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Enlarged City School District
Home of the Maroons



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THE MAROON MONTHLY

2022-2023

**PROPOSED BUDGET
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

Tuesday, May 10, 2022
7:00 PM, Auburn High School Library

BUDGET VOTE & ELECTIONS

Tuesday, May 17, 2022
7:00 AM TO 9:00 PM
Return Absentee Ballot by 5:00PM

WHAT TO VOTE ON:

- Budget Proposition
 - Election of Board Members
 - Proposition to allow Student Representative on Board of Education
- VOTE**

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2022-2023 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Overall budget up 7.7% compared to 2021-22
- ✓ Tax Levy Increase of 2.5%
- ✓ \$3.5 Million Increase in State Foundation Aid
- ✓ Net Increase of 12 positions

**Join us for Open Houses at
Elementary Schools for
Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies!**



Herman Avenue Elementary
2 N. Herman Avenue
Monday, May 9 @ 6:30pm



Genesee Elementary School
244 Genesee Street
Wednesday, May 11 @ 6:30pm



Owasco Elementary
66 Letchworth Street
Monday, May 16 @ 6:30pm



Casey Park Elementary
101 Pulaski Street
Thursday, May 19 @ 6:30pm

Please Join us at our Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies
at four of our Elementary schools.

We welcome you to view the final product of our capital project at Herman Ave, Genesee, Owasco, and Casey Park Elementary schools which have updated secure entrances and enhanced safety features. We will offer brief tours and cookies to all who attend.

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Jeffrey A. Pirozzolo

Dear Community Members,

We are approaching the end of another school year, and though things are not exactly back to normal yet, at least they seem to be headed in that direction. I commend our school community for its perseverance and dedication to help ensure that our students get the education they deserve.

Our board of education and school district administrators worked countless hours developing the budget for the next school year with the continued goal of executing a budget that provides high-quality curriculum and instruction for our students, while keeping in mind the limited resources of the community. The Auburn Enlarged City School District continues to be one of the most fiscally efficient and resourceful districts in the state, spending \$16,640 per pupil versus the state average of \$23,471 per pupil.

The district's proposed budget expenditures for the 2022-2023 school year are \$90,286,532, which is up 7.7%, or \$6.4 million, from 2021-2022 due to additional instructional staff being hired, new alternative education programs at the high school and elementary schools, increased debt service costs for the capital project, as well as inflation. For the 2022-2023 school year, our district will receive \$3.5 million in additional foundation aid from New York State, which is an increase of 10.8%. The district will continue to spend down the fund balance; this year \$2,520,544 of the district's fund balance will be used to balance the budget.

The district will also continue to utilize the federal aid we received through the American Rescue Plan. This federal aid cannot be used for regular budget expenditures, and we have two more years to spend it all. The guidelines stated that some of the funds must be used to address "learning loss" caused by the pandemic, as well as building and technology infrastructure. So far, some of the major projects we have used the funds for are summer school programming for all grade levels, air purifiers for all rooms in every building, and the new alternative education programs.

The 2022-2023 proposed budget includes a net increase of 12 staff positions. With the addition of these positions, as well as the federal stimulus monies we are slated to receive, the district will be able to continue to provide additional social and emotional support to our students, continue our strong focus on improving our graduation rate, and much more.

While this proposed budget will include a 2.5 percent increase in the total tax levy, the tax rate will actually go down, from \$18.96 per \$1,000 of assessed value to an estimated \$17.31 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This represents a decrease in the school tax rate of nearly 9% and will be the lowest school tax rate in over a decade. The City of Auburn revised property assessments this year, with many properties increasing in value, significantly for some. While this isn't surprising, given increases in real estate costs in our area, rest assured your school taxes will not go up by the same rate as your assessment. The dynamics between the tax levy, tax rate, and equalization rates are complicated, especially in a year in which assessments are changing and, as of today, are not final. Based on today's estimates however, with this lower rate, an Auburn homeowner with a \$100,000 home whose assessment did not change will see their school taxes decrease by \$165. An Auburn homeowner whose assessment rose from \$100,000 to \$110,000, will see their taxes increase by a very small amount, going up just \$8 for the entire year.

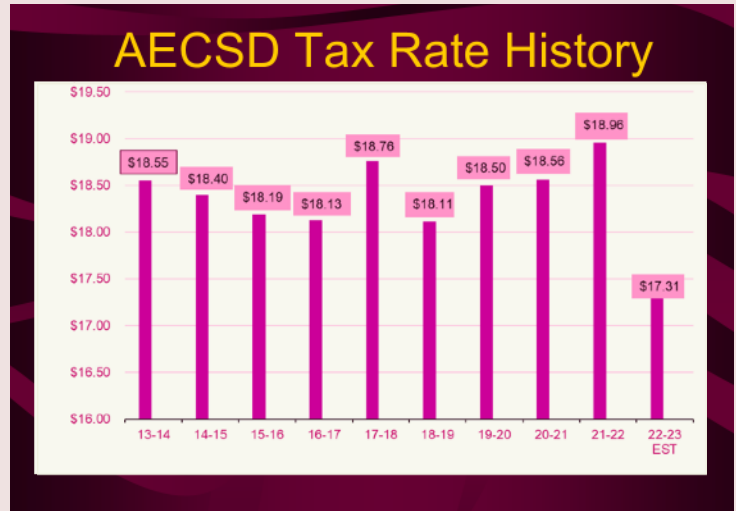
If you have any questions about the proposed budget for the 2022-2023 school year, please do not hesitate to contact the district office at (315) 255-8822 or budget@aecsd.education.

