)
Credit Loss	230,282	205,368	297,596	88,013	139,456	2,025,600	
Percent Change in Credit Loss		-11%	45%	-70%	58%	1353%	
Certified Civil Levy (Includes Civil Debt)	42,317,004	42,005,454	49,185,429	48,046,876	51,892,165	58,700,000	
Property Tax Credit Loss as % of Civil Certified Levy	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	3%	

2026 Projected Credit Loss Detail & Override

Projected Tax Cap, Over 65 Circuit Breaker, and County Optional Circuit Breaker Credit Loss
(IC 6-1.1-20.6-7.5; IC 6-1.1-20.6-8.5; IC 6-1.1-49)

DLGF Estimate Override (Optional)

398,000

Projected Local Property Tax Credit Loss
(IC 6-1.1-51.3)

57,600

Projected Supplemental Homestead Credit Loss
(IC 6-1.1-20.6-7.7)

1,570,000

**2026 Total
Projected
Property Tax
Credit Loss**

2,025,600

DLGF Estimated 2026 Tax Credit Revenue

Losses (Tax Caps & Homestead Credits)

Town of Schererville

County	45 - Lake County
Unit Name	Schererville Civil Town

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Historical Property Tax Credit Information - Civil Funds	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 Estimate (DLGF)	2026 Estimate (Override)
Credit Loss	6,770	8,017	14,750	18,270	21,463	783,920	
Percent Change in Credit Loss		18%	84%	24%	17%	3552%	
Certified Civil Levy (Includes Civil Debt)	12,505,069	12,518,335	12,944,868	13,456,023	13,903,688	58,700,000	
Property Tax Credit Loss as % of Civil Certified Levy	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	

2026 Projected Credit Loss Detail & Override

Projected Tax Cap, Over 65 Circuit Breaker, and County Optional Circuit Breaker Credit Loss
(IC 6-1.1-20.6-7.5; IC 6-1.1-20.6-8.5; IC 6-1.1-49)

DLGF Estimate Override (Optional)

21,370

Projected Local Property Tax Credit Loss
(IC 6-1.1-51.3)

18,250

Projected Supplemental Homestead Credit Loss
(IC 6-1.1-20.6-7.7)

744,300

**2026 Total
Projected
Property Tax
Credit Loss**

783,920

DLGF Estimated 2026 Tax Credit Revenue

Losses (Tax Caps & Homestead Credits)

Town of St John

County	45 - Lake County
Unit Name	St. John Civil Town

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Historical Property Tax Credit Information - Civil Funds	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 Estimate (DLGF)	2026 Estimate (Override)
Credit Loss	36,669	9,343	17,000	7,330	5,848	600,620	
Percent Change in Credit Loss		-75%	82%	-57%	-20%	10171%	
Certified Civil Levy (Includes Civil Debt)	7,038,384	7,584,980	8,304,340	8,994,564	9,309,333	58,700,000	
Property Tax Credit Loss as % of Civil Certified Levy	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	

2026 Projected Credit Loss Detail & Override

Projected Tax Cap, Over 65 Circuit Breaker, and County Optional Circuit Breaker Credit Loss
(IC 6-1.1-20.6-7.5; IC 6-1.1-20.6-8.5; IC 6-1.1-49)

DLGF Estimate Override (Optional)
7,080

Projected Local Property Tax Credit Loss
(IC 6-1.1-51.3)

4,340

Projected Supplemental Homestead Credit Loss
(IC 6-1.1-20.6-7.7)

589,200

2026 Total
Projected
Property Tax
Credit Loss

600,620

2025 & 2026 Tax Credit Revenue Losses

(Tax Caps & Homestead Credits)

