

STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY



CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Home of the Cougars

May 2020

Culture of Hope

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

This is a very tough time that we are experiencing together. Thank you for your continued support for the children of this community. It never goes unnoticed how much we can count on this community. The Board of Education (BOE) and the district have worked hard to develop a budget that supports our students and our community.

When preparing the budget each year we hear two things from our community; maintain programs for our students and stay within the allowed tax cap. The BOE and the district have listened to our community. We have also taken a hard look at the districts expenditures through this tough budget year and found efficiencies that allow us to maintain student programs and stay within the tax cap.

The BOE adopted a budget on May 19, 2020 with a tax levy 2.24%, which is within the allowed tax cap. With a STAR, it is an estimated increase of \$31.00 for the year if your home is assessed at \$100,000 and a \$22.00 increase this year if your home is assessed at \$80,000. In either case this is less than a \$3.00 increase each month.

The vote this year cannot be done in person per an executive order from Governor Cuomo. The district will mail an absentee ballot with a return, stamped envelope. If you do not receive a ballot, please call Pam Mennig at 315-495-4400. In the same executive order, Governor Cuomo stated that all votes are due to the district no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2020. The votes will be counted on June 9, 2020 beginning at 8:00 p.m. We will post a link on the website if you wish to view the vote count.

In summary:

- Board of Education Adopted May 19, 2020
- Total Budget.....\$11,674,248
- Tax Levy.....2.24%
- Virtual Budget Hearing.....June 2, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
- Absentee Ballots due.....June 9, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.

Many thanks to the community for the continued support for our students.

I would also like to thank each of you personally for supporting each other and the community during this difficult time. There has not been a major outbreak of the virus in our community and that demonstrates just how much our community cares for each other. I respect each and every one of you for your choices during this time and have continued hope that with the continued support of each other, we will get through this together. We truly appreciate your support of the students of Stockbridge Valley.

Stay Safe,

Cindy Stocker

 @SvcsSuper

**The Virtual Budget Hearing is June 2, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
The hearing will be streamed.**

Please use the link below to view the Budget Hearing:

<https://stream.meet.google.com/stream/96c1022b-9919-4145-bf90-52cf3b4a69dc>

Live Stream Username: boelive@stockbridgevalley.org

Live Stream Password: boelive2020

Please use this link to ask questions:

<https://meet.google.com/ryi-ruyz-ffu>

Both links will be posted on the district website.

SVCS MISSION/VISION

Mission: We empower students through education.

Vision: We embrace a culture of respect and support that allows every student to recognize their worth, realize their purpose, cultivate their passions and achieve their ultimate potential.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

HERB BINGEL



Hi, my name is Herb Bingel. I have been a resident in the Stockbridge Valley School district for 18 years. I have four daughters, three of whom already attend SVCS and the little one will be going into Pre-K in the fall. The three older daughters are currently in 5th grade, 3rd grade, and 1st grade. My wife, Malary, will be going into her 10th year of being the health and

physical education teacher at SVCS. I have served on the Board of Education in the past, therefore, I have a lot of insight on the ins and outs of how things are run.

I am very committed to the success of the students of Stockbridge, as well as the growth of the school and the concerns of the taxpayers. As a 24-year IT professional at Utica National, I feel I bring a strong understanding of financials, as well as an understanding of how technology is extremely important to our students' education. During this unprecedented time, it is so important that we are working together as a community to ensure the continued education and safety of our students, as well as all our residents.

I also have a strong background in athletics. I have been a volunteer for the SVCS youth soccer program in the past. Currently I am a volunteer coach for the youth girls' basketball team and youth softball program. I have also been a varsity coach for 23 years, and I feel that I can give insight to the future programs at Stockbridge Valley. All extracurricular programs are an extremely important part of a student's educational experience.

I am here to serve this community to the best of my ability. I strongly believe that everyone's voice needs to be heard. Please consider me as a candidate for the Board of Education and let me represent the needs of this community.

