



BUDGET VOTE & BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

Tuesday,
May 18, 2021
7 am - 9 pm

District Office
45 East Elizabeth Street
Skaneateles, NY 13152

2021-2022 Budget Vote:

May 18, 2021

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Budget Facts

Proposed Budget

\$35,918,226

Year Over Year Increase

\$1,880,686 or 5.53%

Estimated Tax Levy

\$26,591,541

Dear Skaneateles Family,

As we welcome back our remaining students to full time instruction we reflect on what a truly remarkable year this has been, and all that we endured as a school community. At the core of our work was the shared commitment to maximize in-person instruction and learning to the extent possible. While navigating the constantly changing regulations and restrictions associated with COVID-19 made this impossible for some of our students this year, the full time education experience offered in grades K-7 set us apart in the region and is the direct result of the consistent and ongoing support this community has shown for our school district. For our students in grades 8-12 who could not enjoy a full year of in-person instruction, we recognize the need for additional academic, mental health and social emotional support that will be necessary in the 2021-2022 school year and beyond. On behalf of our entire faculty, staff, administration and Board of Education, we thank you for the ongoing support required to get each and every one of our students what they need to be successful. I would like to publicly acknowledge the incredible hard work, dedication and courage demonstrated by our entire faculty, staff and administration that made this year a possibility for our children. This report outlines the ways we invest in the future of our children and explains the proposed 2021-2022 School Budget.

On campus you can see the final stages of Project 2021 voted on back in 2017 which includes completion of new auditorium and performance spaces at Waterman Elementary and our High School, as well as a new Middle School gymnasium and improvements to a variety of instructional spaces throughout the district. We continue to expand our rigorous program of study and offer opportunities for our students to pursue a wide variety of interests and academic programs. Given the toll this past year has taken on our students and families, we will continue to evolve in our approach to student support services.

We invite you to attend our Annual Student Art Exhibit at our District Offices which will be available during the school budget vote and School Board election on May 18, 2021 from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm. If you have any questions about the upcoming budget vote, please contact our District Office. A great deal of additional budget resources and informational videos can be found on the budget page on the school website, www.skanschools.org

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Stronger together,

Eric Knuth, Superintendent of Schools

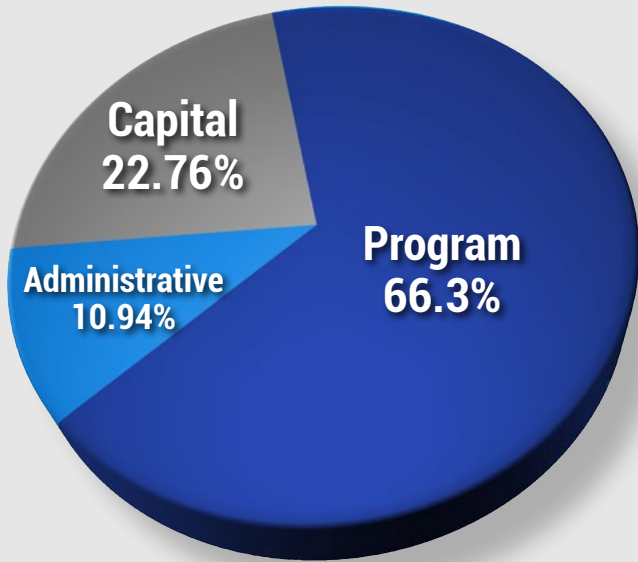
Thomas E. Lambdin, President, Board of Education

