

Campbell-Savona Central School

Creating Successful Citizens Striving to make a Difference

– Budget Newsletter –



May 2022

Ballot Propositions

There are four propositions on the ballot:

1. **Budget:** Tax levy increase of 0 percent. This is below the limit established by the tax cap legislation.
Total Budget: \$23,295,717.
2. **Two Board seats are open:** Greg Cacace, Stacie VanSkiver and Dale Seeley are running for two five-year terms.
3. **Public Library:** Dr. Sandor and Berthe Benedek Memorial Library is requesting an increase of \$2,900 in the amount collected by the District on its behalf.

Budget Hearing

Monday, May 9 • 7:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. High School • LGI



Budget Vote, Board Member Election

Tuesday, May 17 • Noon - 8:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. High School • District Office Lobby

A letter from the Board of Education President

Dear Residents,

On behalf of the Board of Education, I am pleased to present the proposed 2022-2023 District Budget for your consideration. We are especially proud that we are able to continue to expand the educational opportunities for our students while keeping our promise to taxpayers to do so in a fiscally responsible manner. We recognize the significant trust you place in us to balance these two goals and I am confident that we have achieved the desired balance with this budget. For a third consecutive year, the Board of Education has proposed a budget with a 0 percent tax levy increase.

While the pandemic is largely behind us, we are still faced with the challenge of closing the educational gap caused by the mandated closing of our school and the many restrictions that followed. This budget continues the focus on addressing educational needs while also providing the mental health supports our students greatly need. If there is a positive that came from the pandemic, it is the increased access to and use of educational technology that our faculty has used to provide our students with new opportunities to learn.

One of the privileges that the Board of Education enjoys is the opportunity to visit each building to get an in-depth look at how our schools function. The Board recently had the opportunity to visit the Jr/Sr High School and I was struck by the many ways our teachers engage our students in learning. Our students are working diligently and are led by a faculty who cares deeply about their success, both academically as well as their growth toward becoming successful adults. Our school motto, "Creating Successful Citizens Striving to make a Difference" is not just words on a page, but a commitment that is lived out daily within the halls of our schools. So, while we know there are challenges to be faced in the upcoming school year, we have them confidently knowing that we have the people and programs in place to be successful.

Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the budget as outlined in the pages that follow. The public hearing on the budget will take place on Monday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. On behalf of the Board, I want to thank you for your continuing support.

Respectfully,

Shawn M. Corey, President
Campbell-Savona Board of Education

(Left) The C-S Band visited the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in April.

(Below) Second graders enjoyed their swimming unit during physical education class.



Voter eligibility

A person shall be entitled to vote at any school meeting for the election of school district officers, and all matters that may be brought before such meeting who is:

1. A citizen of the United States of America,
2. Eighteen (18) years of age or older, and
3. A resident within the school district for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election.

Absentee ballots

Absentee ballot applications and ballots may be obtained from District Clerk Kelly Costa.

Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the district clerk at least seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or the day before the election if the ballot is to be picked up in person by the voter.

Absentee ballots must be received by the district clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

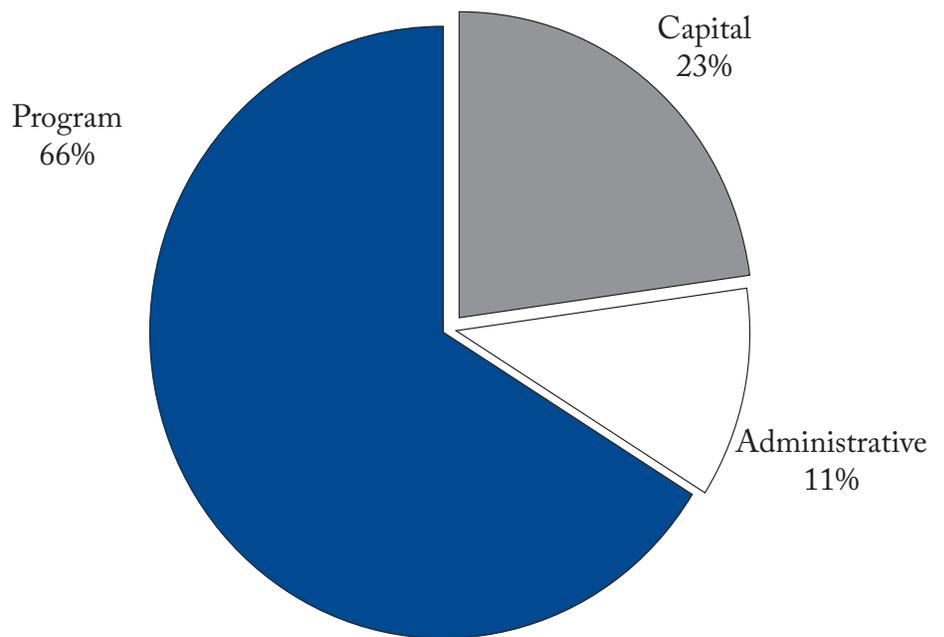
Questions regarding absentee ballots should be directed to Kelly Costa at 527-9800, ext. 1403.



