







Student Opportunities Plan





Agenda

Vision, Mission, Values Goals *We Are Remsen* 2024-2025 Student Opportunities Plan Meet the Candidate Voter and Voting Information Community Appreciation







RCS Vision, Mission, Core Values

Our Vision

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.



Our Mission

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.



Remsen Board of Education 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.

Maintain transparency and communication with the district and community



Additional Long-Term Goals

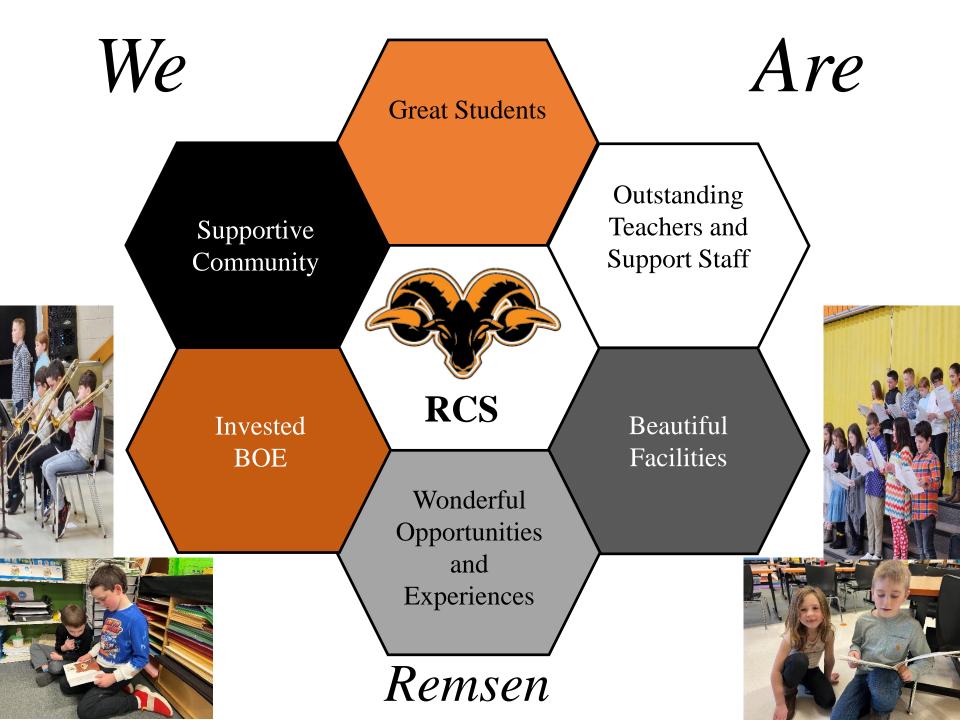
Maintain outstanding programs for our students while remaining fiscally responsible

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





Invested BOE



Board of Education

Mrs. Mary Lou Allen, President Mr. Patrick Nolan, Vice President Mrs. Stephanie Karis Mrs. Jeannie Scouten Mrs. Tara Kennerknecht

We Are Remsen Great Students **Our Customers!**

Soar to Success



Great Students

Our Customers!

Class of 2024 Senior Plans

Welding Fabrication – Lincoln Tech **Business Administration – HCCC** Law Enforcement – MVCC Environmental Science/Animal Science/Zoology - SUNY PI, ESF, Cobleskill, Stony Brook, Univ. of Florida Graphic Design/Photography - MVCC, Delhi, Canton, Alfred State Real Estate/Business - Utica University, MVCC, HCCC Graphic Design/Photography – MVCC Forensic Sciences Psychology, Biologic Science – Cornell, SU, Univ. of Buffalo, New Haven, Univ. of R, Wisconsin Electrical/Lineman – Alfred State, MVCC Construction – MVCC Cyber Security – MVCC/Utica University Cardiologic Radiologist Technician – Hudson Valley, RIT, MVCC-Health Services Criminal Justice – MVCC Business Administration - HCCC, MVCC, Niagara, SUNY Pi, Utica University DEC, Business, Bio Sciences - MVCC, ESF, Cobleskill Psychology – MVCC Biology, Zoology – MVCC, Oswego Mechanical Engineering - RIT, RPI, Clarkson, Binghamton, Univ. of Rochester Technical Training – MVCC Cognitive Psychologist - Plattsburgh, Fredonia, Nazareth Cyber Security – SUNY Poly The Arts – MVCC P-Tech – MVCC Soar to Success P-Tech – MVCC Military - Marines



