



# *Adirondack Central School District*

## *2022-2023*

# *Budget Newsletter*

Dear Adirondack Community,

The Board of Education has adopted the 2022-23 school budget. The budget vote will take place on Tuesday, May 17th 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 three 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 10th at 7 PM in the Large Group Instruction Room at the High School.

The overall Adirondack budget proposed for 2022-23 is \$31,584,436. This amount includes the purchase of 3 new school buses to maintain a safe fleet, a car to allow us to offer Drivers Education, and a maintenance truck to replace one in disrepair. In addition, every year we have cost increases for salaries, health insurance, and other expenses such as fuel/gas. However, our proposed overall budget has only gone up \$16,547 from what it was this past year, 2021-22 (this is a .05% increase).

The major reason we have been able to propose such a minimal increase to our budget is due to the stimulus money (for COVID) the district is receiving. We have been able to use these federal funds to maintain our programming and facilities, but also to add a lot of new items to Adirondack. 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, a social worker, 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). It is important to realize that the stimulus money will expire over the next 2 years, and the district will not be able to sustain all of these expenses when the stimulus money expires. We will actively pursue other funding sources to maintain as much of this as possible into the future.

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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy W. McGrath  
*Superintendent of Schools*

***Board of Education***

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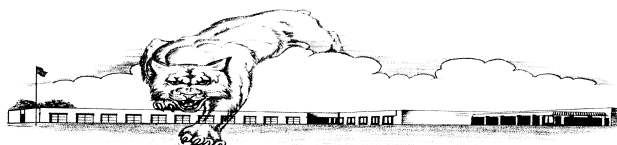


# PROPOSED COMPONENT BUDGET

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET</b>		<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
<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	\$ 30,075	\$ 27,075
	CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 277,629	\$ 266,029
	FINANCE	\$ 404,391	\$ 383,841
	LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
	PERSONNEL	\$ 46,000	\$ 38,000
	PUBLIC INFORMATION	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
	OTHER CENTRAL SERVICES	\$1,625,592	\$ 1,511,281
	CURRICULUM & STAFF DEVEL.	\$ 41,200	\$ 46,200
	SUPERVISION	\$ 767,262	\$ 762,428
		<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 3,227,149</b>

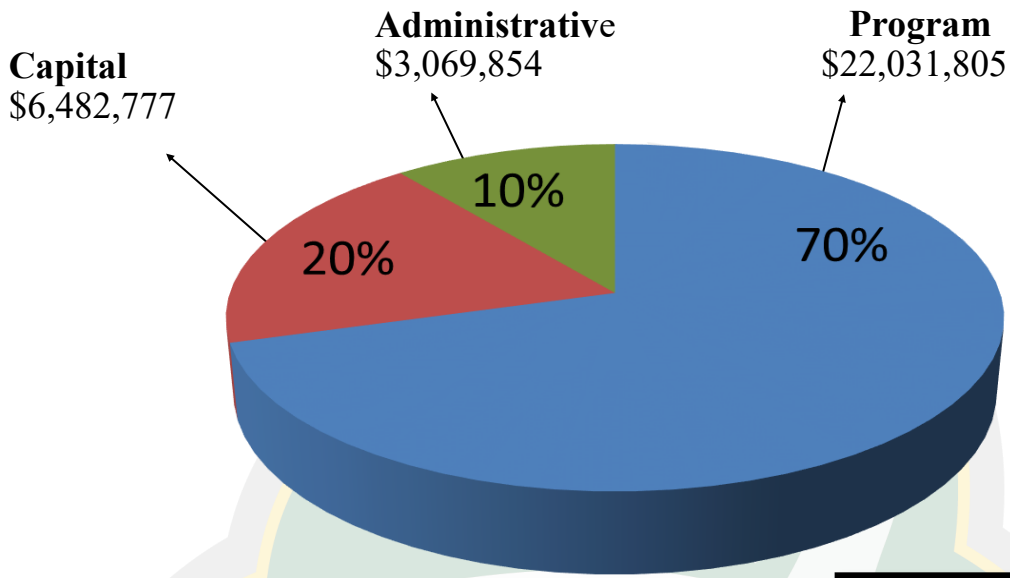
<b>PROGRAM BUDGET</b>		<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
<p>The Program component of the budget includes salaries and benefits of teachers, supervisors who spend a majority of their time performing teaching duties, and operating expenses for instructional and transportation programs.</p>	LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
	INSTRUCTION	\$12,822,446	\$12,597,519
	DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION	\$ 1,853,987	\$ 1,816,501
	BUS GARAGE	\$ 67,900	\$ 59,700
	PROGRAM EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 7,521,208	\$ 7,465,085
	OTHER TRANSFERS	\$ 45,000	\$ 60,000
	COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
		<b>TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET</b>	<b>\$22,343,541</b>

