



North Rose-Wolcott

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

May 16, 2023

12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
NRW High School
11631 Salter-Colvin Road
Wolcott, NY 14590



BUDGET HEARING OF THE 2023-2024 PROPOSED SPENDING PLAN

Thursday, May 4, 2023

6:00 p.m.
Leavenworth Middle
School Auditorium

Message from the Board of Education

Dear Fellow Community Members,

This newsletter contains information pertaining to the vote on May 16 when NRWCS voters will be asked to approve the 2023-2024 school budget, the school bus spending and reserve proposals, appropriations for the Rose and Wolcott libraries, and elect a member to the Board of Education.

The proposed Budget Proposition amount presented is the culmination of months of careful and prudent preparation. It supports the District's adopted Strategic Action Plan by providing for the educational, physical, emotional, health and safety needs of students, appropriate staffing needs and training essentials, New York State and Federal requirement and mandate compliance, and the diligent management of the District's buildings and grounds. With anticipated revenues from State and Federal aid, multiple grant awards, Wayne County Sales Tax and BOCES reimbursements, and other smaller sources, significant consideration was given to the subsequent tax burden on local residents before the School Board adopted the final proposed budget amount to present to voters for approval.

School Bus Proposition #2 follows an ongoing District plan to replace our buses on a regular basis. This saves money on repairs through warranty coverage, meets the most current safety standards, and gives us a substantially better trade-in value and additional transportation aid resulting from cash payments. Because voter authorization is required to expend money from the Bus Reserve, your approval is needed to continue with our replacement plan this coming year. Proposition #4 establishes a new Bus Reserve because the 2019 Bus Reserve has reached the end of its five-year life.

Proposition #3 is for financial support of the Rose and Wolcott libraries. If approved, the school district collects this money, then transfers it to the libraries. The school district receives no financial benefits.

You will also be electing one member to sit on the School Board for a five-year term.

The School Board thanks you for your continued support of our children's education, that they may become successful adults and productive community members.

Yours truly,
Lucinda Collier
Board of Education President



Message From the Superintendent

Dear School Community,

Thank you for your support of the North Rose-Wolcott Central School District. Being fiscally responsible to all of you remains one of my highest priorities. North Rose-Wolcott has a track record of being cost-effective while striving to be one of the very best districts in the state, and we aim to continue that focus with our proposed 2023-2024 budget.

We are dedicated to bringing the students of North Rose-Wolcott a relevant education while building strong relationships and being responsive to student needs. We are presenting the community with a 2023-2024 proposed spending plan that minimizes taxpayer impact while preserving high-quality programs.

