

**CHEEKTOWAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE**

| <b>Overall Budget Proposal</b><br>Cheektowaga Central School District 140701   | <b>Budget Adopted for the 2023-24 School Year</b> | <b>Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year</b> | <b>Contingency Budget for the 2024-25 School Year*</b> |
|--|---|--|--|
| Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions   | \$58,799,819                                      | \$62,410,376                                       | \$61,860,597   |
| Increase/Decrease for the 2024-25 School Year  |   | \$3,610,557  | \$3,060,778  |
| Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget  |   | 6.14%  | 5.21%  |
| Change in the Consumer Price Index   |   | 4.12%  |  |
| A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount  | \$27,186,597                                      | \$27,736,376                                       |  |
| 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)   | \$27,186,597                                      | \$27,736,376                                       | \$27,186,597   |
| F. Total Permissible Exclusions  | \$330,708   | \$335,895  |  |
| G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions  | \$26,855,889                                      | \$27,400,481                                       |  |
| H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)   | \$26,855,889                                      | \$27,400,481                                       |  |
| <b>I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **</b> | \$0   | \$0  |  |
| Administrative Component   | \$5,850,836                                       | \$5,313,026  | \$5,268,708  |
| Program Component  | \$44,719,418                                      | \$49,401,002                                       | \$48,895,541   |
| Capital Component  | \$8,229,565                                       | \$7,696,348  | \$7,696,348  |

The 2024/2025 budget includes a \$100,000 - \$250,000 Capital Outlay project (depending on NYS Budget Approval) to replace the outdoor marquee, variable speed drives for energy efficiency, fire suppression systems in server rooms, and door security systems.

|   | <b>Under the Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year</b> |
|---|--|
| <b>Estimated Basic STAR Exemption savings<sup>1</sup></b> | \$420  |

\*If the proposed budget is defeated, pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law, the tax levy for 2024/2025 would remain at the 2023/2024 level. First to be removed are non-contingent expenses. This includes most equipment, certain student supplies, new and multi-year contractual arrangements. After non-contingent expenses are removed ordinary contingent expenses are removed. This includes reduction in non-mandated programming, interscholastic athletics, extracurricular activities, summer school programs, field trips, non-mandated transportation, additional materials and supplies, and professional development. Exempt items include Debt Service, Charter School payments, Tax Certiorari proceedings and expenses related to increased enrollment.

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2024-2025 by the qualified voters of the Cheektowaga Central School District, Erie County, New York, will be held at Cheektowaga District Office in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between the hours of Noon and 9:00 pm, prevailing time, in the Cheektowaga Central High School, 3600 Union Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14225, at which time the ballots will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

<sup>1</sup> The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax 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) N/A



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School Board meetings are generally held the second Tuesday of the month in the Raymond L. Carr Board Room, 3600 Union Road, Cheektowaga, at 6 p.m.  
Those planning on attending are encouraged to verify meeting date and time by visiting our website or calling (716) 686-3606.

**CHEEKTOWAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT • BUDGET FLYER 2024**



# 2024-2025 Budget and Trustee Vote

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024**

**12 Noon to 9 p.m.**

Raymond L. Carr Board Room  
in the High School

*Please park in main (south) lot and use side entrance  
(adjacent to the parking lot) into the music area.*

**Budget Hearing**

The budget hearing and regular board meeting will take place on May 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

## Voting Information

- Voting takes place in the Raymond L. Carr Board Room in the music wing of the High School from 12 to 9 p.m.
- A person must be a citizen of the United States of America.
- A person must be 18 years of age or older.
- A person must be a resident (not necessarily a homeowner) of the district for at least thirty (30) days preceding the election.

No prior registration is required and residents do not have to be registered voters.

Identification will be required. The preferred forms are a Board of Elections' card, driver's license, postmarked mail, rental/lease receipt, a non-driver identification card or a utility bill.

## Board of Education Candidates

One candidate has been nominated for the one open at-large board seat on the Board of Education. The candidate receiving the highest vote total shall be elected for a 5-year term to commence July 1, 2024, and expire June 30, 2029.

