



# *Adirondack Central School District*

## *2023-2024*

# *Budget Newsletter*

Dear Adirondack Community,

The Board of Education has adopted the 2023-24 school budget. The budget vote will take place on Tuesday, May 16th from Noon-8 PM in the Adirondack Middle/High School campus in the Multi-Purpose Room, located in the back of the school by the Gym/Auditorium Entrance. The two items you will vote on are the school budget and two Board of Education seats. Included in this document is information regarding both the budget and the three candidates running for office. In addition, there will be a public hearing on May 9th at 7 PM in the Large Group Instruction Room at the High School.

The overall Adirondack budget proposed for 2023-24 is \$32,746,019. This amount includes the purchase of 3 new school buses to maintain a safe fleet. The proposed budget is very similar to our current budget with adjustments to accommodate increased costs with: transportation, health insurance, fuel/electric, Special Education services, and inflation. Our proposed overall budget has gone up 3.67%. 63% of the total budget is funded by state aid. The remaining portion is funded by local property taxes and by other income. The proposed budget calls for a 2% increase on property taxes, which is within the tax cap.

It is important to realize that the Covid relief stimulus money the District received is sunsetting. This money became available in 2021, and Adirondack Central School District received \$1.16 million in CRSSA money (to be used by September of 2023) and \$3.4 million in ARP money (to be used by September 2024). This money must be spent for specific purposes, and we had to submit detailed plans to the state for approval. Examples of what Adirondack has added due to receiving this money are: 2 AIS teachers, a STEAM Coordinator (K-12), a Math Coordinator (K-8), Summer School and Wildcat Camp, a therapist, full-day UPK for 4-year olds and an addition of a 3-year old UPK class, an afterschool program (with Cornell Cooperative Extension), a district nurse, and a partnership with Connected Community Schools (with 2 site coordinators). We have phased out 1 AIS teacher due to a retirement last year, the towns and villages are donating to absorb the majority of the cost of Wildcat Camp, we have eliminated Cornell Cooperative Extension's After School Program next year, and we no longer will have the districtwide nurse next year due to a retirement. Our goal is to avoid a funding cliff at the end 2023-24 when this stimulus money ends. In addition, the district has applied for UPK Expansion Grants in hopes of securing alternative funding to sustain full day programming for 3 and 4 year olds after the stimulus money ends (Sept. 2024). The School-Based Health Center is scheduled to open in September 2023, and stimulus money has played a major factor in our ability to get this construction and initiative underway.

The budget we are proposing supports the following district goals:

**Communication:** The Adirondack Central School District will build a collaborative partnership in our school and our community with open, transparent communication building trust and positive culture (school spirit).

**Culture and Environment:** The Adirondack Central School District will support and sustain a safe, respectful and accepting environment.

**Fiscal Responsibility:** The district will provide an educationally sound and fiscally responsible budget that supports students in achieving the vision and mission of the district.

**Growth and Achievement:** The district will provide a comprehensive academic program, with customized learning for each learner to reach their maximum potential, with high expectations ensuring students are prepared for their chosen life endeavors.

I am humbled and honored to be part of this district, and as always please feel free to contact me if you have any questions (315-)942-9200 x1800.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy W. McGrath  
*Superintendent of Schools*

**Board of Education:** Michael Kramer, *President* Almanda Sturtevant, *Vice-President*  
Bruce Brach Robert Healt Joan Ingersoll Abby Podkowka Keith Redhead



## PROPOSED COMPONENT BUDGET

### ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

2022-2023

2023-2024

<p>The Administrative component of the budget includes salaries and benefits for all certified school administrators; expenditures associated with the district's central administrative offices, including the school board, superintendent, school business office and principals; as well as other administrative activities.</p>	BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$ 27,075	\$ 28,136
	CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 266,029	\$ 289,105
	FINANCE	\$ 383,841	\$ 400,042
	LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
	PERSONNEL	\$ 38,000	\$ 39,000
	PUBLIC INFORMATION	\$ 5,000	\$ 15,000
	OTHER CENTRAL SERVICES	\$ 1,511,281	\$ 1,551,116
	CURRICULUM & STAFF DEVEL.	\$ 46,200	\$ 55,589
	SUPERVISION	\$ 762,428	\$ 818,529
	<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 3,069,854</b>	<b>\$ 3,226,517</b>

