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PreK Hat Extravaganza

After a several year hiatus due to COVID, the annual Pre-K Hat Decorating Activity Night and parade were able to resume! Before spring break, pre-k students and families gathered together for a special

night of hat decorating and snacks. The next week, the pre-k boys and girls paraded throughout the school modeling their unique creations. It was most definitely the cutest parade in town!



IMPORTANT DATES

Please Note
BUDGET HEARING
Tuesday, May 9, 2023
at 6:00 pm in the
High School Cafeteria

SAVE THE DATE - MAY 16, 2023
1:00-8:00 PM
**BUDGET VOTE &
BOARD MEMBER ELECTION**
(Elementary Foyer)

8:00 PM
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
(High School Library)

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON
Monday, May 29, 2023
MEMORIAL DAY

UPCOMING MUSIC PERFORMANCES

MAY 18TH – ELEMENTARY CONCERT
GRADES K – 5 @ 6:30 PM

MAY 23RD – MS/HS CONCERT
GRADES 6 – 12 @ 6:30 PM

MAY 29TH – 8TH-12TH
MEMORIAL DAY PERFORMANCE IN TOWN

JUNE 2ND – HS BAND/CHORUS
PERFORMANCE @ DARIEN LAKE

JUNE 7TH – CLUB JAZZ
CONCERT @ 6:30 PM - \$5 AT THE DOOR

Annual Budget Day Student Council Hot Dog Sale



Come May 16th to support
the ECS Student Council!
11:00am – 6:00pm
\$5.00 donation for a Hot Dog,
Chips, Drink and dessert!
We hope to see you there!

The 2023-24 Budget... Numbers and Taxes and Aid and Rates...

The District has reached a point where all the numbers and corresponding calculations have come together to create the proposed 2023-24 Budget, which is demonstrated in detail throughout this newsletter. Typically, at this point, people want to know what the percent increase in taxes will be and how much does that equate to in dollars. It seems like a simple enough question, but, in reality, getting to the final answer is time consuming and complicated. I say this because creating a school budget includes “real” numbers, as well as estimates based on factors such as NYS aid formulas, property assessments and the NYS Government (as of the writing of this article, we still do not have a NYS approved budget).

Most districts will be able to report that there will be no increase or a small increase in their tax rate and/or they will not “challenge” the “tax cap.” (Please recall from my past articles that the 2% tax cap is a moniker and only part of the complicated formula that is used to determine the increase that will be needed in the tax levy.) Unfortunately, Ellicottville Central School cannot follow this path or provide that simple answer. Why? Please remember that in April, I explained that ECS will not only see the minimum increase in foundation aid allowed by law, this small percentage increase is a result of the already low amount of foundation aid the District receives due to its immense property wealth. NYS expects ECS to make up for this low amount of foundation aid through taxes. However, compounding our situation, is the fact that ECS has low tax rates compared to surrounding districts (see “Tax Rate” article in this newsletter).

The Board of Education and Administration have diligently worked through all the details of our budget, and we have determined that we need a total

increase of \$581,293 to provide the quality education our students have come to expect and deserve. After using available revenue streams such as Foundation Aid, cost-expense based aids, BOCES Aid, Medicaid, etc. we still need \$389,747 to meet our needs. Working within the tax cap formula (which includes a tax base growth factor of an additional .87%), we can raise \$290,527; leaving the District \$99,220 short. This means we have to exceed the “cap” to obtain all the funds needed via a 4.4% increase on last year’s tax levy.

The final budget not only maintains current programming, it includes several additions. These additions are needed so that we can keep pace with the ever-increasing demands associated with providing an educational experience that challenges students while providing a breadth of opportunities in a safe environment with outstanding staff. Highlights of 2023-24 added and/or continued programming at ECS include (but are not limited to):

- Transitioning to two (2) full day Pre-K classes with a full-time aid in each class!
- Adding a K-12 Assistant Principal. This position is needed to: assist with many of the day to day operations at the school (addressing disciplinary issues, working on attendance concerns, supervising students, etc.), providing assistance with observations, etc.
- A capital outlay project to build a canopy over the maintenance loading dock. (See “Capital Outlay” article in this newsletter.)
- The continued practice of replacing banks of outdated and worn laptop computers each year to ensure the students and staff are using current technology.
- Addition of a primary grade level 12:1:1 program to better meet the needs

of ECS students without having to send them to programs outside of the District.

