

Tax Request Hearing
Monday, September 8, 2025 Tax Request
Hearing will follow the Budget Hearing

School District Office 410 South St., Seward,
NE
410 South St
Seward, NE 68434

Agenda

1. Call the Tax Request Hearing to order and announce the Open Meeting Act as posted.
2. Public Notice of the Tax Request Hearing, as publicized per board policy
3. Roll Call
 - 3.1. Action to excuse board members if necessary
4. Tax Request overview for the 2025-2026 School Year
5. Tax Request Hearing- Community Input and Discussion regarding support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed property tax requests for the 2025-2026 school fiscal year (General Fund, Bond Fund, Special Building Fund and Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund)
6. Adjournment

Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Seward Public Schools (80-0009) in Seward County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the Seward Public Schools Board of Education will meet on the 8th day of September 2025 immediately following the 5:30 P.M. Budget Hearing, at Seward Public Schools District Office 410 South Street, Seward NE 68434 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2024-2025	2025-2026	Change
Property Valuations	2,007,893,020	2,191,752,753	9%

2024-2025 Budget Information

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Bond Fund(s) K - 12	3,028,967.00	1,616,162.00	0.080490	0.073738	1,950,300.00	1,818,182.00	0.082956	3%	-36%
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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SEWARD BUDGET

2025-2026



Mission of Seward Public Schools

Seward Public Schools - a district rooted in excellence - in cooperation with family and community members is committed to the development of the whole student and affirms that all students will have the skills to become productive, resilient, and contributing members of their community.

BUDGET PROCESS

- Fiscal Year for Schools – Sept. 1 to Aug. 31
- Budget must be adopted and submitted to the state by September 30.
- The discussion we have tonight does not constitute a hearing, and no action will be taken on the budget.
- Pink Postcard September 22, 2025 at 7:00 pm
Harvest Hall
- Budget Hearing, Tax Request Hearing? Will depend upon our discussion tonight-

Other Information

- NDE Budget
- Budget Authority- The total amount of funds that can be budgeted and or expended- We would not spend that amount.
- Revenue/Tax Authority- Board Discussion
- Access to prior year's unused budget authority- 2% of the prior years adjusted general fund expenditures or prior year's unused budget authority

Cash Reserve General Fund

- 35%- General Fund
- 2-3 months in our low month which is now has changed due to foundation aid- December is our lowest now. 1.8-1.85 million a month on average in spending
- Could have over 9 million in Cash Reserves account

Cash Reserves

- \$5,400,000 would give us the 3 months during our low month of the year
- We do not utilize a cash reserves account it is in the budget.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION AND
PROPOSED BUDGET FIGURES FOR
THE 2025-2026 BUDGET

