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2023-24

Budget Information

May 2023

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Dear Community,

It has been a long winter, and it is nice to finally have warmer weather and see our campus busy with outdoor activities and events. Spring sports are underway with practices and games, our musicians are rehearsing for the upcoming spring concert series, and students are preparing for end of the year exams. In addition, the roofing construction portion of our Phase VI capital project is well underway. The State Education Department is currently reviewing the architectural plans for the middle school reconstruction, and work is planned to begin next spring.

This May is our annual budget vote and Board of Education Election. The process for developing a school district budget is taken very seriously. A great deal of time has been spent reviewing all expenditures, looking for efficiencies and cost saving measures, assessing student and program needs and determining appropriate staffing. As a result, the Board of Education and the district have developed what we believe to be a fiscally sound budget to present to the community on May 16, 2023.

The proposed 2023-24 school budget of \$99,258,220, adopted by the Board of Education on April 11, 2023, reflects an increase of 4.75% over last year's budget and would mean a 2.77% increase in the tax levy, which is below the district's levy cap of 4.33%. This budget would result in an estimated tax rate increase of .42% for the town of Chili, an increase of 4.92% for the town of Ogden, a decrease of 2.98% for the town of Riga and a decrease of 5.07% for the town of Sweden, due to varied equalization rates (see chart on page 3).

The second proposition on the ballot will be the purchase of eight buses at an estimated cost of \$1,350,000.

The third proposition on the ballot is to authorize the purchase of the property located at 5788 Buffalo Road, near the high school, for a price not to exceed \$285,000. Purchasing this property would provide us with the needed space to create a new exit onto Buffalo Road resulting in a one-way onto campus and one-way exit. This improvement will enhance sight-distance and safety as drivers enter and exit our high school campus.

Additional information about our district's proposed budget for the 2023-24 school year, as well as information about our Board of Education candidates, may be found on the following pages. Detailed budget information included in this newsletter is also posted on the district website at <https://www.cccsd.org/BudgetDevelopment>.

We look forward to seeing you on campus and hope you will take the opportunity to vote on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lori Orologio
Superintendent of Schools

Budget Vote
May 16, 2023
 Middle School
 North Cafeteria, Door 31
 noon-9 p.m.



Summary of Budget Proposals

	Budget 2022-23	Proposed Budget 2023-24	Difference	Percentage
Expenditures	\$94,760,783	\$99,258,220	\$4,497,437	4.75%
Revenues	\$51,671,014	\$56,435,415	\$4,764,401	9.22%
Appropriated Fund Balance/Reserves	\$3,038,563	\$1,662,181	(\$1,376,382)	(45.30%)
Tax Levy	\$40,051,206	\$41,160,624	\$1,109,418	2.77%
True Value Tax Rate	\$18.44	\$16.28	(\$2.16)	(11.71%)

As illustrated by this table, a budget of \$99,258,220 results in an increase of 4.75% over 2022-23.

Budget Information

How we arrived at the budget

Two community budget forums and four Board of Education meetings were held that were dedicated to budget discussions. Principals, directors, instructional leaders and community members were consulted in this process. Each request was carefully analyzed to determine what should be included in the budget. The district worked hard to maintain appropriate class sizes, provide intervention services, address student social-emotional needs and place an emphasis on students' proficiency in English Language Arts and mathematics, including addressing learning loss due to the pandemic.



Changes reflected in the proposed budget

- State aid
- Retirement salary savings
- Unfunded mandates
- Special Education costs
- Continuation of lottery-based UPK program
- Additional staffing:
 - HS counselor
 - HS physical education teacher
 - Elementary reading intervention teacher
 - Middle school aide
 - Part time district-wide school psychologist
- Maintaining Intervention ESOL, enrichment and social worker positions by utilizing federal funds

Three-Part Expenditure

New York State law requires that all school districts present the proposed budget in three parts that include: Program, Capital and Administrative. The law also states that these three-part expenditures of the budget must exclude propositions or voter-authorized adjustments.

Program

The Program component of the proposed budget includes expenses associated with instructional programs, teacher salaries and benefits, transportation, special education and community services.

