

PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET CONTINUES TO SUPPORT DISTRICT GOALS



Each year the Board of Education focuses on the development of various policies to guide our daily work in providing safe, healthy, and welcoming schools that are steeped in excellent learning opportunities for each of our students. Although often not thought of as a policy, in fact the most important policy statement that the Board makes is the creation and approval of the annual budget.

This provides the clearest public statement of the district's priorities relative to supporting the teaching and learning that takes place within our schools each day. The development of the budget intentionally supports long-range planning and multi-year goals to ensure a consistent year-to-year approach. Each year this process begins in October and ends with the budget vote which is held statewide on the third Tuesday of May.

In the intervening months, a great deal of planning takes place to ensure that we are finding an appropriate balance between providing our students with the best possible programming while keeping tax increases as low as possible and delivering high value to the taxpaying public. We believe that the budget that was presented to (and adopted by) the Board for the 2023-2024 school year accomplishes this balance while keeping a clear focus on our budget goals to maintain and enhance our current programming by:

1. Supporting the ongoing implementation of the K-5 reading, math, science and social-emotional learning curriculum;
2. Maintaining K-12 staffing levels to support our student's mental health needs;
3. Supporting the continued implementation of the Middle Years International Baccalaureate Programme for grades 6-8;
4. Creating additional learning opportunities for students in grades 9-12;
5. Providing support for the continued implementation of the K-12 Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) program;
6. Continuing to improve our district facilities to ensure a safe and secure campus for our staff and students;
7. Continuing to create learning opportunities for our special education students and increasing professional offerings to staff centered around Autism education.

After you read the information within this newsletter, we encourage you to review the additional Financial Information available on our website at www.bsbsd.org/Page/13354.

We greatly appreciate the community's ongoing support of our students and staff and hope to see all eligible voters at one of our voting sites on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

Gianleo Duca, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Jason Fernau
President, Board of Education

Budget Vote Dates:

- May 3** Budget Hearing on 2023-24 Budget
- May 9** Voter Registration Day
- May 16** Budget Vote and Board of Education Election

BUDGET AT-A-GLANCE

PROPOSED BUDGET

\$104,232,811

SPENDING INCREASE

5.7%

over the current year

TAX LEVY INCREASE

3.1%

over the current year

PROPOSITIONS ON THE BALLOT:

Voters will consider the following separate propositions on the ballot:

Proposition I: School Budget

The district will be authorized to expend the sum set forth in its estimate of expenditures for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$104,232,811 and to levy the necessary taxes therefore.

Proposition II: School Vehicle Replacement

The district will spend up to \$965,000 to purchase and replace school buses and vehicles.

Proposition III: Ballston Spa Public Library

The district will be authorized to collect and contribute \$62,102 towards the expense of operating the public library.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS:

There are three Board seats up for election this year, commencing in July 2023. Voters may select from the following candidates at the polls (in order of appearance on the ballot): Katie Whittemore, Julia Routbort Baskin and Matt Dreher.

A Candidates Information Night will be held on May 8, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the BSHS Library for area voters to learn more about the candidates. Additional information will be posted to the website.

Bedell, McKinley Named Class of 2023 Valedictorian, Salutatorian

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S TOP 10 STUDENTS

High School Interim Principal Richard Murphy has announced **Mia Bedell** as the Valedictorian and **Lee McKinley** as the Salutatorian for the Ballston Spa High School Class of 2023. They both have earned a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation with Honors with Mastery in Mathematics and Science. Mia is excited to pursue a degree in Pharmaceutical Science at the University of Rhode Island. Lee will be attending Middlebury College in the fall, majoring in Elementary Education.

Congratulations to the top ten graduates, including **Marissa Moryl** (3), **Celina Beyer-Teal** (4), **Maddie Burns** (5), **Jax Skylstad** (6), **Ashley Beck** (7), **Kylie Reisinger** (8), **Madalyn Wilson** (9), and **Joseph Fodera** (10). Graduation is June 22, 2023.

