

# Adirondack Central School District



## 2021-2022 BUDGET NEWSLETTER



Dear ACS Community:

The Board of Education has adopted the 2021-2022 school budget. This year you will be voting on two items including: the school budget and two Board of Education seats. Throughout the budget process, the Board of Education has worked diligently on the school budget to provide what is best for all ACS students, faculty, staff and community. For the past several months, we have researched and looked closely in all areas where savings could be made without having an impact upon student learning for all students. We have accomplished this and adopted the 2021-2022 budget of \$31,567,889 which carries a tax levy increase of 1.7%. The budget includes the addition of a school counselor, a driver education program and the replacement of a tractor. This year's budget eliminates two elementary teachers (remote teacher and one less section of 5<sup>th</sup> grade).

We are presenting a budget to voters that meets the needs of our students while also being fiscally and educationally responsible. The budget that you will be voting on maintains all of our instructional programs and staffing needs. We have been successful in keeping cuts away from student programming and activities as we are committed to providing our students with the best possible educational experiences. We are fortunate to offer our students many opportunities throughout their educational careers at ACS and student programs offered in the previous year will continue to be based on student interest.

A Budget Hearing is scheduled for May 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School. The budget vote is May, 18, 2021 from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. in the Adirondack High School Multipurpose Room.

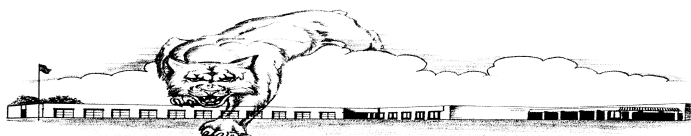
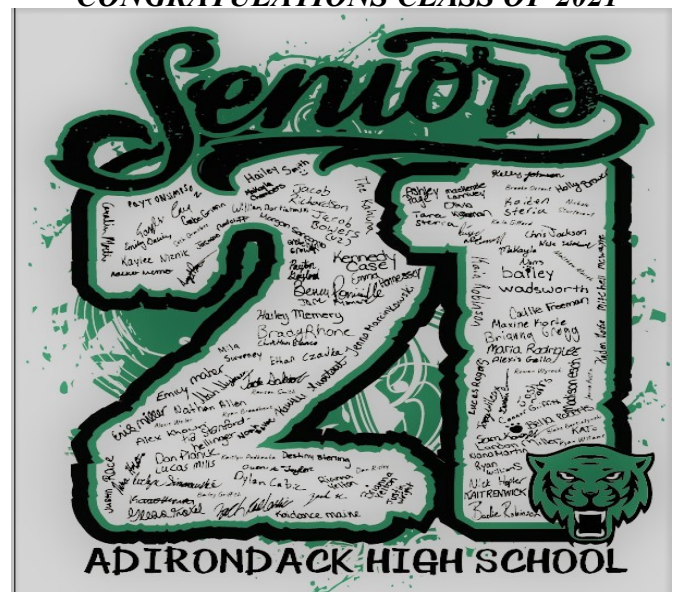
As always, we will continue to strive for academic excellence as we help prepare our students for graduation and the limitless possibilities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Our students are skilled to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world. We truly appreciate your continued support of the Adirondack Central School District. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call at 942-9200 ext. 1800.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Superintendent of Schools**  
Edward Niznik

**Board of Education**  
Michael Kramer, President  
Almanda Sturtevant, Vice-President  
Bruce Brach  
Mark Emery  
Richard Gallo  
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Doug Muha

### CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2021





# PROPOSED COMPONENT BUDGET

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET</b>		<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>
The Administrative component of the budget includes salaries and benefits for all certified school administrators; expenditures associated with the district's central administrative offices, including the school board, superintendent, school business office and principals; as well as other administrative activities.	BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$ 29,885	\$ 30,075
	CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 272,100	\$ 277,629
	FINANCE	\$ 405,643	\$ 404,391
	LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
	PERSONNEL	\$ 46,000	\$ 46,000
	PUBLIC INFORMATION	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
	OTHER CENTRAL SERVICES	\$1,550,738	\$ 1,625,592
	CURRICULUM & STAFF DEVEL.	\$ 41,200	\$ 41,200
	SUPERVISION	\$ 895,133	\$ 767,262
	<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET</b>	<b>\$3,275,699</b>	<b>\$ 3,227,149</b>

