Superintendent's Message

Dear Byron-Bergen Learning Community,

The Byron-Bergen Central School District Board of Education unanimously adopted the proposed 2022-2023 expense budget during its April 7, 2022 meeting.

Each year's budget process requires meticulous data analysis and extensive collaboration between the Board of Education, administrators, teachers, and staff; this year is no different. We are pleased to present the proposed 2022-23 Byron-Bergen Central School Budget of \$25,524,093. The proposed budget aligns with our goal of continuous academic improvement and supports innovation and college and career readiness.

We encourage you to review the information on the following pages to learn more about the budget, propositions, and Board candidates. Community members will also have an opportunity to learn more about the Budget and candidates at a public hearing on May 10, 2022 at 6 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium.

The budget presentation, bus purchase proposition, and additional resources are posted on our website at www.bbschools.org/budget. Please feel free to contact me or our Business Office at (585) 494 -1220 if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support and we encourage you to exercise your right to vote on May 17th.

Pat McGee Superintendent of Schools



Byron-Bergen Central School District's MISSION is to inspire, prepare, and support using the VALUES of compassion, humility, kindness, and persistence with the VISION to change the world.

BUDGET VOTE MAY 17, 2022



BUDGET VOTE DATES

May 10th Public Hearing on the 2022-23 Budget

May 17th Budget Vote and Board of Education

BUDGET AT-A-GLANCE

PROPOSED BUDGET

\$25.524.093

SPENDING INCREASE

2.13% over the current year

TAX LEVY INCREASE

1.75%

over the current year

WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT?

Voters will consider the following separate propositions on the ballot:

Proposition #1 - School Budget

The school will be authorized to expend the sum set forth in its estimate of expenditures for the 2022-23 school year in the amount of \$25,524,093 and to levy the necessary taxes therefore.

Proposition #2 – School Vehicle Replacement

The school will be authorized to spend up to \$315,000 to purchase and replace school buses.

Proposition #3 - New 2022 Reserve to Replace Old 2019 Reserve

The school would be authorized to create a new "School Vehicle Reserve-2022" to replace the old "School Vehicle Reserve-2019" with an increase in the maximum threshold of \$500,000. Any existing monies in the old 2019 reserve must be transferred to the new 2022 reserve.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS:

There are three full term (three year) Board seats up for election this year, commencing in July 2022. Qualified voters will select from the following candidates at the polls: Kimberly Carlson, Heidi Ball, and Jeffrey Cook.

Three part budget expenditures

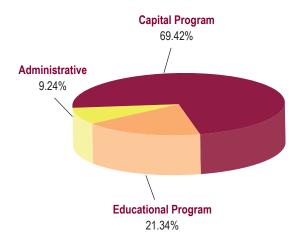
New York State law requires that school districts present the proposed budget in three parts: administrative, educational program, and capital.

Administrative component – includes expenses for the Board of Education, central administration, instructional supervision, curriculum development, legal services, central data processing, printing, mailing, storage, and employee benefits attributable to salaries included in these functions.

Educational program component - includes expenditures for instructional programs, school library/ audiovisual, attendance, counseling, health services, interscholastic athletics, student transportation, transfers to special aid fund, and employee benefits attributable to salaries included in these functions.

Capital component – includes expenses for operations and maintenance, grounds, security, utilities, principal and interest payments for debt service, transfers to capital fund, and employee benefits attributable to salaries included in these functions.

Total Budget: \$25,524,093





Component	Actual budget 2021-22	Proposed Budget 2022-23
ADMINISTRATIVE		
Board of Education	\$24,450	\$26,851
Central administration	\$259,525	\$246,471
Finance	\$372,544	\$373,106
Legal services	\$120,057	\$121,600
Public information	\$36,050	\$41,510
Other central services	\$193,700	\$223,840
Other special items	\$250,687	\$258,373
Curriculum, development & supervision	\$104,911	\$126,298
Supervision regular & special schools	\$584,156	\$573,648
Employee benefits	\$372,322	\$387,385
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	\$2,318,402	\$2,379,082
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM		
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Teaching special school	\$3,076,761	\$3,179,446
Pupil personnel services (attendance, counseling, health, psychologist, clubs, athletics, recreation/civic activities)	\$2,625,262	\$2,713,428
Pupil transportation	\$1,201,295	\$1,198,258
Garage building	\$80,570	\$62,404
Contract transportation and community service	\$4,000	\$0
Employee benefits	\$3,904,093	\$4,136,491
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM	\$17,260,368	\$17,659,645

