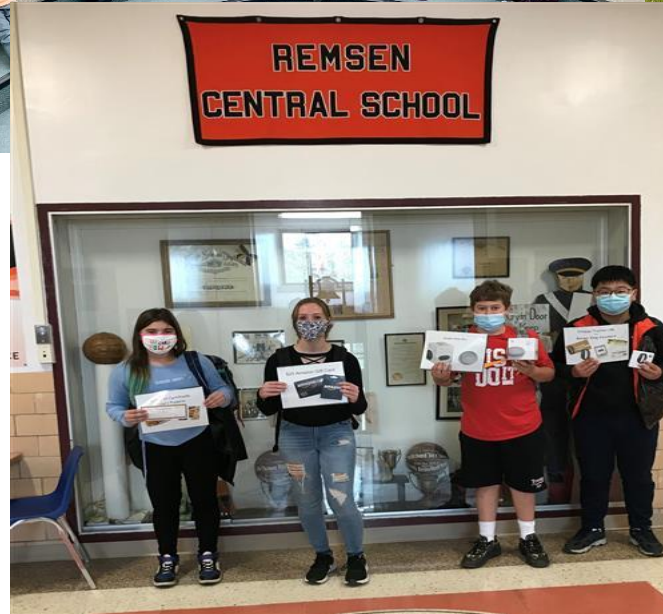




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## **Student Opportunities Plan 2021-2022**



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## Agenda

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**Long Term Goals**

**2021-2022 Student  
Opportunities Plan**

**Meet the Candidate**

**Voter and Voting Information**

**Community Appreciation**



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*We*

*Are*

**Great  
Students**

**Supportive  
Community**

**Outstanding  
Teachers  
and Support  
Staff**



**RCS**

**Invested  
BOE**

**Beautiful  
Facilities**

**Wonderful  
Opportunities  
and  
Experiences**



*Remsen*



# *We Are Remsen*

**Invested  
BOE**

## **Board of Education**

**Mrs. Mary Lou Allen, President**

**Mr. Brian Parent, Vice President**

**Mr. Mark Williams**

**Mrs. Stephanie Karis**

**Mr. Patrick Nolan**



### **Remsen BOE Goals**

**Ensure each child has the opportunity to reach their full potential in a global society.**

**Hire, support, develop, and retain high quality staff.**

**Develop, maintain and improve resources within a fiscally sound and responsible budget.**

**Improve the transparency and communication with the district and community**

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# We Are Remsen

Great Students

## Our Customers!



Welding –  
SUNY MVCC



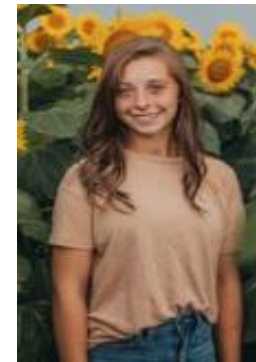
Electrical  
Instruments –  
SUNY Delhi



Business  
Administration –  
SUNY MVCC



Physical  
Education –  
SUNY Cortland



Accounting –  
SUNY  
MVCC



Air Force



Certified  
Esthetician –  
Trade School



General  
Studies –  
SUNY MVCC



Health Sciences –  
SUNY MVCC



Engineering,  
Math – Clarkson



Architectural  
Engineer –  
SUNY MVCC



Cyber Security,  
Cyber Crime –  
Utica College



Small Engine  
Services –  
Tech School

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# We Are Remsen

Great Students

## Our Customers!



Electrical Lineman – SLTC



Photography – SUNY MVCC



Workforce



Workforce - Construction



Computer Engineering – SUNY POLY



Workforce - Conservation



Dental Hygiene – SUNY Broome



Health Sciences – Utica College



Culinary – SUNY MVCC



Workforce-Restaurant Business



Small Engine Business



Air Force



Workforce - Carpentry



Nursing – SUNY Poly



Cyber Security – SUNY MVCC



Nursing – Sage College

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**Our Customers!**

**Great  
Students**



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Great  
Students

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# We Are Remsen

Outstanding  
Teachers  
and Support  
Staff



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# *We Are Remsen*

Beautiful  
Facilities



**High School**

**Storage Building**



**Elementary School**

**Bus Garage**

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# *We Are Remsen*

Wonderful  
Opportunities  
and  
Experiences

Innovative Curricula, Teaching, and  
Learning

21st Century Skills - library, computers,  
technology, music education, Band and  
Chorus

Field Trips  
Zoos (Utica, Animal Land)  
Museums  
Performances  
The MOST  
BREIA Trails  
Theme Parks  
Movies

Celebrations of  
Learning and Students

Spirit Weeks

Concerts

Recognition Ceremonies

Evenings of  
Excellence

Technology Integration for Students  
Most Recent Tech & Equipment into  
Classrooms

Summer Programs  
STEM/STEAM camps  
ABC Boot Camp  
(with United Way)

Olympic Day

Assemblies/Programs

Bridge Arts  
Author Visits  
Career Day  
Bullying Prevention  
Safety  
Character Ed/PBIS  
STEAM/STEM

Hot Chocolate with Santa!

