



SWEET HOME CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent Report

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2023 - 2024

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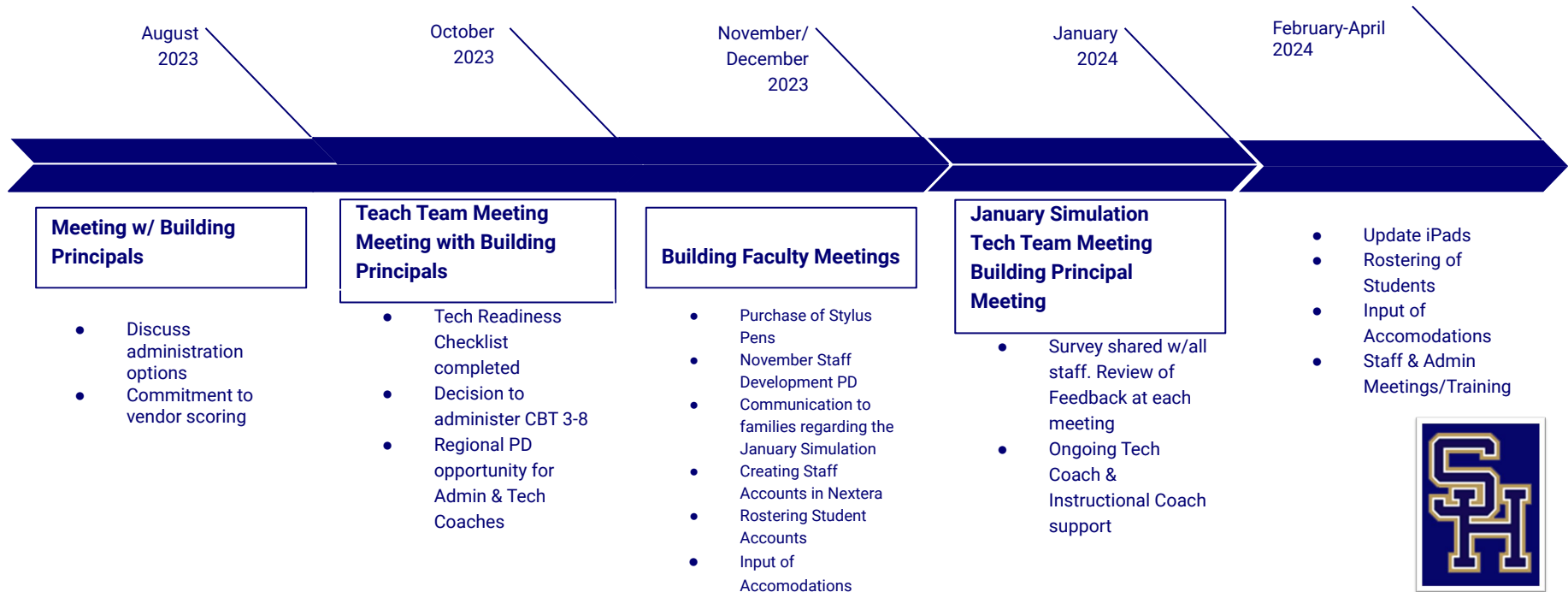


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Computer Based Testing 3-8

May 14, 2024

Implementation Timeline



Support Structure

District Level

Tech Team: Bob Ehlenfield, Ali Aljebori, Rob Imbs, Scott Szabo

Data Team: Tom Roberts, Falon Capenhurst

Tech Coaches: Paul Szymendera, Brent Peterson

District Office: Toyia Wilson, Don Feldmann, Beth Kosakowski

Building Level

Elementary: Antonio Perry, Bob Polino, Jim Ryan, Karen DeLaPlante

Middle School: Marissa Dauria, Natasa Popovic

Elementary Literacy Coaches:
Leigh-Ann Hildreth, Morgan Chase,
Marisa Adams, Julie Roberto

Elementary Math Coaches: Molly DiPirro, Kim Gugino, Jamie Riddoch, Bonnie Lorentz

504/IEP/ELL Accommodations

Katie Barillari
Lindsay Marcinelli

Glendale: Lauren Hearn

Maplemere: Sam Kio

Heritage Heights/ Willow

Ridge: Deanna Michalski

Middle School: Lacie Cristofanelli & Allie Tomkins

ENL Team: Chelsea Buttino,
Ashleigh Emery, Jessica Sears,
Rachel Campbell, Thalia Shatah,
Melissa Erikson, Emily Mielcarek,
Lindsay Crimmins, Beth Vari



Elementary Participation

Elementary ELA Refusals 22/23			
Grade	Refusals	Total Students	Percent Refusing Assessment
3	12	257	4.67%
4	28	266	10.53%
5	40	276	14.49%
Total	80	799	10.01%

Elementary ELA Refusals 23/24			
Grade	Refusals	Total Students	Percent Refusing Assessment
3	13	284	4.58%
4	17	261	6.51%
5	25	277	9.03%
Total	55	822	6.69%



Middle School Participation

Middle School ELA Refusals 22/23

Grade	Refusals	Total Students	Percent Refusing Assessment
6	45	252	17.86%
7	64	245	26.12%
8	94	258	36.43%
Total	203	755	26.89%

Middle School ELA Refusals 23/24

Grade	Refusals	Total Students	Percent Refusing Assessment
6	37	295	12.54%
7	65	267	24.34%
8	73	247	29.55%
Total	175	809	21.63%



Overall Comparison

3-8 ELA Refusals 22/23			
Grade	Refusals	Total Students	Percent Refusing Assessment
3-8	283	1554	18.21%

3-8 ELA Refusals 23/24			
Grade	Refusals	Total Students	Percent Refusing Assessment
3-8	230	1631	14.10%



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Questions?