CAPITAL		
Operations of plant	\$971,870	\$1,016,402
Maintenance of plant	\$758,067	\$747,053
Other special items	\$167,433	\$167,433
Principal/interest payments	\$3,180,120	\$3,213,929
Transfer to Capital Fund for Outlay Project*	\$100,000	\$100,000
Employee benefits	\$234,805	\$240,549
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$5,412,295	\$5,485,366

TOTAL BUDGET	\$24,991,065	\$25,524,093
		

*Transfer to Capital Fund for Outlay Project

The 2022-23 general fund proposed budget includes a capital outlay project at the Jr/Sr High School Building. This project will include the removal of an underground fuel oil tank and some interior flooring renovations. The total cost of the project will not exceed \$100,000 and is aided through NYS building aid. By completing this work in the 2022-23 school year, the District will receive the NYS building aid in the subsequent year.

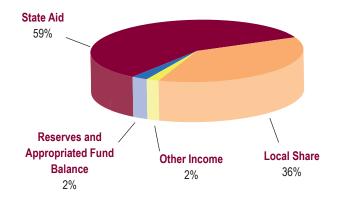
Component	Actual budget 2021-22	Proposed budget 2022-23	Dollar increase (decrease)	Percentage increase (decrease)
Administrative	\$2,318,402	\$2,379,082	\$60,680	2.62%
Educational program	17,260,368	17,659,645	399,277	2.31%
Capital	5,412,295	5,485,366	73,071	1.35%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$24,991,065	\$25,524,093	\$533,028	2.13%

2022-23 Revenue

Revenue Sources	Actual Budget 2021-22	Proposed Budget 2022-23
Local property tax & STAR	\$9,024,961	\$9,183,231
Other tax items	\$125,075	\$145,025
Sales tax	\$35,000	\$35,000
Charges for services	\$12,000	\$12,000
Use of money & property	\$104,000	\$122,000
Other revenue	\$245,000	\$245,800
State aid	\$13,964,272	\$15,126,037
Federal aid	\$830,757	\$30,000
Reserves	\$200,000	\$200,000
Appropriated fund balance	\$450,000	\$425,000
TOTAL	\$24,991,065	\$25,524,093

The major sources of projected revenue for the 2022-23 school year are shown in the graph. State and Federal aid accounts for 59.38% of revenues. The local share, which represents local property taxes and STAR, accounts for 35.98% of revenues. District income, which represents all other sources of revenue, accounts for 4.64% of revenues.

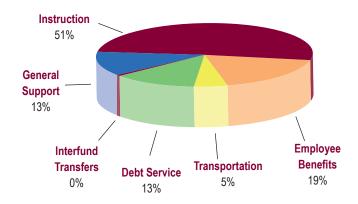
Total Proposed Revenue: \$25,524,093



2022-23 Proposed Expenditures

Proposed Expenditures	Actual Budget 2021-22	Proposed Budget 2022-23
Board of Education, Central Administration & District Office	\$776,577	\$768,029
Maintenance	\$1,729,937	\$1,763,454
Printing, postage, liability insurance, BOCES administrative cost	\$647,870	\$691,156
Supervision	\$689,068	\$699,946
Instruction – regular	\$6,368,387	\$6,369,618
Instruction – special education	\$3,076,761	\$3,179,446
Occupational education & summer school	\$774,875	\$813,726
Audio/Visual, Technology & Student services	\$1,362,512	\$1,399,537
Co-curricular/Inter-scholastic	\$487,875	\$500,165
Transportation & community service	\$1,285,865	\$1,260,662
Employee benefits	\$4,511,218	\$4,764,425
Transfer to Debt Service Fund for Debt Payment	\$3,180,120	\$3,213,929
Transfer to Capital Fund for Capital Outlay Project	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL	\$24,991,065	\$25,524,093

Total Proposed Expenditures: \$25,524,093



School bus proposition

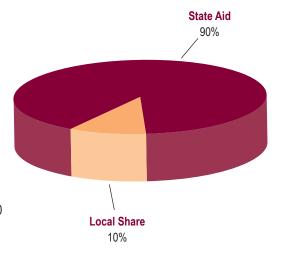
The District will have a proposition to purchase replacement school buses on the ballot on May 17, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$315,000. The proposition includes the purchase of two (2) 66 passenger buses and one (1) wheelchair bus. With the purchase of buses annually, the District will continue to have the fleet of 24 school vehicles on a 7 to 9 year replacement schedule.

Byron Bergen is receiving approximately 90% State transportation aid on our 2021-22 school bus purchase. If the aid ratio remains the same for these two new buses,

the district would receive \$283,500 in aid. The remaining \$31,500 would be local share responsibility.

