

**St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services and
St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties School Boards Association**



2022-2023

Annual Meeting & Budget Booklet

Hosted by:
St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES
40 West Main Street
Canton, NY 13617

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BOCES Vision

The St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES is committed to providing students, families, schools and communities with educational opportunities to prepare for successful futures in the evolving global economy.

BOCES Mission

The St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Mission is to provide quality, cost-effective programs and services characterized by leadership, innovation, creativity, and flexibility, to:

- Prepare students to become contributing members of their community,
- Initiate programs in response to emerging needs,
- Encourage the sharing of resources and expertise,
- Provide opportunities for professional growth,
- Include constituents in the decision-making process,
- Provide professional and technical assistance.

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The 2022-23 proposed SLL BOCES budget represents the broad array of programs and services offered to our component school districts. Our budget is developed over the course of the school year utilizing district and BOCES stakeholders, as well as advisory committees. After the school district's programmatic and student needs are identified, budgets are finalized which are a reflection of our school district's requests for services for the coming school year.

To say that the 2022-23 school district and BOCES budget landscape is unique is a huge understatement. It is an unprecedented period of change that will see larger than usual infusions of federal and state aid coming to districts, which must be spent within the next three years, while at the same time being confronted by labor and staff shortages and high inflation. While the dynamics have changed, this will test our capacity more than ever and the BOCES can certainly assist with regional needs assessment and planning, coordination of training and professional development, and the expertise of working with large federal grants and monies to leverage positive outcomes for our students. Increasing staff shortages will require us to share programs more than ever. BOCES aid is still an effective way to maximize your state and federal dollars while smoothing out the effects of the fiscal drop-off that occurs following the expiration of CARES Act, ESSER and ARP monies.

By statute, the component school districts boards will vote on the administrative portion of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES budget on Monday, April 25, 2022. Once adopted, the administrative budget cannot be changed for the next school year, while the services portion of the budget may be adjusted as districts request new or expanded programs over the course of the 2022-23 school year. The administrative budget is approximately 13% of the overall budget, and the primary factor in the administrative increase is retiree health insurance. These legacy costs total over 75% of the administrative budget.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about the proposed budget and our services for next year.

On behalf of the BOCES Board and staff,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom".

Thomas R. Burns
District Superintendent/CEO



2022 SLL BOCES Board of Education



Roger Bennett
President
Term Expires: 2022



John "Jack" Zeh, DVM
Vice President
Term Expires: 2024



William Cartwright
Term Expires: 2023



Michael Davis
Term Expires: 2022



James Lattimer
Term Expires: 2024



Cindy McLean
Term Expires: 2022



Michael Miller
Term Expires: 2023



Ward Remington
Term Expires: 2024



Kevin Wells
Term Expires: 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Thomas R. Burns, District Superintendent/Executive Officer
Darin P. Saiff, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

CTE, Alternative, and Adult Education

Jane Akins, Director of Career, Alternative & Adult Education
Kyle DiTullio, Principal, Northwest CTE Center
Lori Sheffield, Principal, Seaway CTE Center
Nicki O'Donnell, Assistant Principal, Seaway CTE Center
Holly Durham, Principal, Southwest CTE Center
Lisa McKeel, Supervisor of Instructional Resources
Dave Evans, Program Manager of Adult Education

Educational Support Services

Nicole Ashley, Director of Financial Affairs/CBO
Arlis Frego, School Food Management Services
Mark Wilson, Section X Athletic Director
Darlene Bessette, Supervisor of Purchasing Services
Kevin Perretta, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds

Instruction, Staff Development, and Technology

Jill Farrand, Director of Instructional Services
Elizabeth Nee, Supervisor of Title I Services
Johnathan Hirschey, Supervisor of Instructional Technology
Lori Remington, Director of IT

Learning Resources

Ginger Tebo, LRC Supervisor/ School Library System

Office of Labor Relations/Human Resources

Marshall Fiese, Director of Labor Relations/General Counsel
Andrew Silver, Labor Relations Specialist
TBD, Human Resources Administrator

Special Education Programs

Renee' Langtry-Green, Director of Special Education
Jacqueline Bill, Special Education Principal
Emilyann McGregor, Special Education Principal
Lori Murray, Special Education Principal
Rachel O'Donnell, Special Education Principal
Julie Austin-Kormanyos, Special Education Principal

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The Annual meeting of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Sole Supervisory District of the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties, was held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Educational Services Center, Canton, New York.

