



Student
Opportunities
Plan
2023-2024



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Agenda

Vision, Mission, Values
Goals
We Are Remsen
2023-2024 Student
Opportunities Plan

Meet the Candidate Voter and Voting Information Community Appreciation



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RCS Vision, Mission, Core Values

Remsen Central School District Vision Statement

Remsen Central School District forever aspires to be a unique, distinguished, welcoming learning community that fosters a growth mindset and essential traits of great character. RCS will remain dedicated to cultivating and supporting each student's individual abilities and interests as they confidently work to realize their full potential to lead happy, healthy, successful lives.

All Remsen students will Soar to Success.



Remsen Central School District Mission Statement

The mission of Remsen Central School District is to lead by example, instill essential traits of great character, foster a sense of belonging, and provide a solid academic foundation. Students will be empowered to learn and achieve to their individual potential through diverse, challenging, relevant and engaging educational opportunities and differentiated learning experiences.

A commitment to students first, positive relationships, quality instruction, continuous personal and professional growth, recognition for hard work, as well as a comprehensive system of student supports provided in a safe, encouraging learning environment with consistently high expectations for everyone, will ensure that all Remsen students Soar to Success.



RCS Vision, Mission, Core Values

Remsen Central School District Core Values

We are committed to quality student learning, service, and preparation.

Academic excellence and hard work will be valued and recognized.

We will model and instill integrity, kindness, hard work, perseverance, professionalism, commitment, teamwork, respect, independence, self-discipline, humility, responsibility, love, and empathy.

The little things make a big difference.

We will provide a safe, healthy, welcoming and supportive learning environment with clear expectations that motivates students to do their best, solve problems, be creative, think intelligently, understand multiple perspectives, collaborate, and have fun.

Consistency in routines and procedures is essential.

We will enthusiastically embrace and encourage a growth mindset, learn to persevere through challenges, and understand that failure is an opportunity to learn and grow throughout life.

Always strive to improve.

We will utilize student data and feedback, the thoughtful application of knowledge, skills and traits, daily interactions, assessments, projects and state and national standards to measure student growth, learning, and achievement.

Every day is a gift, full of possibilities.

We are grateful for our school community. We will work collectively to ensure we are able to leave our children, for generations to come, with an even better community and school than we have today.

RCS Board of Education 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





Additional Long-Term Goals

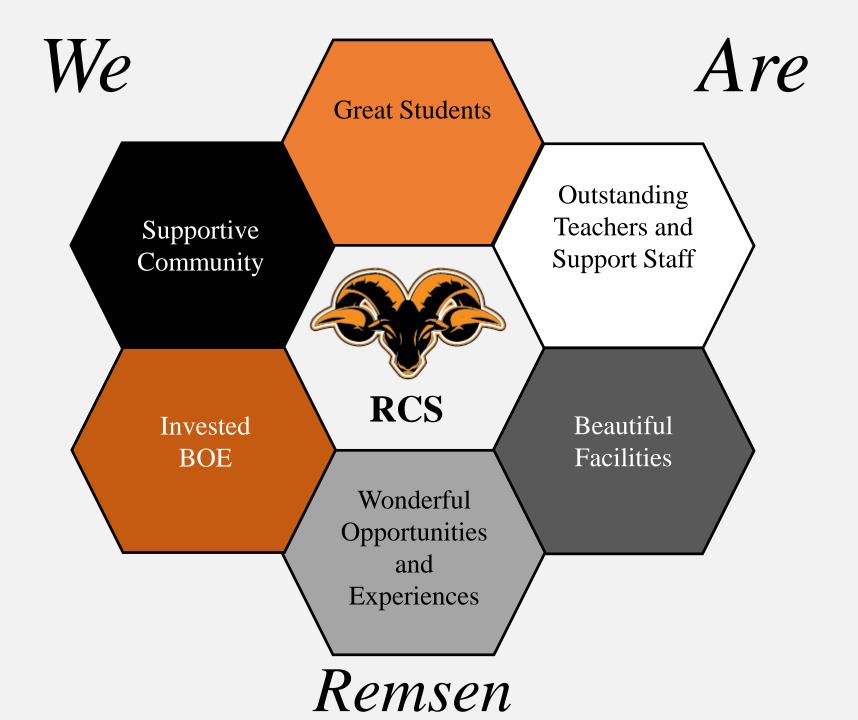
Maintain outstanding programs for our students while remaining fiscally responsible

