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Student Opportunities Plan 2022-2023



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Agenda

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Goals

2022-2023 Student
Opportunities Plan

Meet the Candidate

Voter and Voting Information

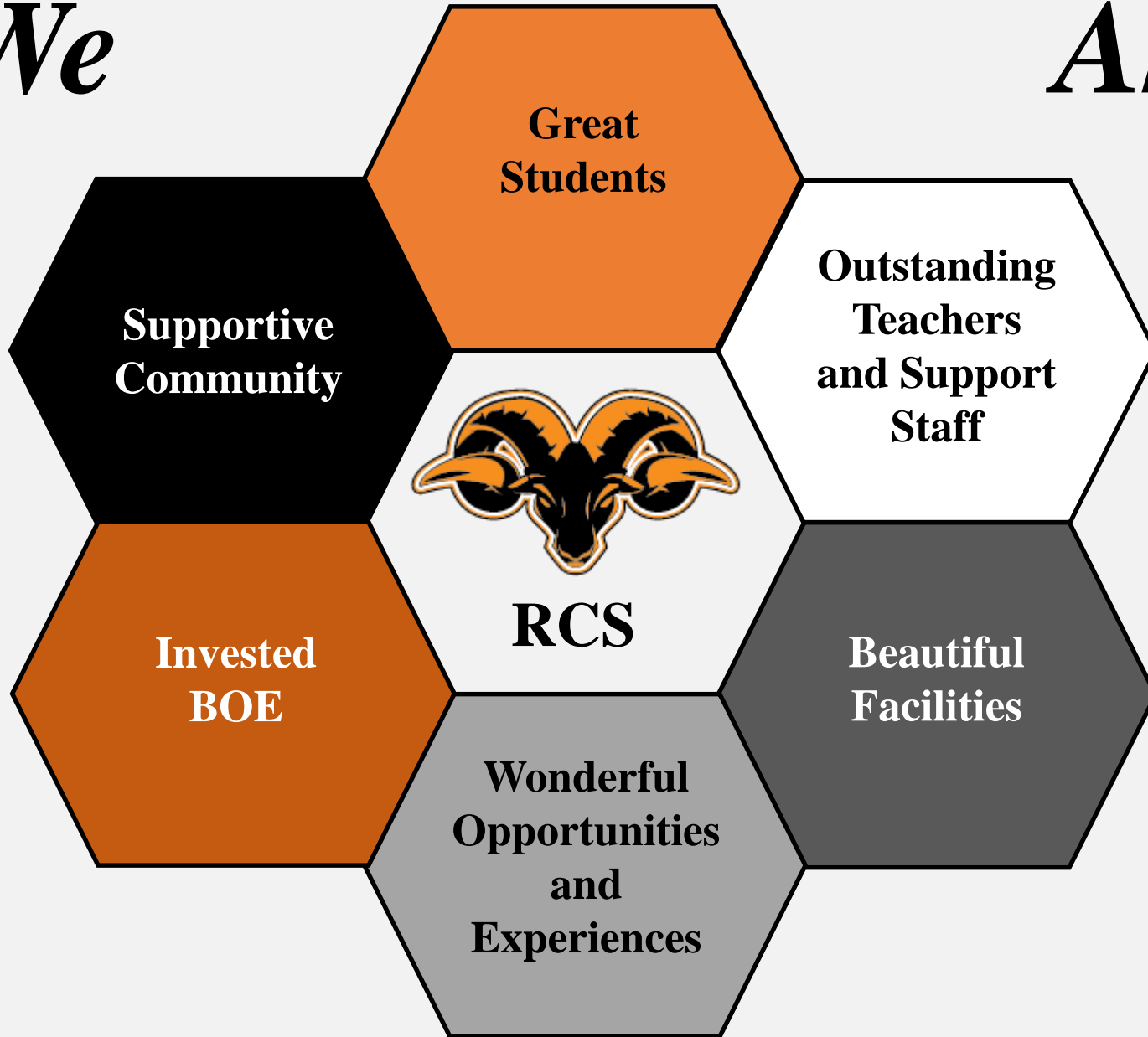
Community Appreciation



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Invested
BOE



Board of Education

Mrs. Mary Lou Allen, President
Mrs. Stephanie Karis, Vice President
Mr. Brian Parent
Mr. Patrick Nolan
Mrs. Jeannie Scouten

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Our Customers!