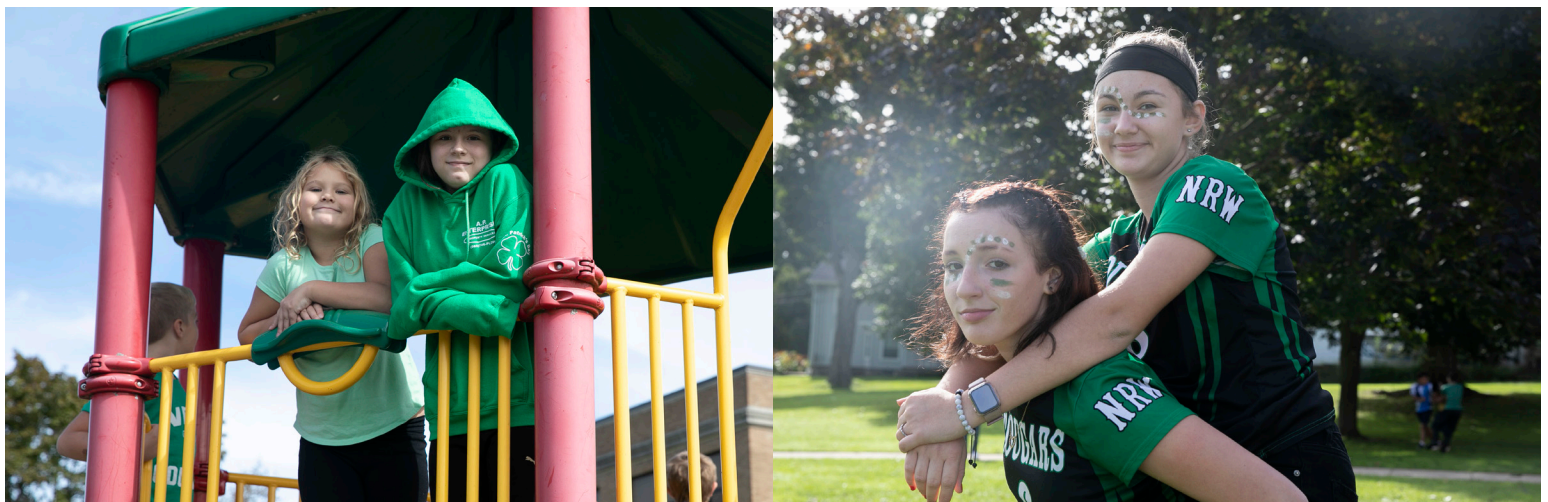
The proposed budget includes additional offerings that will produce positive results for our students and community. Highlights include:

- Computer science at the middle school level. This course will introduce our middle school students to the field of computer science. Through project-based instruction, students will build a knowledge base of computer applications, data analysis, internet safety, programming, and problem solving. Through this course, students will develop the skills necessary for future computer science courses and careers.
- In an effort to increase our output to keep up with the demand for skilled labor, we are proposing an additional 15 spots be secured at Wayne Technical and Career Center, P-Tech (Pathways in Technology) and New Visions Medical Professions (a joint partnership with Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES and Newark Wayne Hospital).
- Additional enhancements to our physical plant and technology in order to continue providing a safe and secure environment for our students, staff and community.
- Year two of the reinstatement of our instrumental band program at North Rose-Wolcott Elementary. Thanks to the community's support, we have 56 students taking regular instrumental lessons at the elementary level this school year.
- In addition to the capital improvement project work that has just begun, we are in the process of securing dugouts for our softball field and will continue to dedicate funding to enhancing our high school library.

Collectively, we have been able to achieve great things on behalf of our students. The efforts of the NRW community have been critical in ensuring that we continue to bring our students the very best.

Again, thank you for your continued support for the students of NRW!

Respectfully,
Michael Pullen
Superintendent of Schools



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2023-2024 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	\$ 33,496,667	\$ 34,710,447	\$34,357,994
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		\$1,213,780	\$861,327
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.62 %	2.57%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		8.0%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$10,368,093	\$10,668,559	
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)	\$10,368,093	\$10,668,559	\$10,368,093
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$10,556,170	\$10,826,862	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$10,368,093	\$10,668,559	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$188,077	\$158,303	
Administrative Component	\$ 4,178,415	\$ 4,242,347	\$4,180,344
Program Component	\$23,532,856	\$24,754,209	\$24,664,709
Capital Component	\$5,785,396	\$5,713,891	\$5,512,941
<p>* Should the proposed budget be defeated, and the above contingency budget be adopted, the initial cuts as required by law would be eliminating certain equipment and certain community use of facilities. Additional cuts may be required to conform to spending caps which would come from programs as determined by the Board of Education at the time of adoption</p>			
** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount	Description		Amount
	Purchase of Buses		\$ 727,668
	Increase Library Tax		\$ 18,000
	Establish New Bus Purchase Reserve		\$ 6,000,000

