

2022 - 2023 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE			
	Budget Adopted for 2021-22 School Year	Budget Proposed for 2022-23 School Year	Contingency Budget 2022-23 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount	\$15,631,195	\$15,702,992	\$15,683,500
Increase for the 2022-23 School Year		\$71,797	\$52,305
Percentage Increase in Proposed Budget		0.4593%	0.3340%
Proposed Budget to Support Total Budget	\$5,223,841	\$5,095,164	
Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount to Reduce Current Levy		\$228,354	
Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$231,841	\$479,697	
School Tax Levy Limit Excluding Levy for Permissible			
Exclusions, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve	\$4,991,847	\$4,843,821	
Administrative component	\$1,527,868	\$1,491,442	\$1,491,442
Program component	\$11,104,046	\$11,515,156	\$11,453,556
Capital component	\$2,999,281	\$2,696,394	\$2,678,894

CONTINGENT BUDGET

According to the state law, the public may vote on a school budget only twice in any given year. In the event the proposed budget is defeated by voters, the Board of Education must adopt a contingency budget.

State law establishes a limit on the increase of a contingent budget over the district budget for the prior year. No longer is there a spending cap on contingent budgets. Instead, there is a now a zero percent cap on the tax levy increase. In other words, a district would have to levy the same amount of taxes as in the current year or less -- without any adjustments for the state pension rate increases.

SALEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

	2021-22 Budgeted	2022-23 Budgeted	Change Percent
Total Spending	\$15,631,195	\$15,702,992	0.0469%
Total Estimated Tax Levy	\$5,223,841	\$5,095,164	-2.46%
Total School Enrollment	560	560	0
Consumer Price Index		2%	

	2021-22 Actual	2022-23 Estimated
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$2,002,422	\$2,002,422
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,145,059	\$925,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$625,248	\$628,120
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	4%	4%

Basic STAR Exemption Impact

Estimated Basic STAR* Exemption Savings based on a hypothetical home within the school district with a full value of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) and a Basic STAR exemption of \$30,000.



The Basic School Tax Relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Projected Tax Rate

Projections are based on last year's tax roll with additional projected assessments from the Town Assessor. *These rates will vary if all towns' equalization rate is adjusted to 1.00

Town	Actual 2021-2022	Proposed 2022-2023	Dollar	Percent Change
Salem	\$27.7959	\$27.185672	-0.610	-2.20%
Hebron	\$16.1067	\$15.767690	-0.339	-2.10%
Jackson	\$44.0459	\$43.799138	-0.247	-0.56%
Greenwich	\$16.1659	\$15.767690	-0.398	-2.46%

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ACCESSIBILITY
The High School Circle Entrance, Warren Street, is accessible for those with handicaps or disabilities.
Reserved parking is also available

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Tuesday, May 17, 2022
8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
High School Circle Entrance

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6 p.m.
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ABSENTEE BALLOTS
To request an absentee ballot please call the District Office at 518-854-7855 no later than **Monday, May 9, 2022**
Absentee ballots must be received by the District Office by **5:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, 2022**

VOTING QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must at least 18 years of age as of **Tuesday, May 17, 2022**
- Must be a district resident for 30 days or more on **Tuesday, May 17, 2022**

This year's annual budget vote and Board of Education election will be held Tuesday, May 17, 2022 from 8 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. In addition to the proposed budget for the 2022-2023 school year, community members will be asked to vote on a transportation vehicle 5-year lease proposition, an increase for the Bancroft Library appropriation, and to elect one [1] new member to the Board of Education.

We are pleased to share that this year's budget provides for new and exciting educational opportunities, including the creation of 3 additional Career and Technical Education (CTE) Agricultural pathways, along with our current WSWHE CTE Programs. We will also be adding an additional High School Special Education Teacher to meet the needs of our students. In the Elementary School, we will be offering a full day, 5 hours per day, Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) for our youngest students. We are especially pleased to announce all of these enhancements, considering the proposed budget of \$15,702,992 reflects a school tax levy decrease of 2.46% from the previous budget. The 2022-2023 school year budget increases the 2021-2022 budget by 0.46%

It is important to note that the voting machines, which are loaned to the District by the Washington County Board of Elections, will not be available for loan this year due to a timing conflict with the upcoming primary elections in June. Therefore, this year's vote will be executed with paper ballots only. For those voters requiring absentee ballots, please refer to the instructions on the left of this page.

Last, but certainly not least, you may have noticed the absence of the announcement honoring our class valedictorian and salutatorian, as well as the top ten graduates, which we showcased in this newsletter in recent years. We recognized these successes deserved their own special newsletter which will be published mid-May. Please watch for this special newsletter to arrive the end of May, or early June to specifically feature them, as well as other important news and dates for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

We thank you and continue to appreciate your support of your Salem Washington Academy!

2022-2023 Proposed Budget for the Salem Central School District

Expenditure Summary

Our 2022-2023 expenditure budget reflects an overall increase of \$71,797 or 0.459%. This budget includes an additional special education teacher in the high school, as well as retaining the additional teaching staff hired in the 2021-2022 school year through the American Rescue Plan grants. This has allowed, and will continue to allow, to supplement learning loss suffered during the pandemic. We continue to offer a strong academic program with a variety of Advanced Placement (AP) courses and Career & Technical Education (CTE) pathways for our high school students.