2021-2022 Proposed Budget Summary

PROGRAM				
Budget Category	2020-2021 Budget	2021-2022 Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Regular School	9,608,370	9,959,484	351,114	3.65%
Prog. for Students w/ Disabilities	2,879,218	3,079,845	200,627	6.97%
Occupational Education	378,470	347,425	(31,045)	-8.20%
Teaching Special School	53,625	26,125	(27,500)	-51.28%
School Library/AV	438,045	429,283	(8,762)	-2.00%
BOCES Legal/ Other Legal Services	67,209	74,485	7,276	10.83%
Computer Assisted Instruction	949,103	993,171	44,068	4.64%
Attendance/Guidance	435,484	449,265	13,781	3.16%
Health Services	240,782	228,133	(12,649)	-5.25%
Psych/Social Work Services	425,437	439,907	14,470	3.40%
Pupil Personnel/Co-Curricular	99,440	95,008	(4,432)	-4.46%
Athletics	837,273	839,886	2,613	0.31%
Transportation	1,462,989	1,501,305	38,316	2.62%
Other Transfers	130,000	138,000	8,000	6.15%
Employee Benefits	5,097,080	5,232,307	135,227	2.65%
Totals	23,102,525	23,833,629	731,104	3.16%
ADMINISTRATION				
District Office	878,201	816,502	(61,699)	-7.07%
Personnel & RMO	55,199	55,199	(0)	0.00%
Public Info. Services	70,362	70,608	246	0.35%
Central Printing & Mailing	131,496	132,500	1,004	0.76%
Central Data Processing	321,807	333,773	11,966	3.72%
Board of Education	31,528	31,268	(260)	-0.82%
BOCES Capital & Admin	306,383	316,747	10,364	3.38%
Coordination/Summer PD	341,829	334,266	(7,563)	-2.21%
Supervision	900,733	898,473	(2,260)	-0.25%
Research, Evaluation & Planning	192,711	202,623	9,912	5.14%
Inservice Training & Instruction	32,194	35,571	3,377	10.49%
Employee Benefits	838,760	714,711	(124,049)	-14.79%
Totals	4,101,203	3,942,241	(158,962)	-3.88%
CAPITAL				
Operation of Plant	1,707,826	1,764,573	56,746	3.32%
Maintenance of Plant	632,663	641,952	9,289	1.47%
Security of Plant	70,000	70,000	-	0.00%
Other Insurance & Dues	157,900	165,395	7,495	4.75%
Refund on Taxes	10,000	10,000	-	0.00%
Debt Service	3,639,263	4,822,317	1,183,054	32.51%
Transfer to Capital	100,000	100,000	-	0.00%
Employee Benefits	516,160	568,120	51,960	10.07%
Totals	6,833,812	8,142,356	1,308,544	19.15%
Budget Total	34,037,540	35,918,226	\$1,880,686	5.53%

For a more detailed explanation of the proposed budget, visit www.skanschools.org

Three-Part Budget



Administrative: 10.94%

Salaries and benefits, as well as other operational costs of the District Office, each school's main office and the Board of Education

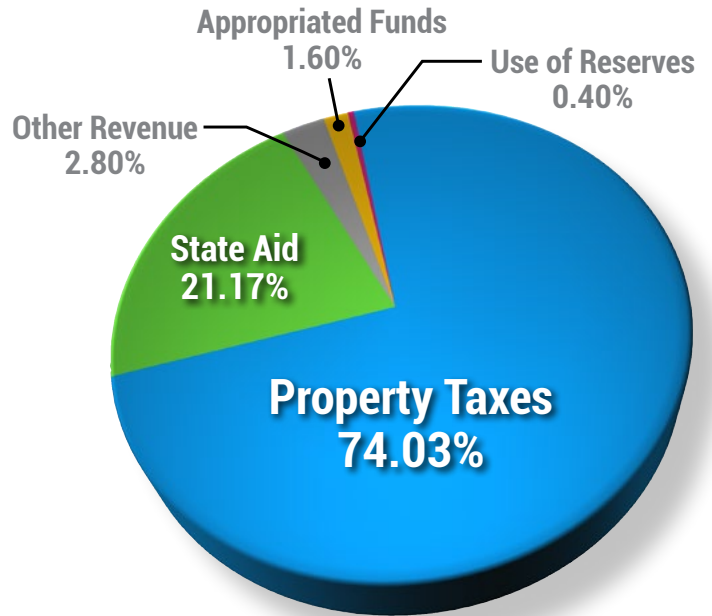
Program: 66.3%

Instructional program costs such as salaries and benefits, transportation, BOCES services and athletics

Capital: 22.76%

Operation and Maintenance of buildings, debt service and associated employee salaries and benefits.

2021-2022 Estimated Revenues



The revenues for Skaneateles Central School District come from multiple sources to help fund our programs. The two primary sources include property taxes and state aid. The proposed 2021-2022 property tax levy is estimated to be \$26,591,541 or 74% of the total revenues. This amount is up 1.78% or \$465,052 above the 2020-2021 school year which is below the allowable 3.65% tax cap calculation. State funding accounts for 21% or \$7,603,968 of the 2021-2022 budget. Other sources of revenue include sale of equipment/buses, PILOT's, county sales tax, refunds or prior year expenses, and other miscellaneous items.