Due to the pandemic the Annual meeting was held both in person and via zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

Roger M. Bennett, Board President for St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, called to order the meeting at 5:35 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All stood for the pledge of allegiance

**INTRODUCTION OF BOCES
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Thomas R. Burns, District Superintendent for St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES introduced the current Board and the schools they represent.

**REVIEW OF THE 2021-2022
BOCES TENTATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE,
CAPITAL, AND PROGRAM BUDGETS:**

Thomas R. Burns, District Superintendent provided a review of the 2021- 2022 tentative Administrative, Capital, and Program Budgets.

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES:

Thomas R. Burns, District Superintendent noted the member candidates and the school districts that nominated them:

Richard Hamilton – Hermon-Dekalb Central School District
Craig Lalonde – Ogdensburg Free Academy
James Lattimer – Brasher Falls Central School District
Ward Remington – Dekalb Junction Central School District
John “Jack” Zeh – Edwards-Knox Central School District

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by James Young, seconded by Kevin Perretta to adjourn the Annual meeting at 6:18 pm.

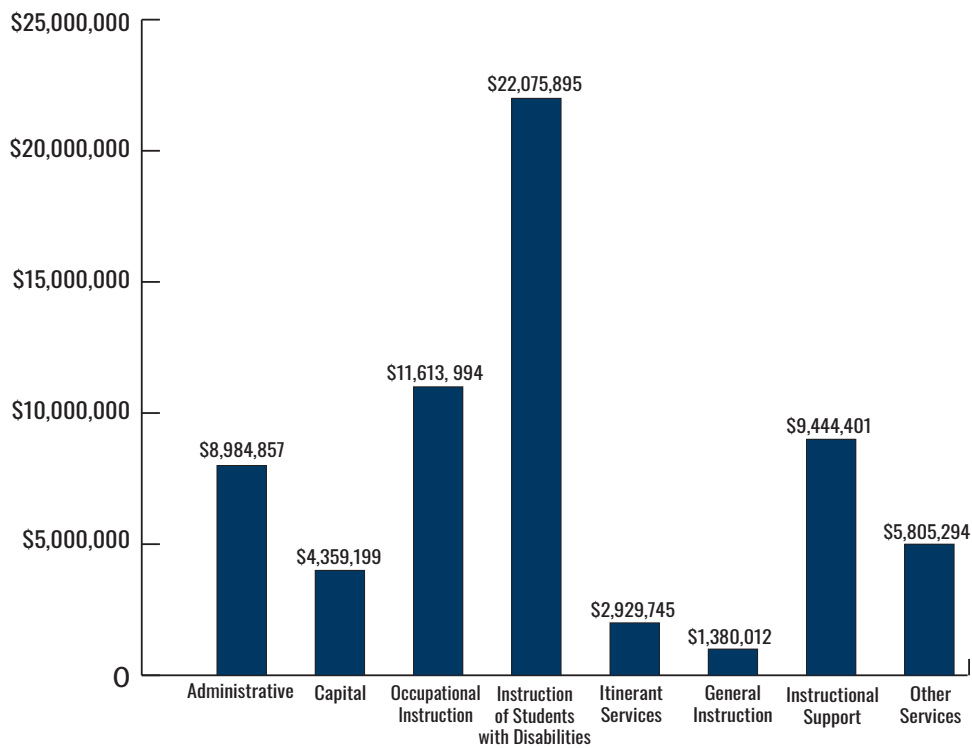
Budget Summary 2022-23

The SLL BOCES serves 18 local school districts in St. Lawrence and Lewis Counties, which have more than 40 schools and approximately 20,000 students. The SLL BOCES enables the county's residents to enjoy all the benefits of locally-controlled schools while also reaping the benefits of belonging to a large cooperative.