Thank you for your continued support of the Auburn Enlarged City School District's educational programming. We constantly strive to ensure that we provide high quality curriculum and instruction that meets the unique needs of each of our students.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey A. Pirozzolo

Superintendent of Schools, Auburn Enlarged City School District



2021-22 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ All Auburn community-based PreK sites have focused on social emotional learning through collaboration with the Syracuse University based Early Childhood Family and Community Engagement Center to ensure "Creating Effective PreK Teams". This has included ongoing professional development throughout the year for the staff.
- ✓ The Auburn literacy and math coaches have facilitated multiple professional development sessions after school to provide our teachers with the knowledge and tools to provide needed supports to our students to address the learning gaps that exist.
- ✓ Two Graduation Coaching positions were implemented at the secondary level this year in an effort to increase student achievement and high school graduation rates.
- ✓ The Auburn grade level and department teams have been utilizing a consistent data analysis process to reflect on data driven instructional practices. The goal is to utilize this knowledge to enhance student achievement and engagement. This will continue into the 2022-2023 school year.
- ✓ The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force has developed a draft for a district-wide Diversity, Equity & Inclusion plan.
- ✓ The Auburn IT department distributed and supported over 5,000 Chromebooks for students in all grade levels and buildings.
- ✓ The Auburn technology mentors in each building provided professional development throughout the summer and school year to help support teachers and staff with their instructional technology goals. New softwares such as WeVideo and Canva have been added to enhance student creativity.



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2022-2023 BUDGET FACTS

VOTE

TUESDAY, MAY 17TH
7:00 AM - 9:00 PM

FOR THE LOWEST TAX RATE IN
OVER A DECADE, STUDENTS
WILL RECEIVE:



12 STAFF POSITIONS ADDED

-Including-



ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING AND OPPORTUNITIES



Auburn Students

NYS Average



PER PUPIL
SPENDING



\$16,640

-VS-

\$23,471



58% of Auburn Students
Receive Free & Reduced
Lunch

2021-22 ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

- Our Modified Boys lacrosse program supported the financial/medical support fundraiser to benefit Ukraine on Saturday, April 23rd at Auburn High School. The boys were out in full force helping gather and store donations to help support this much needed cause.
- Members of the JV and Varsity football program spent time at Emerson Park in October to help beautify Deauville Island. All athletic programs are invited back on May 7th to help beautify the park; a great way for teams to represent our school and give back.
- The Auburn Football program spent a day in April on the SUNY Cortland campus which exposed our student athletes to the expectations of college admissions, the programs offered, touring academic buildings, athletic facilities, and tasting campus cuisine!
- The Girls Varsity Soccer program helped raise funds to support suicide awareness in a game versus neighboring district Mynderse Academy raising funds for organizations that help raise awareness and provide multiple resources for people throughout the county.
- The JV girls lacrosse program recently supported Healing Cayuga in a resource organization and distribution event.
- The Auburn Maroon Wrestling and Softball programs continued their charitable efforts during the winter holiday season providing gifts and food for families to make the season a bit more enjoyable.

2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES

Program Component: 74.73% of Budget

The Program component provides funding for the instruction of and educational support services of district students, including regular, special, and occupational education, guidance and health services, and cocurricular and interscholastic activities. Also included are the costs of transporting students to and from the five elementary, one junior high, and one high school.

Program	2021-2022	2022-2023	Increase/(Decrease)
Legal	10,000	13,000	3,000
Teaching - Regular School	21,428,495	22,406,157	977,662
Programs - Students with Disabilities	13,126,078	14,551,429	1,425,351
Occupational Education	2,253,766	2,212,832	(40,934)
Teaching - Special Schools	322,097	322,450	353
School Library & Audiovisual	847,144	916,965	69,821
Computer Assisted Instruction	2,570,931	2,678,736	107,805
Guidance	888,847	907,458	18,611
Health Services	700,547	814,186	113,639
Co-Curricular Activities	193,078	194,283	1,205
Interscholastic Activities	615,892	667,887	51,995
District Transportation	217,225	234,166	16,941
Contract Transportation	2,799,000	3,229,940	430,940
Public Transportation	50	50	0
BOCES Contract Transportation	41,500	41,500	0
Employee Benefits	17,240,865	18,259,334	1,018,469
Interfund Transfers	17,500	17,500	0
Total Program Expense	\$63,273,015	\$67,467,873	\$4,194,858

Capital Component: 14.10% of Budget

The Capital component provides funding for the operation and maintenance of the district's buildings and grounds, as well as for the costs of natural gas and electricity, water, sewer, and telephone services. Also included is funding for debt service - principal and interest payments on capital projects, installment purchases, leases, and interfund transfers.

Capital	2021-2022	2022-2023	Increase/(Decrease)
Operation	3,207,447	3,274,315	66,868
Maintenance	1,243,718	1,196,211	(47,507)
Employee Benefits	1,662,756	1,651,906	(10,850)
Debt Service	5,489,936	6,503,584	1,013,648
Interfund Transfers	100,000	100,000 *	0
Total Capital Expense	\$11,703,857	\$12,726,016	\$1,022,159

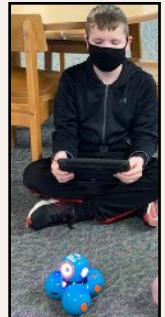
* For Capital Project not to exceed \$100,000. This budget also includes \$100,000 for a capital outlay improvement project to replace the outdated AHS marquee and automatic touch free faucets. The district will receive 84% back in state aid.