Revenue	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Real Property Taxes	26,126,489	26,591,541	465,052	1.78%
Other Payments in Lieu of Taxes	209,096	213,196	4,100	1.96%
State Aid	6,556,590	7,603,968	1,047,378	15.97%
Interest & Penalties Real Property	55,000	50,000	(5,000)	-9.09%
County Sales Tax	15,000	30,000	15,000	100.00%
Charges for Services	228,446	196,339	(32,107)	-14.05%
Sale of Equipment/Buses/Other	61,500	123,500	62,000	100.81%
Refund of Current/Prior Year Expenses	75,000	90,000	15,000	20.00%
Medicaid Assistance	30,000	30,000	-	0.00%
Other Refunds	67,000	42,500	(24,500)	-36.57%
Interfund Transfer for Debt Svc	100,000	229,291	129,291	129.29%
Total Revenue	33,524,121	35,200,335	1,676,214	5.00%
Use of EBALR Reserve	2,775	57,891	55,116	1986.16%
Use of Unemployment Reserve		85,000	85,000	New Reserve
Appropriated Fund Balance	510,644	575,000	64,356	12.60%
Total Budget	34,037,540	35,918,226	1,880,686	5.53%

*Have a
question
about the
2021-2022
budget?*



Join us for & CONVERSATION

with Superintendent Eric Knuth and School Business Manager Connor Brown

*Meetings will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 8am-9am
at the District Office until the budget vote on Tuesday, May 18*

Town	2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Projected	Change in Rate	Percent Increase
Skaneateles	\$14.26	\$14.51	\$0.25	1.78%
Spafford	\$14.77	\$15.04	\$0.26	1.78%
Marcellus	\$13.48	\$13.72	\$0.24	1.78%
Sennett	\$13.33	\$13.57	\$0.24	1.78%
Owasco	\$16.80	\$17.10	\$0.30	1.78%
Niles	\$12.26	\$12.48	\$0.22	1.78%
*Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value				

Disclaimer:

The tax rates to the left are the projected tax rates for the 2021-2022 school year. These rates were calculated using tentative home assessments on hand for the district. These rates are subject to change as home assessment values and equalization rates in each of the towns are not finalized until the summer of 2021. This is for illustrative purposes only and individual tax increases or decreases for each homeowner may vary based on assessment and equalization rate changes which the school district has no control over.

Example Calculation on a Tax Bill Located in Skaneateles at 1.78% Tax Increase



Mock 2020-2021 Tax Bill

House Assessment Value		165,500
Divide by 1,000	/	1,000
\$1,000 of Assessed		165.5
Multiply by Projected Tax Rate	X	14.25911
Proj. Tax Bill Without Basic STAR		\$2,359.88
Subtract Max. Basic STAR Amount	-	\$389.00
Final Projected Tax Bill		\$1,970.88



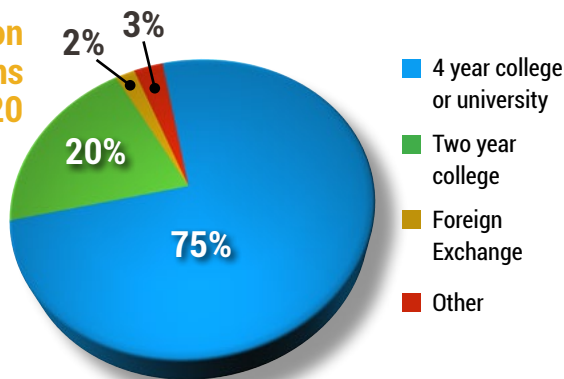
Projected 2021-2022 Tax Bill

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\$1,000 of Assessed		165.5
Multiply by Projected Tax Rate	X	14.512922
Proj. Tax Bill Without Basic STAR		\$2,401.89
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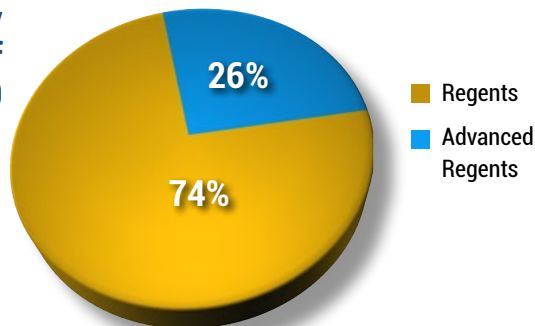
Projected Year over Year Annual Increase: \$42.01

