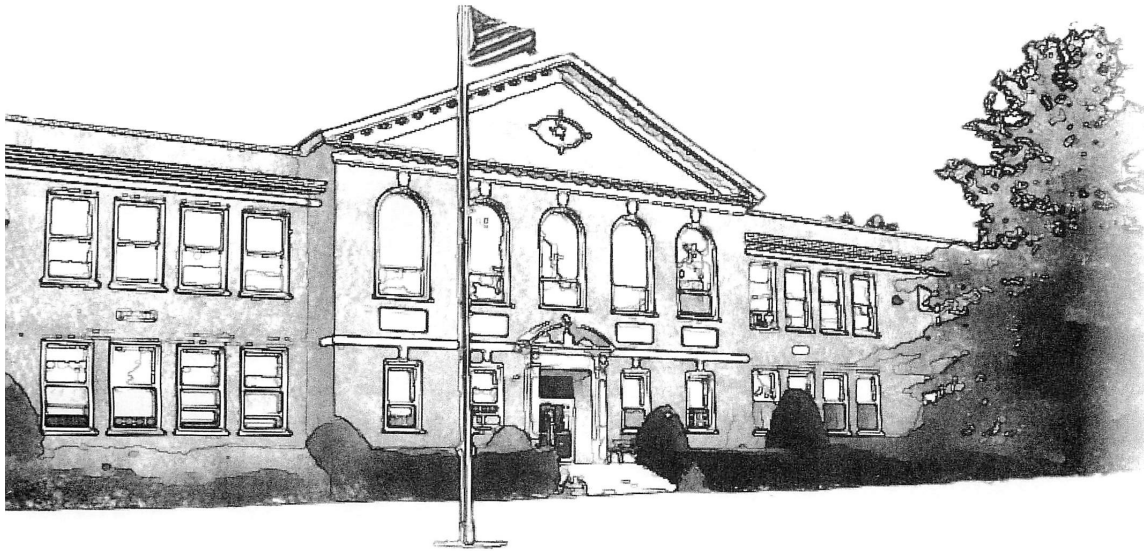


BUDGET INFORMATION

2021-2022

**Schroon Lake Central
School District Budget**



**2021-2022 District Budget
Budget Hearing Budget Presentation
May 11, 2021
School Auditorium 7:00 P.M.**

**Vote on the Budget
Bus Purchase
Board of Education Seats
Tuesday May18, 2021
NOON-8:00 P.M.
SCHOOL AUDITORIUM ENTRANCE**



National Honor Society Induction



Kindergarten Students playing with balls donated by Dollar General

April 22, 2021

Dear Community Members:

The Schroon Lake Central School Board and Administration has worked through many options in the preparation of the 2021/2022 budget presented in this booklet. We believe our plan will continue to meet the needs and expand the horizons of our students for a bright future.

Teacher retirements this year will allow us to re-organize some of our programs with new hires. We will be able to cover some areas more effectively without significant increases in the budget. You will see that in the Capital Component an increase for the purpose of replacing our aging fuel tank and an oil fired water heater.

I'm sure everyone has seen articles in the newspapers about the large sum of pandemic relief money that we will receive. At this point we are not sure of when, if, and how much we will get. Also unsure is how and when that money can be spent. Therefore the revenue section of this budget does not reflect any speculation of these funds.

This past year has been an extreme challenge for everyone. Our Faculty, Staff, Administration, Students and Parents have all worked very hard through a stressful time. As a result, we have had in-person learning for all of our students who wished to participate. Wildcat Spirit wins again.

We hope you will continue to support our efforts to provide the best education for our students to ensure a successful, rewarding, and enriched life, no matter where it takes them. We are a small school, but we work hard to prepare them for a big world.

The board meets monthly and provides time for public participation. Your opinions and concerns are welcome. We encourage your attendance in our beautiful auditorium, but if you can't be present, you can watch meetings via live streaming on our Facebook page. As you may know, our students do a great job of streaming sporting events, concerts as well as board meetings.

The budget hearing is on May 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM. The budget and school board member vote will be on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 from 12:00 to 8:00 PM. Please come vote!

Sincerely,

Bruce H. Murdock

BOE President

April 23, 2021

Dear Residents of the Schroon Lake Central School District,

This past year has certainly been one for the record books. The COVID pandemic has made everything more difficult, including public education. I am happy to say, however, that a combination of hard work and good fortune has left SLCS in an enviable position. We have managed to stay completely open all year with no closures due to COVID and no remote learning or hybrid learning required (although remote learning is optional). I want to thank all of the faculty, staff, parents, and students who followed all of the cleaning and safety procedures and kept SLCS healthy and open.

