



THE SILVERLINER

Silver Creek Central School District

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2024-2025 Budget Edition

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Budget Propositions

PROPOSITION #1 BASIC BUDGET

RESOLVED, that the basic budget for the Silver Creek Central School District, Chautauqua County, New York (the "District"), for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted in the amount of \$31,326,466, and the required funds therefor are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the District to be levied and collected as required by law.

PROPOSITION #2 VEHICLE PURCHASE

Resolved, that the purchase of a 66 -passenger electric bus is hereby approved and adopted in an amount not to exceed \$185,000, which will be funded by the District's 2015 approved Transportation Reserve. thereby avoiding the need for the District to borrow; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this authorization for the use of reserve fund monies that are already on hand shall have no effect on the tax rate for the 2024-2025 school year.



A Message from the Board President & Superintendent

Dear Black Knight Families and Community Members,

We first want to thank you for another successful and exciting year at Silver Creek Central School District. New leadership, new initiatives, and positive change all require support and feedback from our families and community members. We appreciate the pride the Silver Creek Community has for our school and our students. We are committed to creating the best educational experience possible for every single one of our students, and your support is paramount in making that happen.

This edition of The Silverliner reviews the components of the proposed 2024-2025 school budget. The Board of Education, Administration and staff have invested significant amounts of their time and energy into creating a school budget that first answered the question, "What do our students need?" This question was the driving force behind every programmatic, hiring, and instructional decision during the budget development process. We worked diligently to build a budget that puts our students first, while being fiscally responsible and future focused. **This year, we maintain a 0.00 percent increase in tax levy with a \$3,221,307 increase in our overall budget.**

Since March 2021, schools have received additional grant funding through the federal government. The Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) grants have been utilized since then to help add additional programming, staffing, and supports. That funding stream expires in October 2024 and will no longer be available. Through the years, we have strategically positioned ourselves so we are able to maintain the programming and staffing that was funded through those grants. Fortunately, you will not see cuts in programs or staffing due to reduction of grant funding because our administrative team and business office staff diligently planned for this absorption into the general fund.

Our proposed budget for the 2024-2025 school year is designed not only to maintain our current educational opportunities and initiatives, but to add enhancements where necessary. COVID-19 took a toll on education over the past few years, and we are now committed to our "COVID Repair Plan", which will keep us focused on growth and forward thinking. The budget was developed with each of the three Board Goals at the forefront:

- Goal #1** - The Board of Education recognizes the right of all students and staff to enjoy a safe, secure, consistent, and predictable learning environment. This environment will define as a "culture of safety."
- Goal #2** - The Board of Education is committed to increasing the percentage of students who demonstrate mastery of grade level content standards, as measured by standardized assessments in core subjects and by graduation rates.
- Goal #3**- The Board of Education is committed to improving communication and building relationships through family engagement. We are committed to increasing the percentage of families who participate in school events and activities by 5% within the next school year, as measured by attendance records and surveys.

Next year's budget proposal fulfills State mandates, maintains program offerings and staffing necessary to support our students, and brings additions to enhance the quality of education at Silver Creek Central School.

This budget includes the addition of a district administrator position, Director of Positive Interventions and Family Connectedness. The Director of Positive Interventions and Family Connectedness

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Official Budget Hearing on the
2024-2025 Budget
May 8, 2024
7:00 p.m.
Board of Education Room

Voting on the 2024-2025 School Budget &
Board Member Election will be held on
May 21, 2024
1:00 to 9:00 p.m.
High School Lobby



Board President & Superintendent's Message (Cont'd.)

will help us implement certain initiatives set forth by New York State, and will give special emphasis to Board Goal #1, Culture of Safety, and Board Goal #3, Family Engagement. Notable initiatives this position will be support include:

- Implementation of Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) plan.
- Focus on Tier 1 behavioral systems of supports for all students.
- Oversight and continuation of our Family Outreach School Connectedness (FOSC) Committee.
- Oversight and continuation of our KnightU Programming
- Oversight and continuation of our character education programming and PBIS interventions across the district.
- Increased opportunities for Social Emotional Learning.
- Increased before and after school opportunities for families.

The proposed tax levy is a 0.00% increase from the 2023-2024 school year. Our true-value tax rate is estimated at \$13.71 per \$1,000 of assessed value, a 0.00 % or \$0.00 increase in comparison to the 2023-2024 tax rate.

This budget also includes a proposition for Silver Creek to purchase our first electric school bus. New York State mandates a full fleet transition by 2035, with no diesel purchases as of 2027. We have worked closely with our architects at Clark Patterson Lee, representatives of Leonard Bus, and our finance committee to create a plan that is not only compliant, but financially responsible.

Proposition #1 on the ballot is the 2024-2025 school budget proposal for \$31,326,466. This is an increase of \$3,221,307 from last year's budget. This 11.46 % increase reflects the needed increases and required adjustments for rising costs.

Proposition #2 authorizes the District to purchase, utilizing transportation reserve funds, an electric bus at an amount not to exceed \$185,000.

