

WATERFORD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

2026-2027 Budget

Budget Hearing & Annual Meeting

August 26, 2026

Tonight's Purpose

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Budget Hearing

Review the proposed 2026-27 budget and take public comments and questions.

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Annual Meeting

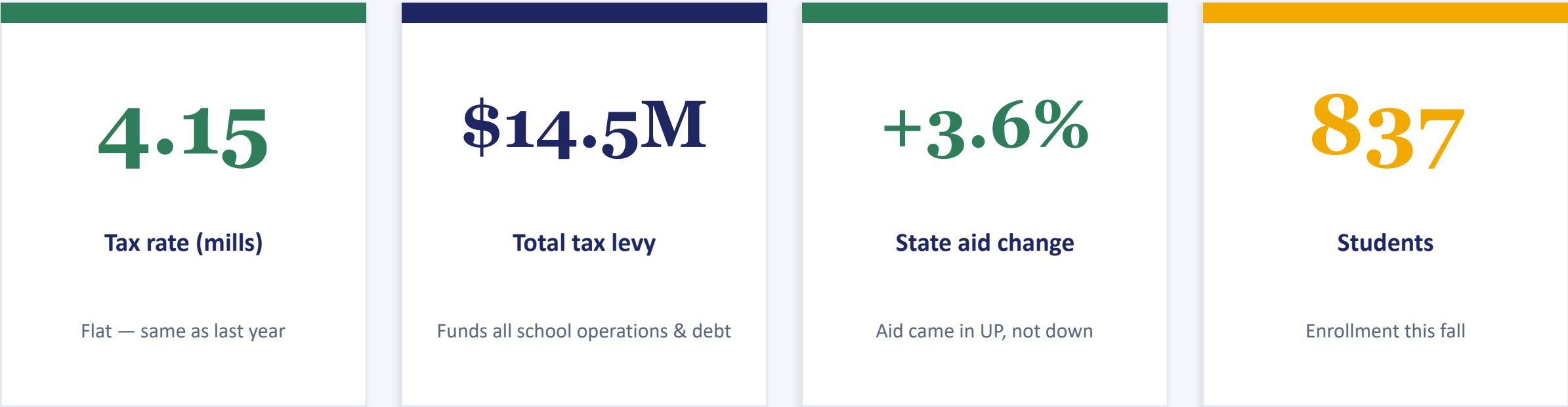
Electors set the tax levy and conduct the district's annual business.

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Adopt the Budget

Approve the budget and levy that fund our school for the year ahead.

The Bottom Line



A balanced budget at a flat tax rate — with strong reserves and state aid coming in better than expected.

The General Fund Budget

WHERE IT COMES FROM

Property tax levy	\$9.1M
State aid	\$5.7M
Other (fees, federal, local)	\$2.0M

WHERE IT GOES

Instruction (classrooms)	\$8.3M
Support services	\$7.0M
Transfers & other	\$1.7M

About 8 of every 10 dollars goes directly to instruction and student support.

Your Tax Rate Stays Flat

4.15

mills — unchanged from last year

Property values rose ~3.75%, so the levy grows modestly while the RATE holds flat.

What it means for a home

\$250,000 home	\$1,038 / year
\$300,000 home	\$1,245 / year
\$400,000 home	\$1,660 / year

School portion of the tax bill, at 4.15 mills.

This Year's Highlights



State aid came in strong

Aid rose 3.6% (\$4.78M). Because higher aid lowers local taxes, we directed the difference to paying down debt — reducing future levies.



A new ballfield project

\$96,000 to upgrade the baseball and softball diamonds, paid from Community Service Fund reserves — no new taxes.



Healthy reserves

Savings remain around \$6.1M — roughly 37% of spending, well above the 20-25% recommended level.



Debt reduction

We are pre-funding nearly \$1M toward future debt payments, which helps keep rates stable in the years ahead.

ADOPTING THE 2026-27 BUDGET

A balanced budget at a flat 4.15 mill rate

Total tax levy: \$14,544,777

Tonight's votes: approve the Treasurer's Report • set next year's meeting date • approve the tax levy

Thank you for supporting Waterford Union High School.