



# SENECA FALLS



## CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Budget Facts

**\$36,024,750**

2023-2024  
School Year Total  
Spending Proposal

**2.00%**

**Proposed Tax  
Levy Increase**

**Bus Proposition**

**Purchase of 3  
Buses from  
Reserves**

**Board of  
Education Election  
3 Vacancies**

**Absentee Ballots  
Must be Received  
by May 16**

**Budget Vote  
May 16, 12-8 PM  
District Office**

Dear Seneca Falls Residents,

At the March 23, 2023 meeting, the Seneca Falls Central School District Board of Education adopted a proposed spending plan of \$36,024,750. Our proposed tax levy increase of 2% is under the maximum allowable tax levy limit of 4.11% for our district. We believe we have prepared a budget that reflects our effort to sustain the quality education we are providing for students while being fiscally responsible.



Our goal to improve literacy and graduation rates, enhance safety, and address the social and emotional health of our students remains at the forefront of our endeavors. The budget outlined in this newsletter was created to maintain current programming and promote the district mission to *provide quality educational opportunities and experiences for all students in a safe and positive environment that promotes academic excellence.*

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The Seneca Falls BOE personally extends their gratitude for your continued support of our instructional and learning programs required to put our students on a path to be the best they can be.



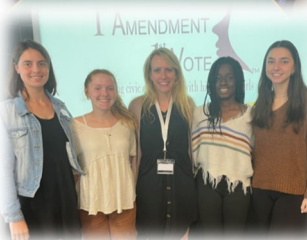
Thank you,  
Dr. Michelle Reed  
Superintendent of Schools



*"This year's budget will sustain our efforts to meet our Vision of Pride and Opportunity." ~ Board of Education President, Joseph McNamara*

### SFCSD 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, 2023 through June 30, 2026). BOE Candidates and statements can accessed through the district website: [www.senecafallscsd.org](http://www.senecafallscsd.org)



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

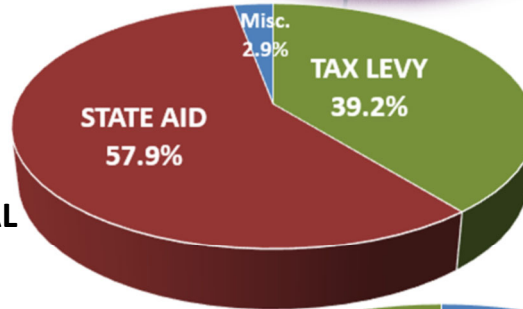




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## 2023-24 DISTRICT REVENUE BUDGET

Revenue	2023-24 Proposed
<b>NY State Aid</b>	
NY State Aid	\$20,841,429
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$59,122
<b>Local Sources</b>	
Tax Levy	\$14,120,683
PILOTS	\$250,000
Debt Service Fund	\$100,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$403,516
Appropriated Reserves	\$250,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$36,024,750</b>



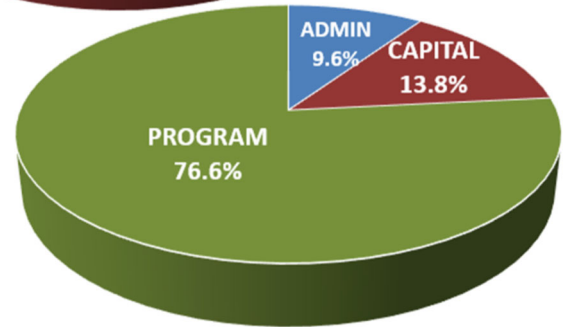
## THE 2023-2024 THREE-PART BUDGET PROPOSAL

All public schools in New York State are required to report appropriations in three official categories: Program, Capital, and Administrative. The following data outlines the budget breakdown per component:

PROGRAM	2023-24 Proposal
Curriculum & Instruction	\$19,073,249
Transportation	\$1,754,541
Employee Benefits	\$6,566,697
General Program Support	\$30,303
Interfund Transfers	\$155,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,579,790</b>

CAPITAL	2023-24 Proposal
Debt Service	\$2,674,006
Operation of Plant	\$1,151,251
Maintenance of Plant	\$475,175
Benefits	\$679,655
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,980,087</b>

ADMINISTRATIVE	2023-24 Proposal
School Operations	\$1,320,627
Central Administration	\$316,724
Supervision	\$1,040,700
Benefits & Community	\$786,822
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,464,873</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.