Funding comes from the 18 local districts. Each pays a proportional share of SLL BOCES' administrative costs, and local school boards vote on the administrative budget each spring. In addition, each district decides which SLL BOCES services it needs and then pays a share of the cost of those services. Schools receive BOCES aid from the state to encourage them to share services with one another. Since BOCES cannot levy taxes, all monies come from payment for services delivered to the school districts or from grants. Member districts share in the administrative costs of BOCES, and each member school districts board of education must approve the administrative budget.

Budget Breakdown for 2022-23



Administrative	\$8,984,857
Capital	\$4,359,199
Occupational Instruction	\$11,613,994
Instruction of Students with Disabilities	\$22,075,895
Itinerant Services	\$2,929,745
General Instruction	\$1,380,012
Instructional Support	\$9,444,401
Other Services	\$5,805,294

Administrative

1240 District Superintendent's Office		Code	2020-21 Actual Expenditures	2021-22 Current Budget	2022-23 Projected Budget
Certified Salary	.150	\$143,874	\$155,116	\$164,751	
Other Salaries	.160	71,359	71,326	72,610	
Unused Vacation	.167	1,297	0	0	
Equipment	.200	0	1,500	3,000	
Supplies	.300	782	2,500	2,500	
Contractual	.400	5,852	6,010	9,500	
Travel	.401	14,812	19,500	20,000	
Attorney	.474	43	4,000	4,000	
School District/Other BOCES	.490	43	1,900	1,900	
Employee Mileage/Reimbursement	.499	0	500	0	
Teachers Retirement	.800	13,711	17,394	17,396	
Employees Retirement	.801	11,996	13,053	9,512	
Workers Comp	.802	1,186	1,318	1,473	
Social Security	.803	5,520	12,039	15,952	
Health Insurance	.804	20,927	21,759	19,034	
Dental/Optical Insurance	.806	1,035	1,206	1,206	
Total - District Superintendent's Office		\$ 292,437	\$329,121	\$342,834	

1010 Board of Education		Code	2020-21 Actual Expenditures	2021-22 Current Budget	2022-23 Projected Budget
Claims Auditor	.161	\$0	\$0	\$8,295	
Supplies	.300	441	4,000	700	
Contractual	.400	64,200	82,317	76,000	
Internal Auditor	.401	0	7,000	20,000	
Publications	.403	0	1,500	0	
Attorney	.474	9,575	7,000	10,000	
School District/Other BOCES	.490	0	1,600	1,600	
Employees Retirement	.801	0	0	1,087	
Workers Comp	.802	0	0	51	
Social Security	.803	53	0	635	
Total - Board of Education		\$74,269	\$103,417	\$118,368	

Administrative

1310 Central Support		Code	2020-21 Actual Expenditures	2021-22 Current Budget	2022-23 Projected Budget
Business Office Salaries	.160		\$591,989	\$580,592	\$680,269
Budgeted Vacation	.167		13,861	7,500	7,500
Equipment	.200		2,261	4,500	4,500
Supplies	.300		3,612	7,500	7,500
Contractual	.400		59,154	51,049	41,623
Longevity	.465		10,000	10,000	0
Attorney	.474		2,374	8,500	8,500
School District/Other BOCES	.490		0	750	750
Employee Mileage/Reimbursement	.499		506	600	496
Employees Retirement	.801		90,937	108,258	79,945
Workers Comp	.802		3,366	3,646	4,218
Social Security	.803		45,200	53,637	52,041
Health Insurance	.804		153,935	193,815	180,196
Dental/Optical Insurance	.806 -.808		4,773	7,319	7,319
Total - Central Support			\$981,967	\$1,037,666	\$1,074,857

1900 Unclassified		Code	2020-21 Actual Expenditures	2021-22 Current Budget	2022-23 Projected Budget
RANS Interest	.700		\$105,000	\$165,000	\$165,000
Retiree Health Insurance	.899		5,746,823	6,361,118	6,729,916