Great Students





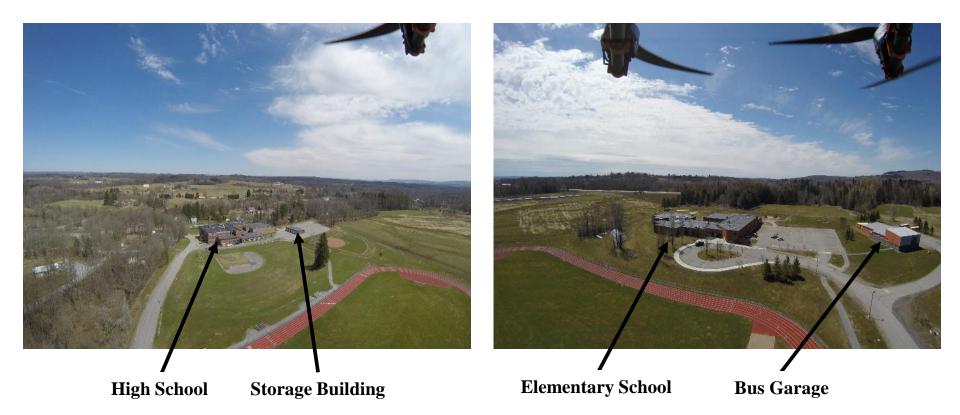








Beautiful Facilities





Wonderful Opportunities and Experiences

STUDENT CLUBS

Mathletics Elementary STEAM Club Future Farmers of America National Honor Society Mock Trial Yearbook **Diversity Club** International Club **Elementary Student Council** Jr./Sr. High School Student Council Sophomore, Junior and Senior "Class of" Clubs Elementary Drama Club Jr./Sr. High School School Drama Club Ski Club (Grades 5-12)

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

THE ARTS

SPORTS

FIELD TRIPS, SHADOWING, INTERNSHIPS

SERVICE and SUPPORT

CHARACTER BUILDING

Remsen is the place to be!



Beautiful Countryside

Hardworking People

Small Businesses

Farms

Didymus Thomas Memorial Library

Remsen Depot

Remsen Arts Center

Barn Fest





Supportive

Community

Great School/Community Relationships RCS is the Hub of the Community Dedicated Sports Booster's Organization Great Community Organizations Supportive Adirondack Foothills Rotary Club Supportive Remsen Alumni Association Remsen is a great place to live and work!







