



Cal-Mum Chronicle

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District Adds Supports With Limited Tax Impact

On Tuesday, April 11, 2023, and after months of careful planning and thoughtful consideration, the Caledonia-Mumford Board of Education unanimously adopted the proposed 2023-2024 School Budget of \$20,368,335. On May 16, 2023, district residents will vote from 12 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the District Office, which is located on Freeman Drive, off 99 North Street. Absentee ballots can be requested by contacting Susan Voos at 538-3400 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. prior to May 16, 2023. Completed ballots must be received in the District Office by 5 p.m. on May 16, 2023.

The proposed budget represents a 4.73% spending increase from the current year, which results in a 1.90% tax levy increase. For the twelfth year in a row, the proposed tax levy is below the State allowable limit. In addition to the school budget, residents will also elect two candidates for the Board of Education, vote on the

purchase of a school bus(es) and the creation of the 2023 Vehicle and Equipment Reserve Fund.

Board President Chris Richter said, "This expenditure plan maintains all of Cal-Mum's high quality programs and services and allows our teachers and staff to continue to meet the needs of students while being fiscally responsible to the taxpayer."

Vice President Elizabeth Doll, said, "The budget that residents are being asked to consider fulfills the District's mission and stays within the property tax cap. The Board believes that the proposed school budget will provide the resources for the District to continue to be one of the top-ranked small school districts in the Rochester Region by Business First."

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Proposed 2023-2024 Budget

\$20,368,335
4.73% budget to
budget increase
over 2022-2023

Annual Budget Hearing

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at
7 p.m. at the
Middle/High School
Auditorium

Annual Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 16, 2023
12 p.m. to 9 p.m. in
the District Office, Freeman
Drive off of 99 North Street,
Caledonia.

Board of Education Election Two (2) Seats

Meet the candidates forum
following the Annual Budget
Hearing on May 9, 2023.
Read more about the
candidates inside this
newsletter.

The proposed budget is mission driven, fiscally responsible and responsive to the needs of our students. Did you know that the proposed 2023-2024 school budget will:

- Provide support to maintain its core Pre-K-12 academic programs.
- Provide funding for an additional full-time ENL Teacher (English as a New Language).
- Provide funding for 13 Advanced Placement courses in math, English, social studies, science, art, and psychology. In addition, 13 college level courses at Genesee Community College (GCC) and Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) will continue.
- Preserve all art, music, co-curricular activities and the athletic program.
- Provide funding for a full-time School Resource Officer.
- Provide funding to implement year four of the District's Strategic Plan Initiatives.
- Adhere to the State imposed tax levy cap.
- Provide approximately 36,000 breakfasts and 68,000 lunches.
- Maintain small class sizes.
- Provides funding for 16 varsity sport programs.
- Provides funding for 30 clubs/activities.
- Include resources to support the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program and resources.
- Include additional funding for instructional materials for ELA, science and social studies curriculum.
- Continue the District's commitment to the implementation of a multi-year Technology Plan.
- Appropriate funding to provide high-quality transportation services for District resident children.
- Provides funding to replace HVAC units in the elementary main office.
- This budget protects the community's investment in facilities, infrastructure and programming.
- Provides funding for a summer school reading and math intervention program for grades 1-5.
- Provides funding to support increased professional development opportunities for staff.
- Meets legal mandates and contractual obligations.

In addition to the proposed school budget (Proposition #1), voters will be asked to vote on Proposition #2, which seeks your approval to purchase school bus(es) not to exceed \$200,000. The bus or buses will be financed over five years to coincide with the District's receipt of Transportation Aid. Proposition #3 seeks your approval to create a 2023 Vehicle and Equipment Reserve fund and approval of this proposition will have no impact on the tax levy.

We invite you to attend the Annual School District Budget Hearing on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 7 p.m. in the Middle/High School auditorium. Immediately following the budget hearing, candidates for the Board of the Education will provide a brief statement and answer questions generated by the students from our Government Classes.