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$432

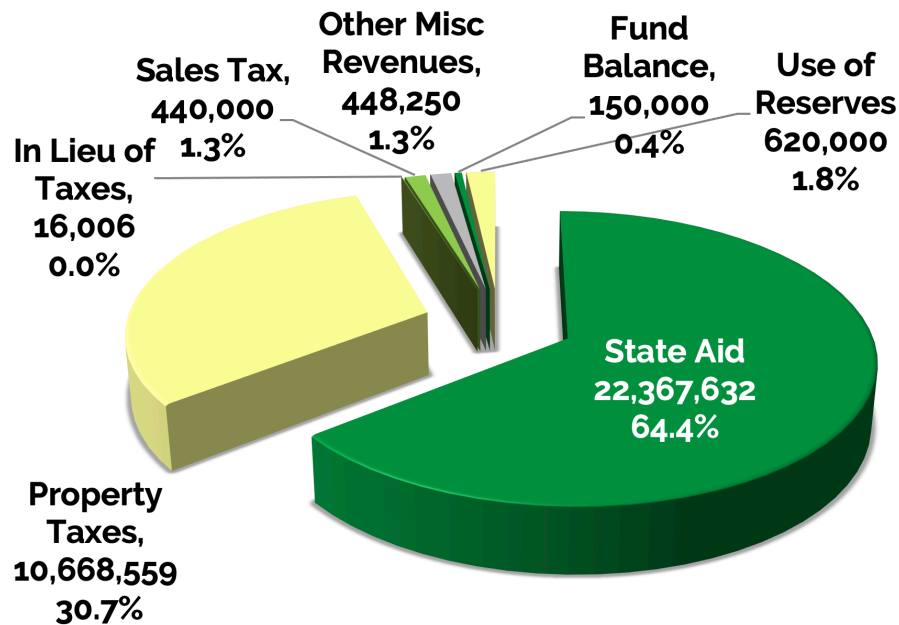
The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-24 by the qualified voters of the North Rose-Wolcott school district, Wayne County, New York, will be held at NRW High School in said district on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between the hours of 12:00pm and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the NRW High School, located at 11631 Salter-Colvin Road, Wolcott, NY, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine

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



Revenue Sources

Revenue Category	Current Budget 2022-23	Proposed Spending Plan 2023-24	Dollar Change	Percent Change
State Aid	\$21,443,924	\$22,367,632	\$923,708	4.31%
Property Taxes	\$10,368,093	\$10,668,559	\$300,466	2.90%
In Lieu of Taxes	\$11,400	\$16,006	\$4,606	40.40%
Sales Tax	\$440,000	\$440,000	\$0	0.00%
Other Misc Revenues	\$388,250	\$448,250	\$60,000	15.45%
Fund Balance	\$200,000	\$150,000	(\$50,000)	-25.00%
Use of Reserves	\$645,000	\$620,000	(\$25,000)	-3.88%
Total Budget	\$33,496,667	\$34,710,447	\$1,213,780	3.62%

