

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



2023-2024 Annual Meeting & Budget Booklet

Hosted by:

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





Our Vision

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

Our 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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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT BUDGET MESSAGE

Dear Component Board of Education Members,

We are pleased to present our proposed 2023-24 budget, which 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 input from district and BOCES stakeholders, as well as advisory committees. After each school district's programmatic and student needs are identified, budgets are finalized based on the service requests for the coming school year.

The 2023-24 school district and BOCES budget landscape is unique again. It is an unprecedented period that continues, and likely concludes, the larger than normal infusions of federal and state aid coming to districts, which must be spent by 2025. At the same time, we are still confronted by labor and staff shortages and persistent inflation. This will stretch the capacity of our component school districts and the BOCES can certainly assist with regional need assessment and planning, and coordination of training and professional learning. We also can provide expertise in working with large federal grants and funding to leverage positive outcomes for our students throughout the region. Increasing staff shortages will also require us to share programs more than ever. Utilizing BOCES aid will help districts maximize your state and federal dollars while smoothing out the effects of the fiscal drop-off that will occur following the expiration of the 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 Tuesday, April 18, 2023. 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 2023-24 school year. The administrative budget is approximately 14% of the overall budget, and the primary factor in the administrative increase is retiree health insurance. These legacy costs total nearly 78% 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,



Thomas R. Burns
District Superintendent/CEO



**BOCES across NY State
is celebrating 75 years of
Educational Service**

**Our Agency is
one of 37 BOCES
in New York State**

18+
**School Districts benefit
from our services**

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

Johnathan Hirschey, Director of Instructional Technology
Elizabeth Nee, Supervisor of Title I Services
Rachel Atkins, Supervisor of Instructional Technology
Jacqueline Bill, Supervisor of Instructional Technology
Desaree Backus, Coordinator of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
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
Renee' Langtry-Green, Interim Director of Personnel and Profession

Special Education Programs

Julie Austin-Kormanyos, Director of Special Education
Lori Murray, Special Education Principal
Rachel O'Donnell, Special Education Principal
Melissa Fennessy, Special Education Principal
Kady Hart, Special Education Principal

2023 SLL BOCES Board of Education



Roger Bennett
President
Term Expires: 2025



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



William Cartwright
Term Expires: 2023



Michael Davis
Term Expires: 2025



James Lattimer
Term Expires: 2024



Cindy McLean
Term Expires: 2025



Michael Miller
Term Expires: 2023



Ward Remington
Term Expires: 2024



Kevin Wells
Term Expires: 2023



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Annual Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2022

Maureen Bouchey
Secretary for District Supt. / District Clerk
Educational Services Center
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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 Thursday, April 7, 2022, at the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Educational Services Center, Canton, New York.

CALL TO ORDER:

Roger M. Bennett, Board President for St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, called to order the meeting at 6:18 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

All stood for the pledge of allegiance

INTRODUCTION OF BOCES BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Roger Bennett, Board President for St. Lawrence-Lewis introduced the current Board and the schools they represent.

NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT FOR SLLCSBA:

A nomination was made by Michael Davis, seconded by Michael Miller to nominate Alexa Backus as president for the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties School Boards Association. All in attendance were in favor.

NOMINATION FOR VICE- PRESIDENT FOR SLLCSBA:

There were no nominations made for Vice-President for the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties School Boards Association.

REVIEW OF THE 2022-2023 BOCES TENTATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE, CAPITAL, AND PROGRAM BUDGETS:

Thomas R. Burns, District Superintendent provided a review of the 2022-2023 tentative Administrative, Capital, and Program Budgets.

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES:

Maureen Bouchey, District Clerk noted the member candidates and the school districts that nominated them:

Roger Bennett - Massena Central School District
Michael Davis - Heuvelton Central School District
Cindy McLean - Colton-Pierrepont Central School District

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Michael Davis, seconded by Michael Miller to adjourn the Annual meeting at 7:08 pm.