In addition to the propositions listed above, there are two board seats up for election. Incumbents Matt Bogosian and Stephen Boothe are running again, along with community members, Brian Boedo, DeAndra Parker, and Michael Schneider. A biography of each candidate is included in this newsletter.

We would like to extend a special thanks to Brent Agett who has served as our Interim Business Official since February. Mr. Agett has worked tirelessly to develop our 2024-2025 budget and recommend a plan that is fiscally stable. Our School Board members, Finance Committee, Business Official, and Superintendent remain committed to a comprehensive, disciplined, and proactive approach in developing a budget that maintains focus on our fiduciary responsibility and the preservation of quality programs and services now and well into the future.

Budget development began this year in November 2023 with individual meetings and strategic planning with each administrator and department directors. Our annual full day budget workshop was held in early February 2024, followed by several public workshops throughout March and April. As always, the budget will also be presented at Village of Silver Creek and Town of Hanover public meetings.

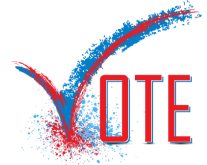
We have a series of exciting events planned for our budget vote night, which is Tuesday, May 21st. The voting booths will be open 1:00 PM – 9:00 PM, with an array of student displays and presentations throughout the building. We will also have an Italian dinner sponsored by the Key Club, ice cream served by the PTSA, and a bike rodeo! We hope you will take the time to vote on the proposed budget and join in the fun while you are here!

Please visit our website at silvercreekschools.org, under the District tab, to view the entire 2024-2025 budget proposal as well as previously presented budget items.

Thank you, again, for all you do to support the work of our schools. Our students deserve the best, and it takes a village to make sure we deliver just that!

Respectfully,

*Dr. Katie Ralston, Superintendent of Schools
and
Martha Howard, Board of Education President*



How would a contingency budget affect our District?

If voters reject the budget, the Board will have the option to place the same or revised budget before voters again in June. In the event that the second budget fails to pass, the levy limit law requires the District to adopt a budget with **no increase** in the tax levy from the prior year.

A contingency budget would most likely lead to significant program and staff reductions.

A contingency budget also cannot include the following expenditures:

- New equipment
- Free community use of school buildings and grounds (including Community Education and use of track)
- Non-emergency capital improvements to District facilities
- Free pupil supplies. Currently all student supplies are planned for in the general budget. In a contingent budget, these expenses would not be considered contingent and would become the responsibility of the parents or guardians.
- Transportation and maintenance of interscholastic athletic teams
- Pupil uniforms for athletic activities
- New library books

Optical Scan Voting Machines Being Used This Year

The District will again be utilizing Chautauqua County optical scan voting machines for the budget vote and election this year. Representatives from Chautauqua County will be at the school to assist with voting. **Please come to vote on May 21, 2024.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Voting on the 2024-2025
School Budget and
Board Member Election
May 21, 2024
1 p.m. to 9 p.m.
High School Lobby**

****We're Hiring****

silvercreekschools.org/page/vacancies

Silver Creek Central School District has an immediate need for the following positions:

Full Time Probationary :

School Psychologist
Building Maintenance Mechanic
High School Principal

Substitutes:

Teaching Assistants
Teacher Aides
Certified & Non-Certified Teachers
Cafeteria Monitors
Bus Monitors/Attendants
Clerical Staff
LPN & RN
Cleaners (1st and 2nd shift)

Bus Drivers—Training can be provided at no cost. Applicants must obtain a CDL 'B' with passenger and school endorsement. Clean license a MUST and pass DOT physical.



NYSED Fingerprinting done prior to employment for all positions.

Interested candidates should apply through the WNY School Application System <http://www.wnyric.org/application> or submit a completed district application, Civil Service application, references and proof of certifications to:

Dr. Katie Ralston, Superintendent
Silver Creek CSD
PO Box 270
Silver Creek, NY 14136



Come join our team! #BKD

SILVER CREEK KIWANIS ANNUAL CHILDREN'S FAIR

On Saturday, June 1, 2024, the Kiwanis Club of Silver Creek will be hosting the 21st Annual Children's Fair in the Village Ball Park from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This year's Children's Fair will include bounce slides, pony rides, a magic show, Sheriff's canine demonstration, Sheriff's fingerprinting, duck races, basket raffles, shopping, food concessions and more!

The Children's Fair is a low cost, fun-filled family event that you don't want to miss.

