

Office	<p style="text-align: center;">1 2</p> <p>School Board Members The candidates receiving the highest vote totals will each be elected to a three (3) year term beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2029. (Vote for up to two)</p>	
Board of Education	<p style="text-align: right;"><small>Board of Education</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;">○₁</p> <p>Jacqueline Melter</p> <p style="text-align: left;"><small>A</small></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><small>Board of Education</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;">○₂</p> <p>Karen Mooney-Crouch</p>
Write-In	<p><small>Write-in</small></p>	<p><small>Write-in</small></p>

SAMPLE

Official Early Mail/Absentee Ballot for the School Board Election
County of Chautauqua
May 19, 2026

Instructions



1. Mark the oval to the left of the name of your choice.
2. To vote for a candidate whose name is not on the ballot, print the name clearly in the box labeled 'write-in', staying within the box. Any mark or writing outside the spaces provided for voting may void the entire ballot.

3. If you make a mistake or want to change your vote, call the School District Clerk for instructions on how to obtain a new ballot. The number of choices is listed for each contest. Do not mark the ballot for more candidates than allowed. If you do, your vote in that contest will not count.

Instructions for Voting on Questions and Proposals

To vote on a question or proposal, mark the oval below your choice. If you make a mistake, or want to change your vote, call the School District Clerk for instructions on how to obtain a new ballot.

Ripley Central School
Early Mail/Absentee
Remember to vote both sides



Proposition No. 1
2026-2027 School Budget

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the general budget for the Ripley Central School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, as presented by the Board of Education, in the amount of \$10,385,690 is hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefor are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the District to be levied and collected as required by law.

Yes **No**

Proposition No. 2
Purchase of School Buses

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Ripley Central School District, Chautauqua County, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to purchase one (1) 65-passenger school bus, (1) one 22-capacity with wheelchair lift school bus, and one (1) Chevrolet Suburban or equivalent for use in the transportation program of the District, and to expend therefore an aggregate sum not to exceed \$370,655 and that the sum of \$370,655, being the aforesaid estimated maximum cost, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law, and, in anticipation of such tax, bonds or other obligations (including, without limitation, obligations arising under leases, lease/purchase contracts or installment purchase contracts having a term of not more than five years) of the District shall be issued or entered into in accordance with applicable provisions of New York State law.

Yes **No**