



Argyle Central School

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2023-2024 School Budget

The Argyle Central School District is proposing a budget of \$13,818,265 and a tax levy increase of 2.0%, for a total tax levy of \$5,057,650 for the 2023-24 school year.

Although the NYS Tax Cap formula allows the district to increase our 2023-24 tax levy by 2.90%, the district is opting for a tax levy increase of 2.0%. The Argyle community has a long history of supporting our school and our Board of Education's efforts to provide exceptional academic and extracurricular opportunities at a reasonable cost to the Argyle community. The Argyle Board of Education recognizes and greatly appreciates your continued support.

The 2023-24 budget as presented maintains all of our current academic, sports, and extracurricular programs and reflects the district's efforts to continue offering a quality educational program for all of our students with a tax levy increase that is consistent with our previous budgets.

In addition, here are some additional facts about this budget:

- The proposed budget is \$305,235 more than the 2022-23 budget, an increase of 2.26%.
- The primary increases in this year's budget are an anticipated increase in the number of students planning to take vocational CTE courses at BOCES and a 12% increase in health insurance premiums.

The Argyle CSD 2023-24 Budget Vote and Board of Education Elections will be held May 16, 2023 from 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm at the school.

Absentee ballots are available by contacting the District Clerk, Kim Humiston. Requests for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 pm prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

The chart below shows Argyle CSD's historical budget information. In addition to the proposed 2023-24 budget information, the chart also includes the school budget, state and federal aid, and tax levy percentage increases for the last five years. (The state aid amount for next year is a best estimate due to the late New York State Budget still not being approved at the time of printing.)

	SCHOOL BUDGET	STATE & FEDERAL AID	TAX LEVY % INCREASE
2019-2020	\$13,364,486	\$7,769,236	-1.33%
2020-2021	\$13,305,750	\$7,598,287	1.97%
2021-2022	\$13,201,360	\$7,942,380	1.0%
2022-2023	\$13,513,030	\$8,250,000	1.0%
2023-2024	\$13,818,265	\$8,300,000	2.0%

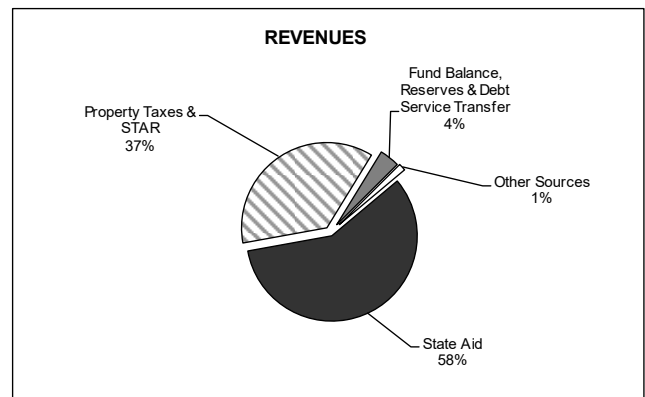
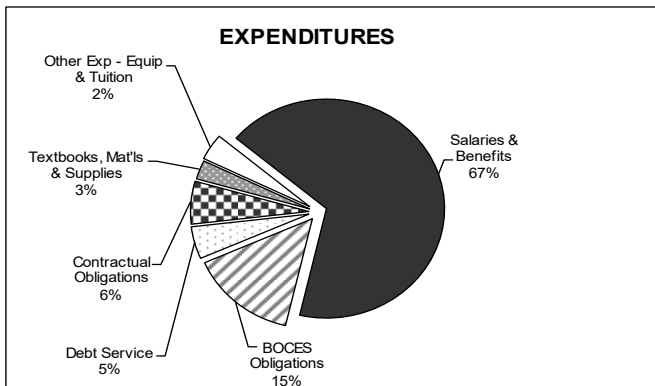
Expenditure Budget to Three Components per Section 2601A of the Education Law