<https://www.facebook.com/SilverCreekChildrensFair>



Proposition 1 Information

	Approved 2023-2024	Proposed 2024-2025	Dollar Change	Percent Change	Percent of Total Budget
General Support	\$2,555,120	\$2,924,217	369,097	14.44%	9.34%
Instruction	\$16,365,328	\$18,976,481	\$2,611,153	15.95%	60.58%
Transportation	\$1,194,615	\$1,372,941	\$178,326	14.92%	4.38%
Benefits	\$5,517,300	\$5,910,431	\$393,131	7.12%	18.87%
Debt Service	\$2,347,796	\$2,017,396	(\$330,400)	-14.07%	6.43%
Interfund Transfer	\$125,000	\$125,000	0	0.00%	0.40%
TOTAL	\$28,105,159	\$31,326,466	\$3,221,307	11.46%	100.00%

Budgeted Revenues

	Approved 2023-2024	Proposed 2024-2025	Dollar Change	Percent Change	Percent of Total Budget
State Aid	\$20,333,370	\$20,471,850	\$138,480	.68%	65.36%
Native American Aid (NYS)	\$723,534	\$750,000	\$26,466	3.65%	2.40%
Native American Impact Aid (Federal)	\$553,639	\$560,000	\$6,361	1.14%	1.79%
Other Revenues	\$150,000	\$600,000	\$450,000	300.00%	1.91%
Estimated Appropriated Fund Balance & Reserves	\$0	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000	—%	8.29%
Tax Levy	\$6,344,616	\$6,344,616	\$0	0%	20.25%
TOTAL	\$28,105,159	\$31,326,466	\$3,221,307	11.46%	100.00%

Foundation Aid from NYS increased statewide for school districts in the enacted budget. However, Silver Creek CSD is projected to receive the same Foundation Aid in 2024-2025. Categorical state aid is paid in a school year based on prior school year expenditures, such as BOCES Aid, Transportation Aid, Textbook Aid, Excess Cost Aid, etc. Overall, Silver Creek CSD will receive minimal increases in these areas for 2024-2025.

The proposed budget includes a tax warrant of \$6,344,616, an increase of 0%. The maximum allowable tax levy increase for the Silver Creek Central School District by New York State's taxation formula is 8.10%. The proposed tax levy percentage does not reflect actual taxes for homeowners. It is the amount changed in the overall tax warrant.

During 2023-2024 Silver Creek received Federal American Rescue Plan Act funding. Despite the lack of this funding for the 2024-25 fiscal year, appropriation of a time-limited capital reserve fund and expected unappropriated fund balance will allow us to maintain much of the programming, staffing, curriculum, and extracurricular activities with no required tax increase to District residents.

Proposed Tax Levy

	Approved 2023-2024	Proposed 2024-2025	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Tax Levy	\$6,344,616	\$6,344,616	\$0	0%

The tax levy is the total amount to be raised by the District in property taxes.

Estimated Tax Rates Based on 0% Assessed Value Increases

	Actual 2023-2024	Estimated 2024-2025	Dollar Change
Town of Hanover	\$18.88	\$18.88	\$0.00
Town of Sheridan	\$23.29	\$23.29	\$0.00
Town of Brant	\$18.56	\$18.56	\$0.00

Comment on Proposition 1

Equalization rates and assessed valuations for the Towns of Brant, Sheridan, Hanover, and Village of Silver Creek are used in the establishment of the District's tax rates. The NYS Department of Taxation and Finance sets the equalization rates, which are generally not available until June or July, therefore unavailable when developing our budget. Actual assessed valuations will not be finalized by our municipalities until July. Rates established as final in 2023 were used for estimation during this year's budget development process.

The tax rate is based on \$1,000 of assessed value. For example, a home in the Town of Hanover assessed at \$60,000 would have an estimated 2024-2025 school tax bill for 18.88×60 ($60,000/1,000$) = \$1,132.80, resulting in a \$0.00 change from 2024-2025. A home assessed at \$100,000 would have an estimated 2024-2025 school tax bill for 18.88×100 ($100,000/1,000$) = \$1,888, resulting in a \$0.00 change from 2023-2024.

Similarly, a home assessed at \$60,000 in Sheridan would have an estimated 2024-2025 school tax bill for 23.29×60 ($60,000/1,000$) = \$1,397.40, resulting in a \$0.00 change from 2023-2024. A home assessed at \$100,000 in Sheridan would have an estimated 2024-2025 school tax bill for 23.29×100 ($100,000/1,000$) = \$2,329, resulting in an estimated \$0.00 change from 2023-2024.

Comment on Proposition 2

In Proposition 2, we are asking voters to approve the use of \$185,000 from our Capital Vehicle Reserves to purchase one (1) 66 passenger electric bus.

The purchase of an electric bus would begin our transition to zero emission requirements slated for full compliance by 2035, and maintain a cost effective and working fleet of transportation vehicles vital to safely transport District students to and from instructional programs.

This Capital Vehicle Reserve was established by the District voters on May 19, 2015. Purchasing this bus through the Capital Vehicle Reserve will have NO impact on the tax warrant.

Reserve Account Information

What is a Reserve Fund?

A reserve fund is a separate account established by a school district to finance the cost of specific purchases of the district. Reserve funds can be thought of as savings accounts for a specific purpose. Funds deposited into reserves may be used over a certain period of time in accordance with laws governing schools and municipalities.

Why did the District establish these Reserve Funds?