- Purchase of software programs that will allow for increased efficiency and productivity in the business office, the CSE department, and the maintenance department.
- Lease of a new keyboard/piano for the music program.
- The ability to continue providing a comprehensive array of classes for MS/HS students, including dual enrollment college classes through JCC and Syracuse University.
- Miscellaneous small equipment for the maintenance department.
- Continuation of our sound plan of replacing two “old” leased buses with two (2) new buses. One of these buses will be a 60 passenger bus with a lift and room for wheelchairs.
- Maximizing the use of the ARP/ESSER/CRSSA Grants to continue: the popular SRO Program, SEL programs, student access to additional staff to address learning loss, enhanced staff development, etc.
- Replacement of the fence for the baseball field.

The Board of Education and Administration have worked hard on this budget and, feel it is a responsible budget that is necessary to provide the best possible educational experiences to the students at ECS. Should you have any additional questions regarding the budget or the information in this newsletter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Robert Miller, Superintendent

**ATTENTION: My School Bucks will be down for maintenance May 16-19, 2023.
Sorry for any inconvenience.**

2023-2024 District School Budget Summary

ECS Summary of Estimated Revenues

	2022-23	2023-24
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	6,000.00	8,000.00
Interest & Interest/Penalties on Real Property	12,000.00	12,000.00
Non-Resident Tuition	60,000.00	55,000.00
Other Student Related Fees/Charges	1,000.00	1,000.00
Rental of Real Property	94,500.00	94,500.00
Refund of Prior Year BOCES	135,000.00	138,000.00
Foundation Aid	3,051,248.00	3,142,785.00
Lottery Aid	185,110.00	186,000.00
Excess Aid Costs	145,626.00	165,425.00
Transportation Aid	186,000.00	200,000.00
Building Aid	539,449.00	502,922.00
GAP Elimination	0.00	0.00
BOCES & Special Services	415,000.00	489,719.00
Tuition for Students w/ Disabilities	0.00	0.00
Textbook, Library, & Software	39,791.00	37,769.00
Federal Medicaid Reimbursement	100,000.00	100,000.00
Total Federal, State & Local Funding	4,970,724.00	5,133,120.00
Additional Funding		
Appropriated Fund Balance	620,144.00	607,694.00
Real Property Tax Levy	8,734,276.00	9,165,623.00
Total Projected Basic Budget Revenues	14,325,144.00	14,906,437.00
Appropriation for Public Library	65,000.00	75,000.00
Bus Lease	41,600.00	62,675.00
Total Budget Revenues	14,431,744.00	15,044,112.00
Total Tax Levy (including all propositions)	8,840,876.00	9,303,298.00

2023-2024 District School Budget Summary

ECS Summary of Estimated Expenditures

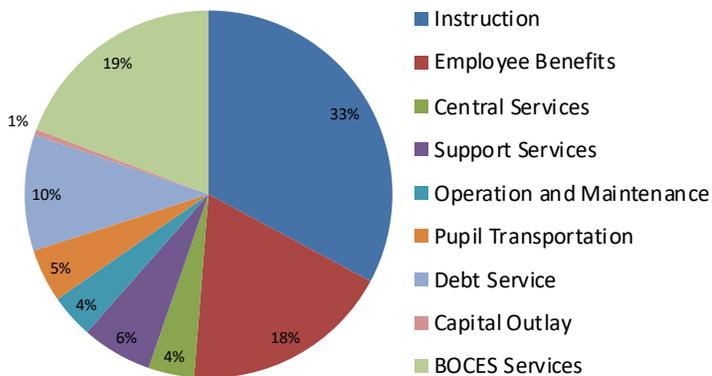
	2022-23	2023-24
Instruction	4,656,604.00	4,896,827.00
Employee Benefits	2,669,053.00	2,743,421.00
Central Services	538,765.00	602,032.00
Support Services	853,968.00	923,083.00
Operation and Maintenance	542,254.00	573,122.00
Pupil Transportation	700,236.00	698,460.00
Debt Service	1,708,465.00	1,522,750.00
Capital Outlay	0.00	75,000.00
BOCES Services	2,655,799.00	2,871,742.00
Total Proposed Expenditures	14,325,144.00	14,906,437.00

