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Budget Vote On May 16

A high school student from a rural upstate school is tapped to serve as the Youth & Government student Lieutenant New York State Governor while gaining the confidence of more than 500 Youth & Government student participants attending from throughout New York state. Kindergarteners learn about the water retention in clouds with a hands-on experiment while their peers in 5th grade work with local organizations to stock trout in our lakes and have a hand in the banding of migrating birds. The outstanding teamwork of a group of student athletes is highlighted on a local TV news program while town and school work together to host elementary team athletic opportunities year-round. High school students can take college courses for credit and get a head start on their higher education goals.

Where are these life long memories and one of a kind learning happening? BOLTON CENTRAL SCHOOL! These remarkable experiences are a regular part of education for Pre-K through 12th grade students at Bolton Central School!

All these opportunities have taken careful and thorough planning under less-than-ideal circumstances. Collaboration has been the key to the success of our students, our school and our community. The challenges have required all of us to adjust and work towards recovering what was lost in terms of social and academic growth during the pandemic years. Building a better way forward to honor our commitment to the overall well-being of BCS students is our primary focus.

At the center of these student experiences is the strong support of the community.

For the Board of Education, the needs of students are our first priority. New and evolving initiatives are key to ensuring students have the tools to be successful now and well into the future. We strive to do this while maintaining our fiduciary responsibilities to the community in order to meet the state mandates and financial challenges faced by the district.

On behalf of the Bolton Central School District's Board of Education, I present the proposed budget for the 2023 - 2024 school year for your review. The district is not immune to the effects of increasing costs. With this in mind, please take the

time to review the information in this document so that you may best understand the complexities of all that goes into a public-school budget. With careful

consideration a budget has been developed that is less than the state-imposed tax cap limit, with an overall increase of 2.46% from last year's budget. In developing this upcoming budget, we wish to best utilize all our established resources and keep our District well prepared for whatever comes next. Two board seats are up for election. Mr. Timothy Daken and Mr. Jesse Foy have both filed petitions and will appear on the ballot.

The Board of Education would like to thank the community for its continued involvement and its participation in shaping the future of Bolton Central School.

BUDGET INCREASE
2.46%

PROJECTED TAX LEVY INCREASE
2.60%

THIS IS LOWER THAN THE STATE-IMPOSED TAX CAP

The STAR Program

The STAR program is still a benefit for tax payers. If you have questions about this program, please contact your local property assessor in Bolton at (518) 644-2894, Hague at (518) 543-6161 or in Horicon at (518) 494-4198.

For a STAR application or more information, contact your local assessor and visit <https://www.tax.ny.gov/star/>

A MESSAGE FROM

Kathleen C. Pfau
Board President

School Budget EXPENDITURES

Public schools in New York State are required to report their spending in three categories

	2022-2023 Budget	2023-2024 Proposed	Dollar Change	% of 2023-2024 Budget
PROGRAM EXPENDITURES				73.83%
Instruction	\$2,660,237	\$2,769,942	\$109,705	
Career and Technical Instruction	\$608,519	\$625,793	\$17,274	
Special Education	\$598,245	\$529,746	-\$68,499	
Pupil Services	\$351,660	\$358,411	\$6,751	
Extra-Curricular	\$264,142	\$266,861	\$2,719	
Transportation	\$507,774	\$522,845	\$15,071	
Community Service - Census	\$1,915	\$1,915	\$0	
Employee Benefits	\$2,416,102	\$2,508,112	\$92,010	
Interfund Transfers	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$0	
PROGRAM TOTAL	\$7,473,594	\$7,648,625	\$175,031	

Includes: salaries and benefits of teachers, school counselors, aides, nurses, etc.; teaching supplies, equipment, and textbooks; library and instructional computer funds; extracurricular activities, athletics expenses, and transportation costs (except bus purchases).

