

CENTRAL SQUARE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2023-2024 BUDGET

Newsletter



Brewerton kicks off Reading Instead of Technology month

Brewerton Elementary kicked off its R.I.O.T. (Reading Instead of Technology) for Reading month-long celebration with a visit from The Great and Powerful Dave!

Dave Moreland put on an entertaining magic show while weaving in the fun of

reading and the benefits of participating in all the R.I.O.T. activities being offered to students this month.

A complete gallery full of photos from the show can be viewed on Facebook. [com/CentralSquareSD](https://www.facebook.com/CentralSquareSD).

Central Square Takes Home First Place in OCAY League "3-1-5" Event

Students from Oswego County school districts recently competed in the third Oswego County Academic Youth League competition of the 2022-2023 school year, with Central Square School District taking first place.

The Central Square team was comprised of members Drew Jackson, Matt Stevens, Christian Morrow, Samantha Cook, William Allen, Owen Chapman, Katie Martin, Lance Bardoun and Vince Bardoun.

"The 315" was the theme of the day at Tailwater Lodge in Altmar, where

students competed in a series of exercises that challenged their knowledge and creativity using their area code (3-1-5) as inspiration.



Budget Public Hearing

Monday, May 8, 2023

6 p.m.

Paul V. Moore High School Cafeteria

Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Polls Open 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

District 1:

Central Square American Legion

District 2:

Constantia VFW

Budget Fast Facts

Proposed Budget Increase

5.08%

Proposed Tax Levy Increase

2.84%



Students were hard at work from late fall and early winter as Paul V. Moore High School staged Rodger's and Hammerstein's "Cinderella: Enchanted Edition."



A Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Parents/Guardians/CSSD Community:

Our students achieved great success in the classroom, the athletic arena and fine arts. We experienced record numbers of participation on our athletic teams and our music/band ensembles.

During the pandemic, everyone was hoping to return to normal so our students would be able to experience the wonderful aspects of school without the constant disruption and stress that were associated with the pandemic and the mandated requirements that all NYS public schools were required to follow. Our District has allocated the COVID relief funds to close the learning gap that resulted from the disruptions of the pandemic and also to address the mental health issues that also negatively impacted our students during this time. With the addition of a school counselor and social worker at every elementary building, we now have school counselors, social workers and school psychologists in all six schools. With the increased number of students struggling with mental health issues across our country, state and county, we have increased our partnership with Farnham Family Services, and we house these counselors at our high school and middle school. They have full caseloads working with our students to provide them with the help they need to be successful.

We continue to utilize the ARISE counselors at all grade levels, and they have proven an invaluable resource to our District. We have greatly increased our reading intervention teachers at the elementary and secondary levels with a clear goal to close the learning gap that resulted from the pandemic. Since 2017, the District and the Board of Education has implemented a number of capital projects that have not only upgraded our schools that were in great need of repair, but we were also able to upgrade all of our safety measures for the schools, which unfortunately is a clear necessity when we look at the catastrophic events related to the escalating number of school shootings and mass shootings across our country. With a clear priority on student safety, we increased the number of armed Special Patrol Officers from three to six, as we currently have one officer in each building 100% of the time. This team of well-trained officers have more than 100 years of combined law enforcement experience.

For the past two school years, we chose not to increase school taxes, even though school districts across the area and state continued to do so while not going over the required tax cap. The tax cap for the 2023-2024 school year is 4.68%, but our budget will be roughly half of that with a 2.84% increase. Through our efforts to provide our students with the best instructional opportunities, safe schools and a variety of college and career pathways, there has been a substantial increase in the number of students that attend CTE (Career Technical Education) programs at CiTi BOCES as well as the increase in college course offerings for students at our high school. The 2.84% increase will help us maintain our outstanding student programs when the COVID relief money is gone at the end of next school year.

There are many factors that New York State school districts must be prepared for and one of those is the electric buses mandate where any new bus purchased after 2027 must only be electric, and after 2037 the entire bus fleet must be completely electric. To accomplish this unrealistic timeline by the state, while also providing a high-quality education with safe schools, we were not able to go three consecutive years without a tax increase. All reports indicate that Micron will be hiring 9,000 workers and an additional 41,000 workers in various other fields as a result of their \$100 billion investment in central New York. We want our students to have the greatest advantage on securing high-paying jobs that no longer require them to move out of the county.

Thank you for your continued support and investment in our amazing students across our District.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Colabufo
Superintendent

A.A. Cole kindergartners show off 100-day projects

Showing off 100 days of growth and learning in style, kindergarten students showcased their 100-day projects on stage in front of a crowd of classmates and families.

Students decorated their shirts in the theme of 100 for the occasion and then were called up individually to take their moment and be celebrated for their milestone.



