



# SENECA FALLS

## CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Budget Facts

**\$34,394,919**

2022-2023  
School Year Total  
Spending Proposal

**1.95%**

Proposed Tax  
Levy Increase

**Bus Proposition**

Purchase of 3  
Buses & 2 vans  
from Reserves

Board of  
Education Election  
3 Vacancies

Absentee Ballots  
Must be Received  
by May 17

Budget Vote  
May 17, 12-8 PM  
District Office

### 2022-2023 Property Tax Report Card

	Budget Adopted 2021-22	Budget Proposed 2022-23	Percent Change
Total Budget Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$31,536,339	\$34,394,919	9%
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amt	\$13,579,016	\$13,843,807	
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)	\$13,579,016	\$13,843,807	1.95%
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$21,940	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Exclusions	\$13,835,187	\$13,915,303	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purpose, Excluding Permissible Exclusions Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E-B-F+D)	\$13,557,076	\$13,843,807	
I. Difference: (G - H)	\$278,110	\$71,496	
Public School Enrollment	1,173	1,163	
Consumer Price Index/Allowable Levy	1.23%	2%	

### 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, 2022 through June 30, 2025). BOE Candidates and statements can be accessible through the district website: [www.senecafallscsd.org](http://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 three buses and two vans. Funds for the purchase will come from the Capital Bus Reserve (No additional tax impact).

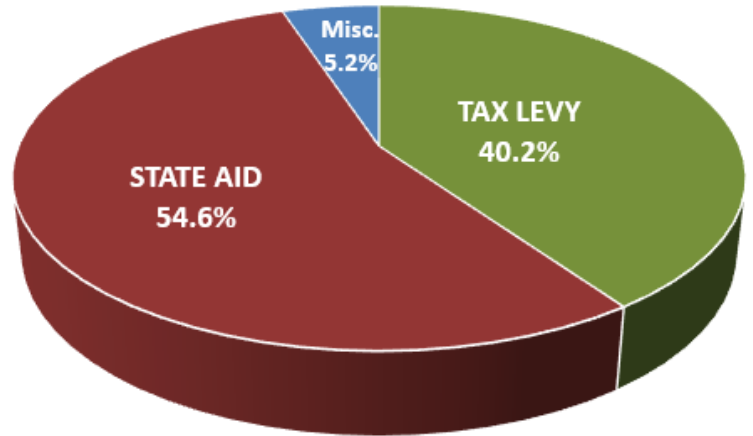




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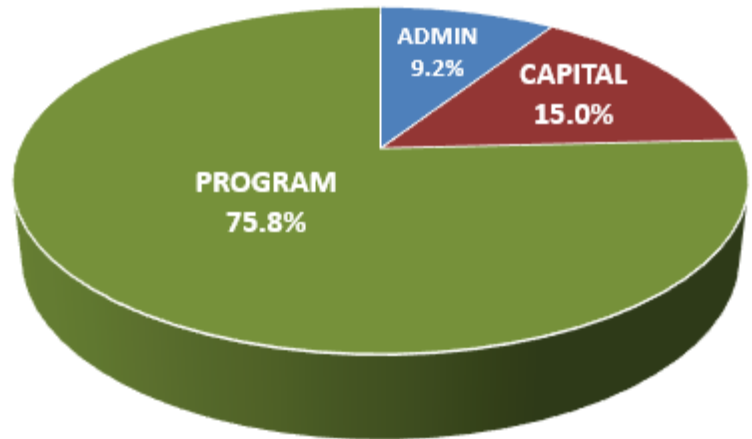
## 2022-23 DISTRICT REVENUE BUDGET

Revenue	2022-23 Proposed
<b>NY State Aid</b>	
NY State Aid	\$18,782,239
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$75,000
<b>Local Sources</b>	
Tax Levy	\$13,843,807
PILOTS	\$230,000
Debt Service Fund	\$88,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$325,873
Appropriated Reserves	\$450,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$0
<b>Federal Aid</b>	
Federal Grants	\$600,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$34,394,919</b>



## THE 2022-2023 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	2022-23 Proposal
Curriculum & Instruction	\$18,203,729
Transportation	\$1,569,525
Employee Benefits	\$6,127,055
General Program Support	\$30,303
Interfund Transfers	\$155,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,085,612</b>

### 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.

CAPITAL	2022-23 Proposal
Debt Service	\$2,690,194
Operation of Plant	\$1,083,662
Maintenance of Plant	\$461,083
Benefits	\$914,190
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,149,129</b>

### 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE	2022-23 Proposal
School Operations	\$1,188,487
Central Administration	\$301,277
Supervision	\$959,199
Benefits & Community	\$711,215
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,160,178</b>

### 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 2021-22	Budget Proposed 2022-23	Contingency Budget 2022-23
Total Budgeted Amount, without Propositions	\$31,536,339	\$34,394,919	\$33,626,531
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Yr		\$2,858,580	\$2,090,192
Percent Change in Budget		9%	6.6%
Change in the Consumer Price Index/Tax Cap		2.0%	
School Tax Levy Limit plus Exclusions	\$13,915,303 (2.48%)		
Proposed School Year Tax Levy	\$13,579,016	\$13,843,807 (1.95%)	\$13,579,016
Administrative Component	\$2,939,598	\$3,160,178	\$3,095,178
Program Component	\$23,830,571	\$26,085,612	\$25,555,828
Capital Component	\$4,766,170	\$5,149,129	\$4,975,525
Reductions for Contingency = \$768,388			

## 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 (4.7%) or the state's tax cap of 2%, whichever is less. The SFCSD proposed 1.95% Tax Levy increase is below the Maximum Allowable Levy Limit of 2.48%.