County	School	2025	2026	\$ Change	% Change
Lake	Crown Point	\$ 2,163,094	\$ 4,301,649	\$ 2,138,555	99%
Lake	East Chicago	\$ 3,654,477	\$ 4,789,528	\$ 1,135,051	31%
Lake	Gary	\$ 22,763,010	\$ 27,492,814	\$ 4,729,804	21%
Lake	Griffith	\$ 1,071,220	\$ 1,613,201	\$ 541,981	51%
Lake	Hammond	\$ 7,016,568	\$ 6,564,315	\$ (452,253)	-6%
Lake	Hanover	\$ 28,253	\$ 1,160,508	\$ 1,132,255	4008%
Lake	Highland	\$ 154,466	\$ 1,263,400	\$ 1,108,934	718%
Lake	Hobart	\$ 3,174,880	\$ 4,354,195	\$ 1,179,315	37%
Lake	Lake Central	\$ 139,456	\$ 2,116,464	\$ 1,977,008	1418%
Lake	Lake Ridge	\$ 2,898,209	\$ 3,031,777	\$ 133,568	5%
Lake	Lake Station	\$ 591,952	\$ 604,507	\$ 12,555	2%
Lake	Merrillville	\$ 1,038,268	\$ 2,388,722	\$ 1,350,454	130%
Lake	Munster	\$ 656,086	\$ 1,415,360	\$ 759,274	116%
Lake	River Forest	\$ 762,098	\$ 944,446	\$ 182,348	24%
Lake	Tri Creek	\$ 645,321	\$ 2,045,166	\$ 1,399,845	217%
Lake	Whiting	\$ 854,051	\$ 1,136,721	\$ 282,670	33%
Porter	Boone Township	\$ 147,792	\$ 350,537	\$ 202,745	137%
Porter	Duneland	\$ 819,984	\$ 2,076,821	\$ 1,256,837	153%
Porter	East Porter	\$ 169,123	\$ 659,509	\$ 490,386	290%
Porter	Portage Township	\$ 2,425,236	\$ 2,914,561	\$ 489,325	20%
Porter	Porter Township	\$ 4,792	\$ 586,296	\$ 581,504	12135%
Porter	Union Township	\$ 7,465	\$ 473,130	\$ 465,665	6238%
Porter	Valparaiso	\$ 277,120	\$ 1,007,546	\$ 730,426	264%
Lake	Town of Dyer	\$ 165,022	\$ 909,969	\$ 744,947	451%
Lake	Town of Schererville	\$ 21,463	\$ 987,663	\$ 966,200	4502%
Lake	Town of St John	\$ 5,848	\$ 837,213	\$ 831,365	14216%

* In determining the Operating Referendum rate we would need to offset these losses, in June '25 Policy Analytics estimated the tax credit loss for the Lake Central School Corporation would be **\$2,118,200** in 2026.