Please take time to review the budget information in this newsletter and the information located on the district's website www.cal-mum.org. I am available to answer any questions about the proposed plan. Thank you for your continued support and investment in our students.

Sincerely,



Robert Molisani
Superintendent of Schools

The Caledonia-Mumford Central School District, in collaboration with our community, takes pride in providing safe, comprehensive and rigorous educational experiences, in order for all students to graduate as ethical, responsible, lifelong learners, who are college and career ready.



Board of Education Candidates

There are two (2) candidates seeking the two (2) vacant seats this year on the Caledonia-Mumford Central School Board of Education. Each is a three-year term commencing July 1, 2023, and expiring June 30, 2026.

John Bickford

Address: 2806 Granery Road, Caledonia

Lived in the CMCS District: 62 years

Family: Bride of 36 years, Lori. Son Jay Coniglio, CMCS Class of 1996; daughters Jodi Coniglio, CMCS Class of 1998 and Katie Bickford Coakley, Class of 2008.

Why do you wish to serve on the Cal-Mum Board of Education?

Why be a Cal-Mum Board of Education member? I personally am a second-generation Cal-Mum graduate. My mom and dad are graduates of the CM Class of 1960, I am a graduate of the Class of 1979, and my three kids are graduates of the Classes of 1996, 1998, and 2008.

This District has been very generous to my family and I. It's been a very gratifying experience. I love this place with all my heart so if I can continue to give back, I want to try to be available.

And in closing, for my final reason, after looking back on 29 years of service, Jerry Garcia was quoted as saying, "If you're able to enjoy something, devote your life to it or a reasonable amount of time and energy, it will work out for you."

That's why I want to be on the Cal-Mum Central School Board of Education.

Relevant Experience

- I have been a member of the Cal-Mum Board of Education from 1990 when I put an ad in the Caledonia Advertiser in May of 1990 asking for write-in support. When my interest peaked about being a board member, I was too late to fill out the necessary paperwork to be on the ballot. I received 16 write-in votes and became a school board member in good standing on July 10, 1990. I remained on the board of education until 1998. I returned to the board in July of 2002 and have been an active member for the last 21 years.

I wish to continue to be a Cal-Mum School Board member because of the rewarding personal experience it gives me.

This part-time volunteer job is full of ups and downs. Some easier than others to deal with. Regardless, in my case I've always tried to be the best listener I can be and be sure to listen careful to anyone that wants to take the time to speak with me.



Elizabeth Doll

Address: 367 Leicester Road, Caledonia

Lived in the CMCS District: I am a lifelong resident of the Caledonia-Mumford Central School District.

Family: Peter Doll-husband, Nathan-Son, Matthew-Son

Why do you wish to serve on the Cal-Mum Board of Education?

I have proudly served on the Board of Education for three terms and am seeking reelection for a fourth term.

I value public education and the important role that it plays in our community. I am grateful to have served on the CMCS Board of Education for the past nine years. During this time, I have learned a great deal from our leadership team, staff and student body. The lessons I have learned will assist in future planning for the district.

I have a tremendous amount of respect and appreciation for all staff at CMCS School District. Serving on the school board for another term would be a privilege.

Relevant Experience

- 20+ year career in Human Services/primarily in mental health and as a LCSW
- 9 years experience as board member, attendance at three NYSSBA Conferences
- Participation in multiple school committees, workshops etc ...



Where do your tax dollars go?

State law requires the District to analyze spending by breaking our school budget into three basic components: Administrative, Capital, and Instructional Programs. Referred to as a three-part budget, this analysis shows another way of looking at District spending.

In the event the proposed budget is defeated and a contingency budget is adopted, the District would be prohibited from purchasing equipment, certain supplies, as well as any costs associated with the community use of school facilities.