DATA COMPARISONS TO THE 10 LARGER AND 10 SMALLER SCHOOLS

(OUR STATE AID/FOUNDATION AID ARRAY) 20 out 144
districts

2025-2026 Statistical Information on 10 Larger-10 Smaller Schools									
School	General Fund Levy	Total Levy	2024-25 Valuation	Property Tax per \$100,000	25-26/State Aid	Free/Red	% Sped	23/24 Per Pupil Cost	13/14 Per Pupil Cost
Norris	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.87	\$ 2,377,750,390	\$ 870	\$ 5,156,318	12%	8%	\$ 13,352	\$ 9,790
Beatrice	\$ 0.85	\$ 1.00	\$ 1,560,643,346	\$ 1,000	\$ 4,905,844	57%	24%	\$ 14,958	\$ 10,491
Gering	\$ 0.99	\$ 1.30	\$ 965,652,213	\$ 1,300	\$ 9,636,597	55%	17%	\$ 14,963	\$ 9,663
Waverly	\$ 0.84	\$ 0.97	\$ 2,529,956,212	\$ 970	\$ 3,493,515	21%	16%	\$ 15,414	\$ 10,243
Crete	\$ 0.85	\$ 1.03	\$ 1,538,575,894	\$ 1,030	\$ 11,162,914	61%	15%	\$ 15,941	\$ 11,088
Plattsmouth	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.20	\$ 1,079,790,508	\$ 1,200	\$ 4,497,707	45%	20%	\$ 15,968	\$ 10,921
Schuyler	\$ 0.94	\$ 10.60	\$ 1,773,867,487	\$ 1,050	\$ 3,598,272	62%	14%	\$ 15,885	\$ 11,310
Bennington	\$ 0.98	\$ 1.36	\$ 2,832,782,814	\$ 1,360	\$ 13,798,850	14%	14%	\$ 13,410	\$ 9,227
McCook	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.90	\$ 1,043,351,574	\$ 900	\$ 5,414,380	42%	17%	\$ 15,899	\$ 10,640
Alliance	\$ 0.84	\$ 0.97	\$ 1,278,617,020	\$ 970	\$ 2,080,174	58%	27%	\$ 16,084	\$ 10,703
Nebr. City	\$ 0.87	\$ 1.08	\$ 1,248,460,622	\$ 1,080	\$ 3,793,550	55%	21%	\$ 15,835	\$ 11,798
York	\$ 0.93	\$ 1.15	\$ 1,374,585,274	\$ 1,150	\$ 3,043,815	44%	13%	\$ 15,564	\$ 11,649
Sidney	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.22	\$ 775,437,631	\$ 1,220	\$ 5,286,452	46%	21%	\$ 16,893	\$ 10,992
Aurora	\$ 0.68	\$ 0.71	\$ 2,146,153,065	\$ 710	\$ 2,009,250	36%	16%	\$ 18,504	\$ 12,193
Springfield Platt	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.59	\$ 3,540,602,866	\$ 590	\$ 3,201,009	23%	16%	\$ 18,587	\$ 13,497
Holdrege	\$ 0.77	\$ 0.87	\$ 1,432,641,272	\$ 870	\$ 1,718,526	43%	22%	\$ 18,333	\$ 10,729
Gothenburg	\$ 0.92	\$ 0.99	\$ 1,055,651,188	\$ 990	\$ 1,454,618	44%	13%	\$ 19,150	\$ 10,502
Lakeview	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.56	\$ 1,947,588,999	\$ 620	\$ 2,819,108	38%	14%	\$ 16,411	\$ 13,911
Adams Cent.	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.66	\$ 2,333,544,329	\$ 660	\$ 2,295,754	19%	13%	\$ 17,119	\$ 13,163
Wahoo	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.88	\$ 1,414,866,936	\$ 880	\$ 1,845,644	31%	22%	\$ 17,262	\$ 10,790
SEWARD	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.77	\$ 2,007,893,020	\$ 770	\$ 2,450,900	23%	18%	\$ 16,286	\$ 11,047
AVERAGE	\$ 0.81	\$ 1.41	\$ 1,726,591,079	\$ 961	\$ 4,460,152	39%	17%	\$ 16,277	\$ 11,159

ASSESSED VALUATION

Fiscal Year	Property Valuation	Change	Percentage Increase
2011-2012	\$ 968,735,783	\$ -	#VALUE!
2012-2013	\$ 1,067,156,248	\$ 98,420,465	10.16%
2013-2014	\$ 1,185,364,177	\$ 118,207,929	11.08%
2014-2015	\$ 1,389,634,455	\$ 204,270,278	17.23%
2015-2016	\$ 1,472,775,392	\$ 83,140,937	5.98%
2016-2017	\$ 1,538,357,114	\$ 65,581,722	4.45%
2017-2018	\$ 1,573,912,154	\$ 35,555,040	2.31%
2018-2019	\$ 1,613,503,350	\$ 39,591,196	2.52%
2019-2020	\$ 1,611,210,672	\$ (2,292,678)	-0.14%
2020-2021	\$ 1,628,308,485	\$ 17,097,813	1.06%
2021-2022	\$ 1,680,093,238	\$ 51,784,753	3.18%
2022-2023	\$ 1,765,502,611	\$ 85,409,373	5.08%
2023-2024	\$ 1,896,876,595	\$ 131,373,984	7.44%
2024-2025	\$ 2,007,893,020	\$ 111,016,425	5.85%
2025-2026	\$ 2,191,752,753	\$ 183,859,733	9.16%

Breakdown of Taxes

- 48%- 24/25 48%-23-24-- —Residential and Real Property
- 36% 24/25 35%- 23/24- — Agricultural Land
- The rest is Personal Property, Commercial , Ag buildings, Centrally Assessed Personal and Real.