INSTRUCTION

33% percent of the budget is directly related to the teaching and learning process. Salaries for teachers and support staff, classroom equipment and supplies, textbooks and some special education costs are included in this section. This section also includes the addition of another special education classroom, and two full day prekindergarten programs.

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Also included in the 2023-2024 budget is a line item for a Capital Outlay Project. For the 2023-2024 school year the district choose to complete a capital outlay project in the amount of \$75,000 to finish a canopy over the loading dock. This addition will ease the delivery process for vendors and prevent items from weather damage. The District can receive building aid for one such project in the following year.



BOCES EXPENSES

The total of budgeted services to be purchased from BOCES is \$2,871,742 (19%).

All BOCES costs are shown in a separate table rather than interspersed throughout the budget. The main areas include: personnel services, public information, operation of plant, central services, special education, Career and Technical Education (CTE) services, library and technology. Most expenses in this area receive 36% in BOCES aid. Sharing costs through BOCES allows the District to obtain programs, learning opportunities and services in a cost effective manner.

BOCES EXPENSES	2022-23	2023-24
Personnel Services	203,493.00	223,194.00
Public Information	53,605.00	53,605.00
Operation of Plant	21,579.00	43,296.00
Central Services	375,834.00	402,282.00
Instructional incl Special Education	1,563,306.00	1,734,844.00
CTE Services	253,944.00	263,423.00
Library/Computers/Software	184,038.00	151,098.00
Total BOCES Expenditures	2,655,799.00	2,871,742.00

EXPLANATION OF THREE PART BUDGET PRESENTATION

Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1997 require public school boards of education to present the proposed budget in three parts. As a result, this presentation is organized around the following components; administrative, capital, and program:

Administrative Component: Includes expenses associated with the operation of the school board, superintendent's office, and business office. It also includes salaries and benefits for all certified administrators and supervisors who spend a majority of their time performing administrative duties, consulting costs not directly related to instructional programs, and all other activities that are administrative in nature.

Capital Component: Includes debt service for all facilities financed by bonds and notes of the district; lease expenditures; costs resulting from judgments in tax certiorari proceedings; awards from court judgments; administrative orders and settled claims; cost of construction, acquisition, reconstruction, rehabilitation, and improvements of school buildings; all expenses associated with custodial and maintenance salaries; and benefits, service contracts, supplies, utilities, maintenance, and repair of school facilities.

Program Component: Includes salaries and benefits of teachers and any school administrator or supervisor who spends a majority of their time performing teaching duties, and all transportation operating expenses.

PROPOSITIONS (Voted as separate lines)	2022-23	2023-24
Basic Budget	14,325,144.00	14,906,437.00
Public Library (\$10,000 increase)	0.00	75,000.00
Bus Lease (1- 66 passenger & 1- 60 OWC passenger)	41,600.00	62,675.00
Total Budget Expenditures	14,366,744.00	15,044,112.00