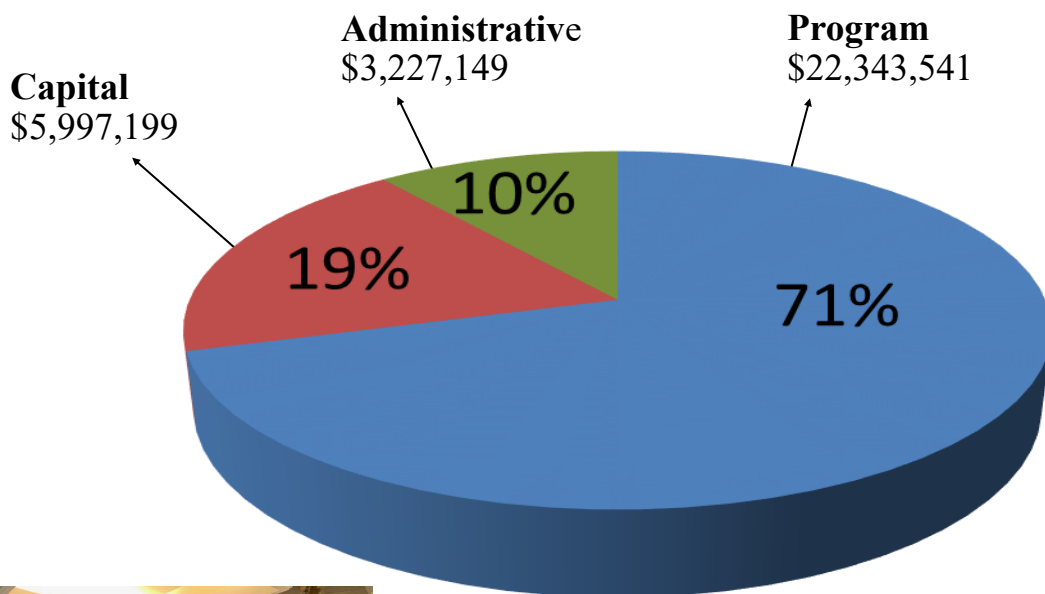
<b>PROGRAM BUDGET</b>		<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>
The Program component of the budget includes salaries and benefits of teachers, supervisors who spend a majority of their time performing teaching duties, and operating expenses for instructional and transportation programs.	LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
	INSTRUCTION	\$11,952,277	\$12,822,446
	DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION	\$ 1,889,679	\$ 1,853,987
	BUS GARAGE	\$ 67,900	\$ 67,900
	PROGRAM EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 7,252,787	\$ 7,521,208
	OTHER TRANSFERS	\$ 25,000	\$ 45,000
	COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
	<b>TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET</b>	<b>\$21,220,643</b>	<b>\$ 22,343,541</b>

<b>CAPITAL BUDGET</b>		<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>
The Capital component of the budget includes funds for the purchase of school buses, principal and interest payments on debt service, and all operational, cleaning and maintenance costs for district facilities, including salaries and benefits, service contracts, supplies, and utility costs.	OPERATION OF FACILITIES	\$1,315,885	\$ 1,351,646
	MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES	\$ 452,132	\$ 443,293
	JUDGEMENT AND CLAIMS	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
	NEW BUS PURCHASES	\$ 354,000	\$ 354,000
	CAPITAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 593,473	\$ 609,087
	DEBT SERVICE	\$2,730,548	\$ 3,129,173
	TRANSFER TO DEBT SERV/CAPITAL	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
	<b>TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5,556,038</b>	<b>\$ 5,997,199</b>
	<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$30,052,380</b>	<b>\$31,567,889</b>





# PROPOSED BUDGET BREAKDOWN

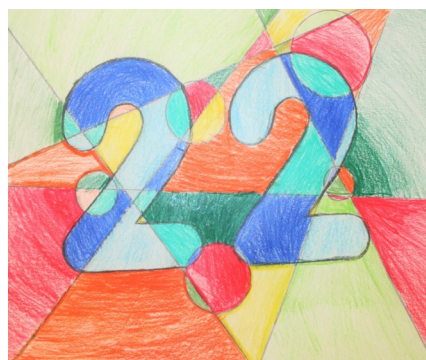


MVCC Construction Class Students building the base to a shed. Two sheds were constructed by the class.



Carmine Megerell, 7th grade

“ACS ARTISTS”



Hannah Hance, 7th grade

## Capital Outlay Project

The 2021-2022 capital outlay project will consist of various work required in the bus garage.

The state allows school districts to transfer general funds to the capital fund for building and/or reconstruction projects not to exceed \$100,000. Projects funded in this manner receive reimbursement from the state the following budget year, unlike traditional capital projects, which are reimbursed over time. The state will reimburse Adirondack for approximately 85% of the project.