One of the District's budget goals is to plan for our future by finding ways to stabilize the current and future tax rate increases for our community in the years ahead. In tough economic times, these reserves can help offset NYS aid curtailment and some of the cost increases in certain areas.

Understanding the Tax Levy Limit

The tax levy limit calculation is dictated by NYS law and the levy limit is not a uniform, across the board percentage. The Silver Creek Central School District's proposed tax levy increase of 0.00% is not at the maximum levy limit for District. The 2024-2025 Maximum Levy Limit for Silver Creek Central School District is 8.10%.

What is a Capital Outlay Exception Project?

A capital outlay exception project is a project with a total cost of no more than \$100,000. A district may receive aid for a maximum of one such project in any aid year. A district may spend and report the capital expense for such a project over multiple years, and receive aid on the same project over multiple years; however, only one project per year can receive aid.

Silver Creek Central School District receives building aid on these projects each year to fund the project at 94.2 percent. This means that if a project costs \$100,000, the District only pays \$5,800 and the remaining costs are paid to the District through state aid. Silver Creek works to maintain a cycle of Capital Outlay projects each year to maintain the revenue flow, while also working to make necessary improvements to the campus. The proposed Capital Outlay project for 2024-2025 will include flooring upgrades and repairs throughout the main campus.

Board of Education Candidates

For the 2024-2025 year, there are two (2) five-year seats open on the Board of Education commencing on July 1, 2024.

Matt Bogosian (Incumbent)



Karen and I first met on Silver Creek school bus #46 when we were in high school. We married in 1994 and decided to stay in this wonderful community and purchased our first home. At that time, I was a professional musician in an internationally touring band. There were career pressures to move to New York City where the band was based. However, Karen and I decided there was no better place to live and raise our future family than right here in our hometown.

In 1997 we renovated the abandoned Geitner Theater and turned it into "The Backline". When dating we had a dream of one day opening a youth center where teens & pre-teens could gather on weekends to have fun, socialize, and listen to music in a safe and secure environment. We are proud we made that dream a reality and have been committed to the safety and well-being of our community's youth ever since. This summer we will celebrate The Backline's 27th anniversary. Yes, we have been dealing with kids every weekend for 27 years and still LOVE running our dream business.

Our two sons are also Silver Creek graduates. SCCS helped prepare them for success at Fredonia State where they earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Biology. Zak is now attending The Ohio State College of Optometry and will graduate next year and begin his career as an eye doctor. Alex is attending Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine in Middletown NY and will begin his first year of clinical rotations this summer. Both of our sons were very prepared for their rigorous academic studies in large part due to the excellent education they received K-12 here at SCCS.

Professionally I have been in real estate since 2000, attaining my NYS Broker license and establishing Park Place Real Estate of WNY in 2012. In this line of work I have the unique opportunity to deal with many clients who are determined to move to our wonderful school district. SCCS's excellent reputation is clearly known throughout our region.

In addition to our Board of Education, I am fortunate to be involved in other organizations such as our Kiwanis Club, Brooks/TLC Hospital Foundation Board of Directors (President), founding member of the SC Children's Fair, Heritage Fund member and founding member of the Chautauqua County Underage Drinking Prevention Taskforce. I also enjoyed being a Hanover Little League coach for 14 seasons. I am committed to giving back to this community that has been so wonderful to our family.

I was asked recently "since your boys have graduated, why are you willing to volunteer for another term on the Board of Education?" The answer is very simple, I care deeply for ALL our communities' children, their safety and the quality of their education. My commitment to the well-being of our community's children does not end just because our sons are away at college.

It would be an honor to be re-elected and continue to serve our community and children, and to continue to help our district move forward. I appreciate your consideration of support.

Stephen Boothe (Incumbent)

My name is Stephen Boothe and I am seeking re-election to the Silver Creek Central School District Board of Education. I would like to thank District voters for their past support. This year, I again ask for your vote for a five-year term.

I graduated from Jamestown Community College with an Associate in Science degree in Business Administration and from the State University of New York College at Fredonia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. I have been employed for nearly thirty years by the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, working out of the Buffalo District Office. My wife, Christina, and I have resided in Silver Creek for the last twenty-nine years and are blessed to have four children, all of whom attend our Silver Creek Central School.



I am passionate about Education and the prominent role it plays in the lives of our community's children. I believe there has been no greater vehicle for freedom, positive societal change, and equality than the education of our kids. I have seen firsthand the difference education makes. My deep desire is that our District provides the solid educational foundation to help build the future success of our graduates.

Our Board is working hard to overcome the many challenges of today's educational landscape. We strive to provide more opportunities for students, remove barriers, and open pathways for them. Our Board realizes that, while learning is the key, we also need to be concerned with the whole student: promoting good physical and mental health along with seeking to develop valued character traits. For decades, our area has faced difficult economic realities. Our Board has spent a lot of time and energy in developing sound fiscal budgets which provide quality education while limiting the impact on our property tax rates. In times of high economic inflation, our Board has presented our community budgets which attempt to limit property tax impact. For the second consecutive year, we send the voters a budget containing a 0.00% property tax rate increase.