CAROL GARRETT



Hi, I am Carol Garrett. I am a 2 ½ year resident of the town of Stockbridge. I feel strongly that each student and employee are their own unique person. One size does not fit all. I would allow that perspective to ground me whenever possible to help Stockbridge Valley Central School continue to thrive. Since moving here, I have become an active member of the Stockbridge Valley FFA

Alumni. I have been to several school concerts, musicals and basketball games, both girls and boys. It is clear the heart that the students, teachers and staff have for this school and community. I would love to help keep that spirit alive by contributing my thoughts and voting on the matters that come before the school board.

My own three children, Roy, Sara and Tucker are all college graduates and I have encouraged their choices. As a past employee and parent of Holland Patent Central School, I can offer an outside perspective. As a current employee at Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES, I also see the other career paths for students. I would draw on these experiences whenever possible.

I look forward to getting to know additional faculty, staff and community members through my roll as a School Board Member. Thank you for your support.

KRISTIN GUINTO



Hello, my name is Kristin Guinto and I am asking for your vote so that I may continue to serve on the Stockbridge Valley School Board of Education. I moved into Stockbridge Valley in 2004 and instantly knew this is where I was supposed to raise my family. I live with my husband John, and our two children, Barbara (19) and Alex (17), who are night and day in every aspect of their lives. I feel that their differences have offered me the advantage of looking at education with my eyes wide open.

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MEET THE CANDIDATES

Kristin Guinto continued from page 2

I have served on the SVCS Board of Education for the last three years and am seeking re-election so that I am able to continue to work to strengthen and support our school and its offerings. As part of the budget committee for the last three years, we have worked to ensure that programs and staffing needs are met for our students while not increasing the burden to not only the budget but to our community as well. In addition to being a school board member, I have been an active member of the Stockbridge Valley Educational Foundation since 2009 and involved in the Drama Club for at least five years as the parent coordinator. I enjoy being an active member in the school with the students, even if my own children are not involved.

I believe we have so many opportunities we provide to our students. The diverse club options, the shared services that offer opportunities at a reduced cost, the college courses that we continue to work to enhance, and the faculty and staff that interact with our students daily are just a part of what makes me appreciate Stockbridge Valley Central School. This year has been a challenge, but I have been proud of the efforts put forth by administration, our staff, and our students. Everyone working together to ensure education continues and safety is the priority. I have been a proud SVCS community member.

I would be honored to receive your vote to have the ability to continue to serve with this Board. Thank you for your time.

NIKI MAIURA



Hello, my name is Niki Maiura and I am asking for your vote so that I may continue to serve on the Stockbridge Valley School Board.

I am proud to say that I grew up in Munnsville, attended and graduated from Stockbridge Valley and now reside in the district with my daughter, Marisa. I love being a part of this district and community.

I have worked at Madison-Oneida BOCES for 19 years and I have learned a great deal about schools, policies, contracts, board functions and this region in general. I have served on the SVCS Board for 7 years. I have attended the mandatory trainings in addition to many other School Board Institute offerings in order to become a more effective board member.

As a board member, I believe in my responsibility to serve the district and community with fairness, consistency and in accordance with established contracts. Our duties include helping to set and review policies, provide oversight and ensure accountability. Now more than ever, our fiscal understanding and responsibility are at the forefront. We continue to work together with the district administration to look out for our local taxpayers while providing quality programming and opportunities for our students. It would be my privilege to receive your vote and continue to serve with this Board. Thank you for your time.

JAIME RENNER



My name is Jaime Renner; I am a 1996 graduate of Stockbridge Valley and a business owner in the district, I own Little Leaps Home Daycare, a NY State licensed daycare on Middle Rd. My husband, Rob, is a dairy farmer as well as our schools Varsity Basketball Coach. Rob is also a graduate of Stockbridge Valley. My husband and I

are both very active in the community. We have 4 children; 3 who are also graduates of Stockbridge Valley and a son in Jr High.

