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## News from Saranac Central School District

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### Superintendent's Overview 2023-24 Proposed Budget

May 2023

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#### Community Members,

Please review this year's budget letter. I hope that it can give you a clear picture of the budget process and the specific pieces that drive increases in our budget. I also encourage anyone with questions left unanswered to please reach out to my office.

Our goal is always to create a budget that supports each student's individual learning needs. We also strive to provide educational experiences that help our students be ready for their next step, whether it be furthering their education, joining the armed forces, joining the work force, or whatever that next step may be. It is important that we continue to provide diverse opportunities that may inspire or lead our students to becoming not only productive members of society but leaders in that society.

This year we celebrated being able to return to many of our practices that were in place prior to the global pandemic. We also continued to assess and address the fallout from the pandemic. We continued to find that the impact of the pandemic is far from over. The academic and social emotional challenges that our students are facing due to the chaotic learning environment that was caused by the pandemic have proven difficult to overcome. Our school community finds it very important to provide the necessary support for our students in this time of trying to make up for the learning and emotional gaps that our students are faced with.



Creating the necessary support has meant increasing our faculty and staff. We will need to once again increase our special education staff so that we can provide the necessary programming. This coming year we will also begin to lose some of the federal grant funding which in part will need to be absorbed by our general fund. We all agree that this is not the time to decrease any services for our students.

We are also looking at increasing some services next year using the remaining federal funds. We are hopeful that these services can help address some of the social emotional needs of our students and continue to create a supportive learning environment for all our students.

This year our foundation aid increase was 4.6%. Many of our neighboring districts received a much more favorable increase. Some even celebrated a 20% increase this year. The discrepancy comes from a flawed foundation aid formula that has seen us as overfunded for many years. We all know that this type of increase does not come close to addressing the increase in costs

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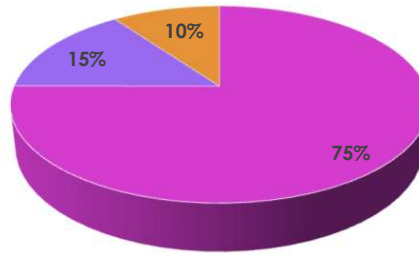
## Budget Vote & School Board Election

Tuesday, May 16, 2023  
Noon to 8 p.m.

## PROPOSED 2023-2024 BUDGET

New York State school districts are required to present their proposed budgets to the public in three parts: Program, Administrative, and Capital. The Program Budget includes all items associated with the direct instruction of the students, such as teachers' salaries, BOCES, library materials, instructional computers, and the cost for operating the transportation department. The Administrative portion of the budget includes all items associated with the management of the District, including the Board of Education, Treasurer, Administrators, auditing and tax collection. The Capital portion includes the cost to maintain the District's facilities, such as custodial and maintenance workers, supplies and materials, and also includes all District debt service and bus purchases.

### Expenditures



■ Program Component (75%)    
 ■ Capital Component (15%)    
 ■ Administrative Component (10%)

Program Component			Capital Component	
	2022-2023	2023-2024	2022-2023	2023-2024
Teaching-Regular School	8,158,851	8,594,247	Operation of Plant	1,401,697
Special Education	6,301,706	6,481,030	Maintenance of Plant	708,552
Occupational Education(Grades 9-12)	821,341	928,411	Refund on Real Property Taxes	1,500
School Library	201,650	178,164	Bus Purchases	404,497
Computer Assisted Instruction	602,421	648,077	Employee Benefits	979,846
Guidance Services	399,165	507,564	Serial Bonds	831,700
Health Services	217,297	228,373	Bond Anticipation Notes	2,487,000
Psychological Services	321,372	331,362	Energy Performance Contract Debt	154,295
Social Work Services	60,839	57,491	Transfer to Capital Fund	100,000
Co-Curricular Activity	78,550	78,990	<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>7,069,087</b>
Interscholastic Athletics	474,652	612,848		<b>5,889,481</b>
District Transportation Services	1,627,529	1,676,054	<b>Administration Component</b>	
Bus Garage	44,431	41,020		<b>2022-2023</b>
Employee Benefits	9,912,028	10,106,725		<b>2023-2024</b>
Transfer to Special Aid Fund	47,000	50,000	Board Of Education	7,085
<b>Total Program:</b>	<b>29,268,832</b>	<b>30,520,356</b>	District Clerk Services	7,815
<b>PUBLIC DISCLOSURE - SALARY COMPENSATION</b>  Chapter 474 of the Education Law of 1996 requires public disclosure of the compensation of the Superintendent as a part of the proposed budget document. Compensation is two-fold: salary and benefits. The 2023-2024 salary amount is \$169,264. This salary is consistent with amounts reported as wages and applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.  All District employees, including the Superintendent, receive benefits required by law for Social Security, Medicare, Workers' Compensation and retirement. Like many other District employees, the Superintendent also receives life, health, and vision insurance. \$32,951 is the annualized cost for the Superintendent's benefits.  Chapter 474 of the Education Law of 1996 also requires public disclosure of the salaries of any administrative position which will be greater or equal to \$162,000 for the 2023-2024 school year. There are no administrative personnel receiving salary in excess of this amount for the 2023-2024 school year.			District Meeting	1,960
			Chief School Administrator's Office	236,357
			Business Administration Office	238,443
			Auditing	20,100
			Treasurer's Office	62,333
			Tax Collector Services	13,740
			Purchasing Services	5,247
			Fiscal Agent Fees	3,700
			Legal Fees	36,500
			Personnel	61,337
			Public Information and Services	1,000
			Central Printing & Mailing	236,439
			Unallocated Insurance	105,874
			School Association Dues	9,450
			BOCES Administrative Costs	732,926
			BOCES Capital Expenses	51,547
			Curriculum Development Costs	76,654
			Supervision-Regular School	882,048
			Research, Planning & Evaluation	15,000
			Inservice Training	12,103
			Supervision- Special Education	85,772
			Employee Benefits	1,062,445
			<b>Total Administrative</b>	<b>3,965,875</b>
				<b>4,006,499</b>