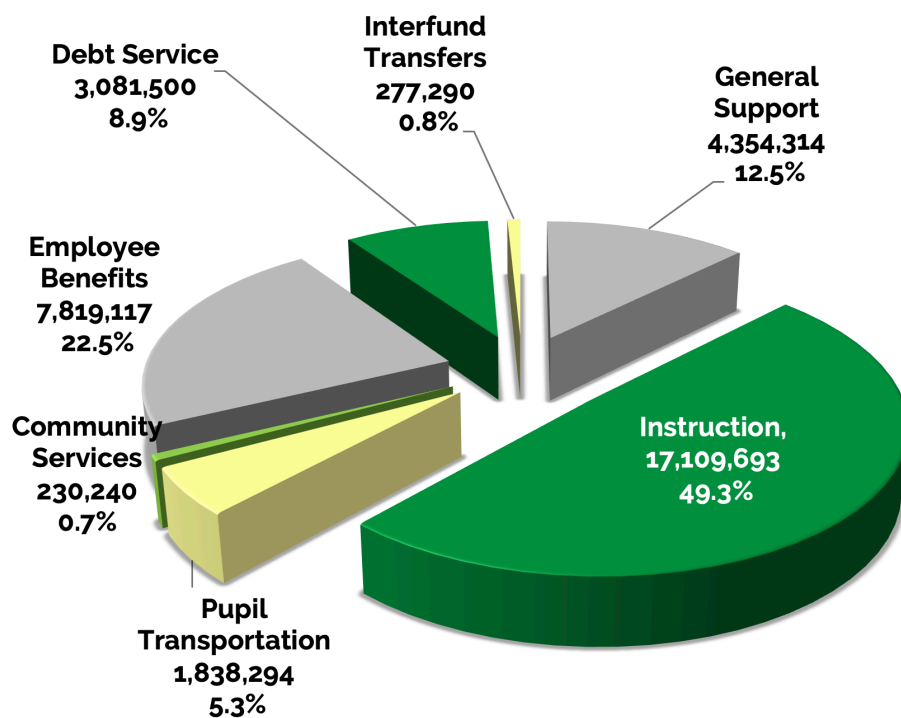


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Planned Expenditures

Expenditure Category	Current Budget 2022-23	Proposed Spending Plan 2023-24	Dollar Change	Percent Change
General Support				
Board of Education	\$55,024	\$56,790	\$1,766	3.21%
Central Administration	\$283,265	\$310,868	\$27,603	9.74%
Finance	\$598,078	\$628,779	\$30,701	5.13%
Staff - Legal, Personnel, Public Information	\$334,781	\$369,083	\$34,302	10.25%
Central Services - Operations, Maintenance, Data Processing	\$2,419,037	\$2,566,517	\$147,480	6.10%
Special Items - Insurance, Dues, BOCES Administration, etc.	\$410,979	\$422,277	\$11,298	2.75%
TOTAL GENERAL SUPPORT	\$4,101,164	\$4,354,314	\$253,150	6.17%
Instruction				
Admin & Improvement - Curriculum, Supervision, In-Service Trng	\$1,254,895	\$1,313,442	\$58,546	4.67%
Teaching - Regular Ed, Special Ed, Occ. Ed, Special Schools	\$12,576,596	\$12,763,009	\$186,413	1.48%
Instructional Media - Library, Computer Assisted Instruction	\$1,535,003	\$1,579,981	\$44,979	2.93%
Pupil Services - Guidance, Health Svcs, Psychologists, Co-curricular, Athletics	\$1,396,199	\$1,453,261	\$57,062	4.09%
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	\$16,762,694	\$17,109,693	\$346,999	2.07%
TOTAL PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$1,563,146	\$1,838,294	\$275,148	17.60%
TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$225,014	\$230,240	\$5,226	2.32%
Undistributed				
Employee Benefits	\$7,481,449	\$7,819,117	\$337,668	4.51%
Debt Service	\$3,071,200	\$3,081,500	\$10,300	0.34%
Interfund Transfers	\$292,000	\$277,290	(\$14,710)	-5.04%
TOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	\$10,844,649	\$11,177,907	\$333,258	3.07%
Total Budget	\$33,496,667	\$34,710,447	\$1,213,780	3.62%



Expenditures by Category



What does this proposal mean for the average NRW homeowner?

Your own tax increase depends upon three main factors:

- 1) Where you live;
- 2) Changes in property assessments and final equalization rates;

3) Your participation in STAR. Senior citizens may be eligible for a STAR reduction of approximately \$70,000 in taxable assessment, while non-senior homeowners may receive a reduction of approximately \$30,000 in taxable assessment. Businesses and rental properties are not eligible for STAR.