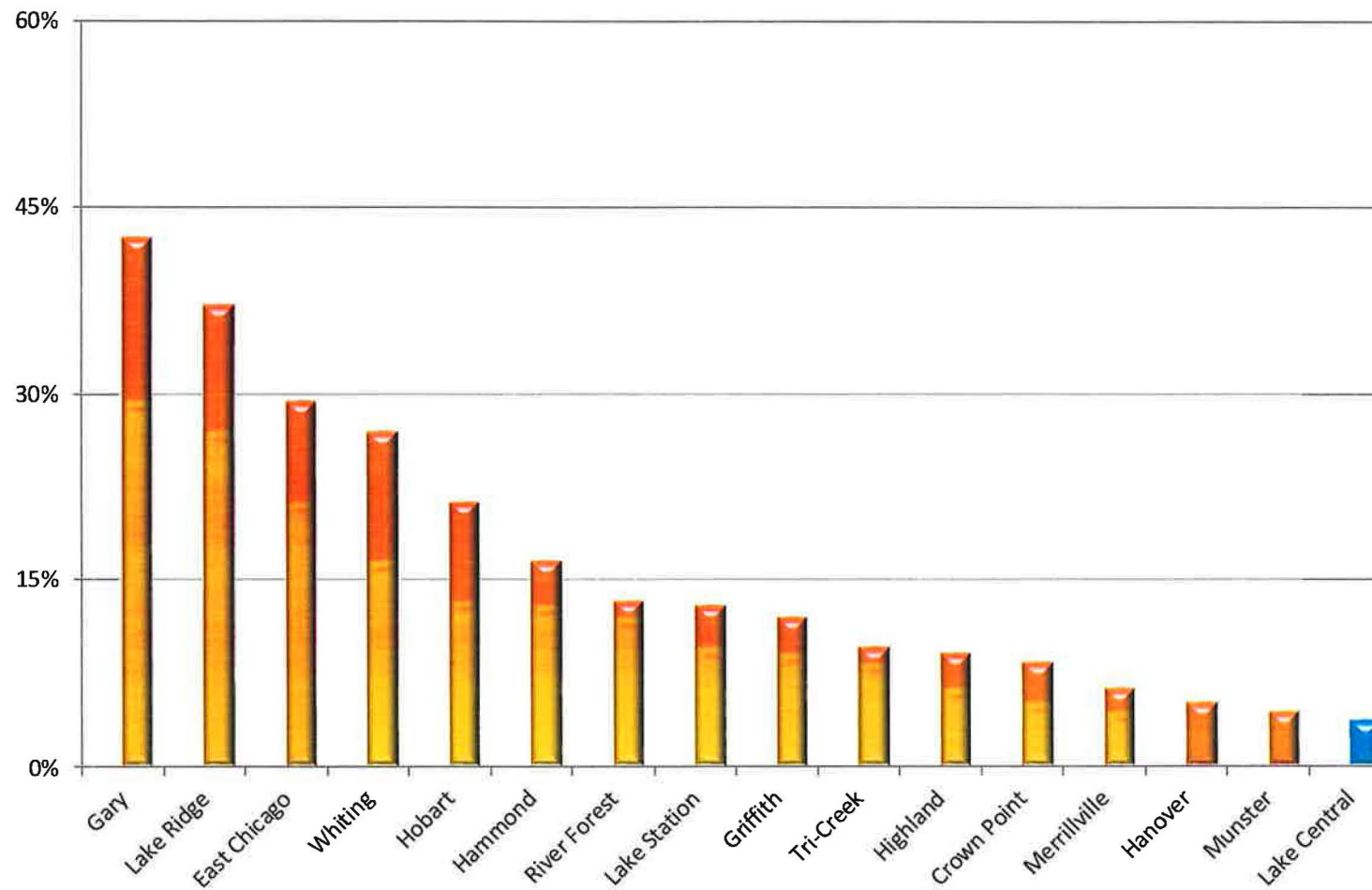
2026 Tax Credit Impact

	2026 Certified <u>Levy</u>	Total Tax Credit <u>Revenue Loss</u>	Percentage of Certified <u>Levy Lost</u>
Gary	\$ 64,599,769	\$ 27,492,814	42.56%
Lake Ridge	8,148,786	3,031,777	37.21%
East Chicago	16,240,615	4,789,528	29.49%
Whiting	4,198,375	1,136,721	27.08%
Hobart	20,329,272	4,354,195	21.42%
Hammond	39,658,263	6,564,315	16.55%
River Forest	7,087,679	944,446	13.33%
Lake Station	4,653,361	604,507	12.99%
Griffith	13,495,405	1,613,201	11.95%
Tri-Creek	21,409,113	2,045,166	9.55%
Highland	13,967,687	1,263,400	9.05%
Crown Point	51,716,566	4,301,649	8.32%
Merrillville	38,289,530	2,388,722	6.24%
Hanover	22,165,016	1,160,508	5.24%
Munster	31,426,247	1,415,360	4.50%
Lake Central	56,634,867	2,116,464	3.74%

2026 Tax Credit Impact

Tax Credit Impact for Lake County School Districts (Tax Caps & Homestead Credits)

2025 Pay 2026



2027-2029 Capital Projects Plan

Project Description	Location	Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date	Estimated Project Cost
Replace 4 RTU Control Cards	Lake Central High School	6/1/2027	8/1/2027	25,000
Replace Box Sign	Kahler Middle School	6/1/2027	8/1/2027	20,000
Parking Lot Paving	Grimmer Middle School	6/1/2027	8/1/2027	100,000
Paint & Patch Upper Soffit	Grimmer Middle School	6/1/2027	8/1/2027	40,000
Replace 4 RTU Control Cards	Clark Middle School	6/1/2027	8/1/2027	25,000
Roof Replacements	Clark Middle School	6/1/2027	8/1/2027	50,000
New School Sign	Homan Elementary	6/1/2027	8/1/2027	20,000
Roof Replacements	Homan Elementary	6/1/2027	8/1/2027	100,000
Roof Replacements	Peifer Elementary	6/1/2027	8/1/2027	100,000
Retile Common Bathroom Floors	Peifer Elementary	6/1/2027	8/1/2027	50,000
Replace Gym Floor	Peifer Elementary	6/1/2027	8/1/2027	100,000
Parking Lot Paving	Watson Elementary	6/1/2027	8/1/2027	50,000

2027-2029 Capital Projects Plan Cont.

Project Description	Location	Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date	Estimated Project Cost
Renovate LGI Room	Lake Central High School	6/1/2028	8/1/2028	100,000
Replace Gym Floor	Kahler Middle School	6/1/2028	8/1/2028	250,000
Replace Gym Bleachers	Kahler Middle School	6/1/2028	8/1/2028	100,000
Parking Lot Paving	Clark Middle School	6/1/2028	8/1/2028	150,000
Parking Lot Paving	Bibich Elementary	6/1/2028	8/1/2028	50,000
Paint Gym	Bibich Elementary	6/1/2028	8/1/2028	25,000
Carpet Replacements	Homan Elementary	6/1/2028	8/1/2028	75,000
Paint Gym	Homan Elementary	6/1/2028	8/1/2028	25,000
Paint Gym	Kolling Elementary	6/1/2028	8/1/2028	25,000
Replace RTU in Cafeteria	Kolling Elementary	6/1/2028	8/1/2028	100,000
Paint Gym	Peifer Elementary	6/1/2028	8/1/2028	25,000
Parking Lot Paving	Protsman Elementary	6/1/2028	8/1/2028	50,000
Paint Gym	Watson Elementary	6/1/2028	8/1/2028	25,000
Roof Replacements	Watson Elementary	6/1/2028	8/1/2028	50,000
Carpet Replacements	Homan Elementary	6/1/2029	8/1/2029	50,000

2027-2029 Capital Projects Plan Cont.