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Proposed Budget

	Budget Components			2022-23	2023-24	Increase/ (Decrease) \$
	Administrative	Capital	Instructional	Total	Total	
GENERAL SUPPORT						
*includes BOCES services						
Board of Education	31,950			28,584	31,950	3,366
Central Administration	235,702			203,973	235,702	31,729
Finance	207,030			185,458	207,030	21,572
Legal/Personnel/Public Info	298,678			277,098	298,678	21,580
Central Services-Operation of Plant	237,258	616,418		796,839	853,676	56,837
Central Printing	29,550			26,250	29,550	3,300
Insurance/Refunds/Dues/Unclassified	74,300	3,500		74,500	77,800	3,300
BOCES Central Data/Admin/Capital	165,024			141,598	165,024	23,426
TOTAL GENERAL SUPPORT	1,279,492	619,918	0	1,734,300	1,899,410	165,110
INSTRUCTION AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT						
*includes BOCES services						
Curriculum/Supervision/In-service	423,752			347,378	423,752	76,374
Staff Development			102,138	100,003	102,138	2,135
Instructional Program-Teaching			6,352,848	6,027,703	6,352,848	325,145
Instructional Program - Media/Tech			368,009	366,798	368,009	1,211
Guidance/Health/Psychological			393,909	372,630	393,909	21,279
Co-Curricular/Interscholastic Activities			312,263	298,578	312,263	13,685
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT	423,752	0	7,529,167	7,513,090	7,952,919	439,829
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION						
District Transportation (incl. BOCES)		0	712,937	700,236	712,937	44,500
TOTAL STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	0	0	712,937	700,236	712,937	12,701
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS						
NYS Teacher Retirement System	63,311		464,282	501,724	527,593	25,869
NYS Employee Retirement System	24,736	4,123	177,271	227,712	206,130	(21,582)
Social Security	57,657	9,610	413,213	480,480	480,480	0
Worker's Compensation	5,054	842	36,222	38,289	42,118	3,829
Unemployment Insurance	5,000		0	5,000	5,000	0
Health Benefits	177,852	29,642	1,274,606	1,415,848	1,482,100	66,252
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	333,610	44,217	2,365,594	2,669,053	2,743,421	74,368
CAPITAL OUTLAY						
		75,000	0	0	75,000	75,000
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0	0	75,000	75,000
DEBT SERVICE						
Multipurpose Gym		756,925		759,625	756,925	(2,700)
MS/HS renovation & construction		0		20,890	0	(20,890)
New Capital Project- General Renovations, Parking Lot and Athletic Fields		765,825		927,950	765,825	(162,125)
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		1,522,750		1,708,465	1,522,750	(185,715)
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	2,036,854	2,186,885	10,607,698	14,325,144	14,906,437	581,293

2023-2024 District School Budget Summary

The following propositions will be voted on:

Proposition #1 - BASIC BUDGET

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District in the County of Cattaraugus, State of New York, BE AND IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND THE SUM OF \$14,906,437 for the 2023/2024 school year budget.

The Basic Budget will provide funds for all of the educationally related services and the maintenance of our school building.

Proposition #2 - SCHOOL BUS LEASE

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District in the County of Cattaraugus, State of New York, is authorized to levy an additional (not to exceed) \$62,675 to lease one (1) 66 passenger IC/CE3102 school bus and one (1) 60+OWC passenger IC/CE3102 for each of the next five years (five annual payments) commencing with the 2023-2024 school year.

Proposition #3- ELLICOTTVILLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY TAX

RESOLVED: Shall the proposition be approved authorizing the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District to levy taxes annually in the amount of \$75,000 and to pay over such monies to the trustees of the Ellicottville Memorial Library.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER ELECTION

The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will each serve a five-year term, beginning on July 1, 2023 and expiring on June 30, 2028.

Vote for **TWO (2)** (Please check or X):

Debra Golley

Jenna O'Connell

William Murphy

(Write-in Candidate - Please print)

2023-24 Capital Outlay Project

This year Ellicottville Central School is seeking approval for a capital outlay project. While this type of project is new to ECS, schools throughout New York State have been using them for years as a way to continually make improvements to their facilities. Capital outlays are really mini-capital projects with a maximum cost limit of \$100,000 that have to be completed within one year.