More Information

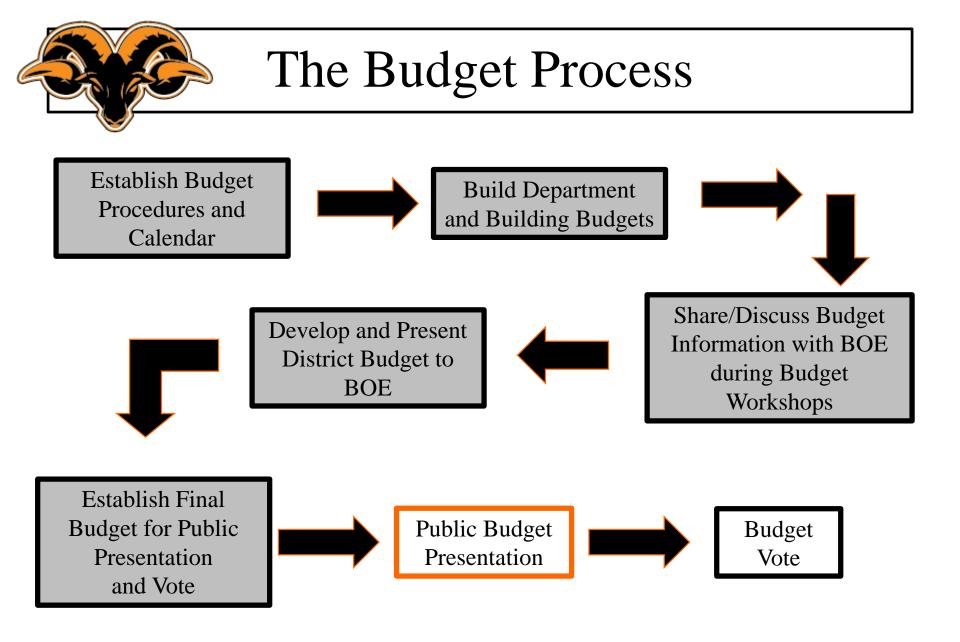
Enrollment of 423 Wonderful Students



Remsen is classified as a "High Needs Rural School District"

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







Budget Calendar

January 9, 2024 - Budget Overview and Discussion

February 13, 2024 - Board, Administration, Buildings and Grounds, Athletics, Transportation, Debt, Governor's Proposal

March 12, 2024 - Curriculum and Instruction, Benefits, Tax Cap, Revenues

April 9, 2024 - Review and Adoption

May 14, 2024 - Public Hearing

May 21, 2024 - Budget Vote





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 2023-2024	Proposed 2024-2025	Change
Legal	\$34,000	\$38,000	\$4,000
Instructional	\$6,431,479	\$6,547,995	\$116,516
District Transportation	\$735,895	\$789,172	\$53,277
Garage Building	\$28,500	\$28,500	\$ -
Employee Benefits	\$3,208,623	\$3,283,998	\$75,375
Total Program	\$10,438,497	\$10,687,665	\$249,168







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 2023-2024	Proposed 2024-2025	Change
Operation of Plant	\$850,549	\$855,545	\$4,996
Maintenance of Plant	\$162,078	\$163,497	\$1,419
Insurance and Claims	\$46,333	\$48,650	\$2,317
Refund of Taxes	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$ -
Employee Benefits	\$254,554	\$305,055	\$50,501
Debt Service	\$1,025,283	\$988,502	\$(36,781)
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$ -
Total Capital	\$2,439,997	\$2,462,449	\$22,452







