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Shenendehowa

Central School District

The \$194,356,052 budget for 2022-23 tax levy below the tax cap

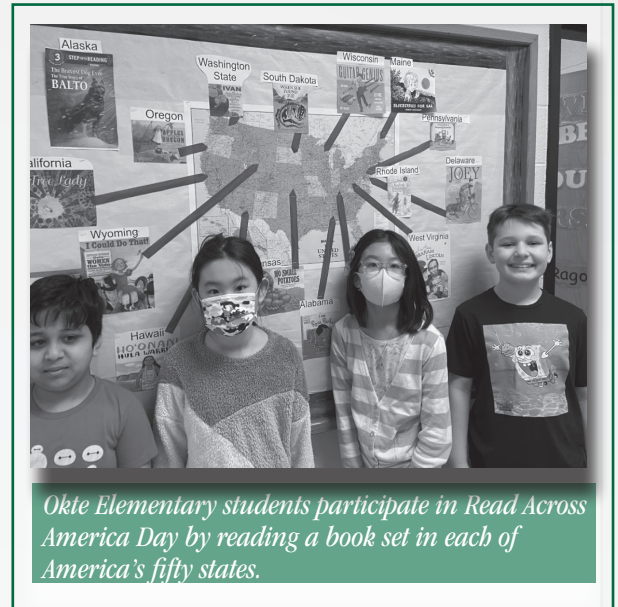
Boundless Possibilities...Redefining Normal

“We began this budget development process by looking forward and redefining normal with a keen focus on continued adjustments, improving the lessons learned over the past two years.”

Superintendent Dr. L. Oliver Robinson

Shenendehowa residents will vote on May 17 on a proposed \$194,356,052 budget for 2022-23 that includes a spending increase of 3.85 percent (\$7,197,668). The tax levy of 1.87 percent is **under the New York state tax cap.**

The estimated true value tax rate would **decrease** an estimated 0.77 percent. A property with an estimated market value of \$300,000 would see a **decrease** of approximately \$36 in its tax bill.



Okte Elementary students participate in Read Across America Day by reading a book set in each of America's fifty states.

2022-23 BUDGET VOTE

May 17, 2022 | 7 a.m.- 9 p.m. | Gowana Gym

Total budget:	\$194,356,052
Spending increase:	3.85%
Tax levy limit cap:	4.29%
Total tax LEVY increase (below the tax cap):	1.87%
Est. true value tax RATE decrease:	0.77%

A property valued at \$300,000 would see a tax bill decrease of \$36.

BUS PURCHASE PROPOSITION

Purchase 16 vehicles to replace aging buses and support vehicles

Total Cost:	\$1,677,840
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SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Three seats on the Board of Education are up for election. Each seat carries a three-year term. The seats are currently held by Todd Gilbert, Robert Pressly and Deanna Stephenson.

Program enhancements

Each year, there are many different budget requests for potential program enhancements. A value added perspective is used to review requests. These proposals and/or requests for funds are reviewed and analyzed based on the following factors:

- Engagement - Student voice and choice, passion for learning
- Innovation - Personally relevant learning opportunities
- Cultural Competence - Equity in opportunities and outcomes
- Global Collaboration - Self-directed, civic-minded learners
- Collective Work and Responsibility - School and community partnerships

The proposed 2022-23 budget preserves current programs and services with a strategic focus on systematic opportunities to help our learners thrive in an authentic and dynamic learning environment. It provides for key program enhancements to support innovative and creative experiences in and out of the classroom. Some specifics include:

- Preserving class size at the elementary level to provide a more focused learning experience.
- Targeted investment in multi-tiered systems of supports (MTSS); connecting curriculum, instruction and assessment to support all students to success.

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- Supporting the social and emotional needs of middle school students with the addition of a Student Support Counselor.
- Focusing on equity in outcomes for all our students by adding English as New Language (ENL) staff and an extra support personnel for Algebra 1A.
- Investing in areas of increased enrollment including: Unified Arts, core areas of Math and Science as well as support across all eight elementary schools.
- Expanding access with an increased investment in early education:
 - Expanded Extended Day Kindergarten (EDK) programming;
 - 1:1 student Chromebooks for Grades 2-5; and
 - Integrative technology support with iPads for Grades K-1.
- Impactful investments to upgrade technology infrastructure, improve network resiliency and Internet redundancy.
- Investing in an obsolescence plan for annual replacement of 2,500 student Chromebooks.
- Operational enhancements for increased reliability by upgrading wireless access points; mobile displays for teachers to support dynamic learning.

“In developing this budget, we focused on expanded opportunities, investing in the needs of all students, meeting them where they are and establishing additional supports to success. Fully funding of Foundation Aid, along with leveraging Federal grant funding, has allowed us to invest in key program areas while maintaining a tax levy that is below the New York state tax cap limit.”

- Superintendent Dr. L. Oliver Robinson

Five-year Budget Increase History

5 Year Average	2.72%
Proposed 2022-23	3.85%
2021-2022	3.03%
2020-2021	2.21%
2019-2020	2.33%
2018-2019	2.19%

When/where is the vote?

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Gowana Middle School Gym

What's on the ballot?

Proposition 1 - A \$194,356,052 budget for 2022-23 that includes a spending increase of 3.85 percent (\$7,197,668). The proposed budget is a tax levy of 1.87 percent which is *under* the New York state tax cap levy limit. The estimated true value tax rate would *decrease by* an estimated 0.77 percent. A property value estimated at \$300,000 would see a tax bill *decrease* of \$36.

Proposition 2 - Authorize the purchase of buses and multi-purpose maintenance vehicles at an estimated aggregate cost not to exceed \$1,677,840.

Proposition 3 - Three seats on the seven-member Board of Education are up for election. Each seat carries a three-year term. The last incumbents are Todd Gilbert, Robert Pressly and Deanna Stephenson. The candidates with the plurality of votes shall be declared elected.

Who can vote?

You are eligible to vote if you are a U.S. citizen, 18 years or older and have been a Shenendehowa district resident for at least 30 days prior to the vote. No preregistration is required. Official personal identification with photo is required. It is a crime to falsify votes (i.e., voting twice, false identification).

Can't get to the polls?

Absentee ballots may be used by any resident who will not be available to come to the campus to vote. They are available at the district office, 5 Chelsea Place, Clifton Park. For information, call the district clerk at 881-0623. By law, absentee ballots are mailed to any resident who is certified by Saratoga County as disabled. If you are disabled and did not receive one, call the district clerk's office. Ballots must be returned to the district clerk no later than 5 p.m. on May 17. If you vote via absentee ballot, you are not eligible to vote in person at the polls.