As we look forward to the 2021-2022 school year, we are planning for another full year of quality education for our students. We are pleased that the proposed budget will accomplish all of our main objectives in a fiscally responsible matter. The budget

- preserves all academic and extracurricular programs.
- creates a better balance for academic intervention in the elementary school.
- expands our summer school program.
- provides funding for necessary repairs to our facility.
- spends down the fund balance in a responsible manner.

The information outlined in the following pages will tell you exactly where our district gets its money and how we spend our money. You will see that our tax levy will increase from \$8,211,600 in 2020-2021 to \$8,459,937 in 2021-2022. This represents a modest spending increase of \$248,337. Our anticipated revenue for the coming year will be \$8,004,117. Therefore, since our expenses are larger than our revenue, we will use \$455,820 of fund balance to balance our budget. This will allow us to continue to have one of the lowest tax caps in the North Country at just over \$8 per thousand dollars of assessed value of your property.

While a low tax rate and a conservative budget are great news, there may be even better news. It appears likely that SLCS, along with most of the other schools in the state, will receive some federal stimulus money to help pay for the negative impact of the COVID pandemic on the education of our children.

At this point there is much we don't know about the federal grants. As we await more information it is important to realize that the grants do not directly affect the budget on which we are voting. Grant money will be spent to supplement our existing programs being paid for by the budget and to help us implement expanded opportunities for our students. We anticipate the district Shared Decision Making committee working closely with school administration and the school board to help formulate a plan for using grant money to combat education loss due to COVID.

I hope that you will attend our budget hearing on May 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the SLCS Auditorium. This presentation will also be broadcast live on our school Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/schroonlakeschool>).

We also hope that you will support this proposed budget by coming out to vote on May 18, 2021 between noon and 8:00 pm in the auditorium.

Thank you in advance for your support. I would welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you might have about this budget and about anything related to the success of SLCS students. Please feel free to e-mail me at sgratto@slwildcats.org or to call me at 518-532-7164.

Best wishes,

Stephen Gratto – Superintendent of Schools

BALLOT FOR ELECTION IN THE
SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE IS MAY 18, 2021

Mark in ink pen.

To vote for a candidate whose name is printed on this ballot make a single cross (x) mark or (√) check mark in the voting square next to the name of the candidate.
To vote for a person whose name is not imprinted on this ballot, write the name in the blank space which appears at the bottom of the column under the title of the office.
To vote on a proposal make a cross (x) mark or a (√) check mark in one of the squares contained in the box setting of such proposal.
Any other mark or writing, or any erasure made on the ballot or outside the voting squares or blank spaces provided for voting will void the entire ballot.

There are two vacancies on the Board of Education. Please vote for two (2) persons

A 3 YEAR TERM July 1, 2021- June 30, 2024

Mrs. Codie Aiken

Mrs. Ashley Barry

Mr. Bruce Murdock

WRITE IN CANDIDATE
(PLEASE PRINT NAME CORRECTLY)

BUDGET RESOLUTION RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of Schroon Lake Central School District, County of Essex, be and hereby is authorized to expend the sum of \$8,459,937.00 as set forth in the 2021-2022 school budget and to levy the necessary tax thereof.

YES

NO

BUS PURCHASE RESOLUTION RESOLVED: Shall the Board of Education of Schroon Lake Central School District, County of Essex, be authorized to purchase school bus at the maximum estimated cost not to exceed \$74,000.00 and to expend from Fund Balance an amount not to exceed \$74,000.00 to finance such cost?

YES

NO

2021-2022 Proposed School Budget Expenditures

<u>I. ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT</u>	2020-21 Budget	2021-2022 Proposed
BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$7,477.00	\$7,579.00
Includes costs for workshops, conference expenses, law books, etc. Board members serve without pay		
District Meeting, legal notices	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$9,977.00	\$10,079.00
 CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION		
Salaries for superintendent and two secretaries	\$204,466.00	\$210,493.00
Materials & supplies, contractual expenses	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
TOTAL CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$209,966.00	\$215,993.00
 BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION		
Salary for business office Treasurer	\$74,364.00	\$75,851.00
Materials & supplies, equipment, contractual and BOCES	\$33,000.00	\$33,000.00
Auditing, independent & internal claims, GASB 45 audit	\$13,583.00	\$18,137.00
Tax collector, supplies, bank fees, tax bills, postage	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Legal, attorney's fees & Fiscal Advisor services	\$6,000.00	\$8,000.00
Personnel public information, finger printing, BOCES	\$22,083.00	\$16,000.00
TOTAL BUSINESS AND FINANCE	\$143,447.00	\$158,988.00
 SPECIAL ITEMS		
Insurance: includes liability, fire, school dues	\$28,100.00	\$28,100.00
Boces administration, facilities fees	\$102,033.00	\$117,157.00
TOTAL SPECIAL ITEMS	\$130,133.00	\$145,257.00
 SUPERVISION AND INSTRUCTIONAL IMPROVEMENT		
Salaries for supervision & curriculum development	\$74,438.00	\$79,438.00
Support for instructional programs including in-service training and staff development and BOCES	\$16,403.00	\$17,916.00
TOTAL SUPERVISION AND INSTRUCT. IMPROVEMENT	\$90,841.00	\$97,354.00
 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$108,625.00	\$134,319.00
 I. TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT	\$692,989.00	\$761,990.00
 II. PROGRAM COMPONENT		
 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES		
Salaries for elementary & secondary teachers, aides, subs	\$2,208,800.00	\$2,230,690.00
Equipment, materials & supplies, contractual expenses	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
Textbooks(state textbook aid will cover major portion of expenses)	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
BOCES services, legal	\$6,200.00	\$4,200.00
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	\$2,265,000.00	\$2,284,890.00
 ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES		
Salaries for therapist, special education and remedial teachers	\$488,180.00	\$518,947.00
materials & supplies, contractual expenses	\$182,000.00	\$182,000.00
Cost of special education students at BOCES	\$132,400.00	\$162,400.00
Occupational education at BOCES centers	\$132,000.00	\$105,832.00
Summer School salaries, materials and supplies	\$14,000.00	\$20,000.00