Board of Education Candidates

For the 2024-2025 year, there are two (2) five-year seats open on the Board of Education commencing on July 1, 2024.

Deandra Parker

Hello my name is Deandra Parker, I am an enrolled member of the Seneca Nation and of the bear clan. I have lived in Irving for all of my life and was schooled at Silver Creek Central School from K-12th grade. My children attend Silver Creek; one in middle school and one in elementary. We enjoy the outdoors and taking long walks on the beach with our 3 little dogs. I am the second generation to have walked the SC halls and I have a strong background in childhood education as I am a former HeadStart aide/teacher for 8 years. I have been a manager and a coach for local soccer and lacrosse teams. I currently have an advertising business and a background in accounting/finance. I am an advocate for children having worked with kids a majority of my life and it is just a passion for me. I want to share that my first HeadStart class graduated last year!



I feel strongly about running for the Board of Education because there is a lack of Native (Seneca Nation) representation at the table and that has to change. A goal of mine is to improve upon native truancy, native graduation rates and incorporating our history in all grades. I have attended Board meetings for the last two plus years and see the lack in Native representation/support, questioning of fund allocation, the value of public education, funding of art/plays, fairness in discipline and issues other parents have. I am committed to fight challenging tasks, questions and face the scrutiny. I believe in accountability and maximizing the effectiveness of the school system along with ensuring that the school acts in a fiscally-responsible manner.

If elected I will be the mother thinking about the next 7 generations, working collaboratively to solve existing problems, committed to serving all students and families, challenging myself to speak up and above all listening and hearing. With my deep dedication to my community, my people, the students and their families I want to be your voice at the table. We need a mother to speak at this table, its about time. Please VOTE #1.

Michael Schneider



After retiring from the US Army, I wanted to make a difference in my community. That is why I initially went into education; to have a positive impact on our future. I want to serve on the Board of Education so I can continue to work for the betterment of my community and knowing the district as a former employee and current parent, I understand that change needs to happen within our school.

I hold a bachelor's degree with a focus on management, and my wife and I have children attending school in the district and older children who graduated from Silver Creek. In the US Army I worked as an operations manager in an organization with several thousand employees. Upon retiring, I initially worked for Erie-2 BOCES, which our school relies on heavily for assisting our students and staff, then at Silver Creek High School. Currently, I teach students citizenship and leadership through a US Army JROTC program.

Growing up in a military family, my children attended schools across the country, both public and private, before coming to Silver Creek. Silver Creek is not the worst place my kids went to school, the district is strong, but there are still ways it can improve. Change needs to happen, for the betterment and safety of our children, the employees, and the community. Help me make this district better. Let's make this district somewhere teachers and staff want to work, by giving them pay and benefits competitive with other local schools. Let's build the elective, technical, and college credit options our students have to make them more successful in the workforce, trade schools, and college. Let's build our district's internal capacity to support students in need, so we can stop giving money away to third party organizations from outside our community. Let's strengthen all of our sports programs and focus on building scholar athletes. Let's make Silver Creek Central School District the best in the area.

Board of Education Candidates

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Brian Boedo

My name is Brian Boedo. I am a lifelong resident of the Silver Creek School District, and a class of 2003 graduate. I furthered my education attending SUNY Oswego earning my bachelor's in communications with a focus in Broadcasting and Public Relations in 2007. After graduation I moved back to Silver Creek to use what I had learned and give back to my hometown. I volunteered with the Grape Festival for several years (2007-2012) serving as President and Vice President during my time. I am a father and step father of five girls (22,19,15,12,& 4 years of age) two have already graduated from Silver Creek and three more are in the district at each school, Elementary, Middle and High. You have most likely seen me around town, at my business Just Pets, or riding bikes with my family.



Upon the passing of my brother in 2017, my family felt a greater need to give back to our community starting the Michael Boedo Scholarship. In the years since it has grown from a scholarship to a non-profit community foundation. An organization where we can talk about mental health, break the stigma associated with addiction and overdose, and get information to those that need help. Our scholarship is awarded in three local school districts Silver Creek, Forestville, and Gowanda. We also provide aid for adult nursing students at SUNY JCC. With the support of our community, we have been able to sponsor youth summer programs in Hanover and Silver Creek. It's amazing what can be done with the support of a great community like ours; and the best is yet to come.

I believe in a community spirit, in the community coming together to support and lift everyone up for the greater good. As a board member we could build a better partnership between school and community, engaging and challenging our students and faculty to become active stakeholders locally in our community. The community and district are one; and working together for a brighter future for everyone should be all our goal. Mutually supporting one another is what builds strong communities; and strong communities build great leaders of tomorrow. Together we can build a brighter future for everyone. Today we can plant the seeds of community spirit in our children and watch them grow as they become the leaders of tomorrow.

Coming Soon

ParentSquare

What is ParentSquare?

A way for teachers to communicate with families!

Mass Notification communications all in one place!

