

CHEEKTOWAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal Cheektowaga Central School District 140701	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	\$53,661,327	\$58,799,819	\$58,262,340
Increase/Decrease for the 2023-24 School Year		\$5,138,492	\$4,601,013
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		9.58%	8.57%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		8.00%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$26,649,118	\$27,186,597	
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)	\$26,649,118	\$27,186,597	\$26,649,118
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$371,081	\$330,708	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$26,278,037	\$26,855,889	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$26,278,037	\$26,855,889	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$5,151,468	\$5,850,836	\$5,790,836
Program Component	\$41,421,882	\$44,719,418	\$44,241,939
Capital Component	\$7,087,977	\$8,229,565	\$8,229,565
	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year		
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption savings¹	\$458		
*If the proposed budget is defeated, pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law, the tax levy for 2023/2024 would remain at the 2022/2023 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 2023-2024 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 16, 2023 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.

¹ 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 2023



2023-2024
Budget and
Trustee Vote

Tuesday, May 16, 2023
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 2, 2023 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

Two candidates have 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 the full five-year term to commence July 1, 2023, and expire June 30, 2028.

Candidate biographies can be found online at:
Cheektowagak12.org/Budget/BOEcandidates

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Budget Proposal At A Glance

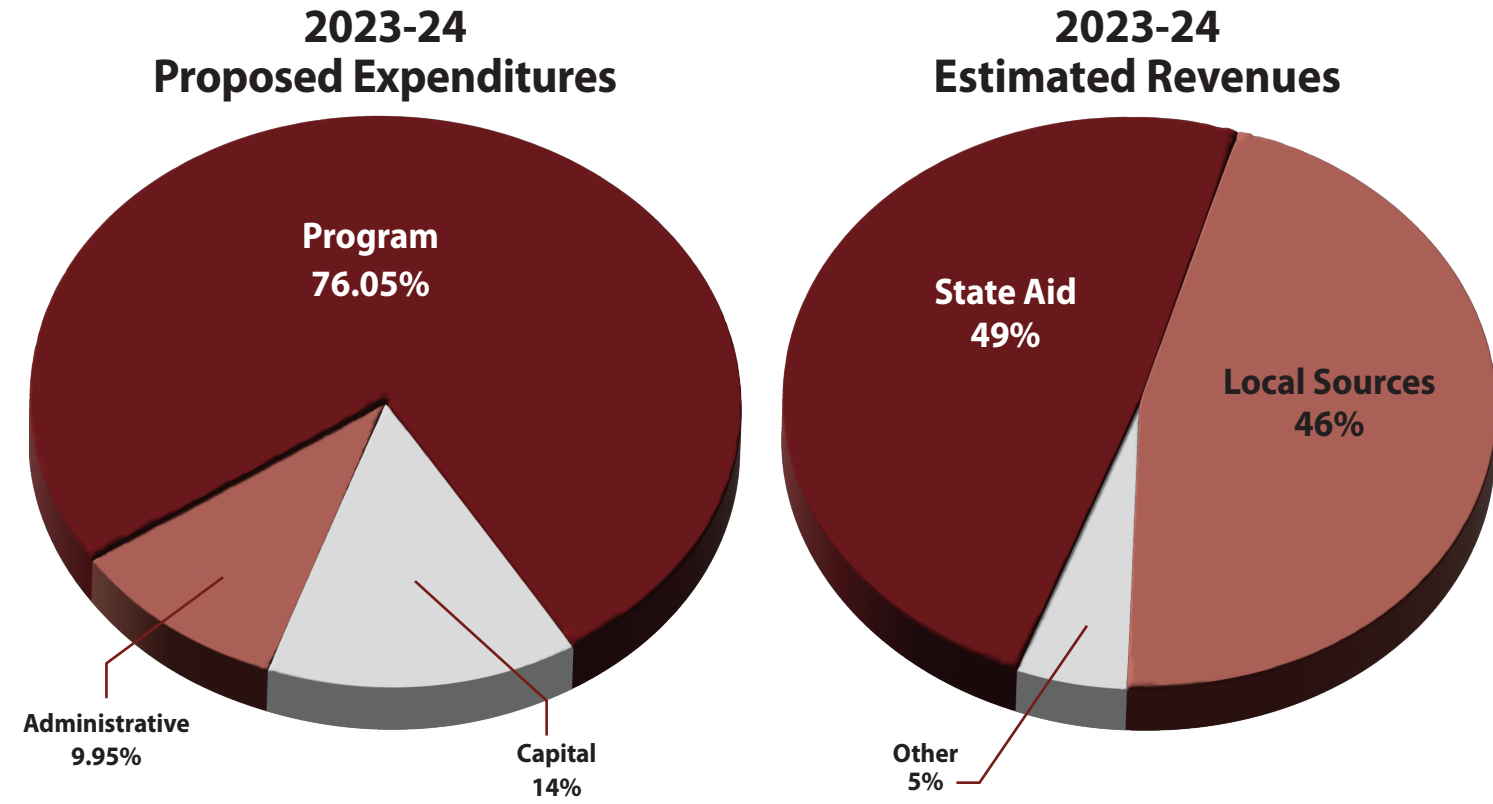
2023-2024 Proposed Budget
\$58,799,819

Tax Levy 2022-2023
\$26,649,118

Proposed Tax Levy 2023-2024
\$27,186,597

Proposed Tax Levy Increase
2.02%

What does this mean to the “average” family home in the District?
Annual cost increase - \$26.49
Monthly cost increase - \$2.21



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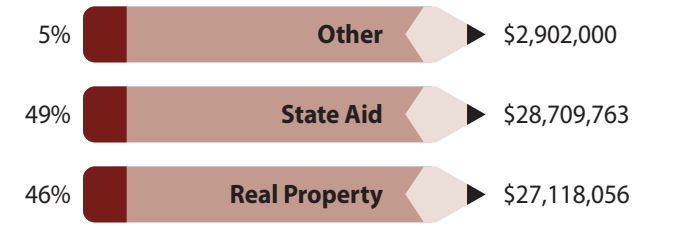
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2023-24 Proposed Expenditures

Three-Part Components	2022-23	2023-24
Administrative - 9.95% <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>	\$5,151,468	\$5,850,836
Program - 76.05% <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>	\$41,421,882	\$44,719,418
Capital - 14% <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>	\$7,087,977	\$8,229,565
TOTAL	\$53,661,327	\$58,799,819

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 2023-2024

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the budget for Cheektowaga Central School District for the school year 2023-2024, as presented by the Board of Education at the Annual Budget Hearing on May 2, 2023, 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