Capital

The Capital component contains maintenance costs for buildings and grounds, custodial services, utilities, tax refunds and judgments, capital expenses and debt service.

Administrative

The Administrative component consists of costs associated with personnel, communications, BOCES administration, all administrators, financial and legal services, the Superintendent's Office and Board of Education expenditures.

Component	2022-23	Percent of Budget	2023-24	Percent of Budget	Dollar Change
Program	\$68,478,313	72.27%	\$71,908,690	72.45%	\$3,430,377
Capital	\$15,525,032	16.38%	\$16,209,617	16.33%	\$684,585
Administrative	\$10,757,438	11.35%	\$11,139,913	11.22%	\$382,475

Proposition 1: Budget

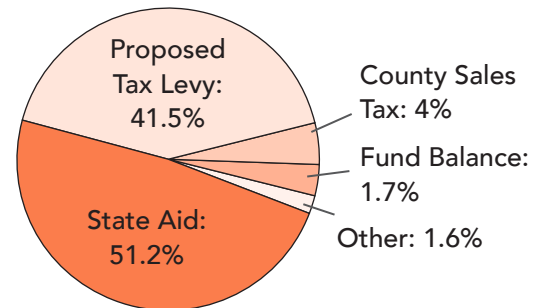
Voters will decide whether to approve the proposed budget of \$99,258,220 as presented by our Churchville-Chili Board of Education for the 2023-24 school year.

Proposition 2: Bus Purchase

Voters will decide on a resolution authorizing the district to purchase eight 66-passenger school buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$1,350,000.

Proposition 3: Capital Reserve

Voters will decide on a resolution authorizing the district to purchase the property located at 5788 Buffalo Road (adjacent to the high school) for a price not to exceed \$285,000.



State Aid:	\$50,819,345
Proposed Tax Levy:	\$41,160,624
County Sales Tax:	\$4,000,000
Fund Balance:	\$1,662,181
Other:	\$1,616,070

What Tax Rate Means to the Home Owner

Town	True Value of Home	2023-24 Equalization Rate	Assessed Value of Home	2022-23 Actual Property Tax Rate	2023-24 Estimated Property Tax Rate	Estimated Change	2023-24 Estimated Property Tax (per \$200,000 Assessed Value)
Riga	\$200,000	91%	\$182,000	18.44	17.89	(0.55)	3,256
Ogden	\$200,000	69%	\$138,000	22.49	23.60	1.11	3,256
Chili	\$200,000	80%	\$160,000	20.27	20.35	0.08	3,256
Sweden	\$200,000	93%	\$186,000	18.44	17.51	(0.93)	3,256

Voter qualifications

In order to vote you must be:

- A United States citizen.
- At least 18 years of age.
- A resident of the Churchville-Chili Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the vote.

Absentee ballots

Residents unable to vote because of disabilities, illness, travel or other reasons listed as valid under election law, may request applications for absentee ballots by downloading the application from our website, contacting the District Clerk at 293-1800, extension 2300 or in person at our administrative offices located at 139 Fairbanks Road. The district must receive applications by May 9, 2023, at least seven days before

the vote, if the resident would like to receive the ballot by mail. Residents who wish to pick up their absentee ballots in person may apply through May 15, 2023. In all cases, the ballot must be returned to our administrative offices no later than 5 p.m. on May 16, 2023. Ballots received later than this cannot be accepted under education law, regardless of the postmarked date.

For more information

If you would like to learn more about the proposed budget, please contact Matthew DeAmaral, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, at 293-1800 extension 2330 or mdeamaral@cccsd.org or Lori Orologio at 293-1800 extension 2300 or lorologio@cccsd.org. Budget information is also available on the district website at www.cccsd.org.

Tax Cap Information

As with all districts, the tax cap is calculated using a complex equation. This year the tax levy cap specific to the Churchville-Chili District is 4.33%. With a proposed increase to the levy of 2.77%, the district is below the State's cap. This increase in the levy would result in an estimated tax rate decrease of 2.98% for the town of Riga, an increase of 4.92% for the town of Ogden, an increase of .42% for the town of Chili and a decrease of 5.07% for the town of Sweden due to varied equalization rates.