Administrative	2021-2022 Adopted	2022-2023 Proposed	Change from 2021-2022
Board of Education	\$30,500	\$31,386	\$886
Instructional Improvement	\$32,802	\$33,900	\$1,098
Central Administration	\$264,028	\$307,467	\$43,439
Finance	\$249,513	\$282,394	\$32,881
Legal Expenses	\$67,500	\$64,000	\$(3,500)
Central Services	\$285,656	\$290,888	\$5,232
Instructional Administrative	\$597,869	\$481,407	\$(116,462)
Total Administrative	\$1,527,868	\$1,491,442	\$(36,426)
Program			
Total Teaching	\$8,280,480	\$8,457,142	\$176,662
Total Instructional Media	\$501,086	\$535,360	\$34,274
Total Pupil Services	\$832,047	\$862,406	\$30,359
Total Community Services	\$4,000	-	\$(4,000)
Pupil Transportation	\$1,247,106	\$1,302,528	\$55,422
Total Retirees H.I.	\$239,327	\$357,720	\$118,393
Total Program	\$11,104,046	\$11,515,156	\$411,110
Capital			
Transportation Vehicle	-	\$38,000	\$38,000
Operations & Maintenance	\$1,517,327	\$1,230,550	(\$286,777)
Debt Services	\$1,481,954	\$1,427,844	(\$54,110)
Transfers - Lunch Fund	-	-	-
Total Capital	\$2,999,281	\$2,696,394	(\$302,887)
Total Expenses	\$15,631,195	\$15,702,992	\$71,797

Revenue Summary

Our 2022-2023 revenue projection included a 3% increase to the District's foundation aid, and an increase in our expense driven aids. The BOCES aid did realize a decrease due to the lack of programming allowed during the pandemic. We anticipate an increase in this aid over the 2023-2024 budget. The school tax reflects a decrease of 2.46% of the 2022-2023 budget.

State Aid	2021-2022 Adopted	2022-2023 Proposed	Change From 2021-2022
Foundation Aid	\$5,730,509	\$5,902,450	\$171,941
BOCES Aid	\$720,144	\$639,005	\$(81,139)
Excess Cost Public and Private	\$93,115	\$113,632	\$20,517
Textbook, Computer Aids	\$50,881	\$51,264	\$383
Building Aid	\$1,293,066	\$1,471,320	\$178,254
High Tax Aid	\$127,523	\$127,523	-
Transportation Aid	\$697,789	\$830,324	\$132,535
Estimated State Revenue	\$8,713,027	\$9,135,518	\$422,491
Local Revenue			
Property Taxes	\$5,223,841	\$5,095,164	\$(128,677)
Non-Resident Tuition	\$89,500	\$48,810	\$(40,690)
Refunds Prior Year Expenses	\$25,000	\$32,000	\$7,000
Interest and Earnings	\$1,500	\$35,000	\$33,500
Medicaid & Medicare Part D Reimbursement	\$16,000	\$53,000	\$37,000
Penalties on Property Taxes	\$1,000	\$12,500	\$11,500
Debt Service	\$165,500	\$170,000	\$4,500
Miscellaneous	\$1,000	\$7,500	\$6,500
Estimated Local Revenue	\$5,523,341	\$5,453,974	(\$69,367)
Appropriated Reserves (ERS)	\$76,227	\$188,500	\$112,273
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$725,000	\$400,000	(\$325,000)
Fund Balance to Reduce Levy	\$593,600	\$525,000	(\$68,600)
Total Revenue	\$15,631,195	\$15,702,992	\$71,797

PROPOSITIONS

- PROPOSITION #1**
PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Salem Central School District is hereby authorized to expend the sum set forth in the amount of \$15,702,992 during the 2022-2023 school year and to levy the necessary tax levy.
- PROPOSITION #2**
BUS LEASES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Salem Central School District is authorized to lease one (1) 65 passenger bus; one (1) 36 passenger bus; and one (1) 30 passenger school bus with a wheel chair lift, at a total not to exceed \$52,635 annually over the five-year lease period.
- PROPOSITION #3**
APPROPRIATION FOR THE BANCROFT LIBRARY

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Salem Central School District is hereby authorized to increase by nine thousand dollars (\$9,000), a total of thirty-eight thousand and seven hundred seventy-five dollars (\$38,775) annually, the appropriation to the Bancroft Library toward the operating budget of the Bancroft Public Library, and to add to the levy the necessary tax thereof beginning with the 2022-2023 school year.
- BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE**
ONE (1) SEAT

To fill the expired term of Dr. Robert Ceglowski, three (3) year term beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025.

NYS Education Law requires schools to provide residents with an opportunity to write-in an individual's name for each vacancy on the Board. While no nominating petitions were submitted, you may write-in one (1) person's name for the vacant seat. Please note that it is important that the full name of your write-in candidate's name is spelled correctly, otherwise it may not count.

Library Information

New York State Education Law (under which libraries operate) provides that propositions requesting changes in the money for local libraries may be placed on the local school ballot. Such money is not in the school budget and has no impact on that budget. The district's local library relies on community support to help maintain the level of service now available.