Coming to Silver Creek in the 2024-2025 school 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	\$ 28,105,159	\$ 31,326,466	\$ 31,169,848										
Increase/Decrease for the 2024-25 School Year		\$ 3,221,307	\$ 3,064,689										
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		11.46 %	10.90 %										
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.12%											
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount													
	\$ 6,344,616	\$ 6,344,616											
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)													
	\$ 6,344,616	\$ 6,344,616	\$										
F. Total Permissible Exclusions													
	\$0	\$ 2,912											
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions													
	\$ 6,601,485	\$ 6,856,033											
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)													
	\$ 6,344,616	\$ 6,344,616											
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **													
	\$ 256,869	\$ 511,417											
Administrative Component													
	\$ 2,583,242	\$ 2,982,948	\$ 2,972,948										
Program Component													
	\$ 20,882,752	\$23,754,225	\$23,672,125										
Capital Component													
	\$ 4,639,165	\$ 4,589,293	\$ 4,524,775										
<p>A contingency budget , in the event a simple majority approval is not realized, reduces the proposed budget by items such as non-aidable equipment, non-contractual salaries and benefits.</p>													
<p>** 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)</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 80%;">Description</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Electric School Bus Purchase</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 185,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Description	Amount	Electric School Bus Purchase	\$ 185,000		\$		\$		\$
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***NOTE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS OFFICIALS:** Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgt@nysed.gov

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year
Hanover / Sheridan \$ 390 / \$ 356

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2024-25 by the qualified voters of the Silver Creek Central school district, Chautauqua County, New York, will be held at Silver Creek High school in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 1:00 pm prevailing time *OR* between the hours of 1:00pm and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Silver Creek High School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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

Student Racial/Ethnic Origin

	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
American Indian	10%	11%	12%
Black	1%	1%	1%
Hispanic	10%	8%	9%
White	71%	72%	71%
Multiracial	8%	8%	7%

Average Class Size

Average Class Size is the total registration in specified classes divided by the number of those classes with registration. Common Branch refers to self-contained classes in Grades 1-6

	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Common Branch	13	12	14
Grade 8			
English	13	16	14
Mathematics	13	16	15
Science	16	16	14
Social Studies	-	-	-
Grade 10			
English	17	19	17
Mathematics	15	15	16
Science	19	21	16
Social Studies	18	17	16

District Enrollment

	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Pre K			39
Kindergarten	64	53	64
Grade 1	65	67	78
Grade 2	61	78	60
Grade 3	82	56	62
Grade 4	56	64	83
Grade 5	63	83	76
Grade 6	81	78	74
Ungraded elementary	1	6	4
Grade 7	77	74	82
Grade 8	71	78	87
Grade 9	76	77	83
Grade 10	75	79	75
Grade 11	72	75	78
Grade 12	80	78	65
Ungraded secondary	7	7	8
Totals K-12	931	953	1,018

Remaining 2023-2024 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

All meetings are at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Room unless otherwise noted.

- . May 8- Official Public Budget Hearing
- . May 21 - Budget Vote & Election 1-9 p.m.
- . May 23
- . June 13
- . June 27

Save those Box Tops!

Keep saving those Box Tops and/or download the Box Tops App to your phone to scan for easy upload of points to the Silver Creek Box Tops account.



What are the economic benefits of funding your school district?

Traditionally, the benefits of funding public education have been measured over the long-term. As students graduate from high school and enter the workforce or attend college, they contribute back to society and their communities through both civic engagement (e.g. voting and volunteering) and financial support (e.g. paying taxes to fund social security or donations to charitable organizations). Beyond public education’s long-term benefits, there are more immediate economic impacts that school districts have on their communities. Until now, no one has measured them systematically.

ASBO New York has developed a tool that measures the economic impact of funding your school district. This analysis uses a multiplier calculated by economists that measures both the direct and spillover impact of school district spending in terms of employment, income and taxes generated. Local and regional numbers are presented in millions while statewide numbers are presented in billions.

The Silver Creek school district spends \$25M in order to educate students in the district. This spending also contributes to local, regional, and statewide economic well-being. The following tables estimate that contribution.

Local Impact	Direct	Spillover	Total
Employment (FTE)	188	179	368
Income	\$11.2M	\$9.3M	\$20.5M
Income Tax	\$0.5M	\$0.4M	\$0.9M
Sales Tax	\$0.3M	\$0.3M	\$0.6M

The Silver Creek school district directly employs about 188 people. The district’s purchase of goods and services as well as employee personal spending is responsible for about 179 additional spillover jobs in the Western Region. The school district is responsible for a total of about 368 jobs. These jobs generate \$20.5 million in income. \$11.2 million is directly connected to Silver Creek employees. Another \$9.3 million is generated by spillover spending that generate additional jobs. This income generates an estimated \$0.9 million in state income tax in total and \$0.6 million in sales tax.