ARGYLE CENTRAL SCHOOL—2023-2024 BUDGET

<u>Function or Account</u>	<u>SBM Code</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Administrative</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Capital</u>
Board of Education	1099.0	19,250	19,250		
Central Administration	1299.0	228,700	228,700		
Finance	1399.0	194,300	194,300		
Legal Services	1420.0	17,000	17,000		
Personnel	1430.0	2,500	2,500		
Public Information	1480.0	24,500	24,500		
Operation of Plant	1620.0	761,350	28,000		733,350
Maintenance of Plant	1621.0	233,000			233,000
Other Central Services	1699.0	47,500	47,500		
Other Special Items	1998.0	101,650	101,650		
Curriculum Dev. & Supervision	2010.0	4,100	4,100		
Supervision Regular Schools	2020.0	278,300	278,300		
Instruction (Net of Supervision)	2999.0	6,984,715	45,210	6,939,505	
Purchase of Buses	5510.21	158,000			158,000
Other District Transportation	5510.0	642,050	24,250	617,800	
Garage Building	5530.0	24,050		24,050	
Contract Transportation	5540.0	15,000		15,000	
Employee Benefits	9098.0	3,425,000	222,643	3,071,664	130,693
Debt Service	9898.0	537,300			537,300
Other Transfers	9951.0	120,000		20,000	100,000
Total Budget		13,818,265	1,237,903	10,688,019	1,892,343

Proposed Budget

	2022-2023	2023-2024	Difference	% Change
Expenditures				
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 9,108,325	\$ 9,332,875	224,550	2.47%
BOCES Obligations	1,855,700	2,037,950	182,250	9.82%
Debt Service	659,100	657,300	(1,800)	(0.27%)
Contractual Obligations	930,325	869,800	(60,525)	(6.51%)
Textbooks, Mat'ls & Supplies	393,080	385,840	(7,240)	(1.84%)
Other Exp—Equip. & Tuition	566,500	534,500	(32,000)	(5.65%)
	<u>\$13,513,030</u>	<u>13,818,265</u>	<u>305,235</u>	<u>2.26%</u>
Revenues				
State Aid	\$ 8,000,000	8,050,000	50,000	0.63%
Property Taxes & STAR	4,958,480	5,057,650	99,170	2.00%
Fund Balance & Reserves	436,800	523,115	86,315	19.76%
Other Sources	117,750	187,500	69,750	59.24%
	<u>\$13,513,030</u>	<u>13,818,265</u>	<u>305,235</u>	<u>2.26%</u>



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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	\$ 13,513,030	\$ 13,818,265	\$ 13,639,765
Increase/Decrease for the 2023-2024 school year		305,235	126,735
Percentage increase in each proposed budget		2.26%	0.94%
Change in the consumer price index (CPI)		8.00%	
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, including Levy to Support Library Debt, if applicable	4,958,480	5,057,650	4,958,480
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	4,958,480	5,057,650	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	-	-	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable**	-	-	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	-	-	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C + D)	4,958,480	5,057,650	2.00%
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	99,795	140,722	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	4,896,679	4,961,682	
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)	4,858,685	4,916,928	
I. Difference: (G-H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval—See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	37,994	44,754	
Administrative Component	1,206,837	1,237,903	1,237,903
Program Component	10,419,757	10,688,019	10,685,019
Capital Component	1,886,436	1,892,343	1,716,843

*Statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2023-24 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated. Contingent items in the budget that would be excluded include: athletic uniforms, custodial equipment, bus/van purchase.

List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with propositions not eligible for exclusion may affect property tax levy limit and voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount
Argyle Free Library appropriation	\$ 67,509

Basic STAR Exemption Impact

	Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 Year
Estimated Basic STAR tax savings¹	\$ 428

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-2024 by the qualified voters of the Argyle Central School District, Washington County, New York will be held at Argyle Central School in said District on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, between the hours of 12 noon and 8:00 p.m. prevailing time in the Argyle Central School Atrium, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot.

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

Rodney Saunders Board of Education Candidate

My name is Rodney Saunders and I am seeking another five-year term on the Argyle Central School Board of Education. I have owned and operated Saunders' Transmission Service for 47 years. I live in Argyle with Shannon Riley and our son, Brandon Saunders. Brandon is currently a junior at ACS.