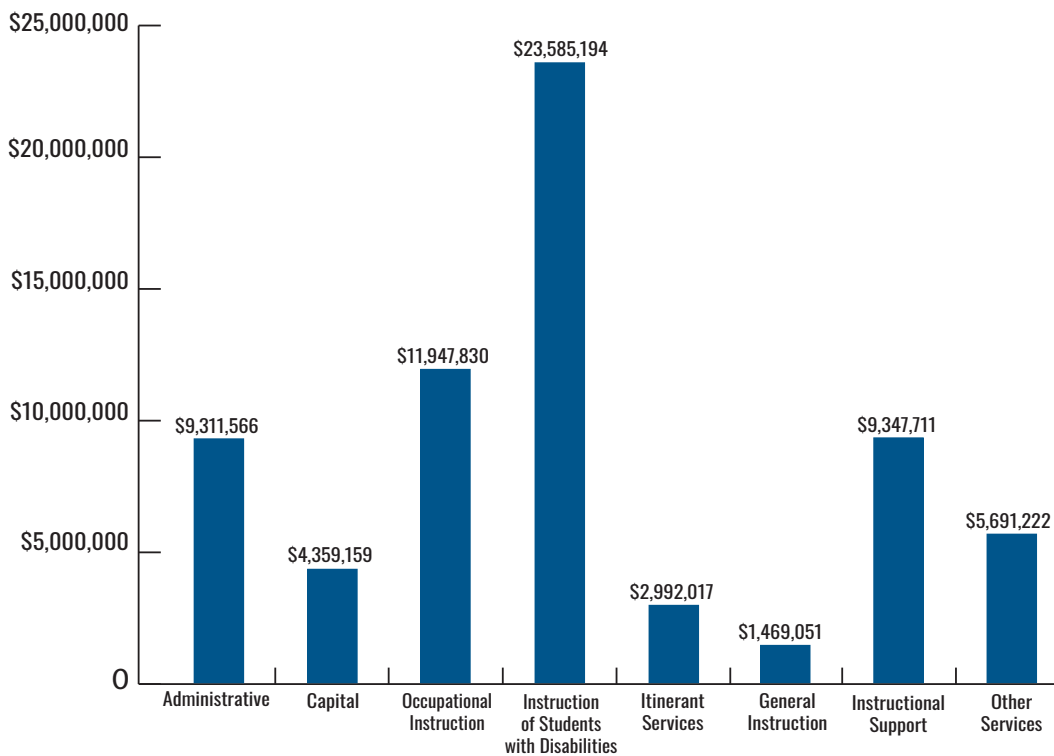
BUDGET SUMMARY 2023-24

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 2023-24



Administrative	\$9,311,566
Capital	\$4,359,159
Occupational Instruction	\$11,947,830
Instruction of Students with Disabilities	\$23,585,194
Itinerant Services	\$2,992,017
General Instruction	\$1,469,051
Instructional Support	\$9,347,711
Other Services	\$5,691,222

ADMINISTRATIVE

1240 District Superintendent's Office		Code	2021-22 Actual Expenditures	2022-23 Current Budget	2023-24 Projected Budget
Certified Salary	.152	\$155,116	\$164,751	\$164,751	
Other Salaries	.160	74,830	72,382	75,485	
Unused Vacation	.167	1,336	0	0	
Equipment	.200	649	1,800	3,000	
Supplies	.300	1,049	1,700	2,500	
Contractual	.400	3,879	6,008	9,500	
Travel	.401	22,521	23,900	20,000	
Attorney	.474	0	4,000	4,000	
School District/Other BOCES	.490	0	1,900	1,900	
Employee Mileage/Reimbursement	.499	504	600	500	
Teachers Retirement	.800	15,201	17,396	21,866	
Employees Retirement	.801	14,566	9,512	9,888	
Workers Comp	.802	1,318	1,701	1,634	
Social Security	.803	5,787	15,952	16,172	
Health Insurance	.804	21,105	23,234	18,893	
Dental/Optical Insurance	.806	1,053	1,206	1,206	
Healthcare Admin Fee	.814	0	696	695	
Total - District Superintendent's Office		\$ 318,915	\$346,738	\$351,990	

1010 Board of Education		Code	2021-22 Actual Expenditures	2022-23 Current Budget	2023-24 Projected Budget
Claims Auditor	.161	\$0	\$8295	\$8,586	
Land/Equipment	.200	0	30,000	0	
Supplies	.300	3,923	1,200	700	
Contractual	.400	95,724	96,074	76,000	
Internal Auditor	.401	0	20,000	20,000	
Publications	.403	1,039	2,000	2,000	
Attorney	.474	3,936	10,000	10,000	
School District/Other BOCES	.490	60	1,600	1,600	
Employees Retirement	.801	0	1,087	1,125	
Workers Comp	.802	0	51	58	
Social Security	.803	0	635	657	
Total - Board of Education		\$104,682	\$170,942	\$120,726	