**School Year:**

**2022-2023**

**2023-2024**

**Total Budget:**

**40,303,794**

**40,416,336**



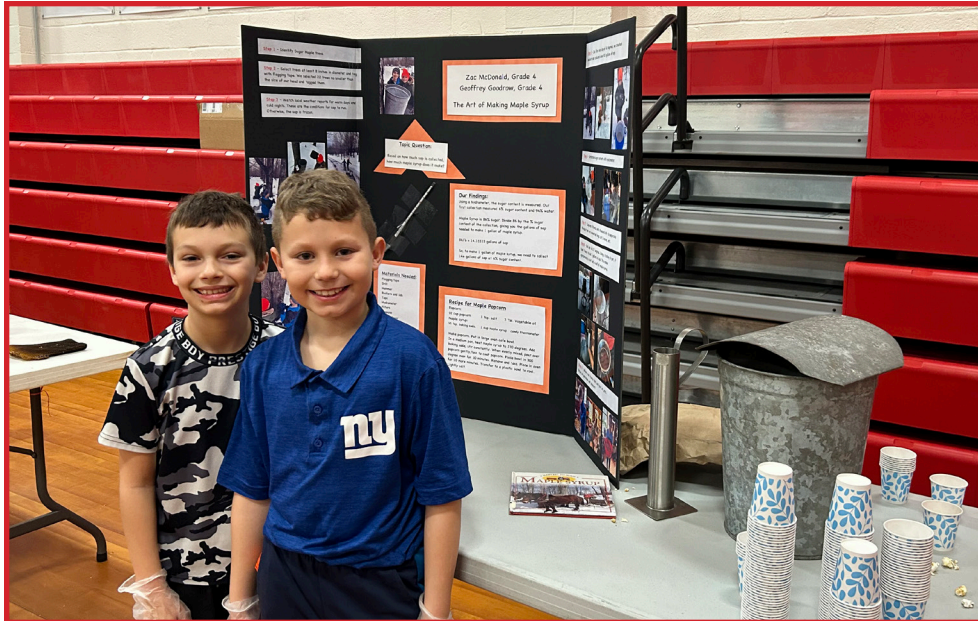


## Superintendent's Message continued

we have experienced for most goods and services. This year our tax cap is at 4.37% but we have decided to ask the community for a 3.99% increase instead. This increase coupled with a \$2.5 million installment from our fund balance should help us provide all the necessary services to appropriately support our students.

I have attached some other graphs that hopefully help you understand this proposed budget much clearer. We ask that all eligible community members get out and vote. Our goal this year is to get much more of our community out to vote on budget night. Voting will occur on May 16th at the Morrisonville Elementary School Library from noon to 8 p.m. Community members may also request an absentee ballot by completing the application found on our website or calling the district office. If Application for Absentee Ballot is to be mailed, request must be received by the District Clerk no later than 7 days before the election (May 9) otherwise the application must be personally delivered to the District Clerk no later than the day before the election (May 15).

Thank you again for the tremendous amount of support that this community continues to offer our school.