2023-24 Budget Proposal and Comparison Figures

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2022-23 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2023-24 School Year
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$94,760,783	\$99,258,220	\$ 97,993,769
Increase/Decrease for the 2023-24 School Year		\$4,497,437	\$ 3,232,986
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		4.75%	3.41%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		8.00%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$40,051,206	\$41,160,624	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable			
C. 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)	\$40,051,206	\$41,160,624	\$40,051,206
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit			
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$40,661,123	\$41,784,552	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)	\$40,051,206	\$41,160,624	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval)	\$609,917	\$623,928	
Administrative Component	\$10,757,438	\$11,139,913	\$11,060,132
Program Component	\$68,478,313	\$71,908,690	\$71,786,520
Capital Component	\$15,525,032	\$16,209,617	\$15,147,117

Basic STAR Exemption Impact

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹ \$488

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-24 by the qualified voters of the Churchville-Chili Central School District, Monroe County, New York, will be held at the Middle School North Cafeteria, Door 31 in the district on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, between the hours of noon-9 p.m.

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

Meet the Board of Education Candidates

There are three open seats, each for a three-year term. Candidates are listed in order they will appear on the ballot.



Amy Wilson

585-259-8329
18 Redfern Drive
Churchville, NY 14428

How many years have you lived in the district? 30

What is your occupation? Teacher

Do you have children attending Churchville-Chili schools?

Our children, Zachary and Katherine, are both graduates of the district (2014 and 2017 respectively).

Please list your contributions to or involvement in the community and the community service you have done.

I have served on the Churchville-Chili School Board for the past 12 years. While serving on the board, I have been part of the following committees: Audit Committee, Memorials Committee, Title 1 Parent Advisory Committee and the FLASH Committee.

Why do you want to be a school board member?

I would like to continue my work on the Churchville-Chili School Board to give back to a school district that has provided my own two children a great education. It was that solid foundation that eventually led both my children to careers in education as well. As a teacher for the past 30 years in the Penfield School District, I understand the impact that decisions made at the federal, state or local level have on classrooms. I believe that my work as a teacher has been able to provide a balanced view for the school board in understanding the direct impact that decisions have on students and teachers. I have a skill set that allows me to support the district, its teachers and most importantly, its students.

What do you think are the two top issues facing Churchville-Chili schools over the next three years?

As a Board of Education, one of our primary responsibilities is to support all students while maintaining fiscal responsibility. One of my most significant concerns for the future of Churchville-Chili, as well as all districts across the state, is how we will continue to implement the high academic standards while supporting all of our students. Many of our students come to school either not ready to tackle the academic tasks they are being asked to do, or they are coming to us carrying emotional burdens that get in the way of their learning. The rigor of our educational standards requires that students receive appropriate and timely support. Teachers, administrators and support staff need to be able to identify the needs of students and more importantly, have the tools and resources to make sure that each one of our students can be successful.

Every year, the State, Governor and Board of Regents place new mandates on school districts. In most cases, additional funding from the district is needed to fulfill these mandates. The reality of these mandates is that each result in a variety of expenses to our district. This is not a challenge unique to Churchville-Chili. As a Board of Education, we have been able to oversee the management of these unfunded mandates while keeping the students' learning experiences as the top priority. Our district has been able to continue improving and maintaining our facilities as well as adding new programs and opportunities for students. In the coming years, our district will need to manage potential enrollment growth and the impact of that growth on our facilities, while enhancing universal pre-k and incorporating an alternative education program for students who require a smaller and more flexible school setting to be successful.



Kevin Johnson

585-455-4460
6650 Chili Riga Center Road
Churchville, NY 14428

How many years have you lived in the district? 20

What is your occupation? Sales

Do you have children attending Churchville-Chili schools?

Yes, they are in 8th and 11th grade.

Please list your contributions to or involvement in the community and the community service you have done.