9500 Transfers		Code	2020-21 Actual Expenditures	2021-22 Current Budget	2022-23 Projected Budget
Operations & Maintenance	.712		\$132,773	\$104,507	\$118,941
Distance Learning	.408		1,995	1,000	1,000
Printshop	.504		22,972	23,432	23,901
Electronic/Microcomputer Repair	.505		449	535	311
Instructional Technology	.506		4,788	1,574	1,732
Educational Communications	.509		200	200	200
School/Curriculum Improvement	.526		0	767	0
Cooperative Purchasing	.601		1,700	0	0

9500 Transfers	Code	2020-21 Actual Expenditures	2021-22 Current Budget	2022-23 Projected Budget
X/C Cap Region BOCES-Admin Computer	.608	\$871	\$1,022	\$725
Healthcare Administration	.611	442,668	294,379	294,379
X/C Questar III BOCES-State Aid Planning	.612	3,345	3,345	3,445
X/C Erie 1 BOCES-Policy Services	.616	3,075	3,095	3,195
Telephone Interconnect	.621	2,232	1,608	1,894
X/C Cap Region BOCES-Comm Service	.660	28,415	112,279	57,500
X/C PNW BOCES-Recruiting(OLAS)	.672	2,500	2,500	0
Human Resources	.714	4,814	6,266	3,976
Administrative Computer Service	.715	33,659	34,716	42,683
Total Transfer Charges from Other Services		\$686,455	\$591,225	\$553,882

TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET	2020-21 Actual Expenditures	2021-22 Current Budget	2022-23 Projected Budget
	\$7,886,951	\$8,587,547	\$8,984,857

TOTAL 2022-2023 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET	\$8,984,857
Less: Miscellaneous Income & Interest Charges	\$(200,000)
ACTUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CHARGES	\$8,784,857
TOTAL 2021-2022 SCHOOL DISTRICT CHARGES	\$8,387,547
DOLLAR DIFFERENCE	\$397,310
PERCENTAGE CHANGE	4.74%

- The BOCES salary of the District Superintendent is \$164,751. Additional state salary is \$43,499 for a total of \$208,250. Benefits paid on the salary totals \$42,818. The fringe includes such benefits as social security, teacher retirement, workers compensation, health insurance, dental insurance and unemployment insurance.
- A list of expenses eligible for reimbursement in the ensuing year:
 - Professional dues, travel, meetings, lodging, reimbursables ie: parking, tolls, etc. = \$20,000
 - Total of reimbursable expenses paid to the District Superintendent for the 2020-2021 year = \$1,083

Capital - Career & Technical Education

Capital	Code	2020-21 Actual Expenditures	2021-22 Current Budget	2022-23 Projected Budget
Rental of Facilities	.470	\$447,641	\$427,814	\$449,305
Dormitory Authority	.480	2,726,514	3,883,688	3,909,894
Transfer to Capital Fund	.910	100,000	55,000	0
Transfer Credits for Service Program	.970	-78,445	0	0
Total - Capital		\$3,195,710	\$4,366,502	\$4,359,199

Career & Technical Education	Code	2020-21 Actual Expenditures	2021-22 Current Budget	2022-23 Projected Budget
Certified Salaries	.150	\$4,173,430	\$4,487,795	\$4,477,254
Other Salaries	.160	289,197	379,293	352,782
Equipment	.200	547,598	271,280	419,920
Supplies	.300	614,509	1,139,036	760,907
Contractual	.400	172,916	254,276	358,439
School District/Other BOCES	.490	295	34,743	23,300
Employee Benefits	.800	2,424,934	2,572,435	2,686,051
Transfer to O&M	.950	1,659,644	1,918,464	2,008,787

Program budget is based on average enrollment of actual students over a 3 year period.

The above budget represents the following CoSers for 2022-2023:

- Career and Technical Education

70+
Cooperative Services
available in our region.