Sincerely,

Javier Perez

Saranac Central School Superintendent

# SARANAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Revenue Summary

		Budgeted 2022-2023	Budgeted 2023-2024	Definition / Explanation of Revenue Codes
Real Property Tax				
1001	Property Tax	12,779,153	13,308,866	Total local tax levy revenue.
Other Real Property Items				
1085	STAR Reimbursement	1,750,000	1,800,000	Non tax levy real property revenues received.
1090	Int. & Penalties on Taxes	9,500	9,500	
Charges for Services				
1335	Other Student Fees/Charges	8,500	10,000	Received from individuals and school districts for services rendered.
2230	Day School Tuition	22,000	22,000	
Use of Money & Property				
2401	Interest & Earnings	7,700	50,000	Investment of District funds.
Sale of Property & Comp. for Loss				
2666	Sale of Trans. Equip.	15,000	13,000	Sale of obsolete buses.
Miscellaneous				
2701	BOCES Refund	75,000	70,000	Miscellaneous revenues from Preschool Committee on Special Education costs, BOCES & Hockey.
2703	Other Refunds	28,000	28,500	
2770	Other Unclassified	35,000	35,000	
State Sources				
3101	Foundation Aid	13,006,786	13,737,252	Estimated revenue from State aid.
3101.B	Excess Cost Aid	4,250,858	4,452,406	Each item listed generates aid according to a particular formula set by the budget agreement made between the NYS Legislature and the Governor.
3102	Lottery Aid	2,500,000	2,700,000	
3103	BOCES Aid	1,080,151	1,200,000	
3260	Textbook Aid	83,472	84,812	
3262	Computer Aid	48,607	49,007	
3263	Library A/V Program Aid	9,031	9,119	
Federal Sources				
4601	Medicaid Assistance	75,000	85,000	Revenue received for services provided to Medicaid eligible students.
Interfund Transfers				
5031	Transfers - Capital	133,000	160,000	Bus Purchase Reserve. Transfer from Debt Service Fund to assist with bond & interest payments.
5050	Transfers - Debt	1,817,000	-	
Fund Balance				
9090	Appropriated	2,570,036	2,591,874	Fund balance used to reduce tax levy.
Total General Fund Revenues				
		\$40,303,794	\$40,416,336	

# SARANAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Capital Component Budget

	Adopted 2022-2023	Proposed 2023-2024	Definition / Explanation of Account Codes
<b>1620 Operation of Facilities</b>			
Contractual Salaries	672,975	707,568	
Contractual Expense	130,800	182,782	
Equipment	18,500	7,000	Salaries of Custodians, Custodial
Landfill	66,000	66,000	Workers, Messenger & substitutes,
Telephone	43,824	44,424	cleaning equipment & cleaning supplies.
Water & Sewer	21,555	22,825	BOCES assistance to meet AHERA,
Fuel	177,500	204,000	OSHA, EPA, and DEC requirements.
Electric	188,059	216,980	
Supplies & Materials	75,000	65,000	
BOCES Expense	7,484	8,022	
	<b>1,401,697</b>	<b>1,524,601</b>	
<b>1621 Maintenance of Facilities</b>			
Contractual Salaries	281,621	280,312	Salaries for the Dir. of Facilities II,
Contractual Expense	270,931	369,200	secretary, maintenance mechanics &
Equipment	38,000	60,000	substitute workers. Expenses for
Supplies & Materials	118,000	125,000	materials, supplies & contractual services
	<b>708,552</b>	<b>834,512</b>	relating to repairs & upkeep of the district
			facilities.
<b>1964 Refund on Real Property Taxes</b>			
Contractual Expense	1,500	1,500	Refunds for assessment errors &
	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>	prior year adjustments.
<b>5510 Transportation Services</b>			
Equipment	404,497	489,113	Bus purchases.
	<b>404,497</b>	<b>489,113</b>	
<b>9000 Employee Benefits</b>			
Employee Retirement	100,373	103,291	
Social Security	76,635	75,573	
Workers' Compensation	34,210	34,650	Fringe benefit costs for all employees,
Life Insurance	200	205	and retirees classified under the
Unemployment Insurance	2,000	5,000	Capital portion of the budget.
Medical Insurance	766,428	700,240	
	<b>979,846</b>	<b>918,959</b>	
<b>9711 Serial Bonds- Construction</b>			
600 Principal Expense	335,000	910,000	Debt service payments on bonds
700 Interest Expense	496,700	956,500	for previous construction projects.
	<b>831,700</b>	<b>1,866,500</b>	
<b>9731 BAN</b>			
600 Principal Interest	2,235,000	0	Bond Anticipation Note payments.
700 Interest Expense	252,000	0	
	<b>2,487,000</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>9789 Other Debt - EPC</b>			
600 Principal Expense	122,171	126,554	Payments for Energy Performance
700 Interest Expense	32,124	27,742	Contract.
	<b>154,295</b>	<b>154,296</b>	
<b>9950 Interfund Transfers- Capital</b>			
900	<b>100,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	For 2023-2024 the district plans to install
			new valve actuators in the MS/HS unit
			ventilators to provide better heat control.
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$7,069,087</b>	<b>5,889,481</b>	



# SARANAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Administrative Component Budget

	Adopted 2022-2023	Proposed 2023-2024	Definition / Explanation of Account Codes
<b>1010 Board of Education</b>			
Contractual Expense	6,350	7,725	Supplies, conferences, and in-service provided to Board. Board members receive no salary or compensation for their services.
Supplies & Materials	60	60	
BOCES Expense	675	685	
	<b>7,085</b>	<b>8,470</b>	
<b>1040 District Clerk Office</b>			
Contractual Salaries & Expense	7,700	7,950	Salary, supplies, and expenses for recording board actions and preparation of legal notices.
Supplies & Materials	115	125	
	<b>7,815</b>	<b>8,075</b>	
<b>1060 District Meetings</b>			
Contractual Expense	1,550	800	Expense for election inspectors and cost of holding public votes.
Supplies & Materials	410	410	
	<b>1,960</b>	<b>1,210</b>	
<b>1240 Chief School Administration's Office</b>			
Contractual Salaries & Expense	234,157	224,621	Salaries for Superintendent & Secretary. Includes cost of operating office, conferences, supplies & contractual fees.
Supplies & Materials	2,200	2,100	
	<b>236,357</b>	<b>226,721</b>	
<b>1310 Business Administration Office</b>			
Contractual Salaries & Expense	233,238	250,212	Salaries for Business Administrator & business office staff. Also, the costs of business office functions, including the accounting/payroll system.
Supplies & Materials	1,705	1,718	
BOCES Expense	3,500	3,515	
	<b>238,443</b>	<b>255,445</b>	
<b>1320 Auditing Services</b>			
Contractual Expense	20,100	19,400	Independent & claims auditing & inventory control services.
	<b>20,100</b>	<b>19,400</b>	
<b>1325 Treasurer's Office</b>			
Contractual Salaries & Expense	60,183	63,861	Salaries for the Treasurer, office supplies and conferences.
Supplies & Materials	2,150	2,150	
	<b>62,333</b>	<b>66,011</b>	
<b>1330 Tax Collection Services</b>			
Contractual Salaries & Expense	13,680	14,036	Salary for school tax collector, software, and supplies for tax bills and records.
Supplies & Materials	60	60	
	<b>13,740</b>	<b>14,096</b>	
<b>1345 Purchasing</b>			
BOCES Expense	5,247	3,750	Expense for cooperatively bidding most supplies & energy services.
	<b>5,247</b>	<b>3,750</b>	
<b>1380 Fiscal Agent Fees</b>			
Contractual Expense	3,700	3,700	Continuing disclosure required by the Securities & Exchange Commission.
	<b>3,700</b>	<b>3,700</b>	
<b>1420 Legal Services Fees</b>			
Contractual Expense	36,500	45,000	School attorney fees, labor management and legal advertisement costs.
	<b>36,500</b>	<b>45,000</b>	
<b>1430 Personnel</b>			
Contractual Expense	12,990	13,950	GASB #75, Health/Workers' Compensation Coordination advertising.
BOCES Expense	48,347	54,063	
	<b>61,337</b>	<b>68,013</b>	
<b>1480 Public Information Services</b>			
BOCES Expense	1,000	1,020	Fees to BOCES for assistance with the District's newsletters.
	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,020</b>	

# SARANAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Administrative Component Budget

	Adopted 2022-2023	Proposed 2023-2024	Definition / Explanation of Account Codes
<b>1670 Printing &amp; Postage</b>			
Equipment	112,640	15,000	Printing and mailing costs for student forms, medical records, newsletters, and other necessary documents.
Contractual & Supplies	75,849	75,905	
BOCES Expense	47,950	44,989	
	<b>236,439</b>	<b>135,894</b>	
<b>1910 Unallocated Insurance</b>			
Contractual Expense	105,874	114,330	District liability and student accident insurance.
	<b>105,874</b>	<b>114,330</b>	
<b>1920 School Association Dues</b>			
Contractual Expense	9,450	9,450	Membership dues and fees for professional organizations.
	<b>9,450</b>	<b>9,450</b>	
<b>1981 Administrative Charges - BOCES</b>			
BOCES Expense	732,926	808,680	District's share in the cost of administering BOCES programs.
	<b>732,926</b>	<b>808,680</b>	
<b>1983 Capital Expenses - BOCES</b>			
BOCES Expense	51,547	56,729	District's share of BOCES capital expense.
	<b>51,547</b>	<b>56,729</b>	
<b>2010 Curriculum Development</b>			
Contractual Expense	8,500	4,000	Continuing education & conferences/workshops for all staff.
Salaries	3,454	0	
BOCES Expense	64,700	65,348	
	<b>76,654</b>	<b>69,348</b>	
<b>2020 Supervision - Regular Schools</b>			
Contractual Salaries & Expense	874,298	932,856	Salaries of administrators & their clerical staff, office supplies & conference costs.
Supplies & Materials	7,500	7,500	
BOCES Expense	250	250	
	<b>882,048</b>	<b>940,606</b>	
<b>2060 Research, Planning, &amp; Evaluation</b>			
Equipment	15,000	15,000	Teacher projects implemented to evaluate new teaching methods or programs.
	<b>15,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>	
<b>2070 InService Training-Instruction</b>			
BOCES Expense	12,103	12,257	BOCES services supporting sustaining data driven decision making.
	<b>12,103</b>	<b>12,257</b>	
<b>2250 Program for Students with Disabilities</b>			
CSE Chair	85,772	89,632	Salaries of Special Education Administrator.
	<b>85,772</b>	<b>89,632</b>	
<b>9000 Employee Benefits</b>			
Employee Retirement	71,052	73,118	Fringe benefit costs for all employees including retirees classified under the Administrative portion of the budget.
Teachers Retirement	110,997	110,956	
Social Security	109,888	114,123	
Workers' Compensation	8,145	8,250	
Life Insurance	190	195	
Medical Insurance	762,173	727,020	
	<b>1,062,445</b>	<b>1,033,662</b>	
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET</b>	<b>\$3,965,875</b>	<b>\$4,006,499</b>	

# SARANAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Program Component Budget

	Adopted 2022-2023	Proposed 2023-2024	Definition / Explanation of Account Codes
2110 Teaching - Regular School			
Contractual Salaries & Expense	7,853,647	\$8,279,607	Salaries of K-12 regular education teachers, aides & substitutes. Cost of supplies & textbooks used for student instruction & testing. Fees from BOCES for testing, data coordination, and teacher certification.
Equipment	26,890	\$20,000	
Supplies & Materials	128,215	\$138,977	
Textbooks	89,225	\$91,123	
BOCES Expense	60,874	\$64,540	
	8,158,851	\$8,594,247	
2250 Teaching - Students with Disabilities			
Contractual Salaries & Expense	3,441,118	\$3,926,635	Salaries for Special Education teachers, assistants, aides, physical & occupational therapists, equipment & supplies to support students with disabilities. Charges for students who attend BOCES or other Special Education programs outside the District.
Equipment	20,500	\$25,500	
Supplies & Materials	16,000	\$21,000	
Tuition K-12	800,000	\$550,000	
BOCES Expense	2,018,088	\$1,949,895	
Student Testing	6,000	\$8,000	
	6,301,706	\$6,481,030	
2280 Occupational Education			
BOCES Expense	821,341	\$928,411	Tuition for students attending BOCES career & technical education programs.
	821,341	\$928,411	
2610 School Library			
Contractual Salaries & Expense	187,274	\$164,320	Salaries for all Library Media Specialists, aides, books & supplies. BOCES charge for on-line & instructional resources.
Supplies & Materials	1,716	\$1,130	
State Aided Supplies	9,413	\$9,601	
BOCES Expense	3,247	\$3,113	
	201,650	\$178,164	
2630 Computer-Assisted Instruction			
Contractual Salaries & Expense	203,372	\$256,353	Salaries for Network & Systems Coordinator and Help Desk Technician. Purchase of computer equipment, software & supplies. Fees from BOCES for technical support districtwide.
State Aided Hardware	148,000	\$146,000	
Security Equipment	20,000	\$20,000	
Supplies & Materials	38,000	\$38,000	
State Aided Software	70,000	\$75,000	
BOCES Expense	123,049	\$112,724	
	602,421	\$648,077	
2810 Guidance Services			
Contractual Salaries & Expense	391,103	\$499,124	Salaries for all school counselors, office staff and supplies.
Supplies & Materials	8,062	\$8,440	
	399,165	\$507,564	
2815 Health Services			
Contractual Salaries & Expense	211,547	\$222,453	Salaries for all school nurses & related supplies. Contractual costs for School Physician & health services provided to students attending non-public schools.
Equipment	0	\$0	
Supplies & Materials	5,750	\$5,920	
	217,297	\$228,373	
2820 Psychological Services			
Contractual Salaries & Expense	321,372	\$331,362	Salaries for all school psychologists.
	321,372	\$331,362	



# SARANAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Program Component Budget

	Adopted 2022-2023	Proposed 2023-2024	Definition / Explanation of Account Codes
<b>2825 Social Work Services</b>			
Contractual Expenses	60,839	\$57,491	Salaries for Social Worker to work with students & families to meet their needs.
	<b>60,839</b>	<b>\$57,491</b>	
<b>2850 Co-Curricular Activities</b>			
Contractual Salaries	78,550	\$78,990	Salaries for Dept. Chairs, student clubs and class advisors.
	<b>78,550</b>	<b>\$78,990</b>	
<b>2855 Interscholastic Athletics</b>			
Contractual Salaries & Expense	369,771	\$351,096	Salaries for Athletic Director, clerical, coaches, athletic supplies, officials, athletic fees & reconditioning of equipment.
Equipment	52,481	\$50,101	
Supplies & Materials	40,501	\$106,013	
BOCES Expense	11,899	\$105,638	BOCES fees for interscholastic coordination & officials.
	<b>474,652</b>	<b>\$612,848</b>	
<b>5510 Transportation Services</b>			
Contractual Salaries & Expense	1,278,556	\$1,328,255	Salaries for bus drivers, monitors, supervisor, & secretary. Supplies used in the repair & maintenance of bus fleet. BOCES fees for bus driver training, drug testing & communication systems. Contractual items, such as insurance, legal, driver physicals, insurance, legal, driver physicals, repairs, etc.
BOCES Expense	18,973	\$19,999	
Accessories & Parts	85,000	\$90,000	
Gasoline & Diesel	188,000	\$206,800	
Oil & Lubes	19,000	\$16,000	
Equipment	23,000	\$0	
Tires	15,000	\$15,000	
	<b>1,627,529</b>	<b>\$1,676,054</b>	
<b>5530 Transportation Facilities</b>			
Contractual Expense	8,677	\$5,600	Contractual costs for bus garage, including utilities, insurance, minor garage repairs & supplies.
Telephone	1,620	\$1,620	
Water & Sewer	2,900	\$3,000	
Fuel Oil	6,500	\$7,000	
Electric	9,084	\$10,800	
Supplies & Materials	15,650	\$13,000	
	<b>44,431</b>	<b>\$41,020</b>	
<b>9000 Employee Benefits</b>			
Employee Retirement	279,469	\$287,592	Fringe benefit costs for all employees and retirees classified under the Program portion of the budget.
Teacher Retirement	1,151,522	\$1,178,817	
Social Security	1,089,769	\$1,156,253	
Workers' Compensation	120,550	\$122,100	
Life Insurance	2,550	\$2,650	
Unemployment Insurance	5,000	\$5,000	
Medical Insurance	7,263,168	\$7,354,313	
	<b>9,912,028</b>	<b>\$10,106,725</b>	
<b>9901 Transfers</b>			
Special Aid	47,000	\$50,000	Interfund transfers for Summer Special Education Programs.
	<b>47,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET</b>	<b>\$29,268,832</b>	<b>\$30,520,356</b>	

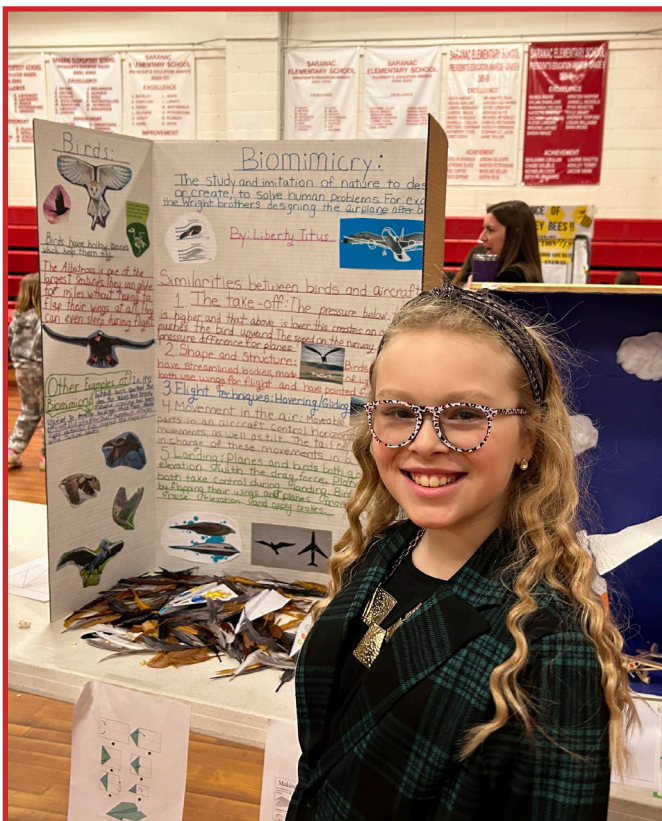
# Property Tax Report Card

## Property Tax Report Card for 2023-2024

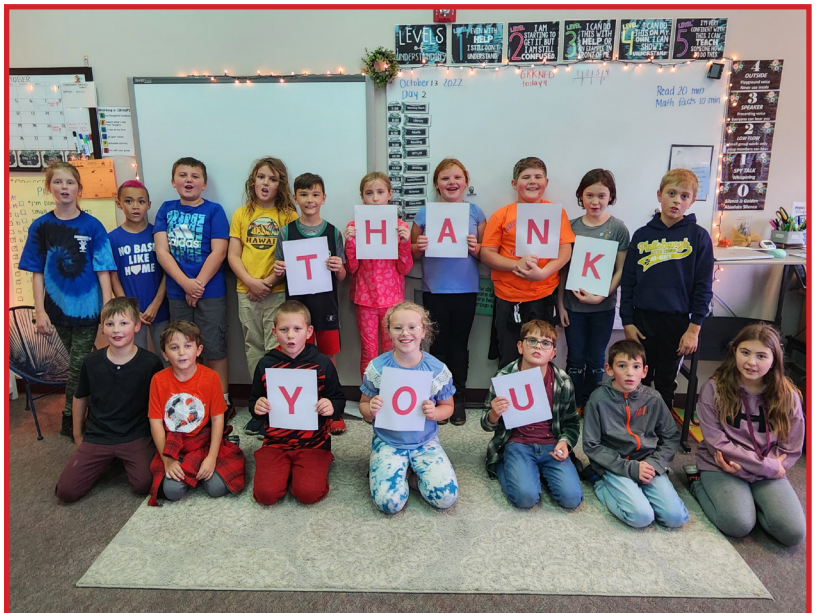
	<u>Actual 2022-2023:</u>	<u>Proposed 2023-2024:</u>	<u>Percent Change:</u>
1. Total Spending	40,303,794	40,416,336	0.28%
2. School Tax Levy Limit (including library)	14,529,153	15,108,866	3.99%
3. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	0	295,737	
4. Proposed School Year Tax Levy (not including Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit)	14,592,153	14,868,641	
5. Proposed School Year Tax Levy (including Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit)**	14,529,153	15,108,866	
6. Public School Enrollment	1,467	1,460	
7. Consumer Price Index			8.0%