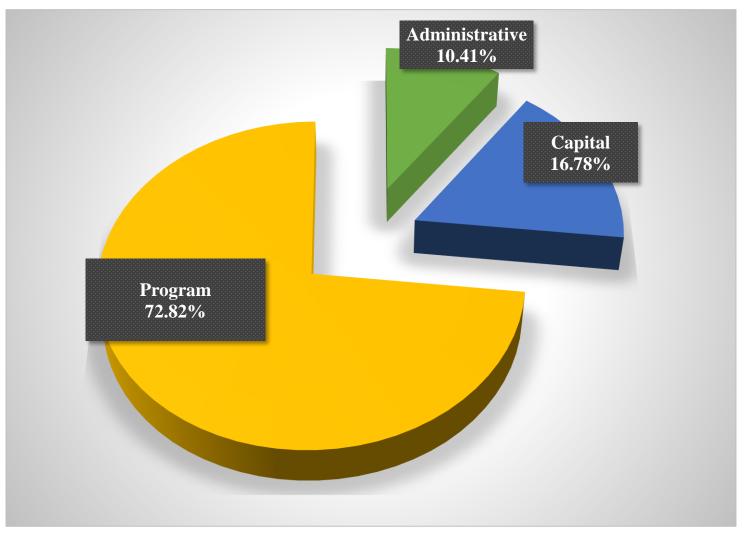
Administrative

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 2023-2024	Proposed 2024-2025	Change
Board of Education	\$26,184	\$26,589	\$405
Central Administration	\$152,978	\$161,817	\$8,839
Finance	\$287,336	\$294,067	\$6,731
Legal	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$ -
Personnel	\$15,876	\$17,876	\$2,000
Records Management	\$7,700	\$7,700	\$ -
Other Central Services	\$59,346	\$59,346	\$ -
Other Special Items	\$109,672	\$109,672	\$ -
Curriculum Development/Support	\$23,500	\$23,500	\$ -
Supervision Regular School	\$369,805	\$391,812	\$22,007
Research, Evaluation, Planning	\$5,329	\$5,329	\$ -
Employee Benefits	\$372,905	\$423,639	\$50,734
Total Administrative	\$1,436,631	\$1,527,347	\$90,716



Student Opportunities Plan Component Breakdown





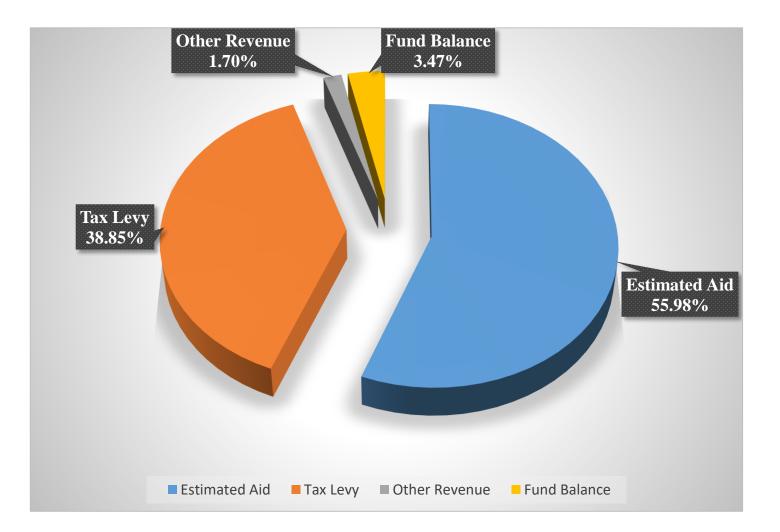
REVENUE	Adopted 2023-2024	Proposed 2024-2025	Increase/Decrease	% Change
Estimated Aid (State + Federal)	\$8,095,765	\$8,216,047	\$120,282	1.49%
Tax Levy	\$5,645,813	\$5,702,271	\$56,458	1.00%
Other Revenue	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	0.00%
Fund Balance	\$323,547	\$509,143	\$185,596	57.36%
Totals	\$14,315,125	\$14,677,461	\$362,336	2.53%
EXPENDITURES	Adopted 2023-2024	Proposed 2024-2025	Increase/Decrease	% Change
Totals	\$14,315,125	\$14,677,461	\$362,336	2.53%

Summary of 2024-2025 Student Opportunities Plan		
Change in Operating Budget	2.53%	
Change in Property Tax Levy	1%	
Allowable Property Tax Levy Limit	2.5%	

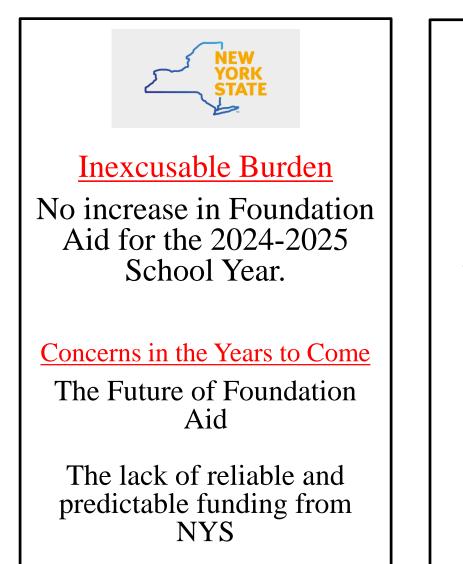
Proposed increase of 1%.