Asset Description	Estimated Acquisition Cost
Purchase of new lawn maintenance trailer - 2027	\$ 15,000
Purchase of new riding mower for maintenace crew - 2027	15,000
Purchase of new salt spreader - 2027	10,000

2027-2031 Bus Replacement Plan

REPLACEMENT COST OF BUS/VEHICLE DURING SPECIFIED YEAR

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COUNT NUMBER OF BUSES	Bus Description	CORP. ID NO.	TYPE OF BUS/ VEHICLE PER DOE "TN"	OWNED OR LEASE	Estimated Replacement Costs				
					2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
1	2009 GMC	2061	A	OWNED		120,000			
2	2011 GMC	2067	A	OWNED			122,000		
3	2011 GMC	2068	A	OWNED			122,000		
4	2011 Collins	2070	A	OWNED			122,000		
5	2017 International	12	C	OWNED					
6	2017 International	91	C	OWNED		163,000			
7	2018 International	55	C	OWNED		173,000			
8	2018 International	60	C	OWNED		173,000			
9	2018 International	30	C	OWNED		163,000			
10	2018 International	31	C	OWNED		163,000			
11	2018 International	34	C	OWNED		163,000			
12	2018 International	36	C	OWNED			165,000		
13	2018 International	46	C	OWNED			165,000		
14	2018 Blue Bird	58	C	OWNED	171,000				
15	2018 Blue Bird	62	C	OWNED	171,000				
16	2018 Blue Bird	66	C	OWNED	171,000				
17	2018 Blue Bird	67	C	OWNED	171,000				
18	2018 International	1	C	OWNED			165,000		

2027-2031 Bus Replacement Plan Cont.

REPLACEMENT COST OF BUS/VEHICLE DURING SPECIFIED YEAR

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COUNT NUMBER OF BUSES	Bus Description	CORP. ID NO.	TYPE OF BUS/ VEHICLE PER DOE "TN"	OWNED OR LEASE	Estimated Replacement Costs				
					2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
19	2018 International	2	C	OWNED	161,000				
20	2018 International	5	C	OWNED	161,000				
21	2018 Blue Bird	7	C	OWNED			165,000		
22	2020 Blue Bird	15	C	OWNED				167,000	
23	2020 Blue Bird	18	C	OWNED				167,000	
24	2020 Blue Bird	23	C	OWNED				167,000	
25	2020 Blue Bird	24	C	OWNED				167,000	
26	2020 Blue Bird	26	C	OWNED				167,000	
27	2020 Blue Bird	27	C	OWNED				167,000	
28	2020 Blue Bird	28	C	OWNED				167,000	
29	2020 Blue Bird	50	C	OWNED					179,000
30	2020 Blue Bird	63	C	OWNED					179,000
31	2020 Blue Bird	70	C	OWNED					169,000
32	2020 Mini Blue Bird	2066	A	OWNED					
33	2021 Blue Bird	8	C	OWNED					169,000
34	2021 Blue Bird	9	C	OWNED					169,000
35	2021 Blue Bird	11	C	OWNED					169,000
36	2021 Blue Bird	19	C	OWNED					169,000
37	2021 Blue Bird	20	C	OWNED					
38	2021 Blue Bird	25	C	OWNED					
39	2021 Blue Bird	82	C	OWNED					
40	2021 Blue Bird	85	C	OWNED					
41	2021 Blue Bird	87	C	OWNED					

2027-2031 Bus Replacement Plan Cont.

REPLACEMENT COST OF BUS/VEHICLE DURING SPECIFIED YEAR

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					2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
42	2021 Blue Bird	68	C	OWNED					
43	2022 Blue Bird	16	C	OWNED					
44	2022 Blue Bird	21	C	OWNED					
45	2022 Blue Bird	47	C	OWNED					
46	2022 Blue Bird	49	C	OWNED					
47	2022 Blue Bird	64	C	OWNED					
48	2022 Blue Bird	83	C	OWNED					
49	2022 Blue Bird	86	C	OWNED					
50	2022 Blue Bird	92	C	OWNED					
51	2022 Blue Bird	95	C	OWNED					
52	2022 Blue Bird	97	C	OWNED					
53	2024 Blue Bird	10	C	OWNED					
54	2024 Blue Bird	13	C	OWNED					
55	2024 Blue Bird	29	C	OWNED					
56	2024 Blue Bird	57	C	OWNED					
57	2024 Blue Bird	71	C	OWNED					
58	2024 Blue Bird	76	C	OWNED					
59	2024 Blue Bird	81	C	OWNED					
60	2024 Blue Bird	88	C	OWNED					
61	2024 Blue Bird	93	C	OWNED					
62	2024 Blue Bird	42	C	OWNED					
63	2024 Blue Bird	56	C	OWNED					
64	2024 Blue Bird	59	C	OWNED					
65	2024 Blue Bird	61	C	OWNED					

2027-2031 Bus Replacement Plan Cont.