Central Square School District Polling Sites and Voting Districts

Voting District 1

For voters: Who live in Oswego County, west of Route 81 and all voters who live in Onondaga County

Vote at:

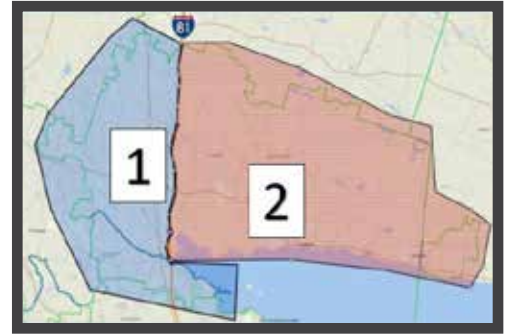
Central Square American Legion
3301 Fulton Avenue
Central Square, NY 13036

Voting District 2

For voters: Who live in Oswego County, east of Route 81 and all voters who live in Oneida County

Vote at:

Constantia VFW
1560 State Route 49
Constantia, NY 13044



What if I do not know where to vote? Please visit vip.ntsteamed.com

THERE ARE THREE (3) OPEN BOARD SEATS

Your local school board influences the direction that determines how your community's children are educated and how your tax dollars are spent. Voting for school board members is a simple but powerful way to support student success and strengthen your community.



Steven Patch



Casey Morey



Kristy Fischmann

Three (3) candidates are running for three (3) seats on the Central Square School District Board of Education. These seats carry three-year positions. All positions are unpaid and begin July 1, 2023.

To view candidates' bios, please visit: cssd.org



Music In Our Schools Month rocks CSSD!

Central Square Central School District celebrate Music In Our Schools month throughout March with concerts featuring hundreds of our students.

During the 2022-23 school year there will be 29 total

concert performances by the Elementary, Middle School and High School Instrumental and Vocal Music Department students who rehearse during the school day as part of their curricular education.





What will I be voting for on May 16th?

Polls will be open on May 16, 2023 from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Voters will decide on the following items:

Proposition 1

2023-2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Shall the Board of Education of the Central Square Central School District, County of Oswego, State of New York, be authorized to incur expenditures not exceeding \$93,045,211 (U.S. Dollars: Ninety-Three Million, Forty-Five Thousand, Two Hundred and Eleven) or so much as necessary for its General Fund operating expenses during the school fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, and to levy a tax on the taxable property of the School District sufficient to meet the amount of this sum not received from other sources?

Proposition 2

TRANSPORTATION PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education of the Central Square Central School District be authorized to purchase and finance seven (7) 65-passenger school buses and three (3) 30-passenger school buses, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto, and expend a total sum not to exceed \$1,483,540, 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 \$1,483,540, shall be issued.

Board Approves Resolution for a Capital Outlay Project at the March 7, 2023 Meeting

Under current SED law for projects that are wholly funded through budgeted capital outlay which have a total cost of no more than \$100,000, these costs are reimbursed through building aid.

Central Square School District's budget proposal includes a \$100,000 Capital Outlay Project (found in the debt service category). This includes replacement of dust collectors and carpet replacement at the CS Middle School, including, site improvements, original furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

WHO CAN VOTE?

According to New York Education Law, in order to vote, you must be:

- 18 years of age
- A resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to vote
- A citizen of the United States
- A registered voter*

*You may register with the school District Clerk up to five (5) days prior to the annual election or with Oswego County Board of Elections up to ten (10) days prior to the election. The District Clerk, Pearl Horn, will conduct voter registration at the District Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Personal identification and proof of residency must be provided at the time of registration.

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings*

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-2024 School Year, the Estimated

Basic STAR Savings: \$526

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

Tax Levy is 2.84% increase.



We recently launched an eSports team at PVM! Congratulations to the Overwatch team on their win against Westwood Heights High School (Michigan) over spring break. Great ending to a great season!

Three-Part Budget

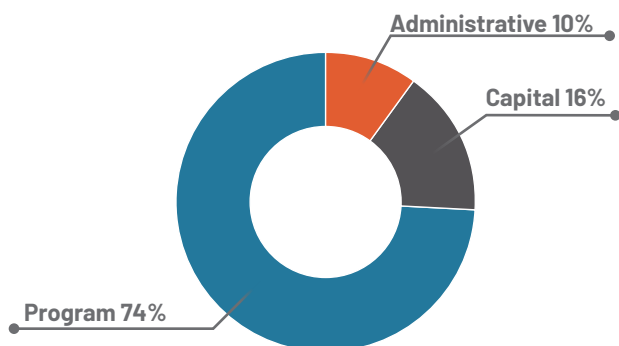
Full Budget information can be found on the District's website:
cssd.org

All school districts are required by law to present their budgets in three component parts; program, administrative and capital. The program component represents the largest portion of the District's budget. Program costs include the salaries and benefits of all teachers and staff delivering pupil services.