Our Measures of Success

Graduation Destinations 2020



Diplomas Earned by the Class of 2020

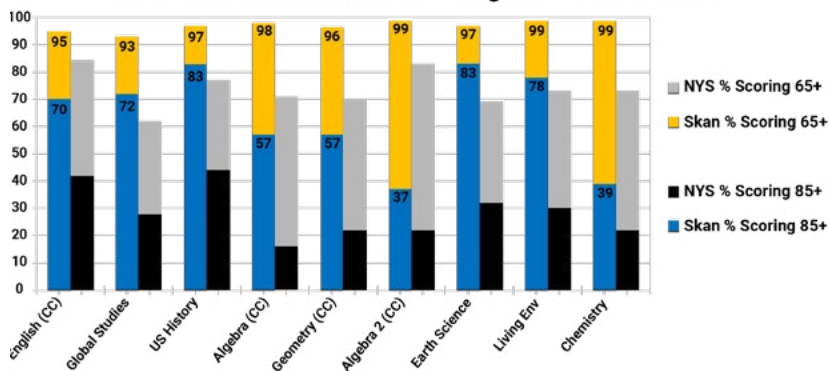


Seventy-two percent of our students took the SAT, with reading and math tests scoring in the ranges of 300-800.

2020 SAT Scores	Critical Reading	Math	Total
National Average	528	523	1051
State Average	528	530	1058
Skaneateles Central School District	617	642	1259

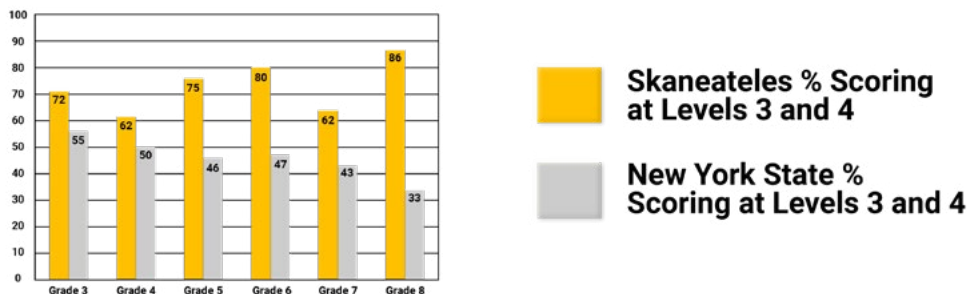


2018-2019 Skaneateles CSD Regents Exam Results

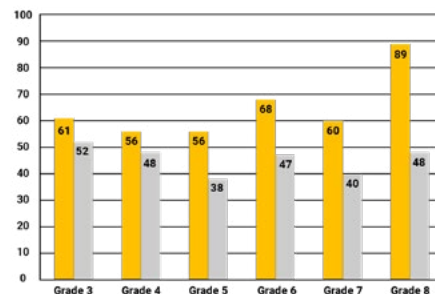


Regents Exams provide a basis for evaluating the quality of instruction and learning that has taken place. Students must pass five Regents Exams in order to graduate and eight to receive the Advanced Regents diploma. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, New York State cancelled these tests for the 2019-20 school year. This graph shows data from the most recently administered exams.

2018-2019 NYS 3-8 Math Test Results



2018-2019 NYS 3-8 ELA Test Results



Scores on the ELA and Math assessments place students at one of four levels. Those at Level 4 excel in standards for their grade; those at Level 3 are proficient in standards; those at Level 2 are partially proficient and those at Level 1 are well below proficient in standards for their grade. The increased rigor of Common Core-aligned tests is apparent statewide as seen in the 3-8 graphs as well as in the Algebra 1 (CC) bar in the Regents Exam Results bar graph above. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, New York State cancelled these tests for the 2019-20 school year. This graph shows data from the most recently administered exams.

What Will You See When You Vote?

Qualifications of Voters:

- At least 18 years of age.
- Citizen of the United States.
- A resident of the Skaneateles Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the date of the vote.

Absentee Ballot:

Residents who will not be in the area on May 18, 2021 may apply for an absentee ballot at the District Office. If the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the application must be submitted at least seven days prior to the vote. If the absentee ballot is to be picked up by the voter in person, applications will be accepted until May 17, 2021. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 18, 2021.