REPLACEMENT COST OF BUS/VEHICLE DURING SPECIFIED YEAR

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COUNT NUMBER OF BUSES	Bus Description	CORP. ID NO.	TYPE OF BUS/ VEHICLE PER DOE "TN"	OWNED OR LEASE	Estimated Replacement Costs				
					2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
66	2024 Blue Bird	69	C	OWNED					
67	2024 Blue Bird	75	C	OWNED					
68	2024 Blue Bird	80	C	OWNED					
69	2024 Blue Bird	2062	A	OWNED					
70	2024 Blue Bird	2063	A	OWNED					
71	2024 Blue Bird	2064	A	OWNED					
72	2024 Blue Bird	2065	A	OWNED					
73	2025 Blue Bird	6	C	OWNED					
74	2025 Blue Bird	32	C	OWNED					
75	2025 Blue Bird	33	C	OWNED					
76	2025 Blue Bird	35	C	OWNED					
77	2025 Blue Bird	37	C	OWNED					
78	2025 Blue Bird	38	A	OWNED					
79	2025 Blue Bird	39	C	OWNED					
80	2025 Blue Bird	40	C	OWNED					
81	2026 Blue Bird	41	C	OWNED					
82	2026 Blue Bird	51	C	OWNED					
83	2026 Blue Bird	52	C	OWNED					
84	2026 Blue Bird	53	C	OWNED					
85	2026 Blue Bird	65	C	OWNED					
86	2027 Blue Bird	14	C	OWNED					
87	2027 Blue Bird	17	C	OWNED					
88	2027 Blue Bird	43	C	OWNED					
89	2027 Blue Bird	44	C	OWNED					
		Replacement Cost Totals			\$ 1,006,000	\$ 1,118,000	\$ 1,026,000	\$ 1,169,000	\$ 1,203,000

Estimate Of Funds To Be Raised

FUNDS REQUIRED FOR EXPENSES TO DECEMBER 31 OF INCOMING YEAR	EDUCATION FUND	OPERATIONS FUND	REFERENDUM OPERATING FUND
1. Total Budget Estimate for ensuing year, Jan 1 to Dec. 31, inclusive.	74,500,000	28,000,000	14,000,000
1a. School Transfer Out - To Operations Fund	6,300,000	-	2,500,000
1b. School Transfer Out - To Rainy Day Fund	-	-	3,000,000
2. Balance of appropriations from July 1 to Dec. 31 of present year less any reductions made by governing body of present year	37,599,132	13,765,691	7,278,854
3. Additional appropriations anticipated from July 1 through December 31 of present year	-	-	-
4. Outstanding Temporary Loans			
a. To be paid not included in lines 2 or 3	-	-	-
b. Not repaid by Dec. 31 of present year	-	-	-
5. Total estimated expenditures (lines 1-4b)	118,399,132	41,765,691	26,778,854
FUNDS ON HAND AND TO BE RECEIVED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN PROPOSED TAX LEVY			
6. Actual Cash Balance, June 30 of present year	13,562,908	16,289,508	18,235,640
7. Anticipated Property Tax Collections (Estimated Dec. Settlement Amount)	-	8,901,990	7,302,482
8. Other revenue anticipated from July 1 to Dec. 31 of present year (Schedule on File)			
a. Total Column A, Budget Form No. 2	36,081,300	3,709,925	198,000
b. Total Column B, Budget Form No. 2	71,790,000	9,409,550	720,000
9. TOTAL FUNDS (Add lines 6, 7, 8a and 8b)	121,434,208	38,310,973	26,456,122
10. NET AMOUNT REQUIRED TO BE RAISED FOR EXPENSES TO DEC. 31 OF ENSUING YEAR (deduct line 9 from line 5)	-	3,454,718	322,732
11. Operating Balance, CPF Allocations for Future projects or Bus Replacement Allocations (Excess Funds)	3,035,076	17,500,000	17,449,301
12. TOTAL (Add lines 10 and 11)	-	20,954,718	17,772,033
13. Property Tax Replacement Credit From County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (CAGIT)	-	-	-
14. Total Less Property Tax Replacement Credit (line 12 less line 13).	-	20,954,718	17,772,033
15. Levy Excess (Collections in excess of 102% from a prior year) applied to levy.		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
16. Net Amount To Be Raised (line 14 less line 15).	-	20,954,718	17,772,033
Net Assessed Valuation of taxable property for year 2026 payable 2027	-	6,200,000,000	6,900,000,000
Tax Rate per one hundred dollars of taxable property:	\$ -	\$ 0.3380	\$ 0.2576

Estimate Of Funds To Be Raised Cont.