Summary of bus proposition:

- Proposition amount = \$315,000
- Proposed # of buses = 2
- Proposed # of wheelchair bus = 1
- State transportation aid = \$283,500
- Local share = \$31,500
- Local share per bus = \$12,000
- Local share for the wheelchair bus = \$7,500
- Tax increase for a \$100,000 home = less than \$2.00/year



School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2021-22 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2022-23 School Year *
Total budgeted amount, not including separate propositions	\$24,991,065	\$25,524,093	\$25,307,823
Increase/decrease for the 2022-23 school year		\$533,028	\$316,758
Percentage increase/decrease in proposed budget		2.13%	1.27%
Change in the consumer price index		4.7%	
A. Proposed levy to support the total budgeted amount	\$9,024,961	\$9,183,231	
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)	\$9,024,961	\$9,183,231	\$9,024,961
F. Total permissible exclusions	\$189,703	\$210,512	
G. School tax levy limit, excluding levy for permissible exclusions	\$8,835,258	\$8,972,719	
H. Total proposed school year tax levy, excluding levy to support library debt and/or permissible exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$8,835,258	\$8,972,719	
Difference: G – H (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval – See note below regarding separate propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative component	\$2,318,402	\$2,379,081	\$2,339,328
Program component	\$17,260,368	\$17,659,645	\$17,568,141
Capital component	\$5,412,295	\$5,485,366	\$5,400,353

^{*} Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2022-23 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

The 2022-23 tax levy amount would remain the same as the 2021-22 actual tax levy amount. As a result, the 2022-23 proposed budget must be adjusted to reflect the reduction in tax collection. The 2022-23 budget reductions include the elimination of all equipment purchases (per Education Law), elimination of public newsletters, elimination of Alumni Hall of Fame inductees, reduction in staff development and reduction in materials and supplies purchases.

** 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
Acquisition of two (2) 66 passenger school buses and one (1) wheelchair bus	\$315,000
Creation of a new school vehicle reserve - 2022	Max threshold of \$1,000,000, and roll-over of 2019 reserve monies into 2022 reserve.

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$712 Batavia, \$670 Bergen, Byron & Stafford, \$717 Clarendon, \$698 Elba, \$700 LeRoy, \$643 Riga, \$622 Sweden

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Byron Bergen School District, Genesee, Monroe and Orleans Counties, New York, will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of 12:00 pm and 9:00 pm, prevailing time in the Jr/Sr High School building, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot. This year again, voters can request an absentee ballot application for an absentee ballot due to "Fear of COVID". To receive an absentee ballot application, please contact Rachel Stevens at taxcollector@bbschools.org or (585) 494 – 1220 ext. 2529. * Your name, phone number and address are required.*

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

Answering your tax-related questions...

Q. What is Byron-Bergen Central School's budget for next year?

A. The proposed budget is \$25,524,093. This represents a budget-to-budget increase of 2.13%.

Q. Were any programs or staff cut in the 2022-23 proposed budget?

A. No, the school is receiving additional State aid this year, no cuts were made.

Q. What is Byron-Bergen's allowable tax levy limit?

A. Under the law, the school could establish a maximum tax levy limit of 2.31% for a simple majority vote. However, with the promised increase in State Aid funds, the District will be able to balance our budget with a proposed tax levy increase of 1.75% for 2022-23 school year.

Q. Were any programs added to the 2022-23 proposed budget?

A. The school continues to add programs in the areas of Advanced Placement courses, STEM and science, Agriculture, and other course electives; along with providing extra support at our elementary levels for reading and math interventions. We also plan on continuing our summer learning programing for students K-8 and our extended day programing for students at the Elementary and Jr./Sr. High School levels next year. Most importantly, we put the social and emotional health of our students at the forefront and have added a school social worker to the Elementary School. We continue to prioritize Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) across the District.

Q. Why is the budget increasing 2.13%?

A. The majority of the spending increase is resulting from a 12.5% increase in health insurance premiums, increases in out of district tuition costs for some new students, increases in utility costs, and replacement of student 1:1 technology devices which are reaching "end of life" in June 2022.

Q. Why is the School presenting Proposition #3 asking for the voters to establish a new reserve fund titled, "School Vehicle Reserve-2022"?

