



*Dear Boquet Valley Central School District Community Members,*

We are pleased to announce that the voting for this year's school budget vote and Board of Education elections will take place on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at the Lake View Campus from noon to 8 p.m. Absentee ballots may be requested from District Clerk, Jana Atwell at 518-873-6371.

Your Boquet Valley Central School District Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools and Administration have spent months working cooperatively to develop a spending plan to meet the educational needs of our students while balancing those costs with the community's ability to support the plan. The total proposed budget for the 2023-2024 school year is \$15,635,634, a 2.9% increase in spending over the current 2022-2023 budget.

This proposed budget will result in a tax levy increase of 3.09%. What this means to a taxpayer with an average home value of \$100,000 is an estimated total increase in taxes of \$39.58.

In addition to the Budget Proposition, the voters will be asked to elect two (2) members to the Board of Education to fill three-year terms commencing July 1, 2023, and expiring on June 30, 2026. The candidates

are: Dina Garvey and Sarah Kullman.

Voters will also be asked to consider additional propositions:

**Proposition 3:** Shall the Board of Education appropriate and expend in the 2023-2024 fiscal year one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000.00) from the existing Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing one (1) sixty-five (65) passenger school bus at a maximum cost of one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000.00) to pay for the bus in full?

**Proposition 4:** Shall the Board of Education appropriate and expend in the 2023-2024 fiscal year forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000.00) from the existing Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing one (1) seven (7) passenger van plus an extra set of steel wheels and studded tires at a maximum cost of forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000.00) to pay for the vehicle and wheels in full?

You are invited to attend our annual Budget Hearing on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 6 p.m. at the Mountain View Campus. The budget will be presented and reviewed in detail for the public. Please email the district clerk with any questions or comments to [jatwell@boquetvalleycsd.org](mailto:jatwell@boquetvalleycsd.org).



Voting on the 2023-2024 proposed school budget and propositions and Board Member elections will conclude on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 8 p.m.

Sincerely,

**Joshua R. Meyer**  
Superintendent

Heather Reynolds  
Board of Education President



**Superintendent:**  
Joshua Meyer

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## Boquet Valley Central School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2022-23 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2023-24 School Year *									
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$15,194,692	\$15,635,634	\$15,554,480									
Increase/Decrease for the 2023-24 School Year		\$440,942	\$81,154									
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.90 %	0.52%									
Change in the Consumer Price Index		8.0%										
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$7,844,104	\$8,085,797										
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0										
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$0	\$0										
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0	\$0										
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$7,844,104	\$8,085,797	\$7,844,104									
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0										
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$7,844,104	\$8,085,797										
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$7,844,104	\$8,085,797										
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0										
Administrative Component	\$1,798,941	\$1,959,392	\$1,951,199									
Program Component	\$11,641,503	\$11,842,446	\$11,825,131									
Capital Component	\$1,754,248	\$1,833,796	\$1,788,150									
<p>*Contingency budget figures contained herein are estimates. Final decisions regarding contingency budget appropriations will be made by the Board of Education, if necessary, pursuant to section 2023 of the Education law. This is an estimate of the reductions in each component. Since the Contingency Budget may not include a levy higher than the prior year's levy (0% levy growth), the difference of \$160,539 would have to be made up by using fund balance or ordinary contingent expenses may have to be reduced to ensure there is no tax levy increase.</p> <table><tr><td>Management/Confidential Salaries &amp; Equipment</td><td>Administrative</td><td>\$8,193</td></tr><tr><td>Management/Confidential Salaries &amp; Equipment</td><td>Capital</td><td>\$55,646</td></tr><tr><td>Management/Confidential Salaries &amp; Equipment</td><td>Program</td><td>\$17,315</td></tr></table>				Management/Confidential Salaries & Equipment	Administrative	\$8,193	Management/Confidential Salaries & Equipment	Capital	\$55,646	Management/Confidential Salaries & Equipment	Program	\$17,315
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** 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)	Description		Amount									
			\$									
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			\$									

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$405 or \$384

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-24 by the qualified voters of the Boquet Valley Central school district, Essex County, New York, will be held at Lake View Campus school in said district on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 pm, prevailing time in the Lake View Campus school, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot.

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

# PROPOSITIONS

## PROPOSITION 1 THE BUDGET

To adopt the annual budget of the Boquet Valley Central School District for the fiscal year 2022-2023 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

## PROPOSITION 2 BOARD MEMBER VOTE

To elect two(2) members to the Board of Education for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2023, and expiring on June 30, 2026, to succeed Dina Garvey and Sarah Kullman whose terms expire on June 30, 2023. Voters may vote for two trustees.

## PROPOSITION 3 BUS PURCHASE

Shall the Board of Education appropriate and expend in the 2023-2024 fiscal year one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000.00) from the existing Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing one (1) sixty-five (65) passenger school bus at a maximum cost of one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000.00) to pay for the bus in full?

## VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

1. Citizen of the United States.
2. Be 18 years of age or older.
3. Be a resident of the District for a period of 30 days prior to the election at which he or she votes.
4. Be qualified to register to vote at an election in accordance with the provisions of the election law.



## PROPOSITION 4 VAN PURCHASE

Shall the Board of Education appropriate and expend in the 2023-2024 fiscal year forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000.00) from the existing Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing one (1) seven (7) passenger van plus an extra set of steel wheels and studded tires at a maximum cost of forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000.00) to pay for the vehicle and wheels in full?

# BUDGET CHARTS, TABLES, DESCRIPTIONS

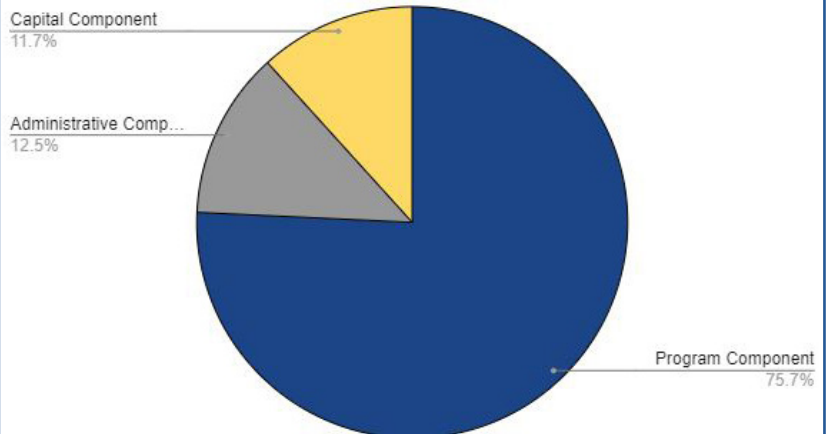
	Proposed Budget 2023-24	Adopted Budget 2022-23	Change (\$)	Change (%)
<b>Program Component</b>	\$11,842,446.00	\$11,641,503.00	\$200,943.00	1.70%
<b>Administrative Component</b>	\$1,959,392.00	\$1,798,941.00	\$160,451.00	8.19%
<b>Capital Component</b>	\$1,833,796.00	\$1,754,248.00	\$79,548.00	4.34%
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	\$15,635,634.00	\$15,194,692.00	\$440,942.00	2.82%

Year	Budget Amount	% Budget Increase	Tax Levy	Tax Levy % Increase
<b>2023-24</b>	\$15,635,634.00	2.90	\$8,085,797	3.08
<b>2022-23</b>	\$15,194,692	0.50	\$7,844,104	2.28
<b>2021-22</b>	\$15,118,683	-0.61	\$7,669,235	0.98
<b>2020-21</b>	\$15,211,449	0.90	\$7,594,433	4.15
<b>2019-20</b>	\$15,075,669	N/A	\$7,291,850	N/A

Description	2022-23 Original Revenue Estimate	2023-24 Proposed Revenue	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Real Property Taxes	7,844,104.00	8,085,797.00	241,693.00	3.08%
Int. & Penal. on Real Property	25,900.00	25,900.00	0.00	0.00%
Other Day School Tuition	13,000.00	13,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Interest and Earnings	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Rental of Real Property	4,600.00	4,600.00	0.00	0.00%
Medic. Asst-Sch Age Yr Pro	17,000.00	17,000.00	0.00	-
Gifts and Donations	11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Other Unclassified Rev.	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Basic Formula Aid-Gen Aid	3,694,116.00	3,838,630.00	144,514.00	3.91%
Excess Cost Aid	1,137,905.00	1,172,177.00	34,272.00	3.01%
Transportation Aid	401,540.00	430,230.00	28,690.00	7.14%
Building Aid	71,855.00	70,186.00	-1,669.00	-2.32%
High Tax Aid	209,232.00	209,232.00	0.00	0.00%
BOCES Aid (Sect 3609a Ed	576,698.00	557,380.00	-19,318.00	-3.35%
Textbook Aid (Incl Txtbk/	24,698.00	23,555.00	-1,143.00	-4.63%
Computer Software Aid	6,441.00	6,217.00	-224.00	-3.48%
Computer Hardware Aid	3,725.00	3,346.00	-379.00	-10.17%
Library A/V Loan Program	2,688.00	1,194.00	-1,494.00	-55.58%
Small Government Assistan	252,252.00	252,252.00	0.00	0.00%
Other State Aid	682,838.00	672,838.00	-10,000.00	-1.46%
Interfund Trans. for Debt	5,100.00	5,100.00	0.00	0.00%
Appropriated Reserves-T&M	176,000.00	202,000.00	26,000.00	14.77%
	15,194,692.00	15,635,634.00	440,942.00	2.90%