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BUDGET EXPENDITURES

2021-2022 Proposed School Budget Expenditures, continued

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM & SERVICES	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Proposed
Library & audiovisual, salaries for librarian, library materials, books and periodicals, BOCES media center services.	\$47,818.00	\$48,859.00
Computer assisted instruction, technician, hardware, software, materials & supplies internet connections, BOCES serv.	\$171,000.00	\$183,034.00
guidance, psychologist health services	\$197,603.00	\$205,273.00
includes salaries, for guidance counselor, psychologist and nurse, as well as testing, reference, and medical supplies, contractual cost for student & employee physicals		
Interscholastic athletics and co-curricular, salaries, supplies, equipment for sports, and other extracurricular	\$117,529.00	\$117,529.00
TOTAL PROGRAMS & SERVICES	\$1,482,530.00	\$1,543,874.00
TRANSPORTATION :		
Salaries for transportation mechanic, and bus drivers, Subs	\$207,508.00	\$221,696.00
Contractual expenses, materials & supplies, auto parts, gasoline, oil,tires, insurance, equipment and BOCES	\$121,600.00	\$121,600.00
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	\$329,108.00	\$343,296.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,072,364.00	2,111,426.00
II. TOTAL PROGRAM COMPONENT	\$6,149,002.00	\$6,283,486.00
<u>III. CAPITAL COMPONENT</u>		
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE		
Salaries for custodians, substitutes	\$106,644.00	\$113,108.00
Contractual expenses, repairs, utilities	\$253,050.00	\$253,100.00
Capital Project Fuel Tank Replacement & hot water tank Repair	\$ 62,725.00	\$ 100,000.00
Equipment, materials & supplies	\$11,750.00	\$11,750.00
TOTAL OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	\$434,169.00	\$477,958.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$74,012.00	\$74,855.00
INTERFUND TRANSFERS		
Debt Service Bus Bond Note , interest	\$23,728.00	\$22,248.00
Building Bond Note, interest	\$837,700.00	\$839,400.00
School Lunch Fund	\$00.00	\$00.00
TOTAL INTERFUND TRANSFER	\$861,428.00	\$861,648.00
III. TOTAL CAPITAL COMPONENT	\$1,369,609.00	\$1,414,461.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$8,211,600.00	\$8,459,937.00

2021-2022 Budget Expenditures and Revenues Summary

APPROPRIATIONS	Budget 2020-2021	Proposed 2021-2022
Board of Education	\$ 9,977.00	\$ 10,079.00
Central Administration	\$ 209,966.00	\$ 215,993.00
Business & Finance	\$ 143,447.00	\$ 158,988.00
Special Items	\$ 130,133.00	\$ 145,257.00
Total Employee Benefits	\$ 2,255,001.00	\$ 2,320,600.00
Sup'v & Instructional Improvement	\$ 90,841.00	\$ 97,354.00
Instructional Service, Regular School	\$ 2,265,000.00	\$ 2,284,890.00
Programs & Services, Special Education	\$ 1,482,530.00	\$ 1,543,874.00
Transporation	\$ 329,108.00	\$ 343,296.00
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 434,169.00	\$ 477,958.00
Debt Services, Interfund Transfers	\$ 861,428.00	\$ 861,648.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 8,211,600.00	\$ 8,459,937.00