These types of projects allow a district to maximize state aid in order to make the most of the district's tax dollars, as they take advantage of capital project aid from the state. If this work was not performed as part of a capital project, the district would incur the full cost of the work. In this case, the district receives its building aid the year after the project is completed. The district will then use that aid to offset the costs of a new capital outlay. Some districts simply plan a capital outlay every year. This process truly allows a district to keep their facilities in good shape.

This year, the ECS budget proposal includes a capital outlay project that

will provide an exterior canopy at the Receiving Area Loading Dock. A substantial amount of the design work for the canopy has already been completed, as the proposed canopy was an alternate for phase II of the District's most recent capital project. The canopy was cut from the project as bids came in high, and once other aspects of the project were selected, the remaining funds did not allow for the canopy.

The canopy is needed as, during severe rainstorms, the maintenance area just inside the building floods. This canopy will divert the rain from the loading dock area and prevent the maintenance area from flooding. The canopy will also prevent damage to items that are being delivered or being shipped out.

The capital outlay for the canopy will cost \$75,000 and it is included within the proposed annual budget, and the District estimates that it will generate approximately \$42,000 in additional aid during the 2024-25 school year. This is part of a long-range strategy in which the building aid returned

in the following year will continue to fund additional capital outlay projects as a regular part of the District's budget moving forward. Such future work will be determined annually based on the most current Building Condition Survey. When it is time to plan subsequent capital outlays, we will have recent and relevant data that will assist in making decisions about work that is needed to best maintain our facilities and campus.



Meet the Board of Education Candidates



My name is **Debra (Debbie) Golley** and have served on the Board of Education for the past 5 Years. I have been a resident of Ellicottville for over 30 years. I have been married to John Golley for almost 30 years and we have raised our family in this community, I have been an

active ECS parent since my children started Pre-K. All four of our children have successfully graduated from Ellicottville Central School. The education they received at ECS allowed each to prosper and gain access into post-secondary schools or employment of their choice.

I have volunteered in a variety of venues including:

- Advisor for the Ellicottville Fire Department Explorer Club
- 30-year volunteer for the Ellicottville Fire Department and current secretary
- Past Board of Directors
- Little League Football
- Ellicottville Youth Soccer
- ECLV Little League
- Past President for the Ellicottville Sports Boosters

My hobbies include Photography and Genealogy. I have taken pictures of sports, drama club plays, and other school activities and shared them on the Ellicottville Sports Booster's Facebook page.

I am energetic, optimistic and goal oriented. I have worked as an educator for the past 30 years in various positions including teaching, CSE Chairperson and I am currently an Exceptional Education Supervisor with Cattaraugus Allegany BOCES. I am certified as a trainer for Restorative Practices through the International Institute of Restorative Practices.

I wish to continue to give back to the community that has given so much to me and my family. ECS holds a special place in my heart, and I feel that my previous experiences along with my knowledge of educational policies and regulations afford me the opportunity to be a valued member of the Board of Education. I wish to continue listening to and representing the ECS school community including parents, staff and students.

I would appreciate your vote and support on May 16th.



Hello! My name is **Jenna O'Connell**, and I am running for one of the open seats on the Ellicottville Central School's Board of Education. I am a graduate of Indiana University

with a degree in Secondary English Education. My husband, John-Paul, and I relocated from the Midwest in the summer of 2013. We are currently raising our four children, Jordan (15), Juliana (14), Jack (8) and Josephine (3) in Great Valley, New York.

My family has been fortunate to call Ellicottville Central School our home for 10 years. During a portion of those years, I was employed through the district as a long-term substitute teacher. I established professional relationships with multiple staff members and was able to witness first-hand the district's devotion to its students. I am a strong advocate for public education and believe in districts providing the best possible education for each student and learning style. After spending extensive time at ECS, I have no doubt the capability of the district to provide this for all students.