STATE AID/FOUNDATION AID HISTORY

Year	State Aid	Change
2013-14	\$ 362,058	
2014-15	\$ 350,863	\$ (11,195)
2015-16	\$ 40,564	\$ (310,299)
2016-17	\$ -	\$ (40,564)
2017-18	\$ 232,263	\$ 232,263
2018-19	\$ 233,555	\$ 1,292
2019-20	\$ 252,082	\$ 18,527
2020-21	\$ 293,213	\$ 41,131
2021-22	\$ 270,316	\$ (22,897)
2022-23	\$ 288,134	\$ 17,818
2023-24	\$ 2,460,649	\$ 2,172,515
2024-25	\$ 2,413,080	\$ (47,569)
2025-26	\$ 2,450,900	\$ 37,820

25 YEAR PROPERTY LEVY HISTORY

Year	Property Valuation	Valuation Percent Increase	General Fund Levy	Bldg. Fund Levy	Bond Levy	QCPU Levy	Total Levy
2000-2001	\$ 552,821,721	#REF!	1.034	0.025	0.139	0.004	1.201
2001-2002	\$ 563,635,235	1.96%	1.023	0.023	0.137	0.004	1.186
2002-2003	\$ 601,273,458	6.68%	1.025	0.021	0.125	0.003	1.175
2003-2004	\$ 620,246,072	3.16%	1.086	0.021	0.114	0.003	1.224
2004-2005	\$ 652,722,919	5.24%	1.102	0.020	0.093	0.003	1.218
2005-2006	\$ 714,441,681	9.46%	0.975	0.035	0.099	0.003	1.112
2006-2007	\$ 746,851,943	4.54%	1.041	0.034	0.092	0.003	1.170
2007-2008	\$ 788,409,301	5.56%	0.950	0.107	0.081	0.003	1.141
2008-2009	\$ 827,498,105	4.96%	0.950	0.097	0.071	0.002	1.120
2009-2010	\$ 879,514,840	6.29%	0.953	0.072	0.041	0.002	1.068
2010-2011	\$ 928,808,410	5.60%	0.951	0.068	0.176	0.002	1.197
2011-2012	\$ 968,735,783	4.30%	1.006	0.020	0.169	0.002	1.197
2012-2013	\$ 1,067,156,248	10.16%	1.070	0.000	0.127	0.000	1.197
2013-2014	\$ 1,185,364,177	11.08%	1.008	0.000	0.137	0.014	1.159
2014-2015	\$ 1,389,634,455	17.23%	0.863	0.020	0.124	0.011	1.018
2015-2016	\$ 1,472,775,392	5.98%	0.826	0.050	0.102	0.009	0.987
2016-2017	\$ 1,538,357,114	4.45%	0.797	0.050	0.102	0.008	0.957
2017-2018	\$ 1,573,912,154	2.31%	0.797	0.040	0.102	0.008	0.947
2018-2019	\$ 1,613,503,350	2.52%	0.789	0.030	0.103	0.009	0.931
2019-2020	\$ 1,611,210,672	-0.14%	0.822	0.020	0.105	0.008	0.955
2020-2021	\$ 1,628,308,485	1.06%	0.840	0.012	0.090	0.008	0.950
2021-2022	\$ 1,680,093,238	3.18%	0.840	0.020	0.085	0.008	0.953
2022-2023	\$ 1,765,502,611	5.08%	0.850	0.010	0.080	0.007	0.947
2023-2024	\$ 1,896,876,595	7.44%	0.710	0.007	0.085	0.000	0.802
2024-2025	\$ 2,007,893,020	5.85%	0.670	0.020	0.083	0.000	0.773
2025-2026	\$ 2,191,752,753	9.16%	0.630	0.020	0.080	0.000	0.740
Averages	\$ 1,210,280,759	5.72%	\$ 0.892	\$ 0.032	\$ 0.103	\$ 0.005	\$ 1.033