Coding at Casey Park Elementary

Casey Park students had fun learning the basics of coding with Bee-Bot and Dash. Bee-Bot is specifically designed for younger students. It is a colorful and easy-to-operate robot, making it the perfect tool for teaching sequencing, estimation, problem-solving, and just having fun. Dash is a more advanced robot and requires the use of an iPad. Casey Park borrowed a set of Dashes and iPads from BOCES, so student programmers could explore loops, events, conditions, and sequences and even give Dash voice commands.

Penelope Pitman, Librarian



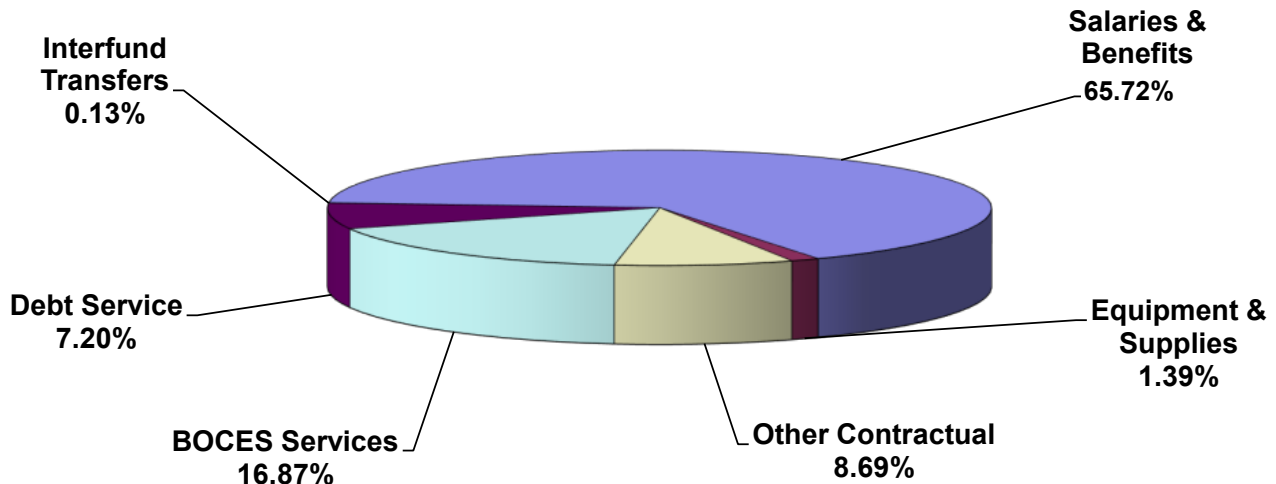
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Administrative Component 11.17% of Budget

The administrative component provides funding for general support and management activities, including central administration and business office operations such as payroll, auditing, tax collection and purchasing, as well as legal and personnel functions. Also included in this component are the costs for administration and supervision at each of the district's schools.

Administrative	2021-2022	2022-2023	Increase/(Decrease)
Board of Education	19,100	20,600	1,500
District Clerk	11,950	11,700	(250)
District Meeting	15,200	12,700	(2,500)
Central Administration	268,365	274,991	6,626
Business Administration	279,370	367,755	88,385
Auditing	37,000	38,000	1,000
Treasurer	132,596	157,067	24,471
Tax Collection	7,000	11,200	4,200
Purchasing	11,000	11,000	0
Fiscal Agent Fees	7,500	7,500	0
Legal	150,000	170,000	20,000
Personnel	804,357	968,284	163,927
Public Information & Service	67,572	73,395	5,823
Central Storeroom	42,621	43,182	561
Central Printing & Mailing	624,750	635,500	10,750
Central Data Processing	435,000	463,000	28,000
Unallocated Insurance	283,000	305,000	22,000
Board Membership Dues	26,700	30,000	3,300
Assessments on School Property	70,000	60,000	(10,000)
BOCES Admin. Charges	945,500	978,500	33,000
Curriculum Development, Supervision	539,595	710,652	171,057
Supervision - Reg. School	1,912,170	2,326,049	413,879
Research Planning & Evaluation	194,000	196,000	2,000
Inservice Training	41,000	41,000	0
Programs - Students with Disabilities	268,842	329,820	60,978
Health Services	101,167	106,210	5,043
Employee Benefits	1,589,724	1,743,538	153,814
Total Administrative Expense	\$8,885,079	\$10,092,643	\$1,207,564
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$83,861,951	\$90,286,532	\$6,424,581

