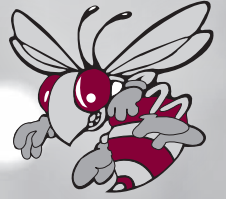


# The Focal Point

BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



Budget 2024

## Superintendent's Message

Dear Byron-Bergen Learning Community,

The Byron-Bergen Central School District Board of Education unanimously adopted the proposed 2024-2025 expense budget during its April 11, 2024 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 2024-25 Byron-Bergen Central School Budget of \$27,563,772. 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 at a public hearing on May 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium.

The budget presentation, propositions, and additional resources are posted on our website at [www.bbschools.org/budget](http://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 21<sup>st</sup>.

Pat McGee  
Superintendent of Schools

## BUDGET VOTE DATES

May 9<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing on the 2024-25 Budget

May 21<sup>st</sup> Budget Vote and Board of Education Elections

## BUDGET AT-A-GLANCE

### PROPOSED BUDGET

\$27,563,772

### TAX LEVY % & INCREASE

1.75% \$161,501

### 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 2024-25 school year in the amount of \$27,563,772 and to levy the necessary taxes therefore.

#### Proposition #2 – School Vehicle Replacement

The School will be authorized to spend up to \$335,000 to purchase and replace school buses and vehicles. In some school years, the District has a larger number of students attending BOCES, with a larger bus the School will be able to transport all the students in one trip rather than having to make two trips. In addition, the School needs another wheelchair bus. If this bus proposition is approved and the wheelchair bus is ordered as of 7/1/24, it will not be manufactured and available for delivery to the School until 16 to 18 months later, which will be sometime between October to December of 2025.

#### Proposition #3- New Repair Reserve - 2024

The School will be authorized to create a new Repair Reserve - 2024 "savings" account with a maximum threshold of \$2,000,000. This repair reserve would have a life of 15 years and can only be funded a total of \$2 million over that lifetime (i.e. If the reserve is funded \$500,000 as of 6/30/2025 and \$500,000 is spent on repairs in the 2025-26 school year, the District can only fund the difference of \$1.5 million over the remaining 13 years of the repair reserve). Any excess yearend funds set aside into this reserve would be available for repairs to facilities, equipment and etc, as long as the repair cost is not an annual cost.

#### Proposition #4 – Change walking Distance for Students

The School would be authorized to change the walking distance for students from less than 2 miles for PreK through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and less than 3 miles for 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade to Zero (0) for all grades. By making this change, the School would be able to receive additional NYS Transportation Aid for the students who reside within the less than 2 miles for grades PreK through 8 and the less than 3 miles for grades 9 through 12. Byron Bergen already provides transportation for all students residing in the District, this means there is no impact on our current bus routes.

# BUDGET VOTE

## MAY 21, 2024

### BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS:

There are two full term (three year) Board seats up for election this year, commencing in July 2024. Interested voters will select from the following candidates at the polls: Debra List and Lynn Smith.

# Three part budget expenditures

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

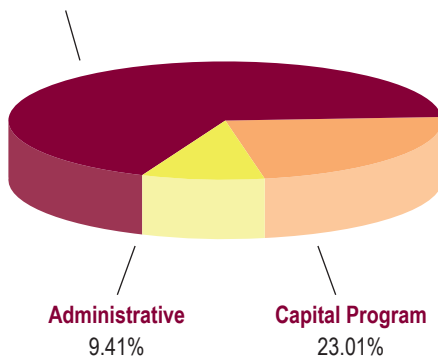
**Administrative component** – includes expenses for the Board of Education, central administration, instructional supervision, curriculum development, legal services, central data processing, printing, mailing, storage and employee benefits attributable to salaries included in these functions.

**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: \$27,563,772**

**Educational Program**  
67.58%



Component	Actual Budget 2023-24	Proposed Budget 2024-25
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>		
Board of Education and District Meetings	\$32,135	\$32,250
Central Administration	\$253,932	\$263,560
Finance	\$388,365	\$415,851
Legal Services and Public Information	\$181,621	\$195,510
Other central services	\$226,840	\$234,500
Other special items	\$272,109	\$294,659
Curriculum, Development & Supervision	\$136,560	\$124,970
Supervision Regular & Special Schools	\$617,368	\$626,749
Employee Benefits	\$396,483	\$404,731
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>\$2,505,413</b>	<b>\$2,592,780</b>