### PROGRAM BUDGET

2022-2023

2023-2024

<p>The Program component of the budget includes salaries and benefits of teachers, supervisors who spend a majority of their time performing teaching duties, and operating expenses for instructional and transportation programs.</p>	LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
	INSTRUCTION	\$ 12,597,519	\$ 12,753,559
	DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION	\$ 1,816,501	\$ 1,984,557
	BUS GARAGE	\$ 59,700	\$ 62,400
	PROGRAM EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 7,465,085	\$ 7,740,208
	OTHER TRANSFERS	\$ 60,000	\$ 160,000
	COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
	<b>TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 22,031,805</b>	<b>\$ 22,733,724</b>

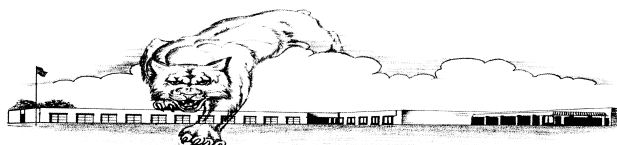
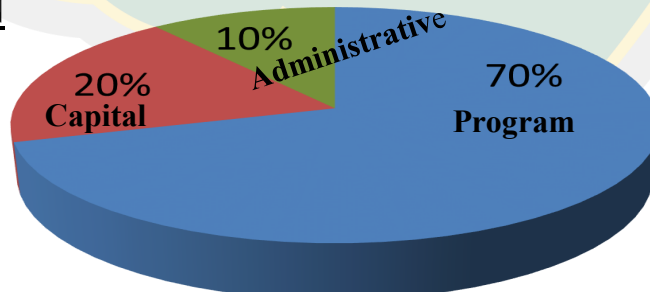
### CAPITAL BUDGET

2022-2023

2023-2024

<p>The Capital component of the budget includes funds for the purchase of school buses, principal and interest payments on debt service, and all operational, cleaning and maintenance costs for district facilities, including salaries and benefits, service contracts, supplies, and utility costs.</p>	OPERATION OF FACILITIES	\$ 1,407,494	\$ 1,487,190
	MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES	\$ 382,751	\$ 415,260
	JUDGEMENT AND CLAIMS	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
	NEW BUS PURCHASES	\$ 390,000	\$ 493,000
	CAPITAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 645,729	\$ 666,158
	DEBT SERVICE	\$ 3,554,803	\$ 3,622,170
	TRANSFER TO DEBT SERV/CAPITAL	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
	<b>TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 6,482,777</b>	<b>\$ 6,785,778</b>
	<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 31,584,436</b>	<b>\$ 32,746,019</b>

### BUDGET BREAKDOWN

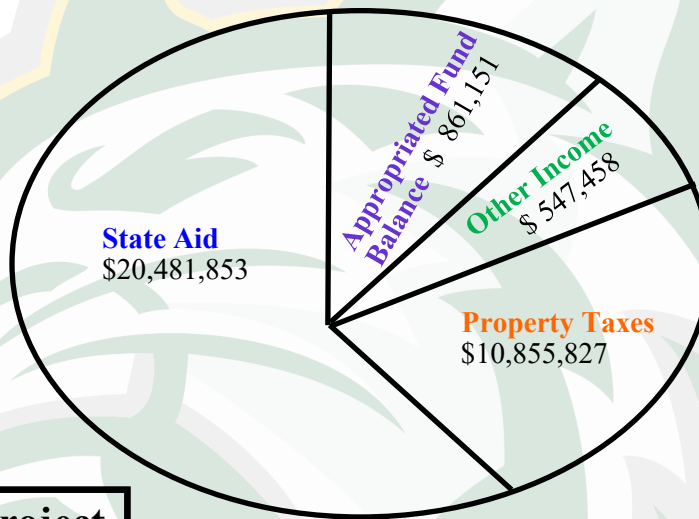




# Proposed Budget Revenue Comparison

	2022-2023 Revenue	2023-2024 Revenue	Dollar Increase/ Decrease
<b>Property Taxes</b>	\$10,642,968	\$10,855,827	▲ \$212,859
<b>State Aid</b>	\$19,570,859	\$20,481,583	▲ \$910,724
<b>Other Income</b>	\$ 509,458	\$ 547,458	▲ \$ 38,000
<b>Appropriated Fund Balance</b>	\$ 861,151	\$ 861,151	0
	\$31,584,436	\$32,746,019	▲ \$1,161,583

## Estimated Revenue & Fund Balance For the 2023-2024 School Year



### Capital Outlay Project

The 2023-2024 capital outlay project will consist of various work required at the High School/Middle School.