Great
Students



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Class of 2022 Senior Plans

Small Engine/Diesel Tech - Crossleys/Agway/Undercoating and Machine Shop
English Literature Professor – St. Lawrence University
Music Industry – Full Sail University
Family and Consumer Sciences Education – MVCC/Oneonta
Diesel Mechanic – Bronze Construction
Local Work
Elementary Education/Early Childhood – MVCC/Oneonta
Psychology - MVCC
Outdoor Power Mechanic – Evans Equipment
Small Engine Repair - Crossleys/Agway/Undercoating and Machine Shop
Dog Groomer
Criminal Justice – MVCC
Wildlife Science/Zoology – MVCC/Potsdam or Oswego
Secondary Education – SUNY Geneseo
Nurse (RN) – SUNY POLY/St. Elizabeth College of Nursing
Psychology - MVCC

Class of 2022 Senior Plans

Criminal Justice – MVCC/SUNY Potsdam
Engineering Physics – Clarkson University or Embry-Riddle
CNA
Physics - MVCC
Marines
Graphic Design/Illustration - MVCC
Graphic Design - MVCC
Elementary Special Education Teacher - MVCC
Marine Biology – UNC Wilmington
Forensic Science – Pace University
Computer Science (Emphasis on Gaming) – SUNY Poly
Business Administration - MVCC
Hair Stylist
Farmer

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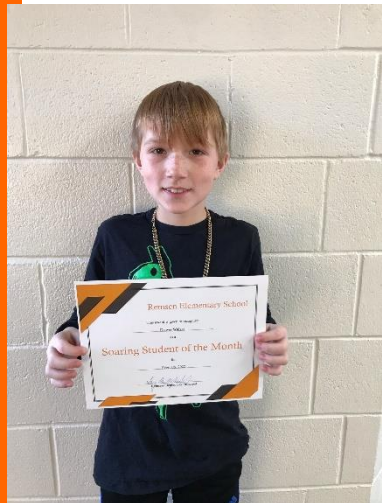
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Outstanding
Teachers and
Support Staff





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Beautiful
Facilities



High School

Storage Building



Elementary School

Bus Garage

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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

Diversity Club

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





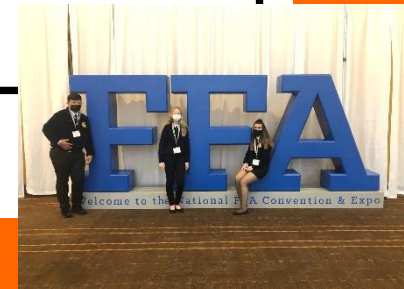
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Wonderful
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and
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Young Rams Before and After School Programs
Rams Can Soar – HS Before and After School Programs
Health and Fitness Center
Innovative Curricula, Teaching, and Learning
Evenings of Excellence
Academic Celebrations
Technology Integration for Students - Most Recent
Tech & Equipment in Classrooms
Area All-State
NYSSMA
Veteran's Day Concert
Seasonal Concerts
Recognition Ceremonies
Science Fairs
Spirit Weeks
Hot Chocolate Days
Olympic Day
Library, computers, technology, music education,
Band and Chorus

Welcome Back Nights
Drone program in HS with a feeder program in 7th and 8th
Ram Tickets and Quarterly Prize Drawings for Positive
Behavior System and Honor, High Honor, Student of the
Month Awards
Senior Switch/Shadow Day
High Tunnel Project
Food Pantry Donation Projects
Community Service Opportunities
Science Fairs
Utica College Science Fair
Regional Program for Excellence Internships
STEAM/STEM Clubs
Approved CTE Programs at Remsen and at BOCES
Innovative Agriculture Program
14 College Credit Courses 3 AP Courses
Farmbots
Field Trips
Assemblies/Programs
MathWorks Modeling Challenge
Work-based learning
Internships

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**Supportive
Community**

Beautiful Countryside

Hardworking People

Many Small Businesses

Farms

Remsen Depot

Remsen Arts Center

Barn Fest



Great School/Community Relationships

RCS is the Hub of the Community

Dedicated Sports Booster's Organization

Great Community Organizations

Supportive Remsen Alumni Association

Remsen is a great place to live and work!



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More Information

Enrollment of 421 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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Remsen District 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



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.





