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Introduction

Each year the Erie County Association of School Boards provides updated statistical & factual information in this *Facts & Figures* publication on all ECASB member districts.

If you have specific questions pertaining to one of the districts, we encourage you to contact the district. For further information about this booklet please contact Sue Summers, Information Specialist, at (716) 821-7297 or e-mail ssummers@e1b.org.

Erie County Association of School Boards

The Erie County Association of School Boards is a non-profit organization serving 29 school districts in Erie County, New York and two Boards of Cooperative Education Services.

Our Mission:

To unite and develop school boards as a strong voice for public education through learning, leadership and advocacy.

Our Vision:

Ensure every child receives the education they need and deserve to pursue their passions, goals, aspirations and dreams.

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Akron Central School District

47 Bloomingdale Avenue, Akron, NY 14001
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www.akronschools.org
Superintendent: Patrick McCabe

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote……..... 625

Enrollment (10/5/2022)…… 1,342
Pre-K (In & Out of District)…… 66
Half-day Kindergarten…… 0
Full-day Kindergarten…….. 92
Grades 1-5……. 457
Grades 6-8……. 294
Grades 9-12……... 433
Graduates (6/22)…….118
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School Buildings
1 Elementary
1 Middle School
1 High School

Transportation
District Square Miles……. 90
Public School Students…….. 1,342
District Buildings……... 3
Other Public School Buildings…….. 21
Private/Parochial Students……. 40
Special Ed. (outside district)…….. 39
Private/Parochial Buildings in District…… 0
Private/Parochial Buildings Outside District…… 13
Total Miles Traveled Per Year……. 447,365

Budget
2022-2023 Approved Budget…… $34,730,650
True Value Tax Rate…….. $11.81

Staff
Professional Full-time…… 139
Professional Part-time…… 4
Shared Service…… 0
Support Staff Full-time…….. 78
Support Staff Part-time…… 39

Board:

7 members/3-year terms

Description of District: Akron CSD

The Akron Central School District is located in Akron, NY. The district encompasses approximately 90 square miles and has a total population of about 11,000 residents. The Tonawanda Indian Reservation is located adjacent to district boundaries and all reservation children have attended Akron Central School since 1930. Native American children have completely integrated into the school system and the reservation itself has strong political influence.

The school plant is located within village boundaries. The building is a large, one-site complex that is located on approximately 68 acres of land.

The village itself has much to offer: half-century old homes which are neat and well cared for, a beautiful county park facility and a nice blend of small and large businesses scattered amongst residential homes. A large industrial complex, housing five major industries, is located within the village and employs nearly 800 people.

The school district is a major employer of local residents. Nearly 250 people work for the school district. The school district follows a policy of using local resources, businesses, and service personnel as much as possible.

The socio-economic status is similar to that found in most suburban, semi-rural communities in Western New York.

Community aspirations for education can be expressed through the composition of its Board of Education. The Akron Board is supportive of the school's administration, faculty and support personnel, while still maintaining cost-efficiency.

Cost expenditures for the district compares favorably to those of districts of similar size in Western New York. The Board of Education operates on the principle that a small school district should offer a sound education program by attracting superior educators and teachers and paying them competitive salaries.

The objective of the Akron Central School District is for every student to become all he is capable of becoming.

Alden Central School District

13190 Park Street, Alden, NY 14004
(716) 937-9116 * FAX: (716) 902-2034
www.aldenschools.org
Superintendent: Adam Stoltman

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote…….…. 620

Enrollment ……..... 1,500
Pre-K……. 66
Half-day Kindergarten……. 0
Full-day Kindergarten…….. 92
Grades 1-6…… 661
Grades 7-8…… 249
Grades 9-12…….. 498
Graduates (6/22)..……..…… 128

School Buildings
1 Primary (K-2)
1 Intermediate School (3-5)
1 Middle School (6-8)
1 High School (9-12)

Transportation
District Square Miles…….. 56
Public School Students…….. 1,537
District Buildings…… 4
Other Public School Buildings…….. 0
Private/Parochial Students…… 47
Special Ed. (outside district)…… 13
Private/Parochial Buildings in District……1
Total Miles Traveled Per Year……500,000

Budget
2022-23 Approved Budget……... $37,687,668
True Value Tax Rate…… $13.80

Staff
Professional Full-time……. 137
Professional Part-time……. 4
Shared Service……18
Support Staff Full-time……... 104
Support Staff Part-time……22

Board:
7 members/5-year terms

Description of District: Alden CSD

Thanks to the first purchase of land by Jonas Van Wey in 1806, the present Town of Alden, at the eastern border of Erie County eventually came into existence. Originally a farming community buttressed by tanneries, grist and fanning mills, Alden now boasts a more cosmopolitan population. It is a small, rural/suburban community with a quiet, laid-back environment. Only 20 miles east of Buffalo, it is within easy reach of the city's business and culture, yet close to many outdoor and sporting opportunities. The 56 square mile Alden Central School District, north of the beautiful Boston Hills and at the frontier of rich farmland, stretches into three counties and serves six towns.

It is Alden Central School's self-proclaimed mission to educate students to their fullest potential within an environment that nurtures positive growth in social and emotional behavior and attitudes.

ACS offers a comprehensive program for students who are college bound, exploring trade schools, joining the work place, or aspiring to join the military. The school is also responsible for the educational services provided at the Erie County Correctional Facility which is located within the District boundaries. Across the spectrum of its curriculum from textbook to District-assigned personal computing devices, the best in traditional and technological innovation can be witnessed at Alden.

ACS is proud of its commitment to holistic education. Many extracurricular clubs and activities provide the chance for students to enrich their academic schooling. Over 75% of the student body is involved in athletics. There are 44 interscholastic sports teams. The Alden community looks toward annual events such as the renowned band and chorus concerts, plays, musicals, and a Homecoming Weekend.

ACS offers its students and community a chapter for the Dollars for Scholars Foundation, an extensive community education program, a unique Teachers Center, and a Universal Pre-Kindergarten program. In addition, Alden CSD hosts its own District news webpage at WACS.aldenschools.org. WACS News students from the High School cover stories District-Wide and create digital content for the webpage to celebrate all of the incredible programs throughout the District.

Alden Central provides the Alden community with strong, inspiring education for the students of today, and is preparing daily for relevant education to benefit the students of tomorrow.

Amherst Central School District

55 Kings Highway, Amherst, NY 14226
(716) 362-3000 * FAX: (716) 836-2537
www.amherstschools.org
Superintendent: Anthony J. Panella

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote……..... 519

Enrollment (10/01/22)* …… . 2,828
Pre-K…….. 137
Full-day Kindergarten…… 215
Grades 1-5…….. 1,119
Grades 6-8…….. 622
Grades 9-12…… 872
Graduates (6/22)…….…… 206

*Pre-K is not included in this total

School Buildings
2 Elementary
1 Middle School
1 High School

Transportation
District Square Miles…….…… 15
Public School Students……. 2,236
District Buildings……... 4
Private/Parochial Students…… 2
Special Ed. (outside district)…… 7
Private/Parochial Buildings in District……..... 4
Private/Parochial Buildings Outside District……..……..... 32
Total Miles Traveled Per Year…… 372,832

Budget
2022-23 Approved Budget…….$68,300,000
True Value Tax Rate…… $21.388953

Staff
Professional Full-time……. 316
Professional Part-time……. 5
Administrators…….17
Shared Service……N/A
Support Staff Full-time……138
Support Staff Part-time……91

Board:
7 members/5-year terms

Description of District: Amherst CSD

The Amherst Central School District, located in a first-ring suburb of Buffalo, has an enrollment of approximately 2,828 students across two elementary schools for students PreK-5, a middle school for grades 6-8 and a high school for grades 9-12. A diverse district with a high percentage of students eligible for free and reduced meals, it has consistently remained in the top 10 ranking from Buffalo Business First for its high student achievement.

A comprehensive educational program is offered to all students, including those needing special education. Amherst has adopted an expansive plan to incorporate state-of-the-art equipment into every phase of the educational system. Integrated learning environments enhance the teaching process in vital new ways encouraging problem solving, exploration and creativity in the classroom. The district's music and art programs have been recognized throughout the state for their excellence. A full range of athletic interscholastic and extracurricular club opportunities are available to students. At the high school level, students are able to enroll in advanced placement courses, as well as career and technical courses leading to a CTE technical endorsement diploma seal.

In 2022, approximately eighty-eight percent (81%) of our graduates (167) continued their education. Seventy-four percent of our graduates planned to attend a 4 year college and 9% plan to attend a 2 year college. The Board of Cooperative Services (BOCES) provides special occupational and vocational education for some of our students, as well as students of 18 other subscribing school districts. There are 321 faculty members and support staff of about 229.

Our Partners:

- Our district partners with St. Paul's Lutheran Church to offer a collaborative food pantry known as the Tiger's Den Food Pantry. The pantry is housed at the church and serves families from the Amherst Central School District.
- The ACSD Family Support Center has several on-site collaborative partners including the Parent Network of WNY, Mental Health Advocates of WNY and Gateway Longview Behavioral Health. The FSC is housed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.
- The Amherst Central Alumni Foundation awards grants for the enrichment of the Amherst School District student population via programs and materials not covered by the annual school budget.
- Three active Parent Teacher Associations support home-to-school partnerships through the PTAs at Smallwood Drive Elementary, Windermere Boulevard Elementary and a combined Middle School/High School PTSA.
- The Amherst Tigers Booster Club strives to enhance the athletic experience and environment for student athletes, fans, families and the community.

If you would like to visit our schools, call the Main Office in each building to make arrangements (the numbers are listed below).

Amherst Central High School	362-8100
Amherst Middle School	362-7100
Smallwood Drive Elementary	362-2100
Windermere Boulevard Elementary	362-4100

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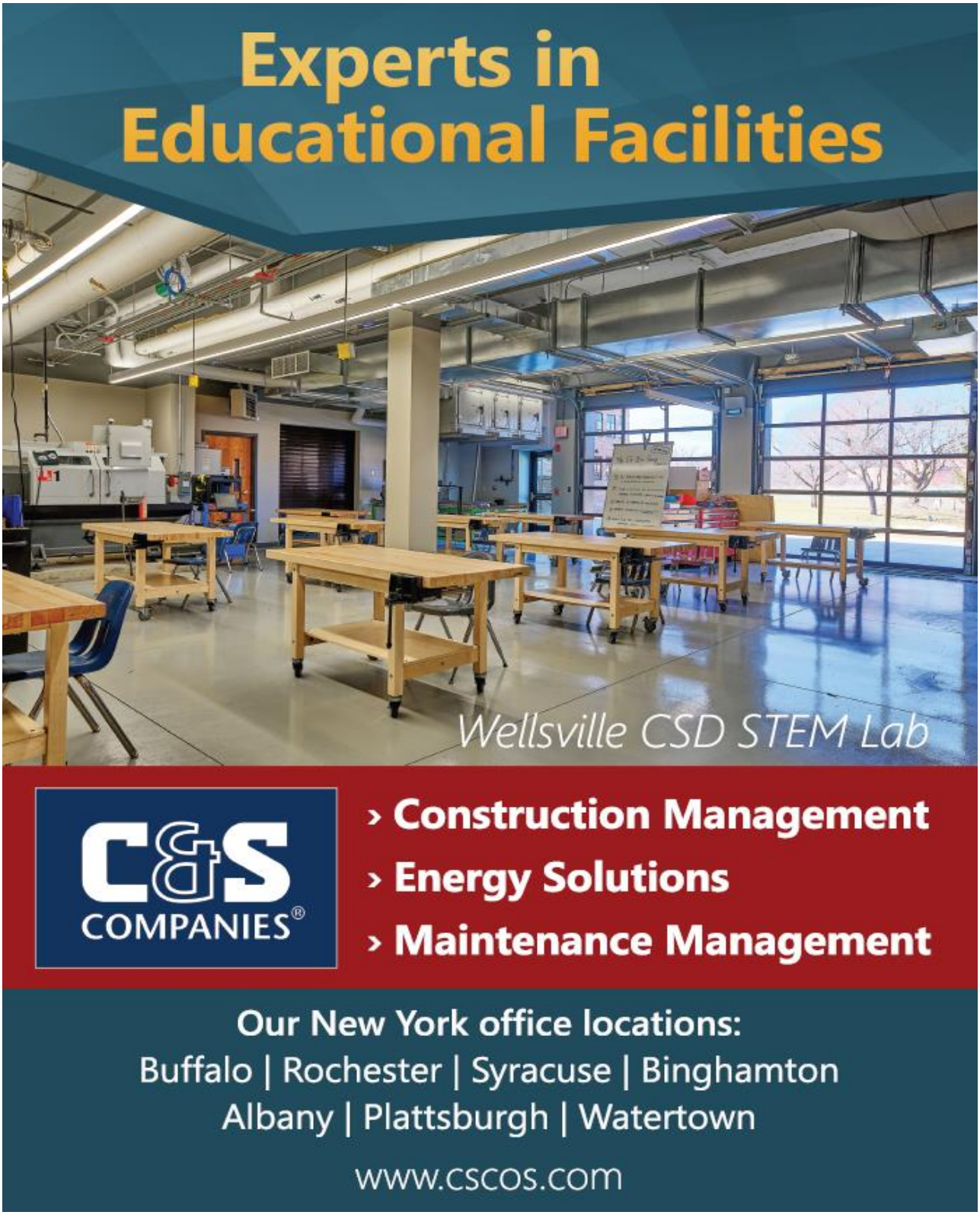

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Buffalo City School District

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www.buffaloschools.org
Superintendent: Dr. Tonja Williams

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote …….…... 29,586

Enrollment (Based on BEDS Day 10/5/22)

District……	29,896
Pre-K…….	2,036
Full-day Kindergarten……	2,096
Grades 1-6…….	12,047
Grades 7-8…….	4,284
Grades 9-12……	8,946
Grades 13-14…….	487

**School Buildings…….	**59**
Early Childhood Centers……	8
Elementary Schools……	29
Intermediate/High Schools…….	5
High Schools……..	15
Special Schools……..	2

Transportation (2021-22)

District Square Miles…….……		42
Public School Students……	BPS	30,518*
	Charter	8,242
	Total	38,760

District Buildings……...	59
Other Public School Buildings (Charters)..……...	28
Private/Parochial Students…….	1,426
Private/Parochial Buildings in District……...…	18
Total Miles Traveled Per Year...……..…	6,427,286
Total Miles Traveled Per Year with after school programs …….	6,427,286

*Transportation- student totals include all students transported on yellow or NFTA buses as well as students that are considered walkers.