### 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

2023-2024 Property Tax Report Card	Budget Adopted 2022-23	Budget Proposed 2023-24
Total Budget Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$34,394,919	\$36,024,750
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amt	\$13,843,807	\$14,120,683
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	\$-	\$-
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A+B+C+D)	\$13,843,807	\$14,120,683
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$0	\$0
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Exclusions	\$13,915,303	\$14,412,190
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purpose, Excluding Permissible Exclusions Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E-B-F+D)	\$13,843,807	\$14,120,683
I. Difference: (G - H)	\$71,496	\$291,507
Public School Enrollment	1,208	1,249
Consumer Price Index	4.7%	8.0%

## Property Tax Levy

New York State law requires school districts to establish a tax cap, or maximum allowable levy limit. Allowable Levy is set at the Cost of Living, CPI (8.0%) or the state's tax cap of 2%, whichever is less. The SFCSD proposed 2.00% Tax Levy increase is below the Maximum Allowable Levy Limit of 4.11%.

Estimation using \$100,000 Home	SENECA FALLS	FAYETTE	TYRE
<b>Basic STAR</b> <i>(2022-23 Levels)</i>	<b>\$25,500</b> <i>*Subject to Change</i>	<b>\$30,000</b> <i>*Subject to Change</i>	<b>\$30,000</b> <i>*Subject to Change</i>
<b>Enhanced STAR</b> <i>(2022-23 Levels)</i>	<b>\$63,670</b> <i>*Subject to Change</i>	<b>\$74,900</b> <i>*Subject to Change</i>	<b>\$74,900</b> <i>*Subject to Change</i>
<b>Assessment Level</b> <i>*Rates Not Final</i>	<b>100%</b> <i>(Increased from 77%)</i>	<b>72%</b> <i>(Decreased from 90%)</i>	<b>83%</b> <i>(Decreased from 95%)</i>
<b>Estimated Tax Rate on Assessment Per \$1000</b>	<b>\$23.92</b> <i>(True Value \$23.92)</i>	<b>\$33.22</b> <i>(True Value \$23.92)</i>	<b>\$28.82</b> <i>(True Value \$23.92)</i>
<b>Estimated Change in Tax Bills on \$100,000</b>	<i>Enh. STAR -\$113 Basic STAR -\$233</i>	<i>Enh. STAR +\$253 Basic STAR +\$706</i>	<i>Enh. STAR +\$173 Basic STAR +\$483</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 or STAR exemption amounts. The Town of Seneca Falls properties are expected to have an equalization rate of 100%. The Town of Fayette and Tyre equalization rates are estimated to be at 72% and 83%. The 2022-23 exemptions can be found at: <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/exemption-amounts/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 2022-23 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, 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 16, 2023** in the **Operations Center (2 Butler Ave)**. The annual public hearing for the school budget will be on Thursday, May 4th 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 16  
12:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
Operations Center**

### ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Residents who will not be able to appear in person on May 16 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 15. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 PM on May 16, 2023.



### BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

- **PROPOSITION #1:** Authorization to expend the sum of thirty-six million, twenty-four thousand seven-hundred fifty dollars (\$36,024,750) in the 2023-2024 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 purchase three buses 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 2023-2024 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” and/or the unassigned fund balance, in accordance with the Education Law and Local Finance Law.
- **PROPOSITION #3:** Shall the sum of three hundred fifty-two thousand dollars (\$352,000.00) 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?



**Board of Education**  
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