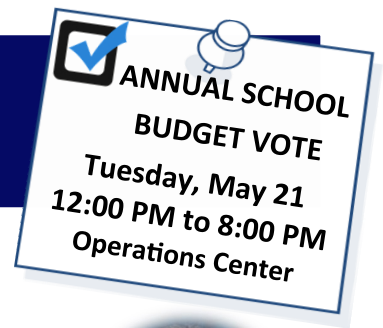




SENECA FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



Dear Seneca Falls Central School District Residents,

At the April 11, 2024 Board of Education meeting, the Seneca Falls Central School District BOE adopted a proposed spending plan of \$36,886,754. Our proposed tax levy increase of 2% is under the maximum allowable tax levy limit of 3.44% for our district. We

have prepared a budget that is reflective of our effort to sustain the quality education we are providing for students while being fiscally responsible.



For 2024-2025, our efforts to improve literacy will be at the forefront of our efforts. Through research-based practices in the Science of Reading and the addition of a K-8 Instructional Coach, we will better support our students and teachers as we make instructional shifts in reading. Additionally, we will continue to increase our graduation rates, enhance school safety, and support the social and emotional health of our students. 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.*



Thank you,
Dr. Michelle Reed
Superintendent of Schools

Thank you for your continued support!

"The Seneca Falls BOE greatly appreciates the community's continued support of our fiscally responsible education programs. The proposed budget will sustain the instruction and learning efforts required to enable all of our students to be the best they can be." ~Board of Education President, Joseph McNamara



\$36,886,754
**2024-2025 School
Year Budget**



2.00%
**Proposed Tax
Levy Increase**

Bus Proposition
**Purchase of 4 Buses
from Capital Bus
Reserve**



**Board of Education
Election**
**3 Vacancies (Term
July 2024-June 2027)**



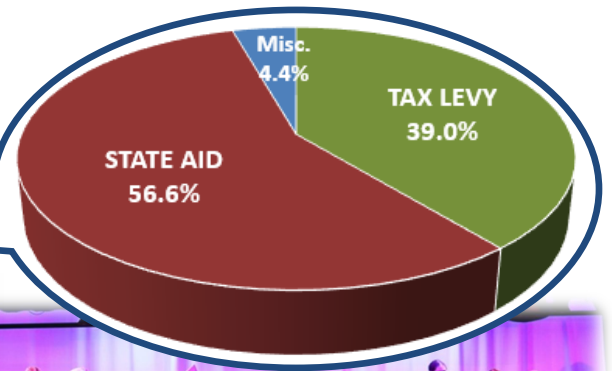
**Absentee Ballots
Must be Received by
May 21, 2024 (5 PM)**



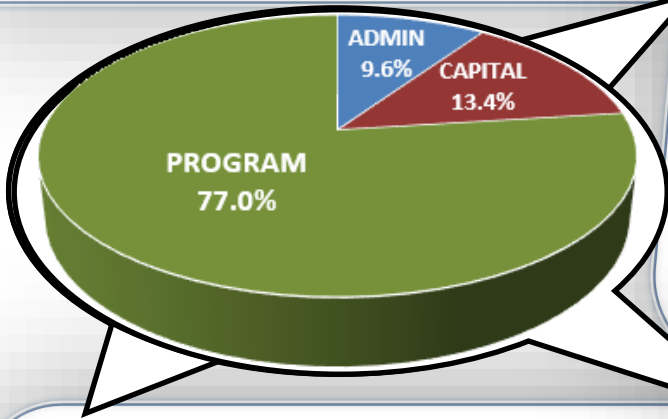
Budget Vote
May 21, 2024
12 PM to 8 PM
Operations Center

2024-25 DISTRICT REVENUE BUDGET

Revenue	2024-25 Proposed
NY State Aid	
NY State Aid	\$20,878,519
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$59,122
Local Sources	
Tax Levy	\$14,403,097
PILOTS	\$250,000
Debt Service Fund	\$100,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$403,516
Appropriated Reserves & Appropriated Fund Balance	\$792,500
TOTAL	\$36,886,754



2024-2025 THREE-PART BUDGET PROPOSAL



EXPENDITURES: 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.

PROGRAM	2024-25 Proposal
Curriculum & Instruction	\$19,704,014
Transportation	\$1,772,966
Employee Benefits	\$6,733,435
General Program Support	\$30,303
Interfund Transfers	\$155,000
TOTAL	\$28,395,718

EXPENDITURES: 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.

CAPITAL	2024-25 Proposal
Debt Service	\$2,501,957
Operation of Plant	\$1,257,228
Maintenance of Plant	\$436,427
Benefits	\$737,582
TOTAL	\$4,933,194

EXPENDITURES: 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE	2024-25 Proposal
School Operations	\$1,369,472
Central Administration	\$286,282
Supervision	\$1,083,859
Benefits & Community	\$818,229
TOTAL	\$3,557,842

2024-2025 Property Tax Report Card	Budget Adopted 2023-24	Budget Proposed 2024-25
Total Budget Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$36,024,750	\$36,886,754
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amt	\$14,120,683	\$14,403,097
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)	\$14,120,683	\$14,403,097
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$0	\$0
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Exclusions	\$14,412,190	\$14,606,256
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purpose, Excluding Permissible Exclusions Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E-B-F+D)	\$14,120,683	\$14,403,097
I. Difference: (G - H)	\$291,507	\$203,159
Public School Enrollment	1,208	1,216
Consumer Price Index	8.0%	4.12%



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 (4.1%) or the state's tax cap of 2%, whichever is less. The SFCSD proposed 2.00% Tax Levy increase is below the SFCSD Maximum Allowable Levy Limit of 3.44%.

ESTIMATED TAX RATES (Per \$1000 Assessment)

SENECA FALLS	FAYETTE	TYRE
\$17.88 (True Value \$17.88) Est. 100% Equalization Rate	\$27.10 (True Value \$17.88) Est. 66% Equalization Rate	\$25.19 (True Value \$17.88) Est. 71% Equalization Rate



LEGAL NOTICE & BALLOT INFORMATION

Please see the District Budget webpage, <https://www.senecafallscsd.org/district/district-business-office/school-budget>, to learn more about the public hearing, budget propositions, board of education vacancies, absentee ballot application details and early mail ballot information.



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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 21, 2024** in the **Operations Center (2 Butler Ave)**. The annual public hearing for the school budget will be on Thursday, May 9th at 6:00 PM. The public hearing will be in the Robert McKeveny Training Room at the Operations Center. All Budget Information will be posted on the SFCSD website www.senecafallscsd.org.

**ANNUAL SCHOOL
BUDGET VOTE**
**Tuesday, May 21
12:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Operations Center**



BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

- **PROPOSITION #1:** Authorization to expend the sum of thirty-six million, eight hundred eighty-six thousand, seven hundred fifty-four dollars (\$36,886,754.00) in the 2024-2025 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 four buses for the transportation of district students, for a sum of money not to exceed six hundred, twenty-five thousand dollars (\$625,000.00); said amount to be expended in the 2024-2025 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 sixty-seven thousand dollars (\$367,000.00) 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?
- **PROPOSITION #4:** Authorization to establish Capital Reserve Fund for Technology Equipment & Infrastructure in accordance with NY Education Law Section 3651 to be known as the "Technology Equipment & Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund 2024". The maximum term of the reserve shall be ten (10) years and shall not exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) plus accrued interest.



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