I will continue to support our kids' programs at ACS, "KIDS FIRST." I supported the tax break for our Veterans and low income senior citizens. I will continue to support both groups if re-elected for another term.

I am here for the community as well as the kids! I believe that the federal money ACS received should be spent for kids who are struggling due to COVID. I will make sure our kids at ACS are getting what they need to graduate in order to pursue higher education or enter the workforce.

I am a voice for the community! KIDS FIRST!

Argyle Students Selected for All-County Band

Elementary students Joelle Erenwein, Maddie Kitchner, Marissa Perkins, and Riley Royallminns were selected to participate in the all-county band festival, held recently at Granville Central School. They practiced and performed four songs with students from 10 Washington County schools.



Capital Reserve Proposition

Included in this year's propositions is a proposition to allow for the establishment of a Capital Reserve account. The purpose of the Capital Reserve would be to use currently available funds to offset any future capital projects.

There is no current capital project proposal and the reserve would be available for the next ten years for any anticipated projects. Two specific areas of future building possibilities are as follows.

First, New York State has proposed schools moving to an all electric fleet of buses in the future. The district would need to determine if the 55 year old current bus garage could be retrofitted to support electric vehicles or a new garage would be necessary. Either option would require capital expenditures. The second possibility would be related to any capital expenditures to improve school safety. The times we live in require districts to continually assess the most effective ways to protect our students and staff and make sure the building is as safe as possible.

This is a restrictive reserve requiring the public to vote to establish the reserve account. It also requires future public approval for the reserve account to be spent on any capital project.

Post-Star Teen Excellence Award Winner



Congratulations to Gabe Burch who was honored at the Post-Star Teen Excellence Award breakfast held recently at SUNY Adirondack.



Congratulations to the following National Honor Society Inductees



*Front Row (left to right): Brianne Reid,
Rebecca Campbell, Kylie Mattison
Back Row (left to right): Gabriel Landry,
Luke Burch, Cayden Charlebois*

Luke Burch, a sophomore, son of Brian and Linda Burch
 Rebecca Campbell, a sophomore, daughter of Randi Kitchner and Ryan Campbell
 Cayden Charlebois, a sophomore, son of Albert and Coralie Charlebois
 Gabriel Landry, a sophomore, son of Jesse Landry
 Kylie Mattison, a sophomore, daughter of Steven and Karen Mattison
 Brianne Reid, a sophomore, daughter of Kyle and Shanna Reid



Argyle Senior Receives Scholarship

Congratulations to Lily Rich who received the Jean Hill Award through the Fort Edward Historical Association Senior Scholarship Competition! There was a total of 25 competition candidates and Lily received one of the highest awards.

Lily is planning on attending Hudson Valley Community College in the fall and majoring in fine arts.

ACS Class of 2023 Top Graduates



(Pictured Left to Right): Aislinn Gillis, Cayden McWhorter, Emilie Wood, Carsen Bartow, Emma Wichert

Emilie Wood, daughter of Audrey McKernon and Michael Wood, has been named Valedictorian of the Class of 2023. Emilie is a member of the National Honor Society and National Art Honor Society. Future plans include attending Coastal Carolina University to major in Elementary Education.

Carsen Bartow, son of Jeremy and Margaret Bartow, has been named Salutatorian of the Class of 2023. Carsen is a member of the National Honor Society. Carsen plans to major in Finance.

Aislinn Gillis is the daughter of David and Susan Gillis. Aislinn is a member of the National Art Honor Society. She plans to attend University of Connecticut to major in Allied Health Sciences.

Cayden McWhorter is the son of Michael and Shellie McWhorter. He is a member of the National Honor Society. Cayden plans to attend SUNY Adirondack to major in Computer Science.

Emma Wichert is the daughter of Lisa Shawver. Future plans include attending Penn State to major in Art Education.

Argyle Students Compete in the "Battle of the Books"



Thirty one Argyle students competed in this year's WSWHE BOCES "Battle of the Books." The teams read and studied ten pre-selected books and tested themselves on every kind of book detail imaginable, from the plot to the dedication. Our 4th and 5th grade teams made it to the semifinals and our 6th grade team tied for 4th place!