Additional 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

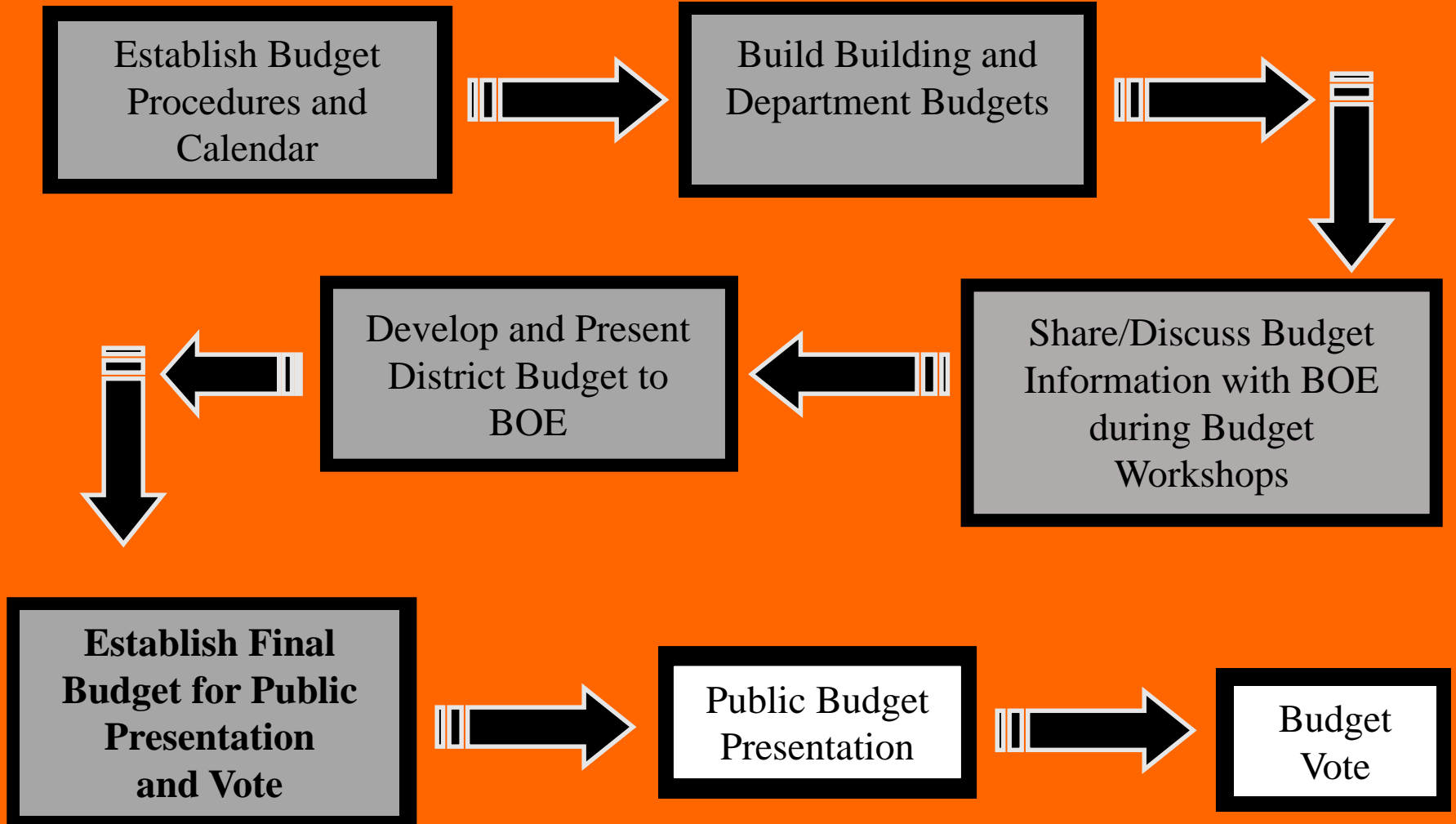
Long range district plans to ensure sustainability

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

Increase Innovative Technology/STEAM Opportunities at an Early Age



The Budget Process





Budget Calendar

January 11, 2022 - Budget Overview

February 8, 2022 - Board, Administration, Buildings and Grounds, Athletics, Debt, Transportation, Governor's Proposal

March 8, 2022 - Curriculum and Instruction, Benefits, Tax Cap, Revenues

April 5, 2022 - Review and Adoption

May 10, 2022 - Public Hearing

May 17, 2022 - Budget Vote





Three Components of Our Student Opportunities Plan

Program

The program budget contains expenses directly 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 2021-2022	Proposed 2022-2023	Change
Legal	\$32,000	\$34,000	\$2,000
Instructional	\$5,922,132	\$6,027,652	\$105,520
District Transportation	\$648,698	\$739,264	\$90,566
Garage Building	\$23,500	\$23,500	\$0
Employee Benefits	\$3,334,116	\$3,428,022	\$93,906
Total Program	\$9,960,446	\$10,252,438	\$291,992



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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 2021-2022	Proposed 2022-2023	Change
Operation of Plant	\$788,080	\$775,657	(\$12,423)
Maintenance of Plant	\$146,629	\$152,934	\$6,305
Insurance and Claims	\$43,050	\$45,203	\$2,153
Refund of Taxes	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0
Employee Benefits	\$225,266	\$243,844	\$18,578
Debt Service	\$990,002	\$1,026,608	\$36,606
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
Total Capital	\$2,294,227	\$2,345,446	\$51,219



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Three Components of Our Student Opportunities Plan