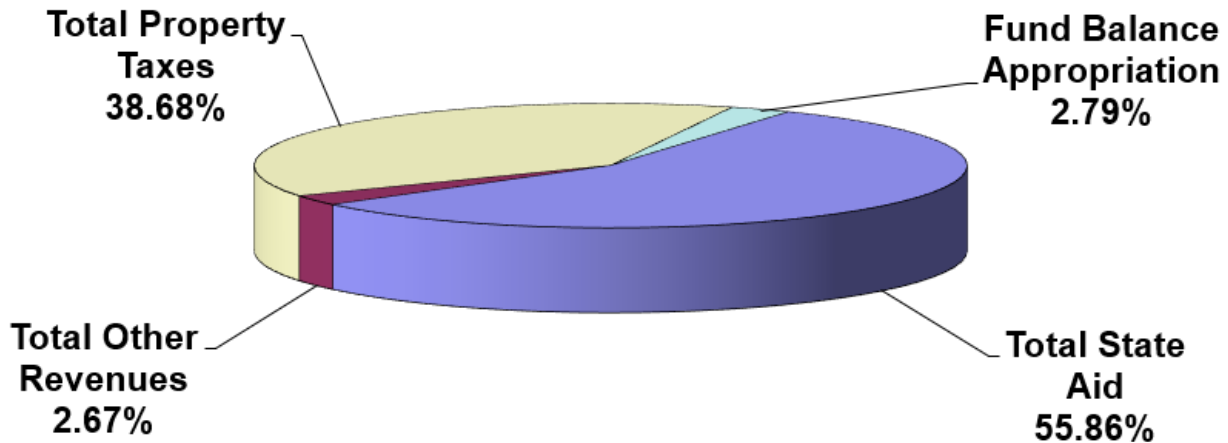
2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET



2022-2023 PROJECTED REVENUES

State Aid	2021-2022	2022-2023	Increase/Decrease
Operating State Aid	42,255,387	46,003,192	3,747,805
Building Aid	3,440,976	4,425,295	984,319
Total State Aid	\$45,696,363	\$50,428,487	4,732,124
Other Revenues	2021-2022	2022-2023	Increase/Decrease
Tuition	125,000	75,000	(50,000)
Interest	75,000	60,000	(15,000)
Miscellaneous Revenues	679,450	714,600	35,150
Prior Year Refunds	900,000	1,000,000	100,000
Property Rental	81,500	12,500	(69,000)
Medicaid Reimbursement	300,000	300,000	0
Transfers From Other Funds	545,000	250,000	(295,000)
Total Other Revenues	\$2,705,950	\$2,412,100	(293,850)
Property Taxes	2021-2022	2022-2023	Increase/Decrease
Tax Levy	33,431,783	34,267,578	835,795
Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)	591,890	657,823	65,933
Total Property Taxes	\$34,023,673	\$34,925,401	901,728
Appropriated Fund Balance	2021-2022	2022-2023	Increase/Decrease
Fund Balance Appropriation	1,435,965	2,520,544	1,084,579
Total Projected Revenues	\$83,861,951	\$90,286,532	6,424,581

2022-23 PROJECTED REVENUES



Coins for Ukraine from Herman

The Herman Avenue Elementary School community collected "Coins for Ukraine." Throughout the month of April students brought in coins on a Wednesday or Friday. At the end of the month we presented the **\$1,077 donation** to St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church to go towards the Ukraine Relief effort. Small acts of kindness add up to do great things!

From Mrs. Pesarchick & Mrs. Tabone



2020-21 NYS Transparency Report for the Auburn School District

	Auburn	All Public Schools NYS
Total Expenditures per Pupil	\$16,640	\$23,471



The Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee has put this website together as a way to get information out to the community regarding the Foundation Aid issues affecting the district.
For more information please visit: fixandfundit.org

2022-23 Property Tax Report Card		
050100 - Auburn Enlarged City School District Contact Person: Lisa Green Telephone Number: 315-255-8808		
	Budgeted 2021-22 (A)	Proposed Budget 2022-23 (B)
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	83,861,951	90,286,532
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	33,431,783	34,267,578
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable		
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable		
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable		
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	33,431,783	34,267,578
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	1,082,529	1,422,908
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	32,349,254	32,844,670
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	32,349,254	32,844,670
I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval)	0	0
Public School Enrollment	3,958	3,840
Consumer Price Index		4.70%
	Actual 2021-22 (D)	Estimated 2022-23 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	9,220,783	9,184,000
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	2,020,846	2,920,544
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	9,129,714	7,609,170
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	10.89%	8.43%

WEBSITE

The NYS Report Card and the Financial Transparency Report:

<https://data.nysed.gov>

For information about the performance of each public school in the district and across New York State, download The NYS Report Card, The NYS Assessment Data, and The Financial Transparency Report that are located at this website.



Schedule of Reserve Funds					
Reserve Type	Reserve Name	Reserve Description	3/31/22 Actual Balance	6/30/22 Estimated Ending Balance	Intended Use of the Reserve in the 2022-2023 School Year
Capital	2018 Capital Reserve Fund	To pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued.	1,002,467	1,003,000	None
Capital	2018 Turf Capital Reserve Fund	To pay the cost of replacing the athletic field turf, for which bonds may be issued.	251,070	251,350	None
Unemployment Insurance	Unemployment Insurance Reserve	To pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund.	150,721	151,500	None
Insurance	Insurance Reserve Fund	To pay liability, casualty, and other types of uninsured losses.	459,283	461,500	None
Liability	Liability Reserve Fund	To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover liability claims incurred.	502,110	503,000	None
Tax Certiorari	Tax Certiorari Reserve	To establish a reserve fund for tax certiorari settlements	2,704,486	2,715,000	To pay Tax Certiorari Settlements as appropriate
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve (EBALR) Fund	For the payment of accrued 'employee benefits' due to employees upon termination of service.	212,378	213,650	To pay Accrued Benefits as appropriate
Workers' Comp	Worker's Comp Reserve	To pay compensation, benefits and medical expenses authorized under the Workers' Compensation Law	832,343	834,000	None
Retirement Contribution Sub-Fund	Retirement Contribution Reserve Sub-Fund (TRS)	To fund employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Teachers' Retirement System	1,118,182	1,121,000	None
Retirement Contribution	Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund	To fund employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Employees' Retirement System	1,925,670	1,930,000	None

