



## THE \$213,771,893 BUDGET FOR 2024-25 TAX LEVY BELOW TAX CAP

## EDUCATION FOR NEXT GENERATION LEARNING

"Our proposed budget is innovative, strategic, and resourceful. It builds on our successes, provides new opportunities for students and staff, and strives to meet the needs of all Shen students. We have to stretch our imaginations so that we can help kids stretch theirs."

- Superintendent, Dr. L. Oliver Robinson

With all of our endeavors as a school district we ask ourselves "does this support Shen's Commitment to Excellence?" The Shenendehowa Central School District Budget is certainly no exception. Each element of our budget is thoughtfully and intentionally developed to best support education for next generation learning.

The 2024-25 school budget maximizes outside resources and places an emphasis on not taxing residents unnecessarily, while still enhancing pedagogy and fostering innovation amongst students and staff. The budget supports special education, addresses evolving learning needs especially when it comes to technology, creates equity in opportunity for all students, provides additional opportunities for student engagement, and much more.

### 2024-25 BUDGET VOTE

May 21, 2024 • 7am - 9pm • Gowana Gym

Total budget: \$213,771,893

Spending increase: 3.47%

NYS tax LEVY change: 0.14% BELOW TAX CAP

A property valued at \$300,000 would see an estimated tax bill increase of \$31.

#### **Bus Purchase Resolution**

- (13) 66-passenger Type "C" School Buses
- (2) 30-passenger Type "A" School Buses
- (3) 24-passenger w/3 WC Type "A" School Buses
- (1) 30-passenger w/3 WC Type "C" School Bus
- (2) 42-passenger w/5 WC Type "C" School Buses
- (2) GMC Suburbans

Total Cost Not to Exceed: \$3,674,102

#### **School Board Election**

Two seats on the Board of Education are up for election. Each seat carries a three-year term. The seats are currently held by Jason DiGianni and Stacy Pflomm.

Commitment to Excellence

### MEASURED APPROACH, REPEATABLE SUCCESSES

The Shenendehowa Central School District budget adheres to three essential objectives of fiscal responsibility when it comes to budget development:

- 1. <u>Strategic Budgeting</u>: Engage a measured approach to formulating an expenditure plan from a **future**-present perspective, and **maximize revenue** resources.
- 2. Equitable Resource Allocation: Provide dynamic learning environments and varied opportunities for engagement, while supporting a workplace conducive to peak productivity.
- 3. <u>Structure and Predictability</u>: Support innovative and practical approaches and solutions that lend to organizational efficiency, effectiveness, and safety in all dimensions.



- Preserves school programs & services
- Provides for key enhancements
- Keeps tax implications to a minimum

#### FIVE-YEAR BUDGET INCREASE HISTORY

5 Year Average	3.77%
Proposed 2024-25	3.47%
2023-2024	6.31%
2022-2023	3.85%
2021-2022	3.03%
2020-2021	2.21%

### WHEN/WHERE TO VOTE

Tuesday, May 21, 2024, Polls Open from 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM Gowana Middle School Gym

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 pre-registration is required
- · Official personal photo identification is required



# 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, please call the District Clerk's office. Ballots must be returned to the District Clerk no later than 5 pm on May 21.

## DIRECTIONS TO THE POLLS

Gowana Middle School is located on Shen's main campus. Enter the campus using the Route 146 entrance and then bear left. Gowana is on the right. Follow the signs to the entrance of the polling place.