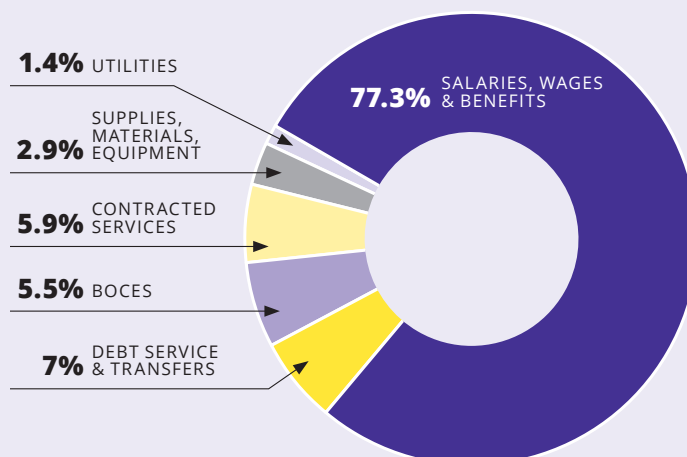


Superintendent Dr. Gianleo Duca is with Master Teachers Shannon Hansen, Katie Calhoun, Colin Klepetar, Christina Bisceglia and BOE President Jason Fernau.

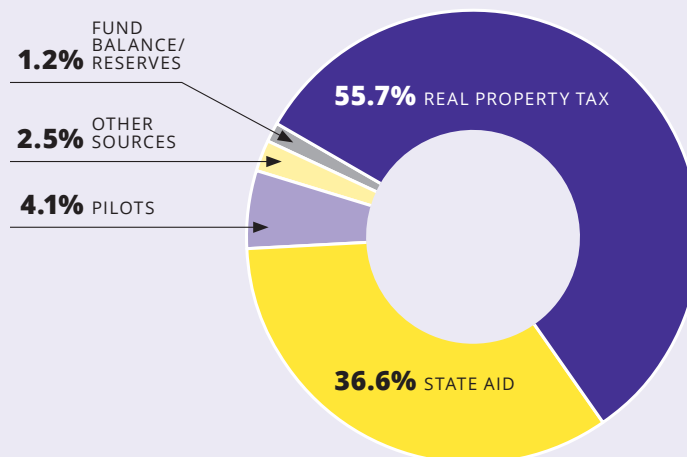
Master Teachers Recognized by Board of Education

Several district teachers received praise and recognition from the Board of Education and school administrators after being selected for the New York State Master Teacher Program. The program is offered by the NYS Education Department to the highest performing science, technology, engineering and math teachers (STEM). Recognized for being inducted this school year were Middle School teachers Colin Klepetar and Christina Bisceglia as well as previously selected middle school teacher Jeff Gargano. These teachers join the ranks of other previously selected Master Teachers from Ballston Spa including John Balet, Katie Calhoun, Shannon Hansen, Judith Selig, Ankie Meuwissen, Matt Glogowski, Katie Miller and Andrew Ferrone.

2023-2024 EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES



Expenditures	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Budget	Change	
			Dollars (\$)	Percent (%)
Salaries, Wages & Benefits	\$76,780,460	\$80,590,908	\$3,810,448	5.0%
Supplies, Materials, Equipment	\$2,984,895	\$3,003,487	\$18,592	0.6%
Contracted Services	\$5,477,764	\$6,147,902	\$670,138	12.2%
BOCES	\$5,872,110	\$5,768,907	-\$103,203	-1.8%
Utilities	\$1,256,200	\$1,440,640	\$184,440	14.7%
Debt Service & Transfers	\$6,203,913	\$7,280,967	\$1,077,054	17.4%
Total Expenditures	\$98,575,342	\$104,232,811	\$5,657,469	5.7%



Revenues	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Budget	Change	
			Dollars (\$)	Percent (%)
State Aid	\$33,560,843	\$38,151,332	\$4,590,489	13.7%
PILOTS	\$5,177,000	\$4,291,000	-\$886,000	-17.1%
Other Sources*	\$2,389,000	\$2,574,000	\$185,000	7.7%
Fund Balance/Reserves	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$0	0%
Real Property Tax	\$56,248,499	\$58,016,479	\$1,767,980	3.1%
Total Revenues	\$98,575,342	\$104,232,811	\$5,657,469	5.7%

* Other Sources of Revenue include federal aid, charges to other districts, interest earnings, and other miscellaneous sources.