I am running for another term on the school board because I feel that it is very important to be an active advocate for all of the children in our district and community. We owe it to our children to give them the best education we possibly can while offering as many opportunities as we can to help them be prepared for their futures, whether that be graduating and joining the workforce or continuing on to a higher education. I also feel that in these trying times it is important to help build a school board with continuity. I love working with children and it is extremely important to me to see not only my own children succeed, but all of our students succeed, learn and grow. I also feel that it is important to promote and enforce a safe, healthy and welcoming environment for all children.

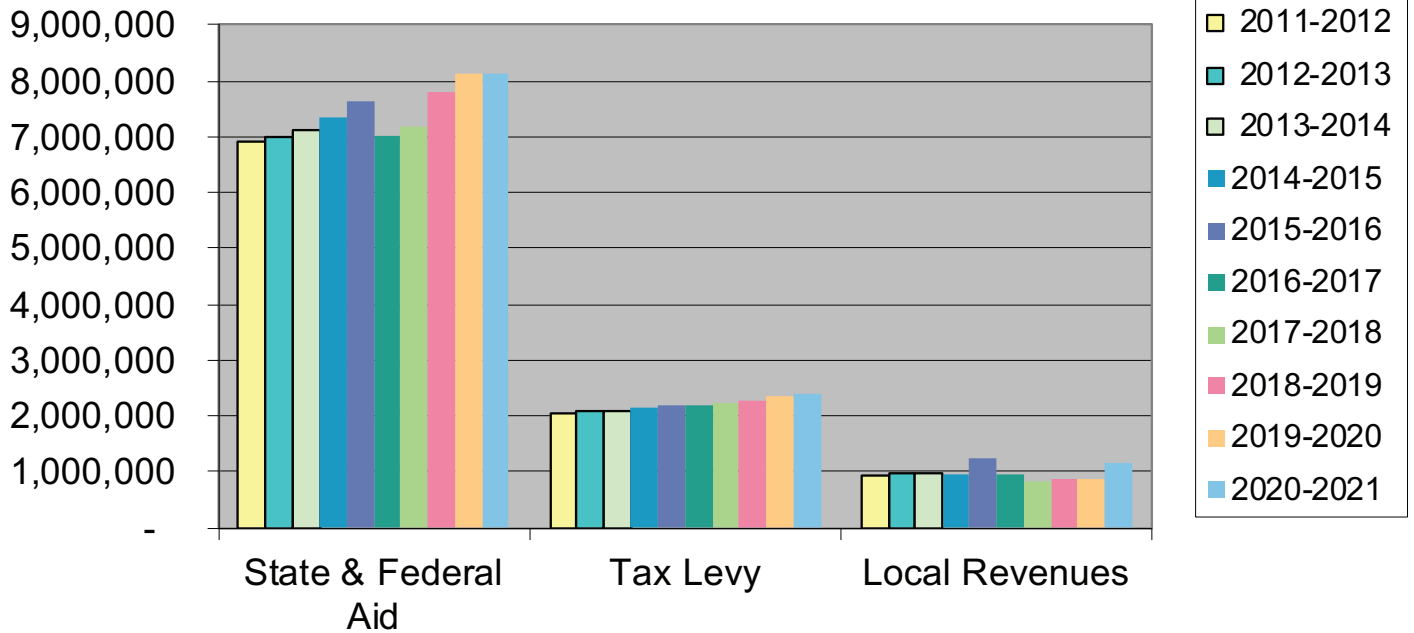
I hope that you will consider voting for me to serve another term.