Staff (As of 11/2/22)

Professional Full-time……	3,999 (BTF, BCSA, Exempt)
Support Staff Full-time……...	1,587 (PCTEA, Aides, Assts, Trades, 264,409, TAB)

Data Source:	**Most Recent Data (22-23 Budget)**
Assessed Valuation …….	$11,617,074,959
Full Valuation …….	$14,172,831,450
Full Valuation/M ……	$14,172,831
Tax Warrant ……	$70,822,758
Tax Rate per Full Valuation ……...	$5.00 (note that the city has two rates: a Homestead rate and a Non-Homestead rate)

Board:

9 members/3-5 year terms

Description of District: Buffalo City

Buffalo, "The Queen City to the Great Lakes" and border city to Canada, is located in Western New York at the eastern shore of Lake Erie and on the Niagara River. The Buffalo Public School District serves an urban population and takes pride in the numerous exemplary and special programs available to its students. Ranging from early childhood centers to highly technical vocational and academic programs, the school district continues to enhance its students' educational experiences while challenging them to meet the revised New York State Regents standards. A one billion dollar construction project ensures Buffalo students access to 21st-century facilities and technology.

In elementary grades, parents have many options from which to choose. There are highly individualized programs available throughout the city. These schools offer a diverse and wide range of courses, from the familiar "back to basics approach" to an intense concentration in science, math, or the performing arts. There is one elementary school implementing the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program and another school focusing on Discovery-Based learning. In addition, Olmsted 64 was named a 2019 National Blue Ribbon school.

While all Buffalo schools prepare students to be college-ready, secondary options include schools featuring arts and communication, business programs, and vocational and technical schools specializing in areas such as auto mechanics, engineering, horticulture, culinary/hospitality, technology, manufacturing, construction, and transportation. Secondary options include comprehensive schools featuring college prep, arts, and communication, business programs.

The Buffalo Public Schools also have numerous specialized programs for students with disabilities, bilingual students, and the adult population.

While all Buffalo Public Schools have high expectations for all students and offer multiple supports for students to achieve excellence, several schools have been recognized for their achievement. PS 64 Frederick Law Olmsted, which serves grades PK-4, was named a National Blue Ribbon School in 2019, as was Leonardo da Vinci High School in 2020. Both schools were recognized as Exemplary High Performing Schools. In addition, City Honors School has regularly been recognized as one of the top schools in both the state and the nation.

The Buffalo District is committed to offering its students many dynamic educational options in keeping with the diverse nature of its student population. We will continue to address the needs of today while preparing our students for the challenges of tomorrow. With both of these goals in mind, we are aware that parents, children, and the entire community are partners in the educational process and must work together to make a difference. As such, we must continue the important work to ensure that our students receive the type and quality of education needed to succeed.

Cheektowaga Central School District

3600 Union Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14225
(716) 686-3606 * FAX: (716) 681-5232
www.cheektowagak12.org
Superintendent: Scott Zipp

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote……..... 385

Enrollment (11/22)…….. 2,330
Pre-K…… 132
Half-day Kindergarten……. 0
Full-day Kindergarten…….. 159
Grades 1-5……. 835
Grades 6-8…… 455
Grades 9-12…… 690
Graduates (6/22)…… 162

School Buildings
1 Elementary
1 Middle School
1 High School

Transportation
District Square Miles…… 10.14
Public School Students…….. 2,346
District Buildings…… 3
Other Public School Buildings……... 1
Private/Parochial Students……. 356
Special Ed. (outside district)……. 44
Private/Parochial Buildings in District……. 1
Private/Parochial Buildings Outside District…….. 42
Total Miles Traveled Per Year…….. 544,987

Budget
2022-23 Approved Budget…….. $53,661,327
True Value Tax Rate……$13.34

Staff
Professional Full-time……248
Professional Part-time…… …… 0
Shared Service…… 0
Support Staff Full-time…….. 127
Support Staff Part-time…….. 8

Board:
7 members/5-year terms

Description of District: Cheektowaga Central

The Cheektowaga Central School District is located east of Buffalo with convenient access to major transportation arteries including both rail and air terminals within minutes from the schools. As a first ring suburb to the city of Buffalo, the district boasts of a diverse culture where all students celebrate their uniqueness as well as their unity as Cheektowaga Central Warriors. The school district provides students with the personal attention of a small district as well as the educational opportunities of a large, diversified school district, providing the best of both worlds to its students with approximately 85% of its graduates attending college.

To accomplish our vision to inspire and mission to inspire a high level of learning, the district has set three priorities:

- ⇒ to inspire a high level of learning for all students.
- ⇒ focus on developing the whole child.
- ⇒ creating opportunities for students to incorporate 21st century skills.

The following activities detail just a few of the ways the Cheektowaga Central District plans to accomplish its goals:

- The needs of accelerated learners are met through differentiated instruction in the classroom, and then by accelerated, advanced, and/or AP courses/college courses at the secondary level.
- High school students have many opportunities to earn college credits through articulation agreements with various local institutions of higher learning.
- The full continuum of Special Education, Academic Intervention and ESL Services are provided at all levels.
- Utilizing rigorous Instructional tools and strategies will build the reading, writing and math skills across all grade levels and content areas.
- In recent years, six CCSD teachers have been selected to participate in the NYS Master Teachers Program, and one of our teachers has received recognition as a National Board Certified Teacher.
- In 2020, the district was awarded a six-year PTECH grant where several students every year will be selected to participate and earn an Associate degree (free of charge) while in high school. This partnership is with Erie Community College, Erie 1 BOCES and the other Cheektowaga and Depew school districts.

Focus on the Whole Child allows the district to provide opportunities for students at every level to develop those "soft skills" so critical to College/Career success.

- Every building embraces PBIS under our Project Positive Initiative. Students and staff live the "5B's": "Be on time and ready; be respectful; be responsible; be safe and be kind."
- Restorative Practices are a framework for building community and for responding to challenging behavior through authentic dialogue, coming to understanding, and making things right.
- Throughout the district, students are involved in service learning, community volunteerism and opportunities to demonstrate civic responsibility.

Computer technology integration is one component of the district's 21st century learning opportunity.

- The district implemented a one to one initiative for ALL students in grades kindergarten through twelve.
- Google classroom is the primary instructional tool moving us exponentially into 21st century learning.
- Several STEAM classrooms have been created throughout all buildings in the District.

In addition to the educational programs, the district offers a wide array of extra-curricular activities. Outside of school, there are currently 13 clubs at the elementary school, 20 clubs at the middle school and approximately 30 clubs at the high school providing well rounded, real life opportunities for the students. Athletic opportunities exist from the modified level to varsity for both boys and girls in approximately 22 sports. The Cheektowaga Central School District has led the charge in Unified Sports by recently being named one of four NYS Unified Champion Schools and our unified athletes represented New York State in the 2022 National Games.

The arts also continue to thrive at Cheektowaga Central. Musicals at both the middle school and high school level continue to provide rich opportunities for students to express musical and dramatic talent. Student Art exhibits are annual community events and all students in grades 3 and 4 participate in the elementary chorus. The arts have continued to thrive throughout the district.

The Board of Education Goals also focus on community involvement. The district encourages parents and community members to become involved in the schools through volunteering. The Cheektowaga Central School District emphasizes high standards, technology integration, parent/community involvement and personal student development. Commitment to the district vision and mission starts at the top with the Board of Education and is thread throughout each building and the community at large.

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Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District

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www.cheektowagasloan.org
Superintendent: Andrea L. Galenski

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote…….…... 440

Enrollment (10/1/2021)……. 1,276
Pre-K……. 60
Half-day Kindergarten…….. 0
Full-day Kindergarten……96
Grades 1-6……. 566
Grades 7-8……..176
Grades 9-12……378
Graduates (6/2021) …….……. 96 possible graduates

School Buildings
2 Elementary
1 Middle School
1 Senior High School

Transportation
District Square Miles…….…… 3
Public School Students… …….. 1,224
District Buildings……. 4
Other Public School Buildings……... 0
Private/Parochial Students…….. 149
Private/Parochial Buildings in District…….… 1
Private/Parochial Buildings Outside District (including charter schools)…. 42
Total Miles Traveled Per Year…….. 182,332

Budget
2021-22 Approved Budget……. $38,154,824
True Value Tax Rate……... $19.01

Staff
Professional Full-time……132
Professional Part-time…… 0
Shared Service…… 3
Support Staff Full-time……. 82
Support Staff Part-time…….. 18

Board:
7 members/5-year terms

Description of District: Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD

DISTRICT BACKGROUND:
The Cheektowaga-Sloan Schools border the City of Buffalo and are located in the southwest corner of the Town of Cheektowaga. The District encompasses the Village of Sloan, a portion of South Cheektowaga, and a portion of the Town of West Seneca. The District maintains four schools, John F. Kennedy High School (9-12), John F. Kennedy Middle School (6-8), Theodore Roosevelt Elementary (Pre-K–2), and Woodrow Wilson Elementary (3-5), serving a student population of approximately 1,224. The District employs a professional staff of 132 and a support staff of 100.

The District is committed to meeting the needs of all of its students and maximizing each student's ability. At the High School, major emphasis is placed on academic subjects. The teacher consultant/co-teaching model is used for those students with additional academic needs. Approximately 82% of graduates continue on to advanced educational institutions. Students are given opportunities to receive college credit in advanced placement subjects such as English, math and social studies. Seniors also can earn college credit while still in high school by participating in the Early Admission Program at nearby universities. Many options are available in occupational education courses. Students with special needs are assisted through specialized programs including modified and self-contained classes, remedial courses in math, reading, writing and social studies. Numerous extra-curricular programs, including fine arts, journalism, athletics and community service, enhance the students' total educational program.

ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS:
The John F. Kennedy High School, previously known as Sloan High School, was dedicated in 1962 and named in honor of President John F. Kennedy during his term in office, the first such school to honor him. The thirteen and one half-acre campus is located in the suburban community of Cheektowaga. Before 1997, the building housed grades 7-12, however it has since been divided into separate middle and high school facilities. The high school provides learners with many amenities, including access to innovative computer technologies; science laboratories, technology shop labs, and orchestra rooms; auditorium and gymnasium facilities with a natatorium; and a full service cafeteria. The campus also includes a football, track and field stadium, tennis courts, baseball and softball diamonds, soccer fields and additional practice fields.

John F. Kennedy High School strives to set high expectations for all learners in order to ensure that they are college and career ready. The school provides learners with a variety of opportunities to, not only meet their individual goals, but to help them realize their dreams. The school's educational program is designed based on a 21st century learning model which emphasizes pathways for success in the areas of Humanities, The Arts, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math), and Business and Career. Within each pathway, students are able to accelerate their course work through advanced placement, honors classes, or college credit bearing coursework.

For those students who are experiencing difficulties in meeting grade-level expectations, JFK HS offers workshops in English, Math, Science, and/or Social Studies. Through small group instruction, students will have a scheduled time to receive additional support tailored to their individual academic needs. Another support structure in place at the high school is the Academic Learning Center, or ALC. Using a college model for student initiated support and remediation, the ALC supports all learners through curriculum and instruction designed to meet college and career readiness expectations. Services offered include online learning and credit recovery, small group re-teaching and tutoring with teachers or peers, skills development (study strategies, organization and time management, and test taking skills), homework support, Regents preparation and remediation, and even SAT and ACT prep.

At the John F. Kennedy Middle School, the faculty and staff are dedicated to creating a positive learning environment that recognized the unique needs and talents of adolescents by combining character education with a curriculum based on critical thinking in order to create lifelong learners prepared for an ever-changing global society.

The educational program at the middle school addresses the needs of our diverse learning population by providing learners with opportunities for acceleration, enrichment, as well as support services. Currently, the middle school offers acceleration in math and science, which lead to Regents credit in Common Core Integrated Algebra and Earth Science. Students who are excelling in their coursework may also be placed into honors level courses in ELA and math, which creates a solid foundation and the potential for them to progress seamlessly on a pathway toward Advanced Placement courses in high school.

Support services are available to all students with an emphasis on building literacy and math foundational skills, providing assistance with class assignments and homework, as well as other forms of remediation. Academic learning supports are provided to all students through the middle school Academic Learning Center (ALC) Tuesday through Friday. Finally, students and staff are further enriched by the middle school's formalized partnership with Buffalo State College, which offers specialized one-on-one tutoring and classroom support from educators enrolled in the college's teacher education and preparation program. The consultant teacher model is available for students with a disability and there is one district self-contained (15:1:1) classroom for students in grades 6-8.

Students in 7th grade are introduced to the languages and cultures of either France or Spain, as well as music, the arts, and technology. The middle school's physical education curriculum promotes the philosophy of fitness for life. Students are offered an array of extra-curricular programs in the arts, music and sports. All students are involved in Character Education development through building initiatives centered on Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and building-wide character education activities.

Woodrow Wilson Elementary School is located in the Village of Sloan for students in grades 3, 4, and 5. Woodrow Wilson is committed to providing an educational environment which promotes learning and where all students are given the opportunity to not only experience measurable academic growth, but to experience significant social and emotional growth as well. We are confident that our educational environment at Woodrow Wilson will enable all students to maintain a positive self-concept. We have created and implemented a strong bully-prevention program, which emphasizes good character, how to be a good friend, and how to handle bullying. Students also participate in a behavioral program called PBIS, which stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, where they are eligible to win incentives for appropriate behavior in the classroom and throughout the school.

Teachers have implemented the Common Core Learning Standards, where high expectations and rigorous activities are taught in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics. Students participate in many interactive and engaging learning activities, including the use of technology, discussion with their peers and cooperative learning. The use of the Accelerated Reader program promotes independent reading, and each student has a goal that they must reach each marking period. The library serves as a hub for learning, reading, research, and to foster students' love for reading.

Theodore Roosevelt School in the Town of Cheektowaga houses Pre-K and Kindergarten through second grade. Our teachers are committed to "building a foundation for personal growth and learning". The emphasis of our educational program is placed on the whole child so that he/she can grow academically, socially, physically, culturally and emotionally.

TECHNOLOGY & 21ST CENTURY LEARNING:

The Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District continues to provide our students and community with the necessary technology needed to learn 21st Century skills. The district maintains a strong collaborative relationship with Erie 1 BOCES, who helps manage our technology services in order to have the most robust and cutting edge forms of technology. Students have access to Smart Boards, student computers, laptop carts and software that enhances the learning process. Students engage in research, the creation of projects, and other activities that will help them become 21st Century learners.