Budget Summary

- The proposed budget is \$23,295,717, which represents a 3.25 percent increase.
- The amount of local tax money needed to support the budget is \$5,059,237. This is a 0 percent increase from the amount that was collected for the current school year and is below the 1.87 percent limit established by the tax cap legislation.
- During the past 10 years, the tax levy has increased an average of 0.95 percent each year.
- The tax cap law applies to the tax levy, which is the only thing the District controls. The tax rates and individual bills are determined in August and are greatly affected by changes in assessments and equalization rates, which are established by the townships and the state.
- The budget hearing will be May 9 at the Campbell-Savona Jr./Sr. High School at 7:00 p.m. in the LGI Room.
- A more detailed explanation of the budget can be found in the budget statement, which is available on the District's website at www.cscsd.org.
- All absentee ballots are due back to the District by May 17, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

The Three Components of the Budget



Component Breakdown

New York State law requires that a school district's budget be presented in three-part form. The three components of the budget are as follows:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT 11% of total budget	2021-2022	2022-2023	% Change
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board of Education: includes contractual expenses, District Clerk's salary and annual meeting expenses • Central Administration: includes salaries and benefits for Superintendent and clerical assistant and associated contractual expenses and supplies • Finance: includes salaries and benefits for Director of Management Services and clerical assistant, contractual expenses, office supplies, auditing fees, BOCES business services and tax collection expenses • Staff: includes legal fees and BOCES personnel services • Central Services: includes printing and mailing costs and maintenance of computer networks • Special Items: includes insurance, school association dues and BOCES administrative charges • Instruction Administration and Improvement: includes salaries and benefits for the building administrators and their clerical assistants; associated contractual expenses and supplies; and in-service teacher training and staff development 	\$3,510,832	\$2,660,789	-24.20%
PROGRAM COMPONENT 66% of total budget	2021-2022	2022-2023	% Change
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching: includes salaries and benefits for teachers, teaching assistants, aides and substitutes; textbooks; supplies; contractual expenses; BOCES vocational, alternative education and special education services • Instructional Media: includes salary and benefits for librarians, BOCES library and computer technology services and associated equipment and supplies • Pupil Services: includes salaries and benefits for guidance counselors, guidance secretary, nurses and psychologists; extracurricular activities; and interscholastic athletics • Pupil Transportation: includes salaries and benefits for bus drivers, monitors and mechanics; cost of operating and maintaining the buses; and cost of operating and maintaining the bus garage 	\$14,277,915	\$15,405,378	+7.90%
CAPITAL COMPONENT 23% of total budget	2021-2022	2022-2023	% Change
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Services: includes salaries and benefits for custodial, maintenance and supervisory staff and cost of operating and maintaining the buildings and grounds • Debt Service: includes principal and interest payments on borrowed money • Purchase of Buses: includes the purchase of four school buses and one van 	\$4,773,900	\$5,229,550	+9.50%
GRAND TOTAL	\$22,562,647	\$23,295,717	+3.25%

Expenditures

The proposed 2022-2023 budget of \$23,295,717 represents a 3.25 percent increase from the 2021-2022 budget.