With three school aged children and another about to enter, I spend a lot of time sitting on the sidelines at sporting events, volunteering in the building, and serving on the PTO. I am also an active community member, often assisting in local fundraisers and events. I have a passion for giving back and want to extend this by serving on the school board. I will be a strong advocate for our children- both present and future, and hope to see our community and school district work together to create meaningful opportunities for students. The decisions made will affect my children from the high school level down to the early elementary level.

I appreciate your support and thank you for considering me to eloquently represent our children and our district.



William (Bill) Murphy is currently the Ellicottville Central School Board President and is running for re-election to a third (3rd) term on the ECS, Board of Education.

Bill is a lifelong resident of Ellicottville, NY having graduated from ECS in 1983. He and his wife Stephanie (Steph) have three children, Niki (2009), Alex and Wil (both 2013), all of whom graduated from ECS. Bill's parents, John and Joanne Murphy also graduated from ECS with Joanne being part of the last class to graduate from the 1887 Building in Ellicottville.

Bill worked for Stride Tool in Ellicottville for 21 years until 2005 and is currently employed by Horschel Brothers Precision (2006-Present) located in Springville, NY. Over the past twenty-five years Bill's time has been primarily concentrated in Cost Accounting, Inventory Management and MRP System management for both companies. This experience helps him understand that a dollar is not just a dollar but a small fraction of the resources needed to educate our children. Teachers, Support Staff and Administration are also key elements in the education process. As a Board member, Bill feels it is important to work with the Administration, both current and future, to make sure these elements and resources work well together. Over his first two terms on the Board of Education, Bill has supported two capital projects, worked to create sound budgets, and participated on various committees to ensure that the allocation of resources in the District were used to focus on providing a quality education for all students in a fiscally responsible manner.

Bill wishes to thank the community for electing him to his first two terms on the Board and looks forward to continuing his service to the District, and, most importantly, the students if forwarded the chance.

2023-2024 District School Budget Summary

Tax Rate Information

There are two important terms at play in this discussion: tax levy and tax rate.

The proposed budget is the figure district residents vote on in May at the budget vote. Within the overall budget is the tax levy, this is the amount of property taxes the district needs to collect after all other revenue sources are used. Typically, the tax levy is held to the lower of 2% of the previous year's levy or the Consumer Price Index (CPI). However, from time to time a District may have to exceed these parameters, and Ellicottville is in that position for the 2023-24 budget. The District needs to raise \$389,747 through the tax levy for next year, however working within the "Cap" yields only \$290,527. As a result, the District needs to raise an additional \$99,220.

The tax rate determines how much property owners must pay to meet the tax levy. The tax rate is not set until August after the Office of Real Property has compiled all assessments for the year. Property owners pay the tax rate per every \$1,000 of value in their property. Properties that have higher value pay more. For example, the average 2022-23 tax rate for ECS (without the bus or library costs) was \$8.30/\$1,000 of full value. So, a home with a full value of \$100,000 had a tax bill of \$830.00, while a home with a full value of \$200,000 had a tax bill of \$1,660.00.

While the 2023-24 rates will not be available until this summer, a good estimate of the monetary impact can be obtained using this year's assessments. If we use those numbers, the full value

rate will change from \$8.30/\$1,000 to \$8.66/\$1,000. In terms of dollars, this equates to an average increase of \$0.36/\$1,000.00 or \$36/\$100,000. If the numbers hold "true," the average tax rate on full value in the District will still be relatively low compared to other districts in WNY. I would also like to point out, **but cannot guarantee**, that in some years, the final tax rate in August is slightly lower than estimates in May.