<b>EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM</b>		
Teaching Regular School	\$6,596,516	\$6,910,944
Teaching Special School	\$3,093,068	\$3,135,013
Pupil Personnel Services (attendance, counseling, health, psychologist, clubs, athletics, recreation/civic activities)	\$2,834,468	\$2,943,501
Pupil Transportation	\$1,201,572	\$1,255,615
Garage Building	\$67,791	\$64,790
Contract Transportation and Community Service	\$0	\$7,500
Employee Benefits	\$4,216,829	\$4,309,943
<b>TOTAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$18,010,244</b>	<b>\$18,627,306</b>

<b>CAPITAL</b>		
Operations of Plant	\$1,096,337	\$1,158,378
Maintenance of Plant	\$738,851	\$825,351
Other Special Items	\$167,433	\$167,433
Principal/Interest Payments	\$3,108,100	\$3,843,072
Transfer to Capital Fund for Outlay Project*	\$100,000	\$100,000
Employee Benefits	\$246,024	\$249,452
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$5,456,745</b>	<b>\$6,343,686</b>

<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$25,972,402</b>	<b>\$27,563,772</b>
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\*Transfer to Capital Fund for Outlay Project

The 2024-25 general fund proposed budget includes a capital outlay project at the Jr/Sr High School Building. This project will continue the replacement of exterior and interior doors, door hardware and card reader systems. The total cost of the project will not exceed \$100,000 and is aided through NYS building aid. By completing this work in the 2024-25 school year, the District will receive the NYS building aid in the subsequent year.

Component	Actual Budget 2023-24	Proposed Budget 2024-25	Dollar increase (decrease)	Percentage increase (decrease)
Administrative	\$2,505,413	\$2,592,780	\$87,367	3.49%
Educational program	\$18,010,244	\$18,627,306	\$617,061	3.43%
Capital	\$5,456,745	\$6,343,686	\$886,942	16.25%
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$25,972,402</b>	<b>\$27,563,772</b>	<b>\$1,591,370</b>	<b>6.12%</b>

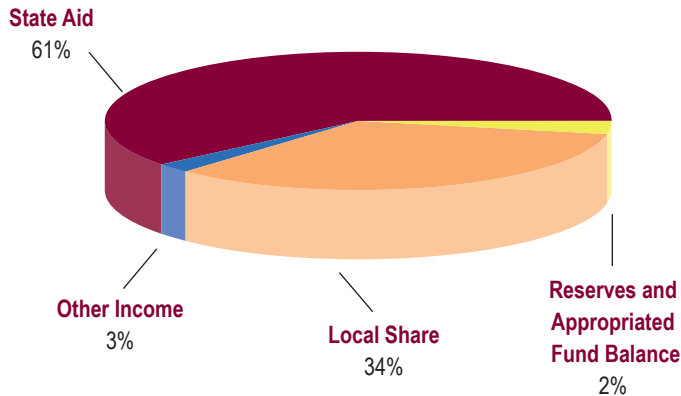


## 2024-25 Revenue

Revenue Sources	Actual Budget 2023-24	Proposed Budget 2024-25
Local property tax & STAR	\$9,223,509	\$9,385,010
Other tax items	\$152,892	\$205,018
Sales tax	\$50,000	\$60,000
Charges for services	\$5,722	\$6,000
Use of money & property	\$242,000	\$344,704
Other revenue	\$264,500	\$320,241
State aid	\$15,503,779	\$16,767,799
Federal aid	\$30,000	\$10,000
Reserves	\$200,000	\$200,000
Appropriated fund balance	\$300,000	\$265,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,972,402</b>	<b>\$27,563,772</b>

The major sources of projected revenue for the 2024-25 school year are shown in the graph. State and Federal aid accounts for 60.87 percent of revenues. The local share, which represents local property taxes and STAR, accounts for 34.05 percent of revenues. District income, which represents all other sources of revenue, accounts for 5.08 percent of revenues.

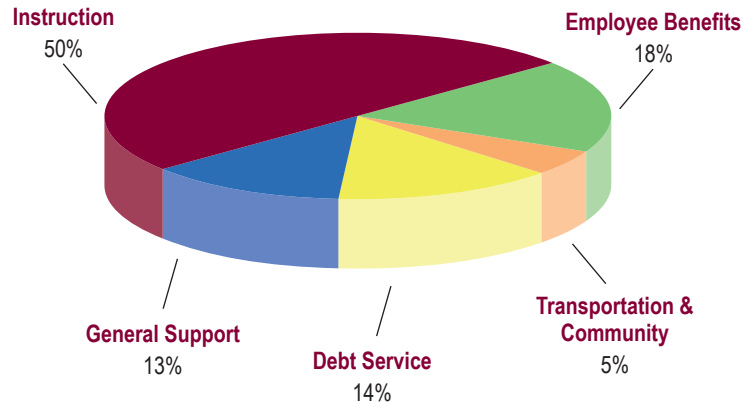
**Total Proposed Revenue: \$27,563,772**