School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2022-23 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2023-24 School Year
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$98,575,342	\$104,232,811	\$102,464,831
Increase/Decrease for 2022-23 School Year		\$5,657,469	\$3,889,489
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		5.74%	3.95%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		8%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$56,248,499	\$58,016,479	
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)	\$56,248,499	\$58,016,479	\$56,248,499
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$1,675,970	\$2,275,277	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$55,745,848	\$57,921,473	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)	\$54,572,529	\$55,741,202	
I. Difference: (G - H): Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval	\$1,173,319	\$2,180,271	
Administrative Component	\$10,049,586	\$10,539,861	\$10,322,983
Program Component	\$74,820,672	\$78,534,058	\$77,545,316
Capital Component	\$13,705,084	\$15,158,892	\$14,596,532
Contingency Budget Assumptions: A contingent budget would result in the reduction and/or elimination of certain expenses such as equipment, supplies, and personnel as determined by the Board of Education. In all, a contingent budget would require \$1,767,980 in reductions.			
List of separate propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount:	Description		Amount
	School District Buses & Vehicles		\$965,000
	Ballston Spa Public Library		\$62,102

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings	\$585

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-2024 by the qualified voters of the Ballston Spa Central School District, Saratoga County, New York, will be held at the Ballston Spa High School for voters in District 1 and the Malta Town Hall for voters in District 2 on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

Vote May 16, 2023

The annual statewide School Budget Vote and Board of Education Elections will be held on May 16, 2023 from 7 am-9 pm. District residents vote at Ballston Spa High School (residents of the Towns of Ballston, Milton and Charlton) and the Malta Town Hall (residents of Malta).

The Bottom Line:

The adopted 2023 2024 budget for the Ballston Spa Central School District is \$104,232,811 which represents a 5.7% increase in expenditures over the 2022 2023 budget.

The projected tax levy to support the 2023 2024 budget is \$58,016,479 — which represents a 3.1% increase over the 2022 2023 tax levy.

The adopted budget supports all current programs in place and adds additional staff support for both academic programs, as well as for struggling and accelerated students.



Ballston Spa Wellness Day, May 13

The annual BSCSD Wellness Day will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at the Wood Road Elementary School complex. The goal is to bring the school community together for a fun-filled day and encourage students/families to participate in healthy and active lifestyles. The day begins with the FREE Kids Color Fun Run which starts at 8:15 am. At 9:15 am, the annual Scotties Stampede 5k will begin with a new course that starts/ends in the Wood Road bus loop. Runners and walkers are all invited and welcome to participate! Race registration for the Kids Color Run and the Scotties Stampede 5k can be found on the website, www.bscsd.org.

The Wellness Expo is from 8:30-11:30 am in the Wood Road Elementary School cafeteria/gymnasium. The Expo will once again offer free information from community organizations, a free bike raffle, live demonstrations, and plenty of great giveaways. As in year's past, proceeds from the event will support the district's Ballston Spa Partnership for Innovation in Education Fund, a component fund of the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region. Please call The Office of Community Relations and Program Support at (518) 884-7195, Ext. 1369 or contact Kelly Delaney-Elliott at kelliott@bscsd.org with any questions.



Malta Ave Odyssey of the Mind team is headed to World Finals

The Malta Ave Odyssey of the Mind (OM) Structure Team came in 2nd place for Problem #4, "Where's the Structure" in Division 1 at the New York state Tournament which qualified the team to move on to the OM World Finals. The Malta Ave team consists of: **Maxwell DeMeritt**, 5th grade; **Arlo Harrison**, 2nd grade; **Roebing Harrison**, 4th grade; **Daniel Heggen**, 5th grade; **Adam Loomis**, 5th grade; **Ava Sorbero**, 3rd grade and **Anthony Sorbero**, 5th grade. The World Finals are May 24-27, 2023 at Michigan State University. Congratulations and good luck at the World competition.



FIRST Robotics Program Active Throughout the District

The FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) 2023 season kicked off in January with the Charged Up Challenge presented by Haas Game Animation. The District's FRC team 3044 completed the annual build season in early March and competed in the Finger Lakes Regional Tournament at the Rochester Institute of Technology and in the NY Tech Valley Regional Competition at MVP Arena, Albany. In addition to working on their robot, the team mentored the District's FIRST Lego League Challenge teams and FIRST Tech Challenge teams. Participation in robotics is possible because of sponsors, like Ballston Spa National Bank, GlobalFoundries/Town of Malta Foundation, Eastern Heating & Cooling, Inc., HMS Agency, Bechtel Foundation, Generations Auto Repair, Aquatic Development Group and Coffee Planet. More information is available by contacting District STEM Coordinator Diane Irwin at 518-884-7150, Ext. 2317 or dirwin@bscsd.org.



