



# SALMON RIVER

## CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### 2023-24 BUDGET NEWSLETTER

#### BUDGET MAINTAINS PROGRAMS & STAFF

Great things are happening at Salmon River and we continue to adjust our educational programming to fit the needs of our students, while creating a stimulating learning environment to motivate students! This year, we have expanded our offerings to create a more rigorous and challenging curriculum aligned to New York State Learning Standards, knowing our students and teachers will continue to exceed these high expectations. We are proud of the teaching and learning that occurs in our classrooms every day and of the many achievements from elementary to high school. As a result of these efforts, our graduation rate increased to 87% last year and all of our Schools are in "Good Standings" with the NYS Education Department!

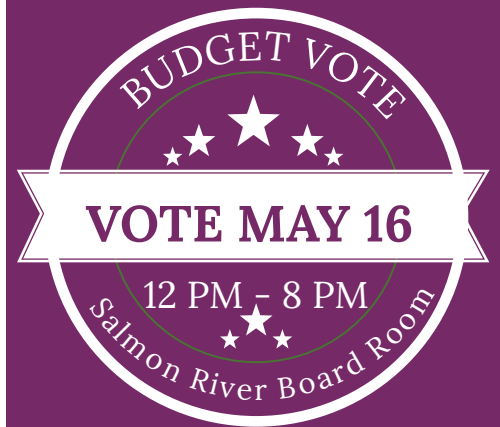
The Salmon River Board of Education has adopted the 2023-24 budget in the amount of \$36,886,087 for your consideration. The proposed budget represents a 9.7% increase from the current year's budget and carries a 0% tax levy increase, which is greater than the allowable tax levy. As a result, a super majority (60% plus one vote) is needed for passage. During this budget process, we focused on using our revenue to address the pressing needs of students, while preserving academic programming. This proposal is closely aligned with our key priorities and will support the critical work happening under the four essential pillars of our District: Safe Environment, Cultural Diversity, Community Centered, and Excellence in Academics and Lifelong Learning. While this proposal outlines how we will fund district operations in the coming year, it also reflects the resources and structures we need to be successful in our work to achieve excellence and equity in all we do.

This year, the District was fortunate to be awarded a \$4.3M grant from the US EPA to purchase 11 new electric school buses along with necessary infrastructure. Therefore, on the ballot, you will see a referendum to purchase four new diesel buses as part of our ongoing bus replacement plan, as well as two new electric school buses. Our goal is to slowly transition our smaller bus routes to electric buses in an effort to continue our green school initiatives.



#### DISTRICT VISION

**SHAMROCK PRIDE:**  
PEOPLE  
RESPECTING  
INDIVIDUALITY,  
DIVERSITY &  
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT



#### BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- **BUDGET:**  
**\$36,886,087**
- **0% TAX LEVY INCREASE**
- **9.7% BUDGET INCREASE**

## SALMON RIVER Central School District

### 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

2023-24	\$	24,307,898	66%
2022-23	\$	22,694,749	68%

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

### CAPITAL BUDGET

2023-24	\$	9,394,643	26%
2022-23	\$	8,100,778	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

2023-24	\$	3,183,546	8%
2022-23	\$	2,830,300	8%

**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 admin. costs, research, planning and evaluation.

### EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

Category	2022-23 Budget	Proposed 2023-24 Budget	Difference
General Support	\$ 3,909,139	\$ 4,841,539	\$ 932,400
Instruction	\$ 13,505,950	\$ 14,683,655	\$ 1,177,705
Transportation	\$ 2,501,458	\$ 2,838,500	\$ 337,042
Community Service	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ -
Employee Benefits	\$ 8,598,856	\$ 8,927,000	\$ 328,144
Debt Service	\$ 4,768,424	\$ 5,128,393	\$ 359,969
Interfund Transfers	\$ 325,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 125,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 33,625,827	\$ 36,886,087	\$3,260,260

### 2023 VALEDICTORIAN, LUKE MILLER



Valedictorian Luke Miller will graduate with a weighted GPA of 104.804 and be awarded an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors, Mastery in Math and Mastery in Science. Luke is the son of Melissa and Shawn Miller, and the brother of Johnny Miller.

Luke will be attending Clarkson University to study Mechanical Engineering.

As an active leader at Salmon River, Luke is President of the Student Council, President of the National Honor Society, President of the Senior Class, and represents his teammates on the Varsity Club.

Luke has earned numerous academic awards including being on the Principal's list every quarter of high school, Outstanding Achievement in Earth Science, Daughters of American Revolution Award for highest average in AP US History, Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award, RIT Innovation and Creativity Award, Clarkson University High School Leadership Award, and the 2018 Triple C Comptroller's Award for Courage, Character and Commitment.