ADMINISTRATIVE

1310 Central Support		Code	2021-22 Actual Expenditures	2022-23 Current Budget	2023-24 Projected Budget
Business Office Salaries	.160		\$542,990	\$626,329	\$719,561
Budgeted Vacation	.167		8,941	7,500	7,500
Equipment	.200		0	4,500	4,500
Supplies	.300		5,740	7,500	7,500
Contractual	.400		30,127	40,230	42,650
Longevity	.465		10,000	0	0
Attorney	.474		7,325	8,500	8,500
School District/Other BOCES	.490		0	54,690	750
Employee Mileage/Reimbursement	.499		569	496	750
Employees Retirement	.801		92,681	79,945	100,332
Workers Comp	.802		2,979	4,218	4,893
Social Security	.803		40,663	52,041	55,046
Health Insurance	.804		131,285	180,196	187,961
Dental/Optical Insurance	.806-.808		4,197	7,319	7,319
Healthcare Admin Fee	.814		0	3,579	4,122
Total - Central Support			\$877,497	\$1,077,043	\$1,151,384

1900 Unclassified		Code	2021-22 Actual Expenditures	2022-23 Current Budget	2023-24 Projected Budget
RANS Interest	.700		\$55,000	\$135,000	\$165,000
Retiree Health Insurance	.899		6,011,142	6,882,860	7,246,964

9500 Transfers		Code	2021-22 Actual Expenditures	2022-23 Current Budget	2023-24 Projected Budget
Operations & Maintenance	.712		\$104,126	\$118,941	\$124,808
Distance Learning	.408		1,000	1,000	1,000
Printshop	.504		23,432	23,901	24,380
Electronic/Microcomputer Repair	.505		535	311	382
Instructional Technology	.506		1,574	1,732	1,557
Educational Communications	.509		200	200	250
School/Curriculum Improvement	.526		767	992	0

9500 Transfers		Code	2021-22 Actual Expenditures	2022-23 Current Budget	2023-24 Projected Budget
X/C Cap Region BOCES-Admin Computer	.608	\$1,022	\$651	\$810	
Healthcare Administration	.611	354,379	0	0	
X/C Questar III BOCES-State Aid Planning	.612	3,345	3,445	3,515	
X/C Erie 1 BOCES-Policy Services	.616	3,095	3,195	3,325	
Telephone Interconnect	.621	1,608	1,894	1,921	
X/C Cap Region BOCES-Comm Service	.660	112,279	58,893	62,249	
X/C Eastern Suffolk	.666	370	0	0	
X/C PNW BOCES-Recruiting(OLAS)	.672	2,500	2,500	3,000	
Human Resources	.714	4,839	3,976	4,689	
Administrative Computer Service	.715	104,337	150,643	43,616	
Total Transfer Charges from Other Services		\$719,408	\$372,274	\$275,502	

TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

2021-22 Actual Expenditures	2022-23 Current Budget	2023-24 Projected Budget
\$8,086,643	\$8,984,857	\$9,311,566

TOTAL 2023-2024 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

Less: Miscellaneous Income & Interest Charges

ACTUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CHARGES

TOTAL 2022-2023 SCHOOL DISTRICT CHARGES

DOLLAR DIFFERENCE

PERCENTAGE CHANGE

\$9,311,566

\$(55,000)

\$9,256,566

\$8,784,857

\$471,709

5.37%

- 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 \$42,988. 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 2021-2022 year = \$1,658

CAPITAL - CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Capital	Code	2021-22 Actual Expenditures	2022-23 Current Budget	2023-24 Projected Budget
Rental of Facilities	.470	\$422,286	\$592,193	\$572,531
Dormitory Authority	.480	3,767,257	3,767,006	3,764,628
Transfer to Capital Fund	.910	805,000	0	22,000
Transfer Credits for Service Program	.970	-750,000	0	0
Total - Capital		\$4,244,543	\$4,359,199	\$4,359,159