The final tax rate within a school district is not the same for everyone. There are differences in the rates based upon the town where the property is located. This is where equalization rates come into play. Using ESTIMATED tax rates for the properties in the District, the following estimates yield (without the costs of the bus leases or the library):

TOWN	ASSESSED VALUE	EQUALIZATION RATE	TRUE VALUE	ESTIMATED TAX RATE	TAXES
East Otto	\$100,000	100%	\$100,000	\$8.66	\$866.00
Ellicottville	\$84,000	84%	\$100,000	\$10.31	\$866.04
Franklinville	\$53,000	53%	\$100,000	\$16.35	\$866.55
Great Valley	\$82,000	82%	\$100,000	\$10.57	\$866.74
Humphrey	\$77,000	77%	\$100,000	\$11.25	\$866.25
Mansfield	\$100,000	100%	\$100,000	\$8.66	\$866.00

The basic formula for figuring taxes using the information above is:

Assessed Value divided by the *Equalization Rate* yields the property's *True Value*. *Assessed Value* divided by 1000 and then multiplied by the *Tax Rate = Taxes*.

Now, before you get too worried about increases in your tax rate, please remember that ECS currently has one of the lowest tax rates in all of WNY. This low rate is a reflection of the tremendous property wealth in the District. The chart below shows "equalized" 2021-22 tax rates / \$1,000 for ECS and some other districts in WNY without the library tax. The "Tax Bill" column represents the amount of taxes paid on a house with a true value assessment of \$100,000.

** 2021-22 data is the most recent data available on the NYS Comptrollers Website.

DISTRICT	TAX RATE / \$1000	TAX BILL FOR \$100,000 HOME
Chautauqua Lake	\$8.63	\$863
Ellicottville	\$8.98	\$898
Hinsdale	\$9.48	\$948
Allegany Limestone	\$14.26	\$1,426
West Valley	\$15.23	\$1,523
Franklinville	\$15.48	\$1,548
Orchard Park	\$16.27	\$1,627
Friendship	\$19.26	\$1,926
Olean	\$21.45	\$2,145
Frewsburg	\$24.24	\$2,424

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Detailed Budget Statement

The Board of Education of this District will have prepared and completed a detailed statement in writing of the amount of money which will be required during the ensuing 2023-2024 fiscal year for school purposes, specifying the several purposes and the amount for each. The amount of each purpose estimated necessary for payments to boards of cooperative education services shall be set forth in full with no deduction of estimated state aid. The amount of state aid provided and its percentage relationship to the total expenditures shall also be shown. Such statement shall be completed at least seven days before the budget hearing at which it is to be presented and copies thereof shall be prepared and made

available, upon request, to residents within the District during the period of seven days before the budget hearing and/or fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual District Vote, and may be obtained by any resident in the District in the Business Office or District Office during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. prevailing time on or after May 1, 2023, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Absentee Ballots

Applications for absentee ballots for the Annual District Vote may be applied for during school business hours (7:30 am – 4:00 pm) at the Office of the Clerk of the District beginning April 19, 2023, except for Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Complete 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 the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available in the Office of the District Clerk on each of the five business days prior to the Annual District Vote (except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays), and such list will also be posted at the polling places for the Annual District Vote.

Budget Copies

Copies of the budget will be available for review in the District's Business Office and the Superintendent's Office after the May 16, 2023 vote. Office hours are Monday-Friday

(8:00 am – 4:00 pm exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and holidays).

ECS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION



Special Congratulations to our ECS Eagles inducted into the Ellicottville National Honor Society on March 29, 2023. Students inducted were:

Evan Bauer, William Benatovich, Brooke Butler, Emmylu Carls, Abby Chudy,

Shelby Colburn, Samuel Edwards, Keelin Finn, Madeline Hawkins, Cameron Kaleta, Layla Kerns, Emma Lafferty, Alex Silvernail, and Gabrielle Spross.

These students were joined with last year's members for a wonderful evening of dinner followed by the ceremony.

Prior members include: Katie Krotz (President), Aaliyah Winslow (Vice President), Alysa Williams (Secretary), Bryce Wood (Treasurer), Lita Conklin, Katrina DeChane, Bryan Grundy, Katryna Jennings, Kayla Romero, Samantha Stock, Leah Tupchik, and Sarah Weber.

MUSIC DEPT. NEWS

On Friday and Saturday, March 3rd & 4th Mrs. Wilder & Mrs. Burch prepared the elementary choir, junior high band, and senior high choir for a 2 day All County Music Festival held at Salamanca School.