The state allows school districts to transfer general funds to the capital fund for building and/or reconstruction projects not to exceed \$100,000.

Projects funded in this manner receive reimbursement from the state the following budget year, unlike traditional capital projects, which are reimbursed over time.

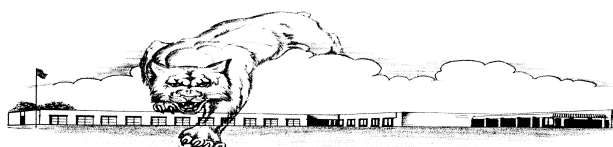
The state will reimburse Adirondack for approximately 85% of the project.



**Budget Hearing**  
Tuesday, May 9, 2023  
Large Instructional Room  
at the High School  
7:00 p.m.

**Budget Vote & Election**  
Tuesday, May 16, 2023  
High School Multipurpose Room  
12 noon—8:00 p.m.  
(Use HS GYM Entrance)

**Wildcat Wednesdays**  
1st Wednesday of Every Month





## **BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES**

Two (2) Vacant Seats for This Election

*The following letters were submitted by the Candidates:*

### **MICHAEL KRAMER:**

My name is Michael Kramer and I am running for re-election to the Adirondack Central School Board of Education. As a parent of four children, who are all graduates of ACS, I understand the importance of creating a safe and inclusive environment where every student can thrive and is given the opportunity for the best education possible.

I believe that serving on a school board is one of the greatest volunteer contributions a community member can make. School board members have the unique job of meeting the needs of the community, the faculty, the staff and the administrators, as well as being a voice for all children of the district. Student achievement, the financial health of the district and attracting qualified employees and staff are among the key duties of the board. In order to effectively address these duties, knowledge and communication skills are invaluable and commitment, dedication and leadership is required. Sweeping changes are not made and personal agendas have no place on a seven person board.

My previous years of service on this board and also the BOCES Board of Education are a testament to my commitment to education in our school district. I hope to continue to serve as an experienced, approachable, highly visible and dedicated member of the ACS School Board.

### **MAUREEN HEALT:**

As a parent of a current second grader at Boonville Elementary and as a community member, I value the education of all students in our district. Additionally if we truly desire success for our students and community, we must realize the value of all faculty and staff within our district. I strongly desire support, accountability, and transparency on all levels. I look forward to collaborating with current and future board members, as well as gaining insight and perspective from our community.

I am... a US Navy Retiree, a volunteer for The Epilepsy Foundation of America, a teacher for Cornell Cooperative Extension's Afterschool Program at Boonville Elementary, a graduate of ACS, a parent, a community member, and so much more. I am Maureen Healt and I encourage everyone to get out on 16 MAY and vote.

### **JAMES ALGER:**

Growing up on my grandparent's Dairy Farm located off of Webster Hill Rd, I learned the value and reward of hard work. My wife and I are both graduates of Adirondack Central High School and moved back to the area to raise our two daughters in the great community we grew up in. We own a small hobby farm in the town of Ava where we grow strawberries, pumpkins, and an assortment of other vegetables. I have served on the Ava Town Planning Board since the Spring of 2021. My goal in running for the school board is to bring a Conservative mindset and down to earth prospective to the budget and help to strengthen our school district.