May 2022

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<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>District Parent Council Mtg. 6:30PM @ Tubman</p> <p>Teacher Appreciation Week</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Teacher Appreciation Day</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Bike to School Day (4th-6th Grade only)</p> <p>AJHS PTO Mtg. 6:00PM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Cinco de Mayo</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>SAT Exam AHS 7:45AM</p>																																																																																			
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<p>29</p> <p>National Physical Fitness and Sports Month</p>	<p>30</p> <p>AHS/AJHS Bands @ Memorial Day Parade</p> <p>NO SCHOOL Memorial Day</p>	<p>31</p> <p>For updated events please check the online calendar at our website: www.aecsd.education</p>	<p>April 2022</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td></tr> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	<p>June 2022</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td></tr> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
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Social Emotional Learning at Auburn Junior High School



Throughout the 2021-2022 School year Auburn Junior High has extended homeroom on select Mondays to provide Social Emotional Learning for our students. Many of these “Pride Mondays” include activities from the Brooks Gibbs’ SQUABBLES curriculum. Topics covered in the curriculum are a variety of situations our students face when interacting with their peers. Students watch a video that includes strategies on how to handle verbal insults, exclusion, physical provocation, positive thinking, helping others, managing emotions, etc. The videos are followed with a class discussion. On April 7th, Brooks Gibbs came to our school to speak to our assembly. The students were extremely excited to meet the man in the videos and were able to listen to his excellent advice. It was a great day at Auburn Junior High!

David Oliver, Principal, AJHS



Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)

Students who are applying to colleges, please be aware that procedures for the confidentiality of student records within the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) have recently changed. FERPA permits school officials to disclose all education records, including disciplinary records, to another institution at which the student seeks or intends to enroll. This now also applies to post-secondary institutions (colleges), upon request.

NYS SCHOOL TAX RELIEF PROGRAM (STAR)

Basic STAR Exemption Impact

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption savings based on a hypothetical home within the school district with a full value of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)

	Proposed Budget 2022-2023
Basic STAR tax savings	\$555.00

For ALL Owner-occupied Residences:

All taxpayers are eligible for a Basic STAR exemption for owner-occupied, primary residences. For 2022-2023 the STAR program continues to provide qualifying households with a \$30,000 exemption on the full value of their property.

For a home with a full value of \$100,000, qualifying residents will realize an estimated \$555 in Basic STAR tax savings.

For Senior Citizens:

The Enhanced STAR program for senior citizens provides eligible seniors an exemption from school property taxes for owner-occupied, primary residences. To be eligible for this exemption, a property owner must be 65 years of age or older on December 31, 2022, with income not exceeding \$92,000.

STAR provides qualifying households with up to a \$74,900 exemption on the full value of their property. Qualifying residents owning a home with a full value of \$100,000 will recognize an estimated \$1,181 in Enhanced STAR tax savings in 2022-2023.

Projected Total Tax Increase for a \$100,000 full value house with:

Basic STAR	\$47
Enhanced STAR	\$47

ESTIMATED SCHOOL TAX IMPACT:

Projections for the tax rates on each of the four towns and city comprising the Auburn Enlarged City School District are dependent upon the assessed value of the District, NYS equalization rates for each municipality and the local tax levy amount. Property assessments are still subject to change and equalization rates are not completed by the State until summer.

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- Casey: @auburn_casey
- Genesee: @auburn_genesee
- Herman: @auburn_herman
- Owasco: @auburn_owasco
- Seward: @auburn_seward

ATTENTION:

All events and activities are subject to change. Please check the website for the latest updates:
www.aecsd.education

END OF YEAR SCHEDULE

For Students in the AECSD
2021-22 School Year:

AHS Senior Prom

Friday, June 3: 7:00-11:00PM
The Lodge, Skaneateles

June 8: Last full day of classes for Auburn High School Students

Friday, June 17: Half Day for Elementary only

Monday, June 20: No School
All schools closed for Juneteenth Day

Tuesday, June 21: Half Day for Elementary and AJHS

Wednesday, June 22: Half Day for Elementary and AJHS

AHS Graduation Ceremony 6:00PM
Friday, June 24 @ Holland Stadium

NEW YORK STATE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY:

You can go online to find out if any sexual offenders live near you. The New York State Sex Offender Registry is available at www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/index.htm whereby you can search for Level 2 and Level 3 sex offenders.

MEET THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES



Francis CJ Calarco My name is CJ Calarco. I have lived in Auburn for most of my life aside from going away for undergraduate work at Iona College. I returned to Auburn and worked on my Graduate Degree in education at Le Moyne College. I have since been teaching math at the High School level since 2012, and have coached several sports at different levels. I'm running to give back to the community that gave me the opportunities to be where I am today, with the experience of a tenured classroom teacher and coach. My goal as a board member is to maintain a common-sense perspective on the education we offer to the kids in our district to be sure they all get the type of opportunities that the community has afforded me.