Administrative ————— **Total Dollars • \$2,300,138** ————— **11.29%**

The Administrative component consists of the following expenditures:

- District Office and administrative expenses
- Expenses, salaries and benefits for other administrators and supervisors
- Board of Education expenses and dues
- Business Office and District Clerk expenses
- All legal, insurance, auditing, and other professional services
- District portion of BOCES administrative costs
- Consulting services costs
- Staff development expenses
- District expenses for newsletter, postage, and mailings

Capital ————— **Total Dollars • \$3,391,866** ————— **16.65%**

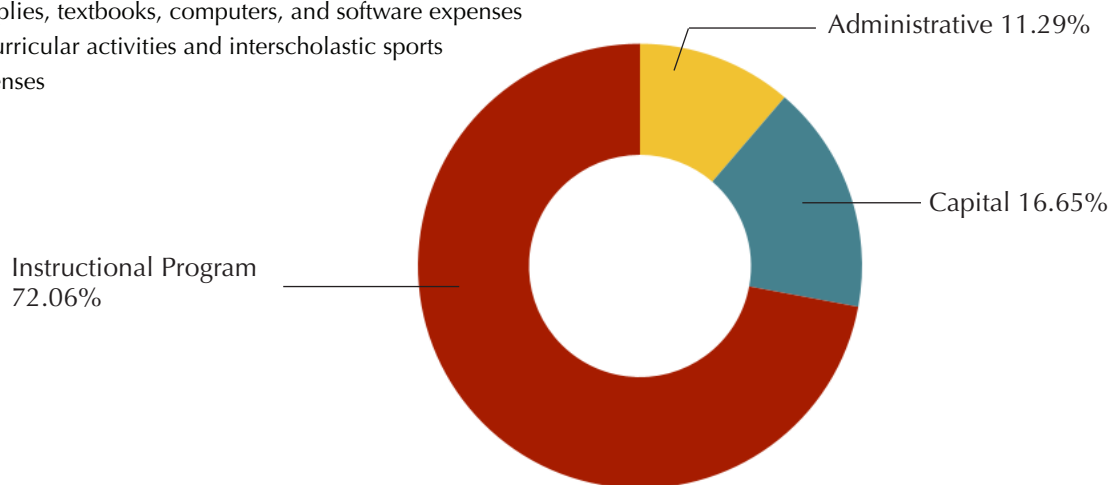
The Capital component consists of the following expenditures:

- Annual debt service obligations for District capital projects and the BOCES capital project
- All facility costs, including utilities
- Operation and maintenance expenses
- Salaries and benefits for maintenance staff
- Costs associated with community use of school facilities
- Security costs

Instructional Program ————— **Total Dollars • \$14,676,331** ————— **72.06%**

The Instructional Program component consists of the following expenditures:

- Salaries and benefits for all teachers, teacher aides and teacher assistants
- Salaries and benefits for bus drivers
- All transportation expenses including contract transportation
- BOCES Special Education and Occupational Education costs
- Instructional supplies, textbooks, computers, and software expenses
- Costs for extra-curricular activities and interscholastic sports
- Contractual expenses