HS Students Earn Gold at NYS Science Olympiad

The high school's Science Olympiad team competed in the New York state Science Olympiad tournament earlier this spring. Students participated in 23 events against their peers representing 60 high schools from throughout New York state. Congratulations to Ballston Spa High School students **Maddie Burns** and **Lee McKinley** for winning golds medal in the "Write-It, Do-It" event, and to the entire team for their hard work and perseverance that earned 41st place. The team is coached by Ballston Spa High School science teachers Theresa Rousseau and Jim Poirier. For additional information, please visit newyorkscioly.org/ or contact District STEM Coordinator Diane Irwin at dirwin@bscsd.org.



Ballston Spa High School's Jazz Band performed for a packed house at the winter concert.



The Troupe's spring production of *Mean Girls-High School Edition* was a tremendous hit!

MUSICAL MEDLEYS NEWS

MIOSM Features Annual Pops Concert

During Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM) in March, the BSHS Jazz Bands, Orchestras, Choirs and Bands performed for a packed house at the annual Ballston Spa Pops Concert. With the help of volunteers and staff, the school was transformed into a three-stage performance venue with concessions and handmade posters recognizing all of the seniors in the Music Department. The event started with the combined Jazz Bands in the cafeteria, moved to the gymnasium for the Orchestras, followed by a trip to the auditorium for the Choirs and then back to the gymnasium for the Bands. With more than 1,000 attendees, the event raised over \$2,400 for senior scholarships. Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @Bspamusic or check the Music Department webpage for student recognition, department news, and more.



Music Students Receive Board of Education Recognition

At a March Board of Education meeting, many students excelling in music programs were recognized for their achievements and dedication to the Ballston Spa music programs. A total of 111 students received acknowledgment during Music in our Schools Month. They received accolades for participating in one or more of these musical opportunities: All-County Band, Choir or Orchestra (99 students), Suburban Council Music Festival (15 students), All-State Zone 7 participants (9 students), and Capital Region Wind Ensemble Side-by-Side (9 students). The BSHS Tri-M officers were also recognized for their leadership to the music program (8 students).

Launching Pad Presented *Matilda the Musical Jr.*

The Middle School's Launching Pad Productions presented *Matilda the Musical Jr.* in early February. More than 100 middle school students prepared throughout October-January for opening day on February 9, with 51 students performing in the cast and 60 backstage helping as part of the production crew. The students presented five performances on stage in the district's shared auditorium at the Ballston Spa High School. (See photos on page 3.)

High School's Troupe Presented *Mean Girls-HS Edition*

The students in Troupe presented their annual spring production, *Mean Girls-High School Edition*, at the end of March. The production is a coming-of-age musical based on the book written by Tina Fey. The cast provided five performances to large crowds who enjoyed many popular musical selections. The cast included **Katie Benanto**, **Maddie Burns** (photo middle), **Rachel Camilli**, **Benjamin Ferrara** (photo right), **Fiona Hughes** (photo left), and **Samantha Zavadi**. (More photos on page 3.)



Clean Technologies & Sustainable Industries Early College High School

The Clean Technologies and Sustainable Industries Early College High School (ECHS) Program hosted several speakers this winter to present information and meet with students. Dr. Jonathan Ashdown, Executive Dean of Hudson Valley Community College North Campus, spoke to sophomores about cybersecurity and hacking, and taught them about drone technology. Ryan Scribner, alumni of Ballston Spa High School and the ECHS program, author of *From Side Hustle to Main Hustle to Millionaire*, spoke about 10 things he wished he knew in high school and his road to becoming a millionaire.

In January, alumni were invited to speak to students about how their ECHS experience helped them with their future plans, share their college and workforce experiences, and offer words of wisdom. Alumni included Reese Johnson (2016), who is employed at Mindex; Graham Patton (2019); Shawn Farrell (2020); and class of 2022 grads Camden Hart, Gabe Larocque, and James Hilton, who is employed at GLOBALFOUNDRIES and finishing his final year at HVCC.

This spring, juniors in the program participated in a series of energy efficiency and home energy use simulations at HVCC's Pressure House in Troy. Students also learned about energy efficiency from professionals at National Grid and toured NYISO, New York Independent System Operator, in Rensselaer. In March, 27 of

the juniors were accepted into the New York Youth Institute at Cornell University. They presented their papers on solving grand challenges and earned recognition as Borlaug Scholars. Students also experienced the agricultural and sustainability

labs on the campus.