Rachel Czyz I am Rachel Czyz and I am running for the AECSD Board of Education. I am seeking to keep the children at the focus of every Board decision. I am married and we have six children ranging from 9-19 years of age. In our home we have a diversity of cultural backgrounds which gives me a unique and fresh perspective. I have spent the past ten years advocating for kids in our district, navigating policies and procedures for children with unique learning challenges. I have a degree in education. I would like to see more transparency and accountability in how our budget and curriculum are best meeting the needs of our children. I am an advocate for school safety. I would like to help bridge the gap between life long educators and our community and support policies and procedures that open up communication within the district.



Daniel Lovell Daniel is a life resident of Cayuga County, whose five children have all attended Auburn schools. He's an information technology professional and small business owner focused on local business, municipalities and non-profits. Dan comes from a family of educators and has dedicated much of his adult life to community service. He's served on many local boards, including the Cayuga County Chamber of Commerce, the Red Cross, Salvation Army, and Cayuga County Arts Council. He's won numerous awards, including Syracuse Press Club's Professional Standards award, and was named Cayuga County's Young Professional of the Year and one of Syracuse's 40 under 40 (he is no longer under 40). Dan's an avid musician who plays over two dozen instruments. Dan believes successful schools are vital to healthy communities. We must focus on making our schools the best they can be, supporting students at all levels and all abilities, and ensuring our students are more than prepared for college, trade school or the workforce. To accomplish this, Dan believes in providing support for our teachers and staff, and lobbying the state to get our fair share of aid.



Jim Van Arsdale It is a mix of life and professional experiences that give me the desire to serve as a board member in the Auburn Enlarged School District. I have been committed to doing my best in our community to help provide as many positive and uplifting experiences for all our youth. I believe our school system plays a vital role in creating these opportunities. Our schools are the community's biggest financial and human investment we make together. I would like to be part of the team that moves education forward in Auburn. With that as my purpose, I ask for your vote for the school board this May. My wife Lisa and I are blessed with 2 daughters, Jennifer and Nicole, both Auburn graduates.



Danielle Wood The last three years I have devoted to the Auburn School Board have been a tremendous experience. I have committed myself to ensuring our students have the tools they need to be successful learners and contribute to our community into adulthood. I intend to continue to push for proper state funding and support both staff and students while promoting a positive, nurturing setting for all. Over the last seven years, volunteer efforts district-wide, at Herman Ave Elementary and the YMCA, have provided me with ample insight and experience to continue serving our district. I have a small business and am employed as a substitute Preschool Assistant at the YMCA. An Auburn graduate, I am married to Justin, with three children, Kellan (9), Ailey (7), and Marlowe (5).

**School Board Election and Budget Vote to be held:
Tuesday, May 17, 2022. Polls are open 7:00AM to 9:00PM**

HOW TO VOTE IN SCHOOL ELECTIONS

Qualified voters must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old, and a resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to the date of the vote. You do not need to be a registered voter. All absentee ballots must be received by the district no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 17th.

For more information on voting in school elections, call (315) 255-8850.

WHERE TO VOTE IN SCHOOL ELECTIONS

Where you live determines where you vote in school elections. The chart below shows the general area for each election district and the polling place for each election district. For more information on voting in school elections, call 315-255-8850.

District	Area	Polling Place
1	Legislative District 10	Casey Park Elementary School
2	Legislative District 11 and portion of Sennett within the Auburn School District	Auburn Junior High School
3	Portion of Owasco within the Auburn School District	Owasco Elementary School
4	Legislative Districts 12, 13, 14 & 15 and portions of Fleming and Aurelius within the Auburn School District	Seward Elementary School

DISTRICT GOALS

High Quality Curriculum and Instruction

The Auburn Enlarged City School District will develop a framework and implement high quality curriculum, instruction, and balanced assessment model for all students. All staff will implement evidence-based practices including high yield instructional strategies that increase higher order thinking, collaboration and creativity, and student engagement.

Leadership and Innovation

All members of the Auburn Enlarged City School District and community are valued and seen as contributors to the goals of the district. Allocation of resources will support job-embedded professional development dedicated to promoting creative problem solving and critical thinking. We will seek to leverage emergent ideas and insights to realize measurable achievement gains for educators and students.

Systems Thinking

The Auburn Enlarged City School District will continually create benchmarks for success that align targeted resources to evaluate and enrich the quality of our instructional programs. Each student will be provided equitable access to meet and exceed the standards for college and career readiness.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

The Auburn School District is fortunate to receive support from a variety of local sources, including businesses and community organizations.

- A** The District collaborates with Cayuga Community College, Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES, Early Childhood Center, Auburn YMCA, Headstart, Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency, Montessori School of the Finger Lakes and the John E. Gavras Center to provide *Prekindergarten programming for 3 and 4 year old children in Auburn.* These programs prepare our students for a strong academic start when they enter kindergarten.
- A** Auburn Education Foundation (AEF) is a major supporter of innovative projects in the District. This past school year the AEF sponsored book vending machines in our elementary buildings so that all five elementary school buildings have the opportunity to promote literacy and positive behavior for our student in grades K-6.
- A** The School District partners with Cayuga Community College (CCC) and the Manufacturer’s Association of Central New York (MACNY) to support the Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) program. This six year program provides eligible high school students an opportunity to complete classes at CCC and earn an Associate’s Degree in Mechanical or Electrical Technologies.



DRIVER'S EDUCATION CLASSES

Driver's Education will be taking place this summer for current juniors and sophomores. To participate, students need to have a permit or license. There are 36 spots. If more students apply than there are spaces for, enrollment in this program will be determined by:

- a) Current juniors, then current sophomores.
- b) Students will be chosen for admission into the program based on a lottery.

