



## Budget Message from The Board of Education & Superintendent Joshua R. Meyer

We are pleased to announce that the voting for this year's school budget vote and Board of Education elections will take place on Tuesday, May 17th, 2022 at The Mountain View Campus from 12:00-8:00pm. Absentee ballots may be requested from District Clerk, Jana Atwell at 518-873-6371

Your Boquet Valley Central School District Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools, and Administration have spent months working cooperatively to develop a spending plan to meet the educational needs of our students while balancing those costs with the community's ability to support the plan. The total proposed budget for the 2022-2023 school year is \$15,194,692 a 0.5% increase in spending over the current 2021-22 budget.

This proposed budget will result in a tax levy increase of 2.28% or \$174,869. The proposed 2022-23 tax levy increase is within the State Tax Cap Threshold as calculated for BVCS. What this means to a taxpayer with an average home value of \$100,000 is an estimated total increase in taxes of \$32.05.

In addition to the Budget Proposition, the voters will be asked to elect three (3) members to the Board of Education to fill three-year terms commencing July 1, 2022 and expiring on June 30, 2025. The candidates are Suzanne Russell, Phillip Mero, Heather Reynolds, and Karen Brown.

Voters will also be asked to consider additional propositions:  
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Proposition 4: which voters will be asked to appropriate and expend in the 2022-2023 fiscal year thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) from the existing Transportation and Maintenance



## BUDGET and QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing one (1) sidewalk, driveway and lawn maintenance tractor at a maximum cost of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) to pay for the equipment in full.

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You are invited to attend our annual Budget Hearing on Tuesday, May 10th, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Lake View Campus. The budget will be presented and reviewed in detail for the public. Please email the district clerk with any questions or comments to [jatwell@boquetvalleycsd.org](mailto:jatwell@boquetvalleycsd.org).



Voting on the 2022-2023 proposed school budget and propositions, and Board Member elections will conclude on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 8:00pm.

Joshua R. Meyer  
 Superintendent

Heather Reynolds  
 Board of Education President



Superintendent:  
 Joshua Meyer

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## Boquet Valley Central School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2021-22 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2022-23 School Year *									
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 15,118,683	\$15,194,692	\$15,172,077									
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		\$76,009	\$53,394									
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		0.50 %	0.35%									
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.7%										
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$7,669,235	\$7,844,104										
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)	\$7,669,235	\$7,844,104	\$									
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0										
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$7,669,235	\$7,844,104										
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$7,669,235	\$7,844,104										
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0										
Administrative Component	\$1,744,568	\$1,798,941	\$1,795,970									
Program Component	\$11,694,379	\$11,641,503	\$11,628,475									
Capital Component	\$1,679,736	\$1,754,248	\$1,747,632									
*Contingency budget figures contained herein are estimates. Final decisions regarding contingency budget appropriations will be made by the Board of Education, if necessary, pursuant to section 2023 of the Education law. This is an estimate of the reductions in each component. Since the Contingency Budget may not include a levy higher than the prior year's levy (0% levy growth), the difference of \$152,254 would have to be made up by using fund balance or ordinary contingent expenses may have to be reduced to ensure there is no tax levy increase.												
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** 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)												
Description		Amount										
		\$										
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	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$405 or \$420

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Boquet Valley Central school district, Essex County, New York, will be held at Mountain View Campus school in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 pm, prevailing time in the Mountain View Campus school, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot.

