



May 5, 2023

Dear Spencerport Families,

I wanted to update you on the email that I sent earlier today about a post being shared on Snapchat between Hilton students and parents. Hilton has informed us that the message has been deemed noncredible. We will continue to notify our families of instances such as this one, and ask for your help in contacting the Safe School Helpline if you have any concerning behaviors to report.



Moving to my weekly update, it's here - we've hit the last two months of the year! The months of May and June seem to fly by in our schools. With only a few more weeks left to go, it's important for students to stay focused on their studies, assignments and behavior in school. This week some of our secondary students started their AP exams and Regents and local exams are just on the horizon. I know our students are well prepared. I realize in the weeks to come that homework completion and staying organized can be a challenge, especially as our days get longer and fuller. Please know we are here to help and support your child in meeting their full potential. I encourage you to reach out to teachers and building level administrators with any concerns and/or if additional supports are needed.

A few budget highlights

Cornerstone in mailboxes

Our community of voters have consistently indicated to us that the Cornerstone newsletter is the main source of information they refer to when it comes to budget communications.

The budget edition should be in your mailboxes today or tomorrow, and we have attached the electronic copy below.

Spencerport 2023-24 budget at a glance

The Spencerport Board of Education approved the 2023-24 budget proposal on April 11. The expenditure plan, which will be voted upon by the community on Tuesday, May 16:

- totals \$92,744,011, representing a budget-to-budget increase of \$1.7 million.
- tax levy of \$12,986,762 to balance the budget, and this is a 2.0% increase.
- \$1200 is \$1.9 million below the maximum allowable levy limit with reductions, which requires a simple majority approval.

The Property Tax Cap is calculated using the New York State Property Tax Cap Formula. While commonly referred to as the "2% Tax Cap" because the tax levy rate is capped at a maximum of 2% of the total value of all taxable property in each town, the actual rate may be higher or lower than 2% depending on each school district's allowable juvenile equipment and transportation.

Qualification rates and the change in the hearing market will impact the school tax rates again this year. By working with each town's assessor, we have estimated school tax rates, which may be found on page 8.

**TUESDAY
May 16, 2023
BUDGET VOTE
6 a.m. - 9 p.m.**

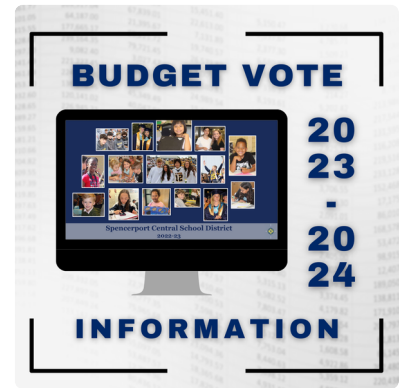
BUDGET PRIORITIES

- On May 16, communities across New York state will vote on proposed school budgets as well as on ballot questions. Here in Spencerport, we have been working hard to put together a spending plan that is both responsive to students, needs and respectful to our community members as we consider the tax burden it places on residents.
- The proposed budget totals \$92,744,011 and addresses the priorities that have been identified by our community through
- Mental health and student support services, increasing our counseling, social worker, and health office staff.
 - Safety and security with an increase in personnel, camera equipment plan and enhanced visitor management system.
 - Operational needs to address the ongoing building

Budget section of our website

The budget section of our website provides additional details related to the May 16 vote, and includes videos from the budget hearing and meet the candidates night, the board candidate profiles in their entirety, and frequently asked questions. If you have a question to submit, please email it to info@spencerportschools.org

To learn more about this year's proposed budget, the ballot, and voter qualifications, simply click on the icon to the right.



School budget notice

New York State law requires school districts to present the proposed budget in the format provided below. In the postcards mailed to residents, the 2023-24 capital and program components were erroneously switched, and the [corrected notice may be found at this link](#). The program component is \$70,621,435, and the capital component is \$12,614,868. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Please note the totals of the sections were accurate.

Lawn signs available

Lawn signs are now available for anyone interested in building awareness of the school budget vote. Signs may be picked up in our District Office building or school, starting Monday, May 8, and placed in a visible location starting Wednesday, May 10.