FUNDS REQUIRED FOR EXPENSES TO DECEMBER 31 OF INCOMING YEAR	DEBT SERVICE FUND	REFERENDUM DEBT EXEMPT CAPITAL FUND
1. Total Budget Estimate for ensuing year, Jan 1 to Dec. 31, inclusive.	5,742,555	13,333,500
1a. School Transfer Out - To Operations Fund	-	-
1b. School Transfer Out - To Rainy Day Fund	-	-
2. Balance of appropriations from July 1 to Dec. 31 of present year less any reductions made by governing body of present year	4,638,214	6,723,000
3. Additional appropriations anticipated from July 1 through December 31 of present year	-	-
4. Outstanding Temporary Loans		
a. To be paid not included in lines 2 or 3	-	-
b. Not repaid by Dec. 31 of present year	-	-
5. Total estimated expenditures (lines 1-4b)	10,380,769	20,056,500
FUNDS ON HAND AND TO BE RECEIVED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN PROPOSED TAX LEVY		
6. Actual Cash Balance, June 30 of present year	2,414,385	7,681,114
7. Anticipated Property Tax Collections (Estimated Dec. Settlement Amount)	2,642,040	5,280,356
8. Other revenue anticipated from July 1 to Dec. 31 of present year (Schedule on File)		
a. Total Column A, Budget Form No. 2	198,000	143,000
b. Total Column B, Budget Form No. 2	360,000	448,000
9. TOTAL FUNDS (Add lines 6, 7, 8a and 8b)	5,614,425	13,552,470
10. NET AMOUNT REQUIRED TO BE RAISED FOR EXPENSES TO DEC. 31 OF ENSUING YEAR (deduct line 9 from line 5)	4,766,344	6,504,030
11. Operating Balance, CPF Allocations for Future projects or Bus Replacement Allocations (Excess Funds)	2,770,176	6,610,500
12. TOTAL (Add lines 10 and 11)	7,536,520	13,114,530
13. Property Tax Replacement Credit From County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (CAGIT)	-	-
14. Total Less Property Tax Replacement Credit (line 12 less line 13).	7,536,520	13,114,530
15. Levy Excess (Collections in excess of 102% from a prior year) applied to levy.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
16. Net Amount To Be Raised (line 14 less line 15).	7,536,520	13,114,530
Net Assessed Valuation of taxable property for year 2026 payable 2027	6,200,000,000	6,900,000,000
Tax Rate per one hundred dollars of taxable property:	\$ 0.1216	\$ 0.1901

Budget Comparison

	2026	2027
Education Fund	\$73,500,000	\$74,500,000
Operations Fund	\$27,000,000	\$28,000,000
Referendum Operating	\$14,000,000	\$14,000,000
Debt Service	\$9,317,131	\$5,742,555
Referendum Debt Service	<u>\$12,886,500</u>	<u>\$13,333,500</u>
Total Advertised Budget	\$136,703,631	\$135,576,055
Total Advertised Tax Rate	\$0.9055	\$0.9073

Historical Comparison

2022 TAX RATES	ADVERTISED	CERTIFIED
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$0.1436	\$0.1142
RETIREMENT/SEV.DEBT SERV.	\$0.0277	\$0.0251
REFERENDUM DEBT CAPITAL FUND	\$0.2265	\$0.1794
OPERATIONS FUND	\$0.3555	\$0.3031
REFERENDUM OPERATING	<u>\$0.1700</u>	<u>\$0.1700</u>
TOTAL	\$0.9233	\$0.7918
BUDGET	\$117,266,729	\$117,266,729

2025 TAX RATES	ADVERTISED	CERTIFIED
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$0.1980	\$0.1641
RETIREMENT/SEV.DEBT SERV.	\$0.0000	\$0.0000
REFERENDUM DEBT CAPITAL FUND	\$0.1765	\$0.1692
OPERATIONS FUND	\$0.3242	\$0.3048
REFERENDUM OPERATING	<u>\$0.1700</u>	<u>\$0.1676</u>
TOTAL	\$0.8687	\$0.8057
BUDGET	\$136,642,468	\$136,638,596

2023 TAX RATES	ADVERTISED	CERTIFIED
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$0.1696	\$0.1338
RETIREMENT/SEV.DEBT SERV.	\$0.0243	\$0.0230
REFERENDUM DEBT CAPITAL FUND	\$0.2385	\$0.2255
OPERATIONS FUND	\$0.3415	\$0.2918
REFERENDUM OPERATING	<u>\$0.1700</u>	<u>\$0.1700</u>
TOTAL	\$0.9439	\$0.8441
BUDGET	\$125,019,897	\$125,019,897