The program's partnership with the Capital District Regional Planning Commission and the Future Leaders in Planning Program (FLIP), along with the University of Albany's Geography and Planning Department, is being honored at the University of Albany President's Awards for Exemplary Public Engagement for "Distinguished Public Engagement." This one-week long summer program is going into its fourth year. Any students interested in participating in the FLIP program can apply online.

Clean Tech ECHS was developed in partnership with HVCC and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority in 2011. The Clean Tech ECHS was subsequently awarded a NYS P-TECH grant which expanded opportunities for students in the program to take college coursework (at no cost to families) in one of several career pathways at HVCC's TEC-SMART in Malta.

Enrollment for Next School Year

The program is currently accepting students for the 2023-24 school year. For more information on applying to the program, please visit the website at www.bsccd.org/Page/13339.

Upcoming Events

The ECHS program will host a Student Project Exhibition for current 9th and 10th grade students on May 24 at 9 am. The ECHS Graduation Ceremony and 11th and 12th grade Student Capstone Presentations are June 8 at 8:30 am. For more information, please contact ECHS Program Coordinator Adrienne Snow at asnow@bsccd.org.

ATHLETIC ACCOLADES

Eight of the **Fall 2022 Varsity teams** qualified for recognition as a NYS Public High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete Team based on the academic accomplishments of 101 student athletes who had a combined GPA of 95.3.

Six of the **Winter 2023 Varsity teams** also qualified as a NYS Public High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete Team based on the academic accomplishments of 82 student athletes who had a combined GPA of 93.2.

Fall athletes **Keira Dashnow, Noah Datka, Aidan Davis, Troy Gottmann, Isaiah Hannah, Harriet Healey, Darrien Insogna, Isabella Kaldy, Tyler Leahey, Nico Savini** and **Blaine Zoller** were all recognized for being selected for inclusion on the **Suburban Council All-Star 1st team**. **Junior Nico Savini** was chosen as the Grasso Division Offensive Player of the Year and junior **Blaine Zoller** was selected as the Grasso Division All Purpose Player of the Year for their achievements on the football team during the fall 2022 season.

Winter athletes **Kennedy Barker** (Bowling), **Cole Evans** (skiing), **Parker Caswell** (Hockey), **Connor Gregory** (Wrestling), **Darrien Insogna** (Wrestling), **Ralph Keeney** (Wrestling), and **Nicholas Verdule** (Basketball) were all recognized for being selected for their individual achievements in their respective sport competitions.

Two teams that were also recognized from the winter sports season are **Boys Varsity Basketball** and **Boys Varsity Wrestling**.

Additional information on student athletic achievements, as well as team information, is posted on the Athletic Department section on the district website.

Also, follow BSCSD athletics on Twitter @B_Spa_Athletics or via the live Twitter Feed on the website.



Boncordo Receives Recognition from TCT Federal Credit Union

TCT Federal Credit Union recently presented Ballston Spa Middle School teacher **Emily Boncordo** with a "Teacher of the Week" award. The award is based on personal nominations sent in from students, parents and peers. This award is a public recognition honoring those who are effective, caring, and provide outstanding results observed by the school community, students and families. Recipients receive a plaque, prizes and gift cards. The award is also sponsored by Adirondack Broadcasting and businesses throughout Warren, Washington and Saratoga counties.

TCT FCU is a generous supporter of both the students and school staff in the Ballston Spa Central School District, providing not only this award but also financial support for the district's science initiatives, Sponsor-a-Scholar program, Community Literacy initiatives and the Scotties Back Pack program during the past year. Congratulations to Ms. Boncordo and all our educators for being selected by Adirondack Broadcasting and TCT Federal Credit Union as a Teacher of the Week. Thank you for all that you do for our school community and students.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

GLOBALFOUNDRIES-Malta Foundation Grants Awarded to Schools

Several Ballston Spa school organizations were among the community organizations selected to receive funding from the GLOBALFOUNDRIES-Town of Malta Foundation for 2022-23. The grant awards included \$18,000 for several school district projects and programs. The Malta Avenue PTA received \$3,500 to fund Alternative Classroom Settings. The high school received \$4,000 for the Robotics Club. The District's Ballston Spa Partnership for Innovation in Education Fund received \$6,000 to support the Robotics Competition. The BSHS PTSA received \$4,500 to support senior class activities and the annual After-Prom event.