17
Technical Education
Programs available within
our 3 Technical
Education Centers.

35
Special Education
programs across
the region.

Instruction of Students with Disabilities

2020-21
Actual
Expenditures

2021-22
Current
Budget

2022-23
Projected
Budget

Instruction of Students with Disabilities	Code	2020-21 Actual Expenditures	2021-22 Current Budget	2022-23 Projected Budget
Certified Salaries	.150	\$6,445,445	\$7,227,070	\$7,285,704
Other Salaries	.160	141,329	472,295	190,715
Equipment	.200	31,476	16,354	16,354
Supplies	.300	41,093	175,787	145,356
Contractual	.400	64,670	1,122,561	1,296,982
School District/Other BOCES	.490	943,054	867,341	507,825
Employee Benefits	.800	5,322,509	5,670,074	6,093,201
Transfer to Other Programs	.960	7,131,807	7,066,517	6,539,758
Total - Instruction of Students with Disabilities		\$20,121,383	\$22,617,999	\$22,075,895

The above budget represents the following CoSers for 2022-2023:

- 201 Special Class 12:1+1
- 203 Special Class 6:1+1
- 204 Special Class 12:1+1
- 205 Community Based Work Program
- 207 Management Needs 8:1+1



Intinerant Services

Intinerant Services	Code	2020-21 Actual Expenditures	2021-22 Current Budget	2022-23 Projected Budget
Certified Salaries	.150	\$1,482,311	\$1,049,790	\$1,040,725
Other Salaries	.160	814,968	735,404	726,891
Equipment	.200	1,460	3,667	3,600
Supplies	.300	5,456	217	53,995
Contractual	.400	12,922	156,019	184,324
School District/Other BOCES	.490	101,632	53,750	0
Employee Benefits	.800	1,100,260	844,352	799,130
Transfer to Other Programs	.960	117,824	121,446	121,080
Total - Intinerant Services		\$3,636,833	\$2,964,644	\$2,929,745

The above budget represents the following CoSers for 2022-2023:

- 307 School Psychologist
- 308 Speech Impaired
- 310 Shared Administrator
- 312 Assistive Technology
- 313 Speech Impaired
- 314 Physical Therapy
- 316 Visually Impaired/Orientation and Mobility
- 317 School Psychologist
- 319 Counseling
- 324 Math AIS
- 331 Physical Education Teacher
- 335 Itinerant Librarian
- 343 Occupational Therapy
- 350 Audiology
- 360 Facilities Director

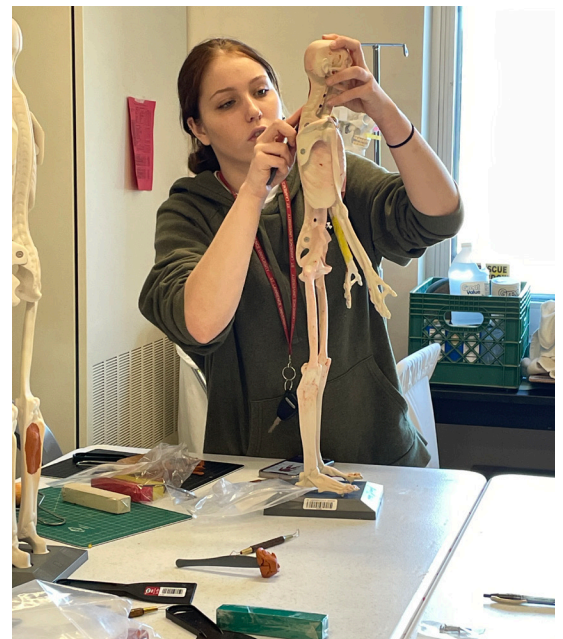


General Instruction

General Instruction	Code	2020-21 Actual Expenditures	2021-22 Current Budget	2022-23 Projected Budget
Certified Salaries	.150	\$384,219	\$493,636	\$450,466
Other Salaries	.160	89,776	65,736	42,063
Equipment	.200	28,492	32,694	20,000
Supplies	.300	28,050	39,256	55,184
Contractual	.400	328,285	509,761	556,955
School District/Other BOCES	.490	242,397	216,836	54,502
Employee Benefits	.800	182,929	234,683	194,726
Transfer to O&M	.950	15,718	9,348	6,493
Transfer to Other Programs	.960	60,630	56,885	62,525
Transfer from Other Programs	.970	-37,536	-59,326	-62,902
Total - General Instruction		\$1,322,961	\$1,599,510	\$1,380,012