2026 TAX RATES	ADVERTISED	CERTIFIED
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$0.1351	\$0.1003
REFERENDUM DEBT CAPITAL FUND	\$0.1922	\$0.1827
OPERATIONS FUND	\$0.3168	\$0.3066
REFERENDUM OPERATING	<u>\$0.2614</u>	<u>\$0.2526</u>
TOTAL	\$0.9055	\$0.8422
BUDGET	\$136,703,631	\$136,698,467

2024 TAX RATES	ADVERTISED	CERTIFIED
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$0.1706	\$0.1324
RETIREMENT/SEV.DEBT SERV.	\$0.0111	\$0.0110
REFERENDUM DEBT CAPITAL FUND	\$0.1972	\$0.1835
OPERATIONS FUND	\$0.3444	\$0.3063
REFERENDUM OPERATING	<u>\$0.1700</u>	<u>\$0.1700</u>
TOTAL	\$0.8933	\$0.8032
BUDGET	\$127,209,763	\$127,209,763

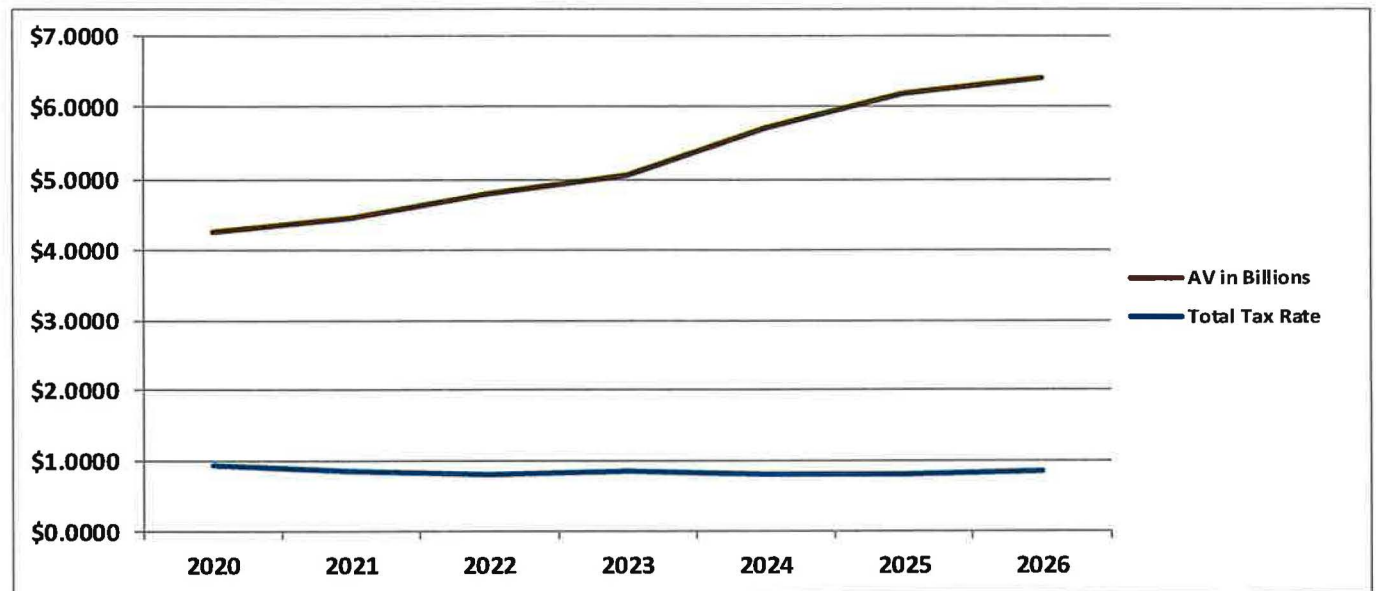
2027 PROPOSED TAX RATES	ADVERTISED	CERTIFIED
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$0.1216	\$0.0000
REFERENDUM DEBT CAPITAL FUND	\$0.1901	\$0.0000
OPERATIONS FUND	\$0.3380	\$0.0000
REFERENDUM OPERATING	<u>\$0.2576</u>	<u>\$0.0000</u>
TOTAL	\$0.9073	\$0.0000
BUDGET	\$135,576,055	

Historical Tax Rate Comparison

Certified Tax Rates/Assessed Valuation

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Debt Service Fund	\$0.1599	\$0.1312	\$0.1142	\$0.1338	\$0.1324	\$0.1641	\$0.1000
Referendum Debt Service	\$0.2635	\$0.2054	\$0.1794	\$0.2255	\$0.1835	\$0.1692	\$0.1820
Retirement/Sev. Debt Serv.	\$0.0317	\$0.0379	\$0.0251	\$0.0230	\$0.0110	\$0.0000	\$0.0000
Referendum Operating	\$0.1700	\$0.1700	\$0.1700	\$0.1700	\$0.1700	\$0.1676	\$0.2520
Operations	\$0.3102	\$0.2927	\$0.3031	\$0.2918	\$0.3063	\$0.3048	\$0.3060
Total Tax Rate	\$0.9353	\$0.8372	\$0.7918	\$0.8441	\$0.8032	\$0.8057	\$0.8420