Elks Lodge Supports Back Pack Program

The District's partnership program has once again received generous funding from the Ballston Spa Elks Lodge #2619. This year they increased their annual support of the Scotties Back Pack Program to \$6,500 to assist with supplying weekend meals to students who may otherwise go without. With the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York, the district launched the Scotties Back Pack Program in 2017 and is serving 190 students in grades K-5. The program provides easy-to-prepare food to qualifying students weekly. Meeting nutritional needs helps ensure students are ready to learn when they return to school. The program costs \$228 for each student this school year. Revenue to support the program is raised by individual and corporate donations as well as through any available grant sources.

TCT FCU Continues Support of District Programs

The Ballston Spa Central School District is fortunate to have TCT Federal Credit Union (TCT FCU) as a long-standing partner of multiple initiatives throughout recent years. Most recently they provided support to the district with a \$2,500 donation to be used toward the Scotties Backpack Program, Sponsor-a-Scholar program and toward Community Literacy efforts. In addition, TCT continually looks for ways to support BSCSD students and staff as well as recognize educators with the Teacher of the Week community program. The district expressed appreciation to TCT FCU at a Board of Education Meeting for their ongoing support.

Thank You & Farewell to Deputy Becker

Deputy Jonathan R. Becker (photo right), who has been BSCSD's School Resource Office (SRO) for five years, recently announced his leaving the district to become an Investigator for Saratoga County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Becker was established as the lead SRO in the district and an integral part of the district's safety team. He went above and beyond his school day duties and implemented several initiatives in the district including a Defensive Tactics Course, Bleeding Control Kits (donation and trainings), Senior Send-Off Parades and a Logo Design Contest for the SRO Program. The school district students, staff, and parents, extend a big thank you to Deputy Becker for his service and commitment to the well-being of everyone in our school community. The district subsequently announced that Saratoga County Deputy Pedro Garcia (photo left) has stepped into the SRO role and in February began working with students and staff in the middle and high schools.



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SPRING EDITION & BUDGET 2023-24

Upcoming Events

May

- 8 **Candidates Information Night**, 6:30 pm, HS Library
- 13 **Wellness Expo and Scotties 5k/Kids Color Fun Run**, Wood Road Complex
- 16 **Budget Vote-BOE Elections-Scotties Pride Day Events**
- 16 **HS Varsity Spring Concert**, 7:30 pm, HS Auditorium
- 20 **Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**, 1 pm, HS Auditorium
- 24 **Clean Tech ECHS Student Project Expo**, 9 am, TEC-SMART
- 27 **Ballston Spa Memorial Day Parade**, 9 am
- 29 **NO SCHOOL**, Memorial Day Observed

June

- 3 **Senior Prom**, 7 pm, The Saratoga Hilton
- 6 **Tri-M Honor Society Induction**, 7 pm, HS Auditorium
- 8 **Clean Tech ECHS Graduation & Capstone Presentations**, 8:30 am, TEC-SMART
- 8 **Senior Awards Night**, 7 pm, HS Auditorium
- 9 **BSHS Senior Parade**, from BSHS to Milton Ave
- 14-23 **High School Regents Testing Days**
- 15-23 **Half Days of School**, Middle School
- 19 **NO SCHOOL**, Juneteenth Observed
- 22 **Graduation**, 4 pm, Saratoga Performing Arts Center
- 23 **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Complete event information is located on the District Website's Events Calendar.

2023-24 School Budget and Vote Information

The Board of Education approved the proposed 2023-24 school district budget at the April 19, 2023 meeting. **The annual statewide School Budget Vote and Board of Education Elections will be held on May 16, 2023 from 7 am to 9 pm.** Residents vote at Ballston Spa High School (residents of the Towns of Ballston, Milton and Charlton) and the Malta Town Hall (residents of Malta).

Please visit the website for additional details on the budget vote and/or contact the Assistant Superintendent for Business at 518-884-7195 ext. 1320.

If a resident of the school district meets the definition of a "qualified voter" but has not registered to vote, (s)he must register to be eligible to receive a ballot. A qualified voter may register with the county by contacting the Saratoga County Board of Elections, or at the district's registration day on May 9, 2023.

Absentee ballots are available for voters who are unable to visit the polls on May 16, 2023. An application for the absentee ballot is available for pickup at the District Office or by calling 518-884-7195, Ext. 1320. Absentee ballots must be received no later than 5 pm on May 16, 2023.

Questions and comments may be sent via the comments section on the district website at www.bscsd.org or call the District Office at 518-884-7195.



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