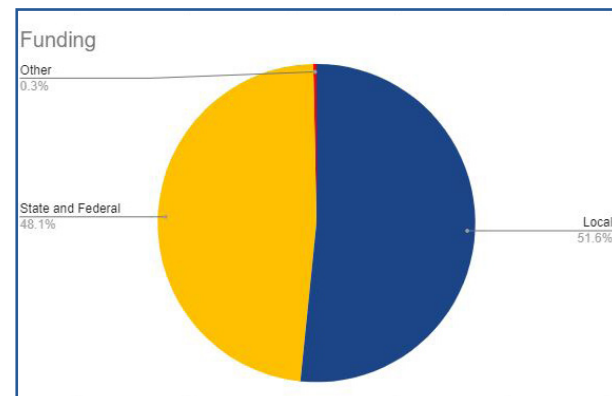
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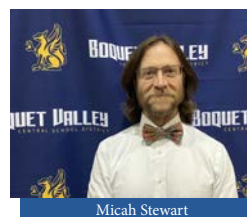
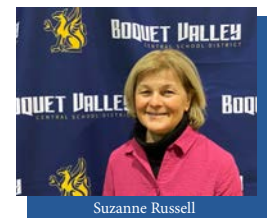


# BUDGET CHARTS, TABLES, DESCRIPTIONS

Expenditures	2022-23	2023-24	\$ Difference
<b>BOCES Services</b>	\$2,743,180	\$2,791,393	\$48,213
<b>Debt Services</b>	\$152,668	\$162,095	\$9,427
<b>Fuels (Fuel Oil, Propane)</b>	\$201,871	\$224,506	\$22,635
<b>Fuel-Diesel &amp; Gasoline-Buses</b>	\$70,000	\$68,303	-\$1,697
<b>Insurance-Health</b>	\$3,203,433	\$3,350,134	\$146,701
<b>Insurance-HRA</b>	\$28,606	\$31,560	\$2,954
<b>Insurance-Employer Funded FSA</b>	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$0
<b>Insurance Health Buyout</b>	\$189,884	\$175,696	-\$14,188
<b>Insurance-Medicare Reimbursement</b>	\$213,489	\$207,945	-\$5,544
<b>Insurance-Liability</b>	\$74,611	\$81,489	\$6,878
<b>Retirement-Employees (ERS)</b>	\$156,753	\$167,307	\$10,554
<b>Retirement- Teachers (TRS)</b>	\$504,785	\$489,553	-\$15,232
<b>Salaries-General Fund</b>	\$5,949,238	\$6,080,352	\$131,114
<b>Social Security</b>	\$484,623	\$494,860	\$10,237
<b>Transportation &amp; Maintenance Equipment</b>	\$176,000	\$202,000	\$26,000
<b>Equipment-Other</b>	\$20,385	\$109,287	\$88,902
<b>Materials &amp; Supplies</b>	\$253,310	\$256,847	\$3,537
<b>Other</b>	\$761,356	\$731,807	-\$29,549
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,194,692</b>	<b>\$15,635,634</b>	<b>\$440,942</b>



## The BOE Members





# GRIFFIN ATHLETICS





# OASIS Grant Provides Enrichment & Fun

Our students and teachers accomplished copious amounts of academic enrichment, tutoring and fun through the Opportunities and Supports in School (OASIS) after school program!

Since the start of the 2022-2023 school year, we have offered programs including drama, mural club, simple engineering, pottery, water explorations, board game club, indoor soccer, archery, genealogy and weightlifting. We invited community volunteers to teach in areas of their expertise, like powersports mechanics. This exposes students to various career possibilities and how it relates to their education.

In addition to community members, we partner with local community organizations such as Cornell Cooperative Extension of Essex County, who provide unique learning opportunities like Agriculture in the Classroom and STEAM experiments. Our middle and high school baking clubs are led by a member of the Substance Abuse Prevention Team of Essex County which instills confidence and feelings of autonomy in our students all while learning the valuable life skill — cooking!

In College for Every Student (CFES), Brilliant Pathways covered topics such as the expectations of being a college athlete, popular up-and-coming career paths, financial literacy and introductions to the various departments on campuses including SUNY Canton, North Country Community College and Champlain Community College. In our Lake View Campus, CFES is teaching students about team building and skill enrichment through fun games emphasizing the best ways groups work together to develop future leaders and team members.



We are excited to share that we have over 200 students participating in OASIS after school programs, and we are only half way through the year. It has been a pleasure watching Boquet Valley students experience new things and achieve academic success.



# Overview 2023-24 Proposed Budget

May 2023

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>@ Lake View Campus</b>	<b>2023-24 Budget</b> <b>2 Board Members</b> <b>Bus Purchase</b> <b>Van Purchase</b>

For more information on the 2023-24 Budget



Visit our district website

<https://www.boquetvalleycsd.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 Boquet Valley Central School District will be held at the Lake View Campus on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between the hours of noon and 8 p.m. by ballot.

### PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING MAY 9 AT 6 P.M.

The Budget Hearing will be held at the Mountain View Campus.

#### Boquet Valley Central School District

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