## 2023 College Acceptances (as of mid-April 2023)

**STUDENTS NAME:**

**COLLEGE NAME(S) & PROGRAM(S):**

<b>Hunter Allen</b> – son of Justin & Alexis Allen	MVCC - Welding Certification
<b>Kirsten Belcamino</b> – daughter of Crystal Belcamino	MVCC – Human Services Program
<b>Payton Cady</b> – daughter of Morgan & Falyn Cady	SUNY Oswego – Zoology Program
<b>Preston Campbell</b> - son of Samantha Campbell	SUNY Canton – Game Design & Development
<b>Kiersten Case</b> – daughter of Dean Case & Susan Case	MVCC – Liberal Arts & Sciences
<b>Karl Christiansen</b> – son of Karl & Meggin Christiansen	RIT – Product Design Option
<b>Gabe Cihocki</b> – son of William Cihocki & Sharon Cihocki	Southeast Lineman Training Center
<b>Logan Chrzan</b> – son of David & Tonya Chrzan	SUNY Morrisville – Autotech Program
<b>Kiya Fruin</b> – daughter of Rae Stinebrickner & Robert Fruin	SUNY Polytechnic Institute – Business Administration
<b>Morgan Hutchins</b> – daughter of Shawn & Nichole Hutchins	LeMoyne College, SUNY Canton & SUNY Poly – Business
<b>Aya Knitel</b> – daughter of Neak Knitel & Joanne Ernst	RIT – 3D Digital Design-3D Visualization Option
<b>Haylee Kowalewsky</b> – daughter of Michael Kowalesky & Shelley Lloyd	Hartwick College – Art Program
<b>Peter Kanakos</b> – son of Kerry & Margaret Kanakos	Keuka College – Digital Marketing Program
<b>Alyssa Kwasniewski</b> – daughter of James & Lori Kwasniewski	Jefferson Community College – Agri-Business
<b>Aurianna Lastowski</b> – daughter of Matthew Lastowski	North Country Community College & MVCC – Health Services
<b>Zadok Mazur</b> – son of Ziggy & Tricia Mazur & Francine Hyman	United States Army with an MOS as an MP
<b>Holly Miller</b> – daughter of Floyd & MaryAnn Miller	Liberty University in Virginia
<b>Ethan Moore</b> – son of Edward Moore, Sr. & Miriam Doud	SUNY Oswego, SUNY Geneseo & Siena College – Psychology
<b>Alenna Murphy</b> – daughter of Wayne & Nicole Lampman	MVCC – Welding Certification
<b>Ireland Payne</b> – daughter of Ryan & Dara Payne	Syracuse University, James Madison University & University at Albany – Biology Program
<b>Riley Paschke</b> – daughter of Timothy & Jill Paschke	North Country Community College - Radiologic Tech
<b>Kira Pegues</b> – daughter of John & Rachael Pegues	Skidmore College – Biology Program
<b>Aidan Pflug</b> – son of Banu Akalin & Steven Talerico	SUNY Oneonta – Sociology/Criminal Justice Program
<b>Alexander Pflug</b> - son of Banu Akalin & Steven Talerico	SUNY Brockport – Sports Management Program
<b>Braeden Pridgeon</b> – son of Angela Ferrer & Corey Isenecker	RIT, Clarkson University, University of Maine, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute & University of Rochester – Mechanical Engineering
<b>Andres Roberts</b> – son of Glen & Irene Roberts	MVCC – Liberal Arts & Sciences
<b>Isabel Rodriguez</b> – daughter of Stacy Bandyh	MVCC – Health Sciences Program
<b>Brett Sanford</b> – son of Scott & Krista Sanford	Southeast Lineman Training Center
<b>James Sbarra</b> – son of James Sbarra	MVCC – Digital Animation Program
<b>Haven Shoemaker</b> – daughter of Brian & Jennifer Shoemaker	Old Dominion & Marist College – Fashion Merchandising
<b>Kaitlyn Spann</b> – daughter of Andrew Mathis & Colleen Spann	ESF – Construction Mgmt. & Utica University – Business Mgmt.
<b>Kaylana Steria</b> – daughter of Neil & Cora Grenier	Monroe Community College & Onondaga Community College – Fire Protection Technology
<b>Brock Weiler</b> – son of Adam & Charisma Weiler	RIT – Computing Exploration
<b>Colin White</b> – son of Richard White & Jane White	Onondaga Community College – Business Admin.
<b>Madison Wright</b> – daughter of Robert Wright & Amy Beckwith	JCC, SUNY Canton & SUNY Cobleskill – Animal Science
<b>Jenna Yauger</b> – daughter of Dean & Laurie Yauger	Hilbert College – Forensics Laboratory Program