Notable increases in expenditures:

1. **Library Media Specialist.** Due to increase in media and technology skills required by students an additional library media specialist is included in this budget. This will allow for the district to have a dedicated library media specialist at both buildings. This requires an increase of \$52,000. (Program component expense)

2. **Fuel Costs.** The District bids out its fuel purchasing each year and was fortunate to not see an increase during the 2021-22 year. The sharp increase in fuel costs will require an increase of \$60,000. (Program component expense)

3. **Salaries.** Contractual salary increases in most years can be offset by retirements. However, there are few retirements this year which combined with a rising minimum wage have resulted in an increase in total salaries. This results to an increase of \$489,100 in the budget. (Distributed among all 3 components)

4. **Benefits.** School districts in New York State are required to contribute a percentage of each employee's salary to the appropriate state retirement system. The district is also required to pay federal payroll taxes on salaries. Both areas require an increase this year. Additionally, the District's health insurance plan will require a 4 percent increase this year. These increases in benefit costs will result in a \$189,000 increase in the budget. (Prorated among all 3 components)

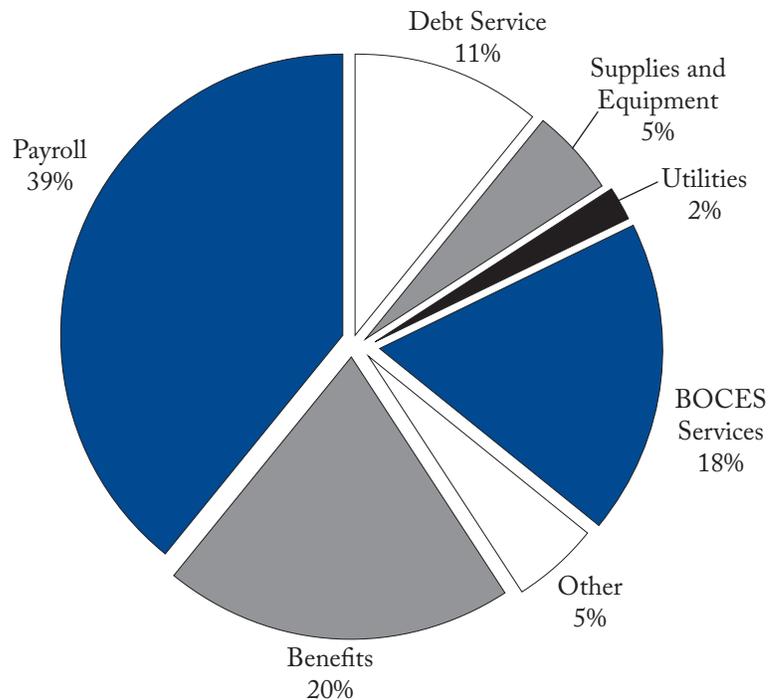
Notable decreases in expenditures:

1. **Special Education.** Due to a decrease in student placements and needs, the budget for the special education program will be reduced by \$217,000. (Program component expense)

Capital Outlay Project:

Included in the 2022-23 budget is \$100,000 for a capital outlay project. There are times when the District has immediate capital needs that cannot wait until the next capital project. In this situa-

tion, the District can do a capital outlay project. The District can spend up to \$100,000 each year for this type of project, with state building aid coming the following year. The money for this project is already in the budget, so there will be no additional increase. During the 2021-22 year, the district reconditioned an elevator, installed a new HVAC unit and completed window improvements at the Savona Elementary School. Preliminary plans for the 2022-23 Capital Outlay include district wide security and controls system upgrade.



Revenues

School districts receive revenue from several sources. The main resource for C-S is state aid, which will be responsible for 74 percent of all district revenue in 2022-23. The District's state aid is projected to increase by about \$581,584 to \$17,286,602 for 2022-23, which is a 3.4 percent increase.

The second largest source of revenue is from property tax, which will represent approximately 22 percent of our budget for the upcoming year. Of this amount, it is estimated that approximately 17 percent of this will be funded by the STAR program. The Board of Education has approved a 0 percent increase in the tax levy for the 2022-23 school year, which is under the maximum allowed 1.87 percent under the tax cap legislation. The ten-year annual average increase for the tax levy is 0.95 percent.

Of the remaining 4 percent of the budget, the following are the major factors:

- **Payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreements:** The District receives tax money in the form of PILOT agreements from the Steuben County Industrial Agency, which signs agreements with businesses in order to entice them to expand into our area. The amount that the District is receiving for the PILOT agreements this year is budgeted at \$313,000.
- **Miscellaneous:** Each year, the District receives a refund back from BOCES for services in which it had been overcharged. The District also receives other smaller refunds and takes in revenue for various

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Propositions on the ballot

Proposed Budget

Proposition:

Shall the Board of Education of the Campbell-Savona Central School District be and hereby is authorized to expend the sum of \$23,295,717 for the 2022-2023 school year?

