



SALMON RIVER

Central School District

Budget Newsletter 2021-2022

At a **GLANCE**

- ➔ PROPOSED BUDGET
\$34,339,754
- ➔ BUDGET Increase
\$278,420 / .82%
- ➔ TAX LEVY Decrease
.99%

ALSO ON THE BALLOT

- ➔ Bus Purchase
- ➔ Fuel Tank Replacement
- ➔ Student Representative
- ➔ Board of Education Election

ELECTION PROCESS

In person voting will be held in the gym located at Door 4 in the Elementary school from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Tuesday May 18; voters will enter through one door and exit through another and will not be allowed to enter the school; paper ballots will be used to cast votes and voting areas will be sanitized after each person.



FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The 2021-2022 school budget proposal centers on students first as well as the importance of taxpayer needs. For the second consecutive year, the tax levy will be reduced, .99% for this proposed school budget of \$34,339,754.

In a year filled with uncertainties and challenges, we find a heightened awareness in the importance of leadership in our schools. It is vitally critical that we have a solid and dependable school system for students and community members. Parents look to their children's school as a center to learn, build trust, and inspire confidence. Salmon River's success in the last five years is due to an unwavering commitment to ensuring children are provided their given right to high quality education, every day.

During this pandemic, we have transformed education to meet the needs of children, including social and emotional support systems.

Equally as important, district staff have been offered the Employee Assistance Program (EAP), providing free and confidential social and emotional support.

Wading through severe constraints on teaching and learning, we have adjusted to the current environment of education and have continued to make academic progress. In 2015, the graduation rate was 73%. Fast forward to 2020, Salmon River has exceeded the NYS graduation rate target five years in a row, reaching 85.6% this past school year. That is a K-12 success in our schools. Three of our four schools are in "Good Standing" under the accountability metrics for the NYSED and the Middle School is on the precipice of a good standing status too. Our aim is to have a caring and competent teacher in every classroom and we believe we can achieve this kind of academic success this year as well.

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BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

The buildings and grounds team works around the clock to keep the buildings operational. They have shown up all hours of the night to make repairs to critical systems, without hesitation, to make sure school could be open in the morning. Snow is plowed and cleared, while the cleaning and custodial crews disinfect the classrooms each night and throughout the day to keep our students and staff safe.



FOOD SERVICES

The food service staff has done an extraordinary job handling the many obstacles of the pandemic. Last March, meal serving sites were established in three locations throughout the district. Staff showed up each day in the cold, snow, wind, and rain with a smile to serve students. During the year, the food service staff delivers meals to the classrooms for elementary/middle school students, while high school students eat in the cafeteria at socially distanced desks.



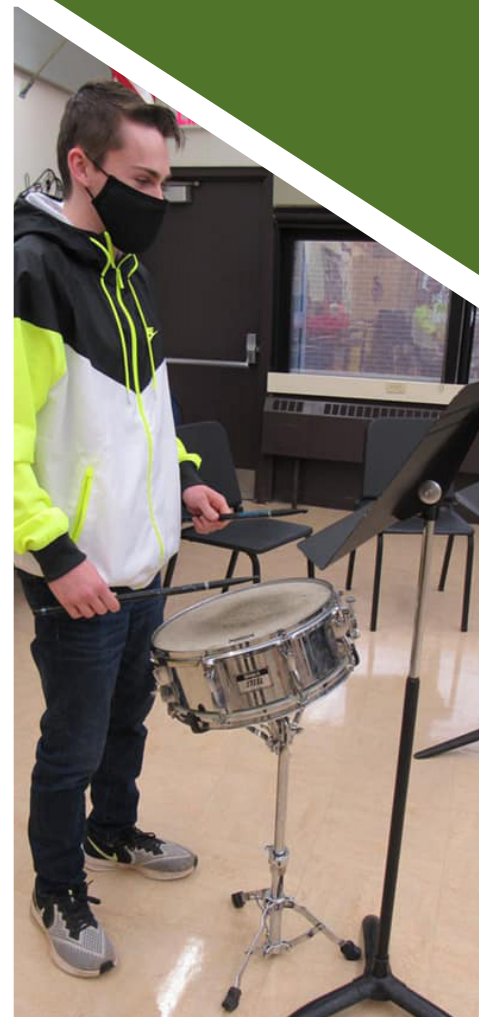
HEALTH SERVICES

The school nurses have been a pillar of strength during this entire pandemic for our students and staff. They have worked hand in hand with the Superintendent from the very beginning, with planning and implementation of all health and safety guidelines. They have worked countless hours to do contact tracing and monitor quarantines, along with meticulous health record keeping. These nurses have handled their challenging job without hesitation or complaint.