Classroom sessions will be given virtually by a certified driver's education instructor. The classes will be every weekday for 12 consecutive school days starting on Tuesday July 5th through Wednesday, July 20th. All classes are from 10:00am - 12:00pm via Google Classroom and Zoom. Final exam will be Thursday, July 21st. The 24 hours of in-vehicle instruction will need to be completed under the supervision of a parent/guardian holding a valid New York State Driver's License. Applications can be found in the Counseling Office or in Google Classroom. Application deadline is May 20, 2022.



NEWS FROM GENESEE: The Innovation Lab at Genesee Elementary is full of amazing problem solvers! 5th graders channeled their inner Da Vinci's when they were designing, building and testing out flying machines! 3rd and 6th graders have been working on a robotics unit learning how to drive and program a Dash robot. They were even challenged to build an obstacle course for Dash, which they then had to navigate through! *Victoria Calarco, Librarian*

Genesee Elementary School Attendance Challenge: All students were challenged to be in school, every day, for the month of March. Students that were in attendance 21 out of 23 days, or better, received an invitation to the Genesee Attendance Extravaganza party. Over 200 students met this challenge! On April 6, 2022, we celebrated these students who are dedicated to their learning with a fun filled attendance party! Thanks to our generous donations from Grace Chapel and the Knights of Columbus, students were treated to raffles, pizza and BINGO prizes.



NEWS FROM CASEY PARK: Casey Park Elementary School hosted a **Parent Engagement Night Open House in April** to celebrate the completion of Capital Project renovations and to welcome students and families back into the building in person. The Night was a huge success with many families in attendance. Students were able to share their academic goals set within the classrooms with their families. Additionally, families were tasked with setting family, health and academic goals with their children. Overall, it was a great event! *Kelly Garback, Principal, Casey Park*



Congratulations to the Auburn Music Department for receiving a Best Communities for Outstanding Support of Music Education Award for 2022!

The NAMM Foundation has recognized our community for the outstanding efforts of teachers, administrators, parents, students and community leaders who are making music part of a well-rounded education for every child.

Seymour Library

Seymour Library has started its latest renovation – a revamp of the West Lobby, a.k.a. the Main Entrance!

The renovations of the West Lobby will improve the functionality of this space with a new layout, furniture, energy-efficient lighting, and updates to modernize the current elevator. Part of the renovation includes new bay windows, cozy reading nooks, and study spaces for library patrons. The West Lobby will remain closed until the end of fall, and in the meanwhile, **patrons will be able to enter through the historic front entrance!**

Please note the library will make accommodations for individuals with mobility issues. Those in need of assistance should call 315-252-2571 before their visit, and remember that **curbside pickup is available** during operating hours.

We have exciting events and programs for May! **IMAGINE Storytime: Mondays @ 11 am & 1 pm;** Please register online at <https://seymourlibrary.org/programs/> where you can also check out our **DIY Drop-in Challenges** for May.

Seymour Library will be closed Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day.



Kindergarten Registration - Part 2



- Do you reside in the Auburn Enlarged City School District (AECSD)?
- Will your child be five years old on or before December 1, 2022?
- Have you completed Part I of the Kindergarten Registration process by submitting your registration packet to the AECSD? (REGISTER new students at our [Student Registration](#) page.)

Yes? Then you and your soon-to-be Kindergartener are ready for the next step in the registration process - a visit to your child's new school! See below for the dates and times scheduled for your neighborhood elementary school.

Genesee: Tuesday, May 17
244 Genesee Street (315) 255-8678

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
If your child's last name begins with A-L

Casey Park: Thursday, May 19
101 Pulaski Street (315) 255-8798

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
If your child's last name begins with M-Z

Herman Ave: Wednesday, May 18
2 North Herman Avenue (315) 255-8718

Questions? Please call the applicable Elementary school for more information

Seward: Monday, May 16
52 Metcalf Drive (315) 255-8638

Registration and screening will take approximately one hour.

Owasco: Friday, May 20
66 Letchworth Street (315) 255-8721

Be sure you have already submitted your completed registration packet to the AECSD at 78 Thornton Avenue at least one week prior to this visit.



Auburn Education Foundation proudly announces members of the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction Class of 2022

The Alumni Hall of Distinction was established to recognize, honor, and celebrate graduates who have distinguished themselves through outstanding academic, professional, personal, and /or civic achievements and to inspire students to pursue a path toward personal success.

Dr. Marc Brown, AHS 1971 – Foremost expert in dermatology specializing in Mohs surgery and cutaneous oncology affiliated with the University of Rochester

William Snee, AHS 1971 (posthumously) – Known as Bill Carey while working as a journalist, reporter, and mentor for over four decades in Central NY, winner of three Emmys

Susan Taylor-Brown, PhD, MPH, AHS 1972 – Respected expert and author in the field of social work and public health specializing in mental health and end of life issues

Martha Gallo, AHS 1975 – Executive Vice-President and head of Internal Audit for American International Group (AIG), advocate for the advancement of women and girls

Brian Kreydatus, AHS 1987 – Fulbright Scholar, practicing artist and Studio Art Professor at the College of William and Mary

Jared Tuxill, AHS 1989 – distinguished member of the elite Navy Seals, awarded the Silver Star, six Bronze Stars with V, and two Purple Hearts