School Board Election

Board Member Vote:

Five-year expired terms of Greg Cacace and Stacie VanSkiver

Three candidates are running for two positions. Below is information on the candidates:

Greg Cacace

I grew up and have been a part of Campbell-Savona School District nearly my entire life. My wife Martha and I raised 2 children through the district who have since moved on to successful careers.

I have been a Campbell-Savona school board member for 15 years and have enjoyed meeting the challenges and celebrating the accomplishments during that time.

I was a member for Campbell-Savona Audit committee which helped to establish and maintain best practices to keep the district strong financially. I look forward to continued service on the School board to bring the best possible education to our children.

Stacie VanSkiver

Stacie is a director of Human Resources for Corning Incorporated. She brings 25 years in organizational leadership experience to our school district. She has expertise in fiscal management, employee relations, organizational design and development, staffing, training and development, and performance management. As an HR leader she has developed a strong appreciation for the importance of engaging the hearts and minds of students and preparing them for

college, career, and life success aligned with the needs of a global economy.

Stacie is an alumnus of Campbell-Savona and a passionate fan of our athletic and art programs believing in a district's role in the development of a curriculum that grows well rounded, agile, and resilient young adults. Having spent her entire career in global manufacturing and technical organizations, she fully understands the importance of STEM education and giving CS students the competitive edge that they will need to thrive in a global economy.

Stacie lives in Savona with her husband Jason and two sons, the oldest an alumnus of Campbell-Savona is currently a freshman at Penn State studying agriculture business management. Her youngest is a freshman at CS. She also has two nephews in the district. She is running for her second term on the board and describes this as the most important work she will ever do.

Dale Seeley

I was locally born and raised; I attended and graduated from BOCES (Coopers Career Center) and Campbell Central School prior to joining the US Navy. I have served our country all over the world while in the Navy, first as an Electronics Technician, and eventually retiring as a commissioned Civil Engineer Corps Officer. I have a BS in Civil Engineering from The University of Texas and MS in Geotechnical Engineering from Purdue University. I am a registered Professional Engineer in NY.

After retiring from the Navy, Kaye and I returned to New York to farm—we own Seeley Summit Farm in Campbell. Additionally, since settling in Campbell, I have been employed as the Chief Engineer and Facility Manager at the Bath VA and most recently retired from Corning Incorporated as the Manager of Civil, Environmental, and Structural

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Tax Implications

Each year, C-S must calculate its tax levy limit, based on the formula that was developed under the tax cap law eleven years ago. Using this formula, the District is allowed to raise the tax levy by 1.87 percent for 2022-23. The Board of Education has decided to ask the voters to approve a tax levy that is below what the law authorizes it to collect, namely \$5,059,237 which is the same as the 2021-22 tax levy.

The only thing the District has any control over is the tax levy. The tax rates and individual bills are determined in August and are greatly affected by changes in assessments and equalization rates, which are established by the townships and the state.

Propositions, continued

Engineering on the Capital Projects and Facilities Engineering team.

I am a member of Campbell American Legion Post #1279, a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member of the Thurston Christian Church. I enjoy woodworking, hunting, and golf among other things in my spare time.

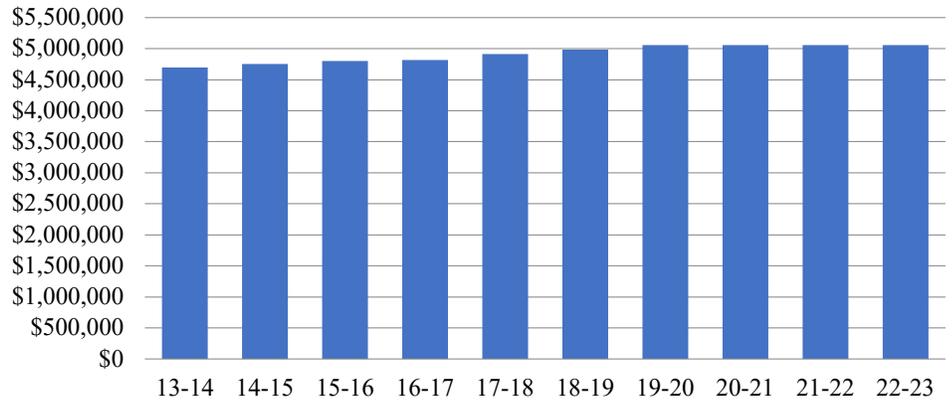
It will be an honor to further serve our community on the Campbell-Savona Central School District Board of Education.