A. On May 21, 2019, the school received voter approval to create "School Vehicle Reserve-2019" with a maximum funding threshold of \$500,000. Starting with the 2022-23 the school year, the school will be using monies from the "School Vehicle Reserve-2019" to purchase buses and will not be borrowing. Using these reserve funds allows the school to save money as attorney fees, financial advisor fees, and interest costs will not be incurred. With the 2019 Reserve threshold set at \$500,000 and the cost of school buses increasing, the District will only be able to use the 2019 reserve for two years. By the end of the 2023-24 school year the entire \$500,000 will be expended. Proposition #3 on the May 17, 2022 ballot is asking voters to authorize the creation of a new "School Vehicle Reserve-2022" with a maximum threshold of \$1 million. Just like the old 2019

Reserve, the new 2022 Reserve would only be used to purchase school vehicles; however, the school would be able to use the reserve for bus purchases beyond the 2023-24 school year. As the proposition language states, "if the voters approved the creation of the new 'School Bus Vehicle Reserve-2022,' the existing 'School Bus Vehicle Reserve-2019' must be dissolved and any monies in the old 2019 reserve must be transferred to the new 2022 Reserve.

Q. Is the STAR program still in effect?

A. Yes. The STAR program is in effect. The STAR exemption is a reduction on your school tax bill for homeowners who participated in the STAR exemption program prior to 2015 and continue to meet the eligibility requirements. For the Basic STAR exemption, the homeowner will see a reduction of \$30,000 in taxable assessed value. For the Enhanced STAR exemption, the homeowner will see a reduction of \$74,900 in taxable assessed value.

The STAR credit check is for eligible homeowners since 2015 and after. If you purchased your primary residence after August 1, 2015 and your income is \$500,000 or less, you will receive a STAR check in the mail each year. For the STAR credit check method only, STAR exemption amounts may be increased by New York State by 2% or less each year.

Q. How do new homeowners apply for their STAR benefit?

A. For homes purchased after August 1, 2015, the homeowner will need to register for the STAR credit through New York State rather than applying with your assessor. For these homeowners, a STAR credit will be received in the form of a check from New York State directly.

Q. Am I eligible for the Enhanced Star benefit?

A. If you own your home and it is your primary residence, are age 65 by December 31, 2022 and your income is \$92,000 or less, you are eligible for the Enhance STAR benefit. Go to www.tax.ny.gov for more information.

Q. What effect does an increase in property assessments have on my school taxes?

A. Increases in property assessments can cause an increase in your tax bill to be greater than the proposed 1.75%. Please note, the

school is not involved in any increases/ decreases with your property assessment. If you have any questions with regard to your assessment or need any information changed on your tax bill, you should contact your town tax assessor.



What will you see at the polls?

Proposition #1 – 2022-23 School Budget

RESOLVED that the proposed budget of expenditures of the Byron-Bergen Central School District for the school year 2022-23, totaling \$25,524,093 and for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditures adopted by the Board of Education, be and the same hereby is approved and the amount thereof shall be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, after first deducting the monies available from State Aid and other sources as provided by law.

Proposition #2 - Acquisition of School Buses

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Byron-Bergen Central School District is hereby authorized to acquire two (2) 66 passenger school buses and (1) wheelchair bus at a cost not to exceed \$315,000. which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof, expend such sums for such purpose, levy the tax necessary therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education, taking into account State aid received, and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, to issue bonds and notes of the district at one time or from time to time, or enter into a lease-purchase agreement to acquire said vehicles.

Proposition #3 – School Vehicle Reserve Fund

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Byron-Bergen Central School District, Genesee, Monroe and Orleans Counties, New York (the "District") is hereby authorized and directed to:

- (A) Establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Education Law Section 3651, to be known as the "School Vehicle Reserve-2022" for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, the purchase of school buses and vehicles by the District, with the ultimate amount of such reserve fund not exceeding one million and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000,000) plus any accrued earnings on amounts deposited in such reserve fund, the probable existence of said reserve fund being ten (10) years, but with such reserve fund continuing in existence for its stated purpose until liquidated in accordance with the Education Law, and the sources from which funds shall be obtained for said reserve fund being (i) current and future unappropriated fund balances from the School Vehicle Fund-2019 of the District, as directed by the Board of Education, and (ii) any other appropriations authorized by the voters from time to time; and
- (B) transfer to said capital reserve fund the entire balance on deposit in said District's existing School Vehicle Reserve-2019 established pursuant to Education Law Section 3651 pursuant to a proposition approved by the qualified voters of said District on May 21, 2019.

Proposition #4 – To elect THREE (3) MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION for a three (3) year term commencing on July 1, 2022 and expiring on June 30, 2025 and to succeed Kimberly Carlson, Yvonne Ace-Wagoner, and Jennifer VanValkenberg.