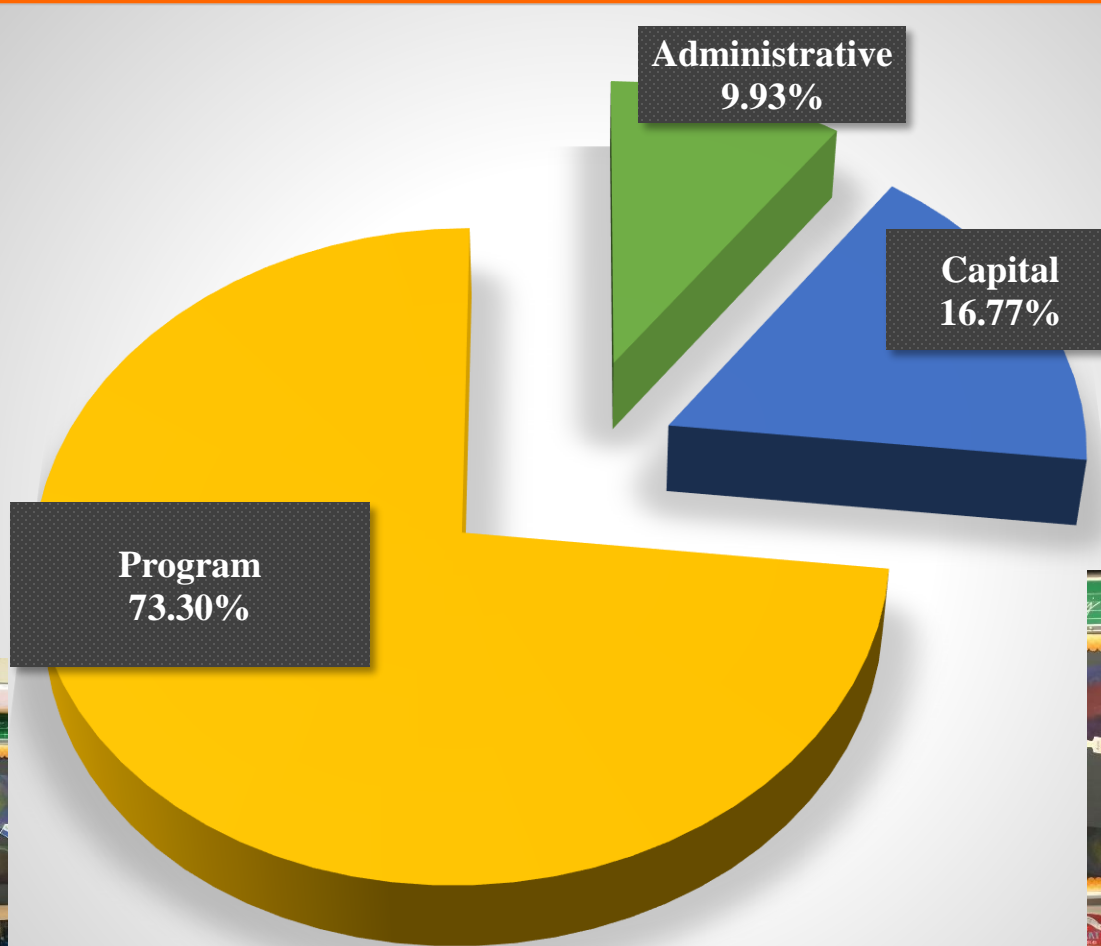
Administrative

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 2021-2022	Proposed 2022-2023	Change
Board of Education	\$25,944	\$26,184	\$240
Central Administration	\$144,578	\$148,716	\$4,138
Finance	\$261,381	\$282,005	\$20,624
Legal	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0
Personnel	\$3,500	\$9,976	\$6,476
Records Management	\$7,700	\$7,700	\$0
Other Central Services	\$58,000	\$59,346	\$1,346
Other Special Items	\$94,252	\$103,935	\$9,683
Curriculum Development/Support	\$23,500	\$23,500	\$0
Supervision Regular School	\$354,008	\$349,944	(\$4,064)
Research, Evaluation, Planning	\$5,329	\$5,329	\$0
Employee Benefits	\$359,467	\$365,765	\$6,298
Total Administrative	\$1,343,659	\$1,388,400	\$44,741



Student Opportunities Plan Component Breakdown



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Student Opportunities Plan Summary

REVENUE	Adopted 2021-2022	Proposed 2022-2023	Increase/Decrease	% Change
Estimated Aid (State + Federal)	\$7,638,764	\$7,797,456	\$158,692	2.08%
Tax Levy	\$5,534,568	\$5,589,914	\$55,346	1.00%
Other Revenue	\$175,000	\$250,000	\$75,000	42.86%
Fund Balance	\$250,000	\$348,914	\$98,914	39.57%
Totals	\$13,598,332	\$13,986,284	\$387,952	2.85%
EXPENDITURES	Adopted 2021-2022	Proposed 2022-2023	Increase/Decrease	% Change
Program	\$9,960,446	\$10,252,438	\$291,992	2.93%
Capital	\$2,294,227	\$2,345,446	\$51,219	2.23%
Administrative	\$1,343,659	\$1,388,400	\$44,741	3.33%
Totals	\$13,598,332	\$13,986,284	\$387,952	2.85%