## 2024-25 Proposed Expenditures

Proposed Expenditures	Actual Budget 2023-24	Proposed Budget 2024-25
Central Administration (Board of Ed., Business Office, Legal & Public Info)	\$818,045	\$860,661
Maintenance	\$1,835,188	\$1,983,730
Printing, postage, liability insurance, BOCES admin cost	\$704,392	\$743,102
Staff Development & Supervision	\$753,928	\$751,719
Instruction – regular	\$6,596,516	\$6,910,944
Instruction – special education	\$3,093,068	\$3,135,013
Occupational education & summer school	\$797,875	\$812,255
Library, Technology & Student services	\$1,499,003	\$1,564,346
Co-curricular/Inter-scholastic	\$537,590	\$566,900
Transportation & community service	\$1,269,362	\$1,327,905
Employee benefits	\$4,859,335	\$4,964,125
Transfer to Debt Service Fund for Debt Payment	\$3,108,100	\$3,843,072
Transfer to Capital Fund for Capital Outlay Project	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,972,402</b>	<b>\$27,563,772</b>

**Total Proposed Expenditures: \$27,563,772**



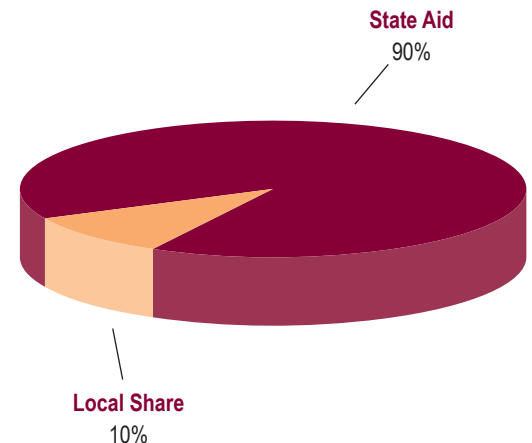
## School bus proposition

The district will have a proposition to purchase replacement school buses on the ballot on May 21, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$335,000. The proposition includes the purchase of one (1) 74 passenger bus and one (1) 30 passenger wheelchair bus. With the purchase of buses annually, the district will have a fleet of 27 school vehicles on a 9 year replacement schedule.

Byron Bergen is receiving approximately 90 percent state transportation aid on our 2024-25 school bus purchase, if the aid ratio remains the same for these two new buses, the district would receive \$301,500 in aid. The remaining \$33,500 would be local share responsibility.

### Summary of bus proposition:

- Proposition amount = not to exceed \$335,000
- Proposed # of regular buses = One (1) 74 passenger bus
- Proposed # of wheelchair buses = One (1) 30 passenger bus
- State transportation aid = \$301,500
- Local share = \$33,500
- Tax increase for a home assessed at \$100,000 = less than \$1.75/year



# School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2023-24 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2024-25 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 25,972,402	27,563,772	\$27,249,231
Increase/Decrease for the 2024-25 School Year		\$1,591,370	\$1,276,829
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		6.12%	4.92%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.12%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$9,223,509	\$9,385,010	
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)	\$9,223,509	\$9,385,010	\$9,223,509
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$94,269	\$94,249	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$9,129,240	\$9,290,761	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$9,129,240	\$9,290,761	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$2,505,413	\$2,592,780	\$2,571,588
Program Component	\$18,010,244	\$18,627,306	\$18,446,125
Capital Component	\$5,456,745	\$6,343,686	\$6,231,518

\* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2024-25 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

The 2024-25 tax levy amount would remain the same as the 2023-24 actual tax levy amount. As a result, the 2024-25 proposed budget must be adjusted to reflect the reduction in tax collection. The 2024-25 budget reductions include the elimination of all equipment purchases (per Education Law), elimination of public newsletters and reduction in postage and the elimination of Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee program.

\*\* 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 one (1) 74 passenger bus and one (1) 30 passenger wheelchair bus	\$335,000
Creation of a Repair Reserve Fund - 2024	Not to exceed \$2,000,000
Change Student Walking Distance	N/A

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$628 Batavia, \$610 Bergen, \$629 Byron, Clarendon & Elba, \$661 LeRoy, \$593 Riga, \$668 Stafford, \$589 Sweden

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2024-25 by the qualified voters of the Byron Bergen School District, Genesee, Monroe and Orleans Counties, New York, will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between the hours of 12:00pm and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Jr/Sr High Cafeteria (due to capital project construction), at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot. To receive an early or absentee ballot application, please contact Rachel Stevens at [taxcollector@bbschools.org](mailto:taxcollector@bbschools.org) or (585) 494 – 1220 ext. 2222. \*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 \$27,563,772. This represents a budget-to-budget increase of 6.12%. The majority of this increase is due to a new principal and interest payment for phase 1 of our 2021 capital project which will be completed by November 2024. The remainder of the increase is due to increases in contractual salaries, benefits (health insurance and retirement system) and utilities.