Spirit Weeks

Young Rams After School  
Program

Science Fairs

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# *We Are Remsen*

**Wonderful  
Opportunities  
and  
Experiences**

**Three Approved CTE Programs  
Innovative Agriculture Program  
College and AP Courses**

**Drones and Farmbots**

**Drone program in HS with a  
feeder program in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**

**100% Passing for English, Algebra II,  
and Earth Science Regents Exams in  
2019**

**Food Pantry Donation Projects**

**Section III Track Champions!**

**High Tunnel Project – Producing food  
and donating to the kitchen!**

**Cabin Fever**

**Recycling Challenge Winners**

**2020 US World and News Report of  
Best Schools, ranked 5<sup>th</sup> out of 26 in  
greater Utica area**

**14 College Credit Courses  
3 AP Courses  
Ranked 5 out of 26 Schools**

**Pep Rallies  
Spirit Weeks**

**95% Passing for Geometry and Living  
Environment Regents Exams 2019**

**Science Fairs**

**iMax Trips**

**Regional Program  
for Excellence  
Internships**

**Utica College  
Science Fair**

**Senior Shadow Day  
MindGram  
Christmas Volleyball**

**Area All-State, NYSSMA, Memorial  
Day Parade, Veteran's Day Concert,  
Seasonal Concerts**

**Ram Tickets and Quarterly  
Prize Drawings for Positive  
Behavior System and Honor,  
High Honor, Student of the  
Month Awards**

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# *We Are Remsen*

Wonderful  
Opportunities  
and  
Experiences

## CLUBS

**Mathletics**

**Elementary and HS STEAM Clubs**

**Future Farmers of America**

**National Honor Society**

**Model United Nations and Mock Trial**

**Journalism**

**Yearbook**

**International Club**

**Student Council**

**“Class of” Clubs**

**Elementary and HS Drama Clubs**

**Ski Club**

## SPORTS

**Modified: Girls’ Soccer, Boys’ Soccer, Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball, Softball**

**JV: Volleyball, Basketball**

**Varsity: Cross Country, Boys’ Soccer, Girls’ Soccer, Indoor Track, Cheerleading, Golf, Basketball, Volleyball, Baseball, Softball, Track & Field**



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# *We Are Remsen*

**Supportive  
Community**

**Beautiful Countryside**

**Hardworking People**

**Many Small Businesses**

**Farms**

**Remsen Depot**

**Remsen Arts Center**

**Barn Fest**



*Photo from 2019*

**Great School/Community Relationships**

**RCS is the Hub of the Community**

**Dedicated Sports Booster's Organization**

**Dedicated PTG**

**Great Community Organizations**

**Supportive Remsen Alumni Association**

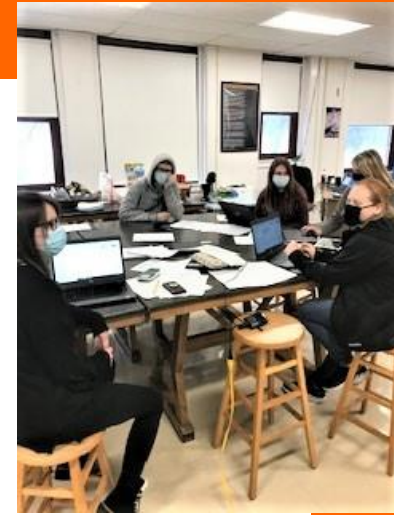
**Remsen is a great place to live and work!**

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# *We Are Remsen*

**More Information**



*Music Photo from 2019*

**Enrollment of 439 Wonderful Students**

**Remsen is classified as a “High Needs Rural School District”**

**RCS serves the towns of Boonville, Forestport, Ohio, Remsen, Russia, Steuben, and Trenton**



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*Music Photo from 2019*





# *We Are Remsen*

## Collective Goal

**Our collective goal must always be to ensure that we leave our children, for generations to come, with an even better community and school than we had.**

**This is accomplished by continuing to work together to help cultivate our Remsen community and by providing our children the ability to receive an innovative education, full of diverse learning opportunities and experiences.**



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# *We Are Remsen*

## Long-Term Goals

**Maintain outstanding programs for our students while remaining fiscally responsible**

**Provide the necessary support and resources to put Remsen at the top for academic achievement**

**Implement a 5-Year District Plan for Curriculum, Instruction, Technology, The Arts, Athletics, Field Experiences, and Community Service**