Mail to:
 Skaneateles Central School District
 ATTN: Rebecca York
 45 East Elizabeth Street
 Skaneateles, NY 13152

Proposition I →

General Fund Budget

District, Counties of Onondaga and Cayuga, New York, be authorized to expend the sum of \$35,918,226 for the 2021-2022 school year and levy the necessary taxes when due.

Shall the Board of Education of the Skaneateles Central School

Proposition II →

Bus Proposition

be authorized to purchase and finance student transport vehicles, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto, and expend a total sum not to exceed \$476,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District, in the principal amount not to exceed \$476,000, shall be issued.

Shall the Board of Education of the Skaneateles Central School District

Getting to School Safely, Effectively & Efficiently



During the 2021-2022 school year, the district intends to continue their Bus Replacement Plan under Proposition II. This Bus Replacement Plan has allowed the district to better project maintenance expenses while carrying a newer and safer fleet of vehicles. This plan allows the district to capitalize on cost saving measures with the ultimate goal of providing the best educational programs for students, while being fair to taxpayers. This ongoing replacement of our vehicles has resulted in improved safety for all students,

higher approval ratings for bus inspections, and ultimately, fewer buses in total. We thank the board and the community on their fiscal stewardship in supporting and implementing our Bus Replacement Plan.

Board of Education: Candidates for Election (Vote For Three)

On May 18, residents will elect three members of the Board of Education to each serve a three-year term. Below are candidates that filed nominating petitions for the available seats:



Rob Bennett

Rob and his wife Tracy are proud to call Skaneateles home for twenty years. They have three children, Aidan (21), Ashton (17) and Torin (14) who have spent their lives as Lakers. Rob is very active in the Community and has spent countless hours as a Coach and/or Board Member with Lakeshore Baseball and Softball, Skaneateles Youth Football and Bill Delaney Basketball. He has also served as a Board Member with Todd's Fund and the Skaneateles Country Club where he currently serves on the Membership Committee. Professionally, Rob owns the Back Yard Sports Network, a personalized Apparel and "Team Store" located in Auburn. This is a second career for Rob after working for many years as a litigation attorney in both New York City and Syracuse. As a Board Member, Rob will strive to provide insightful advocacy for our kids and complete transparency for our community.



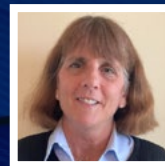
Michael Kell

Mike has been an active volunteer in the community for over 12 years, is currently Vice President of the Skaneateles Board of Education and has proudly served on active duty in the United States Air Force. Mike and his wife, Alicia, have four young children in three of the four Skaneateles school buildings (Alanna, Cambria, Theron, and Clayton). He is a Senior Vice President at iCapital Network and earned his MBA from Troy University. Mike's immediate priority is implementing supports for all students, staff, and other district stakeholders to overcome the many pandemic-related issues we face while doing so in ways that minimize such impacts in the future.



Joe Goethe

Raised in Skaneateles, Joe Goethe and his wife Diana chose to raise their sons Alex ('21) and Drew ('22) in Joe's beloved hometown. Joe is active in the community, volunteers in the youth sports organizations, and constantly strives to improve our community for the next generation. He is a founding partner at The Cameron Group, and co-owner of LakeHouse Pub. Prior to starting his own company, Joe spent 10 years with The Pyramid Companies. His extensive business background and experience in working with municipal boards make him the ideal candidate to add accountability, fiscal savvy, and leadership to our School Board.

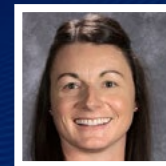


Kerry Brogan

Kerry Murphy Brogan is completing her second term on the Skaneateles Board of Education. She is a 1986 graduate of SCS and has lived in Skaneateles her whole life. Kerry and her husband, Tom, have three daughters. Madelyn (2017) is currently a graduate student at Boston University studying Public Health Policy. Riley (2020) is currently a freshman at Towson University and Bella is a sophomore at SCS.

Kerry received her BSW from Nazareth College and her MSW from Syracuse University. She is in her 25th year as a School Social Worker for the Jordan-Elbridge School District.

She is a past board member of the Skaneateles Education Foundation and has volunteered as a youth coach for numerous sports teams. Kerry has enjoyed volunteering her time over the years with both children and families in both the Skaneateles and Jordan-Elbridge communities.