Clarence Central School District

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(716) 407-9100 * FAX: (716) 407-9126
www.clarenceschools.org
Superintendent: Dr. Matthew T. Frahm

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote…….…..... 3,286

Enrollment (10/01/22)……..……. 4,091
Pre-K…….. 135
Half-day Kindergarten……... 0
Full-day Kindergarten…… 317
Grades 1-5……. 1,516
Grades 6-8……. 975
Grades 9-12…… 1,283
Graduates (6/22)……..……348

School Buildings
4 Elementary

1 Middle School
1 High School

Transportation
District Square Miles…….…… 55
Public School Students…….. 4,091
District Buildings……... 6
Other Public School Buildings……... 2
Private/Parochial Students……. 351
Special Ed. (outside district)…….. 44
Private/Parochial Buildings in District……...… 1
Private/Parochial Buildings Outside District……..……... 20
Total Miles Traveled Per Year…… 1,100,000

Budget
2022-23 Approved Budget…… $89,240,716
True Value Tax Rate…… . $12.98

Staff
Professional Full-time……. 450
Professional Part-time……. 0
Shared Service……. 0
Support Staff Full-time…… 98
Support Staff Part-time……194

Board:
7 members/3-year terms

Description of District: Clarence CSD

The Clarence Central School District offers a premier education that attends to the academic, social, physical, and emotional development of about 4,200 students in kindergarten through grade twelve. The District encompasses a 55 square mile area in northern Erie County that includes the Town of Clarence and portions of Amherst, Lancaster and Newstead.

The mission of the District is to graduate students who are independent, lifelong learners who are responsible, contributing members of a diverse society. Students who are enrolled in Clarence's four elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school are exposed to an academic program noted for its rigorous standards, coordinated curriculum, and support programs that address barriers to academic progress. A focus on science, mathematics and the development of logic, memory and rational thinking is combined with an equal emphasis on the arts, music, world languages, culture and geography.

Teachers at all levels involve students in diverse, unique learning experiences such as community-service projects, performance-based activities, and local and regional academic competitions. Student participation is above the national average in instrumental and vocal music programs and the interscholastic athletic program.

Clarence Schools are consistently rated as top-performing schools in good standing according to state and federal standards. Clarence schools have earned "Blue Ribbon School of Excellence" honors. On average, the Clarence graduation rate is 97 percent. About 95 percent of graduates enroll in post-secondary institutions. In an independent study of Western New York public school districts, Clarence ranks high in academic performance and cost-effectiveness.

Residents of the school community understand the value of a comprehensive educational program and are respected by administrators and teachers as valued partners in the educational process. An impressive number voluntarily serve on parent/teacher organizations, health/wellness committees, booster clubs, and district and school-based planning committees.

District residents hold high aspirations for their children and the Clarence Central School District remains committed to meeting those expectations.

Gold Level Sponsor

Cleveland Hill Union Free School District

105 Mapleview Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14225
(716) 836-7200 * FAX: (716) 836-0675
www.clevehill.org
Superintendent: Jon MacSwan

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote…….…..... 235

Enrollment (2022-2023)…….1,342
Pre-K……. 46
Full-day Kindergarten…… 98
Grades 1-5…….. 509
Grades 6-8…….. 301
Grades 9-12…… 388
Graduates (6/21)…….…… 91

School Buildings
1 Elementary (PK-5)
1 Middle School (6-8)
1 High School (9-12)

Transportation
District Square Miles…….…… 2.5
Public School Students…….. 1,042
District Buildings……... 3
Other Public School Buildings……... 3
Private/Parochial Students……. 81
Special Ed. (outside district)…….. 56
Private/Parochial Buildings in District……...… 0
Private/Parochial Buildings Outside District……..……... 32
Total Miles Traveled Per Year…… 115,794

Budget
2022-2023 Approved Budget……. $35,455,618
True Value Tax Rate……... $16.877

Staff
Professional Full-time……. 168
Professional Part-time……. 2
Support Staff Full-time…… 64
Support Staff Part-time…… 15

Board:
5 members/3-year terms

Description of District: Cleveland Hill UFSD

The Cleveland Hill School District is a small district located in the suburban community of the Town of Cheektowaga, a first ring suburb of Buffalo, New York. The western border of the district is the City of Buffalo. Nearly all the property in the district is residential with very little commercial and no industrial property.

The Cleveland Hill community is a small working/middle class neighborhood of single-family homes and apartments, with a handful of upscale properties. Most homes were built during the post-World War II building boom, to serve workers in Cheektowaga's growing industrial and research development industries. Many families have lived in the district for generations and their children are second, third and fourth generation Cleveland Hill district attendees. Centers in the community are the school, churches and the volunteer fire department, in addition to libraries and Cheektowaga Town Park.

Our students are racially and ethnically diverse: 42.3% are White, 33.5% are African-American, 6.49% are Hispanic, 9.2% are Asian, 7.9% are Multiracial, .7% are American Indian and .07% are Pacific Islander. A small minority of students are recent immigrants. This diverse population presents the district with a rich mix of students.

Cleveland Hill is a single campus district educating 1342 students with one elementary, one middle and one high school located on a 28-acre site in the center of the district. In the last couple of years, the District embarked on a capital project investing over $10 million renovating the sports facility, Elementary School Library, expanding the Family Resource Center, creating a new district-wide Health Center, updating various instructional areas, and roof renovations including several new roof-top air handling units. In addition, the District is continuing general health, safety and maintenance improvements throughout.

Cleveland Hill is proud of our investment in technology. We have moved to a 1-to-1 initiative with respect to all students, UPK through twelve. This has enabled our students to get the most out of learning both in-person and at home.

Cleveland Hill Elementary School houses Universal Pre-Kindergarten to fifth grade. The various academic programs and supports offer a highly engaging and responsive learning environment to meet the unique needs of all learners and prepare our students to be successful in a changing world. A multi-tiered system of support is utilized to equip our students with the tools necessary to thrive academically, socially, emotionally, and behaviorally. Cleveland Hill Elementary school is committed to creating a kind, safe, and nurturing school environment for all.

Cleveland Hill Middle School, serving students in grades six through eight, provides students with a nurturing small school environment, while providing diverse and individualized opportunities for both enrichment and academic support. Hands on, project-based learning opportunities are evident through cross curricular collaborations at each grade level. Students are assigned to a team of teachers that focus on each student's academic, social-emotional health and character development through a multi-tiered system of support.

At Cleveland Hill High School, academic, extracurricular and support programs focus on building student self-efficacy, which is the confidence and skills necessary to be successful in an ever-evolving world. They prepare students for post-secondary goals, with a wide selection of college credit bearing courses and work-readiness programs. Students can earn up to five units of Foreign Language where the final two units earn them college credit, or they can engage in a Career and Technical Education sequence, culminating in an internship with one of our local community partners. Knowing that this transformation does not happen all at once, they begin preparing their students for the expectations of high school with their Freshman Seminar program, where many of our students go on to be Freshman Mentors in their junior and senior year. They offer a wide array of extracurricular, athletic, and interscholastic clubs and competitions for students to participate in, placing a value on creating opportunities for our students to experience new endeavors and develop different skills outside of the academic setting. Cleveland Hill High School is a diverse community. A strong culture and sense of pride in their school make it a safe and inviting environment where all students can, “Soar Toward Success.”

The Pupil Personnel Department works diligently to meet the social/emotional needs of both the student body and their families. District psychologists, school counselors and social workers meet with parents and students alike, in the school setting, home setting and at the Cleveland Hill Family Resource Center.

Music and athletics have always been areas of high interest for students and the community. Instrumental music lessons begin for students in fourth grade, and there is a band and chorus from fourth to twelfth grade. Our student musicians have received a number of awards for performance and we offer a full complement of interscholastic athletics with some of the most competitive athletic programs in the state.

The Cleveland Hill School District is geographically small when compared to many of its neighbors in Erie County, and though their student enrollment is in the median range for the state, it is lower than most other districts in the county. While this presents some challenges, it also provides an outstanding opportunity to maximize on these characteristics, offering teachers and staff the opportunity to meet the needs of a diverse student body. The district is able to focus on the individual learner to support academic excellence and social responsibility in preparation for higher education or the world of work.

Depew Union Free School District

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(716) 686-5104 * FAX: (716) 686-5101
www.depewschools.org
Superintendent: Dr. Hank Stopinski

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote…….…... 326

Enrollment (1/03/22)…… 1,842
Pre-K…… 56
Half-day Kindergarten……. 0
Full-day Kindergarten……. 143
Grades 1-6…… 808
Grades 7-8…… 292
Grades 9-12…….. 542
Graduates (6/20)…….…….. 122

School Buildings
1 Elementary (K-5)
1 Middle School (6-8)
1 High School (9-12)

Transportation
District Square Miles…….…… 18
Public School Students…….. 1,701
District Buildings……... 3
Other Public School Buildings……... 16
Private/Parochial Students……. 59
Special Ed. (outside district)……..61
Private/Parochial Buildings in District…….. 0
Private/Parochial Buildings Outside District……..…….. 32
Total Miles Traveled Per Year……..334,135

Budget
2022-23 Approved Budget…… $49,741,002
True Value Tax Rate…….. $16.53

Staff
Professional Full-time……207
Professional Part-time……... 0
Shared Service…….. 0
Support Staff Full-time……. 53
Support Staff Part-time……. 108

Board:
7 members/3-year terms

Description of District: Depew UFSD

The Depew Union Free School District is a welcoming, nurturing and proud school District founded on doing whatever it takes for its students. The school campus is centered within the village of Depew, a suburb of the greater Buffalo metropolitan area, recently recognized as having some of the most affordable housing in the area. The community is immediately accessible by major roads and is in close proximity to the New York State Thruway, the Buffalo-Niagara airport and an Amtrak station that is located in Depew. Amenities abound with easy access to a variety of churches, shopping and service providers.

The school district has three school buildings, with a total 2022 student population of 1842. Depew High School and Depew Middle School are on Transit Road just south of Broadway. Cayuga Heights Elementary School is located on Como Park Boulevard, east of Transit Road. The administrative offices are located in the high school. The district maintains its own transportation fleet and cafeteria program. Thirteen Administrators/Supervisors and approximately Over 200 teachers and 160 support staff operate the programs and facilities of the district.

Depew Union Free School District has been recognized for its commitment to excellence in education. Educational programs provide state-of-the-art technology in a safe and secure environment that focuses on the whole child. The district prides itself on nurturing an exemplary community of learners where the entire staff shares a passion for ensuring the success of all students.

The instructional program has been developed to teach children how to think critically and creatively, as well as how to collaborate and communicate effectively. The program features a broad array of course offerings including enrichment, advanced placement, college credit bearing courses and a host of Career and Technical Education offerings at the Erie 1 BOCES and as part of the High School Curriculum. A full array of support services are provided at each building to assist both students and their families with their social, emotional and mental health needs.

The District uses Franklin Covey's Leader In Me process at its Elementary School to promote positive development of the assets needed for all students to be successful in life. The Middle School WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) program and the High School's Link Crew provides students support in their transition between our Elementary to Middle and Middle to High Schools.

Parents are encouraged and represented in building and district communities. A shared decision-making process is utilized in all buildings.

Depew's Comprehensive District Education Plan (CDEP) is focused on improving academic achievement, promoting parent and community involvement and ensuring that all students receive an excellent and well-rounded education, preparing them to be career and college ready. The district provides one-on-one technology, preparing students for the necessary 21st-century

East Aurora Union Free School District

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www.eastauroraschools.org
Superintendent: Brian Russ

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote……..... 3,451

Enrollment (10/14/22)……..... 1,703
Pre-K…… 72
Half-day Kindergarten……. 0
Full-day Kindergarten…….…. 100
Grades 1-5…… 620
Grades 6-8…… 384
Grades 9-12…….…. 527
Graduates (6/22) …….……. 163

School Buildings
1 Elementary
1 Middle School
1 High School

Transportation
District Square Miles…….…… 36
Public School Students (transported)….……..…. 1,173
District Buildings…….……. 3
Other Public School Buildings……..… 0
Private/Parochial Students…….... 181
Special Ed. (outside district) …….. 32
Private/Parochial Buildings in District……. 4
Private/Parochial Buildings Outside District……..…….. 7
Total Miles Traveled Per Year…….. 368,450

Budget
2022-23 Approved Budget……... $41,296,498
True Value Tax Rate…….$12.72

Staff
Professional Full-time……175
Professional Part-time……... 1
Shared Service……... 0
Support Staff Full-time……..52
Support Staff Part-time……. 78

Board
7 members/3-year terms

Description of District: East Aurora UFSD

The East Aurora Union Free School District, formed in 1875, is located 15 miles southeast of Buffalo, New York. East Aurora is a suburban middle class school district, encompassing the Town of Aurora, Village of East Aurora, and part of the Towns of Colden and Elma. Its early history reflects varied community enterprises', including sawmills and trade. From another historical perspective, East Aurora is perhaps best distinguished as the home of President Millard Fillmore and Elbert Hubbard, a highly celebrated promoter of artisans and self-sufficiency. The Roycroft movement grew out of Hubbard's work and lends a special character to the Village of East Aurora. The community has many resident artisans and has secured landmark status for several of its historical buildings.

East Aurora experiences limited steady growth each year. Residential neighborhoods blend into a strong sense of community. East Aurora regularly enjoys community-wide events, shows and gatherings including the annual East Aurora Music Fest, Artwalk, Car Show, Aurora Theater Productions, and the Roycroft Artists' Show.

The East Aurora School District, comprised of three schools (elementary, middle and high) enjoys an excellent reputation in Western New York and throughout the state as a system dedicated to its students, staff, and community.

Parkdale Elementary provides an educational environment that enables all students to begin their journey to becoming life-long learners and successful members of the community. With a focus on the whole child and early literacy, Parkdale offers diversified programming that meets the needs of each student. Social skills and responsibility are incorporated into all aspects of learning and students are encouraged to explore their creativity through a number of music and art programs. In addition, Parkdale has a strong relationship with the community offering a variety of activities throughout the year that bring families together.

The East Aurora Middle School offers a strong academic program, multiple clubs and modified athletics to a student body of approximately 520 students in grades 5 – 8. While the main focus is academic, the development of the whole person is at the heart of all program development. Strong emphasis is placed on equipping students with the necessary academic and social knowledge skills and attitudes to succeed in the middle-level grades, high school and beyond. In doing so, we strive to instill a sense of positive self-worth, self-respect, self-confidence, and a belief that each can succeed.