**Long range district planning to ensure sustainability**

**Continue to update and improve our buildings and grounds to ensure safe, clean, and functional learning environments**



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# *We Are Remsen*

## Long-Term Goals



**\*Increase Innovative Technology/STEAM Opportunities at an Early Age**

**Adequate Counseling/Mental Health Staff at Both Buildings**

**Move District Office to the High School**

**Technology Integration Specialist**



**District Data Coordinator/Data Security Officer**

**Build Homes, Build Businesses = Increase Enrollment**

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# *We Are Remsen*

## Short-Term Technology Goal

**Through several grants Remsen will officially be 1:1 for Student Technology Devices in September!**



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# Three Components of Our Student Opportunities Plan

## Program

The program budget contains expenses directly expenses related to the teaching of students; teachers, instructional aides and other professional salaries, materials and supplies, textbooks, special education, health services, library-media, and guidance services. Transportation of students, athletics, and co-curricular activities are also included here.

Description	Approved 2020-2021	Proposed 2021-2022	Change
Legal	\$31,065	\$32,000	935
Instructional	\$6,029,454	\$5,922,132	(107,322)
District Transportation	\$615,143	\$648,698	33,555
Garage Building	\$23,500	\$23,500	0
Employee Benefits	\$3,000,815	\$3,334,116	333,301
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$9,699,977</b>	<b>\$9,960,446</b>	<b>260,469</b>



Music Photo from 2019

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# Three Components of Our Student Opportunities Plan

## Capital

The capital budget includes costs associated with operations and maintenance of buildings, upkeep of grounds, electricity, heat, oil, water, sewer and telephone services. Funds are also included here for the lease and purchase of buses, payment of debt for capital projects (principal and interest), refund of taxes, and insurance. The final piece of this budget is a transfer to capital for ongoing building improvements.

Description	Approved 2020-2021	Proposed 2021-2022	Change
Operation of Plant	\$745,705	\$788,080	42,375
Maintenance of Plant	\$127,500	\$146,629	19,129
Insurance and Claims	\$47,000	\$43,050	(3,950)
Refund of Taxes	\$1,200	\$1,200	0
Employee Benefits	\$202,747	\$225,266	52,519
Debt Service	\$961,880	\$990,002	28,122
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000	0
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$2,186,032</b>	<b>\$2,294,227</b>	<b>108,195</b>



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# Three Components of Our Student Opportunities Plan