## Q. Were any programs or staff cut in the 2024-25 proposed budget?

- A. No, there were no program or staff cuts made in the 2024-25 budget. The School is receiving additional State Aid (both Foundation Aid and Building Aid) in the 2024-25 school year.

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

- A. Under the law, Byron Bergen can establish a maximum tax levy limit increase of 1.75% for a simple majority vote. With the promised increase in State Aid funds, the District will be able to balance the 2024-25 budget using the maximum tax levy limit increase of 1.75%. The 1.75% increase in the tax levy is a total increase of \$161,501 or an estimated \$0.36 increase to the 2023-24 tax rate. For a home assessed at \$100,000 this would result in an approximate increase of \$26 for the 2024-25 school year.

## Q. Why is the School presenting Proposition #3 asking the voters to establish a new reserve fund titled "Repair Reserve - 2024"?

- A. Proposition #3 is asking the voters to authorize the District to create an account to set aside some excess monies remaining at year end for the purpose of paying for unanticipated necessary repairs to existing District buildings, facilities (which includes but not limited to playground, athletic fields, parking areas, roadways, sidewalks and other site improvements connected to such buildings and facilities) and repairs to or replacement of machinery, equipment, apparatus or furnishings. In order to open a savings account to start saving excess funds for possible repairs in future years, we are asking the voters to approve the creation of a new Repair Reserve fund titled "Repair Reserve – 2024". According to NYS law, a repair reserve cannot be used for an annual recurring expense. Some examples of potential future use of such a repair reserve could be to repair a roof damaged from windstorm, repair/replace classroom items damaged from a broken unit ventilator coil or to replace a malfunctioning scoreboard. The life of this reserve, if approved, is 15 years and the reserve can only be funded a maximum of \$2 million over the 15 year lifespan. If the District funds the reserve \$500,000 during the 2024-25 school year, then uses \$500,000 to replace damaged roofing during the 2025-26 school year, the District can only fund the repair reserve an additional \$1.5 million over the remaining 13 years.

## Q. Why is the School presenting Proposition #4 asking the voters to authorize the District to change the distance students are required to walk to School?

- A. When calculating Transportation Aid for Schools, New York State does not pay Transportation aid for students who ride the bus and reside

less than 2 miles for PreK through 8 and less than 3 miles for grades 9 through 12 from their school setting. NYS considers these students non-allowable pupils and not aidable. With voter authorization, the District would be able to change the distance students are required to walk to school from less than 2 miles for grades PreK to 8 and less than 3 miles for grades 9 to 12 to zero (0) miles for all grades. This change in walking distance would take effect as of July 1, 2024 and would have no impact on the District's bus routes as Byron Bergen currently busses all student in the District due to lack of sidewalks and potential safety concerns.

## 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 an approximate reduction of \$30,000 in taxable assessed value. For the Enhanced STAR exemption, the homeowner will see an average reduction of approximately \$84,000 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, 2024 and your income is \$98,700 or less, you are eligible for the Enhanced STAR benefit. Go to [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov) for more information.

## 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. What affect does an increase in property assessments have on my school taxes?