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





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 2023 Senior Plans

Cybersecurity/infantry – Marines

Biology – Siena College

Automobile Body Technician – Work Force

Cybersecurity – MVCC

Hair Stylist/Phlebotomy – Work Force

Liberal Arts/General Studies – MVCC

Nursing – Utica University (Pediatrics)

Aerospace Engineer – Rensselaer Polytechnic

Institute (RPI)

Social Sciences/Humanities – MVCC

Culinary – MVCC

Sports Management – SUNY Cortland

Yacht Crew Member – Mediterranean, Caribbean or

Florida

Class of 2023 Senior Plans

Certified Nursing Assistant – MVCC

Heaving Equipment Operator – Equipment Operator

School

Pharmacy – SUNY Albany

Psychology – MVCC or Morrisville

Electrician – IBEW Union Work Force

PE Teacher – Utica University

Mathematics and Sciences – MVCC (zoology)

Welding – Work Force

Work – Work Force

Pre-Med – Quinnipiac University (MD)

PE Teacher – Rhode Island College

Electrician – IBEW Union Work Force

Environmental Science – Rochester Institute of

Technology (RIT)



Great Students

Our Customers!



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Outstanding Teachers and Support Staff





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 Mock Trial Journalism Yearbook **Diversity Club International Club** Student Council (Elementary and HS) "Class of' Clubs Elementary and HS Drama Clubs Ski Club (Grades 5-12)

SPORTS

Modified: Girls' Soccer, Boys' Soccer, Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball

JV: Volleyball, Basketball

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



Wonderful
Opportunities
and
Experiences

Young Rams Before and After School Programs

Rams Can Soar – HS Before and After School

Programs

Small Class Sizes

Health and Fitness Center

Innovative Curricula, Teaching, and Learning

Evenings of Excellence

Academic Celebrations

Technology Integration for Students

New Promethean Boards in All Classrooms

All-County and Area All-State

NYSSMA

Veteran's Day Concert

Seasonal Concerts

Recognition Ceremonies

Science Fairs including Utica University

Spirit Weeks

Hot Chocolate Days

Olympic Days

Library, computers, technology, music education

Seal of Biliteracy

Welcome Back Family 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

Food Pantry/Community Organizations Donation Projects

Community Service Opportunities

Elementary Parent Nights

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 opportunities

Internships

Musicals and Plays



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Supportive Community

Beautiful Countryside

Hardworking People

Small Businesses

Farms

Didymus Thomas Memorial Library

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!





More Information

Enrollment of 428 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

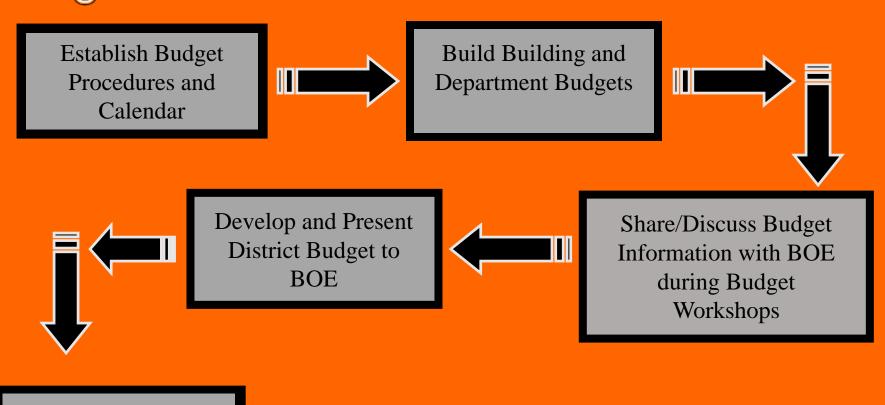








The Budget Process



Establish Final
Budget for Public
Presentation
and Vote





Budget Calendar

January 10, 2023 - Budget Overview

February 14, 2023 - Board, Administration, Buildings and Grounds, Athletics, Transportation, Debt, Governor's Proposal

March 14, 2023 - Curriculum and Instruction, Benefits, Tax Cap, Revenues

April 4, 2023 - Review and Adoption

May 9, 2023 - Public Hearing

May 16, 2023 - 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 2022-2023	Proposed 2023-2024	Change
Legal	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$0
Instructional	\$6,319,046	\$6,431,479	\$112,433
District Transportation	\$739,264	\$735,895	(\$3,369)
Garage Building	\$23,500	\$28,500	\$5,000
Employee Benefits	\$3,136,628	\$3,208,623	\$71,995
Total Program	\$10,252,438	\$10,438,497	\$186,059





