



Adirondack Central School District

2024-2025

Budget Newsletter

Dear Adirondack Community,

The Board of Education has adopted the 2024-25 school budget. The budget vote will take place on Tuesday, May 21st from Noon-8 PM in the Adirondack Middle/High School campus in the Multi-Purpose Room, located in the back of the school by the Gym/Auditorium Entrance. The two items you will vote on are the school budget and three Board of Education seats. Included in this document is information regarding both the budget and the five candidates running for office. In addition, there will be a public hearing on May 14th at 7 PM in the Large Group Instruction Room at the High School.

The overall Adirondack budget proposed for 2024-25 is \$32,802,337. This amount includes the purchase of 2 large and 2 small gas school buses to maintain a safe fleet. Every year we have cost increases for salaries, health insurance, and other expenses such as fuel/gas. Although the Consumer Price Index is 4.12%, our proposed overall budget has gone up less than one 1% (.17%). 62% of the total budget is funded by state aid. The remaining portion is funded by local property taxes and by other income. The proposed budget calls for a 2% increase on property taxes, which is within the tax cap.

One challenge we've had to face is that the Covid stimulus money the district has received since 2021 is expiring in September 2024. The proposed budget includes the following reductions from what is in place currently: 1-eliminating one UPK 4 year old classroom, due to a smaller projected UPK 4 enrollment, 2-eliminating a .6 SS teacher, due to three retirements and declining enrollment, 3-utilizing Center for Family Life and Recovery for counseling/mental health support at the elementary, and 4-elimination of the K-8 Math Coordinator, which was implemented three years ago with stimulus money.

The budget we are proposing supports the following district goals:

Communication: The Adirondack Central School District will build a collaborative partnership in our school and our community with open, transparent communication building trust and positive culture (school spirit).

Culture and Environment: The Adirondack Central School District will support and sustain a safe, respectful and accepting environment.

Fiscal Responsibility: The district will provide an educationally sound and fiscally responsible budget that supports students in achieving the vision and mission of the district.

Growth and Achievement: The district will provide a comprehensive academic program, with customized learning for each learner to reach their maximum potential, with high expectations ensuring students are prepared for their chosen life endeavors.

I encourage you to exercise your right to vote, and as always please feel free to contact me if you have any questions (315)942-9200 x1800.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy W. McGrath
Superintendent of Schools

Board of Education: Michael Kramer, *President*

Almanda Sturtevant, *Vice-President*

Bruce Brach Maureen Healt Robert Healt Abby Podkowka Mackenzie Smaldon



PROPOSED COMPONENT BUDGET

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

2023-2024 2024-2025

<p>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.</p>	<p>BOARD OF EDUCATION \$ 28,136</p> <p>CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION \$ 289,105</p> <p>FINANCE \$ 400,042</p> <p>LEGAL SERVICES \$ 30,000</p> <p>PERSONNEL \$ 39,000</p> <p>PUBLIC INFORMATION \$ 15,000</p> <p>OTHER CENTRAL SERVICES \$1,551,116</p> <p>CURRICULUM & STAFF DEVEL. \$ 55,589</p> <p>SUPERVISION \$ 818,529</p>	<p>\$ 31,757</p> <p>\$ 306,977</p> <p>\$ 417,860</p> <p>\$ 30,000</p> <p>\$ 38,303</p> <p>\$ 16,000</p> <p>\$1,584,794</p> <p>\$ 55,589</p> <p>\$ 839,386</p>
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET		\$ 3,226,517 \$ 3,320,666