<b>CAPITAL BUDGET</b>		<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>	
<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	\$1,351,646	\$ 1,407,494	
	MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES	\$ 443,293	\$ 382,751	
	JUDGEMENT AND CLAIMS	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,000	
	NEW BUS PURCHASES	\$ 354,000	\$ 390,000	
	CAPITAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 609,087	\$ 645,729	
	DEBT SERVICE	\$3,129,173	\$ 3,554,803	
	TRANSFER TO DEBT SERV/CAPITAL	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	
		<b>TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5,997,199</b>	<b>\$ 6,482,777</b>
		<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$31,567,889</b>	<b>\$31,584,436</b>





# PROPOSED BUDGET BREAKDOWN



*Virtual Welding at ACS*



*“ACS ARTISTS”*



## Capital Outlay Project

The 2022-2023 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.



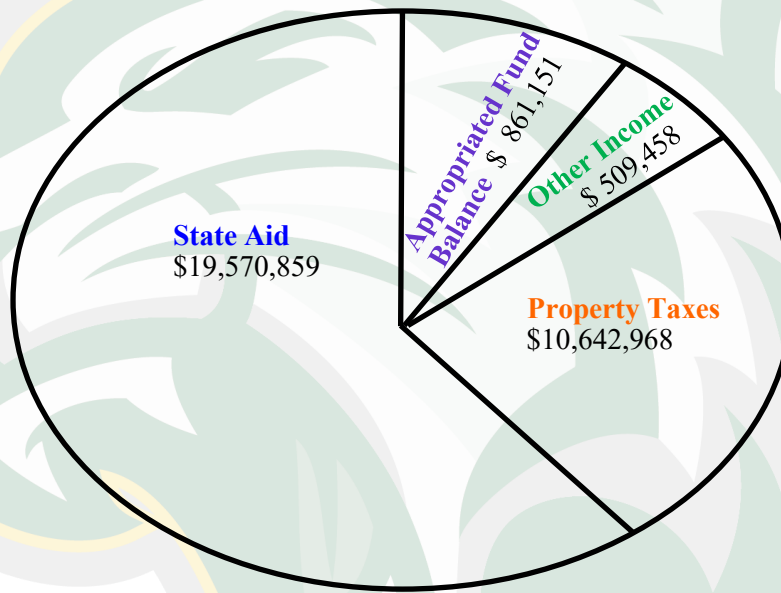




# Proposed Budget Revenue Comparison

	2021-2022 Revenue	2022-2023 Revenue	Dollar Increase/ Decrease
Property Taxes	\$10,429,351	\$10,642,968	▲ \$213,617
State Aid	\$19,557,099	\$19,570,859	▲ \$13,760
Other Income	\$ 720,288	\$ 509,458	▼ \$210,830
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 861,151	\$ 861,151	0
	\$31,567,889	\$31,584,436	▲ \$16,547

## Estimated Revenue & Fund Balance For the 2022-2023 School Year

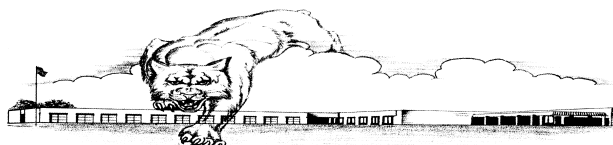


### School Bus Safety Week



**Budget Hearing**  
 Tuesday, May 10, 2022  
 Large Instructional  
 Room  
 at the High School  
 7:00 p.m.  
 (Use HS Main Entrance)

**Budget Vote & Election**  
 Tuesday, May 17, 2022  
 High School Multipurpose  
 Room  
 12 noon—8:00 p.m.  
 (Use HS GYM Entrance)





## **BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES**

*(The following letters were submitted by the Candidates)*

### **KEITH REDHEAD:**

I am a father, step-father, husband, former teacher, and a small business owner in Marcy and soon-to-be Boonville. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Adolescent Education with a concentration in history and a Master's Degree in Students with Disabilities. I currently serve on the Town of Ava Planning Board and on the Board for the OHM-BOCES School and Business Alliance. Prior to opening a small business in Marcy, I spent 10 years teaching middle school in Rome and Oriskany. I remember in one of my Education courses at SUNY Oswego having to write an essay responding to the idea that it takes a village to raise a child. As an individualist, I opposed the idea then as I do today because I believe that it first takes a family to raise a child. Beyond the family, we then put trust in our proverbial village and school to look out for the safety, well-being, and education of our children.

I believe in self-reliance, self-ownership, self-responsibility, and self-determination. I try to instill these principles into my children and lead by example. I was taught that the State and Schools answer to the people. It has become abundantly clear that the State is unfit to run itself, let alone our schools. If it takes a village to raise a child, that village is here in Boonville and not Albany. If elected to the Board of Education, I aim to ensure that parents, families, and this community are the driving force of our schools. These last two years have presented us with a great opportunity to re-evaluate education. I hope to be part of steering that towards innovation and preparing our children for fulfillment and success.