- 1. Kimberly Carlson
- 2. Heidi Ball
- 3. Jeffrey Cook

Estimated Tax Information

Homeowners are eligible for tax relief under New York State's Tax Relief Program (STAR). Upon application, homeowners may be eligible for up to a \$30,000 decrease in their assessment. Senior citizens (age 65 and older) may be eligible for Enhanced STAR for up to a \$74,900 decrease in their assessment. The STAR exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Maximum 2022-23 STAR Exemption Savings Municipality	Basic	Enhanced
Town of Batavia	\$712	\$1,596
Town of Bergen	\$670	\$1,580
Town of Byron	\$670	\$1,580
Town of Clarendon	\$717	\$1,596
Town of Elba	\$698	\$1,607
Town of LeRoy	\$700	\$1,596
Town of Riga	\$643	\$1,515
Town of Stafford	\$670	\$1,580
Town of Sweden	\$622	\$1,467

Due to recent changes to the STAR application process, homeowners are encouraged to visit www.tax.ny.gov/star for more details.

Tax	Actual 2021-22	Estimated 2022-23	\$ Change	% Change
Estimated true value tax rate per \$1,000 full valuation	\$22.84	\$23.05	\$0.21	.92%

Final tax rates are established in August, when the tax rolls are prepared. These figures are only projections subject to adjustments. Projections are based upon the latest assessed values provided by the individual town accessors, and equalization by the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services

B-B Wrestling Club Annual Chicken Barbecue

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4-7 p.m. Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria

Pre-sale tickets \$14.00

For tickets, see any wrestler or contact Rich Hannan at 494-1220, ext. 2003.

Meet the Board of Education Candidates



My name is Kimberly Carlson and I am seeking re-election to the Board of Education. It has been a privilege to serve this wonderful community over the past 7 years. I have lived in Byron with my husband Keith for the past 22 years. We have three sons who have attended or are currently attending Byron-Bergen: Cole (2019), Caleb (2022), and Cody (2027). I work part-time at Highland Hospital as a Sonographer in OB/ GYN. My husband, Keith, is a small business owner and very involved in the agriculture industry. We are active members of our church (Brockport Free Methodist).

I am seeking re-election because I want to continue to be part of the effort to support and help students to discover their talents and gifts by offering a quality education and good opportunities to help prepare them for their career path. My hope is that they would be motivated to keep moving forward and understand how valued they are and that each has a special purpose.

While I don't have all the answers to the challenges we have faced in the past two years, one important lesson we have learned is how important it is for children to be in school. We are fortunate to have so many amazing parents, teachers, and staff throughout our District that worked to support our children through so many obstacles the past couple of years.

If elected, my goal is to be a Board member that is trustworthy, a good listener, and thoughtful in my decisions and collaboration with the Board. I understand the importance of balancing the taxpayer's affordability with the financial needs of the District. I would be honored to serve our students and community again.



My name is Heidi Ball. I have lived in the Byron-Bergen school district with my husband Keith and two daughters, Cassidy (2023) and Katelyn (2026) for over 11 years. I am a Certified Public Accountant with over 28 years of experience working with small business heavily focused in agricultural. Early in my career. I worked with and audited both for-profit and non-profit organizations, including school districts, through a regional CPA firm in Rochester. The past 20 plus years I transitioned my focus to small business in Western NY, focusing on business consulting, succession planning, and taxation. Over the years the workforce has changed and I believe my work in the accounting industry has given me many opportunities to work with people in all age and skill

levels. With change comes challenges and I believe some of these challenges could be addressed right in the classroom.

If given the opportunity to serve, I believe my past and current experience has paved the way for me to be not only a productive listener, but could provide a business insight unique to a smaller rural community. I believe working hard, staying true to your values, and doing the best job you can, will help you not only in your professional life, but more importantly your personal life. These are the values my husband and I try to instill into our own family. I thank you for your consideration in serving as a Board member.





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Voter Eligibility and **Absentee Voting Information**

You are eligible to vote if you are:

- · a United States citizen
- · at least 18 years of age
- · have lived in Byron-Bergen Central School District for at least 30 days prior to vote
- * Identification required

All occupants of houses or apartments who meet the criteria may vote, as may any college student whose primary address is in the district. Pre-registration is not required.

Absentee Ballots

Voters are able to request an absentee ballot. If you would like to request an absentee ballot application, please contact Rachel Stevens at 585-494-1220 ext. 2529 or by email at taxcollector@bbschools.org. In all cases, the deadline for the return of all ballots is 5:00 pm on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 for the vote to be counted. Under Education Law, ballots are invalid if received later than this time.

Byron-Bergen Central Gchool District

Budget, Proposition Vote, and Board Candidate Election

In-person voting will take place:

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Jr./Sr. High School Wrestling/Fitness Room (Northwest corner of High School)