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

Description	2021-22 Original Revenue Estimat	2022-23 Proposed Revenue	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Real Property Taxes	7,669,235.00	7,844,104.00	174,869.00	2.28%
Int. & Penal. on Real Property	25,900.00	25,900.00	0.00	0.00%
Other Day School Tuition	13,000.00	13,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Interest and Earnings	20,000.00	4,000.00	-16,000.00	-80.00%
Rental of Real Property	4,000.00	4,800.00	800.00	15.00%
Medic. Asst-Sch Age Yr Pro	0.00	17,000.00	17,000.00	-
Gifts and Donations	11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Other Unclassified Rev.	80,000.00	30,000.00	-30,000.00	-50.00%
Basic Formula Aid-Gen Aid	3,610,276.00	3,694,116.00	83,840.00	2.32%
Excess Cost Aid	1,167,752.00	1,137,905.00	-29,847.00	-2.56%
Transportation Aid	404,683.00	401,540.00	-3,143.00	-0.78%
Building Aid	184,251.00	71,855.00	-112,396.00	-61.00%
High Tax Aid	209,232.00	209,232.00	0.00	0.00%
BOCES Aid (Sect 3809a Ed	536,437.00	576,698.00	40,261.00	7.51%
Textbook Aid (Incl Txtbk/	24,407.00	24,898.00	291.00	1.19%
Computer Software Aid	6,398.00	6,441.00	45.00	0.70%
Computer Hardware Aid	3,255.00	3,725.00	470.00	14.44%
Library A/V Loan Program	2,869.00	2,868.00	19.00	0.71%
Small Government Assistan	252,252.00	252,252.00	0.00	0.00%
Other State Aid	682,838.00	682,838.00	0.00	0.00%
Interfund Trans. for Debt	5,100.00	5,100.00	0.00	0.00%
Appropriated Reserves-T&M	226,000.00	176,000.00	-50,000.00	-22.12%
	15,118,683.00	15,194,692.00	76,009.00	0.50%

## VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

1. Citizen of the United States
2. Be eighteen years of age or older
3. Be a resident of the District for a period of 30 days prior to the election at which he or she votes
4. Be qualified to register to vote at an election in accordance with the provisions of the election law

## PROPOSITIONS:

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## Q&A

### HOW ARE SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX CAPS CALCULATED?

School districts are subject to the Tax Cap legislation. Each school district's calculation will be different based on their specific data. The district starts with the prior year tax levy and then adds a growth factor established by the State to the levy, and then the district subtracts prior year exemptions and adds or subtracts changes in PILOT programs. Once the growth factor exemptions and PILOT numbers are added/subtracted to the prior year levy, it is then multiplied by 2.0% or CPI, whichever is less. This establishes a tax levy limit, which is the limit before adding exemption amounts to the levy. Then the district will add exemptions such as Capital Debt Service and retirement amounts in excess of 2% to the levy to come up with a Maximum Allowable Levy, which is the amount of levy that requires a simple majority vote to pass. Any proposed tax levy in excess of the limit requires a super majority (60%) to pass. The Maximum Allowable Limit for Boquet Valley CSD this year is 2.28%. The District is proposing a 2.28% tax levy increase.

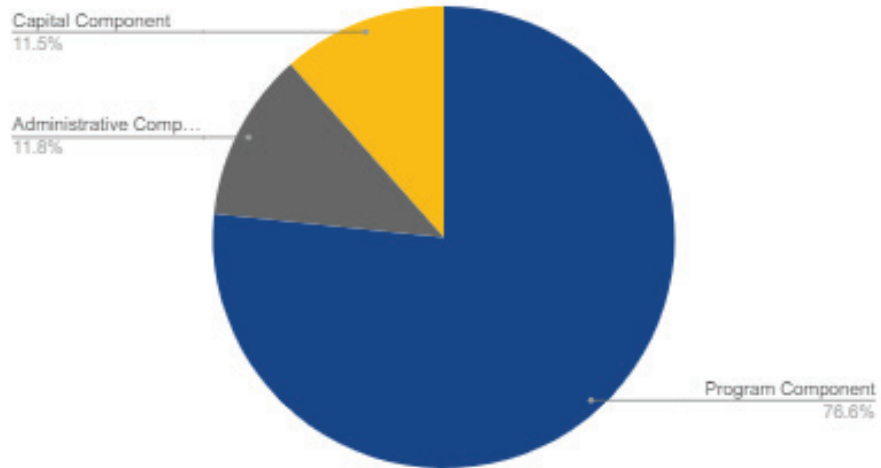
### HOW DO THE PROPOSITIONS IMPACT TAXES?