PROGRAM BUDGET

2023-2024 2024-2025

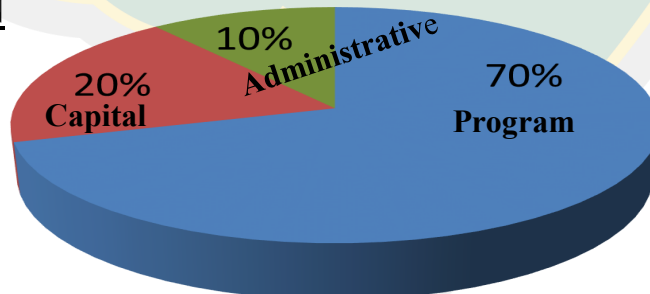
<p>The Program component of the budget includes salaries and benefits of teachers, supervisors who spend a majority of their time performing teaching duties, and operating expenses for instructional and transportation programs.</p>	<p>LEGAL SERVICES \$ 30,000</p> <p>INSTRUCTION \$12,753,559</p> <p>DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION \$ 1,984,557</p> <p>BUS GARAGE \$ 62,400</p> <p>PROGRAM EMPLOYEE BENEFITS \$ 7,740,208</p> <p>OTHER TRANSFERS \$ 160,000</p> <p>COMMUNITY SERVICES \$ 3,000</p>	<p>\$ 30,000</p> <p>\$12,912,614</p> <p>\$ 2,055,022</p> <p>\$ 62,400</p> <p>\$ 7,979,847</p> <p>\$ 60,000</p> <p>\$ 3,000</p>
TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET		\$22,733,724 \$23,102,883

CAPITAL BUDGET

2023-2024 2024-2025

<p>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.</p>	<p>OPERATION OF FACILITIES \$1,487,190</p> <p>MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES \$ 415,260</p> <p>JUDGEMENT AND CLAIMS \$ 2,000</p> <p>NEW BUS PURCHASES \$ 493,000</p> <p>CAPITAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS \$ 666,158</p> <p>DEBT SERVICE \$3,622,170</p> <p>TRANSFER TO DEBT SERV/CAPITAL \$ 100,000</p>	<p>\$1,436,505</p> <p>\$ 392,052</p> <p>\$ 2,000</p> <p>\$ 514,315</p> <p>\$ 673,524</p> <p>\$3,260,392</p> <p>\$ 100,000</p>
TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET		\$6,785,778 \$6,378,788
TOTAL BUDGET		\$32,746,019 \$32,802,337

BUDGET BREAKDOWN

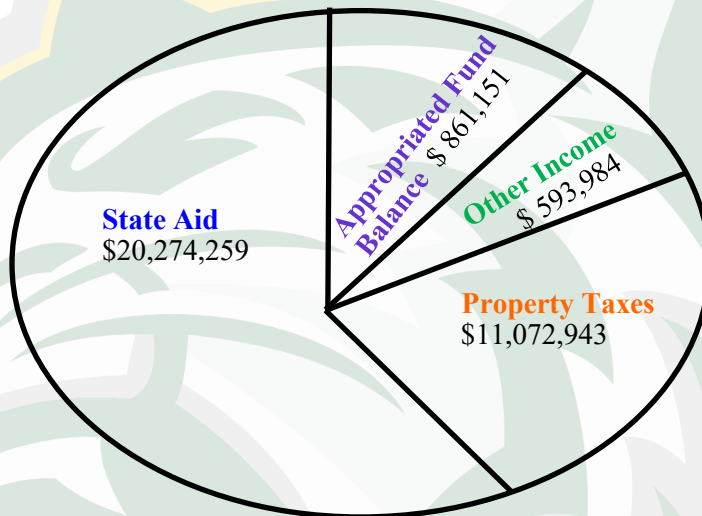




Proposed Budget Revenue Comparison

	2023-2024 Revenue	2024-2025 Revenue	Dollar Increase/Decrease
Property Taxes	\$10,855,827	\$11,072,943	▲ \$217,116
State Aid	\$20,481,583	\$20,274,259	▼ \$207,324
Other Income	\$ 547,458	\$ 593,984	▲ \$ 46,526
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 861,151	\$ 861,151	0
	\$32,746,019	\$32,802,337	▲ \$ 56,318

Estimated Revenue & Fund Balance For the 2024-2025 School Year



Capital Outlay Project

The 2024-2025 capital outlay project will consist of temperature control upgrades in the High School.

The state allows school districts to transfer general funds to the capital fund for building and/or reconstruction projects not to exceed \$100,000.