THANK

The Salmon River Central School District mission is to make decisions based on the needs of our children and the educational process, under these turbulent times. We must ensure that every student receives their given right to a high quality education, every day! These decisions, and our success, is driven by our children's needs, their passion for learning, and the unwavering commitment by district staff to do what they do out of love for our students.





YOU

Our employees have transformed education at Salmon River, creating opportunities for success for our students, as we can navigate through this pandemic. I have reflected on this time in history and what we all have been going through in order to survive, and I am very proud to be part of this community, and I know we are moving toward the light at the end of the tunnel.

Superintendent,
Dr. Stanley Harper

INSTRUCTION

The teaching staff at Salmon River are vital to the growth and vitality of our students. What the teaching staff does for our students daily does not go unnoticed. It is truly appreciated how each member has adjusted to ever changing demands that are needed to support and meet the needs of our children. Thank you for the hard work and perseverance.



CLERICAL & TECHNOLOGY

The office staff and secretaries are the backbone, helping the administrators lead through these challenging times. Their commitment, work ethic, and effort does not go unnoticed. The technology department, working diligently behind the scenes, are deeply woven into every aspect of the school district. They are absolutely invaluable to the daily operation for business, teaching, and learning.

TRANSPORTATION

The transportation department is truly the front line of daily operations. Drivers and attendants are the first faces that students see every morning and the last face they see each night. They have adapted to bus routes that are changing daily and are always ready to help deliver instructional materials and chrome books when needed, without complaint, while the mechanics work tirelessly to ensure that the buses are ready to go each day and are safe for our children.



ADMINISTRATION

More than ever, especially during these times of uncertainty, the need for courageous and acute leadership is at its highest demand in education. This pandemic has thrust upon leadership enormous challenges and barriers from every angle. Salmon River's school leaders have adjusted to every barrier thrown at them while keeping the highest level of education in place and providing a positive and safe learning environment for students and staff.

THREE PART BUDGET

The state requires school districts to present their annual budgets in three parts: administrative, program and capital. Below is the breakdown of SRCSD's three part budget.

PROGRAM BUDGET

2021-22	\$23,633,772	69%
2020-21	\$23,084,031	66%

1 Program costs include the salaries and benefits of all teachers and staff delivering pupil services, i.e. health, guidance, library, and athletics. Also included in the program budget: textbooks, instructional materials, equipment, extracurricular activities, BOCES program costs, and all transportation costs except bus purchases.

CAPITAL BUDGET

2021-22	\$8,135,681	25%
2020-21	\$7,731,560	24%

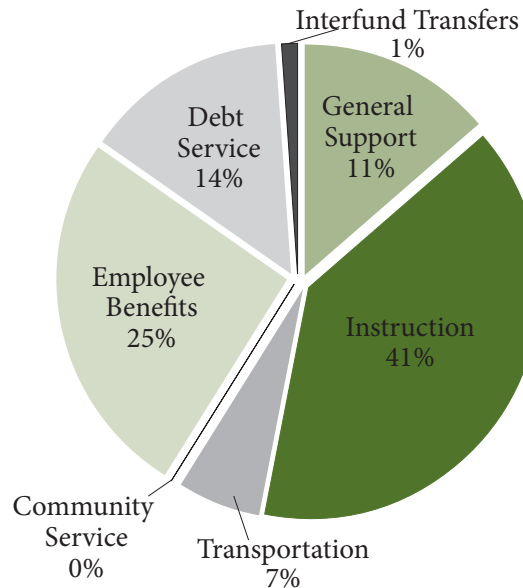
2 Capital costs include the salaries and benefits of maintenance and custodial staff, plus debt service, bus purchases, utilities, general insurance, tax certiorari and other court-ordered costs.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

2021-22	\$2,570,301	6%
2020-21	\$3,245,743	10%

3 Administrative costs include the salaries and benefits of all certified staff who spend 50% or more time in administration. Also included are: clerical staff, school board costs, curriculum costs, tax collection, legal and auditing costs, central printing, central data processing, BOCES administrative costs, research, planning and evaluation.