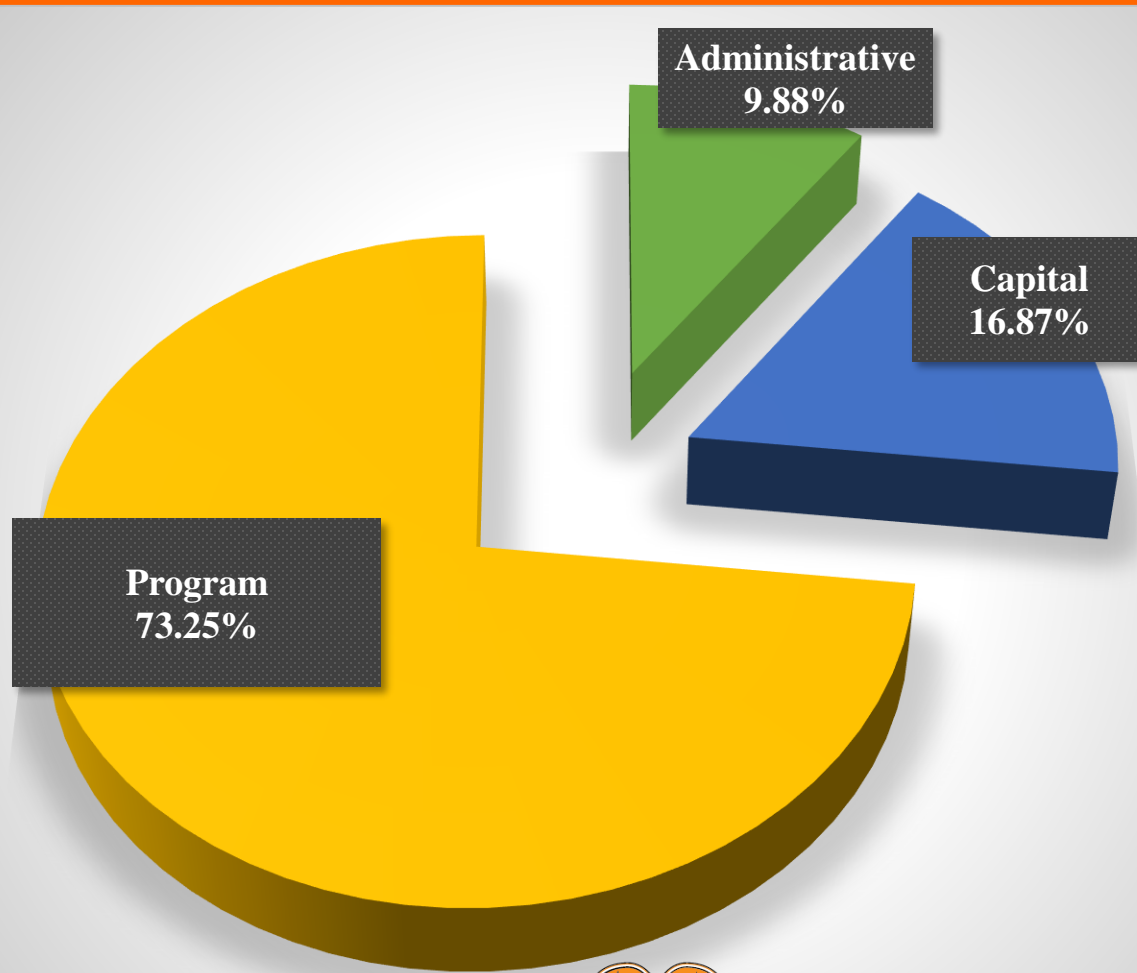
## Administrative

The administrative budget includes costs associated with management activities including Board of Education, superintendent's office, district clerk, business office and operations such as payroll, supervision, training, data processing, purchasing, BOCES administration charges, printing, mailing, legal, and auditing services.

Description	Approved 2020-2021	Proposed 2021-2022	Change
Board of Education	25,950	25,944	(6)
Central Administration	143,000	144,578	1,578
Finance	237,100	261,381	24,281
Legal	6,962	6,000	(962)
Personnel	3,500	3,500	0
Records Management	7,700	7,700	0
Other Central Services	58,000	58,000	0
Other Special Items	103,599	94,252	(9,347)
Curriculum Development/Support	23,500	23,500	0
Supervision Regular School	372,400	354,008	(18,392)
Research, Evaluation, Planning	7,500	5,329	(2,171)
Employee Benefits	323,532	359,467	35,935
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>1,312,743</b>	<b>1,343,659</b>	<b>30,916</b>



# Student Opportunities Plan Breakdown



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# Student Opportunities Plan Summary

REVENUE	Adopted 2020-2021	Proposed 2021-2022	Increase/Decrease	% Change
Estimated State Aid	\$7,301,393	\$7,638,764	\$337,371	4.62%
<b>Tax Levy</b>	<b>\$5,472,359</b>	<b>\$5,534,568</b>	<b>\$62,209</b>	<b>1.14%</b>
Other Revenue	\$175,000	\$175,000	-	-
Fund Balance	\$250,000	\$250,000	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$13,198,752</b>	<b>\$13,598,332</b>	<b>\$399,580</b>	<b>3.03%</b>
EXPENDITURES	Adopted 2020-2021	Proposed 2021-2022	Increase/Decrease	% Change
Program	\$9,699,977	\$9,960,446	\$260,469	2.69%
Capital	\$2,186,032	\$2,294,227	\$108,195	4.95%
Administrative	\$1,312,743	\$1,343,659	\$30,916	2.36%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$13,198,752</b>	<b>\$13,598,332</b>	<b>\$399,580</b>	<b>3.03%</b>



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## Why is our operating budget increasing slightly?



**General Market Forces: Large Increases in Health Care Costs**

**Increases in Year-to-Year Costs: Technology, Salaries, Benefits**

**Last Year We Kept the Operating Budget at a 0% Increase: Overall Budget Must Keep Pace**



## What did we do to help ensure that our operating budget only increased slightly for next year?



- 1) Not replacing a teacher that is retiring at the end of this school year
- 2) Not replacing two teachers that retired in October
- 3) Savings realized on a new teacher hire this summer
- 4) Consolidating a bus run by not replacing one retirement (Pandemic Permitting)
- 5) Thoughtful planning as vacancies occur to optimize personnel and contain costs