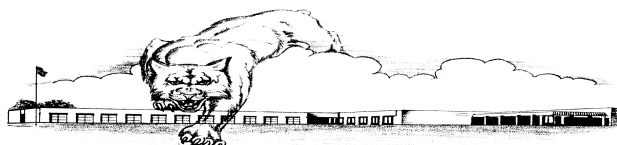
Projects funded in this manner receive reimbursement from the state the following budget year, unlike traditional capital projects, which are reimbursed over time.

The state will reimburse Adirondack for approximately 85% of the project.



Budget Hearing
 Tuesday, May 14, 2024
 Large Instructional Room
 at the High School
 7:00 p.m.

Budget Vote & Election
 Tuesday, May 21, 2024
 High School Multipurpose Room
 12 noon—8:00 p.m.
 (Use HS GYM Entrance)





BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

Three (3) Vacant Seats for This Election

The following letters were submitted by the Candidates:

Lori Kwasniewski:



My name is Lori Kwasniewski. I am currently running for a position on the Adirondack Central School Board of Education. I am a 1986 graduate of Adirondack Central School and live in Lee Center with my husband Jim, a 1985 graduate of Adirondack, and our daughter Alyssa, a 2023 graduate of Adirondack. Alyssa is currently attending FLCC to be a DEC Officer.

I am running for a position on the Adirondack Central School Board because I love doing community service and coming up with ideas to help the community. I want this school that I love to be the best it can be while making it the absolute best environment for this community's children, young adults and future generations. I also want to help come up with solutions that benefit both the school and the tax payers along with bridging the gap between the school and the community through better communication and programs to bring everyone together as a whole.

Mackenzie Smaldon:



Hello all, my name is Mackenzie Smaldon and I am running for a seat on the Adirondack Wildcats Board of Education. I am a 1998 graduate of Holland Patent Central School and currently live in the Town of Western with my husband John and two kids who are currently enrolled in Adirondack. We have a senior and a freshman.

I am running for a position with the Adirondack School Board as I am currently filling a seat that became vacant at the beginning of the year and I truly like being a part of the solution. School-aged kids need a voice and the school board can be their voice. I have been a Pop Warner Cheer coach, chaperoned school field trips, volunteered with events put on by the Chamber of Commerce and I am a Board member for the CNY Memorial Stair Climb event that takes place each year at the Utica State Office Building. I am a lifetime member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the local VFW as well as a member of the American Legion.

I want to continue being on the school board to help make positive changes that will impact the future of our younger generations. I want to be a Board member to take the concerns of the taxpayers to the monthly meetings to help make better decisions on the future of this amazing school district and community.

Almanda Sturtevant:



I am running for a 4th term on the Adirondack Central School District Board of Education. I have learned a lot in the 9 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. My husband Jared and I are graduates of Adirondack High School with 3 active boys who are currently at each level (elementary, middle and high school). We chose to raise our children in this area because we believe in the ideals of our rural community from the way family values are supported to the understanding that dedication and hard work are the keys to success while taking pride in our achievements.

I have been a public educator for 20 years with the Camden School District. 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 our district. It has been an honor to serve on the school board as a representative of our community and I would love the opportunity to serve another 3 years.





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Matthew Lastowski:



My name is Matthew Lastowski. I am a lifelong resident of Boonville and graduated from Adirondack in 1999. My parents are Tom and Jackie Lastowski, and Beatrice Joslin, all of whom also graduated from Adirondack. My oldest daughter graduated from Adirondack in 2023 and I have two younger children currently attending Adirondack in the 2nd and 3rd grades. While I was in school, I was active in both sports and musicals. I have also coached basketball and soccer at Adirondack.

I am very involved in the community, especially youth sports. I started coaching AYSO in 2011, then added refereeing and eventually joined the board, taking over for Bill Bain. After a couple of years, AYSO started to change and I realized it wasn't the best fit for our community. So we decided to leave and start our own organization tailored towards our small community and its needs. I have also coached youth basketball and baseball. I am currently the vice-president of the Boonville Girls' Softball, which I also coach.

I am running to be on the Board of Education because I care about our school and our community. Having roots in the town and having young children gives me insight into the values and needs of our community, as well as understanding the changing world with our younger generation. As I did with our AYSO Program, I am able to see what benefits our youth, but also what fits our community needs and find a working solution to accommodate both.