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 2022-2023	Proposed 2023-2024	Change
Operation of Plant	\$775,657	\$850,549	\$74,892
Maintenance of Plant	\$152,934	\$162,078	\$9,144
Insurance and Claims	\$45,203	\$46,333	\$1,130
Refund of Taxes	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$ -
Employee Benefits	\$243,844	\$254,554	\$10,710
Debt Service	\$1,026,608	\$1,025,283	\$(1,325)
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$ -
Total Capital	\$2,345,446	\$2,439,997	\$94,551









Three Components of Our Student Opportunities Plan

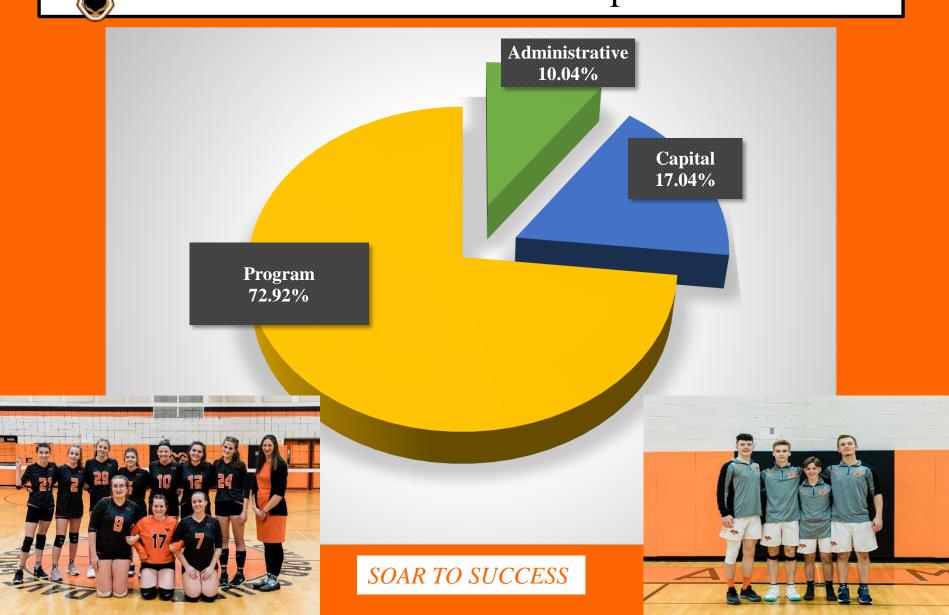
Administrative

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 2022- 2023	Proposed 2023- 2024	Change
Board of Education	\$26,184	\$26,184	\$0
Central Administration	\$148,716	\$152,978	\$4,262
Finance	\$282,005	\$287,336	\$5,331
Legal	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0
Personnel	\$9,976	\$15,876	\$5,900
Records Management	\$7,700	\$7,700	\$0
Other Central Services	\$59,346	\$59,346	\$0
Other Special Items	\$103,935	\$109,672	\$5,737
Curriculum Development/Support	\$23,500	\$23,500	\$0
Supervision Regular School	\$349,944	\$369,805	\$19,861
Research, Evaluation, Planning	\$5,329	\$5,329	\$0
Employee Benefits	\$365,765	\$372,905	\$7,140
Total Administrative	\$1,388,400	\$1,436,631	\$48,231