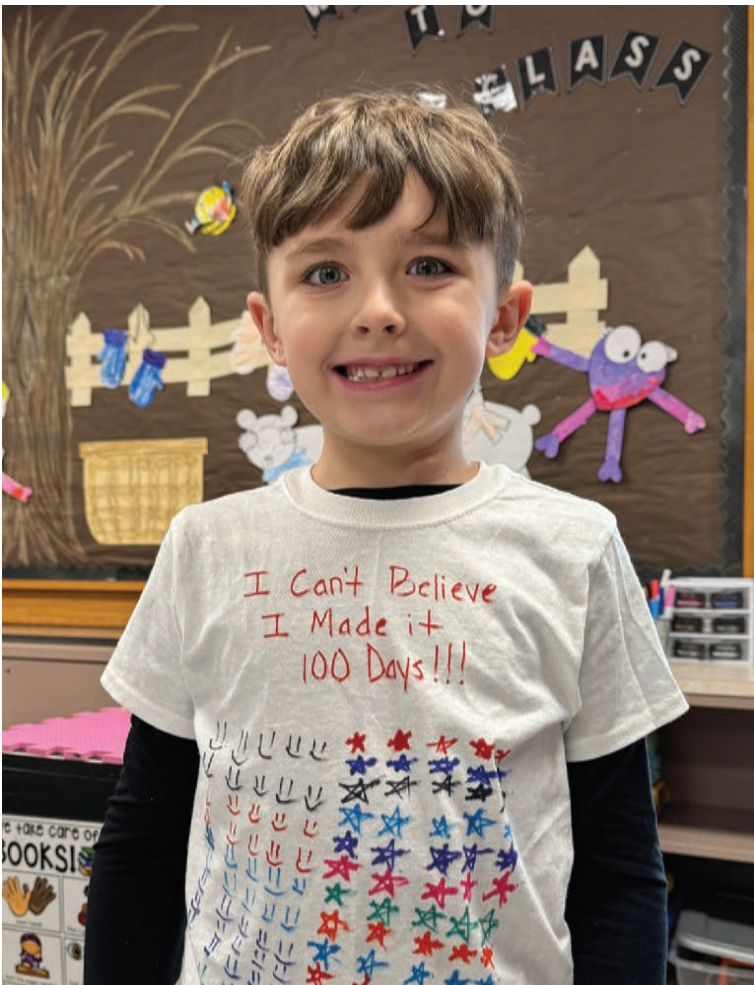
- A. Increases in property assessments can cause an increase in your tax bill to be greater than the proposed 1.75%. Please note, the school is not involved in any increases/decreases with your property assessment. If you have any questions with regard to your assessment or need any information changed on your tax bill, you need contact your town tax assessor.

# 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 an average \$30,000 decrease in their assessment. Senior citizens (age 65 and older) may be eligible for Enhanced STAR for at least a \$84,000 decrease in their assessment. The STAR exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Maximum 2024-25 STAR Exemption Savings by Municipality	Basic	Enhanced
Town of Batavia	\$697	\$1,596
Town of Bergen	\$670	\$1,580
Town of Byron	\$629	\$1,570
Town of Clarendon	\$629	\$1,570
Town of Elba	\$629	\$1,570
Town of LeRoy	\$697	\$1,596
Town of Riga	\$603	\$1,506
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](http://www.tax.ny.gov/star) for more details.



# True Value Tax Rate

Tax	Actual Average 2023-24	Estimated Average 2024-25	\$ Change	% Change
Tax rate per \$1,000 full valuation	\$21.21	\$21.57	\$0.36	1.70%

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 assessors, and equalization by the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services.

# Save the Date

Class of

2024

GRADUATION

June 21, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Byron-Bergen Soccer Stadium



# What will you see at the polls?

**Proposition #1** - RESOLVED that the proposed budget of expenditures of the Byron-Bergen Central School District for the school year 2024-25, totaling \$27,563,772 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** – RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Byron-Bergen Central School District is hereby authorized to acquire one (1) 74 passenger bus and one (1) 30 passenger wheelchair bus at a cost not to exceed \$335,000, which is estimated to be the maximum cost hereof, 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** – 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:

establish a repair reserve fund pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 6-d, to be known as the “Repair Reserve - 2024” for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, repairs to existing District’s buildings and facilities, including the repair of playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation areas, parking areas, roadways, sidewalks and other site improvements connected to such buildings and facilities, and the repair of machinery, equipment, apparatus or furnishings required for the purposes thereof, with the ultimate amount of such reserve fund not exceeding two million dollars (\$2,000,000), plus any accrued earnings on amounts deposited in such reserve fund, the probable existence of said reserve fund being

fifteen (15) years, but said reserve fund to continue 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 General Fund of the District, as directed by the Board of Education, (ii) appropriations authorized by the voters from time to time, (iii) fund balances transferred from other reserve funds of the District as may be authorized by the Board of Education or by the voters of the District from time to time in accordance with applicable State law, and (iv) state aid, as directed by the Board of Education from time to time.

**Proposition #4** – 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:

change the distance students are required to walk to school from the New York State (NYS) guidelines of 2 miles for grades PreK through 8 and 3 miles for grades 9 to 12 to zero (0) miles for all grades. NYS Education Department states students who reside less than 2 miles from grades PreK through 8 and less than 3 miles from grades 9 through 12 from their school building, are not eligible for NYS Transportation Aid when being bussed from their home to the School and back again. However, this referendum, if approved by the District’s voters, will reduce the non-allowable transportation miles from the 2 miles for grades PreK through 8 and the 3 miles for grades 9 through 12 to zero (0) miles for all grades. As Byron Bergen School currently busses all students in the District, due to the lack of sidewalks and safety concerns, approval of this proposition would allow the School to receive NYS Transportation Aid for these students as well.

