



Red Creek Central School District

NEWSLETTER

PUBLISHED FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE RED CREEK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BUDGET VOTE: Tuesday, May 20th, 2025 from Noon-8pm in the High School Lobby/Foyer

2025 Top Five Graduates

Valedictorian **Liam Smith**



Liam Smith, son of William and Molly Smith of Sterling, has applied to and been accepted at Rochester Institute of Technology, State University at Albany and Alfred University.

Liam has been active in National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Science Honor Society, served as a Class Officer, Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Indoor and Outdoor Track, Varsity Club, Science Olympiad, Student Council and Select Choir.

Liam will be attending R.I.T. in the fall and will be pursuing a career in Cybersecurity and Army ROTC with a military science minor.

Salutatorian **Juliah Rosser**



Juliah Rosser, daughter of Tara Sprague of Rochester and niece of Cara Pursaud of Red Creek, has applied to and been accepted at SUNY Oswego, SUNY University at Albany and SUNY Cortland.

Juliah has been active in Spanish Honor Society, Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field and also is a three year high school graduate.

She says her favorite part about her time at Red Creek High School has been participating on the track team and creative arts activities.

Juliah plans to attend SUNY Oswego in the fall and will major in Psychology and minor in Criminal Justice.

Kailyn Mayville, daughter of Azurdee and Terrance Mayville of Red Creek, has applied to and been accepted at Clarkson University, SUNY Canton, SUNY Geneseo and SUNY Brockport.



Kailyn has been active in Spanish Honor Society, National Honor Society and Stage Band.

Kailyn says her favorite part about Red Creek High School is learning and having fun with friends.

Kailyn hasn't made her final decision on her choice of college but will be studying Biology with a Pre-Vet track.

Tessa Crawford, daughter of Carl and Jesse Crawford of Sterling, has applied to and been accepted at Rochester Institute of Technology, Alfred University, Clarkson University, SUNY Buffalo and SUNY Albany.



Tessa has served as president of the National Honor Society and the Student Council. She is also the senior class secretary and a member of the Spanish Honor Society, Science Honor Society, Science Olympiad, Select Choir, Jazz Band, Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor Track and Varsity Club.

Tessa will be attending R.I.T. in the fall and will be majoring in Software Engineering and minoring in Bioinformatics Analysis and Music Performance.

Adam Doll, son of Danielle and Kevin Doll of Red Creek, has applied to and been accepted at Clarkson University, State University at Buffalo and Alfred University.



Adam has been active in Varsity Soccer, Varsity Baseball, Varsity Basketball, Band and Jazz Band. Adam says playing on the soccer team with his friends and coaches has been his favorite memory from his four years at Red Creek High School.

Adam most likely will attend Clarkson University next year and plans to study Mechanical Engineering.



Red Creek Central School District BUDGET & VOTING INFORMATION



On the Ballot:

2025-2026 BUDGET

Shall the budget for the Red Creek Central School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, as presented by the Board of Education, in the amount of \$25,041,943 be approved and adopted, the required funds be appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the District to be levied and collected as required by law?

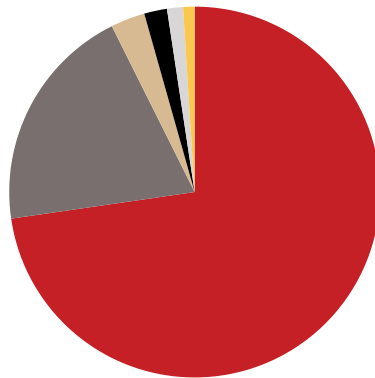
PURCHASE OF VEHICLES TO BE USED IN STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Shall the Board of Education of the Red Creek Central School District, be hereby authorized to expend \$395,000 from the District's existing 2020 Capital Bus Purchase Reserve Fund, established by the voters of the District on June 9, 2020, and to use such funds toward the purchase of two (2) 66-passenger school buses for use in student transportation, at an aggregate maximum cost of \$395,000 inclusive of trade in value?

2025-2026 REVENUES

Where our money comes from:

- State Aid: 72.4%
- Tax Levy: 21.1%
- Other: 3.1%
- Appropriated Fund Balance: 1.6%
- Use of Reserves: 1.4%
- Interfund Transfer: 0.4%



Revenue Category	2024-2025	2025-2026	\$ Change	% Change
Tax Levy	\$5,110,949	\$5,295,462	\$184,513	3.6%
State Aid	\$18,373,515	\$18,126,981	\$(246,534)	(1.3%)
Use of Reserves	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$0	0.0%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$0	0.0%
Interfund Transfer (from debt service)	\$239,000	\$100,000	\$(139,000)	(58.2%)
Other	\$702,800	\$769,500	\$66,700	9.5%
TOTAL	\$25,176,264	\$25,041,943	\$(134,321)	(0.5%)

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT CHANGES

The Town of Butler and the Town of Sterling recently updated property assessments, which may impact 2025-2026 school tax bills. The District does not determine or have influence on assessments. If any taxpayers have questions or concerns about their assessment, they should contact their local assessor:

Amber Roberts, Wolcott Assessor:	315-594-9325
Beckie Hendricks, Sterling Assessor:	315-947-5666 Ext. 25
Beckie Hendricks, Conquest Assessor:	315-378-9236
Beckie Hendricks, Victory Assessor:	315-378-9236
Kathleen Davis, Butler Assessor:	315-594-2719



Program Budget (72.7%)

The program section defined below serves as the cornerstone of the District budget. This is the institutional portion which covers all instructional areas and associated employee benefits.