PROPOSED BUDGET 2020-21*Three Part Budget Summary*

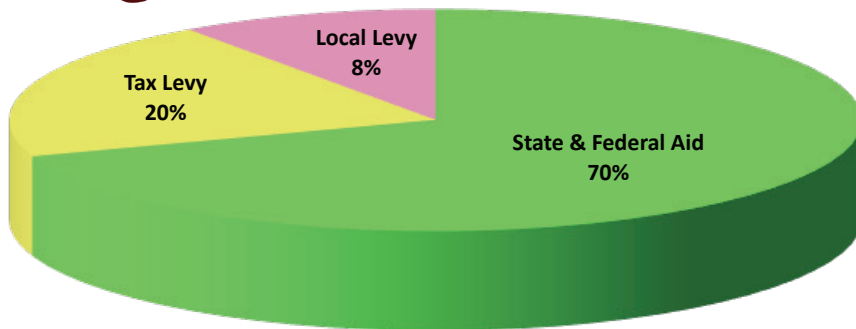
| | 2019-20 Adjusted Budget | 2020-21 Proposed Budget | Inc./Dec. from prior year |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Proposed Program Budget | | | |
| Teaching Regular Instruction | 2,475,951 | 2,518,464 | 42,513 |
| Career & Technical Instruction | 475,109 | 489,481 | 14,372 |
| Programs for Students w/Special Needs | 1,151,402 | 1,282,637 | 131,235 |
| Special Schools/Programs | 126,699 | 128,332 | 1,633 |
| Media & Computer Technology Services | 367,956 | 383,037 | 15,081 |
| Pupil Services | 401,472 | 418,040 | 16,568 |
| Interfund Transfer | 21,500 | 21,500 | - |
| Transportation Services | 779,228 | 782,732 | 3,504 |
| Employee Benefits | 2,134,828 | 2,251,423 | 116,595 |
| Total | 7,934,145 | 8,275,646 | 341,501 |
| Capital Expenditures | | | |
| Facility & Grounds Operation & Maintenance | 646,437 | 646,039 | (398) |
| Debt Service | 1,038,294 | 918,435 | (119,859) |
| Employee Benefits | 239,368 | 242,686 | 3,318 |
| Total | 1,924,099 | 1,807,160 | (116,939) |
| Administrative Expenditures | | | |
| Board of Education | 12,572 | 12,692 | 120 |
| Central Admin./Finance | 422,029 | 444,658 | 22,629 |
| Central Services | 317,313 | 333,896 | 16,583 |
| Instructional Administration | 363,048 | 370,382 | 7,334 |
| Employee Benefits | 409,152 | 429,814 | 20,662 |
| Total | 1,524,114 | 1,591,442 | 67,328 |
| TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET | 11,382,358 | 11,674,248 | 291,890 |



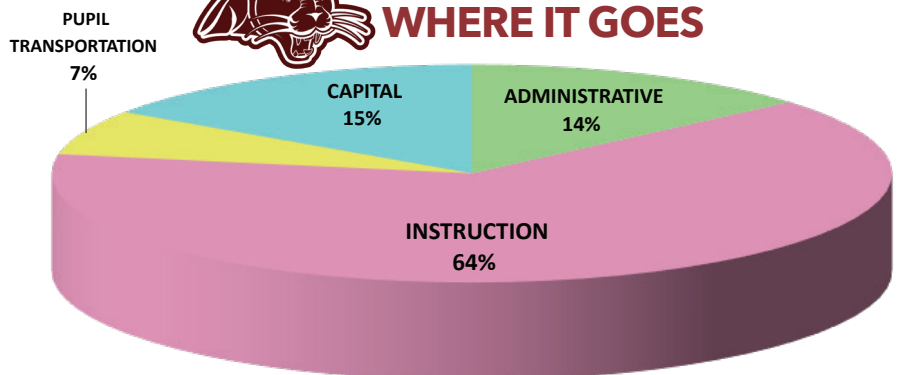
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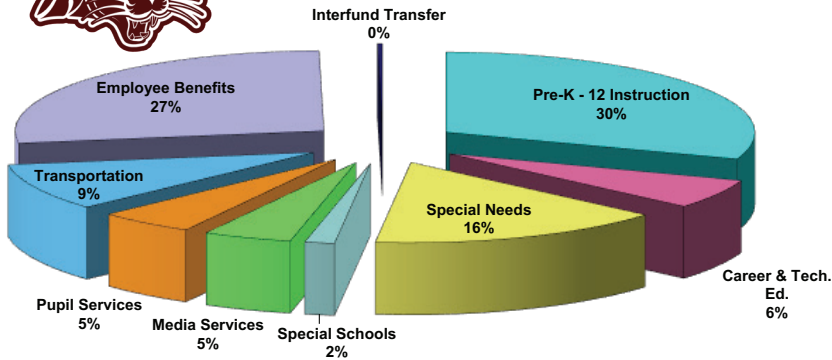