Amanda Nugent

Amanda is a 5th grade teacher in the Liverpool CSD with her MS in education from SUNY Oswego. Amanda and her husband, Pat, have three young children in our district, ages 9, 6 and 3. She is the President of the Board of Directors at Holy Trinity Preschool and the Recording Secretary of the Elementary Parent Teacher Committee. As a school board member, she will bring these various professional, personal and leadership experiences to academic and fiscal decision-making. Amanda will advocate for academic intervention services, special education, social-emotional learning and professional development for SCS staff. It is her hope to advocate for all students, listen to families and to be an effective and respectful member of the BOE team of leadership.

Thank You to Our Partners: In Skaneateles, our schools are strengthened by the ongoing support and innovation of our extremely dedicated partners. We are grateful for their amazing commitment to our students!

- Our Alumni
- Booster Clubs
- Ecumenical Council
- Skaneateles Music Guild
- Parent Advisory Committees
- Parent Teacher Committees
- Skaneateles Chamber of Commerce
- Skaneateles Education Foundation
- Skaneateles Rotary
- Town & Village of Skaneateles

The Focus of Our Investments

1,307

Number of K-12 Students

97%

Graduation Rate

52

Interscholastic Teams

62

Seniors Graduating w/honors

\$35,918,226

Proposed 2021-22 Budget

35

High School Clubs

8

Musical Groups

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Community

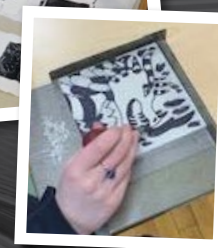


Middle School Happenings

Students worked together to research the Articles of the Constitution for a group project in 7th Grade Social Studies class.



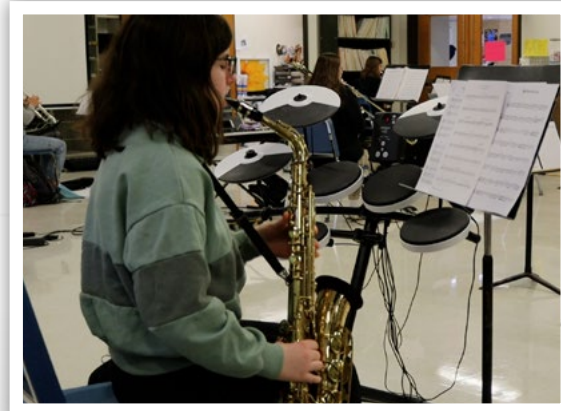
Eighth graders recently carved templates for prints. Once the templates were carved, students rolled ink on them, applied paper over the top and used a spoon to rub the back to make some beautiful artwork!



Pages two and three of this newsletter highlight the projected costs and revenues associated with supporting the proposed budget of \$35,918,226 for the 2021-2022 school year. This page highlights some of the ways in which these dollars translate to opportunities for our students. We hope these features shine light on some of the enhancements and services available at Skaneateles.

Middle School/High School

- Award-winning competitive clubs such as Odyssey of the Mind, Envirothon, DECA, Model UN, Junior Classical League, and Masterminds
- Named Best Community for Music Education by NAMM
- 17 students received Scholastic Art awards
- Several students selected for All-County Band, Chorus, and Orchestra
- Student-organized musical groups including bell choir, various acapella groups, and cello quartet
- Plethora of curriculum-based clubs such as Environmental Club, Art Club, Laker Writing Club, etc.
- Exploration and addition of student interest based clubs and activities such as Student Athletic Council, Veterans Club, Ski Club, Fishing Club, Trap Club, etc.
- Award-winning theatre program producing a fall play (HS) and spring musicals (HS, MS, SS)



Elementary (Waterman and State Street)

- Continued training and implementation of Responsive Classroom and the Positivity Project which supports the Six Dimensions of Wellness.
- Teacher training in current best practices for literacy instruction.
- Continue implementing the Smithsonian Science materials which are in alignment with Next Generation Science Standards.
- Begin Instrumental Music Instruction in Grade 4, Band and Orchestra
- Begin Chorus and Drama productions in Grade 5



100 Days

Students celebrated the 100th day of school in February! They made flyers, colored their own hats, and dressed up as 100-year-olds!



Congratulations
to the
Class of
2021
Valedictorian
and
Salutatorian!

Liliana Arias
and *Kenneth Byrne*



Thank You!

to our outstanding staff who have gone above and beyond to provide for our students!