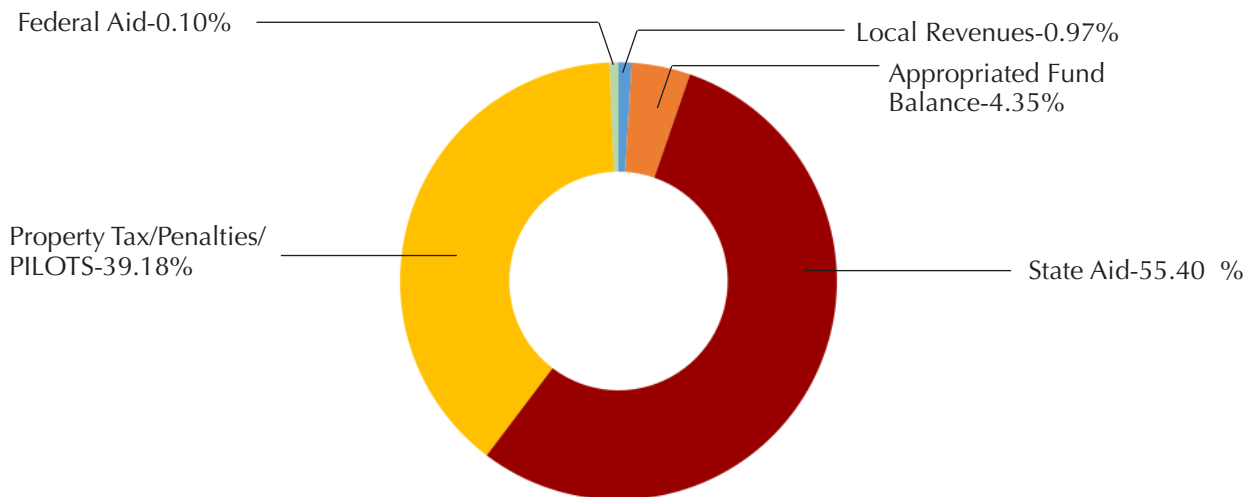


Projected Revenues

2022/23 Final2023/24 Proposed % of Budget

Local Revenues <i>(tution, fees, rentals, interest, miscellaneous, interfund transfers)</i>	\$198,500	\$198,500	0.97%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$885,000	\$885,000	4.35%
State Aid	\$10,534,902	\$11,284,727	55.40%
Property Tax/Penalties/PILOTS	\$7,810,803	\$7,980,108	39.18%
Federal Aid	\$20,000	\$20,000	0.10%

Total Projected Revenue.....	\$19,449,205	\$20,368,335	100.00%
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Major Areas of Expenditures

Major Area	2022-23	2023-24	Difference	% Change
GENERAL SUPPORT	\$2,271,770	\$2,454,944	\$183,174	8.06%
INSTRUCTIONAL	\$10,348,679	\$10,882,265	\$533,586	5.16%
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$881,486	\$914,986	\$33,500	3.80%
COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$16,644	\$17,022	\$378	2.27%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$4,328,770	\$4,471,299	\$142,529	3.29%
DEBT SERVICE	\$1,501,856	\$1,527,819	\$25,963	1.73%
PLANNED BALANCE	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$19,449,205	\$20,368,335	\$919,130	4.73%

Property Tax Report Card

	Budgeted 2022-23 A	Proposed 2023-24 B	Percent Change C
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 19,449,205	\$ 20,368,335	4.73%
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount ⁽¹⁾	\$ 7,575,001	\$ 7,718,926	
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable ⁽²⁾	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$ 7,575,001	\$ 7,718,926	1.90%
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$ 113,662	\$ 110,964	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions ⁽³⁾	\$ 7,467,160	\$ 7,610,541	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$ 7,461,339	\$ 7,607,962	
I. Difference (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval) ⁽²⁾	\$ 5,821	\$ 2,579	
Public School Enrollment	790	796	0.76%
Consumer Price Index	4.70%	8.00%	3.30%

(1) Include any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest
(2) Tax levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion under the School Tax Levy Limit and may affect voter approval requirements
(3) For 2023-24, includes any carryover from 2022-23 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest

	Actual 2022-23 (D)	Estimated 2023-24 (E1)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$5,422,305	\$6,500,000
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$365,000	\$365,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$777,967	\$813,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	4.00%	3.99%

Basic STAR Exemption Impact and Tax Rates

The following chart estimates your savings for your Basic Star Exemption. As in past years, the savings are calculated on the average home within the school district with a full value assessment of \$100,000 and a \$30,000 STAR Exemption.