Assessed Valuation	\$4,262,096,821	\$4,465,819,873	\$4,809,538,262	\$5,056,655,879	\$5,712,147,596	\$6,183,374,949	\$6,393,890,000
AV in Billions	\$4.2621	\$4.4658	\$4.8095	\$5.0567	\$5.7121	\$6.1834	\$6.3933



Recommendation

The recommendation for the advertisement of the Notice to Taxpayers for the 2027 Budget Estimate is as follows:

Education Fund	\$ 74,500,000
Operations Fund	\$ 28,000,000
Referendum Operating Fund	\$ 14,000,000
Debt Service	\$ 5,742,555
Referendum Debt Capital Fund	\$ 13,333,500

Recommendation cont.

- The budget estimates and estimated funds to be received will be posted on our website and into the State's Gateway Public Access software system.
- We will hold a Public Hearing on September 21, 2026 regarding the Budget, the Capital Projects Plan, and the Bus Replacement Plan in the Lake Central High School Board Room.
- The Budget Adoption will take place during our regularly scheduled School Board meeting on October 19, 2026 in the Lake Central High School Board Room.

Notice to Taxpayers of 2027 Budget Estimates

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

The **Notice to Taxpayers** is available online at www.budgetnotices.in.gov or by calling (888) 739-9826.

Complete details of budget estimates by fund and/or department may be seen by visiting the office of this unit of government at **8260 Wicker Ave, St John, IN 46373**.

Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of **LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION, LAKE COUNTY**, Indiana that the proper officers of **LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION** will conduct a public hearing on the year **2027** budget. Following this meeting, any ten or more taxpayers may object to a budget, tax rate, or tax levy by filing an objection petition with the proper officers of **LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION** not more than seven days after the hearing. The objection petition must identify the provisions of the budget, tax rate, or tax levy to which taxpayers object. If a petition is filed, **LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION** shall adopt with the budget a finding concerning the objections in the petition and testimony presented. Following the aforementioned hearing, the proper officers of **LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION** will meet to adopt the following budget:

Public Hearing Date	Monday, September 21, 2026
Public Hearing Time	7:00 PM
Public Hearing Location	Lake Central High School, Board Room

Adoption Meeting Date	Monday, October 19, 2026
Adoption Meeting Time	7:00 PM
Adoption Meeting Location	Lake Central High School, Board Room

Est. School Operating Max Levy	\$20,782,890
Property Tax Cap Credit Estimate	\$2,099,500

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1 Fund Name	2 Budget Estimate	3 Maximum Estimated Funds to be Raised (including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations)	4 Excessive Levy Appeals	5 Current Tax Levy	6 Levy Percentage Difference Column 3 /Column 5
0022 - REFERENDUM FUND - EXEMPT OPERATING - POST 2009	\$14,000,000	\$17,772,033	\$0	\$17,767,377	0.03%
0180 - DEBT SERVICE	\$5,742,555	\$7,536,520	\$0	\$6,413,072	17.52%
0287 - REFERENDUM DEBT FUND - EXEMPT CAPITAL - POST 2009	\$13,333,500	\$13,114,530	\$0	\$12,850,751	2.05%
3101 - EDUCATION	\$74,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
3300 - OPERATIONS	\$28,000,000	\$20,954,718	\$0	\$19,603,667	6.89%
Totals	\$135,576,055	\$59,377,801	\$0	\$56,634,867	



Questions or Comments?

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SIGN-UP SHEET

Re: ACTION ITEMS

The School Board has provided time within its regular meetings to hear comments and concerns from members of the Lake Central school community regarding an action item on tonight's agenda. All are asked to observe the provisions of Board Bylaw 0167.3 "Public Participation at Board Meetings" which include:

- Your statement is expected to be honest and accurate and given in a respectful manner.
- Your statement may not discuss matters involving personnel performance or individual student discipline.
- Each individual's statement shall be limited to approximately three (3) minutes. The Board has allocated a total of thirty (30) minutes from its meeting for all public participation. Your cooperation in limiting duplicative statements so that others may speak is appreciated.

NAME Please Print	ARE YOU A RESIDENT OF ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP?	RELATIONSHIP TO SCHOOL (Parent, Resident, Community Business Owner, Employee)	TOPIC	INITIAL HERE**
Roberta Dzado	Yes	Parent	1. Each Student Greeted @ Door 2. Remove Chrome Book 3. Reading 4. Uniform	BAV

**** By placing my initials in this box I agree to stop my comments when instructed that my 3 minutes have ended.**