The above budget represents the following CoSers for 2022-2023:

- 401 Exploratory Enrichment
- 402 Performing Arts
- 405 Equivalent Attendance
- 408 Distance Learning
- 409 Alternative HS Equivalency Program (AHSEP)
- 410 Education for Incarcerated Youth
- 420 Regional Summer School
- 478 X/C Erie 1 BOCES - Distance Learning
- 479 X/C Erie 2 BOCES - Distance Learning
- 484 X/C OHM BOCES - Distance Learning



Instructional Support

2020-21 Actual Expenditures 2021-22 Current Budget 2022-23 Projected Budget

Instructional Support	Code	2020-21 Actual Expenditures	2021-22 Current Budget	2022-23 Projected Budget
Certified Salaries	.150	\$1,439,406	\$1,533,855	\$1,691,036
Other Salaries	.160	1,572,760	1,742,448	1,932,822
Equipment	.200	1,476,433	1,484,043	953,988
Supplies	.300	1,563,786	1,761,642	1,588,051
Contractual	.400	1,285,432	1,657,691	1,383,891
School District/Other BOCES	.490	449,057	560,481	22,800
Employee Benefits	.800	1,410,329	1,699,026	1,877,713
Transfer to O&M	.950	243,576	286,299	305,203
Transfer to Other Programs	.960	224,962	248,504	246,861
Transfer from Other Programs	.970	-596,887	-572,842	-557,963
Total - Instructional Support		\$9,068,853	\$10,401,146	\$9,444,401

The above budget represents the following CoSers for 2022-2023:

- 501 Title I Coordination
- 503 Extracurricular Coordination - SAT/Whiz Quiz
- 504 Printshop
- 505 Electronic/Computer Equipment Repair
- 506 Instructional Technology Service
- 508 School Library System Service
- 509 Learning Resources Services
- 510 Library Automation
- 516 Model Schools
- 517 Coordination - Interscholastic Athletics (Section X)
- 525 Special Education / CTE Consultant
- 526 School/Curriculum Improvement
- 540 X/C Capital Region BOCES - Library Automation
- 582 X/C OHM BOCES - Co-Op Music Sharing
- 589 X/C Erie I BOCES - NYSITCC



Other Services

Other Services	Code	2020-21 Actual Expenditures	2021-22 Current Budget	2022-23 Projected Budget
Certified Salaries	.150	\$8,171	\$7,051	\$7,334
Other Salaries	.160	2,894,676	2,659,102	2,876,510
Equipment	.200	44,663	40,443	41,152
Supplies	.300	112,457	60,999	47,511
Contractual	.400	3,339,054	3,082,589	1,800,419
School District/Other BOCES	.490	3,974,912	4,447,460	502,025
Employee Benefits	.800	1,367,697	1,393,537	1,293,333
Transfer to O&M	.950	168,104	206,148	177,552
Transfer to Other Programs	.960	207,619	191,075	191,005
Transfer from Other Programs	.970	-1,263,769	-1,116,119	-1,131,547
Total - Other Services		\$10,853,584	\$10,972,285	\$5,805,294

The above budget represents the following CoSers for 2022-2023:

- 601 Cooperative Purchasing
- 602 Negotiations
- 606 Bus Repeater System
- 608 X/C Capital Region BOCES - Admin Computer Services
- 610 Records Management
- 611 Healthcare Administration
- 612 X/C Questar III BOCES - State Aid Planning
- 613 X/C OHM BOCES - Sub Coordination
- 614 X/C Jeff-Lewis BOCES - Safety/Risk Management
- 615 Workers Compensation Administration
- 616 X/C Erie 1 BOCES - Policy Services
- 618 Substitute Coordination
- 619 Cooperative Business Office
- 620 Solid Waste Disposal
- 621 Telephone Interconnect
- 625 Central School Food Management
- 660 X/C Capital Region BOCES - Communications Service
- 675 X/C Jeff-Lewis BOCES - Certification Officer
- 677 X/C E. Suffolk BOCES - Coop. Bidding
- 679 X/C OCM BOCES - Computer Admin Services
- 680 X/C Capital Region BOCES - Telephone Interconnect



Internal Service Activities

Internal Service Activities	Code	2020-21 Actual Expenditures	2021-22 Current Budget	2022-23 Projected Budget
Certified Salaries	.150	\$2,361,938	\$2,247,861	\$2,040,637
Other Salaries	.160	2,138,934	2,217,289	2,210,853
Equipment	.200	30,086	74,429	81,500
Supplies	.300	232,419	223,966	227,852
Contractual	.400	1,157,068	1,433,426	1,489,489
School District/Other BOCES	.490	205,221	330,389	339,000
Employee Benefits	.800	2,628,209	2,581,259	2,597,957
Transfer to O&M	.950	295,302	346,105	348,960
Transfer to Other Programs	.960	3,272,031	3,257,711	3,356,431
Transfer from Other Programs	.970	-12,321,208	-12,712,433	-12,692,679
Total - Internal Service Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0

The above budget represents the following CoSers for 2022-2023:

- Operations & Maintenance
- Special Education Admin/Supervision/Related Services
- Human Resources
- Computer Services



SUMMARY:
**Administrative, Capital
 & Program Budgets**

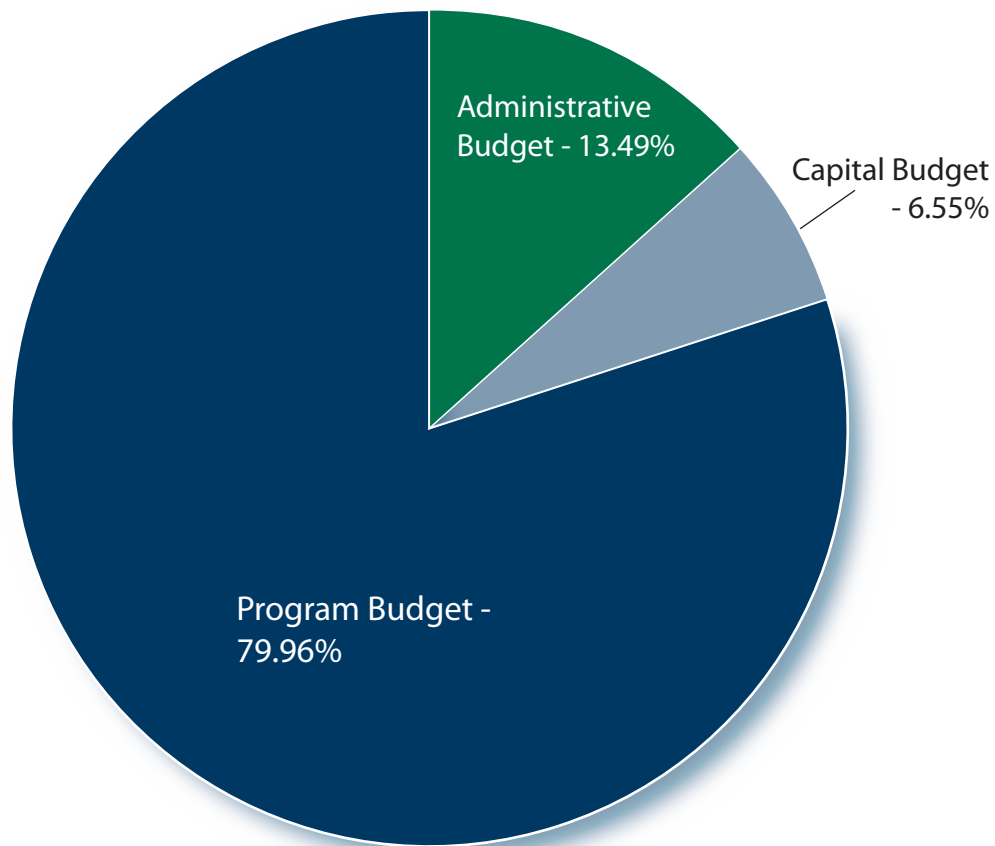
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2022-23
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Total Administrative Budget	\$7,886,951	\$8,587,547	\$8,984,857
Total Capital Budget	\$3,195,710	\$4,366,502	\$4,359,199
Total Program Budget	\$55,100,312	\$59,773,900	\$53,249,342
Total for General Fund Programs	\$66,182,973	\$72,727,949	\$66,593,398