SPENDING BREAKDOWN



EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

Category	2020-21 Budget	Proposed 2021-22 Budget	Difference
General Support	\$ 4,393,825	\$ 3,916,925	\$ (476,900)
Instruction	\$ 13,624,524	\$ 14,192,406	\$ 567,882
Transportation	\$ 2,392,600	\$ 2,437,140	\$ 44,540
Community Service	\$ 20,000	\$ 17,000	\$ (3,000)
Employee Benefits	\$ 8,580,656	\$ 8,680,614	\$ 99,958
Debt Service	\$ 4,679,729	\$ 4,725,669	\$ 45,940
Interfund Transfers	\$ 370,000	\$ 370,000	\$ -
Total Expenditures	\$ 34,061,334	\$ 34,339,754	\$ 278,420

REVENUE SUMMARY

Category	2020-21 Budget	Proposed 2021-22 Budget	Difference
Property Taxes	\$ 1,992,111	\$ 1,972,568	\$(19,543)
Charges for Services	\$ 6,562,690	\$ 6,341,641	\$(221,049)
Use of Money and Property	\$ 145,942	\$ 145,942	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 202,190	\$ 172,190	\$(30,000)
State Aid	\$ 23,819,656	\$ 25,041,168	\$ 1,221,512
Federal Aid	\$ 741,959	\$ 108,654	\$(633,305)
Fund Balance	\$ 596,786	\$ 557,591	\$(39,195)
Total Revenues	\$ 34,061,334	\$ 34,339,754	\$ 278,420

Fuel Tank Replacement Proposition

Based on recommendations from the DEC, the District is seeking voter approval on the May 18th ballot to remove the two remaining tanks from below ground and install new above ground tanks. The two remaining underground fuel tanks, one located at the bus garage and one at the middle school, were installed in 1987 and 1988 making them over 30 years old. The new tank at the bus garage will include a new diesel fuel and gas dispenser system with card access. This will provide the ability to fuel all district-owned vehicles. The project will not exceed \$1,000,000 and would take place in the fall/spring of 2021-2022. There will be no cost to local taxpayers. The District will utilize the 98% state aid on the project as well as fund balance to cover the remainder.



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2019 Capital Project Update

- ➔ The capital project was approved by the voters on May 21, 2019
- ➔ In December 2020, construction bids in the amount of \$17,560,444 were awarded to four contractors who began construction in April
- ➔ With the arrival of summer, work in the high school and middle school will start with asbestos abatement
- ➔ Once abatement is complete, classrooms will be renovated with new windows, flooring, walls and ceilings
- ➔ The parking lot renovations will begin over the summer as well as the soccer/lacrosse field remediation due to sink holes
- ➔ Classrooms that aren't completed over the summer in the old wings will be completed during the upcoming school year, with final completion in September 2022



How do I estimate my school taxes for 2021-22?

The amount of taxes collected by the District will not change. Using the formula below, you will be able to calculate your estimated school tax.

Assessed Value	÷ 1,000	X Tax Rate	- STAR =	School Tax
Example				
\$50,000	÷ 1,000	X \$8.97	- \$307 =	\$141.50
\$50,000 (Senior Citizen)	÷ 1,000	X \$8.97	- \$696 =	\$0.00
\$100,000	÷ 1,000	X \$8.97	- \$307 =	\$590.00
\$100,000 (Senior Citizen)	÷ 1,000	X \$8.97	- \$696 =	\$201.00

Voter Qualifications

Qualified Voters are

- ➔ At least 18 years old
- ➔ A U.S. citizen
- ➔ A District resident at least 30 days prior to the vote

2021 Valedictorian ▼

Myranda Collette will be finishing her high school career with a weighted GPA of 107.58, and has committed to Clarkson University in the fall, majoring in Mathematical Economics. Myranda is the daughter of Gary and Lisa Collette of Fort Covington. Myranda will be earning an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and Mastery Designation in Science and Math. She has excelled in a rigorous college preparatory program which includes both AP and Honors courses.

Myranda has been a member of the varsity girls soccer, hockey, and softball teams, serving as a captain of both the soccer and hockey teams. Myranda was named

Second Team All Northern her junior year and earned First Team All Northern Honors her senior year for soccer. She was part of the 2018 girls hockey team that won the Section 10 title and finished

second in the state. Notably, Myranda is a yearly recipient of Section 10's Academic All-Northern award.

Throughout high school, Myranda has participated in a wide variety of extracurricular pursuits. She is the National Honor Society Treasurer and Senior Class Vice President.

Myranda participated in the Clarkson Horizons I, II, and III Pre-College Program and the Clarkson Global Women in Chemistry Breakfast. Last year Myranda

received the Clarkson University Achievement Award, RIT Computing Medal, and the Wilkes University Colonel Emerging Leader Award.



2021 Salutatorian ▼

Emily Healy, Salutatorian for the Class of 2021, is the daughter of James and Cindy Healy of Fort Covington. Emily will be finishing high school with a weighted GPA of 106.20, gaining an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and Mastery in Science and Math.