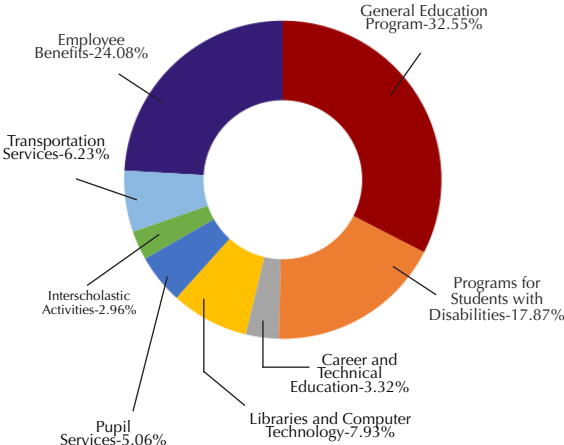
	Budget Adopted for the 2022-2023 School Year	Budget Proposal for the 2023-2024 School Year
Basic STAR Tax Savings	\$576	\$564

Senior citizens with the Enhanced STAR have approximately a \$81,400 exemption. The Enhanced STAR for senior citizens is adjusted for inflation annually by the Office of Real Property Services. Senior citizens benefit by receiving more than twice the amount of the Basic STAR exemption

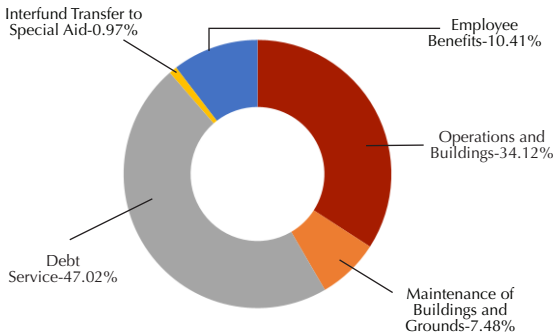
We know that residents are concerned about assessments, tax rates, and their STAR benefits. If you have any questions on these matters, please call your Town Tax Assessor.

Proposed 2023-2024 Three Part Budget Summary

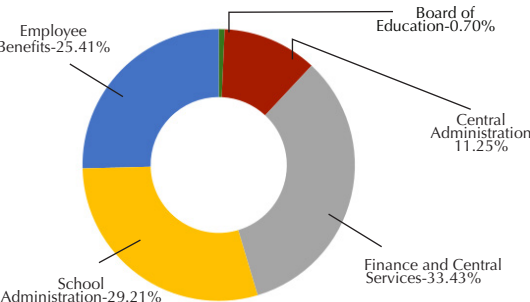
	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Proposed	%
PROPOSED PROGRAM BUDGET			
PROPOSED PROGRAM BUDGET PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET			72.06%
General Education Program.....	\$4,615,869	\$4,776,358	32.55%
Programs for Students with Disabilities.....	\$2,500,819	\$2,623,108	17.87%
Career and Technical Education	\$502,394	\$487,286	3.32%
Libraries and Computer Technology	\$968,609	\$1,163,349	7.93%
Pupil Services.....	\$727,819	\$742,434	5.06%
Interscholastic Activities	\$399,128	\$434,882	2.96%
Transportation Services	\$881,486	\$914,986	6.23%
Employee Benefits.....	\$3,473,785	\$3,533,928	24.08%
TOTAL	\$14,069,909	\$14,676,331	100.00%



	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Proposed	%
PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET			
PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET			16.65%
Operations and Buildings	\$1,042,086	\$1,157,184	34.12%
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds.....	\$245,805	\$253,854	7.48%
Debt Service.....	\$1,568,856	\$1,594,819	47.02%
Interfund Transfer to Special Aid	\$33,000	\$33,000	0.97%
Employee Benefits.....	\$281,237	\$353,009	10.41%
TOTAL	\$3,170,984	\$3,391,866	100.00%