Joe Alberici, AHS 1989 – Head lacrosse coach at West Point, twice named Patriot League Coach of the Year, recipient of the Krzyzewski Award for Excellence for teaching character through sports

Maria Papalia-Meier, AHS 1992 – Author of "I Am a Runner", a book detailing her recovery from sepsis and her persistence to be able to run again after having her toes amputated, spreads sepsis awareness and serves as a mentor for those suffering from life altering illnesses

These eight distinguished alumni will be honored for their achievements and inducted into the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction at an hors d'oeuvres and dessert reception Friday, May 20th, 7:00 PM at the Hilton Garden Inn. Tickets are \$35 and are available on the website <https://auburnedfoundation.org> or checks can be mailed to AEF, PO Box 592, Auburn, NY 13021

Open Enrollment for Auburn Enlarged City School District’s 2022-2023 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program

The Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program is an integral component of our district and includes a UPK program for our 4-year-old learners and a 3PK program for 3-year olds. Together, these programs offer comprehensive educational services to **Auburn School District residents** who will be 3 or 4 years of age on or before December 1, 2022 and are available at **no cost** for eligible children.

A list of our Universal Pre-Kindergarten program locations (sites) below contains information regarding which sites offer 3PK and/or UPK and which sites provide full-day and/or half-day programs. Parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to visit any of these participating sites before completing your child’s registration. Kindly contact the site to arrange a visit.



Site	Program	Full/Half Day	Contact
Cayuga Community College-81 Wall Street	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-294-8603
Cayuga Onondaga BOCES-1879 W. Genesee St. Rd.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-255-0075
Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency-89 York St. and sites at several AECSD schools	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-252-0038
Early Childhood Center-1110 Corporate Dr.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-255-0233
E. John Gavras Center-182 North St.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-255-2746
Montessori School of the Finger Lakes-6734 Pine Ridge Rd.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-252-2225
YMCA- 27 William St.	3PK and UPK	Full-day & Half-day 3PK Full-day UPK	315-253-5304

Parents/guardians can register their child online and upload the supporting documentation.

The 3PK and UPK 2022-2023 online student registration is now open as of February 1, 2022. Please register your student using the online enrollment form located at the link on the Auburn Enlarged City School District website www.AECSO.education under Student Registration.

Parents/guardians who prefer to submit their student’s registration in person may pick up a 2022-2023 registration packet at any of the UPK sites listed above and also at any Auburn Elementary School or our Administrative Offices. **Registration packets are now available for pick up. Completed applications should be submitted to your child’s current Pre-Kindergarten site or to the Harriet Tubman Administrative Offices at 78 Thornton Avenue.**

Need more information about the 2022-2023 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program? Please contact Mary White at 315-255-8825 or Michelle Kolceski at 315-255-8613.

Genesee Students Support Ukraine



Genesee Elementary School’s Pride Leadership Team is leading the school community in a fundraiser to support the people of Ukraine. Inspired by their school crossing guard known affectionately as “Mr. Nick,” who has family members affected by the war in Ukraine, these students created and are selling bracelets, with all profits going to support local Ukrainian refugees. The students attended a school board meeting last month, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and talked about their project. They collected over \$200 at the meeting.

If you would like to support these students’ efforts, you can drop off a donation and pick up a bracelet in the Genesee main office, or send a donation to Pride Leadership Team with checks made out to Genesee Parent Teacher Partnership, Genesee Elementary School, 244 Genesee St, Auburn, NY 13021.

Pictured (l to r): Advisor Julia Henery, Adam Morrissette, Bailey Morrissette, Mejandra Vieira, Mario Temple, Avalina Morrell, Fiona Rhodes, Lilly Smith, Winifred Pidlypchak, Jaden Jones, Eleanor Pidlypchak, Cameron Jones, Advisor Judy Garrett, and Maxx Quick.

Submitted by Judy Garrett and Julia Henery, Pride Leadership Team Advisors



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Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted 2021-2022 School Year	Budget Proposed 2022-2023 School Year	Contingency Budget 2022-2023 School Year
Total Budgeted Amount	\$83,861,951	\$90,286,532	\$89,450,737
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-2023 School Year		\$6,424,581	\$5,588,786
Percentage increase (decrease) in Proposed Budget		7.66%	6.66%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.70%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support Total Budgeted Amount	\$33,431,783	\$34,267,578	
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)	\$33,431,783	\$34,267,578	\$33,431,783
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$1,082,529	\$1,422,908	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$32,349,254	\$32,844,670	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, <u>Excluding</u> Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E-B-F+D)	\$32,349,254	\$32,844,670	
I. Difference: (G-H); Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$8,885,079	\$10,092,643	\$9,477,898
Program Component	\$63,273,015	\$67,467,873	\$67,496,824
Capital Component	\$11,703,857	\$12,726,016	\$12,476,015
* The following assumptions were made in projecting the Contingency Budget:			
- No purchase of new equipment in excess of categorical aid			
- No tax levy amount in excess of 2021-2022 tax levy; reduction of \$835,795 in property tax revenue			
- Administrative component subject to cap			
- Implementation of fee for community use of school facilities			
		Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-2023 School Year	
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings (1)		\$555.00	
The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-2023 by the qualified voters of the Auburn Enlarged City School District, Cayuga County, New York, will be held at Auburn Junior High, Casey Park Elementary, Owasco Elementary and Seward Elementary in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:00 pm, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.			
(1) The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.			

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