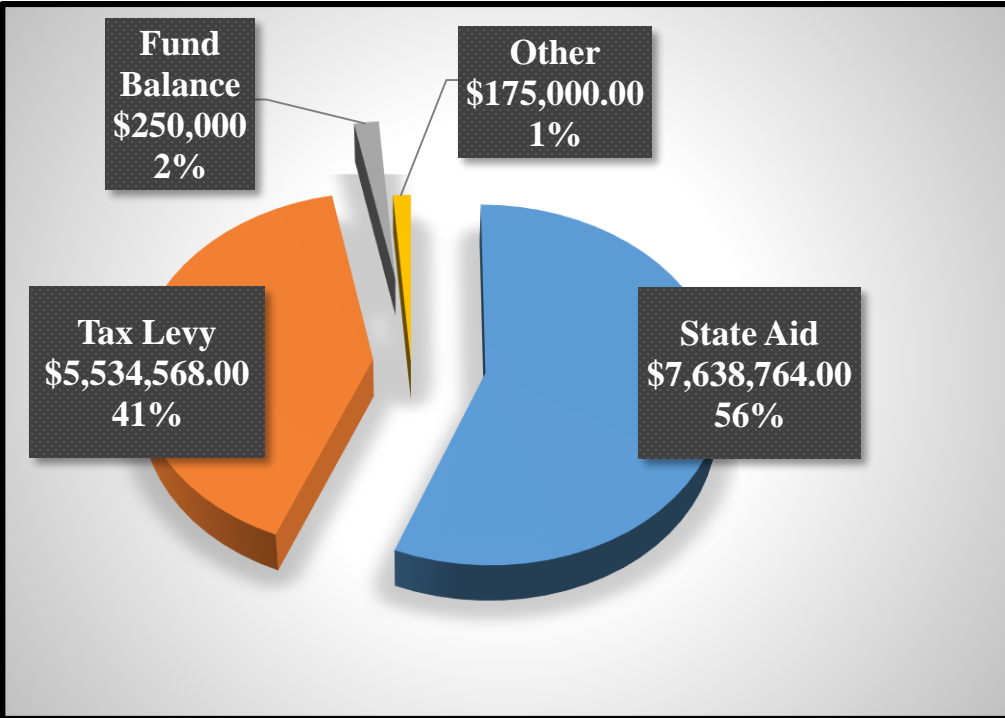
# Why a small tax levy increase?

*Even with a small increase in the tax levy(1.14%), the estimated gap between revenue and expenditures is still \$250,000. Without the small levy increase the gap would be \$312,209.*

### Notes

*Large expenses such as health insurance and retirement contributions continue to increase.*

*A 1.14 % increase in Remsen's tax levy equates to \$62,209.*





# Important Budget Challenge Notes

While Remsen may realize a small increase in foundation aid for 2021-2022, **NYS did not include any increase in this State Budget to make up for the frozen foundation aid in 2020-2021.**

**In addition, NYS did not include any increase in the State Budget for schools to realize the amount that was removed from school budgets and replaced with federal stimulus for 2020-2021 (\$164,000 for Remsen).**

*In other words...*

*NYS did not restore the federal stimulus money “plug” from 2020-2021 with state money for 2021-2022. And NYS did not make schools whole with the foundation aid increases that they should have received in 2020-2021.*

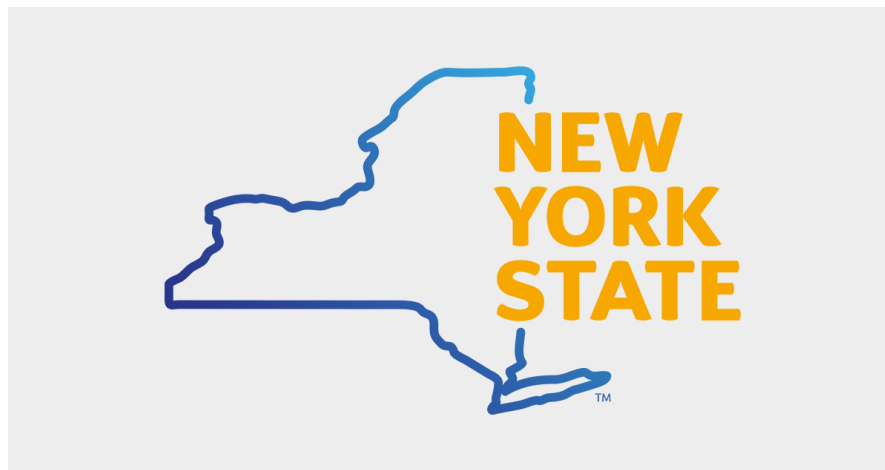


# Big Picture Budget Challenges

*New York State is currently relying on a tremendous amount of federal stimulus money to support the budget.*

*New York State will not be able to rely upon federal stimulus money each year.*

*When New York State depletes their federal stimulus funds, what will happen to school budgets moving forward?*





# Capital Outlay 2021-2022

**Continue to Include \$100,000 Capital Outlay Project  
Each Year**

**Responsible Facilities and Maintenance Planning**

**Actual District Cost After Aid = \$16,500**



**No Additional Impact to Tax Payers**

**Scope = Old Boys' Locker Room Storage and  
Adjacent Corridor**

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# Bus Proposition

**One 54-Passenger Bus with Wheel Chair Access at  
a cost not to exceed \$150,000 less trade in value.  
Transportation Aid = 80.4%**