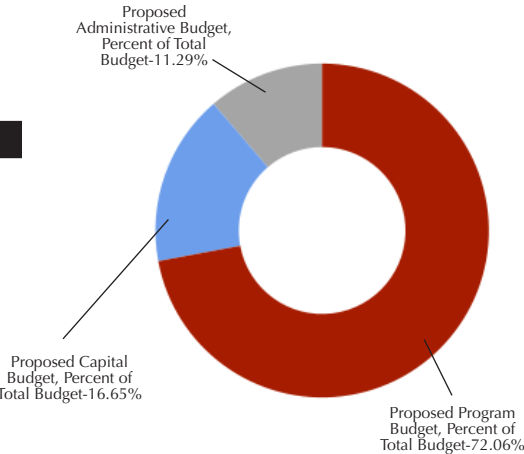
	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Proposed	%
PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET			
PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET			11.29%
Board of Education.....	\$15,943	\$16,218	0.70%
Central Administration	\$246,840	\$258,674	11.25%
Finance and Central Services.....	\$721,096	\$769,014	33.43%
School Administration.....	\$650,685	\$671,870	29.21%
Employee Benefits.....	\$573,748	\$584,362	25.41%
TOTAL	\$2,208,312	\$2,300,138	100.00%



TOTAL PROPOSED BASIC BUDGET	\$19,449,205	\$20,368,335
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Total Proposed Budget 2023-2024

PROPOSED PROGRAM BUDGET, PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	72.06%
PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET, PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	16.65%
PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET, PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	11.29%



Caledonia-Mumford Central School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal

	Budget adopted for the 2022-2023 school year	Budget proposed for the 2023-2024 school year	Contingency budget for the 2023-2024 school year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$19,449,205	\$20,368,335	\$20,220,534
Increase/Decrease for the 2023 - 2024 school year		\$919,130	\$771,329
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		4.73%	3.97%
Change in Consumer Price Index		2.00%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$7,575,001	\$7,718,926	
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)	\$ 7,575,001	\$ 7,718,926	\$ 7,575,001
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$ 113,662	\$ 110,964	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 7,467,160	\$ 7,610,541	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible			
Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap	\$ 7,461,339	\$ 7,607,962	
Reserve (E - B - F + D)			
Difference (G - H) (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval -	\$ 5,821	\$ 2,579	
See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **			
Administrative Component	\$ 2,208,312	\$ 2,300,138	\$ 2,282,898
Program Component	\$ 14,069,909	\$ 14,676,331	\$ 14,568,895
Capital Component	\$ 3,170,984	\$ 3,391,866	\$ 3,368,741

* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2023-24 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of Education Law.

In the event the proposed budget is defeated and a contingency budget is adopted, the District would be prohibited from purchasing equipment, certain supplies, as well as any costs associated with the community use of school facilities.

Estimated Tax Information

Homeowners are eligible for tax relief under the New York State's School Tax Relief Program (STAR). Upon application, homeowners may be eligible for up to a \$30,000 decrease in their assessment. Senior citizens (age 65 and older) may be eligible for Enhanced STAR for up to a \$81,400 decrease in their assessment.

Maximum 2023-24 STAR Exemption Savings*

Municipal Name	Basic	Enhanced
Town of Caledonia	\$ 564	\$ 1,317
Town of Chili	\$ 477	\$ 1,181
Town of LeRoy	\$ 523	\$ 1,290
Town of Riga	\$ 464	\$ 1,159
Town of Wheatland	\$ 488	\$ 1,191

* Per NYS Department of Tax and Finance

Due to recent changes to the STAR application process, homeowners are encouraged to visit www.tax.ny.gov/star for more details.



Annual Budget Referendum 2023-2024

Proposition #1 — Budget Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed budget of expenditures for the fiscal year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$20,368,335, and for the purposes shown in statement of estimated expenditures adopted by the Board of Education, be one and the same, hereby is approved and the amount thereof shall be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district.

Proposition #2 — Bus Resolution

The second proposition on the ballot will ask voters to approve the purchase of school buses at a total cost not to exceed \$200,000. New York State Law also requires school districts to obtain voter authorization to spend money from these accounts.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Caledonia-Mumford Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition of school buses, at an estimated maximum cost of \$200,000, less trade-in value, if any, and that such costs, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed \$200,000 shall be issued, or the school district may enter into an installment purchase contract if the Board of Education determines that it is in the best interest of the school district to finance the purchase in that method.