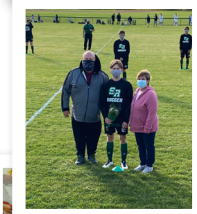
Emily showed her academic strength as a member of the Principal's List. She has earned an award from the Nihanawate Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for the highest GPA in U.S History, the Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology from the University of Rochester, the Rochester Polytechnic Institute Medal, and the LeMoyne College Heights Award. She continued to learn outside of Salmon River High School through the Clarkson Summer Horizons Program and the

Global Women in Chemistry Breakfast.

Emily performed with the Chorus and Pep Band, and she can also be found volunteering to sing with her church choir each weekend.

Emily earned twelve athletic letters while at Salmon River through her participation on the swim team, the indoor track team, and the outdoor track team. Emily also held membership and leadership roles for both the Spanish Club and the National Honor Society, including treasurer, president, and student representative.

Outside of school, Emily volunteers as a Church School Assistant and for Vacation Bible School. She has also attended the Catholic Heart Work Camp for many years. Emily will be pursuing a degree in Environmental Science at Skidmore College this fall.



School District Budget Notice	Budget Adopted for 2020-21 School Year	Budget Proposed for 2021-22 School Year	Contingency Budget for 2021-22 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 34,061,334	\$ 34,339,754	\$ 33,894,004
Increase/Decrease from 2020-21 School Year		\$ 278,420	\$ (167,330)
% Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		.82%	-.49%
Change in Consumer Price Index		1.23%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 1,977,111	\$ 1,957,568	
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)	\$ 1,977,111	\$ 1,957,568	\$ 1,957,568
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 205,270	\$ 155,127	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 1,771,841	\$ 1,802,441	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt, and/or permissible exclusions (E - B - F +D)	\$ 1,771,841	\$ 1,802,441	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Notes Below Regarding Separate Propositions)	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Administrative Component	\$ 3,245,743	\$ 2,570,301	\$ 2,570,301
Program Component	\$ 23,084,031	\$ 23,633,772	\$ 23,489,022
Capital Component	\$ 7,731,560	\$ 8,135,681	\$ 7,834,681
*Assumptions have been made in estimating the contingency budget pursuant to section 2023 of Education Law. Changes made from the proposed budget are in compliance with this law, should the proposed budget be defeated.			
List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with propositions not eligible for exclusions may affect property tax levy limit and voter approval requirements)	Description		Amount
	Bus Proposition		\$ 475,000
BUDGET PROPOSED FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR			
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings			\$ 307
The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-22 by the qualified voters of the Salmon River Central School District, Franklin and St. Lawrence County, New York, will be held in said district on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 from 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm, prevailing time in the Salmon River Board Elementary School Gymnasium, at which time ballots will be counted.			





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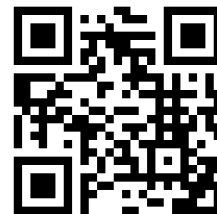
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Superintendent of Schools,
Dr. Stanley Harper

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RURAL ROUTE
OR
BOX HOLDER



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Shall the Board of Education of Salmon River Central School be authorized to:

#1
Budget

Expend the sum of \$34,339,754 for the school year 2021-22 & levy the necessary tax therefore?

#2
Bus
Purchase

Purchase (4) 66-passenger buses & to expend the sum not to exceed \$475,000?

#3
Student Rep.

Have a non-voting student representative to participate in all public hearings and meetings?

#4
Fuel Tank
Replacement

Remove the remaining in ground tanks and install new above ground tanks at a total maximum estimated cost of \$1,000,000?



BOARD OF EDUCATION
(five-year term, last-elected incumbent)
Vote for One (1) Craig Jock

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

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In addition to the existing robust counseling services, the District has welcomed a trained mindfulness specialist in all four schools to support both students and staff. Staff have worked diligently to improve their understanding of the trauma students may be experiencing and the strategies they can employ to support them. Key interventions have included establishing stronger relationships with students, keeping communication lines open, offering office hours and extra time for individuals and small group support - in person or zoom meetings - and phone calls and home visits.

Our intent is to make sure families know that we are willing to help them work through these strenuous times and to do everything we can to support both the academic and emotional needs of our children.

Improvement is also taking place physically, with our capital project, designed to modernize and update educational facilities at the high and middle schools as well as the athletic fields. With all of this said, we should reflect on what we have learned this year and never lose the lesson from what this pandemic has thrust upon each of us, and we will have a great school year in 2021-2022!