In addition to a full range of basic education and occupational/vocational programs the East Aurora High School (EAHS) offers students a wide variety of options including several foreign languages, advanced sciences and mathematics, humanities, 17 AP courses including a 2-year college-level AP Capstone curriculum, a NYS Career Technical Education (CTE) endorsed business sequence, a 2-year Global Leadership Academy multi-disciplinary program, a 4-year multi-disciplinary STEAM initiative, a Film Academy, Drama and Blue Devil Design; a student-led business that offers students the opportunity to combine technical and business skills in a Capstone 2-year program. East Aurora High School consistently ranks among the top performing high schools in the WNY region and for 28 consecutive years, EAHS has been recognized as one of New York's top performing high schools. The New York State Board of Education Department names EAHS a "Reward School" for the 2021-2022 school year. Schools selected for this recognition have the highest achievement rates in the state with no significant gaps in achievement. In 2022, the Washington Post and Newsweek magazine selected EAHS as one of the nation's top high schools. Both the East Aurora High School (2017) and Middle School (2012) have earned prestigious recognition as National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education. Seventy-eight percent (78%) of the Class of 2022 enrolled in a four or two year college or university. Eighty-four percent (84%) of the Class of 2022 earned Regents diplomas with an Advanced Designation. Seventy-six percent (76%) of EAHS students participated in Advanced Placement (AP) programs earned a score of 3 or higher on their respective AP exams. Additionally, the high school offers a well-rounded interscholastic athletic program comprised of championship teams in basketball, cross-country, golf, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and volleyball. The program also includes unified sports, football, wrestling, field hockey, softball and baseball.

Gold Level Sponsor

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Eden Central School District

8289 North Main Street, Eden, NY 14057
(716) 992-3630 * FAX: (716) 992-3656
www.edencsd.org
Superintendent: Jeffrey A. Sortisio

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote…… 911 5/17/22

Enrollment ……..... 1,342
Pre-K……76
Half-day Kindergarten…….. 0
Full-day Kindergarten……... 95
Grades 1-2……187
Grades 3-5…… 289
Grades 6-8…… 297
Grades 9-12…….. 398
Graduates (6/20)…….…… 118

School Buildings
1 Primary (PK-2)
1 Elementary School (3-5)
1 Middle & High School (6-12)

Transportation
District Square Miles…… 70
Public School Students……. 1,306
District Buildings……. 3 schools, 1 bus garage
Other Public School Buildings……. 0
Private/Parochial Students…… 67
Special Ed. (outside district)……12 & 2 P-Tech students
Private/Parochial Buildings in District……. 0
Total Miles Traveled Per Year……. 441,089

Budget
2022-23 Approved Budget……$33,836,483
True Value Tax Rate……14.748

Staff
Professional Full-time…… 126
Professional Part-time……. 1
Shared Service……23
Support Staff Full-time……....104
Support Staff Part-time……20

Board:

7 members/3-year terms

Description of District: Eden CSD

The Eden Central School District, which was centralized in 1940, is approximately 70 square miles. Its boundaries extend into the Towns of Boston, Concord, Evans, and North Collins. The School System is composed of four buildings including three schools and the district transportation facility, located on a single campus of 107 acres in the Eden Hamlet. The schools of Eden have long been the major center of activity within the community.

The district, which provides an interesting combination of rural and suburban living, is located just 18 miles south of Buffalo on Route 62 and at exit 57A of the New York Thruway. The Eden Community is conveniently located just 25 minutes from Buffalo and 15 minutes from Lake Erie.

The Eden district has long been recognized in the Western New York area for its outstanding academic achievement, a music program which has consistently received county and state recognition, and a comprehensive, successful athletic program. Through its membership in BOCES #2 of Erie, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties, it provides for both vocational education, special education programs, and programs for the academically talented.

Eden is predominantly village and rural in nature. The community has a strong, supportive PTA, extensive town recreation programs, a village swimming pool, a local branch of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, and several organizations which all serve the community.

The close proximity to the Buffalo area provides easy access to at least twelve colleges or universities, as well as the cultural offerings of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, The Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Studio Arena Theatre, Shea's Buffalo Theatre and the museums of the metropolitan area.

The Eden community is close to ski areas and parks and offers that perfect blend of country living with all the benefits of the metropolitan area nearby.

Board of Cooperative Educational Services - Erie 1

355 Harlem Road, West Seneca, NY 14224
(716) 821-7000 * FAX: (716) 821-7212
www.e1b.org
District Superintendent: Dr. Michael Capuana

Total Student Enrollment of Component Districts (2021-22)…...……. 65,149

Enrollment in BOCES Programs

Career and Technical Ed. …… 2,358
Special Education (school age) Special classes ……..... 368
Pre-school (non-disabled students)……0
Alternative Education……112

Buildings
Edge Academy/Pine Hill in Cheektowaga
Harkness Career & Technical Center
Kenton Career & Technical Center
Maryvale Academy
Northtowns Academy Ken-Ton
Potter Career
Winchester Academy

2020-21 Approved Budget…….. $177,970,000

Staff (2022-23)

Professional Full-time……. 621
Professional Part-time……. 1
Shared Service……. 0
Support Staff Full-time……506
Support Staff Part-time……6

Component Districts:

Akron	Hamburg
Alden	Kenmore-Tonawanda
Amherst	Lackawanna
Cheektowaga	Lancaster
Cheektowaga-Sloan	Maryvale
Clarence	Sweet Home
Cleveland Hill	Tonawanda
Depew	West Seneca
Frontier	Williamsville
Grand Island	

Board:
7 members/3-year terms

Description of District: Erie 1 BOCES

Erie 1 BOCES is here to help school districts meet their educational and financial goals. As a liaison office for New York State's Department of Education, educators often rely on Erie 1 BOCES' experts for training on technology integration, curriculum, New York standards and reporting.

School districts also partner with Erie 1 BOCES to provide alternative, special and career education programs. Erie 1 BOCES' three state-of-the-art career and technical centers offer more than 30 programs to high school students.

For nearly 65 years, Erie 1 BOCES has been helping area school districts further contain costs by assisting them with district office functions, such as cooperative purchasing, payroll, policy development and technology services. A full list of divisions includes: Alternative Education, Career and Technical Education, Communication Services, Finance Services, Human Resource Services, Labor Relations & Policy Services, Management Services, Professional Learning Team, Special Education, Workforce Development and Technology Services/WNYRIC.

To learn more:
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Board of Cooperative Educational Services
Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus

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District Superintendent's Office Only FAX: (716) 549-5181
www.e2ccb.org
District Superintendent: Dr. David O'Rourke

Total Student Enrollment of Component Districts (2022-23)…...…… 32,735

Enrollment in BOCES Programs

Career and Technical (secondary & full-time adult)……..…… 1,452
Special Education…….…… 380
Pre-school ……0
Child Care……. 0
Alternative Education…….. 131
Gifted……0
P-TECH……142

Buildings

W. H. Carrier Educational Center, Angola
R. P. Hewes Educational Center, Ashville
P. J. LoGuidice Educational Center, Fredonia
W. D. Ormsby Educational Center, East Aurora

2022-23 Approved Budget…….. $97,759,806

Staff (2022-23)

Certified Full-time…….…… 242
Certified Part-time……. 3
Shared Service…… 127
Support Staff Full-time……..…… 432
Support Staff Part-time…….. 9

Component Districts:

Erie County:
East Aurora
Eden
Gowanda
Holland
Iroquois
Lake Shore
North Collins
Orchard Park
Springville-Griffith Institute

Chautauqua County:
Bemus Point
Brocton
Cassadaga Valley
Chautauqua Lake
Clymer
Dunkirk
Falconer
Forestville
Frewsburg
Fredonia
Jamestown
Panama
Pine Valley
Ripley
Sherman
Silver Creek
Southwestern
Westfield

Board:
13 members/3-year terms

Description of District: Erie 2 CC BOCES

CTE

Career & Technical Education offers 20 program areas to eligible high school students and adults. Students enrolled in a New York State-approved CTE program will acquire the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary for success in post-secondary education and employment. Students experience a relevant, challenging, and well-organized curriculum, supported by current technology and learning environments that foster high academic achievement and skill development and make students eligible for college credit. Students successfully completing CTE programs are eligible to apply for college credits through articulation agreements with various post-secondary institutions.

P-TECH

Pathways to Early College High Schools offer a multi-year program for students offering a project-based, differentiated learning culture with specialized educators working in tandem with higher education, business partners and component school districts to support students as they obtain a NYS Regents Diploma and an associate's degree, in addition to several certifications through industry partnerships. A cornerstone of this program is additional hours of instructional time designed to introduce students to industries in the region, project-based learning, career exploration and industry terminology, standards and employment professional skills.

Alternative Ed.

Alternative Education programs are designed for students who perform academically, socially and/or behaviorally outside the acceptable norms of a traditional school culture. Alternative Education programs lead to graduation for students in Grades 7 through 12. Academic needs are addressed, including preparation for state assessments and instruction that will enable them to earn high school credit toward graduation. The curriculum and academic environment has been structured to increase attendance and graduation rates by ensuring that each student meets his or her academic potential up to and including graduating with their Regent's Diploma.

Special Education

The Special Education program provides services to special needs students with varied educational needs from all component school districts. Services provided by teachers, teacher aides, and related service providers are determined by the information included in each student's Individualized Education Plan. Instruction is based on the Common Core State Learning Standards. Special classes and related services are available during the regular school year and the extended summer school program. A team effort by itinerant service professionals to support the classroom teacher in meeting the demands of the Common Core State Learning Standards ensure that each student achieves his or her academic potential. These services include Speech and Language Therapy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Transition Services, Social Work and Counseling, Assistive Technology, Services for the Visually and Hearing Impaired, and Behavioral Support Services.

Instructional Support Services

The Instructional Support Services (ISS) Division provides a blend of educational materials, distance learning, technology, integrated education services, health, wellness and science resources & supports, and education enrichment programs. Programs include: Distance Learning, the School Library System, the Instructional Media Center, Environmental Education, Arts in Education, the E2CCB Print Shop, and Integrated Education Services such as School Improvement, Model Schools, Data Management Programs.

ISS also oversees Technology Services that provides technical assistance, supportive educational resources, and consultation services for integrating technology across curriculum areas.

Adult Education & Workforce Development

The Adult Education and Workforce Development division of Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES strives to help those 18 and older develop the skills and get the experience necessary for personal and professional success. Occupational preparation in 20-some Career & Technical programs-including cosmetology, construction trades, health services, commercial driver's license training and more – is offered at our educational centers and state-of-the-art instructional sites. Skill training and academic content in each course prepares students for the workplace as the programs are designed with employers in mind. Literacy instruction and preparation for the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) are also available along with career counseling and guidance in obtaining financial aid.

Management Services

Management Services provides a variety of non-classroom based programs from our Central Business Office (Accounts Payable, Claims Auditing, General Ledger/Accounting and Payroll) to Labor Relations, Safety/Risk Management, Human Resources, Public Relations, Grant Procurement and Cooperative Bidding.

Frontier Central School District

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www.frontiercsd.org
Superintendent: Christopher Swiatek

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote…….…..... 878

Enrollment (11/10/22) ……..…….. 4,594
Universal Pre-K…… 108
Full-day Kindergarten…….. 334
Grades 1-5…… 1,729
Grades 6-8…… 1,073
Grades 9-12…….. 1,349
Graduates & Commencement Credential …….. 316

School Buildings
4 Elementary (PK-5)
1 Middle School (6-8)
1 High School (9-12)

Transportation
District Square Miles…….…… 39
Public School Students (transported)…..…….. 4,500
District Buildings……... 8
Other Public School Buildings…….. 1
Private/Parochial Students……. 548
Private/Parochial Buildings in District…….. 2
Private/Parochial Buildings Outside District……..…….. 37
Total Miles Traveled Per Year……..1,021,125

Budget
2022-23 Approved Budget……. $96,668,323
True Value Tax Rate……..$11.43

Staff
Professional Full-time…… 472
Shared Service……... 4 (BOCES)
Support Staff Full-time/Part-time……. 365

<u>Board:</u>
7 members/4-year terms

Description of District: Frontier CSD

The Frontier Central School District is located in the Town of Hamburg, along the beautiful shores of Lake Erie and in the shadow of the Peace Bridge to Canada. The District, with an estimated population of 38,000 comprises a suburban area of approximately 39 miles in the southern portion of Erie County, New York.

Student enrollment remains steady at 4,600, making Frontier one of the larger school districts in the suburban region of Buffalo, New York. Frontier Central has four elementary schools: Big Tree, Blasdell, Cloverbank, and Pinehurst, a Middle School, Grades 6-8 and a High School, Grades 9-12 Administration and the Board of Education continue to closely monitor student population growth patterns within the geographic boundaries of the District, as new housing developments continue to be developed.

Frontier Central is committed to providing its students with a challenging, rigorous education preparing them to be college and/or career ready. In order to meet the needs of all students, the District provides a variety of programs and services to effectively support the educational process.

Technology enhances student learning in a variety of ways throughout the Frontier Central School District. Integrated into the curriculum, technology offers teachers and students opportunities for addressing different learning styles through differentiated instruction, helping to meet all levels of students' needs.

Each of the District's four elementary schools offers a nurturing, caring, child-centered environment that fosters strong academic success and social-emotional well-being. Emphasis is placed on developing confident students who are able to apply skills and knowledge to real-life situations, and act in a responsible, respectful manner. In addition, each of the elementary buildings provides access to STEAM materials and resources that help to ignite and develop creativity.

Academic intervention, in core subject areas, as well as a full continuum of special education services, including co-teaching, are available for students who qualify. Both district Pre-kindergarten programs, as well as programs offered in collaboration with Head Start and EduKids are available to district residents. Additionally, the district contracts with an outside provider (Right at School) for before and after school care in all four of our elementary schools.

Frontier Middle School faculty and staff work with students to develop greater responsibility and independence as learners. An interdisciplinary approach to instruction provides students with numerous opportunities for academic success, as they prepare for the rigors of high school. Students follow a challenging curriculum and are encouraged to participate in a variety of extra-curricular activities, including athletics and the arts.

Students attending Frontier High School are offered a comprehensive program of academics, business, fine arts and vocational programs. Advanced placement courses are offered in several subject areas. The collective accomplishment of a graduating class is often viewed as an indicator of a strong, highly successful school district. The Frontier Class of 2022 reflects continuous improvement in the District's instructional program.

Research indicates that students who are involved in school activities are those who are the most successful in life. Frontier Central offers a wide variety of extra-curricular experiences for students, including a Music Program that has received national recognition in the past from the Music Educators National Conference, which named Frontier as one of the top 100 school districts for the study of music.

Frontier's comprehensive interscholastic sports programs offer the chance for over 1,500 athletes to compete on 64 athletic teams. Frontier Athletics takes pride in our Middle School sports programs and is one of a few schools that offer multiple modified teams in sports such as Football, Cheerleading, Girls Soccer, Girls Volleyball, Boys Basketball, Boys Lacrosse and Baseball. We also offer multiple Unified athletic teams, which is a NYSPHAA sponsored sport team in conjunction with Special Olympics. Frontier has also been recognized by NYSPHAA as a Scholar Athlete School of Excellence.