WHERE IT GOES

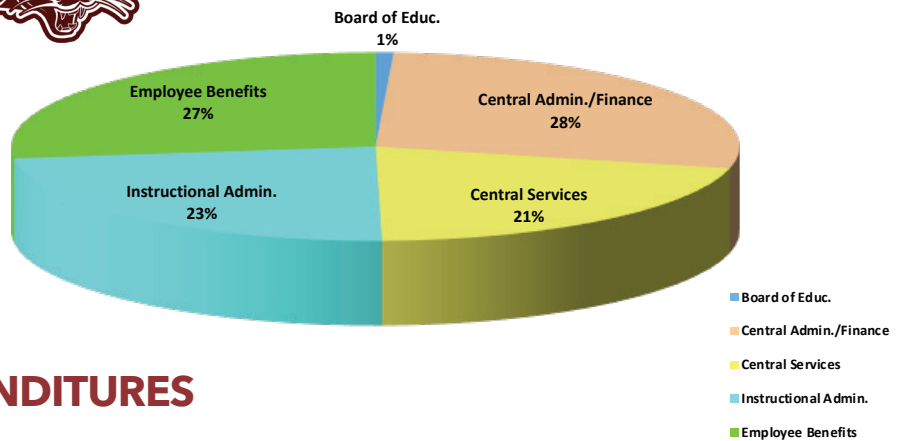




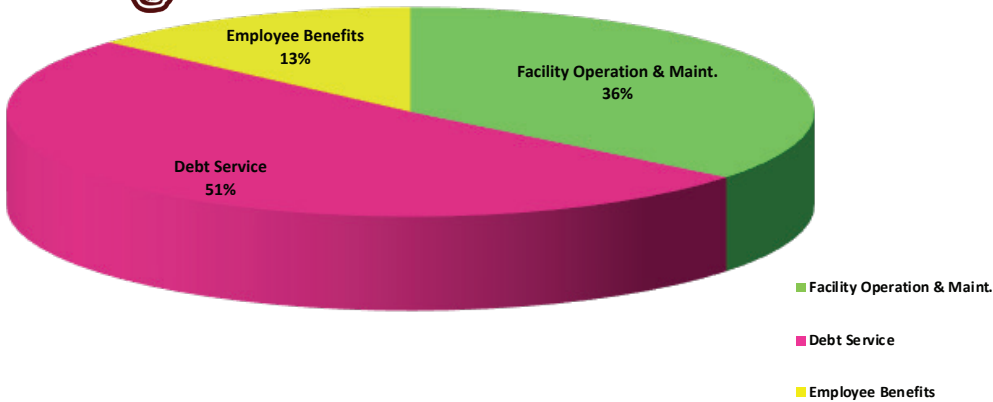
PROGRAM EXPENDITURES



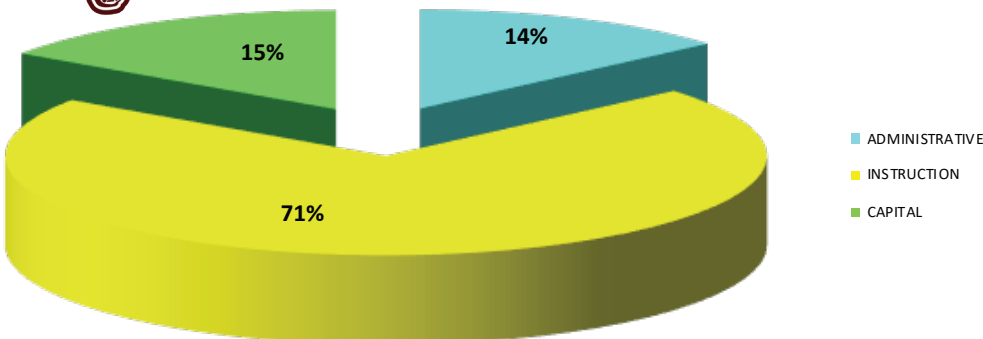
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES



CAPITAL EXPENDITURES



THREE PART BUDGET



QUALIFIED VOTER:

A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the annual vote and election.