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2024-25 Budget Vote

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024
7 a.m to 9 p.m.
Vergils Community Center**

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2024-25 Budget Summary

2024-25 Proposed Budget: \$100,410,422

- ⇒ Maintains programming at all current levels and school configurations
- ⇒ Under the State imposed Property Tax Cap of 3.90% / 24-25 proposed levy increase: 1.8%
- ⇒ Maintains annual bus purchases (6 new buses for 24-25; including 3 electric)
- ⇒ Seeking authorization to spend \$52,920 spread over next to budgetary years to maintain Maplemere temporary classroom lease for 24-25 and 25-26 school years

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2023-24 Budget: \$96,886,588

Budget to Budget Increase: \$3,523,833

Percentage Increase: 3.64%

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2024-25 Proposed Tax Levy

Proposed Tax Levy	\$54,268,072
Tax Levy Increase	\$946,484
Tax Levy Percentage Increase	1.8%

2024-25 proposed tax levy falls within the NYS Tax Cap limit. Proposed budget only needs a simple majority to pass on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

- **2024-25 Tax Cap limit for Sweet Home CSD: 3.90%**

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2024-25 Budget Snapshot / Tax Rates

Assumptions:

- **Assessed Values remain at 2023 levels for Tonawanda**
- Amherst Equalization Rate **increased** from 62% to 100%
- Tonawanda Equalization Rate reduced from 29% to 24%
- Rates based on going to a balanced budget tax cap of \$54,268,072

Town of Amherst Taxable Assessment Values

- **Homestead: \$1,166,200,477 / 2023-24**
- **Homestead: \$2,050,183,407 / 2024-25**
- **Non-Homestead: \$1,158,217,124 / 2023-24**
- **Non-Homestead: \$1,980,827,570 / 2024-25**

**Information provided by Town Assessor Office*

School Tax on an Average Assessed Value Home				
	Amherst		Tonawanda	
	2023-24	2024-25	2023-24	2024-25
Equalization Rate	62.0%	100.0%	24.0%	24.0%
Assessed Value	\$93,000	\$150,000	\$36,000	\$36,000
Tax Rate	\$15.47	\$9.16	\$40.11	\$39.20
Calculated Tax Bill	\$1,439	\$1,374	\$1,444	\$1,411
Estimated Increase (Decrease)		-\$65		-\$33



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2024-25 Budget Voter Propositions

Proposition #1: Approval of \$100,410,422 / 2024-25 Budget

- Budget increase of 3.6% // Tax levy increase of 1.8% over current year

Proposition #2: Use of General Funds to Extend Maplemere Temporary Classroom Lease through October 31, 2026

- Allowance to spend total of \$52,920 over the next two budget years to maintain the temporary classrooms on Maplemere campus

Proposition #3: Election of two (2) Board of Education Members

- Term of Joshua Feldmann expires on June 30, 2024 / Remainder of term of seat vacated by Kailey McDonald resignation
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 - Second place finisher receives remainder of Ms. McDonald's term / One (1) year - term expires June 30, 2025
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Electric Bus Update

1. NYSERDA School Bus Incentive Program.
2. NYSED Project Number.
3. Charging Stations.



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Heritage Heights Teachers Trip to Ghana This Summer

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GHANA GROOVES & YOGA MOVES
A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR
April 24, 2024
Event Check In: 5:30-6:00 PM
Yoga Class: 6:00-7:00 PM
Heritage Heights Elementary School
2545 Sweet Home Road, Amherst, NY 14228 (side door entrance)
Minimum Donation: \$5 per person

1. Registration
2. Payment

WHAT TO BRING
TOWEL
WATER BOTTLE
BRING A MAT BUT NOT REQUIRED



GHANA EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH
DONATE TODAY CHANGE TOMORROW
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Donate Essential Items until April 30, 2024

School Supplies	Personal Hygiene	Food Items
• backpacks • notebooks • pencils • pens • markers	• soap • toothpaste • deodorant • hairbrushes • combs	• canned goods • dry beans • instant noodle cups • instant rice • instant ramen

Make Checks Payable To: Ghana Education Trust Fund, Inc. (GETF) 1000 1st Ave. S.W. Atlanta, GA 30334



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2024 Challenge 2 Change Event

Creating a Sense of Belonging

May 22, 2024

Banchetti By Rizzo



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PLEASE VOTE ON MAY 21

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Questions from the Board?

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