Change in Cash Flow- School Tax Credit

- Replaces the income tax credit individuals received on taxes paid to the school.
- Instead of receiving half of the 2024 tax request in September of 2025 the state paid the credit portion in two payments.
 - On or before January 1st
 - On or before April 1st

Impacts

- Higher cash balance now in August 2025
- Lower September and October Tax Draws- 20-30% lower
- One year 24/25 fiscal revenue increase due to the timing of the new payments

CASH HISTORY AS OF JULY 31, 2025

July 31 Balances							
Fund	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
General	\$6,527,362.00	\$6,349,391.00	\$6,084,292.00	\$6,148,749.00	\$5,008,412.00	\$7,139,021.00	\$9,558,848.00
Special Building	\$2,013,094.00	\$695,815.00	\$712,549.00	\$499,232.00	\$524,380.00	\$475,817.00	\$340,504.00
Depreciation	\$1,481,893.00	\$1,392,019.00	\$1,424,082.00	\$1,295,194.00	\$1,309,269.00	\$1,012,368.00	\$990,604.00
Bond	\$1,401,909.00	\$1,507,823.00	\$1,528,329.00	\$1,428,817.00	\$1,304,208.00	\$1,326,547.00	\$1,427,998.00
Quality Capital Purp.	\$154,298.00	\$148,938.00	\$147,882.00	\$142,371.00	\$139,943.00	\$15,517.00	\$1,135.00
TOTAL CASH	\$11,578,556.00	\$10,093,986.00	\$9,897,134.00	\$9,514,363.00	\$8,286,212.00	\$9,969,270.00	\$12,319,089.00

GENERAL FUND
EXPENDITURES

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE HISTORY- 2.89% average

Year	Spent	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase	
2013-2014	\$ 14,996,561	#REF!	#REF!	
2014-2015	\$ 15,386,399	\$ 389,838	2.6%	
2015-2016	\$ 15,666,649	\$ 280,250	1.8%	
2016-2017	\$ 16,105,773	\$ 439,124	2.8%	
2017-2018 * (SPED 582,320)	\$ 17,099,651	\$ 993,878	6.2%	
2018-2019	\$ 16,791,407	\$ (308,244)	-1.8%	
2019-2020	\$ 17,378,922	\$ 587,515	3.5%	
2020-2021	\$ 18,060,137	\$ 681,215	3.9%	
2021-2022	\$ 18,798,607	\$ 738,470	4.1%	
2022-2023	\$ 19,650,543	\$ 851,936	4.5%	
2023-2024	\$ 19,673,158	\$ 22,615	0.1%	
2024-2025	\$ 20,487,948	\$ 814,790	4.1%	\$250,000 math adoption-

Why behind expenditures

- Math Curriculum \$250,000
- Cost of technology- Switches, subscriptions, etc.
- For a point of reference- a bus 5 years cost 89K and now that same bus is around 110K
- Salaries/Benefits- Increase
- Inflation- Paper, Gas, Shipping

PROPOSED BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES

- The vast majority of the increases are increased staffing costs
- Cost of materials, gas, insurance, etc.
- We will have a cheaper curriculum cycle this year than last with PE/Business/Library Technology