I am currently working with the Sports Boosters as part of the Food Truck Rodeo Committee and am an active member for a fundraiser benefitting the Hickok Center for Brain Injury. In the past I coached Odyssey of the Mind for four consecutive years, coached Churchville House Soccer, Junior Saints Football and Junior Saints Wrestling.

Why do you want to be a school board member?

I have lived in the district for 20 years and hope to be here for 30 more years. Too often good people decide not to participate. I want to be part of the future success of the district. Hopefully, I will have grandchildren that will also attend school in the district.

What do you think are the two top issues facing Churchville-Chili schools over the next three years?

I think staffing will be a challenge over the next several years. Without music conductors, teachers, coaches, theatre directors, bus drivers and other support staff the district cannot succeed. We need to create a working environment that will attract the best candidates for the success of our students and ensure they want to stay in the district long-term.

I also believe that safety is a major challenge facing the district. Students and staff alike need to feel safe and secure in order to thrive.



Michelle Aloï

585-261-5536
35 Union Station Road
North Chili, NY 14514

How many years have you lived in the district? 10

What is your occupation?

I work for a company that provides consulting services to the retail food industry and am currently our Vice President overseeing our business in Japan.

Please list your contributions to or involvement in the community and the community service you have done.

I have served the community volunteering for several youth sports teams/organizations including:

- youth soccer coach for the Chili Soccer Association (8 years)
- coach for Odyssey of the Mind (8 years)
- youth basketball coach for Chili Recreation (1 year)
- team manager for youth hockey (1 year)

In addition, I volunteer when possible to work concession stands for high school sports games through the Sports Booster Club as well as chaperone field trips for my children's classes.

Why do you want to be a school board member?

I am interested in being a Board of Education member for several reasons. First and foremost I am a dedicated mom with 3 children in our district, one in elementary school at CRS, one in middle

school and one in Ninth Grade Academy. I am proud to be a member of the district and am thankful for the experience that my children have had so far with their education. I believe that I can bring a perspective as a parent from each level of education within our district as well as strong professional experience that would allow me to contribute positively to the Board overall. Throughout my career I have led and worked on international, diverse teams that are tasked with providing consulting services to our clients. This experience has given me a breadth of skills including strong communication, teamwork and leadership that would make me a productive member of the Board. Since December 2022, I have had the privilege of joining the Board of Education while filling a recent vacancy and I would love the opportunity to continue serving the district and community on the Board of Education.

What do you think are the two top issues facing Churchville-Chili schools over the next three years?

The top two issues that I think our district will be facing in the next three years are:

1. Assessing and addressing the mental/emotional health of our students especially considering learning loss and behavioral challenges that have resulted from the pandemic.
2. Maintaining a fiscally responsible budget while making investments for continuous improvements and ensuring proper staffing, space, and competitive pay to allow us to meet the needs of each school/student.



Leah Martorana

813-731-6656
597 Chestnut Ridge Road
Rochester, NY 14624

How many years have you lived in the district? 3

What is your occupation?

I worked for ten years as the Benefits and Compensation Director at a statewide law firm in Florida. I spent the next part of my career providing HR Consulting services to various entities including for-profit and not-for-profit organizations.

When our boys were young, I decided to build a business from home in order to provide flexibility and be more actively involved in their schooling/sports/etc. Since then, I have dedicated time in various classroom settings volunteering and teaching art classes for all ages. I currently own my own business as a visual artist.

Do you have children attending Churchville-Chili schools?

I have three boys: Max (11), Mason (9) and Luca (5).

Please list your contributions to or involvement in the community and the community service you have done.

For the past few years, our boys have attended Chestnut Ridge Elementary. I volunteer weekly as a literacy advocate in the classroom and my husband has coached multiple town teams including baseball, football and basketball. Most weeknights you can find us at a Churchville-Chili sports or performing arts event supporting one of our nieces or our sons in the district. We have also been actively involved in serving our church community.

Why do you want to be a school board member?