## Board of Education Candidates

The election of two (2) Board of Education trustees for a three-year term for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027



**BUDGET VOTE**  
**May 21, 2024**



# Meet the Board of Education Candidates



*Debi List*

My name is Debi List, married to Mark (38yrs), mom to 6 kids, and "Mimi" to 10 grandkids. I've worked for Brockport Animal Hospital for 24 yrs, lived in the district for 36 yrs and served on the Byron-Bergen school board for the last 27 yrs.

I am seeking re-election to the school board to help continue to be a part of the great work that happens daily here at our schools. My commitment to education and desire to do "what's best for kids" will always remain my first priority. As a board member I proudly represent our district at local, county, and state levels. I currently serve on 2 additional educational boards, always working for student success and positive outcomes. I attend trainings and workshops gaining the knowledge and information

needed to help make the best decisions for our students and district, and understand the time needed to be an effective member of the board.

Why serve? There are many reasons, and areas of concern for students everywhere, including here at Byron-Bergen. These include, funding, security, chronic absenteeism, budgets, safety, food insecurities, mental health, staff, bus driver and teacher shortages. I am proud and honored to serve our district with a focus to help find solutions to the issues our students, families and community face here in Byron-Bergen. If I'm a successful candidate I will continue to work hard in my role to best serve our community.

I respectfully ask for your support and vote on Election Day.



*Lynn Smith*

My name is Lynn Smith and I am running for re-election to the Board of Education at Byron-Bergen Central School District. Last spring, I was elected to serve on the Board and filled a vacant seat for a one-year term. It has been my honor and privilege to serve alongside other well-respected board members and have a voice in supporting decisions that impact all students at all levels; socially, physically, emotionally, and academically. This past year has gone quickly and I hope with your support and vote I look forward to continuing to serve a full three-year term.

My husband Doug and I have lived in Byron for 26 years. Our son, Kyle, is a 9th grader at the high school. I work at Children's Institute, a non-profit, affiliated with the University of Rochester. In this role, I work as Co-Director of Primary Project, a program that supports young learner's pre-K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade who exhibit school adjustment difficulties. My role is

to provide school-based teams across New York State and nationally with training and consultation so that they can be successful at implementing this evidence-based program. Outside of work, if I am not at one of Kyle's sports events or activities you may find me gardening, biking, hiking, kayaking, camping, or anything outdoors!

Our District theme is "Many Bees, One Hive". Over this past year I have continued to appreciate the vital role that each of us brings to our school community. Whether a teacher, bus driver, grounds and maintenance, administrator, parent, or community member we all contribute collectively to cultivating the growth of our students. I look forward to continuing to do my part in contributing to our student's overall success and educational experiences and hope that you will do your part and come out and vote on May 21<sup>st</sup>! Go Bees!

## MUSIC NOTES



**Sr. High**  
**Spring Band Concert**  
April 25<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m.  
Jr./Sr. High Auditorium

**Sr. High**  
**Spring Chorus Concert**  
May 29<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m.  
Jr./Sr. High Auditorium