**2022-2023
 Proposed Budget**



State Aid and Other Payments 2021-22 School Year

SCHOOL DISTRICT	BOCES AID Ratio	RWADA	Unaudited BOCES Aid	Refunds	Ancillary Payments	Rent Payments	Total Payments
Brasher Falls	0.870	1032	\$2,076,976	\$218,244	\$0	\$0	\$2,295,220
Canton	0.803	1284	1,815,843	281,108	71,005	38,568	2,206,524
Clifton-Fine	0.360*	287	332,324	79,811	0	6,428	418,563
Colton-Pierrepont	0.541*	369	383,025	83,196	0	6,428	472,649
Edwards-Knox	0.779	521	1,006,147	112,502	0	0	1,118,649
Gouverneur	0.825	1512	2,650,556	278,917	0	6,428	2,935,901
Hammond	0.460	269	400,140	94,670	0	6,428	501,238
Harrisville	0.627	361	746,013	90,636	0	6,428	843,077
Hermon-DeKalb	0.791	410	695,265	110,413	0	6,428	812,106
Heuvelton	0.829	573	1,460,894	213,112	28,402	38,568	1,740,976
Lisbon	0.818	591	1,140,760	152,746	0	6,428	1,299,934
Madrid-Waddington	0.800	710	1,121,055	166,900	0	0	1,287,955
Massena	0.836	2725	3,704,532	456,637	0	6,428	4,167,597
Morristown	0.601	364	676,655	104,507	0	6,428	787,590
Norwood-Norfolk	0.858	1044	1,710,189	220,135	0	6,428	1,936,752
Ogdensburg	0.872	1692	3,344,908	417,424	42,603	44,996	3,849,931
Parishville-Hopkinton	0.639	394	706,489	136,845	0	0	843,334
Potsdam	0.759	1354	1,797,915	255,234	227,216	181,073	2,461,438
			\$ 25,769,686	\$3,473,038	\$369,226	\$367,485	\$29,979,435

* greater of millage factor or .360, per NYSED

Message from NYS Commissioner of Education



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Dear Members of the Cooperative Boards of New York State:

At the start of this academic year, the Board of Regents and the Department framed three strategic priorities that drive our shared work:

1. A foundational core of diversity, equity, and inclusion;
2. The complex task of rededicating the Department to a service-oriented approach through collaboration, technical assistance, guidance, and responsiveness; and
3. Continuing to transform the Department's organizational focus and structure to support a P-20 educational continuum.

Your leadership in the field and our solid and enduring collaboration have facilitated the first essential steps toward achieving these goals. We appreciate your bold and decisive leadership throughout the pandemic and your support of equitable opportunities for all students across our diverse state. Through our shared efforts, we hope all children in New York State will realize the American Dream of success in college, career, and life. You and your colleagues met an incredible challenge by taking on the development of much-needed technical assistance and guidance to implement the recommendations of the Board of Regents Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy Statement.

There is no better time than your annual meeting to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation that you are at the vanguard of the work needed to support students, parents, teachers, and administrators in New York State and put the "enjoy" back in learning.

We still have much to do, and I am excited to roll up my sleeves and work on these challenges together. I know that we will have another successful year with your individual and collective support.

Sincerely,



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