Description	2024-2025	2025-2026	\$ Change	% Change
Regular School Instruction	\$ 5,973,010	\$5,857,856	\$(115,154)	(1.9%)
Programs for Students with Disabilities	\$3,216,180	\$3,487,653	\$271,473	8.4%
Career & Technical Education (CTE)	\$351,420	\$515,615	\$164,195	46.7%
Special Schools	\$91,500	\$100,500	\$9,000	9.8%
School Library/Computer Assisted Instruction	\$1,037,292	\$1,024,568	\$(12,724)	(1.2%)
Pupil Services & Athletics	\$1,010,294	\$975,648	\$(34,646)	(3.4%)
Transportation Services	\$1,464,290	\$1,413,750	\$(50,540)	(3.5%)
Employee Benefits	\$4,544,339	\$4,814,389	\$270,050	5.9%
Transfer to Special Aid (ESY Program)	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$5,000	50.0%
PROGRAM TOTAL	\$17,698,325	\$18,204,979	\$506,654	2.9%

Capital Budget (16.8%)

The capital section of the budget contains all debt service, operations, and maintenance costs, including utilities, security enhancements, and associated employee benefits.

Description	2024-2025	2025-2026	\$ Change	% Change
Operations & Maintenance of Plant	\$ 1,825,200	\$2,043,538	\$218,338	12.0%
Judgments & Claims and Refund of Property Tax	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0.0%
Employee Benefits	\$348,610	\$376,426	\$27,816	8.0%
Debt Service	\$2,487,025	\$1,692,800	\$(794,225)	(31.9%)
Transfer to Capital Funds	\$339,000	\$100,000	\$(239,000)	(70.5%)
CAPITAL TOTAL	\$5,002,835	\$4,215,764	\$(787,071)	(15.7%)

Administrative Budget (10.5%)

The administrative component funds the majority of the instructional support services in the district. It consists of general support, instructional supervision, and employee benefits (including all retiree benefits).

Description	2024-2025	2025-2026	\$ Change	% Change
Board of Education & District Clerk	\$46,325	\$48,650	\$2,325	5.0%
Superintendent, Curriculum Development, & Supervision	\$858,766	\$892,203	\$33,437	3.9%
Financial Services	\$409,087	\$431,212	\$22,125	5.4%
Legal Services	\$85,000	\$72,500	\$(12,500)	(14.7%)
Personnel Services	\$23,475	\$20,450	\$(3,025)	(12.9%)
Public Information & Central Printing/Processing	\$371,424	\$364,500	\$(6,924)	(1.9%)
Other Special Items (BOCES Capital/Rent, etc.)	\$231,500	\$283,500	\$52,000	22.5%
Employee Benefits	\$449,527	\$508,185	\$58,658	13.0%
ADMINISTRATIVE TOTAL	\$2,475,104	\$2,621,200	\$146,096	5.9%
TOTAL PROJECTED BUDGET	\$25,176,264	\$25,041,943	\$(134,321)	(0.5%)

The proposed 2025-2026 Budget includes a \$100,000 transfer to the capital fund for a capital outlay project related to scoreboards and acoustic improvements within District facilities.



Board of Education Membership Election

Two (2) vacancies on the Board of Education are up for election at this year's Annual Meeting/ Election. They are for two (2) three-year terms beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2028.

★ **CANDIDATES** ★
Vote for up to TWO

Steven Hisel
John D. Freer
Nancy Henner Dingman*
Stephanie Kaiser*
Amber Gilmore

* denotes incumbent

The vacant seats will be filled by the two (2) candidates with the most votes (including write-ins).



To request an absentee or early voting ballot please contact the District Clerk at 315-754-2010.

A Letter From the Superintendent

On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to express our appreciation to the Red Creek Central School community for continuing to support the opportunities that are offered to our students here at Red Creek. Several weeks ago a newsletter was sent out to the community that highlighted some of the amazing work that has taken place this school year. I want to extend a big shout out to our students for their hard work, and to our faculty and staff for continuing to make Red Creek Central Schools a special place.

I am pleased to present our 2025-26 school budget proposal which includes a 3.6% tax-cap compliant levy increase. The 2025-26 budget has been carefully planned to maintain appropriate class size numbers and all existing programs that are so important to our students. We will continue to focus on providing a safe, high-quality learning environment where our students can explore their interests and develop skills and tools for future success. The 2025-26 budget includes additions to our local Special Education continuum of services. Red Creek High School will continue to expand its dual credit class offerings and also plans to offer Driver's Education classes again starting in the Fall of 2025.

Phase 1 of our \$32 million capital project is underway, and Phase 2 was recently approved by New York State. The scope of current work is centered on some roof replacement and improvements to the M.W. Cuyler Elementary playground. The planned summer work will include: Elementary cafeteria serving line replacement, High School auditorium improvements, District-wide roof replacement, and High School classroom updates. Overall, the capital project is still on schedule, on budget, and includes the original scope of work. Community members are encouraged to follow the progress of our capital project on our website: <https://www.rccsd.org/district/capital-improvement-project>.

Additional details about the proposed budget, as well as voting information, can be found inside this newsletter or by visiting www.rccsd.org. Thank you for your continued trust and partnership.

Sincerely,
Matthew S. VanOrman



Budget Vote — Tuesday, May 20th Noon-8pm

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