In sports, Luke has achieved many honors and accolades, including being Academic All Northern in Soccer, Hockey, and Baseball each season of high school. He is also a NYS Scholar Athlete in Soccer, Hockey, and Baseball. Luke received the honor of being a part of the Section X Leadership Academy and was named 1st Team All Northern in Soccer, Hockey, and Baseball. He was awarded the Section X Hockey Vern Burrow Sportsmanship Award. This year, in an impressive season, Luke was named to the 1st Team All State Hockey Team during the New York State Final Four. Luke states that he will miss playing sports for the school and is grateful for all of the friendships he has made over the years.

## REVENUE SUMMARY

Category	2022-23 Budget	Proposed 2023-24 Budget	Difference
Property Taxes	\$ 1,972,568	\$ 1,972,568	\$ -
Charges for Services	\$ 5,633,447	\$ 6,839,140	\$ 1,205,693
Use of Money and Property	\$ 145,942	\$ 185,942	\$ 40,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 322,046	\$ 252,190	\$ (69,856)
State Aid	\$ 24,401,547	\$ 27,075,530	\$ 2,673,983
Federal Aid	\$ 55,692	\$ -	\$ (55,692)
Fund Balance	\$ 1,094,585	\$ 560,717	\$ (533,868)
Total Revenues	\$ 33,625,827	\$ 36,886,087	\$ 3,260,260

## 2023 SALUTATORIAN, RILEY THOMAS

Riley Thomas, Salutatorian, became a member of the Salmon River Central School District in 6th grade. He finishes his high school career with a weighted GPA of 104.164. Riley will be awarded an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors, Mastery in Math and Mastery in Science. Riley is the son of Falon Thomas and Nolan Jacobs.

Riley will be attending Yale University where he plans to study Computer Science and Math.

Riley is a member of the National Honor Society, where he serves as the Vice President. Riley has been named to the Principal's list every semester of his high school career and has been one of the top 2 students each year. Riley is an Ambassador for the Mohawk Youth Health Ambassadors and a member of NCSTEP, an organization that works with students interested in entering into the science field after graduation. Riley plays the trumpet in the High School Band and participated in All County Band. Riley is also a three sport athlete, participating in cross country, spring track, and basketball.

Riley has been awarded the Clarkson School Scholars Award, the RPI Medal for academic achievement, and the Wilkes University Colonel Leadership Award.

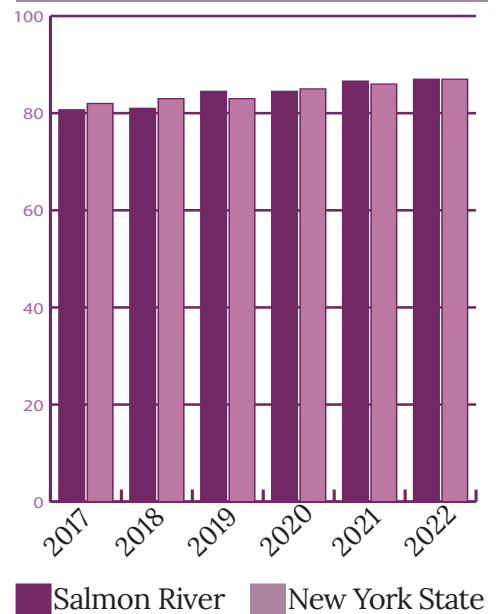
Riley states that he has enjoyed his time at Salmon River and will really miss Class Olympics after he leaves.



## WHIZ QUIZ WINNERS

Students from the Salmon River Shamrocks Whiz Quiz team, Ty David, Jeremy Francis, Dorian Griffin, Ansley Hill, Gunner Mitchell and Riley Thomas, were honored at a dinner in Clayton in January for competing and winning their first time in the local TV competition Whiz Quiz. Altogether, the Shamrocks competed against five North Country schools. During the dinner, Whiz Quiz team members were awarded \$2,500 in combined scholarships. TV show host Joleene DesRosiers was there to present the awards. Global studies teacher Ben Davison was the Whiz Quiz team coach.

## GRAD RATES RISE





### UNDERSTANDING THE MEANING BEHIND ORANGE SHIRT DAY

In September 2022 the Salmon River Central School District implemented a new, age-appropriate curriculum that acknowledges the tragic history and long-standing effects of residential boarding schools to Indigenous communities. The new curriculum was developed during the summer of 2022 to help staff and students understand why the district recognizes Orange Shirt Day and to further examine what the day symbolizes. Occurring each year on September 30, Orange Shirt Day coincides with the St. Regis Mohawk Tribes' annual Every Child Matters Day, which was formally declared by the tribal government last year. The district plans to continue to implement the curriculum annually and to honor Orange Shirt Day.