The candidate biography can be found online at:  
[Cheektowagak12.org/Budget/BOEcandidates](http://Cheektowagak12.org/Budget/BOEcandidates)

**TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024 • 12 NOON TO 9 PM**

# Budget Proposal At A Glance

## 2024-2025 Proposed Budget

\$62,410,376

## Tax Levy 2023-2024

\$27,186,597

## Proposed Tax Levy 2024-2025

\$27,736,376

## Proposed Tax Levy Increase

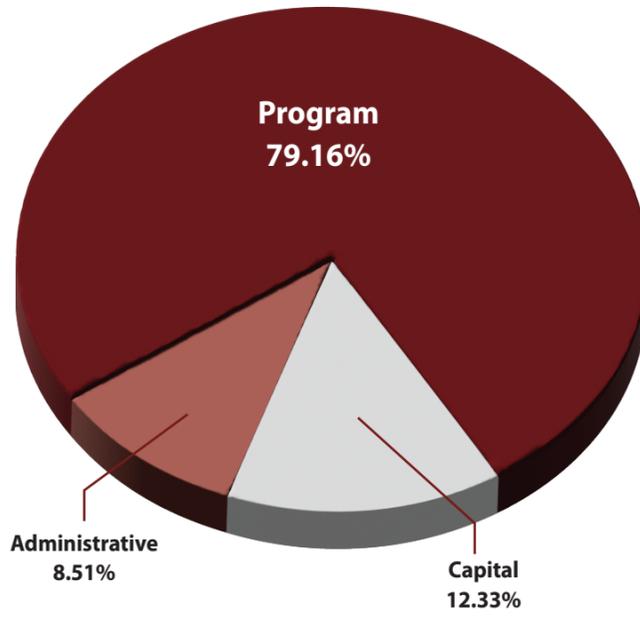
2.02%

## What does this mean to the "average" family home in the District?

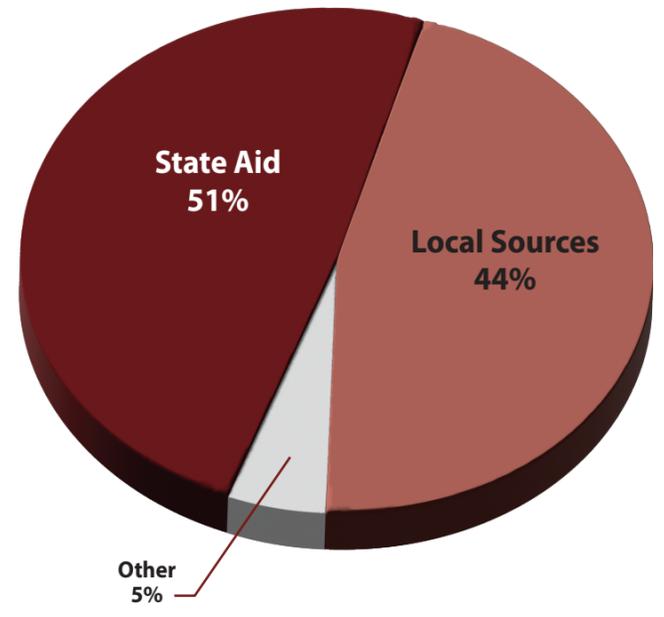
Annual cost increase - \$27.00

Monthly cost increase - \$2.28

## 2024-25 Proposed Expenditures



## 2024-25 Estimated Revenues



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## 2024-25 Proposed Expenditures

| Three-Part Components   | 2023-24             | 2024-25             |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Administrative - 8.51%</b><br><i>Provides funding for the support services of the District. This component is comprised of those expenses which are associated with the Board of Education, Central Administration and Central Services.</i>   | \$5,850,836         | \$5,313,026         |
| <b>Program - 79.16%</b><br><i>This portion covers general instruction, special education, BOCES instructional programs, curriculum and staff development. Additionally, pupil support services such as counseling, library, health, co-curricular, interscholastic and transportation are included in this component.</i> | \$44,719,418        | \$49,401,002        |
| <b>Capital - 12.33%</b><br><i>Comprised of those expenses which are associated with the operation and maintenance portions of the budget. Also included in this component is debt service.</i>  | \$8,229,565         | \$7,696,348         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$58,799,819</b> | <b>\$62,410,376</b> |

## Where Does School Funding Come From?



### Items included in the proposed budget

- Maintain smaller class sizes in the lower grades
- Increased academic intervention services

## Ballot Information

### PROPOSITION NO. 1

#### BUDGET FOR CHEEKTOWAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the budget for Cheektowaga Central School District for the school year 2024-2025, as presented by the Board of Education at the Annual Budget Hearing on May 13, 2024, is hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefore are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on taxable property of said School District to be levied and collected as required by law.