For a House Assessed at \$50,000	
Assessed Value	50,000.00
STAR Deduction	(30,000.00)
Net Assessment	20,000.00
Est. 2022-23 Tax Rate/\$1,000	14.57
2021-22 Tax Rate/\$1,000	14.27
Difference	0.31
Estimated tax change	\$6.12

For a House Assessed at \$100,000	
Assessed Value	100,000.00
STAR Deduction	(30,000.00)
Net Assessment	70,000.00
Est. 2022-23 Tax Rate/\$1,000	14.57
2021-22 Tax Rate/\$1,000	14.27
Difference	0.31
Estimated tax change	\$21.41

Student Athletes Recognized by Wayne County Supervisors

Congratulations to the five NRW student athletes who received proclamations at the March 21 Wayne County Board of Supervisors meeting for their Section V championships during the fall and winter sports seasons!

- Recognized students include:
- Alston Anaya-Hernandez, Class C Cross Country Champion
 - Jack DeFeo, Class A3 600 Meter Run Champion
 - Vivian Bishop, Class B Slalom Champion
 - Noah Wazinski, Class B2 285-lb. Wrestling Champion
 - AJ Anthony, Class B2 172-lb. Wrestling Champion



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Proposed Spending Plan as Components

The State Education Department requires school districts to categorize the budget into three parts:

Educational Program

Includes expenses for teaching regular and special schools, i.e. employee salaries, benefits and insurance, programs for students with disabilities, occupational education, in-service training, school library/audiovisual, attendance, guidance, health services, psychological/social work services, pupil personnel services, co-curricular activities, interscholastic athletics, student transportation services, recreation/youth programs, civic activities, transfers to school lunch, school store and special aid funds.

Capital

Includes expenses for the operation and maintenance of school buildings, school bus purchases, principal and interest payments for debt service, transfers to capital and debt service funds, property tax refunds, and employee benefits attributed to salaries included in these functions.

Administrative

Includes expenses for the Board of Education, central administration, instructional supervision, curriculum development, legal services, central data processing, printing, mailing and storage, and employee benefits attributed to salaries included in these functions.

Components	Current Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Spending Plan 2023-2024	% of Spending	Dollar +/-	Percent +/-
Educational Program	\$23,532,856	\$24,754,209	71.3%	\$1,221,353	5.19%
Capital	\$5,785,396	\$5,713,891	16.5%	(\$71,504)	-1.24%
Administrative	\$4,178,415	\$4,242,347	12.2%	\$63,991	1.53%
Total Budget	\$33,496,667	\$34,710,447	100.0%	\$1,213,780	3.62%



What's On The Ballot?

Proposition No. 1: 2023-2024 Budget

Shall the budget for the North Rose-Wolcott Central School District (the "District") for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, as presented by the Board of Education, in the amount of \$34,710,447 be approved and adopted, the required funds be appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the District to be levied and collected as required by law?

Proposition No. 2: Transportation Purchases and Expenditures

Shall the Board of Education of the North Rose-Wolcott Central School District be authorized to purchase the following motor vehicles for use in student transportation: four (4) 65-passenger school buses and one (1) 39-passenger handicapped bus at an aggregate cost of \$918,668, less any trade-in value, with such sum to be paid from an expenditure of \$727,668 from the District's existing Capital Reserve Fund (known as the "Bus Purchase Capital Reserve Fund"), established by the voters of the District in May 2019; and that the District shall be authorized to enter into one or more purchase contracts on terms satisfactory to the Board of Education, with respect to the vehicles hereby authorized to be acquired?

Proposition No. 3: Annual Library Appropriations

Shall the annual sum collected by the North Rose-Wolcott Central School District as required by New York State Education and Municipal laws for the 2023-24 operating budgets of the Wolcott Public Library and the Rose Free Library, as determined by both Library Boards of Trustees, be increased by \$18,000 to the total sum of \$223,100 annually to be allocated in the amounts of \$132,000 to the Wolcott Public Library and \$91,100 to the Rose Free Library?