Student Opportunities Plan Component Breakdown





Student Opportunities Plan Summary

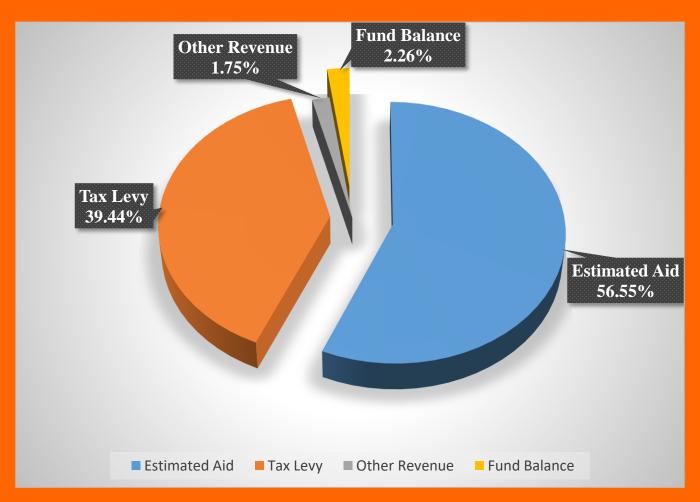
REVENUE	Adopted 2022-2023	Proposed 2023-2024	Increase/Decrease	% Change
Estimated Aid (State + Federal)	\$7,797,456	\$8,095,765	\$298,309	3.83%
Tax Levy	\$5,589,914	\$5,645,813	\$55,899	1.00%
Other Revenue	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	0.00%
Fund Balance	\$348,914	\$323,547	(\$25,367)	-7.27%
Totals	\$13,986,284	\$14,315,125	\$328,841	2.35%
EXPENDITURES	Adopted 2022-2023	Proposed 2023-2024	Increase/Decrease	% Change
Program	\$10,252,438	\$10,438,497	\$186,059	1.81%
Capital	\$2,345,446	\$2,439,997	\$94,551	4.03%
Administrative	\$1,388,400	\$1,436,631	\$48,231	3.47%
Totals	\$13,986,284	\$14,315,125	\$328,841	2.35%

Summary of 2023-2024 Student Opportunities Plan		
Change in Operating Budget	2.35%	
Change in Property Tax Levy	1.00%	
Allowable Property Tax Levy Limit	3.18%	

Proposed increase of 1%. Substantially below our allowable NYS Property Tax Cap Levy Increase Limit of 3.18%



Student Opportunities Plan Revenue Summary





Even with a small increase in the tax levy (1.00%), the estimated gap between revenue and expenditures is still \$323,547.

A 1.00 % increase in Remsen's tax levy equates to \$55,899.

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





What did we do to help ensure that our 2023-2024 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) Continued Use of American Rescue Plan Grant funds
- 4) Potential savings realized on new staff hires 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	2023-2024 Proposed	2023-2024 Contingency
Program	\$10,438,497	\$10,429,652
Capital	\$2,439,997	\$2,410,477
Administrative	\$1,436,631	\$1,412,735
Total	\$14,315,125	\$14,252,864
% Budget Increase	2.35%	1.91%



Big Picture Budget Challenges

The increase in foundation aid for 2023-2024 is only \$155,182. This amount does not come close to covering the increase in operating costs from year to year.



Continued Caution

NYS continues to rely on temporary federal fiscal relief 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 2023-2024

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 = Scope for the 2023-2024 Capital Outlay: Blue Light Strobes for Lock Downs, Lock Down Push Buttons, Automatic 911 Dialer Incident Response Panel, Remaining Perimeter Door Contacts



Bus Proposition

One 66 passenger bus at a cost not to exceed \$151,888 less trade in value.

Transportation Aid = 82.6% Estimated District Cost After Aid = \$26,428



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.



Capital Reserve Fund Proposition

Will enable RCS to create a capital reserve account to fund improvements to our buildings, fields, and parking lots. This savings account will have a limit of \$2,500,000 and is where we may deposit surplus funds over time. Saving for large future capital project expenses is a very important part of maintaining a stable financial condition while ensuring our facilities are safe, efficient, and remain a source of community pride.

Responsible Financial Planning



*STAR Information

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings Under Proposed Budget

\$577.45

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, 2023

Candidate Will Appear on the Ballot



Meet the Candidate



Mrs. Tara Kennerknecht



Biography

Family: In 1983 my parents moved from Utica to the town of Remsen. I attended school at RCS and have lived in the area since. My husband and I have raised our one and only child in the district as well. Kole is currently an 8th grader at Remsen Central School.

Education: Remsen Central School Graduate
St. Elizabeth's College of Nursing
Utica College (University), Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Work Experience:

12 years at Utica National Insurance Company 11 years at St. Elizabeth Medical Center Currently employed at Mohawk Valley Health System as an IT Manager of Clinical Applications



Board of Education Information

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

I think it's essential to serve the community and school as a BOE member because our small community should have various perspectives when advocating certain causes and considerations. Having already established relationships with many stakeholders would be beneficial in this role.

What strengths/experiences would you bring to board service?

