

2023-24 Budget Information

A message from the Board of Education

The Board of Education of the Bath Central School District is pleased to present the proposed 2023-24 general operating budget for your consideration at the Annual District Meeting and Election/Budget Vote on Tuesday, May 16. The spending plan developed by the district's administrative team was driven by one of the district's key core values of providing meaningful, engaging learning opportunities while being fiscally responsible. The proposed \$43,301,542 budget represents an 8.26 percent increase over the current fiscal year budget total. District operations are largely based on programs mandated by state and federal laws. Funding for these programs comes from a combination of state, federal and local sources. As a high-needs rural district, we are heavily dependent on state aid; approximately 68 percent of our revenue is projected to come from this source. Although an 8.26 percent increase in the total budget is higher than previous years, it is largely due to programs covered by federal grant funds being moved to the general operating fund and offset by a projected 4.0 percent increase in foundation aid and expense-based aids for the 2023-24 fiscal year. The other major source of revenue is the local property tax levy. The Board is very cognizant of our local economic situation, particularly with the revised Town of Bath property tax assessments. **Therefore, the Board has approved a zero percent change in the tax levy for the 2023-24 fiscal year.** It is important to note that the school tax rate is determined by dividing the tax levy by the total district assessment value per 1,000. Given that the total district assessment value will increase due to the new property assessments, the tax rate should decrease.



*Another great day
to be a Haverling Ram!*

District residents also will be able to vote in the annual Board of Education election. There is one Board of Education seat open with newcomer Bradley Laverty running unopposed. Pamela Cleveland will not be seeking another term. We sincerely thank Mrs. Cleveland for her time and dedication in serving on the Board these past ten years. She will be missed!

Please take a few minutes to review the enclosed information and reach out to Superintendent Joe Rumsey or a member of the Board of Education with questions about the budget. It's always difficult to summarize the process and decisions made in a short column such as this, so we would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Lastly, the Annual District Meeting and Election/Budget Vote will be held on Tuesday, May 16, in the District Office. Polls will be open from noon to 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael W. Mishook, President
On behalf of the Bath School District Board of Education

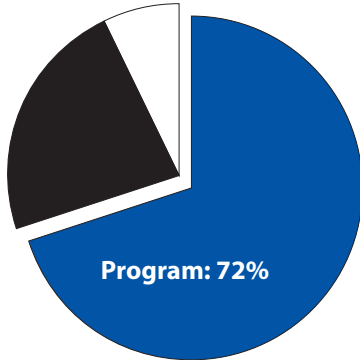


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& Board of Education Election

*Tues. May 16
Noon-8:00 p.m.*

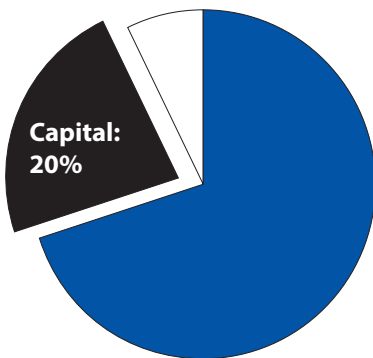
2023-24 Budget vote and Board of Education election

Three-part budget breakdown



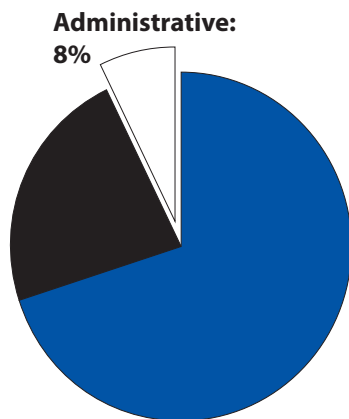
Program \$31,106,050 **72%**

The Program Component includes all instructional program expenditures, including the salaries and benefits of teachers and any school administrators or supervisors who spend a majority of their time performing teaching duties, and all transportation operating expenses. This total includes regular instruction, education of those with special needs, occupational education, curriculum and staff development, summer school and pupil services such as health, guidance, library, co-curricular, athletics and transportation.



Capital \$8,841,484 **20%**

The Capital Component includes all transportation capital, debt service and lease expenditures, as well as costs resulting from court judgments, administrative orders and settled or compromised claims. It also includes all facilities costs of the district, including facility lease expenditures, annual debt service and total debt for all facilities financed by bonds and notes of the district, costs of construction, acquisition, reconstruction, rehabilitation or improvement of school buildings and all expenditures associated with custodial salaries and benefits, service contracts, supplies, utilities and maintenance repair of school facilities.



Administrative \$3,354,008 **8%**

The Administrative Component includes office and central administrative expenses, travel expenses, salaries and benefits of all certified school administrators and supervisors who spend a majority of their time performing administrative or supervisory duties, all expenditures associated with the operation of the school board, the superintendent, general administration, the school business office, any consulting costs not directly related to student services and program planning and all other administrative activities.

Tuesday, May 16 · Noon to 8:00 p.m.

Where Does the Money Come From?



Local Tax Levy: 21%

State Aid: 68%

**Other:
11%**

How is the Money Spent?



**BOCES
Services: 15%**

**Debt
Service:
9%**

**Other:
8%**

**Fringe Benefits:
30%**

**Other
Salaries:
8%**

**Instructional Salaries:
30%**

Meet the Board of Education Candidate

Bradley M. Laverty

I am a husband of 23 years and father of two girls attending Bath CSD, one of whom graduates in June. Decades ago, my wife and I chose to live in Bath because of the school district and I am excited to be running for the open seat on the school board.

I currently work as a Code Enforcement Officer for the Towns of Corning, Wheeler and Howard, where I oversee the construction and maintenance of residential homes and commercial buildings. The best part of my job is the diversity of the people that I help, and projects that I get to work with. I also work with the local governments and design professionals to ensure that the state and local laws are adhered to while still accomplishing the goal of the project. I have a diverse background where I studied Electromechanical Engineering, Aeronautics and earned my Journeyman Certification as an commercial/industrial electrician. I spent six years in the Navy (1987-93), where on active duty, I worked in an office that ran a 500-person department with six different divisions. I managed a staff

of approximately seven, with a budget of more than \$1 million.

I am currently in my second year as a Bath JV softball coach and really enjoy seeing the kids grow not only as athletes, but as individuals as well. As a coach, I set high standards for the kids and work with them to achieve their goals.

As a Bath School Board member, I will bring my experience to the district, to work as a team with the others on the board and to carry on the high standards that our school district has established. I look forward to help guide our district into the future.



On Tuesday, May 16 you will vote on:

Proposition 1:

The 2023-24 school budget in the amount of \$43,301,542.



Board of

Education Election:

There is one vacant seat for a five-year term. The candidate is Bradley Laverty.

2023-24 Capital Outlay Project:

Upgrade/replacement of hot water tanks and boiler pumps and all associated work at VEW Primary School. This work is included in the budget proposition.

To vote you must be:

- A citizen of the United States who is at least 18 years of age.
- A resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to the vote.

Absentee ballots:

Absentee ballots may be obtained from District Clerk Donna Patterson in the District Office. Requests for ballots to be mailed to the voter must be received at least seven days prior to the vote. Ballots being picked up personally must be picked up the day before the vote.

Absentee ballots must be returned to the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 16 to be counted.

Contact Donna Patterson at 607-776-3301, ext. 1107 with questions.



Don't miss the District Art Show on

Tuesday, May 16 from 8:00 a.m.

to 7:00 p.m. in the High School gym!