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES				8.99%
Board of Education	\$32,900	\$33,087	\$187	
Central Administration	\$511,691	\$491,598	-\$20,093	
Supervision & Curriculum Development	\$155,861	\$160,567	\$4,706	
Employee Benefits	\$245,868	\$246,120	\$252	
ADMINISTRATIVE TOTAL	\$946,320	\$931,372	-\$14,948	

Includes: salaries, benefits, equipment & supplies of the superintendent's office, business office and principal's office; instructional staff development & curriculum development; insurance; legal expenses; public information; Board of Education expenses; and BOCES administration charges.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES				17.18%
Operations & Maintenance	\$904,471	\$968,453	\$63,982	
Transportation	\$128,601	\$161,198	\$32,597	
Employee Benefits	\$290,035	\$284,917	-\$5,118	
Debt Service	\$168,300	\$165,400	-\$2,900	
Interfund Transfers	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	
CAPITAL TOTAL	\$1,691,407	\$1,779,968	\$88,561	

Includes: debt service on buildings; bus purchases, tax certiorari and court-ordered costs; custodial costs including salaries and benefits of maintenance workers; and all facilities costs, including supplies, utilities, general repairs, and boiler repairs.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	10,111,321	\$10,359,965	\$248,644	
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Projected Budget **REVENUE**

	2022-2023 Budget	2023-2024 Proposed	Dollar Change
State Aid	\$917,032	\$944,225	\$27,193
Use of Property/Money	\$75,000	\$85,000	\$10,000
Tuition and Services	\$111,000	\$111,000	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$0
Fund Balance/Reserves	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$0
Projected Tax Levy	\$8,138,289	\$8,349,740	\$211,451
TOTAL REVENUE	\$10,111,321	\$10,359,965	\$248,644



Important Voter **INFORMATION**

— O N T H E B A L L O T —

Proposed School Budget

RESOLVED, that the budget submitted by the Board of Education of Bolton Central School District, Warren County, New York in the amount of TEN MILLION, THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$ 10,359,965) for the school year 2023-2024 is hereby approved and adopted, and the money needed therefore be raised by tax or taxes for the purpose set forth in such budget in accordance with law.

YES

NO

Board Of Education Election

This year, two (2) vacancies on the Board of Education for three (3) year terms each, will be filled by the voters during the annual election on May 16, 2023.

These vacancies have been created by the expiration of the terms for Mr. Timothy Daken and Mr. Jesse Foy. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to the two open seats.

In the order they will appear on the ballot, the candidates are:

1. Mr. Timothy Daken
2. Mr. Jesse Foy

Vote Tuesday, May 16

Who Can Vote? All voters must be registered, U.S. citizens, age 18 or older on election day, and residents of the Bolton Central School District for 30 days immediately prior to election day.

Can't Get to the Polls? Absentee ballots are available to voters who qualify. Contact the BCS main office at 644-2400, ext. 407.

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School District Budget NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2022-23 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2023-2024 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2023-2024 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 10,111,321	\$ 10,359,965	\$10,148,514
Increase/Decrease for the 2023-24 School Year		\$ 248,644	\$ 37,193
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.46%	.37%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		8%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 8,138,289	\$ 8,349,740	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$ 0	\$ 0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$ 0	\$ 0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$ 0	\$ 0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$ 8,138,289	\$ 8,349,740	\$ 8,138,289
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 264,743	\$ 289,669	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$7,903,547	\$ 8,086,634	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$7,873,546	\$ 8,060,071	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 30,001	\$ 26,563	
Administrative Component	\$ 946,320	\$ 931,372	\$ 930,072
Program Component	\$ 7,473,594	\$ 7,648,625	\$ 7,639,925
Capital Component	\$ 1,691,407	\$ 1,779,968	\$ 1,578,517
* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2023-24 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law. Reductions would be made to equipment, programs, non-essential maintenance, and staffing as needed.			
** 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	

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹
\$141

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

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-2024 by the qualified voters of the Bolton Central School District, Warren County, New York, will be held at Bolton Central School in said district on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., prevailing time in the Bolton Central School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.