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

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FUNDS	Actual Disbursements & Transfers 2023-2024 (1)	Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers 2024-2025 (2)	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers 2025-2026 (3)	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (7)
	General	\$ 19,673,158.00	\$ 23,775,000.00	\$ 26,535,948.00	\$ -	\$ 12,782,888.00
Depreciation	\$ 169,091.00	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 980,025.00	\$ -	\$ 980,025.00	-
Employee Benefit	\$ 441.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 21,297.00	\$ -	\$ 21,297.00	-
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Activities	\$ 712,785.00	\$ 715,000.00	\$ 715,000.00	\$ 488,927.00	\$ 1,203,927.00	-
School Nutrition	\$ 955,976.00	\$ 975,500.00	\$ 1,032,200.00	\$ 387,279.00	\$ 1,419,479.00	-
Bond	\$ 1,560,978.00	\$ 1,720,300.00	\$ 1,950,300.00	\$ 1,680,805.00	\$ 1,831,105.00	\$ 1,818,182.00
Special Building	\$ 586,716.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 918,775.00	\$ -	\$ 478,775.00	\$ 444,444.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	\$ 179,229.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,116.00	\$ 1,116.00	-
Cooperative	\$ 182,219.00	\$ 185,000.00	\$ 201,993.00	\$ -	\$ 201,993.00	-
Student Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,291.00	\$ -	\$ 1,291.00	-
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
TOTALS	\$ 24,020,593.00	\$ 28,115,300.00	\$ 32,356,829.00	\$ 2,558,127.00	\$ 18,921,896.00	\$ 16,154,606.00
				Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
Breakdown of Property Tax				\$ 1,818,182.00	\$ 14,336,424.00	\$ 16,154,606.00

GENERAL FUND CASH

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- We have always maintained the goal of keeping 3 months of cash in reserve to help smooth out the peaks and valleys. In years when we lost a lot of state aid, this cash on hand helped us maintain a consistent levy. In the future it could help us if property values decline.
- We were right at \$4,345,546 in our lowest point of the year (December). We spend right at \$1.8 million a month, so we are at 2.5 months in reserve at our low point.

GENERAL FUND MONTHLY CASH –(This is for our low month)

2024-2025	INCREASE/DECREASE FROM PRIOR YEAR	
25,527,543.00	114,762.00	
7,703,029.43	1,479,248.58	Sept.
6,279,209.59	879,335.14	Oct
5,447,718.13	1,209,925.03	Nov.
4,345,546.38	936,444.74	← Dec.
5,239,704.27	19,625.55	Jan
7,409,163.55	1,527,453.18	Feb.
7,108,333.29	2,127,461.02	March
6,847,933.92	2,111,558.13	April
10,603,626.06	2,788,551.31	May
10,936,250.21	2,982,848.91	June
9,558,848.22	2,419,827.06	July

OTHER FUNDS

BOND Fund

- For 2025-26 I'm proposing \$ 1,800,000 we will get in property taxes and our payments will be \$1,555,000. The bond levy would be a at .080- Our reserves did not have a lot of room for error in our bond fund so I thought it would be best to add a little more like we did this year. We will also need this budget to reflect a higher payment in December 2025.
- Our last bond payment is set for December 2027. So after this year we will need \$2,823,967.

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QUALIFIED CAPITAL PURPOSES UNDERTAKING FUND

- Options- Do we look at another QCPUF bond? I say wait to see what happens with bond issue.
- Our last QCPUF bond was 1.2 million- 10 year bond with \$176,000 payments.
- I do have to count dollars toward safety ect. If we don't have a QCPUF bond.
- We can tax up to \$0.03- \$588,000 per year

COOPERATIVE FUND

- The Cooperative Fund is a pass through account for Sixpence. We are the fiscal agent so the money will run through our budget. If we use this fund, it has no impact on our state aid, or levy/expenditure limits for any of the three school districts. We did receive a grant again this year so we will need to budget again. We increase the amount because when we get paid may not fall in line with our budget year.

SPECIAL BUILDING FUND

- Last year we levied \$400,000 at \$.02.
- I have it set at \$.02 again for \$440,000- To continue with roofing, HVAC and if needed other projects. SHS Chiller in Commons and Gym Area.

PROPERTY TAX AND LEVY IMPACT

What does a Penny Generate?