YES  NO

### PROPOSITION NO. 2

#### Establishment of Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, the establishment of a new Capital Reserve Fund, for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, the cost of building facility improvements, expansion, and acquisitions for which the Board may authorize for a probable term of 10 school years. Funds shall be not greater than \$10,000,000 (plus interest earned thereon).

YES  NO

### One Member of the Board of Education (5-year term) (Vote for ONE)

1A Lisa Sekuterski

**Save the Date:**  
**Veterans Concert for Heroes**  
Friday, June 14 at 6pm

## A Message from the BOE President

Budget season is a time when it's critical for the administration and the board of education to review and examine our district's needs, analyze our financial strengths and determine what we can do to best meet the needs of both our students and community. It's our hope that you'll take the time to review the enclosed budget details. The proposed budget for the 2024-25 school year focuses on the school district mission and vision and keeping students as our top priority. We believe that the program being offered will increase rigor and student achievement. We'll continue to offer students programs and extracurricular activities while remaining fiscally responsible to our taxpayers.

Our future depends on our students being leaders in our community and that of the global world while continuing to be able to be fiscally responsible to our community. We're all in this together for the betterment of our school district and our entire community. Please remember to come out and vote.

Renee Wilson  
Board of Education President

## A Message from the Superintendent

As we prepare for the close of the 2023-24 school year and look ahead to the 2024-25 school year, it is critical that the District and the community continue to work together to meet the educational needs of our students. The proposed budget will allow us to build upon our foundation by ensuring that we have the proper staff in place to meet our student needs, focus on our building blocks, and continue to be a place where character, curriculum, and community connect.

Our students will always be our number one priority, so creating a safe atmosphere with clean facilities, and an educationally sound environment so every child can reach maximum potential is extremely important. Class size in our elementary setting, related services in both elementary and middle school, a variety of experiences in both middle and high school, as well as rigorous curriculum across PK-12 are all important aspects that are supported by this budget. In short our goal is to provide students with structure and wellness, while being engaged and building relationships.

Detailed information about the budget is available in this publication and on the District website at [cheektowagak12.org/budget](http://cheektowagak12.org/budget).

Scott Zipp  
Superintendent

## Highlighting Our Successes...

### Union East Elementary School

Union East is proud of the work our students and teachers do each and every day. This shows in the scores that we see on our progress in all academic areas. We are devoted to working to meet the needs of all of our students. Additionally, we are committed to supporting the social-emotional growth of each child. We are looking forward to continuing to celebrate the growth of our students.

### Cheektowaga Central Middle School

At Cheektowaga Central Middle School, our Core Values are: Caring, Challenging, Learning; Every Student, Every Day! We believe that Attitude + Effort = Success For All! We value: Providing a safe, caring, family environment for learning; Ensuring students have excellent teachers to guide their learning; Setting high expectations for each student's growth and academic achievement through a rigorous, relevant, standards-based curriculum; Respecting each individual students unique learning style and celebrating their successes; Developing meaningful relationships through respect and understanding; Challenging all students and recognizes that failure engenders perseverance; Respectful communication at all levels; Engaging students, parents, and the community as partners in education; Accountable and accessible staff that provides a consistent environment for learning.

### Cheektowaga Central High School

With the support of the community, the high school continually looks for ways to provide opportunities for all students to be successful in an inviting school environment. Currently, we're able to offer 18 college-level classes and multiple electives in each content area. We also have over forty athletic teams and 26 different clubs, including a highly successful Unified program. The Fine Arts department put on seven concerts, a Black History Month program, and a performance of Grease the Musical. Lastly, our Pupil Services and Special Education team arranged many guest speakers, college and career field trips, and has been emphasizing mental health. We are committed to doing what is best to help our students reach their potential academically, socially, emotionally, and athletically in a way that appreciates everyone's unique gifts. All of this can only be maintained through your help.