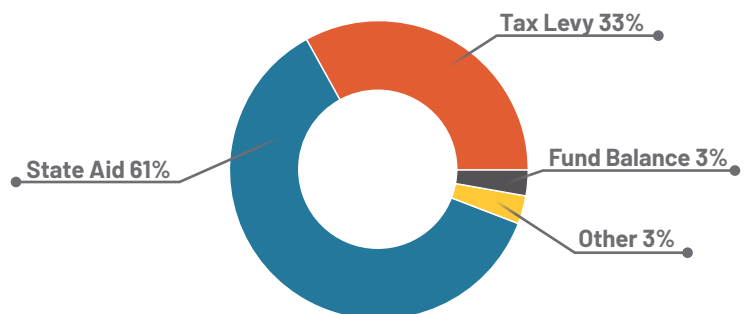
Expense Category	2022-2023 Budget	2023-2024 Proposed	Dollar Change
PROGRAM EXPENDITURES	\$ 65,670,814	\$ 68,945,523	\$ 3,274,709
K-12 Instructional	57,590,926	60,326,191	2,735,265
Pupil Transportation	8,079,888	8,619,332	539,444
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES	\$ 8,265,880	\$ 9,227,721	\$ 961,841
School Supervision/Curriculum	2,973,770	3,340,048	366,278
Business & Finance	2,629,817	2,910,925	281,108
BOCES Services	2,142,430	2,433,950	291,520
Central Administration	452,221	475,156	22,935
Board of Education	67,642	67,642	0
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 14,609,362	\$ 14,871,967	\$ 262,605
Operations & Maintenance	7,409,362	7,621,967	212,605
Debt Service	7,200,000	7,250,000	50,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 88,546,056	\$ 93,045,211	\$ 4,499,155

REVENUE CATEGORY	2022-2023 Budget	2023 - 24 Proposed	Dollar Change
State Aid	\$54,463,129	\$ 56,611,369	\$ 2,148,240
Tax Levy	29,922,927	30,773,842	850,915
Fund Balance	1,500,000	3,000,000	1,500,000
Other	2,660,000	2,660,000	0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 88,546,056	\$ 93,045,211	\$ 4,499,155

Proposed Expenditures



Proposed Revenues





Coppola earns spot in NYS Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame

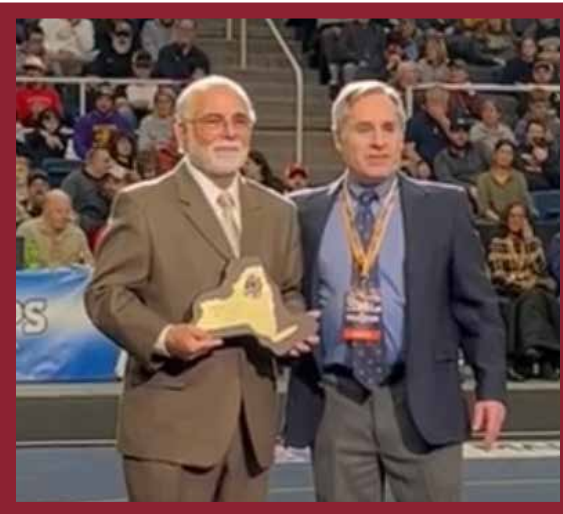
Longtime Central Square Central School District wrestling coach Bob Coppola was inducted to the New York State Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame on Feb. 25, 2023.

Coppola coached nearly 40 years in Central Square's wrestling program, earning more than 600 wins and overseeing a number of noteworthy wrestlers including a state champion in 1985, four state place finishers, 15 Section III champions, five league championship teams and many more.

In addition to several other awards, Coppola was named Coach of the Year by his peers eight times and was also a finalist in the National High School Athletic Coaches Association for Coach of the Year in 2009.

Coppola had previously been inducted into the CNY Wrestling Hall of Fame and the Central Square Wall of Fame.

From all of us at CSSD, congratulations to Coach Coppola on this well-deserved honor! A Redhawk then, now, and forever.



DECA students earn honors at state competition

Our DECA Students from PVM attended the New York State DECA competition from March 8-10 at the Rochester Convention Center. They competed against more than 2,500 students from across the state of New York. We are so unbelievably proud of all our students who attended the state competition.

We are very pleased to announce that the following students placed in their respective events.