Career & Technical Education	Code	2021-22 Actual Expenditures	2022-23 Current Budget	2023-24 Projected Budget
Certified Salaries	.150	\$4,415,083	\$4,503,312	\$4,896,444
Other Salaries	.160	357,403	351,580	359,717
Equipment	.200	505,515	278,376	265,200
Supplies	.300	775,931	1,175,299	747,407
Contractual	.400	213,107	431,534	372,118
School District/Other BOCES	.490	7,381	23,927	23,300
Employee Benefits	.800	2,468,646	2,790,729	2,751,860
Transfer to O&M	.950	1,894,068	2,022,283	2,061,980
Transfer to Other Programs	.960	628,230	463,878	469,803
Transfer from Other Programs	.970	-323,565	0	0
Total - Career & Technical Education		\$10,941,799	\$12,040,917	\$11,947,830

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

The above budget represents the following CoSers for 2023-2024:

- Career and Technical Education



INSTRUCTION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

2021-22
Actual
Expenditures

2022-23
Current
Budget

2023-24
Projected
Budget

Instruction of Students with Disabilities	Code	2021-22 Actual Expenditures	2022-23 Current Budget	2023-24 Projected Budget
Certified Salaries	.150	\$6,785,606	\$7,837,573	\$7,816,128
Other Salaries	.160	185,674	242,615	213,986
Equipment	.200	15,742	18,000	8,500
Supplies	.300	32,043	70,055	170,500
Contractual	.400	254,229	1,725,674	301,300
School District/Other BOCES	.490	734,727	793,964	134,041
Employee Benefits	.800	4,975,721	6,462,397	7,025,622
Transfer to Other Programs	.960	6,662,963	6,525,491	7,915,117
Total - Instruction of Students with Disabilities		\$19,646,705	\$23,675,769	\$23,585,194

The above budget represents the following CoSers for 2023-2024:

- 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



16
Technical Education Programs available within our 3 Technical Education Centers.

1000+
Students and Adults receive occupational training within our 3 Technical Education Centers

35
Special Education programs across the region.

INTINERANT SERVICES

Intinerant Services	Code	2021-22 Actual Expenditures	2022-23 Current Budget	2023-24 Projected Budget
Certified Salaries	.150	\$990,533	\$803,648	\$925,532
Other Salaries	.160	728,038	702,778	726,686
Equipment	.200	1,727	10,900	10,900
Supplies	.300	7,916	38,685	33,100
Contractual	.400	11,077	385,012	45,805
School District/Other BOCES	.490	57,328	132,723	0
Employee Benefits	.800	753,935	707,570	920,220
Transfer to Other Programs	.960	112,071	115,824	329,773
Total - Intinerant Services		\$2,662,624	\$2,897,140	\$2,992,017

The above budget represents the following CoSers for 2023-2024:

- 307 School Psychologist
- 308 Speech Impaired
- 312 Assistive Technology
- 313 Speech Impaired
- 314 Physical Therapy
- 316 Visually Impaired/Orientation and Mobility
- 317 School Psychologist
- 331 Physical Education Teacher
- 335 Itinerant Librarian
- 340 Shared Human Resources Manager
- 343 Occupational Therapy
- 350 Audiology
- 360 Facilities Director



GENERAL INSTRUCTION

General Instruction	Code	2021-22 Actual Expenditures	2022-23 Current Budget	2023-24 Projected Budget
Certified Salaries	.150	\$454,106	\$510,024	\$438,473
Other Salaries	.160	52,578	54,246	18,260
Equipment	.200	20,269	17,596	19,730
Supplies	.300	35,015	56,938	51,823
Contractual	.400	396,041	530,332	531,594
School District/Other BOCES	.490	301,121	148,026	45,702
Employee Benefits	.800	185,857	218,810	187,069
Transfer to O&M	.950	10,270	18,013	165,579
Transfer to Other Programs	.960	62,838	50,582	66,988
Transfer from Other Programs	.970	-59,326	-53,476	-56,167
Total - General Instruction		\$1,458,769	\$1,551,090	\$1,469,051

The above budget represents the following CoSers for 2023-2024:

- 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
- 421 Virtual Regional Summer School
- 478 X/C Erie I BOCES - Distance Learning
- 479 X/C Erie 2 BOCES - Distance Learning



INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

Instructional Support	Code	2021-22 Actual Expenditures	2022-23 Current Budget	2023-24 Projected Budget
Certified Salaries	.150	\$1,486,053	\$1,751,938	\$1,749,809
Other Salaries	.160	1,762,177	1,813,370	1,876,186
Equipment	.200	1,928,317	1,275,509	468,590
Supplies	.300	2,066,216	2,475,716	1,913,611
Contractual	.400	1,614,240	1,886,532	1,462,107
School District/Other BOCES	.490	754,522	595,758	20,854
Employee Benefits	.800	1,508,530	1,929,129	1,886,096
Transfer to O&M	.950	285,256	305,203	331,079
Transfer to Other Programs	.960	233,665	216,681	224,766
Transfer from Other Programs	.970	-576,540	-581,867	-585,388
Total - Instructional Support		\$11,062,435	\$11,667,970	\$9,347,711

The above budget represents the following CoSers for 2023-2024:

- 501 Title I Coordination
- 502 DEI/CRSE
- 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
- 589 X/C Erie I BOCES - NYSITCC



OTHER SERVICES

Other Services	Code	2021-22 Actual Expenditures	2022-23 Current Budget	2023-24 Projected Budget
Certified Salaries	.150	\$7,051	\$7,334	\$7,641
Other Salaries	.160	2,601,999	2,671,536	2,796,197
Equipment	.200	25,675	60,365	37,821
Supplies	.300	55,167	181,617	46,554
Contractual	.400	2,887,196	1,221,921	1,142,082
School District/Other BOCES	.490	4,563,408	4,154,477	480,343
Employee Benefits	.800	1,238,933	1,174,579	1,289,564
Transfer to O&M	.950	205,359	177,552	183,305
Transfer to Other Programs	.960	169,741	171,311	170,626
Transfer from Other Programs	.970	-1,185,328	-452,596	-462,910
Total - Other Services		\$10,569,200	\$9,368,097	\$5,691,222

The above budget represents the following CoSers for 2023-2024:

- 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
- 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
- 672 X/C Putnam/N. Westchester BOCES - Recruiting
- 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	2021-22 Actual Expenditures	2022-23 Current Budget	2023-24 Projected Budget
Certified Salaries	.150	\$1,988,942	\$2,101,421	\$ 2,166,802
Other Salaries	.160	2,045,904	2,100,417	2,236,023
Equipment	.200	34,968	145,674	70,382
Supplies	.300	179,630	211,543	205,662
Contractual	.400	1,152,185	1,576,453	1,534,787
School District/Other BOCES	.490	275,970	352,496	524,500
Employee Benefits	.800	2,411,513	2,863,151	4,351,897
Transfer to O&M	.950	342,415	348,960	376,559
Transfer to Other Programs	.960	3,734,883	3,109,242	2,741,388
Transfer from Other Programs	.970	-12,166,410	-12,809,356	-14,208,000
Total - Internal Service Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0

The above budget represents the following CoSers for 2023-2024:

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



SUMMARY:

ADMINISTRATIVE, CAPITAL & PROGRAM BUDGETS

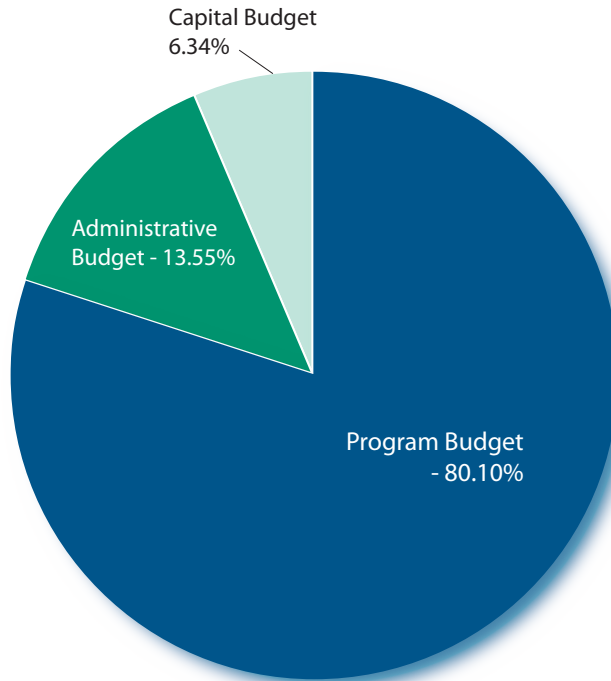
2021-22
Actual
Expenditures

2022-23
Current
Budget

2023-24
Projected
Budget

	2021-22 Actual Expenditures	2022-23 Current Budget	2023-24 Projected Budget
Total Administrative Budget	\$8,086,643	\$8,984,857	\$9,311,566
Total Capital Budget	\$4,244,543	\$4,359,199	\$4,359,159
Total Program Budget	\$56,341,533	\$61,200,983	\$55,033,024
Total for General Fund Programs	\$68,672,719	\$74,545,039	\$68,703,749