### **BRUCE BRACH:**

I grew up in Boonville and graduated from Adirondack in 1989. I have a Mechanical Engineering Degree from Clarkson University. I am the Vice President of Operations for a company in Utica where we have been voted by our employees as one of the top 25 best places to work in New York 8 out of the last 9 years. I live in Alder Creek with my wife Shannon and two sons, Jake and Luke.

I served on the board for 15 years previously and have a very good understanding of school finance. In my personal life, I have a long history of volunteering and assisting in our community. In my professional life, I understand the importance of asking the rights questions and challenging people to be better and expect more of themselves when needed. If anyone would like to ask me any questions, my cell phone number is 315-534-9862.

### **ABBY PODKOWKA:**

Hello all. My name is Abby Podkowka. I am 27 years old and I have resided in Boonville my whole life. I graduated from Adirondack Central School in 2012. I went on to graduate from Mohawk Valley Community College earning an Associate's Degree in Business Administration and currently work as an account technician.

I have two young children who are the lights of my life. My daughter is currently a student at Boonville Elementary, which my son will also attend in the coming years. I also have nephews and a niece in the Middle/High school. I made the decision to run for the Board of Education to continue to improve on a school district that is near and dear to my heart. I would like to ensure proper funding to all aspects of the district, whether it is food or sports related, fine arts or special education. We have so many amazing programs already established at Adirondack and the only way we keep those programs running is with passionate and dedicated individuals. I aspire to be one of those individuals, and that is why I am asking for your vote. I believe that the staff is the backbone of our schools, but the students are our future! My goal is to give them every opportunity they deserve. Please help me in making this goal a reality. Thank you!





Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2021-22 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2022-23 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$31,567,889	\$31,584,436	\$31,065,836
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year		\$ 16,547	\$ -502,053
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		0%	-1.5%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.7%	
<b>A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount</b>	\$10,429,351	\$10,642,968	
<b>B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable</b>	\$0	\$0	
<b>C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **</b>	\$0	\$0	
<b>D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy</b>	\$0	\$0	
<b>E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)</b>	\$10,429,351	\$10,642,968	\$10,124,368
<b>F. Total Permissible Exclusions</b>	\$ 272,470	\$ 209,452	
<b>G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions</b>	\$10,267,711	\$10,433,516	
<b>H. Total Proposed Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)</b>	\$10,156,881	\$10,433,516	
<b>I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **</b>	\$ 110,830	\$ 0	
<b>Administrative Component</b>	\$ 3,227,149	\$ 3,069,854	\$ 3,069,854
<b>Program Component</b>	\$22,343,541	\$22,031,805	\$22,031,805
<b>Capital Component</b>	\$ 5,997,199	\$ 6,482,777	\$ 5,964,177

\* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2022-23 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

\*\* List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount

NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: [emscmgt@snyed.gov](mailto:emscmgt@snyed.gov)

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$ 414.00
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The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-2023 by the qualified voters of the Adirondack Central School District, Oneida County, New York, will be held at the Adirondack High School in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., prevailing time at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.





## 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 17, 2022.
- 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 \$31,584,436 for the purpose of the General Fund Budget for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

The election of three (3) members to the Board of Education will take place. Each term is for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2022 until June 30, 2025.

### 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 16th.

Absentee ballots must be returned to the district clerk no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 17th.

### 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.





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May, 2022

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**PLEASE EXERCISE YOUR  
RIGHT TO VOTE**



ADIRONDACK CENTRAL SCHOOL



We are pleased to present to the Adirondack Central School District:

## Wildcat Community Open House



**Come One, Come All**

**Tuesday, May 17th (4-6:30 PM)**  
**Adirondack Middle/High School Campus**

FREE Community Chicken Riggies Dinner  
with bread, salad, drinks and dessert  
*(Paid for by a No Kid Hungry Grant)*

Takeouts Available and Dine-In Encouraged

**PICK UP YOUR TICKETS IN ANY ADIRONDACK  
MAIN OFFICE BY MAY 11TH**

(limited quantities of tickets may be available at the door)

Some of the many things you will see and hear...

- Art Projects • Music • New Vinyl Graphics Project
- Pool • STEAM Lab • High School Media Center
- Technology Products

### Also Happening...

#### Annual Budget Vote

Noon-8 PM

Multi-Purpose Room (by the Gym, behind the school)

We Care About YOU!

#### Upstate Mammography Van

10 AM - 3 PM

Front Parking Lot-Adirondack High School

Women age 40+

- Who haven't had a mammogram in the past year
- Do not have signs/symptoms of breast cancer
- Insured or uninsured welcome

You must make an appointment in advance:

BY PHONE 315-464-2582

ONLINE: [www.upstate.edu/noexcuses](http://www.upstate.edu/noexcuses)