TOP TEN ROLEPLAY

- **Kenzie Rumo** (*Roleplays 1 and 2*) *Business Service Marketing*
- **Averie Sheehan** (*Roleplays 1 and 2*) *Restaurant & Food Services Management*
- **Olivia Ruzekowicz** *Sports & Entertainment Team Decision*
- **Austin Logan** *Sports & Entertainment Team Decision*
- **Cullen Lacey** *Entrepreneurship Team*
- **Patrick Johns** *Entrepreneurship Team*
- **Audrey Tetrault** *Marketing Communications*
- **Kamryn Hunt** *Human Resource Management*

TOP TEN OVERALL

- **Ethanael Moody** *Principles of Finance*
- **Audrey Tetrault** *Marketing Communications*
- **Averie Sheehan** *Restaurant & Food Service Management*
- **Kenzie Rumo** *Business Service Marketing*
- **Olivia Ruzekowicz** *Sports & Entertainment Team Decision*
- **Austin Logan** *Sports & Entertainment Team Decision*
- **Cullen Lacey** *Entrepreneurship Team*
- **Patrick Johns** *Entrepreneurship Team*

TOP TEN TEST

- **Ethanael Moody** *Principles of Finance*
- **Avery Miraglia** *Accounting Application Series*
- **Audrey Tetrault** *Marketing Communications*
- **Kenzie Rumo** *Business Service Marketing*
- **Travis Lipes** *Principles of Finance*

TOP 10 PRESENTATION

- **Arianna Smolnik** *Community Awareness Project*
- **Arieana Fenton** *Community Awareness Project*

DECA HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES

- **Arieana Fenton, Junior**



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Meet our SPO team!

We are so proud of our Special Patrol Officer team, and with our latest addition earlier this school year at A.A. Cole; every one of our CSSD buildings now has a dedicated SPO on-site. They are incredible advocates for our students and building safety alike.

Pictured above, from left, are: Jamey Locastro (Paul V. Moore High School), Rich Hargraves (Brewerton Elementary), Ann Marie Clark (Hastings-Mallory Elementary), Jeff Malecki (Central Square Middle School), Jamie Redshaw (A.A. Cole Elementary) and Nelson Aquino (Millard Hawk Elementary). Thank you for all you do for the CSSD students, staff and community!

Central Square School District

JOIN OUR TEAM

cssd.org

We are actively recruiting teachers, support staff and more to join our CSSD team for 2023-24! View all of our openings and apply today at [CSSD.org/Personnel](https://cssd.org/Personnel)

Apply Now!

3 CSSD alumni enshrined on Wall of Distinction

Central Square School District celebrated three outstanding alumni at its 2023 Wall of Distinction ceremony ahead of spring break.

The Wall of Distinction recognizes and celebrates Central Square alumni who have shown prominence in their personal or professional lives, or have generously dedicated their time to the district through community service or volunteer work.

This year's honorees were Molly (Race) Buchanan, Michael Hall and Richard Mercer.

Candidates for the Wall of Distinction must be nominated by a member of the greater Central Square district community, be of sufficient moral character to represent a positive role model for students and must have graduated at least 20 years prior to nomination.



Central Square School District administrators come together with the honorees during the recent Wall of Distinction Ceremony honoring the Class of 2023.

Candidate profiles for all three of this year's honorees can be located on the CSSD website at the following link: [CSSD.org/WallofDistinction](https://cssd.org/WallofDistinction)

Nomination forms for the 2023-24 school year's ceremony can also be located on the same page.



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CENTRAL SQUARE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT: 2023-24 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)	\$ 88,546,056	\$ 93,045,211	\$ 92,194,296
Increase/decrease for the 2023-24 school year		\$ 4,499,155	\$ 3,648,240
Percentage increase/decrease in proposed budget		5.08%	4.12%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		8.0%	
A. Proposed tax levy to support the total budgeted amount	\$ 29,922,927	\$ 30,773,842	
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)	\$ 29,922,927	\$ 30,773,842	\$ 29,922,927
F. Permissible exclusions to the school tax levy limit	\$ 441,782	\$ 0	
G. School tax levy limit, excluding levy for permissible exclusions	\$ 30,364,709	\$ 30,773,842	
H. Total proposed tax levy for school purposes, excluding permissible exclusions and levy for library debt, plus prior year tax cap reserve. (E - B - F + D)	\$ 29,481,145	\$ 30,773,842	
I. Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval	\$ 441,782	\$ 0	
Administrative Component	\$ 8,265,880	\$ 9,227,721	\$ 8,601,728
Program Component	\$ 65,670,814	\$ 68,945,523	\$ 68,795,601
Capital Component	\$ 14,609,362	\$ 14,871,967	\$ 14,796,967

*** What does a contingency budget mean?** If the proposed budget is defeated by district voters, the Board of Education may adopt a contingency budget or present a budget for a second vote. If the proposed budget is defeated twice by district voters, the Board of Education is legally bound to adopt a contingency budget. A contingency budget jeopardizes valuable programs and affects the positive direction of our school district. Our students' education is an investment in the future of our community which is beneficial to everyone.

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR** Tax Exemption Savings	\$526

Estimated Basic STAR** Exemption based on a hypothetical home within the school district with a full value of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.