The initiative for the curriculum first began the previous year when the district was actively seeking accurate, culturally sensitive and age-appropriate curriculum and resources to teach what occurred in residential schools in both Canada and the United States. For the first Orange Shirt Day in 2021 the district began with an introduction to the topic using a reading of a thoughtfully written children's book by author Phylis Webstad, a 3rd generation residential school survivor, with a preface created by Salmon River Mohawk language and intervention teacher, Margaret Lafrance. The idea was to orient both teachers and students to the history and generational trauma of residential schools, as well as build understanding of the orange shirt as a symbol of remembrance and resilience.

At the start of the 2022-2023 school year, Salmon River teachers at each grade level were provided with resources for their lessons. Those resources included selected books, videos and graphic organizers. Lessons were taught at the beginning of the school year, leading up to Orange Shirt Day on September 30. Salmon River students, staff and community members were encouraged to wear orange clothing to help raise awareness and to celebrate Native American heritage, highlighting resiliency in the process. The district plans to continue to implement the curriculum, update the resources as they become available, and to honor Orange Shirt Day on an annual basis.



### STATE & REGIONAL LEADERS VISIT SALMON RIVER



In March, Salmon River CSD was fortunate to host the Commissioner of Education Dr. Betty Rosa, several representatives of the NYSED, Regent Roger Catania, members of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Council and other regional leaders.

"We are thrilled that Commissioner Rosa made it a priority to visit our school district," said Superintendent Dr. Stanley Harper. "The commissioner's tour of Salmon River helps call attention to the needs of our district and others like it statewide."

The visit was part of an ongoing advocacy effort to raise awareness of inequitable funding for the St. Regis Mohawk School, as well as other Native American Indian schools in New York.

Visitors heard directly from Salmon River students, educators and community members at St. Regis Mohawk School. Dr. Harper and St. Regis Mohawk School Principal Alison Benedict provided an extensive tour of the facilities.

"This visit marks another step forward in ensuring that our students, including those who attend St. Regis Mohawk School, receive an equitable education," noted Superintendent Dr. Harper.

# SALMON RIVER EXCELS: ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS & THE ARTS

## SCHOLAR ATHLETE TEAMS

### SPRING 2022

- Boys Golf
- Boys Outdoor Track
- Girls Outdoor Track
- Boys Baseball
- Girls Softball

### FALL 2022

- Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer

### WINTER 2023

- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### SPRING 2022

- Boys Lacrosse League and Class D Sectional Champions
- Girls Lacrosse League and Class D Sectional Champions
- Boys Baseball League and Class B Sectional Champions



### FALL 2022

- Boys Soccer Class B League and Sectional Champions

### WINTER 2023

- Boys Hockey Division 2 League, Sectional, and

NYSPPHAA Regional Champions

## RECORD BREAKERS

Senior track star Makenna Manson broke the Salmon River High School's 42 year old record in the 300m three times in one season and broke the Section X record in the 60m - earning her the MVP Sprinter Award.



Senior Hockey all star Evan Collette scored his 100th career goal in hockey this year.



## DID YOU KNOW?

75% of Salmon River varsity programs qualified for and received the NYSPHAA Scholar-Athlete Team Award



thus earning Salmon River the NYSPHAA school of Excellence Award. The purpose of the School of Excellence

Awards are to unite varsity coaches in challenging their teams to achieve a statewide academic honor.



### SALMON RIVER EXCELS: ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS & THE ARTS

#### PRESENTING ANNIE JR.!



After almost three months of rehearsals, the Salmon River Drama Club presented Annie Jr. on March 30th and April 1st. Drama Club advisors Chelsea Perticone and Elizabeth LaBarge said there were 22 students in the cast and 13 involved in the crew. Senior leads were played by Jared Rollins as Oliver Warbucks, and Felicity Bogett as Miss Hannigan. Other leads included, sixth grader Anna Reardon as Annie, Coranda Smith as Grace Farrell, Katsi Bay as Rooster Hannigan, and Raeya Bryant as Lily St. Regis.



New Visions Law students went to the New York State Assembly in Albany with Billy Jones to learn about government process with Legislators.



