



# SALMON RIVER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2026-2027 BUDGET NEWSLETTER



Salmon River Board Room

**VOTE MAY 19TH**

12 PM - 8 PM



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



**BUDGET:**  
**\$42,616,026**  
**2% TAX LEVY INCREASE**  
**2.83% BUDGET INCREASE**



<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE</b>	Budget Adopted for 2025-26 School Year	Budget Proposed for 2026-27 School Year	Contingency Budget for 2026-27 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 41,444,974	\$ 42,616,026	\$ 42,408,026
Increase/Decrease from 2025-26 School Year		\$ 1,171,052	\$ 963,052
% Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.83%	2.32%
Change in Consumer Price Index		2.63%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 2,036,653	\$ 2,077,386	
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)	\$ 2,036,653	\$ 2,077,386	\$ 2,036,653
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 0	\$ 0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 2,093,752	\$ 2,156,364	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt, and/or permissible exclusions (E - B - F +D)	\$ 2,036,653	\$ 2,077,386	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Notes Below Regarding Separate Propositions)	\$ 57,099	\$ 78,978	
Administrative Component	\$ 3,707,341	\$ 3,745,046	\$ 3,745,046
Program Component	\$ 29,336,459	\$ 30,363,676	\$ 30,355,676
Capital Component	\$ 8,401,174	\$ 8,507,304	\$ 8,307,304
*Assumptions have been made in estimating the contingency budget pursuant to section 2024 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 2026-27 School Year			
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings			\$ 217

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 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 19, 2026 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.

## EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

Category	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Proposed Budget	Difference
General Support	\$ 4,893,351	\$ 4,913,519	\$ 20,168
Instruction	\$ 17,180,155	\$ 16,931,300	\$ (248,855)
Transportation	\$ 3,243,342	\$ 3,237,000	\$ (6,342)
Community Service	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ -
Employee Benefits	\$ 11,267,345	\$ 12,731,000	\$ 1,463,655
Debt Service	\$ 4,351,781	\$ 4,294,207	\$ (57,574)
Interfund Transfers	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 41,444,974</b>	<b>\$ 42,616,026</b>	<b>\$ 1,171,052</b>



## REVENUE SUMMARY

Category	2025-26 Budget	2026-27 Proposed Budget	Difference
Property Taxes	\$ 2,067,185	\$ 2,108,229	\$ 41,044
Charges for Services	\$ 7,683,239	\$ 8,115,853	\$ 432,614
Use of Money and Property	\$ 183,175	\$ 183,175	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 272,190	\$ 462,112	\$ 189,922
State Aid	\$ 29,576,650	\$ 29,648,260	\$ 71,610
Federal Aid	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fund Balance	\$ 1,662,535	\$ 2,098,397	\$ 435,862
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 41,444,974</b>	<b>\$ 42,616,026</b>	<b>\$ 1,171,052</b>



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

2026-27	\$30,363,676	71.25%
2025-26	\$29,336,459	70.78%

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

## CAPITAL BUDGET

2026-27	\$ 8,507,304	19.96%
2025-26	\$ 8,401,174	20.27%

**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

2026-27	\$ 3,745,046	8.79%
2025-26	\$ 3,707,341	8.95%

**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.

## SALMON RIVER ARTISTS SHINE

The Art Department is bursting with pride as we celebrate the success of our talented students at Plattsburgh State's Second Annual Middle School and High School Art Show. This year's exhibition, titled "Beginnings," featured over 100 impressive submissions from across Franklin, Essex, and Clinton Counties.

Under the guidance of teachers Layla Mayville, Lauren Boyer, and Ryan Clement, Salmon River was well-represented with 10 outstanding pieces submitted by students. These young artists made a significant impact, taking home several top honors across multiple categories, including, Grayci George, who secured the most prestigious award of the evening, Best of Show, for her innovative mixed-media sculpture.



**Best of Show**  
"Color Me Surprised"  
(Mixed Media Sculpture)  
Grayci George (12th Gr.)



### **Drawing**

1st Place: "Sunny Side Up"  
(Colored Pencil)  
Natalie Gray (12th Gr.)

3rd Place: "Home Sweet Home"  
(Chalk Pastel)  
Shannah Laborgne (10th Gr.)

### **Photography**

1st Place: "Untitled"  
Mason Laffin (12th Gr.)

2nd Place: "Untitled"  
Caleb Benedict-Summers (10th Gr.)

3rd Place: "Untitled"  
Jaylah Burke (10th Gr.)

### **Mixed Media**

Honorable Mention: "Untitled"  
Iehontsiaronnions (6th Gr.)

Please join us in congratulating these dedicated artists for their hard work and creative vision. It is inspiring to see our students' work recognized on such a large regional stage!