On Friday and Saturday, March 17th & 18th Mrs. Wilder & Mrs. Burch prepared the elementary band, junior high choir and senior high band for a 2 day All County Music Festival held at Franklinville School.



Elementary Choir: Cayda Kruszynski – part 2, Nicholas Wedvik - part 2 and Harlan Vassar - part 1.

Elementary Band: Marshall DeChane – clarinet, Ella Weber – clarinet, Cayda Kruszynski – alto sax, Christian Butcher – tenor sax, Ricky Howard – trumpet, Nicholas Wedvik – trumpet, Marjorie Brown – baritone horn, and Carsten Kosinski – percussion.

Junior High Choir: Kelsey Feldbauer – soprano, Isabella Wilder – soprano, Alison Antholzner – alto, McKenzie Green – alto, Jadyn Nevins – alto, and Skye Wood – bass.

Junior High Band: Isabella Wilder – flute, Jonah Mann – clarinet, Nora Santiago – alto sax, Benjamin Wedvik – alto sax, Reed Nazareth – tenor sax, Juliana O’Connell – trumpet, Timothy DeChane – baritone horn, and Jaxson LaCroix – tuba.



Senior High Choir: Sophia Sundeen – soprano, Morgan Krotz – alto, Grace Privitera – alto, Michael Kerns – tenor, and Jacob Atwater – bass.

Senior High Band: Shelby Colburn – flute, Jayden Doult – flute, Alarice Krause – flute, Morgan Krotz – flute, Keira Baldwin – bassoon, Gwen DeChane – clarinet, Isabelle Coburn – clarinet, Cameron Kaleta – bass clarinet, Aaron LoGiudice – trumpet, William Benatovich – trumpet, Katie Krotz – french horn, Abby Chudy – trombone, Alysa Williams – baritone horn, Adelaide Weber – tuba, and Courtney Marsh – percussion.

ELLCOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BANQUET

This year the Master of Ceremonies will be ECS Alumni and former American Idol co-host Brian Dunkleman! This event will be held on Saturday, July 15, 2023. We are looking forward to a fun and entertaining evening with fellow alumni!

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ECS ALUMNI BANQUET - SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023 SOCIAL HOUR BEGINNING AT 5:30PM, DINNER AT 7PM

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RESERVATION FORM

Please complete and return this form, along with your check made payable to the ECS Alumni Association at the above address, no later than July 7, 2023. Dinner is \$36.00 per person. If you would prefer to make your reservations and pay online you can go to <https://www.ellicottvillealumni.com/> and click on the "Annual Banquet" link.

RESERVATIONS

Last Name	First Name	(Maiden Name)	Graduation Year
<input type="checkbox"/> Filet Mignon	<input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed Chicken	<input type="checkbox"/> Salmon	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian

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Current Mailing Address: _____

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Guests: _____
 Filet Mignon Stuffed Chicken Salmon Vegetarian

There will be brunch at the United Church of Ellicottville on Saturday, July 15th from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Please come and socialize with other alumni.

I am pleased and supportive of what our Association is doing to further the education and careers of ECS graduates.

Please accept my following contribution to support the on-going operation expenses of the Association \$10, \$20, \$50, Other Amount _____.

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CELEBRATING AGRICULTURAL LITERACY WEEK

Elementary classes celebrated Agricultural Literacy Week with a presentation by 2 ECS Seniors who are also members of the local 4-H Club. Alysa Williams and Katryna Jennings paid a visit to 1st and 2nd grade classrooms to read the book 'Tomatoes for Neela' by Padma Lakshmi. They also shared wonderful lessons about seeds and how they grow, then helped each student plant tomato and basil seeds that these classes will be able to watch grow and take home. New York Agriculture in the Classroom and Cornell Cooperative Extension sponsored this visit and also provided the storybooks, which were donated to three 1st and 2nd grade classrooms.