3rd Grade Team: Laura Alberico, Quinn Ashe, Bryar Ashline, Aurora Dewey, Robert Gillis, Carson Hammond, Rhett Horton, Libby Slatter and Team Leader: Larissa Skaradosky.

4th Grade Team: Claire Bain, Charlie Dercole, Piper Gillis, Emma Mattison, James Wanczyk, Kloe Winchell, and Team Leader: Jen Flower.

5th Grade Team: Isabelle Alberico, Piper Buck, Sophie Depew, Ryan Horton, Samantha Mattison, Olivia Peterman, Autumn Wade, and Team Leaders: Fallon Jankowski and Jolene Jenks.

6th Grade Team: Gavin Bapp, Brooke Bristol, Joshua Bromley, Teddy Dessaint, Dustin Dewey, Joelle Erenwein, Sunnie French, Madelynn Kitchner, Brooke Saunders, Jack Sellar, and Team Leader: Heather Ernenwein.

National Art Honor Society Inducts New Members



The following students were inducted into the National Art Honor Society:
Alexandra Irizarry-Hadfield, a senior, daughter of Lynn Irizarry and William Hadfield
Madison Riccio, a senior, daughter of Jessica Bernstein and Michael Riccio
Emma Wichert, a senior, daughter of Lisa Shawver
Alyssa Benson, a junior, daughter of Chey Blackmer and Adam Benson
Carlie Depew, a junior, daughter of Dana and Leslie Depew
Madison Eldred, a junior, daughter of John and Jolene Eldred
McKenna McWhorter, a junior, daughter of Michael and Shellie McWhorter
Cayden Charlebois, a sophomore, son of Albert and Coralie Charlebois
Abigail Hopkins, a sophomore, daughter of Cory and Angel Hopkins
Evangeline Landry, a sophomore, daughter of Jesse Landry

Local artist, Bryn Reynolds from Dark Mountain Arts was the keynote speaker. Bryn is a retired Police SWAT Captain. He also had a 25 yr. concurrent career in the US Army as a Cavalry Scout, having served several deployments to Iraq & Afghanistan. It wasn't until Bryn was out of law enforcement and the military, in which he took up drawing as a hobby. A hobby that turned into his small business, Dark Mountain Arts.

The Art Department would like to thank all of our student artists for their creative commitment over the past several years! Best wishes to the seniors on their future endeavors!

ENRICHMENT CLASSES OFFERED FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS!

Four enrichment classes are underway for Argyle students in grades 4-6! Students are exploring our energetic world, agricultural literacy, coding and makerspace and water crystals. A yoga class will also be starting on May 4!

"It's great that we can expose our younger students to experiences outside the regular curriculum," said Principal Dawn Wood, "We are grateful to Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Flower, Mrs. Huchro, Mrs. Pidgeon, and Mrs. Roberson for providing these great opportunities for our students."

The classes are held once a week and will run until the end of the school year.



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If you have any questions regarding the proposed budget, please call a member of the Board of Education.

● Pamela Ellis, *President*

518-638-6065

● Travis Dessaint, *Vice President*

202-641-6600

● David Holck

518-638-8906

● Thomas Genovese

518-638-1048

● Rodney Saunders

518-636-9059

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

- A resident of the District for at least thirty days prior to the vote
- A United States citizen
- Eighteen (18) years of age or older

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee Ballots are available to eligible voters who are unable to vote in person. Call 518-638-8243, ext. 504 for information on obtaining a ballot.

DETAILED BUDGET INFORMATION

If you would like a more detailed budget, please contact Ronald Black, Business Manager at 518-638-8243, ext. 508.

VOTING WHERE AND WHEN

Budget Hearing

Tuesday, May 9, 2023
7:00 pm in the Library

Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 16, 2023
12:00 noon—8:00 pm
Argyle Central School
Atrium

PROPOSITIONS

1. 2023-2024 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$13,818,265
2. Argyle Free Library Proposition of \$67,509
3. **Board Candidate -
One 5-Year Term**
(July 1, 2023—June 30, 2028)
Rodney Saunders
4. Capital Reserve Proposition