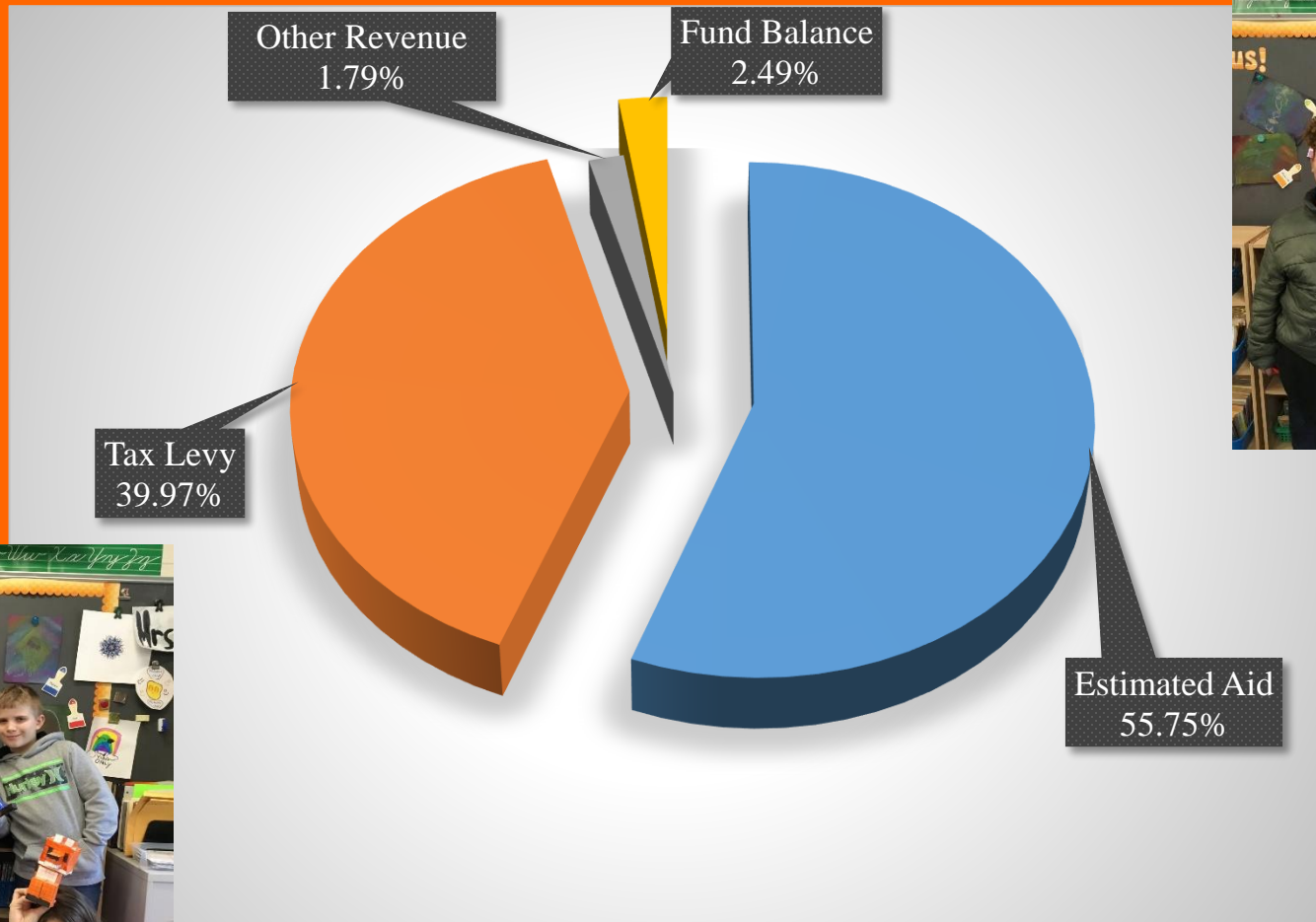
Summary of 2022-2023 Student Opportunities Plan	
Change in Operating Budget	2.85%
Change in Property Tax Levy	1.00%
Allowable Property Tax Levy Limit	1.34%

This increase is below our allowable NYS Property Tax Cap Levy Increase Limit and reflects our commitment to balance the needs of our school district with the challenges that we, as a society, are currently living.

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Student Opportunities Plan Revenue Summary



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Why a small tax levy increase?

Even with a small increase in the tax levy (1.00%), the estimated gap between revenue and expenditures is still \$348,914.

A 1.00 % increase in Remsen's tax levy equates to \$55,346.