The propositions, if approved, will be funded out of our existing reserves meaning that there is no further impact to tax payers.

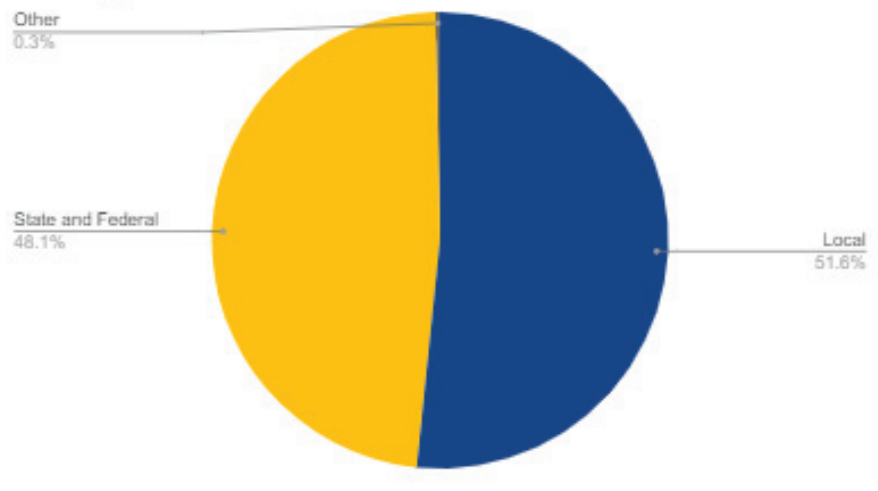
### WHAT IS THE 2022-23 CONTINGENCY BUDGET?

The State laws establish a school's contingency budget as a budget with a zero percent increase in the tax levy. Also, the administrative component of the budget may not exceed the prior year percentage as compared to the program component.

### Proposed Budget 2022-23



### Funding



	Proposed Budget 2022-23	Adopted Budget 2021-22	Change (\$)	Change (%)
Program Component	\$11,641,503.00	\$11,694,379.00	-\$52,876.00	-0.45%
Administrative Component	\$1,798,941.00	\$1,744,568.00	\$54,373.00	3.12%
Capital Component	\$1,754,248.00	\$1,879,736.00	\$74,512.00	4.44%
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	<b>\$15,194,692.00</b>	<b>\$15,118,683</b>	<b>\$76,009.00</b>	<b>0.50%</b>

Year	Budget Amount	% Budget Increase	Tax Levy	Tax Levy % Increase	
2022-23	\$15,194,692		0.50	\$7,844,104	2.28
2021-22	\$15,118,683		-0.61	\$7,669,235	0.98
2020-21	\$15,211,449		0.90	\$7,594,433	4.15
2019-20	\$15,075,669	N/A		\$7,291,850	N/A

# LAKE VIEW CAMPUS

Our Positive Behavior recognition for our Lake View students continues to build and put the spotlight on students that are presenting themselves as Student Ambassadors for key attributes.

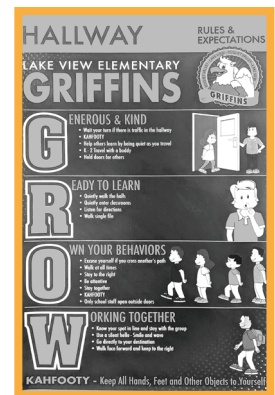
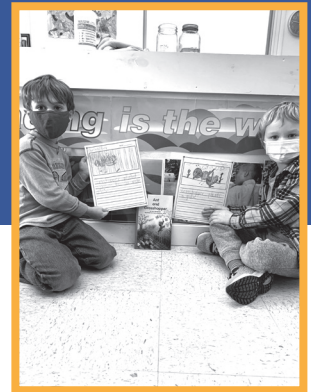
**Griffings GROW**  
**We are...Generous and Kind**  
**We are ...Ready to Learn**  
**We ...Own our Behaviors**  
**We...Work Together**

When you visit the Lake View campus you will see reminders of these GROW concepts throughout the building with signage we have added this year. We are excited to recognize our students through our Student Ambassadors recognition program and daily acknowledgments of decision making and positive involvements with our Griffin Grams.