This number is well below our allowable NYS Property Tax Cap Levy Increase Limit of 2.5%









Much Larger Mission Over the Last Ten-Plus Years

Mental Health

Increase in Students' Needs

Already Operating with a Lean Staff

Operating Costs

Health Insurance

Retirement Contributions

Inflation

Impending Electric Bus Regulations



Even with a small increase in the tax levy (1.00%), the estimated gap between revenue and expenditures is still \$509,143.

A 1.00 % increase in Remsen's tax levy equates to \$56,458.

Operational costs, health insurance, and retirement contributions continue to increase while NYS Foundation Aid is frozen for the upcoming school year.

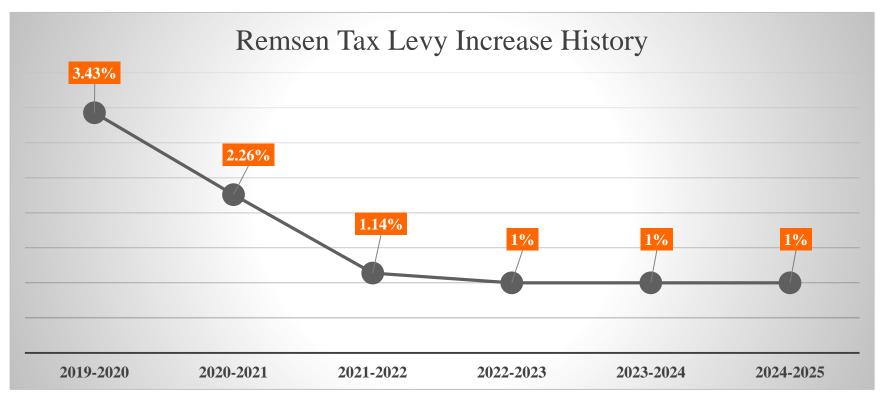
Minimize the community tax burden by working to prevent the need for drastic spikes in tax levy increases.







We Understand and Work to Minimize Our Community Tax Burden







- 1) Remaining fiscally responsible while working to ensure that all of our students receive a quality educational experience.
- 2) Responsible Use of American Rescue Plan Grant funds over the last several years to ensure that we did not create our own fiscal cliff.
- 3) Integrate the use of fund balance to minimize the tax burden on the community.
- 4) Forward-thinking to maintain a responsible fund balance and build reserves.
- 5) Thoughtful planning as vacancies occur to optimize personnel and contain costs.
- 6) Potential savings realized on new staff hires due to retirements.







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 for the 2024-2025 Capital Outlay: Jr./Sr. High School Stage Wood Floor, Stairs, and Ramp. Additional high school floor base molding in high need areas will be addressed with any remaining funds.



One 66-passenger bus and one 20-passenger bus all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$255,000, less trade-in value.

Transportation Aid = 82.6% *Estimated District Cost After Aid* = \$44,370



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.



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	2024-2025 Proposed	2024-2025 Contingency
Program	\$ 10,687,665	\$10,682,259
Capital	\$ 2,462,449	\$2,435,249
Administrative	\$ 1,527,347	\$1,469,130
Total	\$ 14,677,461	\$14,586,638
% Budget Increase	2.53%	1.90%

***STAR Information**

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings Under Proposed Budget

\$528.55

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









Mrs. Stephanie Karis





Biography

Family: Married to husband Alex Karis with two children in the district, Ethan Karis 10th grader and Marissa Karis 9th grader

Education: Bachelors of Science with concentration in Finance

Work Experience: I am a Sr. Payroll Manager with CONMED Corporation where I have been for the last 11 years. Prior to that I worked for New Process Gear/Magna Powertrain in Syracuse NY as a Treasury and Travel Manager before moving into the Payroll Manager role.