Operational costs, health insurance, and retirement contributions continue to increase.





What did we do to help ensure that our 2022-2023 operating budget only increased slightly for next year?

- 1) Remaining fiscally responsible while working to ensure that all of our students receive a quality educational experience.
- 2) Thoughtful planning as vacancies occur to optimize personnel and contain costs.
- 3) Use of American Rescue Plan Grant funds to purchase technology equipment replacements/updates and other eligible program purchases.
- 4) Not replacing an administrative assistant that is retiring at the end of this school year.
- 5) Potential savings realized on new staff hires this summer due to retirements.





In the Event of a Budget Defeat

- Option 1: Keep Same Budget and Vote Second Time
- Option 2: Develop a Revised Budget for Voter Approval
- Option 3: Adopt a Contingency Budget

Contingency Budget Limitations:

1. Tax Levy no greater than in the last successful budget.
2. Removal of equipment.
3. Removal of raises for employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement.
4. Administrative Component as a % of the sum of Administrative and Program Components no greater than in the last successful budget.
5. No public use of school buildings/grounds unless district charges fee that meets or exceeds actual costs.
6. No non-emergency capital expenditures

Component	2022-2023 Proposed	2022-2023 Contingency
Administrative	\$1,388,400	\$1,373,125
Program	\$10,252,438	\$10,185,504
Capital	\$2,345,446	\$2,318,595
Total	\$13,986,284	\$13,877,224
% Budget Increase	2.85%	2.05%



Big Picture Budget Challenges

*The increase in foundation aid for 2022-2023 is only \$150,662.
This amount does not come close to covering the increase in
operating costs from year to year.*

Caution

*NYS is relying on temporary federal fiscal relief and temporary
tax increases to fund the budget...this reliance for the overall
state budget may create a fiscal cliff.*

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



Capital Outlay 2022-2023

Continue to Include \$100,000 Capital Outlay Project
Each Year (*Building Aid = 83.5%*)

Responsible Facilities and Maintenance Planning

Actual District Cost After Aid = \$16,500

No Additional Impact to Tax Payers

Scope = **Elementary Lockers/Floor Work**



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Capital Outlay 2022-2023



Scope = Elementary Intermediate Wing Locker Replacement including reconstruction of soffit, painting, and new rubber base molding. New lockers will be increased in width to 12 inches and be changed to double tier. Each locker will be three feet tall. Changing to double tier while increasing the width will allow students to have more room widthwise to fit boots and coats while ensuring that we will have an adequate number of lockers for students in the future. We will also plan to replace flooring in the teacher center, library work room, and CSE office.

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Bus Proposition

Two 66-Passenger Buses at a cost not to exceed
\$253,018 less trade in value.

Transportation Aid = 80.4%

Estimated District Cost After Aid = \$49,591.53



Responsible Long-Range Replacement Planning

designed to keep the District's fleet in safe, working order by phasing out buses that are no longer cost effective to maintain.

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*STAR Information

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings Under
Proposed Budget

\$947.00

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

One Seat on the Remsen Board of Education

Five-Year Term Commencing July 1, 2022

Candidate Will Appear on the Ballot



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Meet the Candidate



Mrs. Mary Lou Allen – Current BOE President

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Biography

Family: *Mrs. Allen and her husband Don (Town of Webb retired teacher and coach) have lived in Remsen their entire lives and are alumni of Remsen Central School. Their daughter, Nikki, Attorney for Commonwealth of Massachusetts, is also a Remsen graduate.*

Education: *Remsen Central School Graduate
State University College at Oneonta, Bachelor of Science
SUNY Cortland Upper Division, graduate work*

Work Experience: *Mrs. Allen dedicated her career to teaching elementary students. She started at Poland Central School, teaching 1st and 2nd grade for four and a half years, and then earned a job teaching at Remsen. Mrs. Allen taught Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade at Remsen for 29 years until she retired.*

Other: *Remsen Board of Education member for the last five years
Didymus Thomas Library Board member
Annual Heart Walk Participant*

Mrs. Mary Lou Allen – Current BOE President



Board of Education Information

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

My husband, daughter and I all graduated from RCS. The experiences that we had at RCS served us well as we entered life after high school. I would like present and future students to have the same opportunities that Remsen gave us. Serving on the school board is a way for me to do that.

What strengths/experiences would you bring to board service?

My background in education, particularly at Remsen, has given me first-hand knowledge of how a school works on a day to day basis and how it changes over time. That knowledge is helpful in making decisions that have an impact on students, staff and the community.

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

Balancing the needs of the students and those of the community simultaneously is the number one challenge facing all school districts, including Remsen.

Mrs. Mary Lou Allen – Current BOE President



On the Ballot – What will we be voting on?