**\*\* If this Percent Change exceeds the Tax Levy Limit with Exclusions, approval of 60% or more qualified voters present and voting is required.**

	<u>Actual 2023-2024:</u>	<u>Estimated 2023-2024:</u>
1. Adjusted, Restricted Fund Balance	\$3,163,993	\$3,242,652
2. Assigned, Appropriated Fun Balance	\$2,570,036	\$2,591,874
3. Adjusted, Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$6,585,344	\$6,803,032
4. Adjusted, Unrestricted Fund Balance as a % of the Total Budget	16.34%	16.83%









## Morrisonville Elementary School



### Community Contributor Project

Students, faculty, and staff at Morrisonville Elementary School recently celebrated the results of our Community Contributor Project. This year, our focus was to support St. Joseph's Community Outreach Center in our local area. Students brought in 'Coins and Cans' to raise money to help supply food, clothing and shelter to those in need. At our final assembly, we were thrilled to provide a check in the amount of \$900. We were so excited with the results that Student Council Members continued with a food/toiletry drive throughout the month of March. It's amazing to see our school family come together to support others.

## Saranac Elementary School



### Working Hard & Have Fun

In the left photo, students are recognized through the year for their positive behaviors at our building wide Star Club Induction Ceremonies and at the 3Be Award Principal's Breakfast. In the right photo, students celebrated Tropical Day! They beat the winter blues with a day filled with tropical fun.



## Saranac Middle School



### Fundraising

The Middle School Student Counsel/Builder's Club is a very active group! From beautifying the school to planning spirited events. They do it all! Recently, they hosted a Mainly Lobster fundraiser and raised over \$2,100 to put toward making their school a better place to work and learn as well as looking for community groups in need of their assistance.



### Rewards System

Saranac Middle School uses the PBIS Model with PBIS Rewards System to reward safe, respectful and responsible behavior. Students can be rewarded with points throughout the school day by any faculty member for illustrating these behaviors. From there, they can earn classroom opportunities or items from our school store with their points. Declan Flemming, 7th grader, recently redeemed points to "purchase" an Amazon gift card. Parents can view their child's points through the app and even see some of the amazing comments that go along with their points. Get signed up today!

## Saranac High School



### Breaking Records

Grace Damiani breaks the school record and Section 7 record in the high jump.



### Model UN

Saranac High School Model UN students attend the annual workshop at NCCS.

# Meet the Candidates:

## SEAT #1 (July 1, 2023– June 30, 2028)

### Tracy Allen-Waite

My passion for education was the impetus for my decision to run for the Saranac School Board many years ago. That passion continues with the desire to preserve current programs and improve the quality of our school system for future students. Student achievement and success is the end goal at the Saranac Central School District and helping to foster each students' potential remains my priority. Utilizing limited resources by developing a clear-sighted budget is also critical to our district's success.

I hold a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in Reading allowing me to better understand the struggles students may face during their educational years as they progress through our school district. Education is complex and multifaceted, and part of my role requires researching and applying varying techniques and strategies to help students succeed. I understand the unique needs and dynamics of this school/community relationship. Having lived in the Saranac community all my adult life, I have always been aware of our school district's excellent reputation. I remain committed to serving our community and effectively working for the best interests of students, parents, teachers, and staff. It is an honor and privilege to serve on the Saranac School Board of Education.



### Dustin Judd

First and foremost, I have four children in the Saranac School District. I have a vested interest in the Saranac School District's decisions which affect my family and the families of my friends and neighbors. Representing our shared values and ensuring the district's fiscal responsibility is one way for me to give back to our community. I am a Law Enforcement Officer with Christian beliefs. Over the last 15+ years of my career, I have worked in several leadership positions throughout the country, including Washington, D.C. Within these positions I have managed national level budgets, multimillion-dollar programs and collaborated with many international, federal, state, and local agencies. I believe my law enforcement and leadership background would be a welcomed addition to the current school board members' experience. Additionally, my mother-in-law, Deborah Graves, taught at Saranac High School for over 30 years furthering my commitment to the continued improvement and success of the Saranac School District.



## SEAT #2 (July 1, 2023– June 30, 2028)

### Daniel Ashline-Beaudet

I've been a member of the board of education for 2 terms (10 years). This will be my 3rd and last term if I'm reelected.