Other Information: *We are very active community members.*

Mrs. Stephanie Karis

Board of Education Information

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

I think it is important to represent the school and community to ensure our students are our number one priority where our students feel comfortable and confident, have the tools they need to succeed and leave Remsen with the best possible future ahead of them.

What strengths/experiences would you bring to board service?

I am professional, and look at each situation from many different angles. My finance background helps me understand the budget and business needs of the school.

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

Continuing to deal with the state financial cuts and ensuring we are positioned well enough to withstand as much as we can.

Mrs. Stephanie Karis



On the Ballot

BUDGET

RESOLVED, to adopt the annual budget of the Remsen Central School District in the amount of \$14,677,461 for the fiscal year 2024-2025 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.





On the Ballot

PROPOSITION 1

School Buses

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition of one (1) 66-passenger school bus at an estimated maximum cost of \$169,100, and one (1) 20-passenger school bus at an estimated maximum cost of \$85,900, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$255,000, 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 \$255,000 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.



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On the Ballot

PROPOSITION 2

Didymus Thomas Public Library

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Remsen Central School District is hereby authorized to increase the appropriation for the Didymus Thomas Library to the sum of \$59,500 per year; to levy taxes in the said amount of \$59,500 annually; and to pay over such moneys to the Board of Trustees of the Didymus Thomas Library for the operation of the Didymus Thomas Library.

A note from the Didymus Thomas Library Board of Trustees

Dear Remsen Central School District Voter:

When you go to the polls on May 21, 2024 to vote on the Remsen Central School budget, you will find a separate proposition seeking support for the Didymus Thomas Library with a levy increase from \$41,500.00 to \$59,900.00. Taxpayer funding of the library has remained unchanged since 2014. If the library is to maintain its current level of services, we need your support. County and State funding to the library is being steadily reduced while our circulation has increased from 8,451 items in 2021 to 9,288 items in 2023. For an individual taxpayer with a \$100,000 home, the projected increase is less than \$13 per year. We hope you will continue to support the library's mission to enhance our quality of life and enable it to remain in service to our community for many years to come.





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

Five-Year Term Commencing July 1, 2024

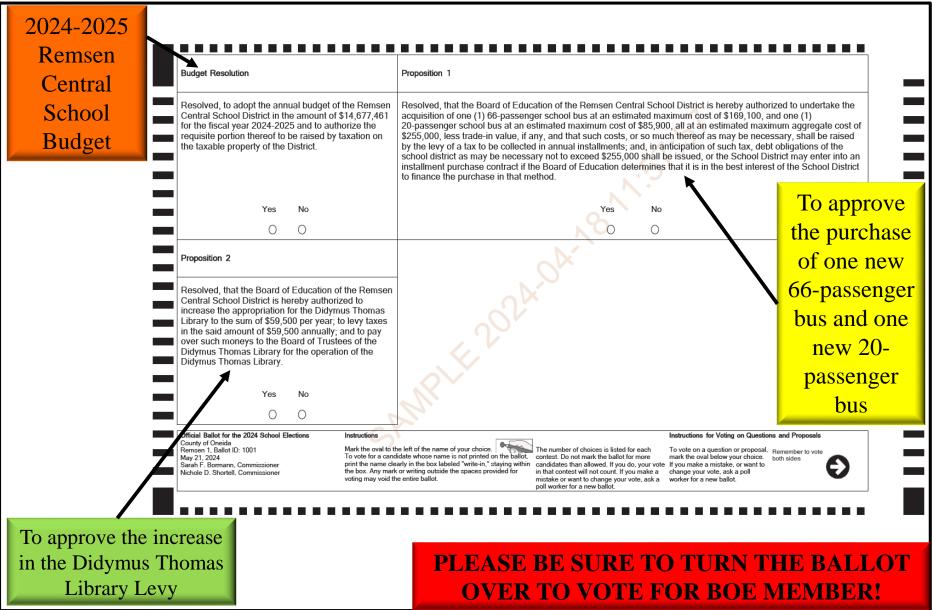
There is one candidate running and will appear on the ballot as follows:

1. Stephanie Karis

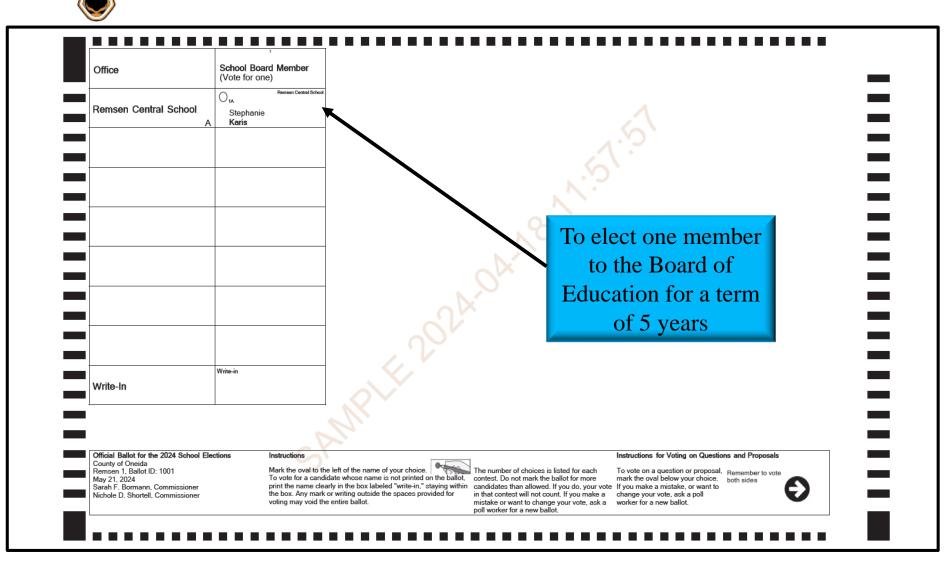




Ballot Overview



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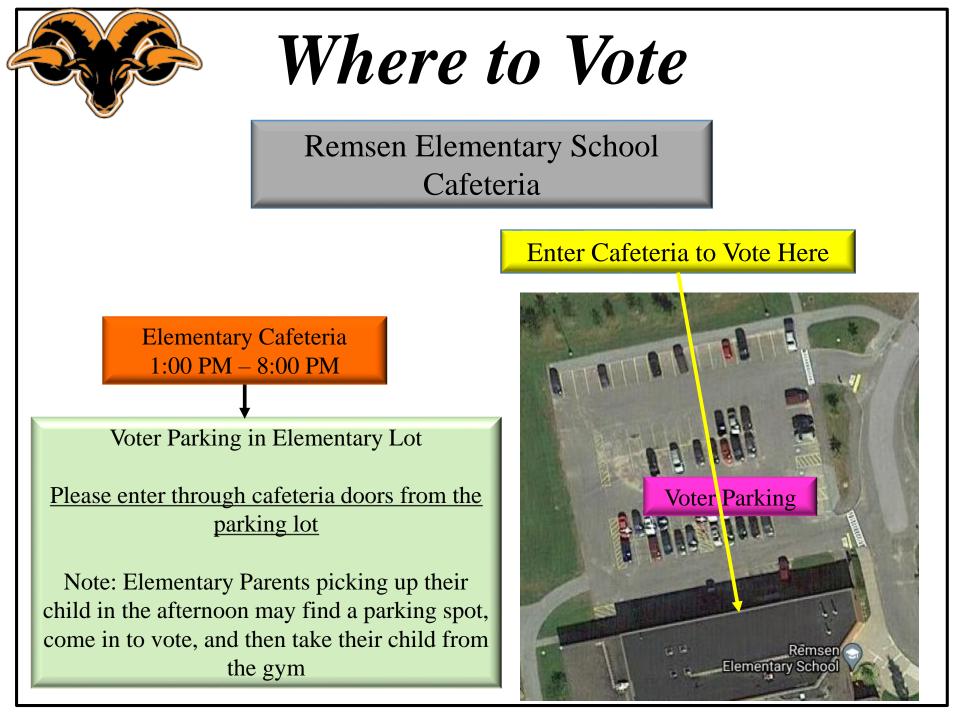