BUDGET

To adopt the annual budget of the Remsen Central School District in the amount of \$13,986,264 for the fiscal year 2022-2023 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District

YES

NO

PROPOSITION 1

Purchase of two (2) 66 passenger school buses, at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$253,018.00 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 \$253,018.00 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.

YES

NO

**2022-2023 Remsen
Central School
Budget**

**To approve the
purchase of two
new 66-passenger
buses**

Official Ballot for the Remsen Central School District Election
MAY 17, 2022
County of Oneida
Ballot ID: 3059
Scott F. Remsen, Commissioner
Nehemiah D. Shortall, Commissioner

Instructions

Mark the oval to the left of the name of your choice.
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 is that contest will not count. If you make a mistake or want to change your vote, ask a poll worker for a new ballot.

Instructions for Voting on Questions and Proposals

To vote on a question or proposal, mark the oval below of your choice.
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)
Remson Central School District	<input type="radio"/> Mary Lou Allen
Write-in	

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

Official Ballot for the Remson Central School District Election
MAY 17, 2022
County of Oneida
Ballot ID: 2608
Sarah F. Romans, Commissioner
Nathalie D. Stewart, Commissioner

Instructions

Mark the X/IN to the left of the name of your choice.
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School Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

1:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Elementary Cafeteria

Student Art Show, Science Exhibits and
FFA Plant Sale!

FFA Plant Sale - Outside Elementary Cafeteria Doors
Starting at 3:00 PM



Where to Vote

**Remsen Elementary School
Cafeteria**

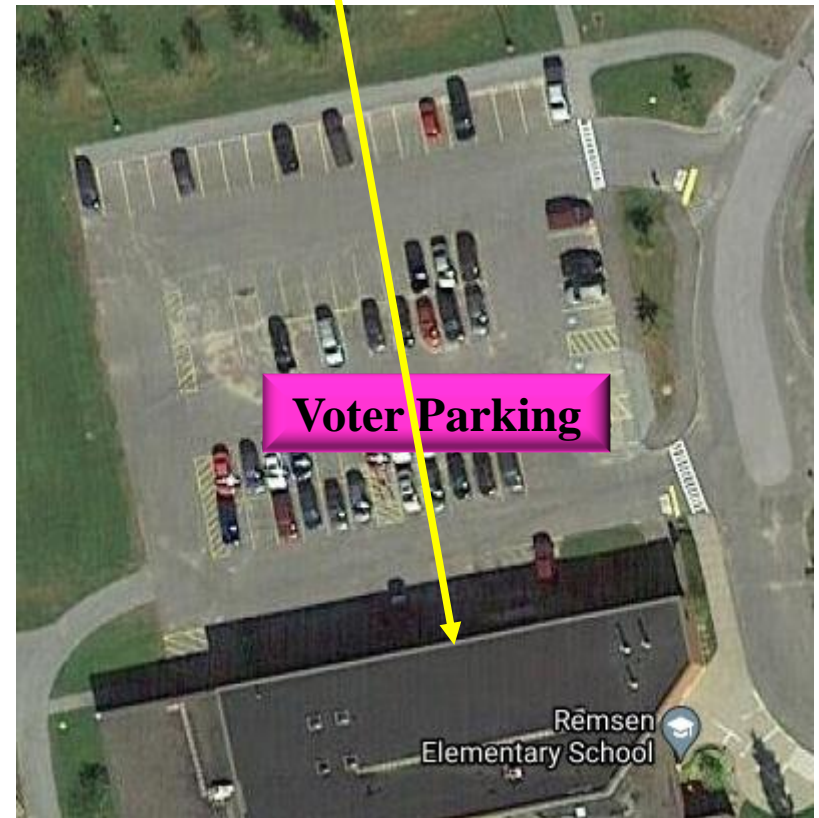
Enter Cafeteria to Vote Here

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

Voter Parking in Elementary Lot

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

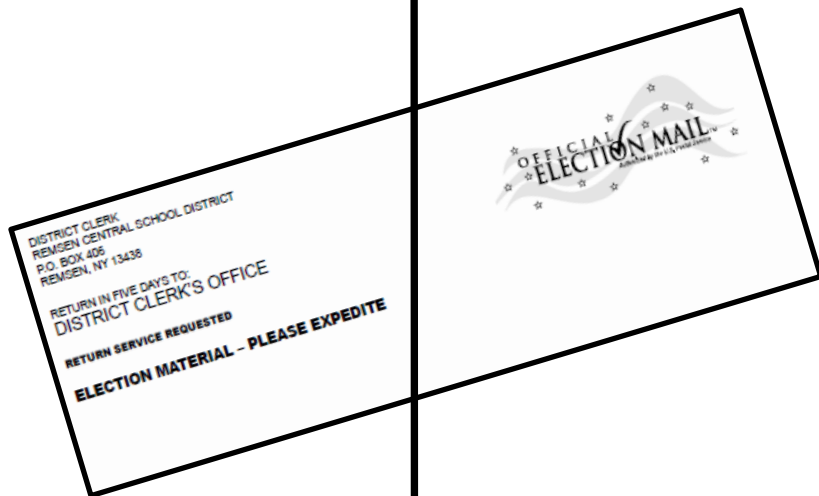
**Note: Elementary Parents picking up their
child in the afternoon may find a parking
spot, come in to vote, and then take their
child from the gym**





Absentee Ballot

Absentee Ballot



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

Can I Vote By Absentee Ballot?

