



SENECA FALLS



CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Budget Facts

\$31,536,339

**2021-2022
School Year Total
Spending Proposal**

0.9%

**Proposed Tax
Levy Increase**

**Bus Proposition
Purchase of 4
Buses from
Reserves**

**Board of
Education Election
3 Vacancies**

**Absentee Ballots
Must be Received
by May 18**

6%

**Budget to Budget
Spending Change
from 2020-21**

2021-2022 Property Tax Report Card	Budget Adopted 2020-21	Budget Proposed 2021-22	Percent Change
Total Budget Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$29,733,095	\$31,536,339	6%
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amt	\$13,457,895	\$13,579,016	
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$-	\$-	
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable	\$-	\$-	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	\$-	\$-	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A+B+C+D)	\$13,457,895	\$13,579,016	0.9%
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$187,068	\$21,940	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Exclusions	\$13,613,584	\$13,835,187	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purpose, Excluding Permissible Exclusions Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E-B-F+D)	\$13,270,827	\$13,557,076	
I. Difference: (G - H)	\$342,757	\$278,110	
Public School Enrollment		1,135	
Consumer Price Index	1.81%	1.23%	

SFCSO BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION NOTICE

There are three vacancies on the Board of Education. The three candidates will have terms of three years (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024). BOE Candidates and statements can be accessible through the district website: www.senecafallscsd.org

BUS PURCHASE PROPOSITION: AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE

Approval of the Proposition authorizes the expenditure of up to \$500,000 for the purchase of four buses. Funds for the purchase will come from the Capital Bus Reserve (No additional tax impact).

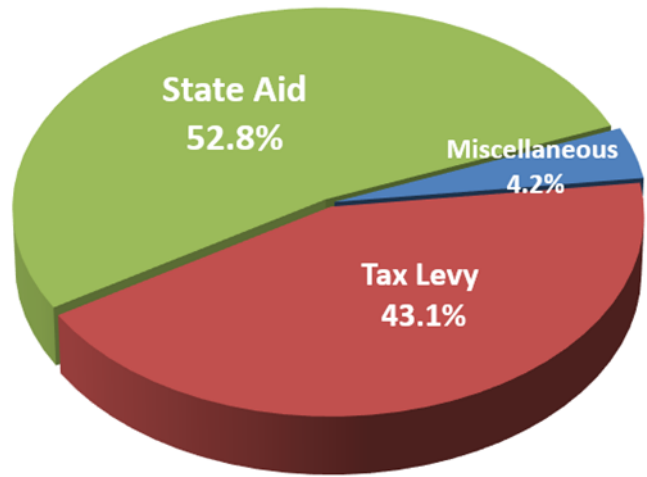




SENECA FALLS

2021-22 DISTRICT REVENUE BUDGET

Revenue	2021-22 Proposed
NY State Aid	
NY State Aid	\$16,638,450
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$75,000
Local Sources	
Tax Levy	\$13,579,016
PILOTS	\$230,000
Debt Service Fund	\$88,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$325,873
Appropriated Reserves	\$0
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$0
Federal Aid	
Federal Grants	\$600,000
TOTAL	\$31,536,339



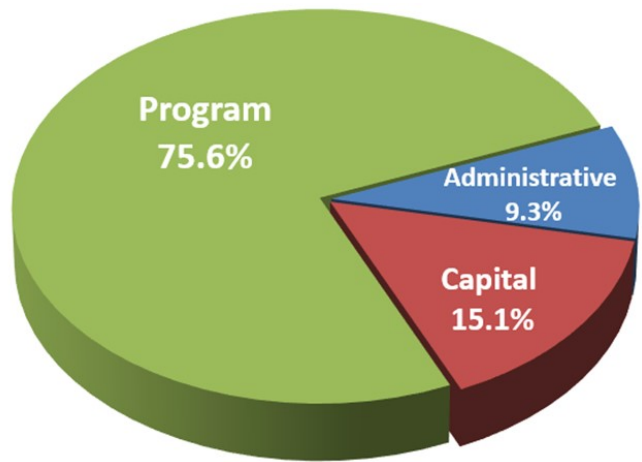
THE 2021-2022 THREE-PART BUDGET PROPOSAL

All public schools in New York State are required to report appropriations in three official categories: Program, Capital, and Administrative. The following data shows how the Seneca Falls' budget breaks down:

PROGRAM	2021-22 Proposal
Curriculum & Instruction	\$17,018,569
Transportation	\$1,355,868
Employee Benefits	\$5,270,831
General Program Support	\$30,303
Interfund Transfers	\$155,000
TOTAL	\$23,830,571

CAPITAL	2021-22 Proposal
Debt Service	\$2,650,645
Operation of Plant	\$979,421
Maintenance of Plant	\$378,119
Benefits	\$757,985
TOTAL	\$4,766,170

ADMINISTRATIVE	2021-22 Proposal
School Operations	\$1,134,805
Central Administration	\$285,943
Supervision	\$906,479
Benefits & Community	\$612,371
TOTAL	\$2,939,598



THE PROGRAM BUDGET :

The salaries and benefits of all teachers, guidance counselors, aides, monitors, psychologists, nurses, social workers, and speech therapists. Also included are textbooks and equipment, library costs, transportation, co-curricular programs and interscholastic athletics.