Schools in the Western Region generate a total of 53,711 jobs. 29,895 are directly employed through the school districts and 23,816 others are employed by spillover effects of school spending. Schools produce \$3,119.8 million in income for the region. This generates \$155.8 million in income tax to New York State and \$89.7 million in sales tax to the state and counties in the region.

Regional Impact	Direct	Spillover	Total
Employment (FTE)	29,895	23,816	53,711
Income	\$1,891.2M	\$1,228.6M	\$3,119.8M
Income Tax	\$97.3M	\$58.5M	\$155.8M
Sales Tax	\$54.3M	\$35.3M	\$89.7M

In New York State 672,310 jobs are generated by school districts. An estimated 376,665 work directly for the school districts earning \$32.2 billion in income. The spending of the school districts and their employees produces an additional \$17.9 billion in income from an estimated 295,645 spillover jobs in New York State. The combined income produces \$2.7 billion in income tax and \$1.2 billion in sales tax.

Statewide Impact	Direct	Spillover	Total
Employment (FTE)	376,665	295,645	672,310
Income	\$32.2B	\$17.9B	\$50.1B
Income Tax	\$1.8B	\$0.9B	\$2.7B
Sales Tax	\$0.8B	\$0.4B	\$1.2B

Conclusion

This analysis shows the economic impact of public education goes far beyond the people directly employed by school districts. School district spending in 202-21 resulted in nearly 700,000 jobs around the state, about 377,000 jobs directly funded by schools and just under 300,000 jobs that result from spending of school districts and school employees. As voters go to the polls to decide on school budgets, they should consider both the long-term benefits of funding public education and the immediate economic impact of school district spending.

Fiscal Accountability Supplement for Silver Creek Central School

2021-2022 School Year		General Education
This School District	Instructional Expenditures Pupils Expenditures Per Pupil	\$27,250,853.21 997 \$22,304.00
Total of All School Districts in NY State	Instructional Expenditures Pupils Expenditures Per Pupil	\$64,750,596,227 2,502,890 \$25,870

Similar District Group Description: High Need Rural



Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

The U.S. Department of Education approved New York’s Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan in January 2018. In developing the plan, NYSED engaged diverse groups of stakeholders to solicit recommendations on how to craft an ESSA plan that best meets the needs of the state’s students, schools, and communities. The plan emphasizes fostering equity in education for all students and expands measures for school accountability and student success. Silver Creek is identified as a Targeted Support and Improvement School (TSI) for the 2021-2022 school year. Please visit any of the websites listed below for more information about our data.

Link for the school report card: <https://data.nysed.gov/>

To see SCCS Report Card data, please see our District website in the “Public Documents” section. To request a paper copy, please call Emily Cole, Secretary to the Superintendent at (716) 934-2603 ext. 1900.

Main Link for ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act): <http://www.nysed.gov/essa>

Parent Information link on ESSA: <http://www.nysed.gov/essa/information-parents>

Salary Disclosure Statement For Salaries Over \$130,000

2024-2025			
	Budgeted Salary	Budgeted Benefits	Other
Superintendent of Schools	\$161,459	\$41,975	\$5,000



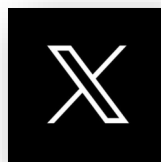
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*Save
the
Date*
May 21st



Budget Night Activities:

3:00-7:00 pm: Italian Night Dinner– High School Cafeteria
(Sponsored by HS Key Club)



6:30-8:00 pm: Ice Cream Social- Elementary Cafeteria
(Sponsored by your PTSA)



5:00-8:00 pm: Annual Elementary Art Show - Elementary Lobby

5:00 pm-6:30 pm: Bike Rodeo - Basketball Parking Lot by Playground

Bring your bike or scooter and don't forget your helmets!

(Sponsored by the School Health Advisory Council and run by the school's SRO and District Wellness Coordinator/RN)

5:30 pm-8:00 pm: Fire Trucks on site - Parking Lot near Band Doors

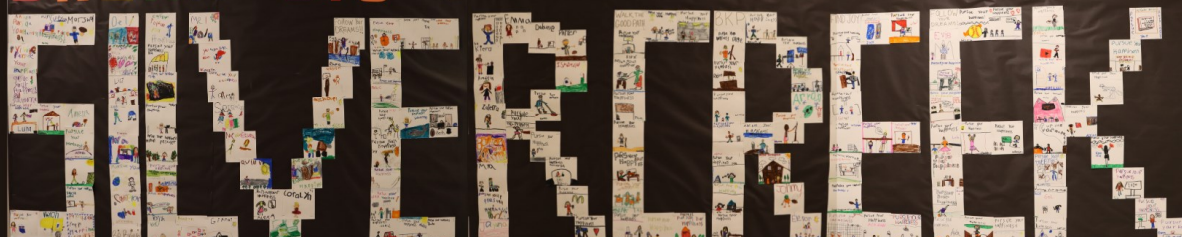
(Sponsored by Local Fire Departments)

4:30-7:00 pm: District-wide Student Showcase

**Please join us for these fun family-friendly activities,
and don't forget to vote in the
High School Lobby between 1 and 9 pm!**



DREAM BIG WORK HARD PURSUE YOUR HAPPINESS



On March 25, the District held a Celebrating Silver Creek event, to commemorate 200 years of formal education in the District. The community was welcomed to the school for a variety of activities, a food tasting with local restaurants and a time capsule dedication!