School Budget Vote

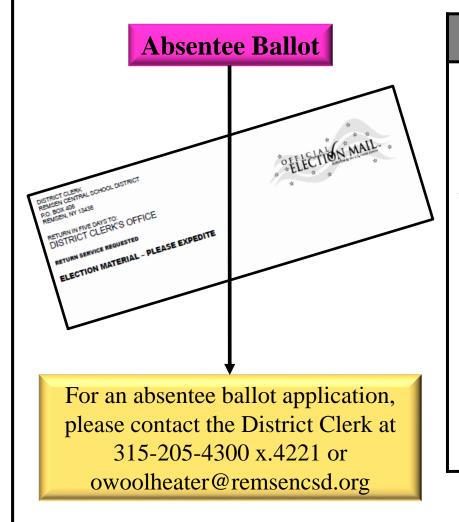


Tuesday, May 21, 2024 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM Elementary Cafeteria

Student Art Show and FFA Plant Sale! FFA Plant Sale - Outside Elementary Cafeteria Doors Starting at 3:00 PM



Absentee Ballot



Can I Vote By Absentee Ballot?

Residents who will not be in the area on May 21, 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 20. Absentee ballots must be returned to the district clerk no later than 5:00 PM on May 21.

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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 of Remsen Central School 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



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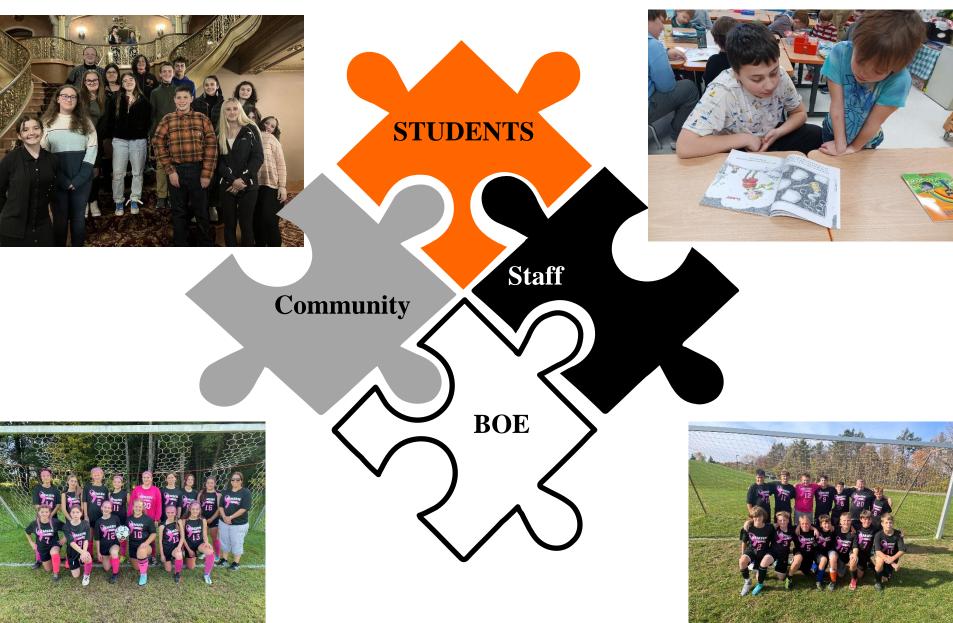
...that we continue to work towards our collective goal to ensure that we leave our children, for generations to come, with an even better community and school than we have today.

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



Thank you for your support!





Priority #1 = Our Students! SOAR TO SUCCESS