## BY THE NUMBERS



**44**  
**NYSPHSAA**  
**SCHOLAR-**  
**ATHLETES**

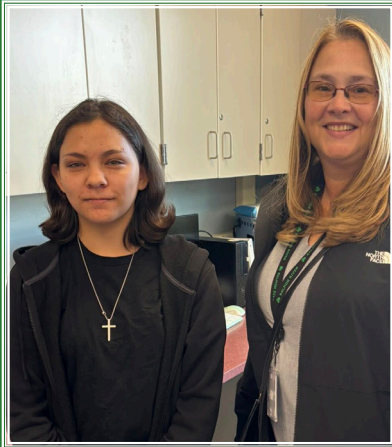


**39**  
**PROGRAMS**



# SAVE THE DATE: 3RD ANNUAL SHAMROCKIN' AT THE RIVER

9.59:1  
STUDENT TO  
TEACHER RATIO



250 +  
STUDENT  
ATHLETES



10  
COLLEGE-LEVEL  
COURSES OFFERED  
IN-HOUSE



## Mark your calendars!

On Saturday, June 6th, the Salmon River Central School District invites you to our Main Campus for a vibrant day of community spirit and outdoor fun. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., our grounds will come alive with activities for the whole family, offering the perfect chance to connect with neighbors and celebrate our school.

## Get Moving and Join the Fun

The day kicks off with the Shamrock Shuffle 5K, where you can walk or run to show your school pride. Beyond the race, the campus will be buzzing with Alumni Games, student performances, and interactive classes. Kids and families can also explore local fire trucks and visit various community resource booths.

## Food, Crafts, and Local Vendors

Come hungry! We are hosting an impressive lineup of local favorites, including:

- Giuseppe's Pizza
- Adk Food Therapy
- Two Icee
- St. Maple

Between bites, you can stroll through our Craft Fair and browse a variety of local vendors. Whether you're here to compete in the 5K, cheer on our student performers, or simply enjoy a meal outdoors, there's something for everyone. We can't wait to see you there!

Please for more scan for more information or to register for the Shamrock Shuffle 5K walk/run/shuffle.

Deadline to register is May 15th to guarantee a free t-shirt.



## 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 19th.

## 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 19th, the day of the vote.



## HONORING A LEGACY: BRUCE BONESTEEL



We're proud to celebrate former educator and FFA Advisor Bruce Bonesteel! A new garden at the elementary school now stands in his honor, symbolizing the leadership and hard work he cultivated in our students for years.



## GROWING STRONG

It's been a busy first semester for Salmon River Ag! From animal classification and seed saving to crafting holiday wreaths, our students have been hard at work. We're digging into the New Year and looking forward to an even busier spring!



## RECORD RUN

Congratulations to our track stars for an incredible showing at the State Meet! Oakley Hasty shattered both school and Section X records in the Weight Throw with a massive 49-10.5" mark and was chosen to represent Section X in the Parade of Athletes for his exceptional sportsmanship.



## ATHLETES OF DISTINCTION

Aidyn Jock and Kamdon Mora-Williams named Athletes of Distinction for their performance and character in Section X Bowling.

## KAMDON MORA-WILLIAMS: CLASS OF 2026 VALEDICTORIAN

Salmon River Central School District has named Kamdon Mora-Williams the Class of 2026 Valedictorian. Recognized for his humor, leadership, and academic drive, Kamdon served as President of the Yearbook Club and Junior Class, while participating in soccer, band, and the National Honor Society.

Kamdon credits his success to his family and influential teachers like John Rose, Dr. Kennedy, and Ms. Healy. He encourages his classmates to remain authentic, stating:

“Go through life the way you want to; if people aren’t living your life, then they shouldn’t be the ones controlling it.”

### **Cultural Leadership:**

Organized a project to celebrate Spanish culture within the school, alongside a cultural booth to showcase cultural pride and community connection.

### **Community Service:**

Active volunteer for the Fort Covington Food Pantry, Holiday Helpers, and “Shamrockin’ at the River.”

### **Future Plans:**

Set to attend St. Lawrence University as a Kirk Douglas Scholar, intending to study psychology or criminal justice while pursuing performing arts and comedy.



## GRAYCI GEORGE: CLASS OF 2026 SALUTATORIAN



Salmon River Central School District is proud to recognize Grayci George as the Class of 2026 Salutatorian. Known for her resilience and independence, Grayci’s success is rooted in her commitment to her values and a forward-thinking mindset.

Grayci identifies her mother, Alethea, as her primary inspiration and credits her support for her academic drive. To her peers, she offers advice on authenticity and friendship:

“Don’t hang out with people who only want to change you; true friends accept you for who you are.”

### **Leadership & Athletics:**

Served as captain of both the volleyball and lacrosse teams, demonstrating strong leadership on and off the field.

### **School Involvement:**

An active member of the National Honor Society, Mohawk Youth Health Ambassadors, and Sources of Strength, focusing on mental health and peer support.

### **Future Plans:**

Set to attend McGill University to study architectural engineering, aiming to use her career to make a positive impact on others.

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**RURAL ROUTE  
OR  
BOX HOLDER**

BULK RATE  
ECRWSS  
US POSTAGE  
**PAID**

Fort Covington, NY 12937  
PERMIT NO. 6

**ON THE BALLOT • MAY 19TH 12PM - 8PM • ELEM SCHOOL DOOR 4**



**BOARD OF  
EDUCATION  
ELECTION:**

5-YEAR TERM  
Last-elected incumbent,  
*Craig Jock*

Vote for One  
*Krystal Lemay*  
*Sarah Mitchell*



**BUDGET: \$42,616,026**

A \$42,616,026 budget for the 2026-2027 school year that represents a 2.83% increase in spending and includes a 2% tax levy increase.

**PROPOSITION ONE: School Bus Purchase**

Authorization to purchase and finance eight school buses at a total cost not to exceed \$1,400,000. This supports the district's long-term bus replacement plan to maintain student safety and ensure reliable transportation.