

# Message from the Acting Superintendent

Dear District Residents,

The Beekmantown Central School District Board of Education requests voter consideration of a proposed \$52,749,122 spending plan for the 2023-2024 school year. Voting on the budget, transportation, selection of three (3) Board members and capital reserve will take place from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm on **Tuesday, May 16, 2023**, in the **Learning Theater, Haynes Road, across the street from the District Office located at 197 Haynes Road, Plattsburgh, NY.**

The School District Budget Notice (other side) details important information that helps explain the 2023-2024 budget and highlights comparisons between this plan and the budget adopted in 2022-2023.

In crafting our budget, the district continued to be mindful of our students, employees and taxpayers. As such, we propose a tax levy increase of 1.91%. In 2022-2023 our tax levy increase was 2.74% and 2.68% in 2021-2022.

The district presented the 2023-2024 spending plan at a public hearing on May 09, 2023. Due to internal spending controls, continued extensive grant writing, reconfiguration in some areas, along with our state and federal aid, we remain focused on providing the most outstanding programmatic offerings for our students allowed under the current funding structure.

As part of the district's ongoing bus replacement plan, a proposition to purchase four (4) buses at an estimated cost not to exceed \$641,000. This purchase is reimbursed back to the district at a ratio of 75% by NYSED. The district will trade or sell four (4) school buses to offset the remaining balance.

Additionally, the district is seeking the passage of a Capital Project under Proposition IV. This Capital Project will include the addition of seven new classrooms at Beekmantown Elementary, new updated playground, new PA

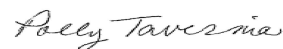
system throughout all buildings, new storage building, the demolition of the two acquired buildings (parking will be added) and many BCS improvements/repairs to all buildings. The Project will be funded through the CRRSA Grant, the Capital Reserve, unappropriated Fund Balance and Building Aid. This will result in no additional revenue needed from our taxpayers.

Our employees, administration and Board of Education remain committed to building a world class educational system for students so they can become *quality contributors to society and self.*

The details of the proposed budget are posted on our district website [www.bcsdk12.org](http://www.bcsdk12.org) and can be viewed by clicking on the budget information link found under Quick Links.

In closing, I wish to thank our school community for your continued support of our staff and students.

Sincerely,



Polly J. Tavernia  
Acting Superintendent of Schools

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## School District Budget Notice

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	\$ 49,003,123	\$ 52,749,122	\$ 52,308,160										
Increase/Decrease for the 2023-24 School Year		\$ 3,745,999	\$ 3,305,037										
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		7.64 %	6.7%										
Change in the Consumer Price Index		8.0%											
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 23,065,694	\$ 23,506,656											
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)	\$ 23,065,694	\$ 23,506,656	\$ 23,065,694										
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 140,401	\$ 22,637											
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 22,925,294	\$ 23,484,019											
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$ 22,925,293	\$ 23,484,019											
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 1	\$ 0											
Administrative Component	\$ 4,473,081	\$ 4,846,887	\$ 4,833,527										
Program Component	\$ 37,887,010	\$ 40,726,593	\$ 40,939,991										
Capital Component	\$ 6,643,032	\$ 7,175,642	\$ 6,534,642										
<p>*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 includes expenditures considered essential to maintain the education programs, preserve property and ensure the health and safety of students and staff with an emphasis for expenditures in general considered absolutely necessary to operate and maintain schools, except for those items which the status themselves either provide mandates for or give discretion to the Board of Education. Items which are statutorily considered non-contingency expenses include but are not limited to items such as student supplies, certain non-collectively bargained wage increases, certain equipment, certain vehicles, non-essential transportation, community use of facilities resulting with additional expenses to the district and community education programs.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Description</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td style="text-align: left;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td style="text-align: left;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td style="text-align: left;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td style="text-align: left;">\$</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>** 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)</p>				Description	Amount		\$		\$		\$		\$
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			Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year										
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>			\$ 503										

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-24 by the qualified voters of the Beekmantown Central School District, Clinton County, New York, will be held at the Beekmantown School (**Learning Theater Located on the Haynes Rd**) Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between the hours of 11:00am and 8:00pm, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.