Commitment to on-going professional growth for Frontier teachers is a major area of focus, ensuring that curriculum and instruction are taught to students in the most effective, rigorous manner. Courses are offered throughout the school year to staff. In addition to staff development provided by the District, training is offered through the Southtowns Teachers' Center, a collaborative partnership with Frontier Central, Hamburg Central School District and Randolph Academy (Hamburg). The district also works closely with Erie 1 BOCES for professional development, workshops and training sessions.

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Gowanda Central School District

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716-532-3325 * FAX: 716-995-2154
www.gowcsd.org
Superintendent: Dr. Robert B. Anderson

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote…….…..... 240

Enrollment (10/05/22)…… 1,071
Pre-K…… 34
Full-Day Kindergarten…… 80
Grades 1-4…… 344
Grades 5-8…… 321
Grades 9-12……. 285
Graduates (6/21)…….. 71

School Buildings
1 Elementary
1 Middle School
1 High School

Transportation
District Square Miles…… 76.11
Public School Students…… 1,072
District Buildings…….. 3
Private/Parochial Students…… 14
Special Education (outside District)…… 22
Private/Parochial Buildings in District…… 0
Private/Parochial Buildings Outside District……7
Total Miles Traveled Per Year…… 271,378

Budget
2022-23 Approved Budget…… $34210405.00
Full Value Tax Rate…….. $11.63

Staff
Professional Full Time……. 151
Profession Part Time……. 0
Shared Service…… 4
Support Staff Full Time……. 101
Support Staff Part Time……..……19

Board:
7 members/3-year terms

Description of District: Gowanda CSD

The Gowanda Central School District is geographically located in the counties of Erie, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua.
The District also provides educational services to students residing on the Cattaraugus Territory of the Seneca Nation of Indians.

The District is organized along a PK-12 plan with approximately 450 students in our PK-4 Elementary School and approximately 600 distributed equally in 5-8 Middle School and 9-12 High School. We maintain two educational campuses and one athletic facility. During the 2022-2023 school year, the total enrollment, including out-of-district placements, equals 1,075 students. Approximately 24% of our students are Native American, 11% are Multiracial, 5% are of Hispanic, Asian or African American origin and the remaining 64% are Caucasian students.

The campuses are situated in the Town of Perrysburg and the Village of Gowanda. The District spans portions of the Townships of Collins, North Collins, Hanover, Persia, Perrysburg and Dayton and the Cattaraugus Territory.

The administrative team consists of the Superintendent, three Building Principals, Assistant Principal, Director of Learning and Continual Improvement, Director of Special Education, School Business Administrator, Technology Director, Director of Facilities, School Lunch Manager, Title VI Program Director and Transportation Supervisor. The District employs a teaching faculty numbering 143 teachers, 28 teaching assistants/aides and a support staff of 93 individuals. We maintain our own in-house transportation and food service departments. Since 2002, the District has engaged in numerous capital projects, including the construction of a new Middle School and athletic facility, totaling more than $37 million. In 2012 the District dedicated a new $4 million High School Science wing. The District is in the process of completing the voter approved a $30 million capital improvement project that consists of renovations of instructional space in all three buildings, bridge replacement, land purchase and artificial turf on baseball and softball fields,

The educational program is comprehensive and includes the core curriculum, performing arts, technology, home & careers, interscholastic athletics, student clubs and extra-curricular activities. Teachers, staff and students utilize up-to-date learning and office technology. Distance learning opportunities are also available to our students via live video broadcasting. Vocational and special education services are provided in part by the Erie II-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Board of Cooperative Educational Services. The District also offers a full-range of special education programs for special needs students in all three buildings.

The District enjoys strong community support for its educational, interscholastic athletic and performing arts programs. The music program has received regional and national recognition. Sharing of resources and expertise also exists between School Districts and local municipalities. The Board of Education is dedicated to working together with the community to create a gathering place to share ideas and promote the general welfare of our students.

Grand Island Central School District

1100 Ransom Road, Grand Island, NY 14072
716-773-8800 * FAX: 716-773-8895
www.grandislandschools.org
Superintendent: Dr. Brian Graham

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote…….……... 1,742

Enrollment (BEDS)…….… 2,897
Pre-K…… 110
Half-Day Kindergarten…… 0
Full-Day Kindergarten……. 199
Grades 1-5 & S1…….. 1,072
Grades 6-8 & S2……..… 678
Grades 9-12……..… 875

School Buildings
3 Elementary
1 Middle School
1 High School

Transportation
District Square Miles…… 27
Public School Students…… 3,023
District Buildings…….. 5
Other Public School Buildings…….. 3
Private/Parochial Students…… 338
Special Education (outside District)……. 24
Private/Parochial Buildings in District……. 1
Private/Parochial Buildings Outside District…… 26
Total Miles Traveled Per Year…….. 595,860

Budget
2022-23 Approved Budget…… $70,206,668

Staff
Professional Full Time…… 308
Profession Part Time…… 3
Support Staff Full Time…… 205
Support Staff Part Time (under 20 hours)…… 68

Board:
7 members / 3-year terms

Description of District: Grand Island CSD

Grand Island is one of the world's largest fresh water islands and is situated in the Niagara River between the cities of Buffalo and Niagara Falls. The island is 7.5 miles long and 6 miles wide with 21 miles of river frontage. The island divides the Niagara River into East and West branches, joining again at the north end before flowing over Niagara Falls. The 21,427 residents appreciate a full range of government services and civic groups in a mix of residential, shopping and light industrial areas.

Our schools enjoy strong support from the community. Our seven-member Board of Education has a consistent record of commitment and support of our schools. The boundaries of the school district and the Town of Grand Island are the same.

There are three elementary schools in the district including one school that services students in Pre-K, kindergarten, grade one and two schools that service grades two through five. The Middle School contains grades six through eight and is located on the same campus as the High School. It shares the auditorium and pool with the high school but is separate in all other respects. The High School features a variety of programs, including advanced placement and college level offerings. Advanced Placement courses are offered in Psychology, English Language, English Literature, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Calculus, Statistics, World History, United States History, US Government and Macroeconomics, Music Theory, and Art. Those interested in college coursework in languages other than English may enroll in College Spanish, or College French, for university college credit. Grand Island High School also offers courses through Syracuse University, Niagara University, ECCC and NCCC.

The Grand Island High School campus has been recently renovated with updated science labs, a remodeled auditorium and a 21st Century Library. The building also added a STEM Technology wing, designed to enhance career and college readiness.

Approximately 88% of our graduating students in 2022 attended two and/or four year institutions. Approximately 2% of our graduating students are going into the US Military. Approximately 11% of our graduating students are going in the workforce. New York State Regents with Advanced Designation with Honors diplomas were awarded to 34% of the graduating class, the New York State Regents with Advanced Designation diplomas were awarded to 48% of the graduating class, 18% earned regents endorsed diplomas and 1% earned Local diplomas. The mean SAT scores for the Class of 2022 was 1139 and the mean ACT score was 27.2.

The Grand Island School District participates in services of Erie 1 BOCES. Offerings include programs in a wide variety of career and technical educational courses.

2022-2023 Full Value Tax Rate
Assessed Value = $2,259,775,297
Equalization Rate = 90%
Full Valuation = $2,510,861,441
Full Valuation/M = $2,510,861
Tax Warrant = $38,318,840
Rate per Full Valuation (rounded off to the nearest cent) = $15.26

Hamburg Central School District

5305 Abbott Road, Hamburg, NY 14075
(716) 646-3200 * FAX: (716) 646-3209
www.hamburgschools.org
Superintendent: Michael R. Cornell

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote…….…..... **3,843**

Enrollment (10/22)…….. 3,365
Pre-K…… 135
Half-day Kindergarten……. 0
Full-day Kindergarten……. 273
Grades 1-6...…… 1,442
Grades 7-8…… 516
Grades 9-12…….. 999
Graduates (8/22)……..……. 325

School Buildings
4 Elementary
1 Middle School
1 High School

Transportation
District Square Miles…….…… 31
Public School Students…….. 3,365
District Buildings……... 6
Other Public School Buildings…….. 29
Private/Parochial Students…… 161
Special Ed. (outside district)……. 35
Private/Parochial Buildings in District……. 1
Private/Parochial Buildings Outside District……..……. 17
Total Miles Traveled Per Year…… 1,100,000

Budget
2022-23 Approved Budget……. $79,975,500
True Value Tax Rate……. $14.97

Staff
Professional Full-time…… 339
Professional Part-time……... 6
Shared Service…….. 0
Support Staff Full-time……. 162
Support Staff Part-time…… 34

Board:
7 members/3-year terms

Description of District: Hamburg CSD

Hamburg Central Schools: "Inspiring Today. Empowering Tomorrow."

The Hamburg Central School District is dedicated to educating modern thinkers who create, care, solve and discover. Its six schools are places of innovative teaching and active learning that inspire students to become critical and creative thinkers, effective communicators and productive collaborators.

The district has an enrollment of about 3,355 students in Pre-kindergarten through Grade 12, housed in four elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. It has approximately 650 employees, the majority of whom are teachers.

The district is suburban and semi-rural in nature, covering about 31 square miles in the Towns of Hamburg, Boston, Eden and Orchard Park, including the Village of Hamburg.

Consistently rated in the Top 10 for academic excellence among 96 school districts in Western New York, Hamburg Schools use a mosaic of coordinated efforts to engage students and staff in high quality learning.

Six commitments guide the district's educational program:

- Curriculum, instruction and assessment are aligned to the latest standards and best practice
- Instructional programs promote the modern learning skills of creative and critical thinking, productive collaboration and effective communication
- Instructional staff members' use of time benefits student learning and promotes teacher collaboration
- Professional learning for staff supports their growth and has an immediate impact on instructional practice
- Instructional technology supports great teaching
- Students' mental and emotional health

Proud of it's past and committed to the future, the district is planning long-term for how its physical spaces will accommodate 21st century learning for the decades ahead, as well as enhance school safety for students, staff and visitors. School facilities planning brings together many stakeholders to identify and prioritize areas of need in the district's physical spaces so that they are well-maintained and anticipate tomorrow's learning environment.

As the heart of the community, Hamburg Schools enjoy strong parent involvement and public support. "Telling its story" through traditional means of communication, as well as fluent use of social media, Hamburg Central continually connects school to community, building understanding and support, and instilling pride.

With teachers who inspire a love of learning in every student and schools that are safe, kind and welcoming, every day is a great day to be a Hamburg Bulldog.

Holland Central School District

103 Canada Street, Holland, NY 14080
(716) 537-8200 * FAX: (716) 537-8203
www.hollandcsd.org
Superintendent: Eric Lawton

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote……..…... **173**

Enrollment (11/21)…….. 765
Pre-K…… 36
Half-day Kindergarten……. 0
Full-day Kindergarten……. 49
Grades 1-6...…… 314
Grades 7-8…… 118
Grades 9-12…….. 245
Graduates (8/21)…….…… 68

School Buildings
1 Elementary
1 Middle School
1 High School

Transportation
District Square Miles…….…… 80.2
Public School Students…….. 724
District Buildings……... 3
Other Public School Buildings…….. 1
Private/Parochial Students…… 31
Special Ed. (outside district)……. 15
Private/Parochial Buildings in District……. 0
Private/Parochial Buildings Outside District……..……. 3
Total Miles Traveled Per Year…… 384,439

Budget
2022-23 Approved Budget……. $21,506,806
True Value Tax Rate…… $16.83

Staff
Professional Full-time…… 99
Professional Part-time……..0
Shared Service……4
Support Staff Full-time…… 82
Support Staff Part-time……7

Board:

7 members/5-year terms

Description of District: Holland CSD

The Holland Central School District is comprised of eight towns in Wyoming and Southern Erie Counties. Located 30 miles southeast of Buffalo, it is convenient to the urban region while offering the many benefits of a smaller, rural school district.

Holland has a current enrollment of 769 students in grades K-12 and includes a Universal Pre-Kindergarten program. Students are enrolled within our three district buildings: Harold O. Brumsted Elementary (UPK-4), Holland Middle School (5-8), and Holland High School (9-12).

The district mission is to let each student become all that they are capable of being in a safe, caring, and supportive environment where schools, home, and the community work in a cooperative partnership. Strong educational programs supported by technology integration, along with numerous athletic programs and extracurricular clubs, provide innovative educational opportunities for our students.

Iroquois Central School District

Box 32, Elma, NY 14059
(716) 652-3000 * FAX: (716) 652-9305
www.iroquoiscsd.org
Superintendent: Douglas Scofield

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote…….…... **1,492**

Enrollment (10/5/22) …….. 2,057
Pre-K…… 38
Half-day Kindergarten……. 0
Full-day Kindergarten……. 142
Grades 1-6...…… 910
Grades 7-8…… 302
Grades 9-12…….. 665
Graduates (6/20)…….…….. 179

School Buildings
3 Primary Schools
1 Intermediate School
1 Middle School
1 High School

Transportation
District Square Miles…….…… 80
Public School Students…….. 2,057
District Buildings……... 6
Other Public School Buildings……... 7
Private/Parochial Students……. 147
Special Ed. (outside district)…….. 25
Private/Parochial Buildings in District…….. 0
Private/Parochial Buildings Outside District……..…….. 27
Total Miles Traveled Per Year…….. 856,401

Budget
2022-23 Approved Budget…… $54,984,552
True Value Tax Rate…….. $12.60

Staff
Professional Full-time…… 242
Professional Part-time……... 0
Shared Service……... 0
Support Staff Full-time……. 150
Support Staff Part-time……. 76

Board:
7 members/5-year terms

Description of District: Iroquois CSD

The Iroquois Central School District embraces approximately 80 square miles within the Towns of Elma, Marilla, Wales, Aurora, Lancaster, and Bennington. Nearly 2,100 students attend school at six locations: three K-4 primary buildings; one intermediate school (grade 5); one Middle School (grades 6-8); one High School (grades 9-12); plus BOCES and Special Alt. Ed. Programs. New for 2021-2022 is a new UPK program housed in a primary building and day care center. The Central Administrative Offices (housed at the Intermediate Building), are located on the Girdle Road Campus.

The District is served by a dedicated instructional staff of over 200, including classroom teachers, special areas teachers, and administrative personnel. Many of the teachers have more than 20 years of experience.

In addition, the district employs a fully staffed technology department, school psychologists, guidance counselors, nurses in each building, speech teachers, social workers, literacy coaches and a behavioral specialist. Administrative support also includes department chairpersons and middle school team leaders. The support staff totals approximately 225. There are three bargaining units in the district. The District is committed to the development of staff through targeted staff development programming.