Dr. Sandor and Berthe Benedak Memorial Library

Proposition:

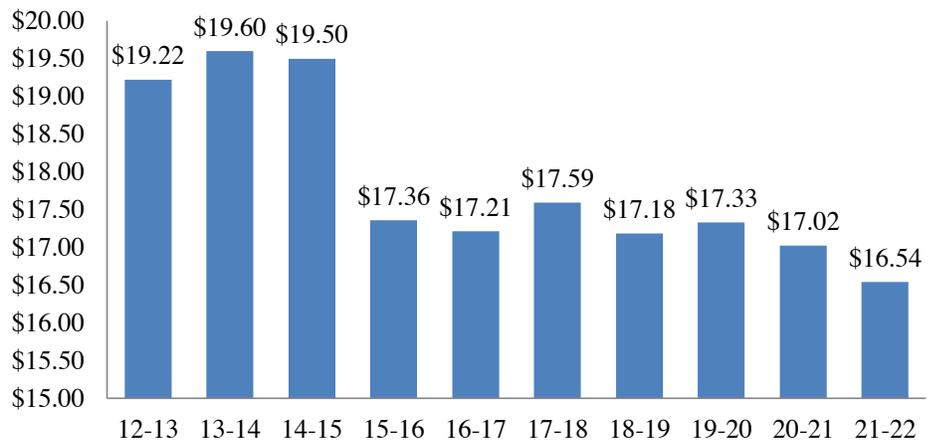
Shall the amount collected on behalf of the Dr. Sandor and Berthe Benedek Memorial Library by the Campbell-Savona Central School District be increased by \$2,900 to an annual amount of \$61,000?

Tax Levy History



During the past 10 years, the tax levy has increased an average of 0.95 percent each year. During this same period, the Consumer Price Index has had average yearly increases of 1.85 percent.

Historical Tax Rate per \$1,000 of True Value

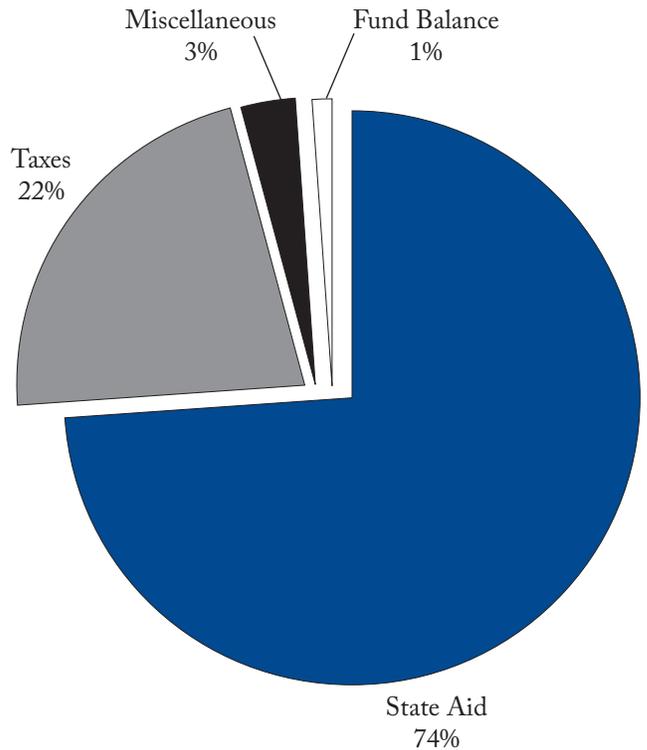


This chart shows that the overall tax rate for the District has gone down in five of the last 10 years. This means that the tax levy for the District has grown at a slower rate than the total property value of the District in those years. The tax rate for 2022-23 will not be determined until August.

Revenues, continued from District Budget Information

items such as facilities use, admissions, interest income, Medicaid reimbursements and sales of surplus materials. These add a total of \$440,225 to the revenue side of the budget.

- **Fund Balance:** To balance the budget and have the least amount of impact on taxpayers given the 0 percent tax levy increase, the District will use \$196,653 to balance the budget this year. This will be used for one-time expenditures that will not be carried over into the next year.



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