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2021 - 2022 BUDGET SUMMARY

ESTIMATED REVENUES		
Property Tax / STAR Aid	\$ 6,638,271.00	\$ 6,772,858.00
Interest & penalties	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Admission to ball games	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Interest earnings	\$ 20,613.00	\$ 5,000.00
Misc. revenue	\$ 45,850.00	\$ 45,850.00
State aid	\$ 1,112,134.00	\$ 1,164,409.00
Elizabethtown shared service	\$ -	\$ -
Estimated fund balance	\$ 377,232.00	\$ 455,820.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$ 8,211,600.00	\$ 8,459,937.00

SUPERINTENDENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Salary Budgeted superintendent(not actual salary)	\$	142,000.00
Soc. Sec.	\$	10,863.00
Retirement,health, workerscomp	\$	19,842.00
	\$	172,705.00

P R O P E R T Y T A X R E P O R T C A R D



:	Budgeted 2020-21 (A)	Proposed Budget 2021-22 (B)	Percent
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	8,211,600	8,459,937	3.02%
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount ¹	6,638,271	6,772,858	
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable			
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable ²			
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if			
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	6,638,271	6,772,858	2.03%
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	882,628	920,173	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions ³	5,755,643	5,852,685	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Li- brary Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	5,755,643	5,852,658	
I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval) ²	0	0	
Public School Enrollment	265	240	-9.43%
Consumer Price Index			1.23%

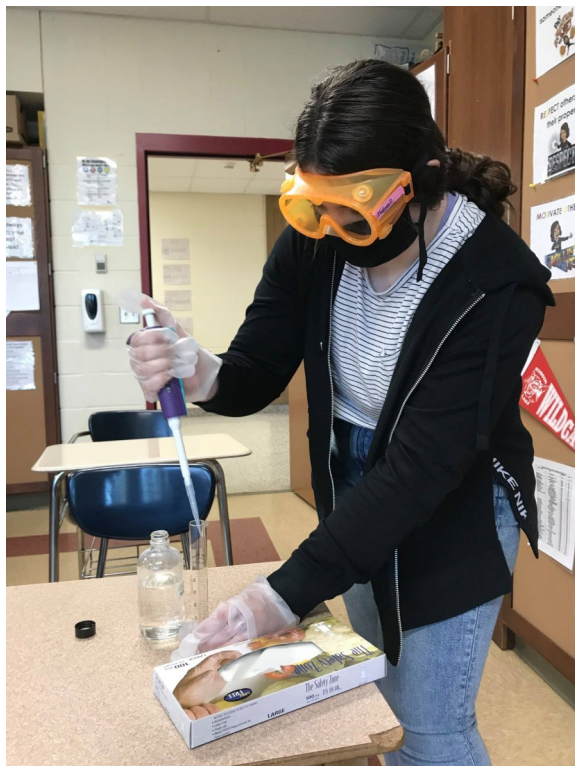
	Actual 2020-21 (D)	Estimated 2021-22 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	922,798	893,124
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	428,697	579,820
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	1,198,917	469,097
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	14.60%	5.54%

Schedule of Reserve Funds

Reserve Type	Reserve Name	Reserve Description *	3/31/21 Actual	6/30/21 Estimate	Intended Use of the Reserve in the 2021-2022 School
Capital		To pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued.			
Repair	Repair Reserve	To pay the cost of repairs to capital improvements or equipment	\$160,075	\$360,080	Fuel Tank Replacement & Hot Water Heater
Workers' Compensation		To pay for Workers Compensation and benefits.			
Unemployment Insurance	Unemployment Reserve	To pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance	\$2045	\$2048	for reimbursement state unemployment ins. payment
Reserve for Tax Reduction		For the gradual use of the proceeds of the sale of school district real property.			
Mandatory Reserve for Debt Service		To cover debt service payments on outstanding obligations (bonds, BANS) after the sale of district capital assets or improvements.			
Insurance		To pay liability, casualty, and other types of uninsured			
Property Loss		To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover property loss.			
Liability		To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover liability claims incurred.			
Tax Certiorari	Tax Certiorari Reserve	To establish a reserve fund for tax certiorari settlements	8,924	\$8,928	Settlements on tax claims
Reserve for Insurance Recoveries		To account for unexpended proceeds of insurance recoveries at the fiscal year			
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	Employee Benefit Reserve	For the payment of accrued 'employee benefits' due to employees upon termination of service.	\$522,103	\$522,106	Accrued payment employee retirement due
Retirement Contribution		To fund employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Employees' Retirement			
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		For unpaid taxes due certain city school districts not reimbursed by their city/county until the following fiscal year.			



Archery team at the virtual NY State Tournament



Testing Chemical Reactions in Science Class



Josiah gets a perfect score!



Mrs. Rose keeps her pancake tradition alive on the 100th day.



The Final Four of the March Madness Three point shooting contest

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The one that didn't get away @ the SL Fishing Derby

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