If you are not registered with the County Board of Elections, and if you are a U.S. citizen, eighteen years of age or older, a resident of the school district for at least 30 days before the vote, you may apply for an absentee ballot for the school district vote by contacting the office of the clerk at 315-495-4400.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

| Overall Budget Proposal | Budget Adopted for the 2019-20 School Year | Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 School Year | Contingency Budget for the 2020-21 School Year * |
|---|--|---|--|
| Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions | \$ 11,382,358 | \$ 11,674,248 | \$ 11,621,886 |
| Increase/Decrease for the 2019-20 School Year | | \$ 291,890 | \$ 239,528 |
| Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget | | 2.56% | 2.1% |
| Change in the Consumer Price Index | | 1.81% | |
| A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount | \$ 2,340,990 | \$ 2,393,352 | |
| 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) | \$ 2,340,990 | \$ 2,393,352 | \$ 2,340,990 |
| F. Total Permissible Exclusions | \$ 30,100 | \$ 379 | |
| G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions | \$ 2,364,894 | \$ 2,398,315 | |
| H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D) | \$ 2,340,990 | \$ 2,393,352 | |
| I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) ** | \$ 54,004 | \$ 5,342 | |
| Administrative Component | \$ 1,524,114 | \$ 1,591,442 | \$ 1,590,542 |
| Program Component | \$ 7,934,145 | \$ 8,275,646 | \$ 8,248,184 |
| Capital Component | \$ 1,924,099 | \$ 1,807,160 | \$ 1,783,160 |
| <p>* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2020-21 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.</p> <p><i>In projecting the contingency budget for 2020-2021, the District has assumed a total of \$52,362 of non-contingent items to be removed from the proposed budget.</i></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) | Description | | Amount |
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NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$ 586.00

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2020-21 by the qualified voters of the Stockbridge Valley School District, Madison County, New York, will vote in an adjourned meeting by absentee ballot only to be provided by the district to qualified voters. The voting upon the budget proposition and election of candidates for the Board of Education will be by absentee ballot. Tallying of the vote will take place virtually on the 9th day of June 2020, at Stockbridge Valley C. S Library at 5:00 pm, prevailing time.

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

Valedictorian and Salutatorian



STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Congratulations!



Makenzi Wilson
Valedictorian



Alexis Ennis
Salutatorian

THANK YOU FOOD SERVICE
FOR THE GRAB AND GO MEALS



THANK YOU TEACHERS
FOR HARD WORK



THANK YOU STUDENTS
FOR HARD WORK



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FOR HARD WORK



SVCS HONOR ROLL

Congratulations!

Grade 7

Marlie Brummer
Hailey Beecher
Levi Claxton
MaKayla Cureton
Emma DeMenezes
Jadalyn George
Madison Greene
Madison Hartle
Marilyn Jones
Serena Keville
Esther Mann
Marcus Moot
Kaelyn Rahauiser
Ashley Scott
Anthony Shaw
Hannah Sherman
Kaden Wilson

Grade 8

Nathan Baker
Mary Jane Beecher
Ella Bonvinico
Summer Boronow
Jack Cross
Edward DeMenezes III
Abigail Fisher
Joshua Kiehn
Lily Kiehn
Kassidy March
Siena Marzan
Madison Nolley
Nicholas Smith
Sophia Stevens
Paige Webb

Grade 9

Evan Baker
Amanda Brown
Rowan Cady
Connor Clark
Charles Cross
Tristan Ellerbruch
Ava Genge
Benjamin Jantzi
Hayla Josephs
Myah LaFave
Riley LaLonde
Abigail Reed
Abigail Smith
Devin Smith