**Responsible Long-Range Replacement Planning**

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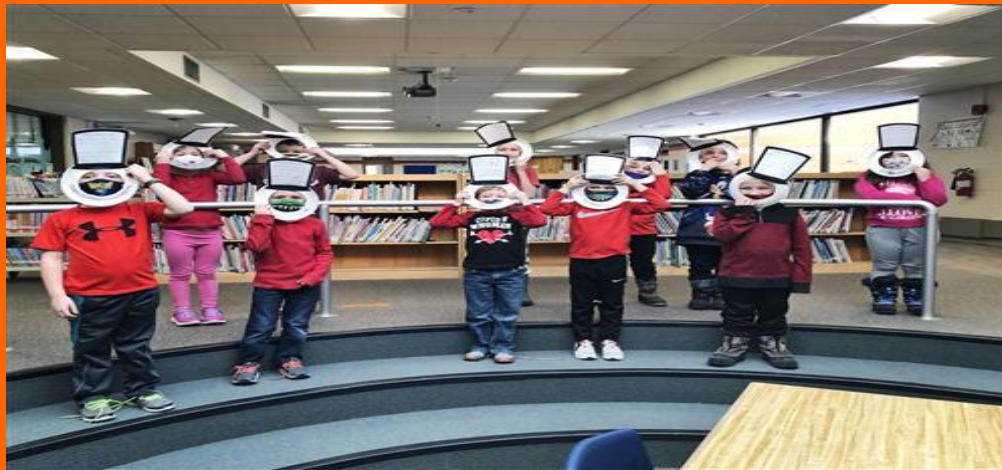
# \*STAR Information

**Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings Under  
Proposed Budget**

\$944.00

Must have ownership and be primary residence

*\*Note: This is an estimate. The STAR exemption is authorized by section 425  
of the Real Property Tax Law*







# *Meet the Candidate*

## **School Board of Education Member Proposition**

One Seat on the Remsen Board of Education

Five-Year Term Commencing July 1, 2021

Candidate Will Appear on the Ballot



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# *Meet the Candidate*



**Mrs. Jeannie Scouten**

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## *Biography*

**Family:** *Mrs. Scouten is the proud mother of two beautiful school-aged children. She and her husband have lived in the area for over ten years.*

**Education:** *Mrs. Scouten is a Registered Nurse. She graduated from St. Elizabeth's College of Nursing and also earned an Associate's degree in Human Services.*

**Work Experience:** *Mrs. Scouten has worked as an RN for over 10 years at Lewis County Health System. She recently changed specialties from a Med-Surg RN to a RN in Labor and Delivery.*

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**Mrs. Jeannie Scouten**







# *Board of Education Information*

**Why do you think it is important to serve the community and school as a BOE member?**

*I believe this is important because I can help represent the community as well as share my insight as a parent.*

**What strengths/experiences would you bring to board service?**

*I believe I have the collaborative skills to work well on the school board to move the district forward, as well as a great interest in the success of all students in the district.*

**What do you think are or will be the most pressing issues facing education in general or Remsen Central School?**

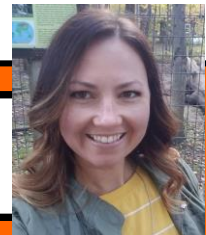
*I believe the pandemic will remain a pressing issue into the future.*

**Other Information:**

*I have a sincere interest in education in our community and would like to be part of this team.*

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**Mrs. Jeannie Scouten**





# On the Ballot – What will we be voting on?

BUDGET	PROPOSITION 1
<p>2021-2022 RESOLVED: That the 2021-2022 Budget for the Remsen Central School District No. 1 in the amount of \$13,598,332.00 is hereby adopted and the requisite portion thereof is to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.</p> <p>YES <input type="radio"/>      NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition of one 54-passenger school bus, not to exceed estimated maximum cost of \$150,000.00, less trade-in value, if any, and that such costs, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed \$150,000.00 shall be issued, or the school district may enter into an installment purchase contract if the Board of Education determines that it is in the best interest of the school district to finance the purchase in that method.</p> <p>YES <input type="radio"/>      NO <input type="radio"/></p>

**2021-2022 Remsen Central School Budget**

**To approve the purchase of one new 54-passenger bus**

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION  
MAY 18, 2021  
County of Oneida  
E.D.(a): Remsen Central School District  
Ballot ID: 3008  
Sarah F. Bormann, Commissioner  
Nichole D. Shortell, Commissioner

**Instructions**  
Mark the oval O to the left of the name of your choice. Like ●.  
To vote for a candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot, print the name clearly in the box labeled "write-in", staying within the box.  
Any mark or writing outside the spaces provided for voting may void the entire ballot.

The number of choices is listed for each contest. Do not mark the ballot for more candidates than allowed. If you do, your vote in that contest will not count.  
If you make a mistake, or want to change your vote, ask a poll worker for a new ballot.

**Remember to vote both sides**

**PLEASE BE SURE TO TURN THE BALLOT OVER TO VOTE FOR BOE MEMBER!**

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# On the Ballot – What will we be voting on?