Residents who will not be in the area on May 17, 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 16. Absentee ballots must be returned to the district clerk no later than 5:00 PM on May 17.

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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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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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Outstanding Educational Programs

Diverse Learning Opportunities

Beautiful Facilities

Exciting

Extracurricular

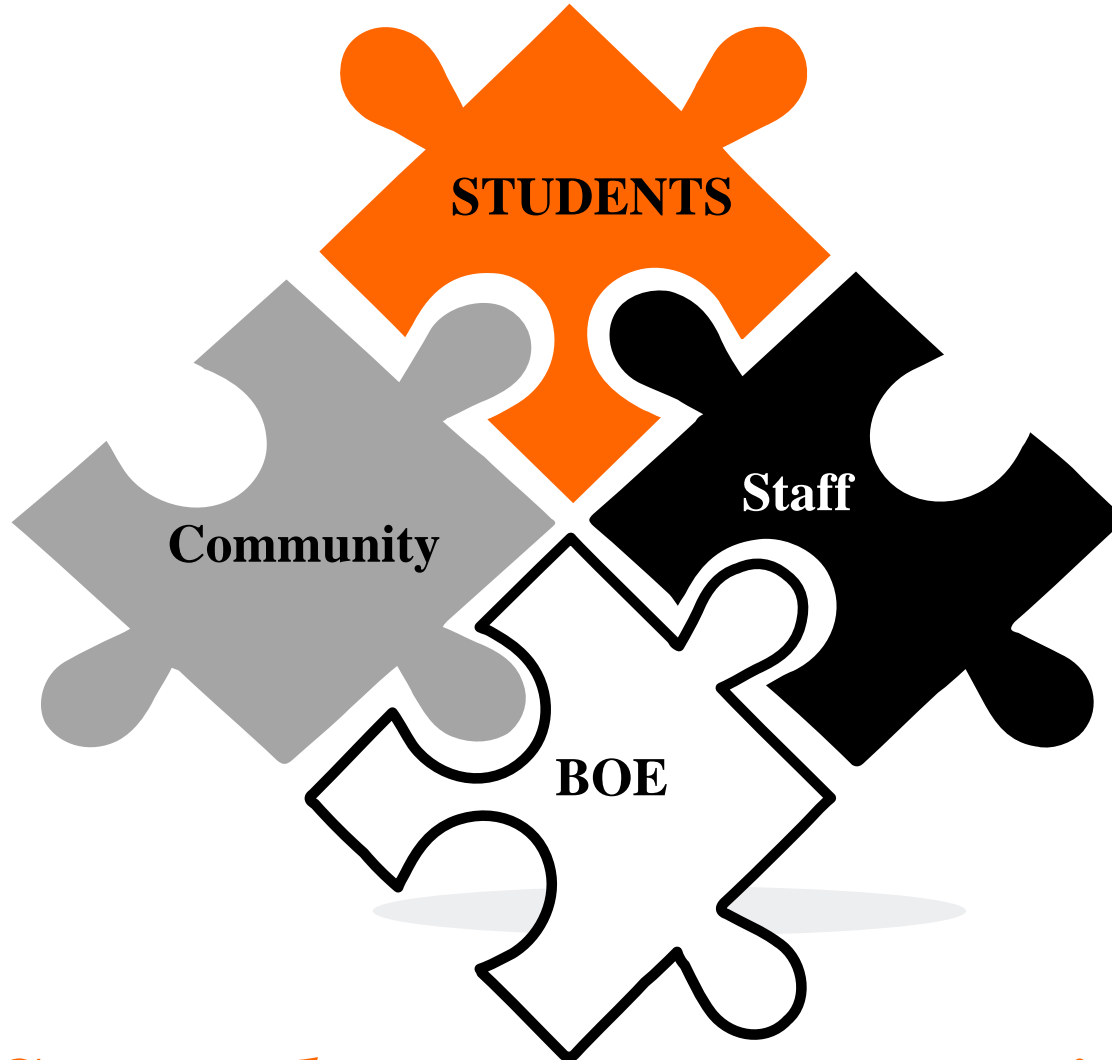
Clubs and Teams

Strong Community



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

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Strength, Perseverance, Kindness

Thank you for your support!



Priority #1 = Our Students!

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