Grade 10

Hailey Bernet
Grace Bump
Shirley Coe
William Jace Douthit
Alyssa Enslow
Brooke Gillespie
Sarah Hofmeister
Jillian Jacobs
Rachel Mennig
Autumn Mills
Lisa Powless
Nevaeh Randel
Alexander Smith
Alexandra Spring
Ashley Wilson
Devyn Wooden

Grade 11

Rebecca Ax
Nicole Aldasch
Toby Bonvinco
Adriene Byron
Emily Carey
Emma Copperwheat
Camdyn Cross
Dakota Crowley
Tanner Dager
Markalyn Eaton
Zachary Fleming
Hannah Greene
Erin Marshall
Thomas Meeker
Alexis Mintel
Austin Nolley
Wyatt Reed

Grade 12

Sarah Bender
Brandon Burton
Todd Conklin
Branden Eastman
Alexis Ennis
Kelly Greene
Zachary Jones
Brittany LaShure
Heather MacKay
Chad Masker
Dani Lynn Mills
Lillian Norrs
Abby Tucker
Elizabeth Wagner
Joshua Wagner
Michael Wagner
Makenzi Wilson



STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SVCS TOP TEN Congratulations!

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Makenzi Wilson

2



Alexis Ennis

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Brandon Burton

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Joshua Wagner

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Dani Lynn Mills

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Brittany LaShure

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Elizabeth Wagner

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Heather MacKay

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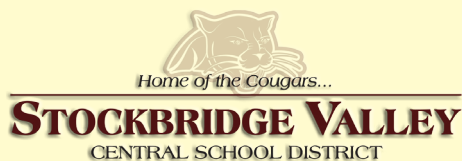


Todd Conklin

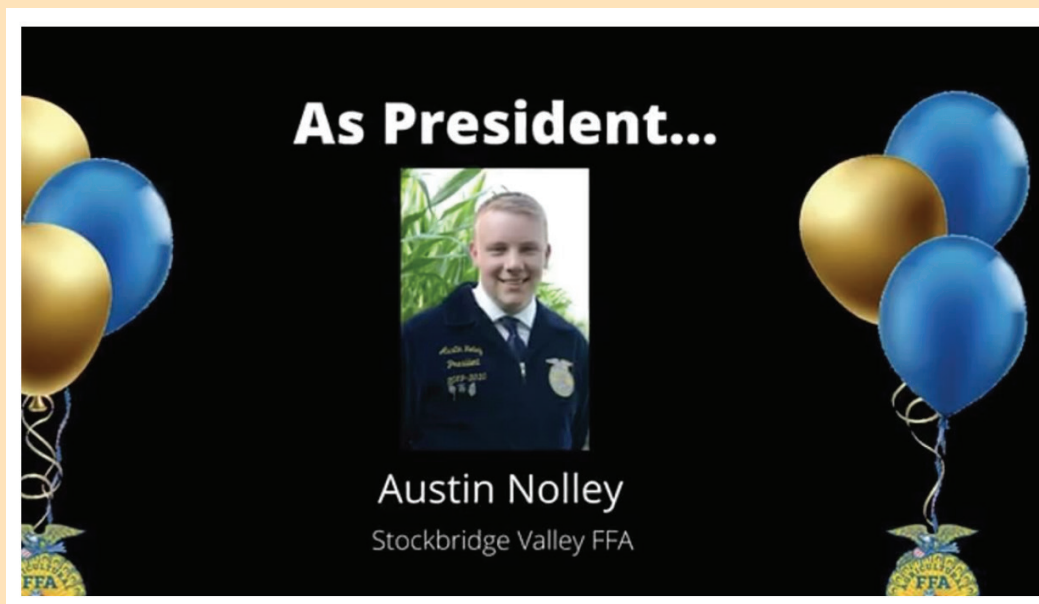
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Kelly Greene