Last year a penny will generate \$200,000

This year a penny will generate \$ 219,000

PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX IMPACT FOR ALL TAXABLE FUNDS-

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General
Bond

Special Build
QCPUF

Total

PROPERTY TAX ASKING HISTORY

Fiscal Year	General Fund Property Tax Asking	Change	Percentage Change
2014-2015	\$11,988,067.00	#REF!	#REF!
2015-2016	\$12,165,810.00	\$177,743.00	1.48%
2016-2017	\$12,264,498.87	\$98,688.87	0.81%
2017-2018	\$12,545,826.14	\$281,327.27	2.29%
2018-2019	\$12,730,870.00	\$185,043.86	1.47%
2019-2020	\$13,245,248.00	\$514,378.00	4.04%
2020-2021	\$13,750,299.00	\$505,051.00	3.81%
2021-2022	\$14,094,055.00	\$343,756.00	2.50%
2022-2023	\$14,949,495.00	\$855,440.00	6.07%
2023-2024	\$13,350,505.00	-\$1,598,990.00	-10.70%
2024-2025	\$13,451,515.00	\$101,010.00	0.76%
2025-2026	\$13,891,980.00	\$440,465.00	3.27%
Fiscal Year	Total Property Tax Asking (all funds)	Change	Percent Change
2014-2015	\$14,136,847.00	#REF!	#REF!
2015-2016	\$14,548,662.00	\$411,815.00	2.91%
2016-2017	\$14,747,300.87	\$198,638.87	1.37%
2017-2018	\$14,921,251.00	\$173,950.13	1.18%
2018-2019	\$15,025,859.00	\$278,558.13	0.70%
2019-2020	\$15,409,985.00	\$488,734.00	2.56%
2020-2021	\$15,573,721.00	\$163,736.00	1.06%
2021-2022	\$16,013,220.00	\$439,499.00	2.82%
2022-2023	\$16,678,232.00	\$665,012.00	4.15%
2023-2024	\$15,138,384.00	-\$1,539,848.00	-9.23%
2024-2025	\$15,471,717.00	\$333,333.00	2.20%
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Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

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2024-2025 Budget Information				2025-2026 Budget Information					
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General Fund	25,527,543.00	13,451,515.00	0.669932	0.613733	26,535,948.00	13,891,980.00	0.633830	-5%	4%
Bond Fund(s) K - 12	2,028,967.00	1,616,162.00	0.080490	0.073738	1,950,300.00	1,818,182.00	0.082956	3%	-4%
Bond Fund(s) K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Bond Fund(s) 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Bond Fund			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Special Building Fund	977,245.00	404,040.00	0.020123	0.018435	918,775.00	444,444.00	0.020278	1%	-6%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12	7,211.00		0.000000	0.000000	-	-	0.000000	#DIV/0!	-100%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Total	28,540,966.00	15,471,717.00	0.770545	0.705906	29,405,023.00	16,154,606.00	0.737064	-4%	3%

Depreciation

- I propose adding \$200,000 to the depreciation account for the 2025-2026 School Budget

SUMMARY

- General Fund –3% increase to our general fund for staff/insurance costs. As a reminder salary/insurance increase will be around \$ 650,000 for staff
- Bond Fund –Higher payment then we have had and also trying to be as close to the what the bond would be.
- Special Building Fund: I have it at .02 to keep the overall ask at \$444,0000
- Total tax asking 4.41% increase would be 3% if we didn't have an increase in the bond account.
- QCPUF- Need to consider down the road if we get a loan.
- No Pink Postcard- Budget and Tax Request Hearing Sept. 8

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Bond Fund(s) K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
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RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

RESOLUTION NO. 2025

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of Seward Public Schools passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Seward Public Schools resolves that:

1. The 2025-2026 property tax request be set at:

General Fund:	\$ 13,891,980.00
Bond Fund:	\$ 1,818,182.00
Special Building Fund:	\$ 444,444.00
Qualified Capital Purpose	\$ -
Undertaking Fund:	

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 9.16 percent.

3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.705906 per \$100 of assessed value.

4. Seward Public Schools proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.737066 per \$100 of assessed value.

5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Seward Public Schools will increase (decrease) last year's budget by 1.8 percent.

6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2025.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to adopt Resolution # _____

2025

Voting yes were:

Voting no were:

Dated this 8th day of September, 2025