Tax Levy Limit through 6/30/21	\$13,579,016	
Tax Base Growth Factor	1.0033	
Allowable Levy Growth (lower of CPI or 2%)	2.00%	
Allowable Tax Levy Limit + Exclusions	\$13,915,303	2.48%
BOE Proposed Levy for 2022-2023	\$13,843,807	1.95%
Amount below Tax Levy Limit +Exclusions	\$71,496	

Estimation using \$100,000 Home	SENECA FALLS	FAYETTE	TYRE
<b>Basic STAR</b> <i>(2021-22 Levels)</i>	<b>\$26,700</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>Enhanced STAR</b> <i>(2021-22 Levels)</i>	<b>\$62,920</b> <i>*Subject to Change</i>	<b>\$70,700</b> <i>*Subject to Change</i>	<b>\$70,700</b> <i>*Subject to Change</i>
<b>Assessment Level</b> <i>*Rates Not Final</i>	<b>77%</b> <i>(Decreased from 85%)</i>	<b>90%</b> <i>(Decreased from 100%)</i>	<b>95%</b> <i>(Decreased from 100%)</i>
<b>Tax Rate on Assessment Per \$1000</b>	<b>\$27.32</b> <i>(True Value \$21.03)</i>	<b>\$23.37</b> <i>(True Value \$21.03)</i>	<b>\$22.14</b> <i>(True Value \$21.03)</i>
<i>Estimated Change in Tax Bills</i>	<i>Enh. STAR +\$21 Basic STAR +\$41</i>	<i>Enh. STAR +\$18 Basic STAR +\$44</i>	<i>Enh. STAR -\$18 Basic STAR -\$42</i>

## 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 77%. The Town of Fayette and Tyre equalization rates are estimated to be at 90% and 95%. The 2021-22 exemptions can be found at: [www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/star45.htm](http://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.

All rates are based on 2021-22 Assessed Values and STAR Exemptions



### 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 of the school district for the past 30 days. Voting on the School Budget, establishing a General Capital Reserve Fund, establishing a Capital Reserve Fund– Purchase of Buses, Bus Purchases, and the election of members of the Board of Education will take place from **12:00 to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, May 17, 2022** in the **Operations Center (2 Butler Ave)**. Please note the change in venue from previous years. The annual public hearing for the school budget will be on Thursday, May 5th at 6:00 PM. The public hearing will be in the District Office Conference Room. All Budget Information will be posted on the SFCSD Website [www.senecafallscsd.org](http://www.senecafallscsd.org).



**ANNUAL SCHOOL  
BUDGET VOTE**

**Tuesday, May 17  
12:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
Operations Center**

### ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Residents who will not be able to appear in person on May 17 may apply for an absentee ballot at the District Office (2 Butler Ave). 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 16. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 PM on May 17, 2022.

### BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

- **PROPOSITION #1:** Authorization to expend the sum of thirty-four million, three-hundred ninety four thousand, nine-hundred nineteen dollars (\$34,394,919) in the 2022-2023 school year with such amount to be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of such School District, after first deducting the monies available from State Aid and other sources as provided by law.
- **PROPOSITION #2:** Authorization to establish a reserve fund pursuant to Education Law Section 3651, “General Capital Reserve Fund” with the ultimate amount of such reserve fund shall not exceed eleven million, five-hundred thousand dollars (\$11,500,000) plus amounts earned on deposit on reserve funds. The probable existence of said reserve fund shall be ten (10) years, but the fund shall continue in existence for its stated purpose until liquidated according to Education Law. The source from which funds shall be obtained for said reserve fund shall be from liquidation of the current building capital reserve fund and current and future un-appropriated fund balances from the General Fund as directed by the Board of Education. No monies can be expended from the General Capital Reserve Fund without voter approval.
- **PROPOSITION #3:** Authorization to establish a reserve fund pursuant to Education Law Section 3651, “Capital Reserve Fund- Purchase of Buses” with the ultimate amount of such reserve fund shall not exceed five-million five-hundred thousand dollars (\$5,500,000) plus amounts earned on deposit on reserve funds. The probable existence of said reserve fund shall be ten (10) years, but the fund shall continue in existence for its stated purpose until liquidated according to Education Law. The source from which funds shall be obtained for said reserve fund shall be from liquidation of the current bus purchase reserve fund and current and future un-appropriated fund balances from the General Fund as directed by the Board of Education. No monies can be expended from the Capital Reserve Fund-Purchase of Buses without voter approval.
- **PROPOSITION #4:** Authorization to purchase up to five (5) school vehicles (bus and/or van) for the transportation of District students, for a sum of money not to exceed five-hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00); said amount to be expended in the 2022-2023 fiscal year; said sum or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be withdrawn from the District’s “Capital Reserve Fund- Purchase of Buses”, in accordance with the Education Law and Local Finance Law.
- **PROPOSITION #5:** Shall the sum of three hundred thirty-seven thousand dollars (\$337,000.00) be raised by annual levy of a tax upon the taxable property within the Seneca Falls Central School District for the purpose of funding the Seneca Falls Library?



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