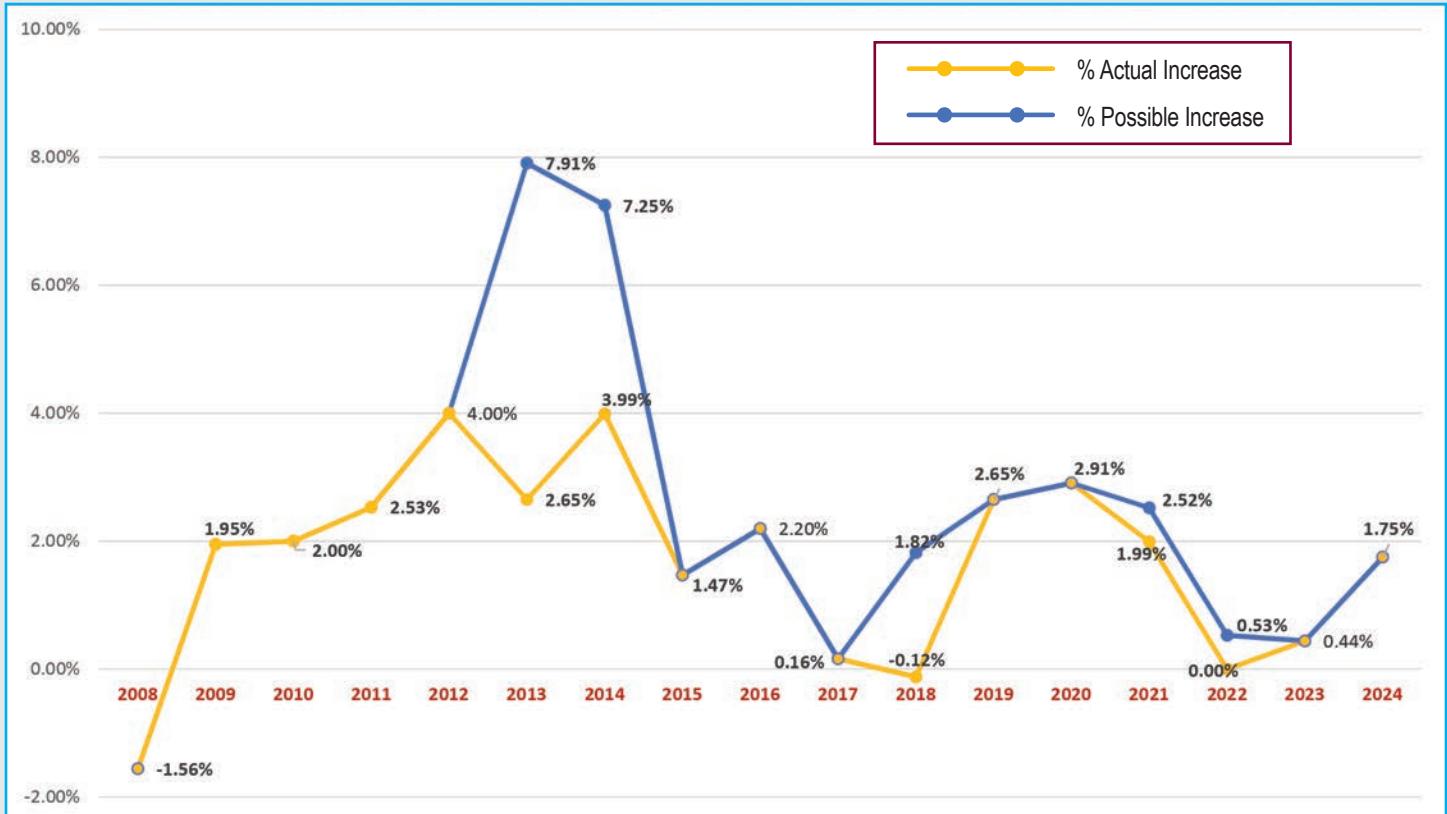
**Jr. High**  
**Spring Band & Chorus Concert**  
May 30<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m.  
Jr./Sr. High Auditorium

**5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**Spring Band & Chorus Concert**  
June 4<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m.  
Jr./Sr. High Auditorium

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**Spring Band & Chorus Concert**  
June 11<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m.  
Jr./Sr. HS Auditorium



## History of Possible Tax Levy % Compared to Actual Tax Levy %



## Voter Eligibility

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/Early Voting Ballots

To receive an absentee/early voting ballot, qualified voters will need to complete an application. Byron-Bergen's absentee/early voting ballot application is available upon request to the Board Clerk, Rachel Stevens, at [taxcollector@bbschools.org](mailto:taxcollector@bbschools.org) or at 585-494-1220 ext. 2222. The application must be completed in full and returned to the Board Clerk no later than Tuesday, May 14, 2024. This allows time for the mailing of the absentee/early voting ballot and accompanying official absentee/early voting ballot envelope to approved applicants.

Official absentee/early voting ballots must be inside the official absentee/early voting ballot envelope and must be returned to the Board Clerk by the day of the vote, Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.



## B-B Wrestling Club Annual Chicken Barbecue

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024  
4-7 p.m.**

Chicken BBQ pick up is located in the  
Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria - enter through  
the Jr./Sr. High School Main Entrance

**Presale tickets \$15.00**

**For tickets, see any wrestler or contact  
Rich Hannan at 494-1220, ext. 2003 or  
[rhannan@bbschools.org](mailto:rhannan@bbschools.org).**

The Byron-Bergen Music Department,  
Art Department and Music Boosters  
Proudly Announce the