Project 2021 Update



Project 2021 is approximately 52% complete with work currently ongoing at the MS gym, MS FACS classroom, HS auditorium, Waterman Auditorium, as well as other locations throughout the campus. Classroom and corridor lighting replacement has been ongoing throughout the project in many locations throughout the high school and middle school. Window replacement, auditorium renovations, and HVAC improvements have been completed at Waterman Elementary. We continue to update learning spaces for all students to ensure safe and suitable environments. We appreciate the community's support in these efforts.



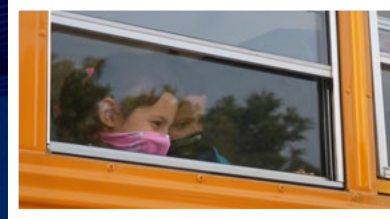
Welcome Back, Grades 8-11!



On Monday, April 5, we welcomed our remaining students in grades 8 through 11 back to school for in-person instruction five days a week!

Now Hiring: School Bus Drivers

Have you considered a job as a school bus driver?



Benefits:

- Work around your children's school schedule.
- If your child is a student in Skaneateles Central

School District, they can ride with you.

- Starting Pay: \$21.66 per hour when fully trained.
- \$1,500.00 Sign-On Bonus for Non-CDL Drivers
- \$3,000.00 Sign-On Bonus for CDL Drivers w/endorsements
- Paid CDL Training
- Extra Charter Work Available

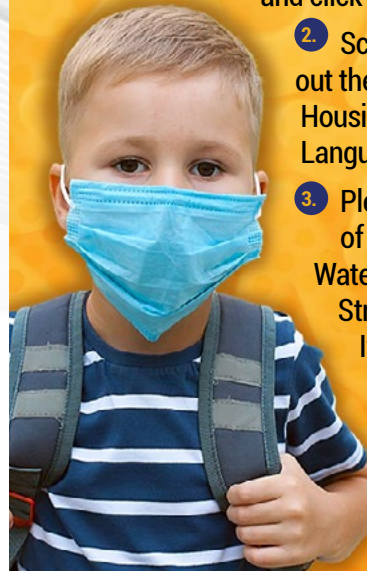
For more information, call First Student (Skaneateles location) at (315) 685-7953

Kindergarten Registration Is Now Open!

To be eligible, children must be five years old on or before December 1, 2021.

How to register:

1. Go to www.skanschools.org, hover over "Families", and click "Kindergarten Registration."
2. Scroll down to downloads and fill out the Bilingual Registration Form, Housing Questionnaire, and Home Language Questionnaire.
3. Please mail the forms and a copy of your child's birth certificate to Waterman Primary School, 55 East Street, Skaneateles, NY 13152.



If you are new to the district or if you are registering your oldest child, please contact Kathy Sparrow, district registrar, at (315) 291-2205.

Local Post Patron

School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2020-21 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2021-22 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 34,037,540	\$35,918,226	\$35,453,173
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year		\$1,880,686	\$1,415,633
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		5.53 %	4.16%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$26,126,489	\$26,591,541	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$	\$	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$	\$	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$	\$	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$26,126,489	\$26,591,541	\$26,126,489
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$2,236,703	\$2,717,866	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$23,889,786	\$24,361,948	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$23,889,786	\$24,361,948	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$4,101,203	\$3,942,240	\$3,928,329
Program Component	\$23,102,525	\$23,833,629	\$23,569,196
Capital Component	\$6,833,812	\$8,142,356	\$7,955,648
<p>* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2021-22 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.</p> <p>The 2021-2022 tax levy would be equal to the 2020-2021 tax levy. The Administrative portion of the budget would be capped at the 2020-2021 level of 12.05% of the overall budget but in proposed contingent budget would decrease to 11.08% of the budget. The Program and Capital portions of the budget would also decrease due to the cutting of all equipment purchases, transfer to capital fund for the annual Capital Outlay Project, no salary increases to employees not covered by a contract, and potential athletic expenditures. In the event of a contingent budget, the actual allocations and expenditures may be different from the figures listed above.</p>			
<p>** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)</p>	Description		Amount
	BUS PROPOSITION		\$476,000
			\$
			\$

NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgt@nysed.gov

Under the Budget Proposed
for the 2021-22 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

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The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-22 by the qualified voters of the Skaneateles Central School District, Onondaga County, New York, will be held at the District Office in said district on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the District Office, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.