Office	BOARD OF EDUCATION Five year term (Vote for one)
Remsen Central School District	<input type="radio"/> Jeannie Scouten

**To elect one member to the Board of Education for a term of 5 years**


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# *How to Vote In-Person*

**In-Person**

**Masks Required  
All Health Protocols Must Be Followed**

**Elementary Cafeteria  
1:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

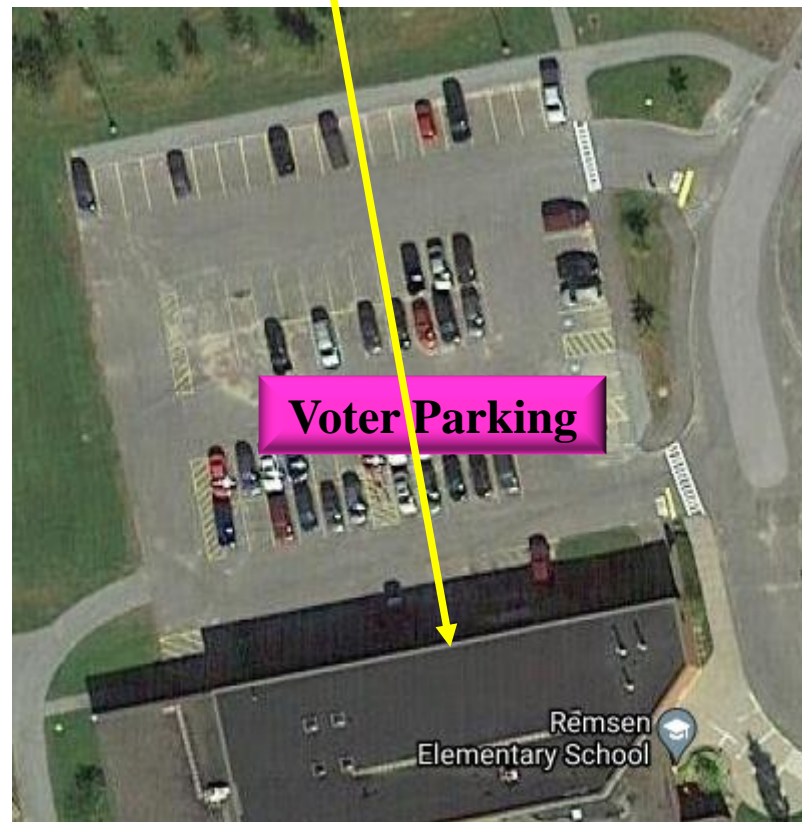
**Voter Parking in Elementary Lot**

**Please enter through cafeteria doors from  
the parking lot**

**Note: Elementary Parents picking up their  
child in the afternoon may find a parking  
spot, come in to vote, and then take their  
child from the gym**

**Remsen Elementary School Cafeteria**

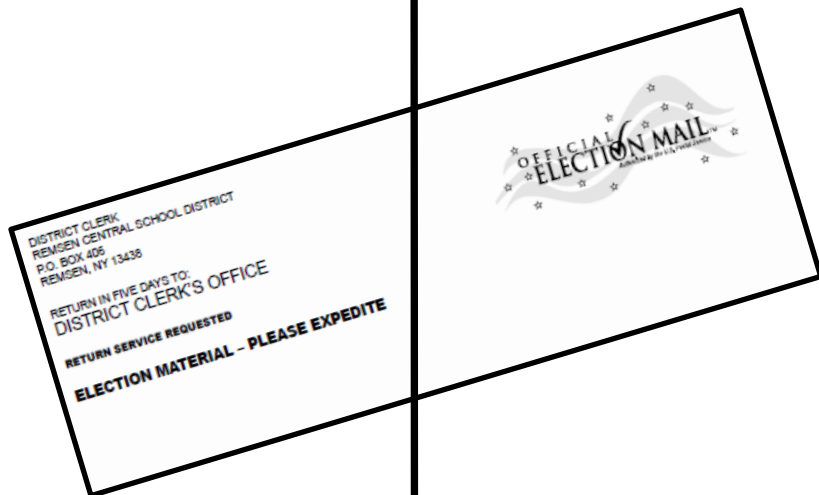
**Enter Cafeteria to Vote Here**





# *How to Vote - Absentee*

## Absentee Ballot



**For an absentee ballot application, please contact the District Clerk at 315-205-4300 x.4221 or [cchandler@remsencsd.org](mailto:cchandler@remsencsd.org)**

## Can I Vote By Absentee Ballot?

Residents who will not be in the area on May 18, or who are unable to vote in person (including for COVID-19 reasons), may apply for an absentee ballot at the Remsen Central School District Office. If the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the application must be submitted at least seven days prior to the vote. If the absentee ballot is to be picked up by the voter in person, applications will be accepted until May 17. Absentee ballots must be returned to the district clerk no later than 5:00 PM on May 18.