John Baujan:



Please allow me to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is John Baujan, a resident of the Town of Boonville and I am interested in a position on the Adirondack Central School Board of Education. My roots and devotion to this area run very deep as my first visit to this area was as a teen in the winter of 1973, when my family and I went to our first Snow Festival. I've been in love with this community ever since. After visiting regularly since that time, my wife Shirley, of 35 years, and I purchased property and decided to call Boonville home. Since moving to Boonville, I have joined several organizations and volunteered at the NYS Woodsmens Field Days and the Boonville Snow Festival, ironically the event that brought me to Boonville.

Shirley had a career as a School Bus Driver and retired after 30 years of service. I started a career in law enforcement in Stroudsburg, PA which lasted 34 years until I retired in 2012. During my career, I worked my way through the ranks until attaining the rank of Chief of Police, which I held for 10 years until retirement. I sat as President of the Pennsylvania Regional Chiefs of Police Association and was appointed as Mayor of the Borough of Stroudsburg. As Chief of Police, I was held at the highest moral and ethical standards where following federal, state, local laws and department policy was paramount. I negotiated union contracts, wrote and enforced policy, issued commendations or discipline where necessary, wrote and managed the department budget, fostered a strong relationship with community organizations and was responsible to oversee the daily operation of the department.

If given the opportunity to sit as a Board member, I would apply what I've learned during my career of 34 years. I believe it is imperative to strike a balance of working with other Board members and the administration, but also being the voice of teachers, staff, students and constituents while holding everyone involved in the process accountable. This accountability, by the way, also includes students, parents and visitors. Our collective goals should be providing the safest possible environment for our student to receive a well-rounded education. This education should include the preparation for a higher education for some, but maybe more importantly, promoting and providing a solid foundation for students to work in the trades. Regardless of the path they choose, ADK graduates should leave with the foundation to succeed in life and profession, and be a contributing member of our community and society. I respectfully request your support by voting for me on May 21, 2024. I will be honored to serve.





2024 College Acceptances (as of mid-April 2024)

STUDENTS NAME:

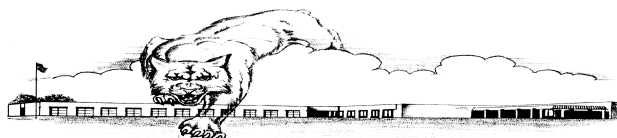
COLLEGE NAME(S) & PROGRAM(S):