Proposition No. 4: Capital Bus Reserve Proposition

Shall the Board of Education of the North Rose-Wolcott Central School District be authorized and directed to establish a reserve fund pursuant to Education Law Section 3651 to be known as the "2023 Capital Bus Reserve Fund," for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, the purchase of vehicles for student transportation and costs incidental thereto; with the ultimate amount of such reserve fund not exceeding six million dollars (\$6,000,000) plus any accrued earnings on amounts deposited in such reserve fund, the probable existence of said reserve fund being five (5) years, but with said reserve fund continuing in existence for its stated purpose until liquidated in accordance with the Education Law or until the funds are exhausted, and the sources from which funds shall be obtained for said reserve fund being: (a) an initial deposit of one million, two hundred seventy-one thousand, six hundred eighty-three dollars (\$1,271,683), which shall be transferred from the 2019 Capital Bus Reserve Fund, (b) current and future unappropriated fund balances made available by the Board of Education from time to time, (c) state aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time related to transportation and/or vehicles, and (d) any other monies derived from budgetary appropriations or other sources authorized by the voters from time to time, all as permitted by law?



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Board of Education Candidates

Residents will be asked to elect one member to the Board of Education for a term that begins on July 1, 2023 and ends on June 30, 2028, to succeed the following incumbent: Lucinda Collier.

If you wish to write in candidates who are not on the ballot, you may do so at voting time following the instructions on the ballot.

Lucinda Collier

Length of Residency in North Rose-Wolcott: 46 years

Education: Marion Central School and SUNY Fredonia

Professional Background: Retired teacher (Rochester City School District, private nursery school, NYS Migrant Summer Schools, North Rose Central School, North Rose-Wolcott Central School District); retired from Rose Town Board (councilman and supervisor)



Additional Background: Former Rose Zoning Board of Appeals, Wayne County Board of Supervisors, Wayne County Water Authority board member; Rose Memorial Day Service Director; school Memorial Day observance originator and organizer; Rose Public Health Committee (project chair, president); Rose Historical Society (president), Girl Scouts (leader, Rose Neighborhood Council member); music director, North Rose United Methodist Church; Palm Sunday Cantata choral presentation director, Rose and Wolcott Councils of Churches; Wayne County American Legion Award; Rose Community Citizen of the Year Award; North Rose Elementary Recognition Award; NYS Retired Teachers' Association Central Western Zone Epie/Meagher Exemplary Service and Leadership Award; NRUMC Laity Recognition Award; New York State Senate Woman of Distinction Award.

Voter Qualifications

Education Law, Section 2012

A person shall be entitled to vote at any school meeting or election of school district officers, and upon all other matters which may be brought before such meeting or election who is a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, and a legal resident within the district for a period of 30 days immediately prior to the date of the election. **Your legal address is** where you are registered to vote and what is listed on your driver's license, federal income tax form or car registration. To vote, you do not have to own property. You also do not have to be a parent or have children in school.

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballot applications are available at the District Office, 11631 Salter-Colvin Road, Wolcott, NY 14590 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; at the district website at www.nrwcs.org; or by calling the District Clerk at (315) 594-2020. The District Clerk must receive absentee ballot applications at least seven days before the vote (**May 9, 2023**) if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or the day before the election (**May 15, 2023**) if the ballot is to be issued to the voter in person. Ballots must be returned to the District Office **by 5 p.m. on May 16, 2023.**



Four Inducted Into Athletic Hall of Fame

The North Rose-Wolcott Central School District inducted four people into its Athletic Hall of Fame during a ceremony April 15 at North Rose-Wolcott High School.

The NRW Athletic Hall of Fame was established to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of outstanding athletes, coaches, administrators and Cougar supporters and to enhance current student athletes' understanding and appreciation for the positive role models in the tradition of Cougar Athletics. Through nomination and committee selection, the Hall of Fame recognizes athletes who have been graduated from NRW a minimum of 10 years; individuals who have made significant contributions to NRW athletic programs as a coach; or individuals who have made a significant impact on district, sectional, regional, state, national, professional or international athletics.