Proposition #3 — 2023 Vehicle and Equipment Reserve Resolution

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Caledonia-Mumford Central School District be authorized and directed to establish a reserve fund pursuant to Education Law Section 3651 to be known as the “2023 Vehicle and Equipment Reserve Fund” for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, the purchase of vehicles, equipment, machinery or apparatus, furnishings, and costs incidental thereto, including transportation vehicles (buses and vans), buildings and grounds equipment, furnishings, and other equipment, machinery or apparatus incidental thereto or separately, provided that such capital costs are an object or purpose that would be eligible for financing under the Local Finance Law, with the ultimate amount of such reserve fund not exceeding One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), plus any accrued earnings on amounts deposited in such reserve fund, the probable existence of said reserve fund being ten (10) years, but with said reserve fund continuing in existence for its stated purpose until liquidated in accordance with Education Law, and the source from which funds shall be obtained for said reserve fund being: (a) an initial deposit of \$355,216 plus any interest earnings, to be transferred from the existing Vehicle/Equipment Reserve Fund, and (b) current and future unappropriated fund balances from the General Fund of the District, as directed by the Board of Education; (c) State aid related to expenditures from said reserve fund; (d) transfers from other reserve funds; (e) any other appropriations authorized by the voters from time to time; and (f) interest earnings.

Board of Education Members

Vote For Any Two (2)

Two (2) district residents have submitted petitions to run for two (2) seats on the Board of Education. Each open seat is for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2023 and expiring on June 30, 2026.

- ☐ John Bickford
- ☐ Elizabeth Doll

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the School Budget

Q: What is the history of voting outcomes, tax levy and budget-to-budget change for the district?

A: See below

School Year	Voted Yes	Voted No	% Voted Yes	Tax Levy Change	Budget to Budget Change
2013-2014	276	137	66.8%	2.99%	4.10%
2014-2015	344	140	71.1%	1.66%	2.41%
2015-2016	258	88	74.6%	1.90%	3.44%
2016-2017	250	67	78.9%	1.50%	-2.08%
2017-2018	221	67	69.3%	1.77%	3.28%
2018-2019	213	58	79.7%	1.99%	2.38%
2019-2020	198	38	83.5%	1.99%	1.70%
2020-2021	882	238	78.8%	1.99%	1.94%
2021-2022	579	201	74.2%	1.49%	1.18%
2022-2023	643	268	70.6%	1.99%	2.26%
10 year avg.	386	130	74.81%	1.95%	2.06%

Q. How much is the proposed budget?

A. The proposed budget is \$20,368,335.

Q. What are the major items that increased from the current year to the 2023-24 year?

A. The major items that have increased are healthcare expenses, special education costs and technology purchases. These expenses have increased by \$550,904.

Q. How did the District achieve savings in the budget?

A. The District achieved savings from the difference in the salary between retiring veteran teachers and newly hired teachers.

Q. What is the proposed tax levy increase for the 2023-2024 school year?

A. The proposed tax levy increase for the 2023-2024 school year is 1.90%. Caledonia-Mumford's allowable tax levy cap is 1.93%.

Q. Why purchase buses each year?

A. The District purchases a bus or two each year as part of its replacement schedule. Based on our current schedule, our buses will be replaced after approximately 13 to 16 years of service and have been driven 120,000 to 140,000 miles. Continuing our current strategy will sustain our fleet and provide for a systematic update of our fleet configuration.

Did you know? The District is reimbursed for 75.6% of a bus purchase cost.