Kaitlyn Baker -daughter of Brandon & Nicole Baker	Jefferson Community College - Veterinary Assistant Program
Dylan Burns -son of William & Erin Burns	SUNY Oswego - Cinema & Screen Studies Program
Dawson Cabic -son of Daniel & Favor Cabic	MVCC - Liberal Arts & Sciences Program
Carbone -daughter of Heather Carbone & Donald Carbone	SUNY Poly - Mechanical Engineering Technology Program
Isaac Croneiser -son of Patrick & Patricia Croneiser	MVCC – Welding Certification Program
Josephine Croniser – daughter of Brian & Erin Croniser	Utica University - Health Science – OT Track Program
Dalayna DeVoe -daughter of Jeremy DeVoe & Darcy Dutch	St. John Fisher, Lemoyne & SUNY Poly - Nursing Program
Alayna Disotell -daughter of Troy & Heather Disotell	Utica University - Psychology Child Life Program
Kyle Doty -son of Benjamin & Holly Doty	SUNY Oswego - Technology Education Program
Tyler Ellinger -son of Stephen & Ashley Ellinger	MVCC & HCCC - Sports Management Program
Emma Flansburg -daughter of Christine Sobel & Jeremy Flansburg	St. John Fisher, SUNY Oswego & Coastal Carolina University - Business Program
Giovanni Foster -son of John & Mackenzie Smaldon	Paul Smith’s College - Environmental Science Program
Emmett Fox -son of Steven & Elizabeth Fox	HCCC - Electrical Technology Program
Kendall Girouard -daughter of James & Crystal Girouard	SUNY Oswego and SUNY Brockport - Adolescent Education Program.
Bailey Gleasman -son of Travis Gleasman & Rebecca Gleasman	Utica University, SUNY Brockport and MVCC - Sports Management program.
Kierstin Griffith -daughter of Jason & Brandi Griffith	SUNY Oswego - Anthropology program
Danielle Grimm -daughter of Thomas Grimm & Nancy Chindelas	SUNY Morrisville - Environmental Conservation Science Program
Mackenzie Grogg -daughter of Amy Grogg & Joseph Grogg	St. John Fisher, SUNY Cortland, SUNY Oneonta, SUNY Oswego, Onondaga Community College - Adolescent Education Program
Cayley Hertel -daughter of Chad Hertel	MVCC, Keuka College - Liberal Arts & Sciences/Childhood Education Program
Emma Hople -daughter of Thomas & Jennifer Hople	Russell Sage College, MVCC - Business Management Program
Brooke Jasek -daughter of Henry & Amanda Jasek	Alfred State, Appalachian State, SUNY Brockport & SUNY Plattsburgh - Nursing Program
Alexander Kaun -son of David & Michele Kaun	MVCC - Liberal Arts, Mathematics & Science: Biology Emphasis Program
Jaidyn Kline -daughter of Rebecca Kline	Elmira College, Russel Sage, SUNY Poly, SUNY Plattsburgh, SUNY Canton & Utica University - Nursing Program
Aiden Korte -son of Kevin & Rachel Eastman	Universal Technical Institute - Automotive Technology Program
Emily Korte -daughter or Kevin & Rachel Eastman	SUNY Delhi & Alfred State University - Veterinary Science Technology Program
Wyatt Kratzenberg -son of Thomas & Jennifer Kratzenberg	MVCC - CDL Training Program
Lillian Lyon -daughter of Kenneth & Jennifer Lyon	MVCC - Illustration Program
Tesslyn Makuch -daughter of Matthew Makuch & Dodie Makuch	Penn State University, SUNY Oneonta & MVCC - Elementary/ Early Childhood Education Program
Harper Marsh -son of William & Jessica Marsh	SUNY Cobleskill & SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry - Wildlife Science Program
Faith Marshall -daughter of Donald Marshall & Yvonne Breen	MVCC - Fine Arts Program

Congratulations

Well Done

Best Wishes





2024 College Acceptances (continued)

STUDENTS NAME:

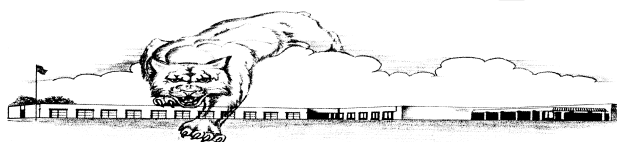
COLLEGE NAME(S) & PROGRAM(S):

Allyson Martin -daughter of Kent & Laura Martin	LeMoyne College - Occupational Therapy Pathway Program
Kaylee Mathis -daughter of Colleen Spann	SUNY Cortland - Physical Education Program
Paul Nichols -son of Brian & Sarah Nichols	MVCC - Fine Arts Program
Erica Page -daughter of David & Wendy Page	MVCC - Childhood Education Program
Jeremiah Reed -son of Desiree Reed	OCC - Business Administration Program
Paige Renwick -daughter of Michael & Andrea Renwick	SUNY Brockport, SUNY Cortland, and the University at Albany and SUNY Polytechnic Institute in the Psychology program and SUNY Poly in the Biology Program
Alejandro Roberts -son of Glen & Irene Roberts	SUNY Cortland, SUNY Potsdam, SUNY Brockport, SUNY Oswego & SUNY Morrisville - Exercise Science Program
Rachael Sadlowski -daughter of Scott & Stacy Sadlowski	MVCC - Video Production Program
Jenna Schaffner -daughter of Craig & Kelly Schaffner	MVCC - Psychology Program
Dalton Shaffer -son of Doug & Brenda Shaffer	SUNY Canton in the Applied Psychology Program
Sienna Snyder -daughter of Kelly Snyder & Steven Snyder	Clarkson University in the Biomolecular Science Program
Jacob Strain -son of David & MaRissa Strain	University at Buffalo & University at Albany - Physical Therapy 3+3 Program
Breann Sullivan -daughter of Josh & Brandy Fitzgerald	United States Army with an MOS of Military Police
Brooke Underwood -daughter of Kevin & Sheri Underwood	MVCC - Civil Engineering Program
Faith Weaver -daughter of Shannon Shuler	SUNY Canton in the Funeral Service Administration Program
Maxim Weiler -son of Wayne & Tina Weiler	KWI Welding Institute, Kentucky