#### MIDDLE SCHOOL ARTISTS



Six students from Mrs. Colbert's art classes at Salmon River Middle School received recognition for artwork displayed at the 9th Annual NCATA Regional Art Show. Students included Azalea Lazore, Calysta Cree, Yutne'ki:saks Thompson, Macy Tarbell, Lillian Sency, and Kenzie Hart.



#### FEDERAL FUNDING ENHANCES DISTRICT'S AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

In response to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on education, school districts across the nation became eligible to receive one-time funding through the Federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund allocated by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP-ESSER). New York has been allocated nearly \$9 billion in ARP-ESSER funds and Salmon River Central School District has been allocated \$2,251,960 through the ESSER-II and approximately \$7,089,891 through the ARP.

These are one-time funds to use throughout the 2020-24 school years, and can only be used for

specific purposes, including addressing learning loss, academic gaps, and social emotional needs created by the pandemic. As a result, dozens of after-school activities and clubs are being offered this school year.

Clubs are offered at all levels, including the St. Regis Mohawk School, and range from cooking to gaming, Engineering, and school spirit! Some clubs are specifically geared toward self-expression, like the Middle School Art Club and the High School Shamrock PRIDE Pep Club!

"We are proud to provide these robust after-school

programs for our students," said Superintendent Dr. Stanley J. Harper. "It is imperative that we provide students with diverse opportunities to help them achieve their academic goals."

For more information about the district's after-school programs, visit [srk12.org](http://srk12.org) or speak with a school counselor today!



<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE</b>	Budget Adopted for 2022-23 School Year	Budget Proposed for 2023-24 School Year	Contingency Budget for 2023-24 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 33,625,827	\$ 36,886,087	\$ 36,241,087
Increase/Decrease from 2022-23 School Year		\$ 3,260,260	\$ 2,615,260
% Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		9.7%	7.78%
Change in Consumer Price Index		8.0%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 1,957,568	\$ 1,957,568	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable		\$ 0	
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)	\$ 1,957,568	\$ 1,957,568	\$ 1,957,568
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 388,544	\$ 0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 1,569,024	\$ 1,610,987	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt, and/or permissible exclusions (E - B - F +D)	\$ 1,569,024	\$ 1,957,568	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Notes Below Regarding Separate Propositions)	\$ 0	\$(346,581)	
Administrative Component	\$ 2,830,300	\$ 3,183,546	\$ 3,183,546
Program Component	\$ 22,694,749	\$ 24,307,898	\$ 24,162,898
Capital Component	\$ 8,100,778	\$ 9,394,643	\$ 8,894,643
*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		\$ 1,400,000
Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year			
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings			\$ 261
The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-24 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 16, 2023 from 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm, prevailing time in the Salmon River Board Room, at which time polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.			



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CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Superintendent of Schools,  
Dr. Stanley Harper

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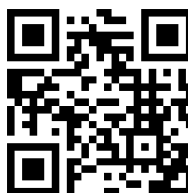
Jordan Lauzon, Member

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**RURAL ROUTE  
OR  
BOX HOLDER**

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## \*ON THE BALLOT \* MAY 16 \* 12PM - 8PM\*

**Budget:** Shall the annual school budget, in the amount of \$36,886,087 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, as prepared by the Board of Education and filed at its office, be adopted and the requisite portion thereof be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the district?

YES ☐ NO ☐

**Proposition No. 1:** RESOLVED, that the Salmon River Central School District is hereby authorized to purchase and finance student transport vehicles, and expend a total sum not to exceed \$1,400,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof.

YES ☐ NO ☐

**Proposition No. 2:** RESOLVED, that commencing with the 2023-2024 fiscal year and extending through the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the Salmon River Central School District Board of Education shall have a non-voting student representative.

YES ☐ NO ☐

**Board of Education Election:** The School Board election will be held on May 16 to elect two members of the Board of Education as follows: two members to five-year terms commencing on July 1, 2023 and expiring on June 30, 2028. Two candidates receiving the largest number of votes cast will be elected to the five-year terms.

**VOTE FOR ONE (5 YEAR TERM) SHAWN MCMAHON**

**VOTE FOR ONE (5 YEAR TERM) SHEILA MARSHALL**

## 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

## Absentee Ballots

To vote by absentee ballot because you are unable to attend the in-person vote, you must fill out an application. Please contact the District Clerk at 518-358-6614.

If you want a ballot mailed to you, your application must be received seven days before the vote. If you plan to pick up your ballot, your application must be received one day prior to vote. Completed absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5 p.m. on May 16, the day of the vote.

## Election Process

**In person voting will be held in the Board Room, located at Door 4 in the Elementary school from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Tuesday May 16.**