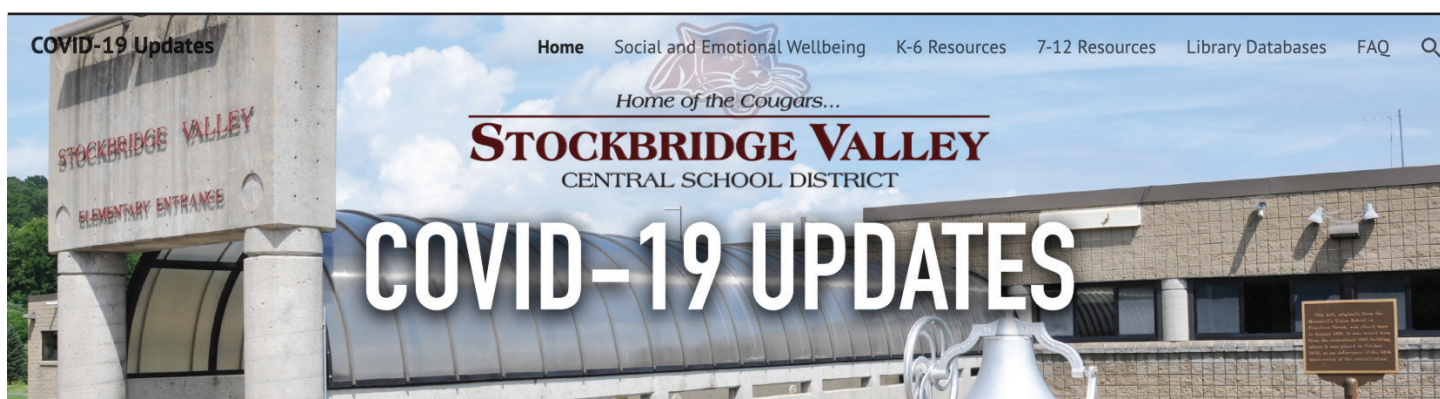


STOCKBRIDGE JUNIOR AUSTIN NOLLEY SELECTED AS THE NYS FFA PRESIDENT



On April 25 the 2020-2021 New York FFA Association announced their Officer Slate. Congratulations to Stockbridge Valley junior, Austin Nolley, Stockbridge Valley FFA who was selected as their President and to all that were selected!

Nolley will be officially elected at the annual business meeting, which will be held virtually on May 15th and will start his year of service on July 1st.



<https://sites.google.com/stockbridgevalley.org/covid-19-updates/home>

Stockbridge Valley families please visit our COVID-19 site for updates:

- FAQs
- Grab and Go meals
- 7-12 Resources
- Instructional Materials
- Social and Emotional Wellbeing
- Letters from the Superintendent
- Library Databases

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**LOCAL BOX HOLDER
RURAL & STAR ROUTES****BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Barbary Reaves, President
Doug Reed, Vice President
Michael Gough
Kristin Guinto
Niki Maiura
Jaime Renner
Jonathan Strain

**ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM**

Cynthia Stocker, *Superintendent*
Beth Lamb, *Business Administrator*
Julie Suber, *K-6 Principal*
Andrea Stabak, *7-12 Principal*

CONTACTS

Superintendent
Cindy Stocker

Secretary
District Clerk
Pam Mennig
315-495-4400

Business
Administrator
Beth Lamb
315-495-4446

Treasurer
Kelly Johnson
315-495-4445

K-6 Principal
Julie Suber

K-6 Secretary
Karen Byron
315-495-4550

7-12 Principal
Andrea Stabak

7-12 Secretary
Sandy Wagner
315-495-4450

Guidance Counselor
Cassandra Gleason
315-495-1908

Cafeteria Manager
Kathy Carney
315-495-1909

CSE Office
Terry McInerney
315-495-1905

Head Bus Driver
Pam Mitchell
315-495-4599

School Nurse
Mattie Shea
315-495-4500



**ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE
BUDGET AND BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTE
MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT CLERK
BY 5:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020.**

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