Significant effort on the part of staff, parents, community and Board of Education has resulted in the district achieving a position of prominence in the Western New York Educational Community. The district continues to implement a comprehensive curriculum, increase the number of advanced placement courses at the commencement level, improve technology infrastructure and student access to technology all resulting in regents diploma rates in excess of 98%. In addition, the district enjoys strong parent support and involvement.

The Iroquois Central School District offers a unique blend of suburban/rural living that combines residential areas with farmland. It is located approximately 14 miles southeast of Buffalo, New York in Erie County. The district has a population of approximately 19,973 with a limited industrial base.

Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda
Union Free School District

1500 Colvin Boulevard, Buffalo, NY 14223
(716) 874-8400 * FAX: (716) 874-8621
www.ktufsd.org
Superintendent: Sabatino Cimato

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote……..…... **1,571**

Enrollment…….…....……. 6,599
Pre-K…… 326
Full-day Kindergarten……. 464
Grades 1-4...…… 1,933
Grades 5-7…… 1,389
Grades 8-12…….. 2,487
Graduates (6/22)…….…….. 426
Alternative Programs Outside District……. 26
Special Ed BOCES and Agency Placements…….. 206

School Buildings
5 Elementary
2 Middle Schools
2 Senior High Schools

Transportation
District Square Miles…….…… 17
Public School Students…….. 5,025
District Buildings……... 10
Special Ed. (outside district)…….. 166
Total Miles Traveled Per Year…… 857,831

Budget
2022-23 Approved Budget…… $176,494,282
True Value Tax Rate…….. $15.86

Staff
Professional Full-time…… 736
Professional Part-time……... 6
Support Staff Full-time……. 222
Support Staff Part-time……. 529

Board:
5 members/3-year terms

Description of District: Kenmore-Tonawanda UFSD

The Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District (commonly shortened to "Ken-Ton") encompasses the vast majority of the Town of Tonawanda and all of the Village of Kenmore. With strong institutional traditions and a long and proud history going back more than 125 years, the Ken-Ton School District continues to define itself through the passion and dedication of its students, parents, staff, administrators, Board of Education, community, and alumni. In academics, music, art, athletics, and other competitive pursuits, Ken-Ton students earn countless distinctions, awards, and honors each year and exemplify the outstanding quality of the programs and schools they represent.

The success of the Ken-Ton School District is founded upon its staff, many of whom not only live in Ken-Ton, but grew up in the community and count themselves among the district's proud alumni. Ken-Ton has fostered a world-class teaching staff through an innovative and comprehensive framework of mentoring, coaching, and staff development. A significant number of Ken-Ton teachers have earned National Board Certification, which is considered to be the gold standard in teaching, and staff are routinely distinguished at the regional level and beyond for demonstrating excellence in their profession.

Ken-Ton is known for its exceptional educational offerings:

- Ken-Ton is one of only two school districts in the eight counties of Western New York to offer the rigorous International Baccalaureate (IB) Program
- The district has been distinguished as a Best Community for Music Education every year since 2011.
- The district's art programs are widely regarded as among the best in the region, encompassing two high school art career pathways: one for the Fine Arts and one for the Media Arts.
- Both high schools offer four NYS-certified CTE programs as part of its Career Academies, as well as the international Project Lead the Way pre-engineering curriculum. The Pre-Engineering Academy has been distinguished as a NYS Model Program by the CTE Technical Assistance Center of NYS.
- With a long history of athletic achievement, the Ken-Ton Athletics Department oversees nearly 50 varsity sports during the fall, winter, and spring seasons. During the 2021-22 school year, Ken-Ton celebrated 4 Niagara Frontier League (NFL) championships, 3 Division championships, and 1 Section VI championship, as well as numerous individual champions and qualifiers for states.
- Ken-Ton's innovative Big Picture Program, a non-traditional high school program and the only program of its kind in Western New York, guides students to graduation and routinely sees a graduation rate of 100%.

Ken-Ton School District alumni include two national TV news anchors, a U.S. Court of Appeals judge, a former Skylab astronaut, the former president and CEO of Dunkin' Brands, and individuals who have achieved the highest levels of success in their careers, from professional athletes, actors, comedians, and musicians to business leaders, doctors, engineers, and educators.

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Lackawanna City School District

245 South Shore Boulevard, Lackawanna, NY 14218
(716) 827-5610 * FAX: (716) 827-6710
www.lackawannaschools.org
Superintendent: Keith E. Lewis

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote…….…... 984

Enrollment (*includes charter schools*) + *private*……. 3,399
Pre-K…… 184
Half-day Kindergarten……. 0
Full-day Kindergarten……..……. 243
Grades 1-2...…… 463
Grades 3-6…… 1033
Grades 7-8……..…….. 492
Grades 9-12……..……. 984
Graduates (6/22)…….…….. 126

School Buildings
2 Elementary
1 High School/Middle School
1 Administrative/Alternative Instruction
1 Detached Maintenance Building

Transportation
District Square Miles……..…… 6
Public School Students……. 1973
District Buildings……... 4
Other Public School Buildings…….. 0
Private/Parochial Students…… Unavailable
Special Ed. (outside district)……. Unavailable
Private/Parochial Buildings in District…….. 3
Private/Parochial Buildings Outside District……..…….. Unavailable
Total Miles Traveled Per Year…….. Unavailable

Budget
2021-2022 Approved Budget…… $65,218,905
True Value Tax Rate……. $12.54

Staff
Professional Full-time…….. 275
Professional Part-time……... 102
Support Staff Full-time……. 142
Support Staff Part-time……. 102

Board:
7 members/3-year terms

Description of District: Lackawanna City

The Lackawanna City School District is located south of Buffalo, New York in what was once the heart of the area's steel making industry. The City of Lackawanna is a diverse, multi-ethnic, urban area currently focused on a major changeover from "steel city" to a city embracing a variety of business/industry components along with increased recreational opportunities and housing development. The major "foundations" for these changes lie in the 2.5 square miles of mainly lakefront property that was formerly the City's steel making location. Also, properties designated as an economic development zone and the redevelopment of abandoned or underutilized properties through a U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot Award both represent two other major changes.

The Lackawanna City School District has undergone another reconfiguration of grade levels which began in the 2014-15 school year. These grade level changes began with a major capital project at Truman Elementary School that was completed in October 2014. As of September 2014, the District's totally integrated schools will be housed as follows: Pre-K through grade one at Truman Elementary; grades two through five at Martin Road Elementary; and we have a single building complex that will house our Middle grades six through eight as well as our High School grades nine through 12. The administrative offices are being housed at the former McKinley Elementary School. We are focused on building strong academic experiences specific to our unique needs, developing healthy character education components and a broadly based athletic program. All designed to, when taken together, assure a sound and rigorous education as well as a robust arts education program.

The Board of Education is vitally interested in developing policies to create an educational environment dedicated to both the understanding and respecting of the many cultures that enrich our community. Within this framework our main goal is the successful preparation for our students to achieve whatever aspirations they have for life after high school. The challenges of the future need to be met by individuals who possess the tools to succeed, prosper and support building a world that is environmentally sound as well as respectful of the earth's diversity of race, culture and religious beliefs. The Lackawanna City School District's mission is to nurture such individuals to successfully meet these challenges and successfully complete high school with a New York State Regents Diploma.

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Lake Shore Central School District

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(716) 549-2300 * FAX: (716) 549-6407
www.lakeshorecsd.org
Superintendent: Mr. Daniel Pacos

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote…….…… 795

Enrollment (10/3/2022) …… 2,091
Pre-K…… 52
Half-day Kindergarten…… 0
Full-day Kindergarten…… 144
Grades 1-6...…… 925
Grades 7-8…… 350
Grades 9-12…….. 672
Graduates (06/22 / 8/22)…….…… 154 / 1

School Buildings
3 Elementary
1 Middle School
1 High School

Transportation
District Square Miles…….…… 65
Public School Students…….. 2,091
District Buildings……... 5
Other Public School Buildings…….. 2
Private/Parochial Students……. 59
Special Ed. (outside district)…….. 27
Private/Parochial Buildings in District…….. 0
Private/Parochial Buildings Outside District……..…….. 8
Total Miles Traveled Per Year…… 465,897

Budget
2022-23 Approved Budget…… $61,013,044
True Value Tax Rate…… $12.57

Staff
Professional Full-time…Staff & Administration…….. 282
Professional Part-time……..0
Shared Service……0
Support Staff Full-time…….. 200
Support Staff Part-time……115

Board:
7 members/3-year terms

Description of District: Lake Shore CSD

The Lake Shore Central School District, also known as Evans-Brant Central School District, is located in southern Erie County about 21 miles south of Buffalo, NY, with 12 miles of its western boundary on the Lake Erie shoreline. It is 65 square miles and includes the Towns of Brant, Evans, and Eden, as well as the Villages of Angola and Farnham, and services the Seneca Nation Territory. The District was consolidated in 1961, and a large part of the land in the District is dedicated to agriculture. The primary employers include the District itself, with 49% of its employees residing within the District; and Goya Foods. In addition, one of the region's architectural treasures, Graycliff Estate designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, is located within the District.

There are five school buildings with an enrollment of approximately 2,091 students, Kindergarten through 12th grade, in 2022-23. Also, 3.8% of the total student population of the District attend private schools, while another 3.6% of pupils attend out-of-district schools for students with disabilities, alternative education, and Preschool. These students remain the responsibility of the District. Co-curricular programming is diverse and responsive to student needs at all building levels. Approximately 74% of the District's students are White, 17.1% are Native American, 1.1% are African-American, 4.6% are Hispanic, 0.9% are Asian, 0% are Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, 1.9% are multi-racial, and 17.7% of students are classified as students with disabilities. The free and reduced lunch rate was 44.9% in 2021-22.

There are three K-5 elementary buildings. The Middle School (grades 6-8) offers a range of programs and services to the District's early adolescent population, including accelerated and remediation programs, and a variety of co-curricular programs. The High School offers a comprehensive educational program in full compliance with the New York State Education Department's graduation requirements. The High School also houses programs from the Erie 2 Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES Career and Technical Educational Center, and an Academy of Business & Finance sponsored by the National Academy Foundation. In addition, Advanced Placement and college credit courses are available to all students, as is a summer school program that serves all levels. Response to Intervention (RtI) is also offered District-wide. Students throughout the District are engaged in various community service projects.

One hundred percent of the teaching staff at Lake Shore is categorized as highly qualified by the NYS Education Department. The teacher-to-student ratio is about 1:18, and the District provides an on-going program of staff and curriculum development. Strong, positive relationships between the District and the community are further enhanced by active parent-teacher groups.

Lake Shore offers a comprehensive technology system. Each classroom is equipped with computer access with more available to students in labs, media centers, and computer carts. The District boasts over 3,000 desktop, laptops, Chromebooks and iPads. Also, every classroom has access to voice, video and data within the District's infrastructure. Through funds from the Smart Schools Bond Act grant, the District distributed 1,150 Chromebooks in September 2021 issuing a personal learning device to students in grades 6-12. The District was approved for a third round of Smart Schools Bond Act and issued 950 devices to students in grades 3-5 housed in homeroom carts. The District has 250 hot spots from T-Mobile's Project 10Million Program to provide families without internet access the ability to have students continue school work from home.

A comprehensive inter- and intra-scholastic athletic program serves all secondary grade level students with a variety of teams. Lake Shore has an award-winning, nationally-recognized music department with band, chorus and orchestra programs at the elementary, middle and high school levels. There is strong support for both the visual arts and drama programs. The District's Community Education Program provides more than 175 opportunities for residents to expand their learning opportunities throughout the year. The District houses programs for Buffalo Hearing and Speech, Erie 2 Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES, the Boys and Girls Club of Lake Shore and YMCA programs, including a Universal Pre-K program.

The community offers a wide variety of activities and access to beautiful beaches on Lake Erie, including Evangola State Park, Lake Erie Beach Park, Evans Town Park, Bennett Beach, and Wendt Beach. Community-sponsored recreational programs make use of the School District's physical education facilities, including Olympic size pools at the Middle and High School buildings, and a Fitness Center & Indoor Track for community members that is located in the Lake Shore High School. The District is currently completing Phases 2, 3 and 4 of a Capital Construction Project approved by District voters in May 2017.

Our 2022-23 District Goals are:

The District maintains a District Action Plan to document maintenance and improvements in key focus areas, including Academics, Health and Safety, Fiscal Responsibility, Technology, Facilities and Communications, and Community engagement. The District will . . .

- Maintain a rigorous curriculum and high-quality instruction to advance the learning of all students.
- Provide school community members with opportunities to support their mental and physical health and safety.
- Utilize state and federal funding to maintain and expand educational opportunities.
- Advocate for digital equity of technology at the local, state and federal levels for all students.
- Continue to maintain our facilities at the highest level, and demonstrate fiscal responsibility in all area of operation, including Capital Construction Project Plans.
- Develop family-school-community partnerships to improve academic outcomes.

Lancaster Central School District

177 Central Avenue, Lancaster, NY 14086
(716) 686-3200 * FAX: (716) 686-3350
www.lancasterschools.org
Superintendent: Dr. Michael J. Vallely

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote…….…... 2,370

Enrollment (9/30/22) ……... 5,391
Pre-K…… 180
Half-day Kindergarten……. 0
Full-day Kindergarten……. 406
Grades 1-6...…… 2,422
Grades 7-8…… 873
Grades 9-12…….. 1,657
Graduates (6/22)…….…….. 443
Special Ed. …….. 1,057

School Buildings
5 Elementary
1 Middle School
1 High School

Transportation
District Square Miles…….…… 35
Public School Students…….. 5,246 Transported
District Buildings……... 7
Other Public School Buildings…….. 17
Private/Parochial Students…… 485
Special Ed. (outside district)……..90
Private/Parochial Buildings in District…….. 4
Private/Parochial Buildings Outside District……..…….. 41
Total Miles Traveled Per Year……929,042

Budget
2022-23 Approved Budget……...$122,268,735
True Value Tax Rate…… $14.318670

Staff
Professional Full-time…… 517
Professional Part-time……... 3
Shared Service…….. 0
Support Staff Full-time……. 256
Support Staff Part-time……. 206

Board:

7 members/3-year terms

Description of District: Lancaster CSD

Centralized in 1954, the Lancaster Central School District has a rich history of providing quality education for students in grades pre-K through 12. With more than 30,000 alumni scattered throughout the country and the world, our success stories are too numerous to mention.