*Congratulations*

**Well Done**

**Best Wishes**





# Proudly Presenting..... The Class of 2023 Top 10

## Valedictorian

1) **Kira Pegues**  
Daughter of John & Rachael Pegues



## Salutatorian

2) **Karl Christiansen**  
Son of Karl & Meggin Christiansen,



3) **Braedon Pridgeon**  
Son of Angela Ferrer & Corey Iseneker



4) **Brock Weiler**  
Son of Adam & Charisma Weiler



5) **Pippa deJong**  
Daughter of Alexandra deJong



6) **Preston Campbell**  
Son of Samantha Campbell



7) **Aya Knitel**  
Daughter of Neal Knitel & Joanne Ernst



8) **Ireland Payne**  
Daughter of Ryan & Dara Payne



9) **Aiden Pflug**  
Son of Banu Akalin & Steven Talerico



10) **Holly Miller**  
Daughter of Floyd & MarryAnn Miller





## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

### Q. What is the budget process?

The annual budget process commences in the fall of each school year and consists of two main components, expenditures and revenue. Administrators and teachers provide feedback to the Superintendent in relation to staffing, materials/supplies and other purchases. Drafts of the budget are presented throughout the process. Each draft has a number of changes. These changes take into account a number of factors such as staff retirements, BOCES final costs, retirement and health insurance rates, and contractual increases. With each draft, the amount of the deficit can increase or decrease. The main portion of the revenue budget is state aid. The Governor releases the first state aid runs in January. The final budget is approved by the Board of Education who determines the program changes and the increase in tax levy.

### Q. Who can vote?

To be eligible to vote, a resident must meet the following requirements:

- Lived in the Adirondack Central School District for at least 30 days prior to May 16, 2023.
- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Be a citizen of the United States.

### Q. What is the Voting Method ?

Adirondack will once again be using the voting machines from the Oneida County Board of Elections. If you have voted in the Town/Village or Presidential Elections then you will be familiar with the machines.

Pre-printed ballots are given to each voter. After filling the ballot in, voter will simply feed the ballot through the electronic voting machine. There will be poll inspectors on site the day of the vote for assistance.

### Q. What's on the Ballot?

#### **Budget:**

The Board of Education of the Adirondack Central School District in Boonville, is hereby authorized to levy the necessary tax for and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$32,746,019 for the purpose of the General Fund Budget for the 2023-2024 school year.

#### **Election of School Board Trustees:**

The election of two (2) members to the Board of Education will take place. Each term is for two (3) years beginning July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2026.

### Q. Can I vote by Absentee Ballot?

Residents who are unable to vote in person, may obtain an absentee ballot from the District Office after filling out an application for the ballot. The application must be submitted at least 7 days prior to the vote. If the absentee ballot is to be picked up by the voter in person, applications will be accepted until May 15th.

Absentee ballots must be returned to the district clerk no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 16th.

### Q. Where Do I Vote?

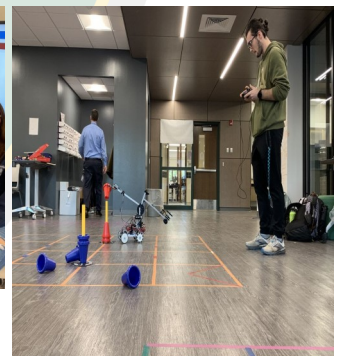
This year's Budget Vote & Election will be held in the multipurpose room at the Adirondack High School.

Parking is available behind the middle school/high school. **Please use the GYM entrance at the high school.**

Watch for signs directing you to the location.



ACS Robotics



Adirondack Central School  
110 Ford Street  
Boonville, NY 13309-1200  
May, 2023

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**ADIRONDACK**  
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Budget Vote Events

MAY 16TH



## DRUG TRENDS

A must see  
for parents

### Drug Trends

Informational Sessions  
4 & 6pm  
HS LGI Room

CENTER FOR **life**  
FAMILY AND RECOVERY  
WHERE THERE'S HELP, THERE'S HOPE



### Food Giveaway

This is a NO COST event for  
the ACS community thanks  
to our partners at CCS!

Boonville Fair Grounds  
Exhibit Hall 1-6pm

**ADIRONDACK  
CONNECTED**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



### PreK Art Show

Boonville Elementary  
6-7pm

**ART SHOW**

## Budget Vote

High School  
Multi Purpose Room

Noon - 8pm

School Budget  
Board Member Election