My husband and his siblings grew up in the Churchville-Chili district. When we decided to relocate our family from Florida in 2020, Churchville-Chili was the clear choice based on my husband's experience, the reputation of the district and all the community has to offer a young family. We love the Churchville-Chili School District. I am very invested in serving our community to ensure that our children continue to receive the opportunities and quality education they will need to succeed in life. I would be honored to represent the many wonderful families that make up the Churchville-Chili community.

What do you think are the two top issues facing Churchville-Chili schools over the next three years?

1. In a time where opinions are often so divided, I believe that maintaining a safe and secure learning environment is one thing we can all agree on. It is essential to provide resource officers, security workers and school staff with all the support and resources needed to reduce bullying, enforce no-vaping policies, manage outside threats and ultimately ensure that learning is the primary focus of the school day. Teachers and students should feel confident of their safety when stepping through the doors each day.
2. The last few years have presented so many challenges socially, emotionally and academically. In the years ahead, our primary focus should be on providing teachers with the necessary tools, curriculum, training and support to not only help our children catch up but to help them thrive.



Congratulations to our **Robotics Team 340** for their impressive second place finish at the finals of RIT's Greater Rochester Robotics FIRST Competition.

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**FREE
ADMISSION**

WHEN

MAY 18, 2023 4:30-9PM

WHERE

Churchville-Chili High School Bus Loop
139 Fairbanks Road, Churchville 14428

WHAT

Food Trucks - Raffles - Music - Fun - Games
and Vendors!

"COME JOIN IN ALL THE FUN"

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The wait is ALMOST over...

Our new district website will be live later this spring!



National Junior Honor Society (grades 8-9) welcomed 75 new members to its ranks this year in a recent induction ceremony. Congratulations!



Churchville Elementary School kindergarten teacher Katie McArdle received WROC-TV 8's Golden Apple Award! She was nominated by a student's parent, who said that her enthusiasm and love of making things fun for her class spills over into the rest of the school, inspiring school-wide creativity and celebrations.



Students at **Fairbanks Road School** raised an astounding \$20,068 in their first year participating in the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge. They also took special PE classes and learned that being active is fun and keeps their hearts healthy.



The entire student body at **Chestnut Ridge School** recently buckled up for an exciting virtual flight to Algeria, Cameroon, China, Congo and more – 13 countries in all! The "trip" was planned by English as a New Language (ENL) teacher Kari Shirk, with 30 of her students acting as tour guides.



An evening of fun with a touch of magic at the CCPAC! Hope you had a chance to experience the amazing **Senior High School** musical, "Mary Poppins"!

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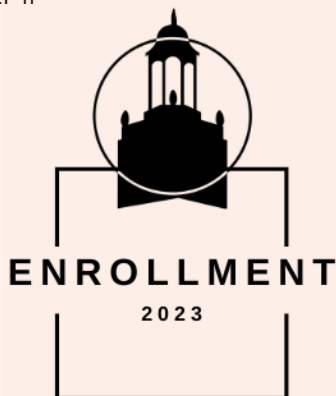
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ATTENTION

Are you new to the district or have children who have not yet been enrolled in school?

The Churchville-Chili Central School District is seeking your support to assist us in obtaining the most accurate enrollment data for planning future school programs and services.

Please go to our website (www.cccsd.org) as soon as possible and complete our 2023 Enrollment Census form. This form is ONLY if you reside within the district, have children who are or will be eligible to attend CCCSD and have NOT yet been enrolled. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!



May 4, 2023 - May 31, 2023

4	Senior High Bands Concert	7:00 PM
9	7-12 Orchestra Concert	7:00 PM
11	7-8 Bands Concert	7:00 PM
15	4-6 Orchestra Concert	6:30 PM
17	5-6 Bands Concert	6:30 PM
18	SHS Large Vocal Ensemble Concert	7:00 PM
22	5-6 Vocal Concert	6:30 PM
24	7-8 Vocal Concert	7:00 PM
25	FRS Band & Chorus Concert	6:30 PM
26	SHS Chamber Vocal Ensemble Concert	7:00 PM
30	CRS Band & Chorus Concert	6:30 PM
31	CES Band & Chorus Concert	6:30 PM



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