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# *Voter Qualifications*



**To Vote, You Must Be:**

**A citizen of the United States**

**At least 18 years old**

**A resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting when the vote is held**

**Qualified to register for or vote at an election in accordance with the provisions of section 5-106 of the Election Law**



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# *We Are Remsen*

**Your support ensures...**

*...that we can continue to provide our students with a high quality,  
well-rounded education*

*...well-maintained, safe, efficient facilities*

*...sustainability*

*...community use of school facilities*

*...we work towards our goal of leaving our children, for generations  
to come, with a better school and community*



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# *We Are Remsen*

*Outstanding Educational Programs*

*Diverse Learning Opportunities*

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*Exciting*

*Extracurricular*

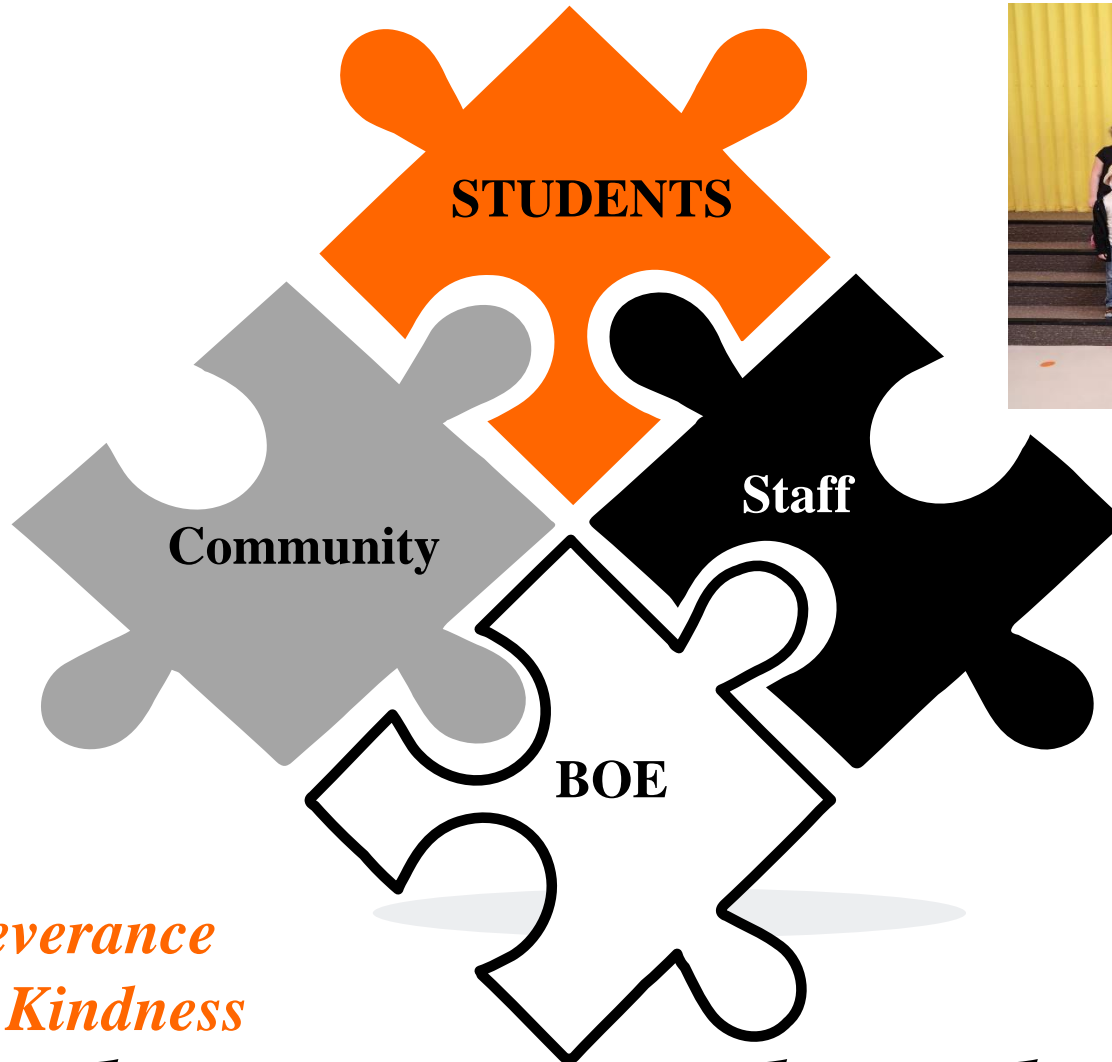
*Clubs and Teams*

*Strong Community*



*Your support of, and pride in, Remsen Central School ensures that  
our students continue to **SOAR TO SUCCESS.***

# *We Are Remsen*



*Strength*

*Perseverance*

*Kindness*

***Together, we can get through anything!***





# *SOAR TO SUCCESS*

**Priority #1 = Our Students!**



*Thank you for your support!*