Absentee ballots

If you, a spouse, or a family member will be out of town during the voting hours please know you can vote via absentee ballot; applications for ballots are [available here](#) by contacting our clerk, Marcy Clapper at 585-349-5101 or mclapper@spencerportschools.org.

Budgetary programs in action at the middle school

- In February of 2023, Cosgrove was re-designated as a School to Watch. With endorsement from the State of New York education department, this national program recognizes highly effective schools that demonstrate academic excellence, developmental responsiveness, social equity, and possess effective organization structures. Once a school is initially designated, they must re-apply every three years for this distinction. This is the second time Cosgrove Middle School has been re-designated for this program.

- Also this year, Cosgrove continued to offer its Ranger re-boot program, which provides academic assistance to students at a time that is convenient to them. Three teachers provide support and tutoring via Zoom outside of the normal school hours, and this has allowed students to work in small group settings from their own home. Students and families have shared how effective this program is and how it has helped to further engage students into the learning process.



- Cosgrove has begun our transition to a Multi-Tiered Systems of Support model for students, which is an approach that offers wrap around support to address a student's individual needs.
- To address the mental health and social emotional aspect of support, the 2023-24 proposed budget includes an additional social worker at Cosgrove. This faculty addition will ensure that the MTSS model is fully implemented in the fall of 2023, by working with our MTSS team to help create individualized support plans, individual and group counseling sessions, and assist classroom teachers to provide additional support to our students.

Updates



Two SHS students participate in RIT Math competition

Two Spencerport High School students participated in the 7th annual RIT Mathematics Competition on April 14 and 15.

Juniors Owen Silsbee and Lorenzo Tantalò competed in this event, by taking a 2.5 hour exam consisting of some multiple-choice and fill-in-the-blank questions as well as two comprehensive questions for which the students must show their work. Each student worked individually, with no calculators are allowed.

Congratulations to Owen and Lorenzo for earning honorable mentions in this regional competition.



Juniors participate in Arrive Alive simulator

Spencerport High School juniors were behind the wheel - virtually - on Thursday to experience the dangers of driving with distractions or under the influence. The Arrive Alive educational program is designed to heighten awareness using a high-tech simulator vehicle, impact video, and mock tickets explaining the ramifications of their driving.

We hope this activity resonated with students and encouraged them to make safe driving choices.

Bright Spots



Honoring our community champions

SpencerportCSD joined school districts across Monroe County to honor area businesses, civic leaders, and charitable agencies that are dedicated to supporting students and public schools.

Coordinated by the Act for Education initiative, our district nominated the Bivona Child Advocacy Center for their educational efforts in our schools. We also nominated the town of Ogden's Supervisor Mike Zale and Police Chief Travis Gray for their ongoing partnership and collaboration.

We certainly appreciate the opportunity to celebrate our 2023 Community Champions.

Awareness dates provide an opportunity to say thank you!



School Principal Day

This past Monday, May 1, we celebrated School Principal Day. This day recognizes the importance of principals, from elementary to high school and I want to personally take the time to say thank you to our 6 principals. These administrators work tirelessly to foster loving, happy and safe environments for our staff and students, and I can share that they care for your children like their very own. Please join me in recognizing our school principals for all they do.



School Lunch Hero Day

Today is School Lunch Hero Day, which truly describes our Food Service professionals. They are the heroes behind the scenes who prepare nutritious meals each and every day for our students and staff. Thank you!

National School Nurse Day



Thank you for the care you provide to our students!

National School Nurse Day

National Nurse Week is May 8-12, and School Nurse Day is May 10.

School nurses are critical to all aspects of students' health and wellness, and we want to recognize our health services professionals for the quality care they give to our students. Thank you for ensuring our students are healthy, safe, and ready to learn.



May 8 - 12 is Teacher Appreciation Week

We hope you take time next week to join us in thanking our outstanding faculty for Teacher Appreciation Week. Every classroom. Every day. Our teachers educate, encourage, and empower. SCS is the best because of our faculty and staff, and we extend our gratitude and appreciation.

Upcoming events

- May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and National Physical Fitness and Sports Month
- May 11: Cosgrove Spring Jazz Concert, 7 p.m.

I hope you enjoy what promises to be a beautiful weekend.

Sincerely,

Kristin Swann
Superintendent of Schools

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