The instructional program features grouping at all levels, a wide range of remedial services, special education for varying needs, advanced placement, and honors courses. Lancaster is noted for its career academies, including the nationally-recognized Academy of Finance as well as academies for Health Careers, the Visual and Performing Arts, Hospitality and Tourism, Leadership, and Trades. Project Lead the Way, a nationally recognized technology and pre-engineering curriculum is also offered from Grades 5 through 12. Electives in the upper grades and occupational and specialized vocational programs are available, both through the district and Erie 1 BOCES. Athletic teams have attained local and state recognition for sportsmanship and ability as well as scholastic achievement. Lancaster's 2019 graduation rate of 98% is only one representation of its commitment to the success and achievement of all students.

In 2017, the College Board recognized the Lancaster Central School District as one of 447 school districts in the United States and Canada to be placed on the AP district Honor Roll for simultaneously increasing access to advanced placement coursework while increasing the percentage of students earning scores of three or higher on AP exams. In 2018-2019, 771 AP examinations were administered to 378 students. A total of 147 AP Scholars were named, including 59 AP Scholars, 44 AP Scholars with Honors, 39 AP Scholars with Distinction and 5 National AP Scholars.

Parents are encouraged to work cooperatively with their child's teacher and the school to enhance the learning process. Parent volunteers and teacher assistants are found at the elementary level, assisting in the reinforcement of reading and math skills. The district provides numerous opportunities for parent education and information, including evening sessions. Before and after school programs are available at each of our five elementary schools. Universal Pre K is offered, on an availability basis, at the Central Avenue school building. Psychologists, social workers, speech and resource room teachers, nurses and counselors support students and families in the district. The Family Support Center, located at Lancaster Middle School, is available for confidential counseling and referral services. A long-standing partnership with the Town of Lancaster Youth Bureau further enriches the lives of students and families in the community, with special attention to families in need. Three School Resource Officers work closely with administration, staff, and students to ensure a safe learning environment at all of our schools.

Lancaster offers a richly diverse extracurricular program with more than 130 interscholastic teams, a national-class marching band, symphonic bands, a steel drum band, choral groups, and an excellent range of national award-winning publications. Our community education program features courses in more than 70 different areas and evolves as community needs dictate.

Many of these exceptional programs are featured on our comprehensive website, www.lancasterschools.org. Families and interested citizens may also stay informed about school news on Facebook, www.facebook.com/lancastercsd and Twitter, @lancastercsd.

Our facilities are well-maintained and updated through regularly-scheduled capital projects that take advantage of state aid opportunities. Capital projects have provided wireless internet access and a supportive technology infrastructure in all schools, as well as improved safety measures, in addition to creative and innovative use of learning spaces. Chromebooks support the instructional programs K-12, inviting students and teachers into a 21st century learning environment; student "techsperts" help teachers and peers infuse technology into their everyday lives.

The Lancaster Educational and Alumni Foundation, Inc. (LEAF) was created in 2010 to provide financial support for academic, athletic, and extracurricular activities for students of the Lancaster Central School District. LEAF partners with businesses, alumni, organizations, and parents to provide supplemental programming that the district's budget cannot support. LEAF is currently undertaking capital fundraising campaign that will leverage state aid monies to provide enhancements to athletic facilities at Lancaster High School. More information about LEAF can be found at www.nyleaf.org.

The Lancaster Central School District is situated in the north-central portion of Erie County, about 10 miles east of Buffalo, New York, and encompasses approximately 40 square miles. Easy access to main thruways and highways is within minutes, as is the Buffalo-Niagara International Airport. The district is located within the town and village of Lancaster, town of Cheektowaga, town of Elma and village of Depew. Following a peak in housing development in the late 1990s and early 2000s enrollment has stabilized. The district remains roughly 30 percent developed and much of the village flavor of the community survives.

Maryvale School System

1050 Maryvale Drive, Cheektowaga, NY 14225
(716) 631-7407 * FAX: (716) 635-4699
www.maryvaleufsd.org
Superintendent: Joseph R. D'Angelo

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote……..... 378
Enrollment (10/1/22) ……... 2,201
Pre-K…… 101
Half-day Kindergarten……. 0
Full-day Kindergarten……. 167
Grades 1-5...…… 1001
Grades 6-8…… 481
Grades 9-12…….. 618
Graduates (8/22)…….…….. 142

School Buildings
1 Primary School
1 Intermediate School
1 Middle School
1 High School

Transportation
District Square Miles…….…… 6
Public School Students…….. 2,195
District Buildings……... 3
Other Public School Buildings (Charter Schools)…….. 15
Private/Parochial Students……. 76
Special Ed. (outside district) …….……..... 20 schools/59 students
Private/Parochial Buildings in District…….. 4
Private/Parochial Buildings Outside District……..……... 22
Total Miles Traveled Per Year……... 362,371.40

Budget
2022-23 Approved Budget……$52,584,539
True Value Tax Rate…….$13.85

Staff
Professional Full-time……... 221
Professional Part-time…… 1
Shared Service……... 0
Support Staff Full-time……. 93
Support Staff Part-time……. 2

Board:
5 members/5-year terms

Description of District: Maryvale UFSD

The Cheektowaga-Maryvale Union Free School District is located in the northeast corner of the Town of Cheektowaga, in Erie County, NY, and is directly east of, and approximately nine miles from the City of Buffalo. The population of the District is approximately 20,000. The District combines the personal attention of a small district with the educational opportunities of a large, diversified school district. With the exception of the Primary School, which is located at 1 Nagel Drive in the southern section of the district, all of the school buildings are situated on a single campus at 1050 Maryvale Drive.

The Primary School, which houses students in grades PreK-2, stresses the development of literacy skills integrated throughout the core curricula of mathematics, science, social studies, the arts, library, science, physical education and instructional technology.

Intermediate School students attending grades 3, 4, and 5 have the opportunity to be involved in after school activities including music. A paired classroom teaching organization is available at all grade levels along with the extensive integration of Special Education students. Support services are provided in reading, mathematics, speech, OT, PT and ENL. Special area classes include Physical Education. Art, Music and Computer Technology.

The Middle School houses students in grades 6-8. The overall program has been developed to meet the changing needs of Middle School students. The curriculum offered includes the core academic subjects and foreign languages. Acceleration is offered to qualified students in Math, Science and Foreign Language. Exploratory courses are required in music, art, career skills, technology, and computers.

Maryvale High School serves students in grades 9-12 as they prepare for future careers and vocations. The curriculum is comprehensive, including both required and elective courses approved to meet graduation requirements. The High School offers an academic college preparatory program, as well as advanced placement courses and college articulation agreements designed to prepare students for the best of college and universities. In cooperation with Board of Cooperation Educational Services, the school is able to offer students such vocational and technical courses as graphic design, building trades, health careers and culinary.

North Collins Central School District

2045 School Street, North Collins, NY 14111
(716) 337-0101 * FAX: (716) 337-3457
www.northcollins.com
Superintendent: Scott J. Taylor

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote…….…..... **206**

Enrollment (10/5/22) …….. 557
Pre-K…… 26
Half-day Kindergarten……. 0
Full-day Kindergarten……. 43
Grades 1-5...…… 209
Grades 6-8…… 118
Grades 9-12…….. 161
Graduates (6/22)…….…….. 45

School Buildings
1 Elementary
1 Jr.-Sr. High School

Transportation
District Square Miles…….……83
Public School Students……. 562
District Buildings…….. 2
Other Public School Buildings…….. 0
Private/Parochial Students…… 16
Special Ed. (outside district)……. 24
Private/Parochial Buildings in District…….. 0
Private/Parochial Buildings Outside District……..…….. 5
Total Miles Traveled Per Year…….. 300,000

Budget
2022-23 Approved Budget……. $16,773,821
True Value Tax Rate……. $13.24

Staff
Professional Full-time…… 78
Professional Part-time…… 0
Shared Service……... 1
Support Staff Full-time……. 44
Support Staff Part-time……. 19

Board:
7 members/5-year terms

Description of District: North Collins CSD

The North Collins Central School District is a safe and supportive learning environment that strives to maximize educational opportunities for all students, faculty, staff and community members. We nurture responsibility, creativity, energy, and open-mindedness to empower successful contributors to a global society.

The district has a PreK-12 enrollment of approximately 560 students, and is the smallest enrolled district in Erie County. The district provides public education on two campuses; an elementary campus for grades PreK-6, and a secondary campus for grades 7-12. In May 2022, a $7.95 million capital project was approved by voters. The project addresses improvements across the District in the areas of Health, Safety and Welfare, Facility Infrastructure Improvements, Educational Space Improvements and Site Improvements. Work is expected to be completed in the 23-24 school year. Administration consists of a Superintendent/Business Administrator, a Director of Student Services and two Principals.

North Collins Central School District exists to provide an education that allows students to reach their full potential. Staffed with professional, highly competent and well-trained personnel, the school strives to impart the knowledge, skills and habits necessary for all students of today to become productive, responsible adults of the 21st century. The District is committed to providing the resources to students and staff necessary to achieve success. Together with the Board of Education, the District values the public educational process that permits exposure to a diversity of ideas, presented by dedicated teachers and staff in a safe and secure environment, enhancing the opportunity for each student to become a successful and contributing community member. North Collins CSD values integrity, commitment, and citizenship as fundamental to personal character. The community also plays a significant and positive role in education.

North Collins CSD includes portions of the towns/hamlets of Brant, Concord, Collins, Langford, North Collins, and Lawtons. The district covers approximately 83 square miles and has an estimated population of 4,100. North Collins lies 22 miles south of Buffalo, and is a mixture of residential and agricultural areas. North Collins supports a historical society, Schoolhouse #8 (an historic schoolhouse) and a public library. North Collins is a safe community with a sense of family that takes pride in maintaining traditions. There are successful produce, livestock, and dairy farms in operation within the District's boundaries. A traveler through the town would note the beauty of the rural landscape and historic homes.

Orchard Park Central School District

2240 Southwestern Boulevard, West Seneca, NY 14224
(716) 209-6280 * FAX: (716) 209-6353
www.opschools.org
Superintendent: David Lilleck

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote…….…..... **4,521**

Enrollment ……...……
Pre-K…… 209
Half-day Kindergarten……. 0
Full-day Kindergarten…….…. 461
Grades 1-5...…… 1,846
Grades 6-8…… 1,060
Grades 9-12…….. 1,382
Graduates (6/20)…….…….. 350
Special Ed/BOCES or Agencies……... 295

School Buildings
4 Elementary
1 Middle School
1 High School

Transportation
District Square Miles…….……. 49
Public School Students…….. 4,521
District Buildings……... 6
Other Public School Buildings……... 10
Private/Parochial Students……. 805
Special Ed. (outside district)…….. 295
Private/Parochial Buildings in District…….. 2
Private/Parochial Buildings Outside District……..…….. 61
Total Miles Traveled Per Year…… 1,001,000

Budget
2022-23 Approved Budget…….. $114,660,569
True Value Tax Rate…….. $14.5226

Staff
Professional Full Time…….…… 515
Professional Part Time…….…… 0
Support Staff…….……... 368

Board:
7 members/3-year terms

Description of District: Orchard Park CSD

We believe that human values are primary and that the pursuit of knowledge and self-understanding is best attained through cooperation among students, teachers, parents, and staff.

The Orchard Park Central School District, located in a suburban area in southern Erie County, covers approximately 50 square miles, and is considered a premier educational institution in Western New York. Orchard Park is about a 15-minute drive from the exceptional cultural, educational, and recreational opportunities in Metropolitan Buffalo.

Four elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school, known for outstanding academic and co-curricular achievement by students, provide excellent educational options to meet the needs of a school community with diverse interests and aptitudes. Special programming also is provided within the district to accommodate the needs of all students.

At the elementary level, strong emphasis is placed on building a strong foundation of literacy, mathematics, and social emotional well-being.

The middle school provides unique programming designed to meet the needs of all students and abilities. A strong focus on comprehensive programming is central to the middle school's curriculum.

The high school utilizes a "house plan." Each house serves students in grades 9-12 and has a principal, guidance counselors, and teachers to work with students throughout their high school years. A wide range of courses, including occupational education, are available.

Vision Statement

We will give our students the vision to reach for the stars, the skills and fortitude to climb the ladder and the wisdom to appreciate the beauty of the journey.

Springville Griffith Institute CSD

267 Newman Street, Springville, NY 14141
(716) 592-3230 * FAX: (716) 592-3209
www.springvillegi.org
Superintendent: James Bialasik

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote…….…... 1,068

Enrollment …….. 1,577
Pre-K…….63
Half-day Kindergarten……. 0
Full-day Kindergarten…….. 113
Grades 1-5...…… 579
Grades 6-8…… 368
Grades 9-12…….. 504
Graduates (6/22)…….…… 136
Special Ed./BOCES or agencies…….. 20

School Buildings
2 Elementary
1 Middle School
1 High School

Transportation
District Square Miles…….…… 149
Public School Students…….. 1,582
District Buildings……... 5
Other Public School Buildings…….. 8
Private/Parochial Students……42
Special Ed. (outside district)…….. 24
Private/Parochial Buildings in District…….. 0
Private/Parochial Buildings Outside District……..…….. 6
Total Miles Traveled Per Year…….. 796,723

Budget
2022-23 Approved Budget……. $43,423,097
True Value Tax Rate……... $14.53

Staff
Professional Full-time…….. 180
Professional Part-time……... 1
Shared Service…….. 11
Support Staff Full-time……. 156
Support Staff Part-time…….… 17

Board:
7 members/3-year terms

Description of District: Springville-Griffith Institute

The Springville-Griffith Institute (S-GI) Central School District's vision is that school is a place where everyone finds value and meaning every day. Our mission as a learning community is to cultivate meaningful relationships, commit to growth and improvement, say YES to voice, choice and creativity, and know that learning is limitless. The school district believes in innate curiosity, empowering learners, learning together, a culture that values risk taking and growth, and providing a challenging, inclusive and supportive learning environment.

The District is part of Erie 2 Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES. The facilities are comprised of four school buildings including two elementary schools (one located on Colden), a Middle School, and a High School; as well as a bus garage/transportation facility and a building that currently houses the E2CCB P-Tech program.

The S-GI Central School District straddles Southern Erie and northern Cattaraugus Counties, and is comprised of the communities of the Village of Springville, Towns of Colden, Concord and Collins Center, and sections of the Towns of Ashford, Aurora, Boston, Collins, East Otto, Sardinia and Yorkshire.

The S-GI School District has a rich history. Established in 1830, the school was centralized in 1941 and 1953, to combine 33 separate schools. The high school is the oldest of the district's school buildings, built in 1952. Colden Elementary became more than two rooms in 1954, with Springville Elementary constructed in 1957 and the Middle School constructed in 1977. The S-GI district currently serves approximately 1,600 students and has one of the largest areas of any NYS public school district at 149 square miles.