THE CAPITAL BUDGET :

Operations and maintenance costs, including salaries and benefits for custodial staff, debt service from capital projects, utilities, cleaning supplies, tax certiorari, and court-ordered costs.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET :

The salaries and benefits of administrators, supervisors and administrative clerical staff, public information and printing, curriculum and staff development, school board-related costs, tax collection, and legal services.

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGET NOTICE WITH CONTINGENCY

In the event the budget is not approved, the District may conduct a second vote or adopt a contingency budget. A contingency budget would include reductions required by Section 2023 of the Education Law, including the use of school facilities and fields.

State-Required School District Budget Notice	Budget Adopted 2020-21	Budget Proposed 2021-22	Contingency Budget 2021-22
Total Budgeted Amount, without Propositions	\$29,733,095	\$31,536,339	\$30,179,677
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Yr		\$1,803,244	\$446,582
Percent Change in Budget		6%	1.5%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%	
School Tax Levy Limit plus Exclusions		\$13,857,126 (2.97%)	
Proposed School Year Tax Levy	\$13,457,895	\$13,579,016 (0.9%)	\$13,457,895
Administrative Component	\$2,834,076	\$2,939,598	\$2,862,417
Program Component	\$22,971,348	\$23,830,571	\$23,201,061
Capital Component	\$3,927,671	\$4,766,170	\$4,116,199
Reductions for Contingency = \$1,356,662			

Property Tax Levy

New York State law requires school districts to establish a tax cap, or maximum allowable levy limit. Each school district determines its cap from a complicated formula. Allowable Levy is set at the Cost of Living, CPI (1.23%) or the state's tax cap of 2%, whichever is less. The SFCSD proposed 0.9% Tax Levy increase is below the Maximum Allowable Levy Limit of 2.97%.

Tax Levy Limit through 6/30/20	\$13,457,895	
Tax Base Growth Factor	1.0039	
Allowable Levy Growth (lower of CPI or 2%)	1.23%	
Allowable Tax Levy Limit + Exclusions	\$13,857,127	2.97%
BOE Proposed Levy for 2021-2022	\$13,579,016	0.90%
Amount below Tax Levy Limit + Exclusions	\$278,110	

Estimation using \$100,000 Home	SENECA FALLS	FAYETTE	TYRE
Basic STAR	\$26,700 (Decreased \$300)	\$30,000	\$30,000
Enhanced STAR	\$62,920 (Increased \$100)	\$70,700 (Increased \$900)	\$70,700 (Increased \$900)
Assessment Level	85% (Decreased from 89%)	100%	100%
Tax Rate on As- sessment Per \$1000	\$26.95 (True Value \$22.91)	\$22.91 (True Value)	\$22.91 (True Value)
Avg. Taxpayer Change	Increase \$41.24	Decrease \$45.38	Decrease \$45.38

Town School Tax Bills Using the Basic and Enhanced STAR Exemption:


The tax bills to the left are estimated using a \$100,000 home and rates from the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance. The Seneca Falls CSD does not develop the equalization rates and STAR exemption amounts. The Town of Seneca Falls properties are expected to have an equalization rate of 85%. The Town of Fayette and Tyre equalization rates are estimated to be at 100%. The 2021-22 exemptions can be found at: www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/star45.htm.

School tax rates are set for each town and approved by SFCSD Board of Education in July or August.



WHERE AND HOW DO I VOTE?

All Seneca Falls Central School District voters must be U.S. Citizens, at least 18 years of age, and a resident for the past 30 days. Voting on the School Budget, Bus Purchases, and Board of Education elections will take place from **1:00 to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, May 18, 2021** in the **Seneca Falls Middle School Gym (95 Troy Street)**. Please note the change in venue from previous years. The map below illustrates the Middle School Gym parking and entrance for voting. The annual public hearing for the school budget will be on Thursday, May 6th at 6:00 PM. A link will be provided on the district website for the community to attend virtually. All Budget Information will be posted on the SFCSD Website www.senecafallscsd.org.



ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 18
1:00 PM to 8:00 PM
SF Middle School Gym

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Residents who will not be able to appear in person on May 18 may apply for an absentee ballot at the District Office (98 Clinton Street). If the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the application must be submitted at least seven 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 17. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 PM on May 18, 2021.

VOTER SAFETY

Our traditional polling site has been relocated to accommodate CDC guidelines and provide proper social distancing. Voting will take place in the Seneca Falls Middle School Gym. The parking lot can be accessed off of Mynderse Street to the back of the SFMS gym. Voters will enter the side entrance of the gym (door facing the track– see image). Signs and markers will be provided to direct voter traffic. Doors will be propped and voting machines will be appropriately distanced. Please adhere to the following guidance:

- PPE and hand sanitizer will be accessible
- Voters must wear face masks and social distance
- Please limit all nonessential visitors
- Voters are discouraged from greeting others with physical contact
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Voters may see greater traffic between the hours of 1-3 PM

VOTING LOCATION AND PARKING



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PO Box 268, 98 Clinton St.
Seneca Falls, NY 13148

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