The 2023 honorees include Patricia Twentyfive, Greg Mills, Ron Behe, and Kathy Hoyt. Check out our website, www.nrwcs.org, for more information on each inductee and their accomplishments.

Congratulations to the Hall of Fame Class of 2023!



Annie Jr., Districtwide Concert Headline a Musical Month of March

NRW students had plenty of opportunities to display their musical talents in March during Music in our Schools Month!

North Rose-Wolcott Middle School held performances of the musical "Annie Jr." on March 24 and 25. The award-winning musical follows the title character as she tries to find the parents who abandoned her at an orphanage run by the cruel Miss Hannigan, then finds a new home and family with the billionaire Oliver Warbucks. Congratulations to the cast, crew and everyone who helped make the performances a success!

Musical groups from all three schools performed at the districtwide concert on March 21 at North Rose-Wolcott High School. Audiences were treated to performances from the NRW Elementary fourth grade students, as well as middle and high school band and choral groups. Attendees also viewed an art show featuring work from our elementary, middle and high school art students.

There are more opportunities coming to enjoy NRW's musical talents before the end of the school year, including the middle school spring concert on May 17 and the high school spring concert on May 23. We hope to see you there!



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SPOA Coordinator Links NRW Families with Outside Services

As Child and Youth Single Point of Access Coordinator, Brad Steve brings to North Rose-Wolcott a wealth of experience in assisting students and families by connecting them with services that will support them both in and outside of school.

Steve serves as the point person for NRW students and families in need of services, connecting them with relevant agencies and ensuring they are as supported as possible. He makes home visits, meets with children at all three school buildings, and finds ways to eliminate barriers to access. "I want to try to innovate and bring services together to make it easier for children and families, and bring services to Wayne County in order to get more help," he said.

Since starting with NRW earlier this year, Steve has hit the ground running, building relationships

with students and families and reaching out to outside agencies and government representatives to best strategize how to bring more needed services to Wayne County.

Steve, a lifelong Wayne County resident, has an extensive background in law enforcement and mental health. A retired police officer, he was part of a team that responded to mental health crises and often worked with agencies in that role. He also worked for Child Protective Services in Wayne County prior to becoming a police officer and has experience working with school-age children as a longtime youth sports coach.

"I've always had a passion for helping kids," he said. "I feel that I can engage with kids well."

Driver's Education Students Learn to Share the Road with Tractor Trailers

On Wednesday, March 29, the North Rose-Wolcott High School Driver's Education program hosted a presentation by Walmart called "Share the Road."

Guest speaker Andrew Sweredoski instructed students about the importance of sharing the roads with tractor trailers, like the one he drives for Walmart. The class started with Sweredoski showing students several videos involving accidents with cars, motorcycles and tractor trailers and explaining how they could have been avoided.

After the classroom portion of the presentation, the group went outside for an up-close look at Sweredoski's tractor trailer. They got the chance to view a tractor trailer's blind spots and learned about many mechanical features of the 70-foot trailer, as well as hearing about texting and driving statistics and pledging not to text while driving. Students also got to tour Sweredoski's rig, including a sleeping quarters where he can sleep when he needs to in order to avoid drowsy driving.



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Youngman Receives W-FL Superintendent's Award

North Rose-Wolcott High School senior Eryn Youngman was named NRW's recipient of the Wayne-Finger Lakes Superintendent Award for 2023.

Eryn was selected for this award based on academic achievement and demonstration of leadership qualities including honesty, compassion, perseverance, responsibility and kindness. Students who receive this award place others' needs before their own through service to their schools, family, and community.

Eryn and 24 other honorees from each district in the Wayne-Finger Lakes region were recognized at a March event at Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES in Newark.

After graduation, Eryn plans to attend Keuka College and major in elementary education.

Congratulations, Eryn!



For district information including a calendar of events, NRW Board of Education meeting dates and times, contact information and more, visit the district website: nrwcs.org