I have a daughter in 10th grade at Saranac High School. She is my youngest child. Once she graduates and I complete my elected term, I will no longer sit on the board to make way for another parent or community member to step up and serve. I believe that parental and community involvement is key to an excellent education at all levels. Being an elected school board member is my way of contributing to my school district, our students, and the community as a whole. I'm optimistic that I will be reelected and continue to serve our community, staff, and students at Saranac Central School District.

I graduated from Beekmantown Central High School, SUNY Empire State Saratoga, and SUNY Health Science Center Syracuse. I am a Level 3 Nuclear Medicine Technologist employed at CVPH Medical Center. I am a husband to my lovely wife Lisa Ashline-Beaudet and father to our 3 children. All our children attended Saranac schools. I just love our school community; from sports to the arts to the academics... Saranac excels. As I close in on retirement and my daughter closes in on graduation, I know that my contributions as a board member will continue to be my number one priority. I take my board duties very seriously. I rarely miss meetings. I thrive on being an active participant on the board. I hope the community, the staff and the students feel I'm doing a good job and will reelect me to a 3rd and final term.



**Budget Vote is Tuesday, May 16, 2023, located at Morrisonville Elementary School, 12-8 p.m.!**



# Official Ballot

## Board of Education Election and Annual Budget Vote Saranac Central School District



May 16, 2023

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING AND RETURNING BALLOT

- Mark in pen or pencil.
- To vote on a proposal (Proposition #1, Proposition #2, and Proposition #3), or candidate, make a cross (X) mark or a check (✓) mark in the appropriate square (either yes or no). Only one mark is permitted. Only a mark within a box will constitute a valid vote. Other markings on this ballot may void the ballot.
- You may write-in a name of a candidate, however, any other markings, writing or any erasure made on this ballot will void the entire ballot.
- After marking the ballot, fold and place it in the enclosed envelope bearing the address of the District Clerk, Saranac Central School.
- Complete the front side of the enclosed envelope with name, residence and town and date and sign the back side and mail.
- Absentee ballots must be returned by mail or in person and must be received at the office of the District Clerk, District Office, #32 Emmons Street, Dannemora, NY no later than by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. The District Office will accept ballots Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. until May 15, 2023, and from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on May 16, 2023.

Amber Parrotte, District Clerk

#### PROPOSITION #1: ANNUAL BUDGET

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Saranac Central School District, County of Clinton, be and hereby is authorized to expend the sum of **\$40,416,336** for the 2023-2024 school budget and to levy the necessary tax, therefore.

☐ YES

☐ NO

#### PROPOSITION #2: CAPITAL RESERVE FUND EXPENDITURE

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Saranac Central School District, County of Clinton, be and hereby is authorized to withdraw and expend a maximum of **\$160,000** from amounts on deposit in the Capital Reserve Fund authorized by the District voters on August 28, 2002 for the acquisition of school buses and associated equipment.

☐ YES

☐ NO

#### PROPOSITION #3: DANNEMORA FREE LIBRARY

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Saranac Central School District, County of Clinton, be and hereby is authorized to approve the submission of the proposition of the Dannemora Free Library Trustees for an annual appropriation of **\$20,000** in accordance with Education Law.

☐ YES

☐ NO

ELECTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER (Vote for One)  
ONE 5-YEAR TERM (July 1, 2023- June 30, 2028)

- ☐ Dustin Judd  
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REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT	WHEN & WHERE TO VOTE	WHAT AM I VOTING ON
Community members may also request an absentee ballot by completing the application found on our website or calling the district office.	<b>Tuesday, May 16, 2023</b> <b>Noon to 8 p.m.</b>  <b>Morrisonville Elementary School</b>	<b>2023-24 Budget</b> <b>2 Members of the BOE</b> <b>Dannemora Free Library</b>

For more information on the 2023-24 Budget



Visit our district website

<https://www.saranac.org/>

## VOTE ON MAY 16, 2023

### 2023-24 BUDGET

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-24 by the qualified voters of the Saranac Central School District, Clinton County, New York, will be held at the Morrisonville Elementary School on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between the hours of noon and 8 p.m., at which time the polls will be opened to vote by ballot.

### PUBLIC BUDGET MEETING MAY 8 AT 5:30 PM

The Budget Meeting will be held at the District Office located at 32 Emmons Street, Dannemora, NY 12929.

### PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION

In accordance with Education Law 409H, the District is providing this notification of pesticide use. There have been 7 pesticide applications in the District. The District is committed to a program of integrated pest management using minimum or no pesticides. For further information about this program, call Ethan Goslin, Director of Facilities II, at 518-565-5620.

www.saranac.org

**Javier Perez**  
**Superintendent**  
**565-5600**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Tracy Allen-Waite, President**  
**Charlene Favaro, Vice President**  
**Daniel Ashline-Beaudet**  
**Amy Belair**  
**Jules LaPoint**  
**Norman Lewis**  
**Michelle Pelkey**

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