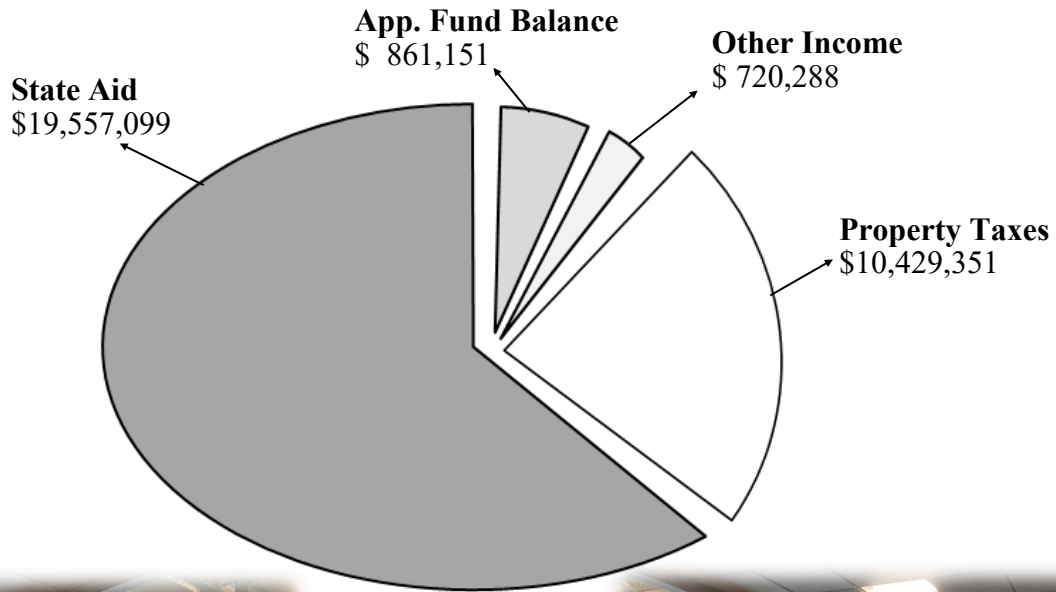




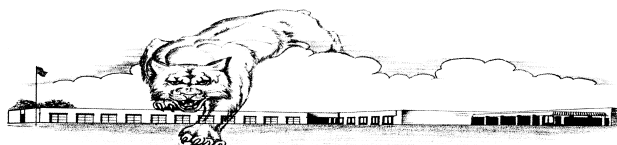
## Proposed Budget Revenue Comparison

	2020-2021 Revenue	2021-2022 Revenue	Dollar Increase/ Decrease
<b>Property Taxes</b>	\$10,255,016	\$10,429,351	▲ 174,335
<b>State Aid</b>	\$18,356,755	\$19,557,099	▲ \$1,200,344
<b>Other Income</b>	\$ 579,458	\$ 720,288	▲ \$140,830
<b>Appropriated Fund Balance</b>	\$ 861,151	\$ 861,151	0
	\$30,052,380	\$31,567,889	▲ \$1,515,509

## Estimated Revenue & Fund Balance For the 2021-2022 School Year



New High School Library





## **BOARD CANDIDATES**

*(The following letters were submitted by the Candidates)*

### **ALMANDA STURTEVANT:**

I am running for a 3rd term on the Adirondack School District Board of Education. I have learned a lot in the 6 years that I have served on the board and what it means to make decisions about a district based not only on multiple perspectives, but also what is in the best interest of our children. It is my belief that our goal as a district is to cultivate the minds and talents of our children while fostering their love of learning and helping them to achieve individual success.

My husband Jared and I are graduates of Adirondack High School. We have 3 very active boys and next school year we will have a child at every level (elementary, middle and high school). I feel this gives me the unique opportunity of having a personal investment with each level of learning within our district. My husband and I chose to raise our children in this area because we believe in the ideals of a rural community from the way family values are supported to the understanding that dedication and hard work are the keys to success, as well as taking pride in our achievements.

I have been a public educator for 17 years with the Camden School District. I chose my profession based on a desire to not only work with children, but also because of the educators who encouraged and supported me throughout my childhood. The Adirondack School District helped me to achieve my dream of being a teacher through scholarships and academic opportunities. I know what it means to collaborate with others to achieve goals. I have experience with developing APPR plans, Union contract negotiations, professional development planning and curriculum writing/implementation. I am passionate about education and have a strong desire to bring my knowledge and experience to support the goals and needs of the Adirondack School District as a board of education member. It has been an honor to serve on the school board as a representative of our community, as a mother, teacher, and alumna. I would love the opportunity to serve another 3 years.

### **ROBERT HEALT:**

My name is Robert Healt and I reside in the Village of Boonville with my wife of 37 years, Rosemary. I graduated from Adirondack Central with the class of 1974. Most of my children and grandchildren have attended ACS and hopefully my great granddaughter will too.

I received an AAS Degree from MVCC in Electrical Technology and headed into the work force soon after graduation. I worked 26 years for Georgia Pacific/Lyons Falls Pulp and Paper, 6 years with General Electric and 10 years with Adirondack Central, retiring as Director of Facilities and Transportation in 2018.