Q. What happened to the State's 2% tax cap?

A. In 2011, the State signed into law a property tax cap. It was falsely presented as a 2% tax cap which was popularized by the media. In reality the property tax cap is 2% or the Consumer Price Index (CPI) whichever is lesser. The property tax cap calculation excludes and takes in consideration eligible exemptions such as retirement system expenses- greater than 2%, capital debt, court orders and PILOTS. Caledonia-Mumford's allowable tax levy cap is 1.93%. The proposed tax levy increase is within the District's allowable limit.

Q. I am still confused with the increase in property assessments. How will this affect my school taxes?

A. The school is not involved in any increase/decrease with your property assessment. If you have questions with regard to your assessment, you should call your town tax assessor

Q . How much Lottery Aid does the Caledonia-Mumford C.S.D. receive from the State of New York?

A. The school receives about \$1.3 million from New York State Lottery purchases.

Q. What happens if the budget is not approved by voters?

A. If the budget is not approved by voters, the Board has three options: Present the same budget to voters for a second time, present a revised budget to voters or adopt a contingency budget. If the proposed budget is defeated twice by voters, the District must adopt a contingency budget. Under the new property tax cap law, a school district that adopts a contingency budget cannot increase its prior year tax levy by any amount.

Q. What is fund balance? How is it used?

A. Fund balance is a reserve much like a homeowner's savings account. When District expenses are less than what was expected or revenues are higher than expected, the excess money is classified as fund balance.

Districts may appropriate fund balance each year as a revenue in the budget to minimize spending cuts and stabilize tax rates. The money is also used for unforeseen expenses and cash flow throughout the year. By law, a district's unrestricted fund balance may not exceed 4% of the next year's budget.

Just as homeowners are careful not to use up their savings accounts, districts also must plan carefully how to use their fund balance to ensure it does not run out.

Q. I heard the District will be doing a Capital Outlay Project. How is that different from Capital Projects?

A. In 2023-24 we will participate in the yearly capital outlay project at a cost no more than \$100,000 to address building needs in a manner that qualifies for State Building Aid of 86.1%. Capital outlay projects allow for an investment of \$100,000 with repayment through Building Aid of approximately \$86,100 to net the District cost of only \$13,900. The proposed capital outlay for 2023-24 will call for replacing PTAC units in the Elementary Main Office as well as the nurse's office if funds permit.



Caledonia-Mumford Central School
Caledonia NY 14423

2022-23 Board of Education

Mr. Christopher Richter, President
Mrs. Elizabeth Doll, Vice-President
Mr. Michael Balonek
Mr. John Bickford
Mrs. Elizabeth Dietrich
Mr. Jamie Fitch
Mr. Arnold Rychlicki

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Mr. Robert Molisani, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Jeremy Nardone, Business Administrator
Dr. Rebekah Chenaille, Middle/High School Principal
Mr. Tim McArdle, Assistant Middle/High School Principal
Mr. David Bulter, Elementary Principal
Mrs. Michele Meyer, Assistant Elementary Principal/Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction
Mrs. Megan Rogers, Director of Pupil Services

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Everyone has a stake in the success of our public schools. When schools are strong and students succeed, our community benefits!

Public Hearing

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

7 p.m.

MS/HS Auditorium



Vote

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

12 p.m. to 9 p.m.

District Office

Voter Qualifications

- United States Citizen
- Eighteen (18) years of age or older
- Legal resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to the district meeting and election

Absentee Ballots

Voters may request an absentee ballot from the CMCS District Office prior to May 16, 2023, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Completed ballots must be received in the District Office by 5 p.m. on May 16, 2023. Please call Susan Voos at 538-3400 for more information.

State Regulations Regarding the Budget

State regulations require that school districts inform the public of the options available to the Board of Education in the event that a budget is not passed. A Board of Education has several options:

- Resubmit the original budget for another vote
- Submit a revised budget for voter approval
- Adopt a contingent budget

Under the educational law regarding a contingent budget, non-contingent expenses cannot exceed the total amount of spending in the prior year budget. A contingent budget requires that the Board of Education charge for community use of school facilities and grounds for non-school activities.