EX-OFFICIO NON-VOTING MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Board Policy 1240, the Cheektowaga Central School District may continue to select a qualified high school student to serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board of Education during the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years.

☐ YES ☐ NO

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

1A Marc Kotarski

2A Caleb Harte

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 2023-24 school year continues to focus on our main goal: keeping the best interest of our students at the forefront of our responsibilities. We believe that the program changes 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. Please remember to come out and vote. We’re all in this together for the betterment of our school district and our entire community.

Renee Wilson
Board of Education President

A Message from the Superintendent

At the Cheektowaga Central School District, we believe that the road to success is always under construction. In an effort to create a solid educational foundation, we have created four main building blocks of focus: the wellbeing of students and staff; the building of relationships with all members of the community; creating a systemic structure for expectations; and creating an engaging educational atmosphere before, after and during school.

As we prepare for the close of the 2022-23 school year and look ahead to the 2023-24 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. Detailed information about the budget is available in this publication and on the District website at cheektowagak12.org/budget.

Scott Zipp
Superintendent

Highlighting Our Successes...

Union East Elementary School

Union East Elementary School is proud to be servicing the youngest learners in the Cheektowaga Central School District. From our play-based curriculum in UPK to our commitment to developing readers, writers, and thinkers, our building is busy on a daily basis. You will commonly see our students engaged in tasks applying the 21st-century skills of communication, collaboration, and creative problem-solving. In addition, we strive to develop the whole child with a dedicated social-emotional curriculum and a commitment to student and staff wellness.

Cheektowaga Central Middle School

At Cheektowaga Central Middle School, we are dedicated to nurturing our students to become positive contributors to society. We have worked with our students this year to become people who think independently and creatively. Our students are resilient and know how to solve problems. They honor diversity and are open, willing, and ready to collaborate with those around them. We are committed to fostering a genuine sense of courtesy, the joy of learning, and strength of character in our students. These traits will guide them to make positive and healthy decisions for themselves and others, now and throughout their lives.

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 40 athletic teams, including a highly successful Unified program and a newly created girls’ flag football program. There are 26 different clubs for students, including a new gaming club that recently hosted a Mario Kart tournament. The Fine Arts department put on seven concerts, a Black History Month program, and a performance of Footloose 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, but this can only be maintained through your help.