Our Hiking Committee met last month and has developed grade appropriate hiking opportunities for our students that will include outings in the Fall and Spring as well as an opportunity to enjoy a winter hike. One of those outings will be the continuation of our 4th grade student's education at Heart Lake with a snow hike. Students used snowshoes during this event and enjoyed a great Adirondack hike. The event included lessons about the impact of the seasons on plant and animal life.

We celebrated our 100th day of school this year with classroom celebrations and recognition of the growth we have had so far this year. As we head to spring we are excited at our OASIS possibilities that have started already. We have the chance to bring a variety of programming to students that they would not have otherwise had access to. I hope you will encourage our children to be involved in these programs. The initial list of activities has been posted and is available to students.

Pre-K and Kindergarten registrations dates have been posted and advertised. If you have a child who is age appropriate please reach out to **Abbey Cramer** at **518-962-8244** for the registration packets. Once you are registered we will contact you to organize the appropriate age level screenings to support the children going forward.



Our students have accomplished so much in the couple of months since our last newsletter. Our young diplomats had an impressive showing at both Harvard Model United Nations (HMUN) and North Country Model United Nations (NCMUN). The Boquet Valley Griffins truly put forth an amazing performance at NCMUN 2022. 13 schools and hundreds of delegates participated.

Our students took home 4 out of 6 “Best Delegate” awards, one honorable mention, and the “Outstanding Essay” award. Model United Nations takes a lot of preparation and courage to speak in front of large audiences. We’re so proud of our Griffin delegates.

We were able to enjoy our first pep rally since the beginning of COVID-19. Both the Girls and the Boys basketball team were supported by the entire school as they prepared for their journey to sectionals. Our Griffin mascot led the pep rally with impressive weight lifting and push ups. We by far have the strongest and best mascot around, Go Griffins! The seniors won the coveted Spirit Stick by cheering the loudest at the pep rally. Can they hold on to it until the end of the year?

We’ve had several outside presenters help us in educating our students on a variety of college and career topics. CFES Brilliant Pathways, Hannah Corkery, presented on The Essential Skills (Leadership, Perseverance, Networking, Goal Setting, Teamwork and Agility). Hannah is the former Women’s Lacrosse coach for St. Lawrence University. Hannah complimented our students on their excellent behavior and attentiveness. The United States Customs and Border Patrol sent representatives to meet with our students. They presented to interested students in high school and middle school on college and career plans for the future and facilitated great discussions surrounding a variety of pathways in law enforcement.

Our OASIS program is up and running with archery, robotics, walking club and more! Keep your eyes open for our summer programming. There will be opportunities for students to participate, both in academic and adventure.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our students and programs.

Mrs. Dixon-Cross

# MOUNTAIN VIEW CAMPUS



## Student Council:

To start the 3rd quarter, we hosted a spirit week to support the Griffin Nation as both of our Varsity Basketball teams went to sectionals. Highlights of this quarter’s spirit week include Country vs Country Club, Tourist Thursday, and Anything But a Backpack Day.

In place of their backpack, students brought shopping carts, shop-vacs, coolers, laundry baskets, suitcases, and other various items. These new spirit days got everyone excited for the games. To end spirit week, we threw a Pep Rally to get the players hyped up for the game.

Activities for the players included shooting competitions, ‘Walking on Eggshells’, pie eating contest, and practicing new chants. The seniors took the Spirit Stick for being the loudest class.

The Student Council donated painting supplies and worked on refreshing the upstairs girls bathroom. As the fourth quarter is coming, we look forward to finalizing and hosting our Community Giveback Fundraiser.

We are also hoping to plan some fun end of the year activities, including a possible spirit week for Spring Sectionals. Stay tuned for more exciting events as we close out the 2021-2022 school year.