## BUZZIN' BISTRO Jazz Night & Art Show

**Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>  
6:00 - 8:00 P.M.**

**in the Byron-Bergen  
Junior High School Gymnasium**



**Featuring:**

**5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Musicians,  
Music Department & Staff Member Performances**

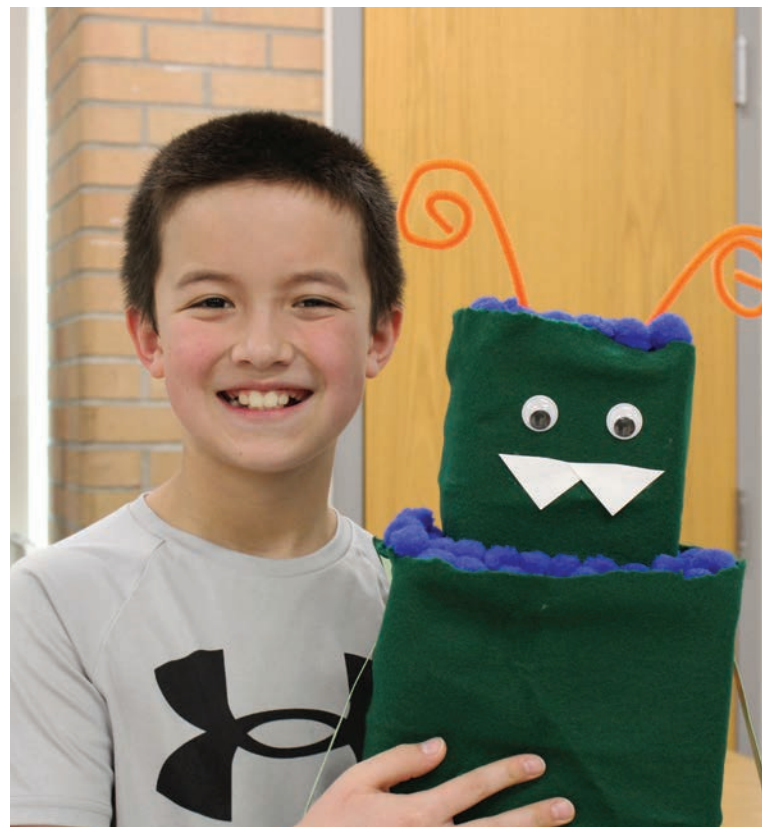
**Student  
Art Show!**



+ Cookies and Coffee provided


**FREE ADMISSION**

**Sponsored by Music Boosters**





July 2024						
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# BYRON-BERGEN CSD

## INSTRUCTIONAL

## CALENDAR 2024-2025

### July/August

New Teacher Orientation August 21-22 2024  $\longleftrightarrow$   
Professional Development (*non-tenured teachers*)- August 22, 2024 ☐

### Holidays/Recesses ☐

Independence Day - July 4, 2024  
Labor Day - September 2, 2024  
Columbus Day - October 14, 2024  
Veterans' Day - November 11, 2024  
Thanksgiving Recess - November 27-29, 2024  
Winter Recess - December 23, 2024 - January 1, 2025  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - January 20, 2025  
Lunar New Year - January 29, 2025  
February Recess - February 17-21, 2025  
Spring Recess - April 11-21, 2025  
Memorial Day - May 26, 2025  
Juneteenth - June 19, 2025

**First Day of School** September 4, 2024  $\odot$

**Last Day of School** June 27, 2025  $\diamond$

### Testing Schedule $\text{—}$

January Regents - January 21-24, 2025  
3rd - 8th Grade NYS ELA Testing - April 8-9, 2025  
3rd - 8th Grade NYS Math Testing - April 29-30, 2025  
AP Exams: May 5-22  
5th & 8th Grade Science Test - May 6, 2025  
June Regents - June 4, 10, 18-27, 2025  
Regents Rating Day - Jan 24, June 26 & 27, 2025

### Superintendent's Conference Days $\nabla$

#### No School For Students

Superintendent's Conference Day - August 28, 2024  
Superintendent's Conference Day - September 3, 2024  
Superintendent's Conference Day - October 11, 2024  
Superintendent's Conference Day - January 24, 2024  
Superintendent's Conference Day - March 21, 2025

### Parent Teacher Conference $\bigcirc$

1/2 Day of School - PreK-12 - November 22, 2024  
1/2 Day of School - PreK-5 (only) - November 25 & 26, 2024  
1/2 Day of School - PreK-5 (only) - March 20, 2025

### Days Of Instruction

September	19 + 1
October	21 + 1
November	17
December	15
January	19 + 1
February	15
March	20 + 1
April	15
May	21
June	19

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# *Byron-Bergen Central School District*

## **Budget, Proposition Vote, and Board Candidate Election**

**Tuesday,  
May 21, 2024**

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

**Please note our new temporary  
voting location due to  
Capital Project work:  
Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria**