My experience with working with the public in addition to my leadership experience would bring value to the board service. In addition, my extensive residency within the community, and rapport with community members would be significant when advocating certain topics.

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

I believe some of the most pressing issues facing education in general include mental health disparities, bullying, school safety, and inequality.

Mrs. Tara Kennerknecht



Board of Education Information

Other Information:

I respect that everyone has a voice and I am willing to listen to all stakeholders with an open mind. It would be a great honor to work with the BOE members to create a safe, positive and impartial environment for everyone.

Mrs. Tara Kennerknecht





BUDGET

To adopt the annual budget of the Remsen Central School District in the amount of \$14,315,125 for the fiscal year 2023-2024 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.







PROPOSITION 1

School Bus

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition of one 66-passenger school bus, not to exceed estimated maximum cost of \$151,888, 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 \$151,888 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.





PROPOSITION 2

2023 Capital Reserve Fund

Resolved, the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District is hereby authorized to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law to be designated, "2023 Capital Reserve Fund" created to defray the cost of the construction, reconstruction and equipping of School District buildings and facilities, including original equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, furnishings, land acquisitions, and other incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, and to defray the cost of, in whole or in part, and in order to accomplish the same, the Board is hereby authorized to establish the ultimate amount of such reserve fund to Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) inclusive of accrued interest and other investment earnings, with a probable term of ten (10) years. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to pay funds from the available fund balance, state aid reimbursement to the School District on account of capital projects, such other monies as the voters may direct, and/or other legally available funds of the School District to such reserve fund in an amount determined by the Board of Education up to the maximum authorized amount.





To Elect One (1) Member to the Board of Education

Five-Year Term Commencing July 1, 2023

There is one candidate running and will appear on the ballot as follows:

1. Tara Kennerknecht





Ballot Overview

2023-2024

Remsen Central School Budget

Budget Proposition 1

To adopt the annual budget of the Remsen Central School District in the amount of \$14,315,125 for the fiscal year 2023-2024 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

Purchase of one (1) 66 passenger school bus, at an estimated maximum cost of \$151.888, 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 \$151,888 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.

not mark the ballot for more candidates than

To approve the purchase of one new 66-passenger buses

Proposition 2

Establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law to be designated, "2023 Capital Reserve Fund" created to defray the cost of the construction, reconstruction and equipping of school district buildings and facilities, including original equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, furnishings, land acquisitions, and other incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, and to defray the cost of, in whole or in part, and in order to accomplish the same, the board is hereby authorized to establish the ultimate amount of such reserve fund to two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) inclusive of accrued interest and other investment earnings, with a probable term of ten (10) years. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to pay funds from the available fund balance, state aid reimbursement to the school district on account of capital projects, such other monies as the voters may direct, and/or other legally available funds of the school district to such reserve fund in an amount determined by the Board of Education up to the maximum authorized amount.

Official Ballot for the Remsen Central School District Election Instruction May 16, 2023

County of Oneida Sarah F. Bormann, Commissioner

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 allowed. If you do, your vote in that contest will not the box. Any mark or writing outside the spaces provided for

Instructions for Voting on Questions and Proposals Remember to v

The number of choices is listed for each contest. Do If you make a mistake, or want to change your you count. If you make a mistake or want to change your ask a poll worker for a new ballot



To approve the creation of a Capital Reserve Fund

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



Ballot Overview

ffice	Board of Education Five year term (Vote for one)				
Remsen Central School District	Tara Kennerknecht				
				To elect one member to the Board of Education for a term of 5 years	
Write-In	Write-in				
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School Budget Vote



Tuesday, May 16, 2023 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM Elementary Cafeteria

Student Art Show 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

DISTRICT CLERK PROBLEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PROBLEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PROBLEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PROBLEM NOT JAME PROBLEM NOT JAME PRIVATE PROBLEM ON TO: BETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO: DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE PRETURN SERVICE REQUESTED RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED RETURN MATERIAL - PLEASE EXPEDITE ELECTION MATERIAL - PLEASE EXPEDITE

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

Can I Vote By Absentee Ballot?

Residents who will not be in the area on May 16, or who are unable to vote in person, 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 15. Absentee ballots must be returned to the district clerk no later than 5:00 PM on May 16.



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







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

...and...





Your support ensures...

...that we continue to work towards our collective goal 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.



We Are Remsen





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

Thank you for your support!





Priority #1 = Our Students!

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