# GRIFFIN ATHLETICS

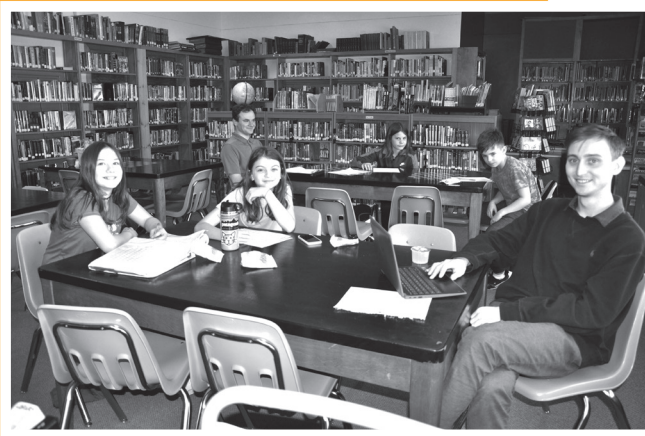


# OASIS EXTENDED SCHOOL DAY GRANT

The Boquet Valley Central School District was awarded a five-year \$1.6 million Extended School Day Grant by the New York State Education Department. Our Extended School Day program is known as Community OASIS - Opportunities And Support In Schools.

OASIS provides a wide variety of after school activities that student may choose from: homework help/academics, physical education – Archery, Running/Walking Club, and Basketball, art, music & cultural – Keyboard Club, Cooking, Pottery, Gardening/Craft Club, Book Club, and technology – Robotics and 3-D Printing.

When fully implemented, OASIS is designed to engage up to 200 students in grades 3-12 to make successful transitions in school and to careers or higher education.



OASIS runs for 2 hours after school, 2:45 to 4:45 at Mountain View and from 3:15 to 5:15 at Lake View. Students receive a snack when they first meet to select activities from the day's offerings. Afterwards, a shuttle bus runs between the Mountain View and Lake View campuses to bring OASIS participants closer to their homes so parents may pick them up.

OASIS is staffed by existing Bouquet Valley personnel: Nellie Collazo, our director of Student Support Services, is the OASIS Program Director, and Program Coordinator Chris Peisch runs the day-to-day operations. Teachers and Administrators are involved as coaches and instructors of the various activities.

Mountain View Campus Principal Elaine Dixon-Cross is sharing her culinary skills in Cooking Class, much to the delight of her students. Over the past few weeks, her students sampled food from around the world, discussing cultural aspects such as eating sushi with chop sticks.

Another popular OASIS activity among middle schoolers is the Archery Club, coached by Amy Nelson, who also directs the Keyboard Club. Elizabeth (in photo at right) participates in the Keyboard Club and says, "I like being able to create music on my own. I also like creating sound effects with the keyboards."

There is so much more going on after school in the OASIS program than we can tell you about in this newsletter. Please look for more photos and stories on our website and social media accounts.



# The BOE Members



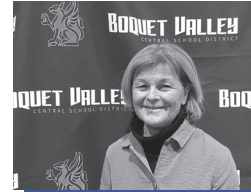
Heather Reynolds – President



Dina Garvey – Vice President



Philip Mero



Suzanne Russell



Sarah Kullman



Evan George



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Return Address:



District Office @  
Mountain View Campus

**Employment Opportunities at  
BVCSD:**

The Boquet Valley Central School District is seeking applications for the following positions:

- Assistant Principal (*School Building Leader certification required*)
- Special Education Teacher
- Elementary Teacher
- English Teacher
- School Counselor
- Social Worker (MSW)
- Teacher Assistants X3
- Building Substitutes X2(full-time)
- Full-Time Cleaner/Driver (pm)
- Part-Time Bus Driver
- Full-Time Bus Aide

Submit application, resume and 3 letters of recommendation to Superintendent Joshua Meyer, PO Box 158, Elizabethtown, NY 12932. Applications are available online at [www.boquetvalleycsd.org](http://www.boquetvalleycsd.org)

**Robocalls-**

If you would like to be added to the list for robocalls for district information, please contact Judy French at [jfrench@boquetvalleycsd.org](mailto:jfrench@boquetvalleycsd.org) or call the office at **518-873-6371**



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