Sweet Home Central School District

1901 Sweet Home Road, Amherst, NY 14228
(716) 250-1402 * FAX: (716) 250-1374
www.sweethomeschools.com
Superintendent: Michael Ginestre

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote……..... 873

Enrollment (10/21/22) ……... 3,890
Pre-K…… 183
Half-day Kindergarten……. 0
Full-day Kindergarten……. 266
Grades 1-5...…… 1,362
Grades 6-8…… 774
Grades 9-12…….. 1,074
Graduates (6/22)…….…….. 231

School Buildings
4 Elementary
1 Middle School
1 High School

Transportation
District Square Miles…….…… 23
Public School Students…….. 3,890
District Buildings……... 6
Other Public School Buildings……... 3
Private/Parochial Students……. 247
Special Ed. (outside district)…….. 45
Private/Parochial Buildings in District…….. 1
Private/Parochial Buildings Outside District……..…….. 37
Total Miles Traveled Per Year…….. 519,033

Budget
2022-23 Approved Budget…….. $89,351,588
True Value Tax Rate……$14.68

Staff
Professional Full-time…… 402
Professional Part-time…… 6
Shared Service……... 0
Support Staff Full-time……. 106
Support Staff Part-time……. 262

Board:
7 members/5-year terms

Description of District: Sweet Home CSD

The Sweet Home Central School District is located approximately 5 miles northeast of the City of Buffalo. It is in a suburban area located in the Towns of Amherst and Tonawanda. Our strength lies with our diverse student population that speaks 43 different languages. This diversity gives all students the opportunity for a rich, culturally responsive experience which prepares them for an ever-evolving world.

Located within the District boundaries is the North Campus of the State University of New York at Buffalo. The District is a residential community with some areas still available for development. Other areas of WNY can easily be reached via the 290 and 990 highways which run through the District.

There are four preK-5 elementary schools in the District. The elementary focus is on providing a sound foundation of skills with special emphasis on literacy, incorporating 1:1 technology and the personal development characteristics found in the Leader in Me program. We also offer full day pre-K to prepare our younger students for K-5 learning.

The Middle School is a grade 6-8 program where a team approach to high quality education is provided through flexible approaches to teaching and learning. At all levels, students are teamed heterogeneously, where addressing the individual needs of diverse learners in the main goal of the staff. The core curriculum, which consists of English Language arts, math, social studies, and science is taught every day, with opportunities to earn high school credit in both math and science. Additionally, courses in foreign language, physical education, art, band, orchestra, chorus, family and computer sciences, and digital citizenship offer students a well-rounded experience.

The High School program is varied to meet the needs of all learners. Sweet Home offers Advanced Placement and Niagara University courses, and a variety of electives in the areas of Business, Technology, Art, Music and Foreign Language. For students needing a smaller setting, we offer our Ready Academy with its emphasis on experiential learning, community service, and small class sizes.

At all levels, Sweet Home looks after the needs of every student. The Office of Special Programs works faithfully to meet the varied needs of students, and social/emotional supports are available at every building. There are a variety of extra-curricular activities available for students and community events throughout the school year. In addition, the Family Support Center offers programs to assist families.

We are Sweet Home - Every Student, One Community, Ready for the Future.

Tonawanda City School District

100 Hinds Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150
(716) 694-7784 * FAX: (716) 695-8738
www.tonawandacsd.org
Superintendent: Dr. Timothy A. Oldenburg

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote……..…... **821**

Enrollment (10/26/22) …….. 1,750
Pre-K…… 67
Half-day Kindergarten……. 0
Full-day Kindergarten……. 128
Grades 1-5...…… 628
Grades 6-8…… 266
Grades 9-12…….. 498
Graduates (6/30/22)…….…… 116

School Buildings
2 Elementary
1 Middle/High School

Transportation
District Square Miles…….…… 3
Public School Students…….. 765
District Buildings……... 4
Other Public School Buildings…….. 0
Private/Parochial Students……. 0
Special Ed. (outside district)…….. 39
Private/Parochial Buildings in District…….. 1
Private/Parochial Buildings Outside District……..…….. N/A
Total Miles Traveled Per Year…….. 101,000

Budget
2022-23 Approved Budget…….. $38,206,397
True Value Tax Rate…….. $16.30

Staff
Professional Full-time…… 202
Professional Part-time…… 2
Shared Service……... 4
Support Staff Full-time……. 53
Support Staff Part-time……. 1

Board:
7 members/3-year terms

Description of District: Tonawanda City

The Tonawanda City School District is situated on the northwest portion of Erie County at the junction of the picturesque Niagara River and the Gateway of the Erie Canal. Residents in the city have to access to many recreational and cultural attractions including Niagara Falls and the many museums, art galleries, and professional sports teams in Buffalo.

Tonawanda is a small city school district where neighbors know each other, children can play safely, and the schools are an integral part of the school community. This four-square mile district is presently comprised of the following school grade configurations – one pre-k – 4 elementary building, one k-4 elementary building, and a secondary school complex comprised of grades 5-12.

In October 2019, the voters of Tonawanda City School District approved the $53 million *TONA2020: Elementary School Improvement & Consolidation Project*, which will consolidate the existing three elementary schools into one complex at the existing Fletcher Elementary site. The District will break ground on the new facility during the summer of 2021, with elementary students entering the new school on the first day of the 2023-2024 school year.

The District offers a Standards-based learning curriculum that prepares students for mastery in four core areas of ELA, math, social studies, and science. These core areas are enhanced with study in physical education, art, music, technology, business, health, foreign language, and advanced placement courses. High school students have an opportunity to participate in vocational/technical training at the regional BOCES centers.

A fitness center is open for public use at a nominal fee. The band and choral rooms in the secondary building have been renovated and are aesthetically beautiful and acoustically enhanced. Our athletic field for track, football, soccer and lacrosse is one of the best in the area.

Classrooms in the district have internet access and an array of Technology including Smartboards, desktops, laptops, Chromebooks, document cameras and iPads. The teaching and learning environment in the district incorporates an understanding of students' individual needs and learning styles. Flipped learning classrooms have been introduced to high school students as well as the incorporation of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) activities in all of our school buildings. We presently have a STEAM Instructional Coach who works with teachers to incorporate engineering activities such as robotics and computer coding.

The programs in the district are augmented by Academic Intervention Services, which are available to all students who qualify. Students with special needs are served by k-12 integrated co-teaching classes as well as targeted, self-contained classes. Support services include social workers, counselors, psychologists, speech and occupational therapy as well as physical therapy. Through partner agency collaboration, additional mental health community supports are available.

Tonawanda is a district proud of its past and enthusiastic about the future with its pursuit of excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts.

Gold Level Sponsor

Corporate Office
6460 Main Street
Williamsville, NY 14221
www.evansbank.com

West Seneca Central School District

1397 Orchard Park Rd., West Seneca, NY 14224
(716) 677-3100 * FAX: (716) 677-3104
www.wscschools.org
Superintendent: Matthew J. Bystrak

Number of People who voted in the last annual vote……..…... 2,192

Enrollment (10/22) …….… 7,188
Pre-K…… 296
Half-day Kindergarten……. 0
Full-day Kindergarten……. 511
Grades 1-6...…… 3,091
Grades 7-8…… 1,019
Grades 9-12…….. 2,188
Graduates…….. 469

School Buildings
5 Elementary Schools
2 Middle Schools
2 High Schools

Transportation
District Square Miles…….…… 25
Public School Students…….. 5,935
District Buildings……... 9
Other Public School Buildings…….. 3
Private/Parochial Students…… 686
Special Ed. (outside district)…….. 180
Private/Parochial Buildings in District…….. 4
Private/Parochial Buildings Outside District……..…….. 53
Total Miles Traveled Per Year…… 1,100,000

Budget
2022-23 Approved Budget…… $138,676,004
True Value Tax Rate…….. $15.53

Staff
Professional Full-time…… 635
Professional Part-time…… 0
Shared Service……... 0
Support Staff Full-time……. 428
Support Staff Part-time……. 117

Board:
7 members/3-year terms

Description of District/Educational Programs: West Seneca CSD

Elementary Program

Grades Pre-K through 5 provide a thorough foundation in the skills associated with the Next Generation Learning Standards. Students are instructed in English Language Arts, Mathematics, social studies, and science. Students also receive physical education, art and instruction in music. Pre-kindergarten is offered to provide four-year-old children with the opportunity to access high-quality instruction, which is designed to foster strong foundational skills in early literacy, mathematics and social skill development. Pre-kindergarten classes are offered at several sites, including Northwood Elementary, Allendale Elementary, Edukids (Kelly Drive and Seneca Street sites), Page 1, Just Kids, Great Expectations, and St. John's Lutheran Church.

In addition to the core areas, classes are provided in art, vocal and instrumental music, physical education, and library. Starting in grade 4, students may choose to study string or band instruments. All music ensembles take part in winter and spring concerts featuring both choral and instrumental music. Computer education begins at the elementary level where it is integrated into the curriculum. Internet safety classes are also taught by the librarians.

Special education classes and resource programs are offered to those children who need additional support in addition to regular classroom instruction. Opportunities for students to extend their learning and their strengths are provided to all students in a variety of formats.

Promotion from one grade level to the next is based on a thorough analysis of each child's progress. Decisions are based on the needs of the student as determined by teachers and the parents working together with the building principal. Students are graded in trimesters and report cards are issued at the end of each trimester.

Middle School Program

The middle school program in grades 6 through 8 serves as a transition from elementary school to high school. Students in middle school belong to interdisciplinary teams sharing common instructors as well as common expectations and curriculum. The middle school curriculum focuses on the Next Generation Learning Standards, in an effort to prepare students for college and career readiness. Middle school students receive a full year of instruction in English language arts, social studies, mathematics, science and a world language (grades seven and eight). Students looking to challenge themselves academically may also qualify for accelerated courses in the areas of math and science, and honors classes in social studies and English Language Arts (eighth grade). Students may meet the criteria to take Regents level courses with the possibility of earning high school credits in science and math.

Students are required to explore other courses such as: technology, health, family and consumer sciences, art, music, and physical education. In addition, students may elect to participate in chorus, band or orchestra. Each Middle school produces a winter and spring instrumental and choral concert.

The District also boasts an award-winning marching band, which features students from both middle schools. There are many extracurricular activities available for the middle school student such as interscholastic and intramural sports in addition to student government and many other participation opportunities. There are many clubs and activities available for the students to choose from such as: the school newspaper, the yearbook, book clubs, community service activities and the National Junior Honor Society.

Senior High School Program

The senior high school program (grades 9 through 12) is designed to prepare students for post-secondary education, immediate employment, or careers in the military.

A rigorous core curriculum leads students towards a variety of diploma types as a result of multiple pathways. In addition to the core areas courses, many electives are offered to add depth and scope to our students' high school education.
Electives include courses in art, music, computers, technology and business. In addition, students may attend the BOCES Occupational Center, which offers training for specific occupations.

Highly motivated students are offered advanced placement courses to enrich and accelerate their learning. Such courses may also be aligned to local colleges through articulation agreements between the colleges and the District that afford students the opportunity to earn college credits while in high school. Nationally recognized Academy Programs also highlight the offerings available to students. These "School-Within-A-School" programs afford students an opportunity to explore a career field and develop transferable academic and workplace skills, while earning both high school and college credit. Academy students will also participate in industry specific internships and have opportunities for scholarships through their academy program. Currently, the Academies include – The Academy of Finance, The Academy of Information Technology, The Academy of Visual Arts, Engineering and Academy of Life Sciences.

High School instrumental students may participate in concert band, marching band, and jazz ensemble. There are also multiple opportunities for students to participate in the choral music program. Musical productions, winter and spring instrumental and choral concerts are presented by both high schools. A full complement of junior varsity and varsity sports are also available to students.

Mental health education is an important component of the curriculum we teach. This curriculum is weaved into the academic experience across grade levels and through a variety of ways. This curriculum is taught in order to ensure students develop adequate assets and skills in regards to appropriate self-management, relationships and resource management, all essential to positive mental health and well-being.

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Number of People who voted in the 2022 annual vote…….….. **3,563**

Enrollment (22/23) …….… 9,689
Pre-K…… 304*
Grades K-4...…… 3,635
Grades 5-8…… 2,875
Grades 9-12…….. 3,179
Graduates (6/22)…….…….. 753
*Pre-K enrollment: 80-In-house and 224-Community Based Organizations

School Buildings
6 Elementary Schools
4 Middle Schools
3 High Schools
1 Alternative High School

Transportation
District Square Miles…….…… 42
Public School Students…….. 9,689
District Buildings…….. 14
Other Public School Buildings…….. 4
Private/Parochial Students……. 1,049
Special Ed. (outside district)…….. 69
Private/Parochial Buildings in District…….. 5
Private/Parochial Buildings Outside District……..…….. 26
Total Miles Traveled Per Year…….….. 1,610,000

Budget

2022-23 Approved Budget…….		$212,528,086
True Value Tax Rate……	Amherst	$18.45/$1,000
	Cheektowaga	$13.62/$1,000
	Clarence	$14.35/$1,000

Staff
Superintendent …… 1
Assistant Superintendents …….. 4
Directors (WDA)……. 12
Principals (WAA) …….. 35
Certified/Professional Staff (WTAT, WTAO) …….. 1056
Classified/Support Staff Full-time (CONF, CSEA, WAERP, WSCT)…….. 207
Classified/Support Staff Part-time (CSEA, WAERP) …….. 132

Board of Education
9 members/3-year terms

Description of District: Williamsville CSD

The Williamsville Central School District includes portions of the Towns of Amherst, Clarence, and Cheektowaga, suburbs of Buffalo, New York. The success of the district depends upon the expectations and support of an involved and caring community.

Instructional programs have received State and national recognition in the areas of Language Arts (Center of Excellence in English Language Arts, National Council of Teachers of English), Music (outstanding comprehensive music program, Music Educators National Conference), Science, Second Language, and Mathematics.

District staff members have consistently been recognized with State and national honors and have held leadership positions in local, state, and national professional associations, bringing back to the district a wide range of knowledge and experience. Ninety-two percent of district teachers hold advanced degrees.

Each school has at least one reading specialist and each elementary and middle school has a math specialist. Programming is available in remedial, traditional, special education, gifted, and advanced placement to meet the needs of students at all levels. The district is a leader in providing integrative education for students with special needs who have been identified to benefit from such a program.

The local community includes cultures from around the world and Williamsville has been a leader locally in meeting the needs of a culturally diverse student population. A cultural diversity resource booklet and in-service on the topic provide resources for teaching staff.