SPRING



EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC: SILVER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS 'TUCK EVERLASTING'

Please join us in congratulating the Silver Creek High School cast and crew of this year's musical production of "Tuck Everlasting!"

The performance featured 45 Silver Creek students in grade 7-12 as cast, pit band, and stage crew.

Based on the American children's novel, "Tuck Everlasting" by Natalie Babbitt, the musical featured notable songs like "Top of the World," the cast favorite "Partner in Crime" and songs that will pull at your heartstrings - "Time," and "The Story of Winnie Foster."

Audiences followed 11-year-old Winnie Foster as she became entwined with the Tuck Family and learned of the magic behind the Tuck's unending youth. The family-centered story took the characters on an emotional journey that also featured laugh out loud moments.

"As a senior it is amazing to be able to do a show focused on family with all of my best friends as my last high school show," Katelyn Guard, who played Mae Tuck, said.

As the musical unfolds, Winnie, played by Marissa Grisanti and Irelynd Henry on opposite nights, faces an extraordinary choice: return to her life or continue with the Tucks on their infinite journey.

"I think the moral of the show resonates with people. You need to savor the time that you have, and time is precious in and of itself," senior Julie Decker, who played Jesse, said.

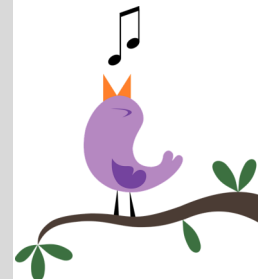


This year's musical stars:

- Winnie Foster - Marissa Grisanti and Irelynd Henry
- Jesse - Julie Decker
- Mae - Katelyn Gard
- Angus - Levi Lawton
- Miles - Gianna Grabias
- The Man In The Yellow Suit - Liam Matney
- Betsy/Mother - Rachel Kemp
- Constable Joe - Renee Soggs
- Hugo - Auggie Boedo
- Nana - Ella Austin

The ensemble cast included:

- Lilly Carlson
- Kolby Jamison
- Calvin Matney
- Lexi Parks
- Hayleigh Salisbury
- Lily Prince-Rivera
- Mira Wade
- Dakota Bastedo
- Joseph Ziegler
- Justina Lindow
- Katherine Jones
- Haley Ross
- Kyla Redeye
- Chloe Tytko
- Ann Matney
- Ericka Austin



Special Thanks to:

Director: Carolyn Laurenzi-Timmerman
 Music Directors: Fabricio Logan
 Pit Conductor: Marc Bridon
 Choreographer: Sam Kenney Brooke Jasinski
 Producer, Sound Design, Lighting Design: Phillip McMullen
 AV Coordinator: Michael Jackson
 Props, Costumes, Set Construction: The Theatre Tech Class
 The Performing Arts Boosters Parents and families of performers
 Poster, Program Cover, and T-Shirt Design: Tanner Templin





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Absentee Ballots

The application for an absentee ballot may be obtained at the office of the Clerk of the District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (EST) except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or on the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter.

Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk, by mail or in person, prior to 5:00 p.m. (EST) on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 to be counted.

**Remaining 2023-2024
PTSA Meeting Schedule**

All meetings are at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria

June 5

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Voting on the 2024-2025
School Budget and Board
Member Election**
May 21, 2024
1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

SCCS PTSA

Our Mission

By working as a TEAM, we believe parents, teachers, and students together can make our school the best it can be.

President:

Melissa Matney

Vice President:

Coren Fote

Secretary:

Heidi Roth

Treasurer:

Michele Grisanti

Volunteer Coordinator:

Letisha Ulmer

Social Media Coordinator:

Bobbie Kilburn

Voter Qualifications



You are qualified to vote if:

1. You are a citizen of the United States, *and*:
2. You are at least 18 years of age, *and*:
3. You have established the Silver Creek Central School District as your legal Domicile (permanent residence) **OR** you are a registered voter in Chautauqua County with your domicile address within the School District.

Parents or guardians of Native American students who are enrolled and attend the Silver Creek Central School District, reside on the Seneca Nation Territory, meet criteria number one and two above, and have been residents of the Seneca Nation Territory for at least 30 days are eligible to vote.

If you have any questions about your eligibility to vote, please call the District Clerk at 934-2603, ext. 1900.

2024-2025

PRE-K &

KINDERGARTEN

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Monday - Friday



7:30am-3:00pm



Pre-K eligible:

Turn 4 before December 1, 2024

Kindergarten eligible:

Turn 5 before December 1, 2024

Provide: child's birth certificate,
guardian's driver's license, 2 proofs of residency

Contact Us:

- Central Registration - Michele Valentine
- Mvalentine@silvercreekschools.org
- (716) 934-2603 Ext. 4966