I served 4 years on the Adirondack School Board prior to starting work with the school. I believe knowing the responsibilities of the Board of Education and its limitations, along with the daily operations of the school itself, makes me a strong candidate for the current open seat. As an alumnus, I have vested interest in making sure we provide the best education we can afford, the best staff we can retain, and properly send our students out into the world knowing they will succeed.

I hope you agree and support me in becoming an ACS Board member.

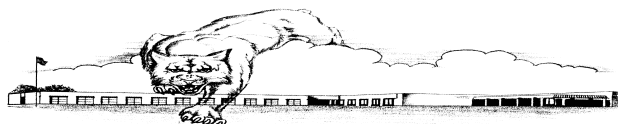
### ***Budget Hearing***

Tuesday, May 11, 2021  
High School Auditorium  
7:00 p.m.



### ***Budget Vote & Election***

Tuesday, May 18, 2021  
12 noon—8:00 p.m.  
High School Multipurpose Room





Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2020-21 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2021-22 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$30,052,380	\$31,567,889	\$31,142,289
Increase/Decrease for the 2020-21 School Year		\$ 1,515,509	\$ 1,089,909
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		5%	3.6%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%	
<b>A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount</b>	\$10,255,016	\$10,429,351	
<b>B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable</b>	\$0	\$0	
<b>C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **</b>	\$0	\$0	
<b>D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy</b>	\$0	\$0	
<b>E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)</b>	\$10,255,016	\$10,429,351	\$10,003,751
<b>F. Total Permissible Exclusions</b>	\$ 149,740	\$ 272,470	
<b>G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions</b>	\$10,105,276	\$10,267,711	
<b>H. Total Proposed Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)</b>	\$10,105,276	\$10,156,881	
<b>I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **</b>	\$0	\$ 110,830	
<b>Administrative Component</b>	\$ 3,275,699	\$ 3,227,149	\$ 3,227,149
<b>Program Component</b>	\$21,220,643	\$ 22,343,541	\$22,343,541
<b>Capital Component</b>	\$ 5,556,038	\$ 5,997,199	\$ 5,571,599

\* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2021-22 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

\*\* 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 2021-22 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$ 424.00
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The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-2022 by the qualified voters of the Adirondack Central School District, Oneida County, New York, will be held at the Adirondack High School in said district on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., prevailing time at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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





### QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

#### **Q. What is the budget process?**

The annual budget process commences in the fall of each school year and consists of two main components, expenditures and revenue. Administrators and teachers provide feedback to the Superintendent in relation to staffing, materials/supplies and other purchases. Drafts of the budget are presented throughout the process. Each draft has a number of changes. These changes take into account a number of factors such as staff retirements, BOCES final costs, retirement and health insurance rates, and contractual increases. With each draft, the amount of the deficit can increase or decrease. The main portion of the revenue budget is state aid. The Governor releases the first state aid runs in January. The final budget is approved by the Board of Education who determines the program changes and the increase in tax levy.

#### **Q. Who can vote?**

To be eligible to vote, a resident must meet the following requirements:

- Lived in the Adirondack Central School District for at least 30 days prior to May 18, 2021.
- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Be a citizen of the United States.

#### **Q. What is the Voting Method ?**

Adirondack will once again be using the voting machines from the Oneida County Board of Elections. If you have voted in the Town/Village or Presidential Elections then you will be familiar with the machines.

Pre-printed ballots are given to each voter. After filling the ballot in, voter will simply feed the ballot through the electronic voting machine. There will be poll inspectors on site the day of the vote for assistance.

#### **Q. What's on the Ballot?**

##### **Budget:**

The Board of Education of the Adirondack Central School District in Boonville, is hereby authorized to levy the necessary tax for and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$31,567,889 for the purpose of the General Fund Budget for the 2021-2022 school year.

##### **Election of School Board Trustees:**

The election of two (2) members to the Board of Education will take place. Each term is for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2021 until June 30, 2024.

#### **Q. Can I vote by Absentee Ballot?**

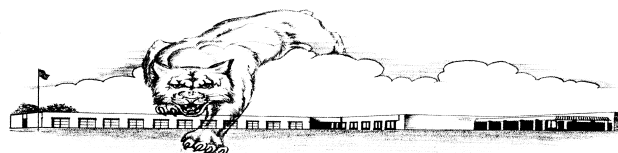
Residents who are unable to vote in person, may obtain an absentee ballot from the District Office after filling out an application for the ballot. The application must be submitted at least 7 days prior to the vote. If the absentee ballot is to be picked up by the voter in person, applications will be accepted until May 17th.

Absentee ballots must be returned to the district clerk no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 18th.

#### **Q. Where Do I Vote?**

To follow social distancing protocol, this year's Budget Vote & Election will be held in the multipurpose room at the Adirondack High School. This room is bigger than the previous location and will allow voters to be spaced apart during the voting process. Face masks/coverings will be required.

Parking is available behind the middle school/high school.



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