2023-2024 Proposed Budget



STATE AID AND OTHER PAYMENTS 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL DISTRICT	BOCES AID Ratio	RWADA	Unaudited BOCES Aid	Refunds	Ancillary Payments	Rent Payments	Total Payments
Brasher Falls	0.868	991	\$1,975,198	\$317,630	\$0	\$1,500	\$2,294,328
Canton	0.798	1170	1,963,548	405,742	73,135	40,380	2,482,805
Clifton-Fine	0.360*	253	378,915	84,562	0	6,730	470,207
Colton-Pierrepont	0.535*	395	356,267	125,919	0	6,730	488,916
Edwards-Knox	0.773	468	1,003,856	116,639	0	0	1,120,495
Gouverneur	0.832	1475	2,835,286	330,358	0	8,230	3,173,874
Hammond	0.483	258	433,675	133,906	0	6,730	574,311
Harrisville	0.627	342	731,290	87,155	0	6,730	825,175
Hermon-DeKalb	0.811	427	755,344	225,043	0	6,730	987,117
Heuvelton	0.803	482	1,292,659	277,265	29,254	23,556	1,622,734
Lisbon	0.824	566	1,219,581	215,119	0	6,730	1,441,430
Madrid-Waddington	0.800	675	1,216,113	294,036	0	0	1,510,149
Massena	0.836	2508	3,852,050	738,324	0	6,730	4,597,104
Morristown	0.606	348	703,913	197,452	0	6,730	908,095
Norwood-Norfolk	0.861	988	1,686,799	405,264	0	6,730	2,098,793
Ogdensburg	0.867	1526	3,423,557	659,833	43,881	48,610	4,175,881
Parishville-Hopkinton	0.650	371	762,340	184,118	0	0	946,458
Potsdam	0.760	1276	1,814,685	518,718	219,405	171,615	2,724,423
			\$26,405,076	\$5,317,081	\$365,675	\$354,461	\$32,442,292

* 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:

After visiting countless schools and having extensive conversations with educators and stakeholders across New York, funding equity, high school opportunity, data modernization, teacher/leader preparation and development, and consolidation of early childhood programs emerged as the key themes and are the focus of the Board of Regents and New York State Education Department's (NYSED) legislative and state aid priorities. Centered around lifelong learning, equity, excellence, and access, and service and stewardship, these priorities are part of our shared goal to close the opportunity gap for all students. BOCES have, and continue to be, at the forefront and serve as exemplary models for how we can create regional schools and programs to increase advanced course access, connect K-12 to higher education through programs like dual-enrollment, bring workforce development opportunities to the forefront through career and technical education opportunities, and think boldly to reimagine high school graduation measures to meet the educational challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.

Every student graduating a high school in New York has a right to be fully prepared for meaningful career, college, and civic opportunities to compete in the global economy. To honor this promise for our over 2 million students, the Graduation Measures initiative is thoughtfully reviewing State high school graduation measures. The ultimate goal is to ensure that a New York State diploma signifies educational excellence and equity for all. Again, BOCES are at the heart of this work through participation and representation on the Graduation Measures Blue Ribbon Commission and by responding to ThoughtExchange questions that guide this innovative work.

This is an exciting time for education in our state, but we must not lose sight of our guiding pillars, which I shared with you in my letter to you last year. The P-20 continuum and a service-oriented approach can be seen in the DNA of all we do. However, it is the foundational pillar of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) that I close this letter with. NYSED is working closely with BOCES to develop a DEI Repository to collect and share effective practices and resources for educators to use. NYSED created a new DEI Office whose director is working closely with BOCES, districts, and schools to provide technical assistance and guidance around DEI as we continue to create safe learning environments where every student can feel welcomed, supported, and thrive.

We wish you the best in this academic year and beyond. Honoring the spirit of the West-African proverb of Sankofa, now is a time for all New Yorkers to look back at our history so we can move forward together creating a brighter future for all children.

Sincerely,



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