PLEASE NOTE:

This vote is for the regular school budget for the 2024-2025 school year. The District does expect to have a Capital Project Vote anticipated for the winter/spring of 2025. More information on the public hearing and vote for the Special Capital Project will be shared at a later date.





Proudly Presenting..... The Class of 2024 Top 10

Valedictorian

1) Sienna Snyder
Daughter of Kelly Snyder & Steven Snyder



Salutatorian

2) Jacob Strain
Son of David & MaRissa Strain



3) Kyle Doty
Son of Benjamin & Holly Doty



4) Alex Kaun
Son of David & Michele Kaun



5) Harper Marsh
Son of William & Jessica Marsh



6) Emma Flansburg
Daughter of Christine Sobel & Jeremy Flansburg



6) Emma Hopler
Daughter of Thomas & Jennifer Hopler



8) Kendall Girouard
Daughter of James & Crystal Girouard



9) Kaitlyn Baker
Daughter of Brandon & Nicole Baker



10) Tesslynn Makuch
Daughter of Matthew Makuch & Dodie Makuch

****Tie for 6th, so no 7th****





EXCITING THINGS HAPPEN AT ADIRONDACK

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ACS THERAPY DOG PROGRAM



SKILLS USA



ARTS



MATHCATS



STEAM



CROSS COUNTRY



MUSICAL



WRESTLING



BOWLING





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 21, 2024.
- 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 \$32,802,337 for the purpose of the General Fund Budget for the 2024-2025 school year.

Election of School Board Trustees:

The election of three (3) members to the Board of Education will take place. Each term is for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2027.

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 20th.

Absentee ballots must be returned to the district clerk no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 21st.

Q. Where Do I Vote?

This year's Budget Vote & Election will be held in the multipurpose room at the Adirondack High School.

Parking is available behind the middle school/high school. Please use the GYM entrance behind the high school.

Watch for signs directing you to the location.

Q. Early Mail Voting: What is it?

Effective January 1, 2024, early mail voting is an option and similar to absentee voting without needing to provide a reason as to why the voter is not able to vote in person. The application must be submitted at least 7 days prior to the vote. If the early mail ballot is to be picked up by the voter in person, applications will be accepted until May 20th.

Early mail ballots must be returned to the district clerk no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 21st.





Adirondack is pleased to report that we were eligible to receive, applied for, and were awarded Smart Schools Bond Act Money. This act was originally approved in NY in 2014, with a purpose of improving educational technology and infrastructure to improve learning and opportunity for students throughout the state. There is no local cost to our district to utilize this money. Below is a summary of the items that Adirondack has slated to purchase with this allocation:



10 student devices for STEAM Lab/Business Courses, to complete a class set

Apple Replacement Cycle: dispose/buyback program of all obsolete Apple products throughout the school district, purchase 80 ipads, 6 macbooks, Apple Care Coverage for new Apple products, and protective covers

Art Suite Rebuild: 25 devices and monitors to upgrade the digital art courses and accommodate the increased student interest

“Adirondack CSD Awarded \$221,616 in Smart Schools Bond Act Money, March 2024”

90 chromebooks to replace our oldest class sets in 4th and 5th grades

5 mobile ViewBoards that provide the school district with greater flexibility of presentations, school-wide events, Physical Education Classes, Athletic Events and professional learning sessions

Complete the device replacement cycle for teachers, office staff, and targeted instructional staff that did not receive a new device in the first phase of the replacement cycle



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