



# GERMANTOWN

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MAY 2022 — BUDGET EDITION

## BUDGET VOTE

TUESDAY  
MAY 17, 2022  
Noon – 9 p.m.

Kellner Community Activities Center  
50 Palatine Park Road,  
Germantown, NY 12526

## 2022-23 Budget Maintains Strong Programs

A community vote on Germantown CSD's 2022-23 budget will take place Tuesday, May 17 from noon to 9 p.m. at Palatine Park, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine. The 2022-23 school budget totals \$16,904,170 and requires a 2.69% tax levy increase, which is within New York State's Property Tax Cap limit.

This year's proposed budget will focus on the continuation of current student programs to develop a wider skillset and explore a larger variety of career pathways. It will also help fund the implementation of innovative instructional tools used in the classroom.

"We are pleased that we are able to maintain strong academic programs for our students," District Superintendent Benjamin Bragg said. "It's our goal to ensure that students graduate from Germantown Central Schools college and career ready, while striving to be good financial stewards for our community."

The budget allows the District to increase the amount of students that are able to attend off-campus programming, including Questar III BOCES courses such as the heavy equipment program.

The community will also vote on two (2) open seats on the Board of Education.

2.69% TAX LEVY  
INCREASE

PROPOSED  
2022-23 BUDGET

\$16,904,170

## BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS:

- Maintain elective opportunities for students.
- Implement innovative instructional tools in the classroom.

## ALSO ON THE BALLOT:

- Board of Education Election (Two Seats)



*With the return to in-person learning this year, students have been able to participate in hands-on activities in the classroom while also competing in athletics and performing on the stage.*

# BUDGET COMPARISON

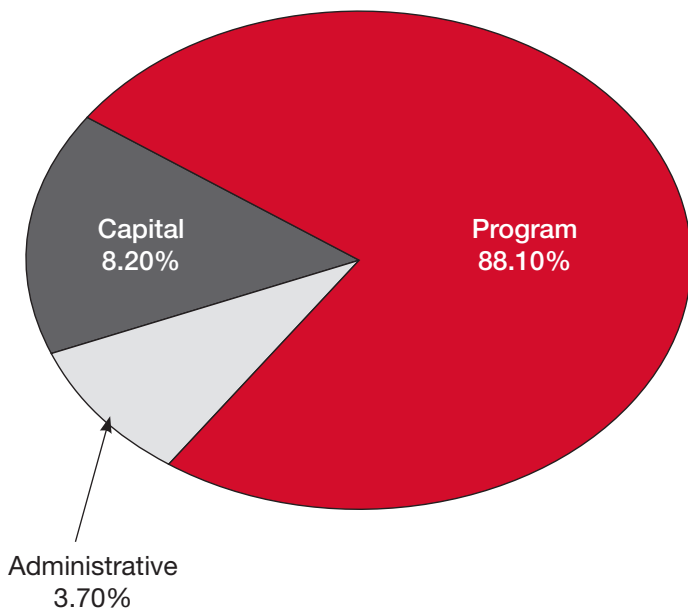
	2021-2022	2022-2023	Change	% of Budget
<b>PROGRAM</b>	\$12,243,843	\$14,887,200	\$2,643,357	88.10%
Teaching Regular School Inc. Summer School, Programs and Services for Students with Disabilities, Occupational Education, Instructional Technology, School Library, Guidance, Health Services, Social Work, Interscholastic Athletics, Co-Curricular Activities, Student Transportation, BOCES Support, Fringe Benefits				
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	\$1,501,111	\$628,852	(\$872,259)	3.70%
Board of Education, Central Administration, Business Administration/Finance, School Principals, Special Education Administrator, Purchasing, Data Processing, Auditing, Legal Services, General Insurance, BOCES Support, District Share of BOCES Admin. Cost, Fringe Benefits				
<b>CAPITAL</b>	\$2,586,228	\$1,388,118	(\$1,198,110)	8.20%
Operation of Plant, Maintenance of Plant, Security, Utilities, Construction From Operating Funds, Principal and Interest on Debt, BOCES Support, Fringe Benefits				
<b>BUDGET TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,331,182</b>	<b>\$16,904,170</b>	<b>\$572,988</b>	<b>100%</b>

# REVENUE ESTIMATES

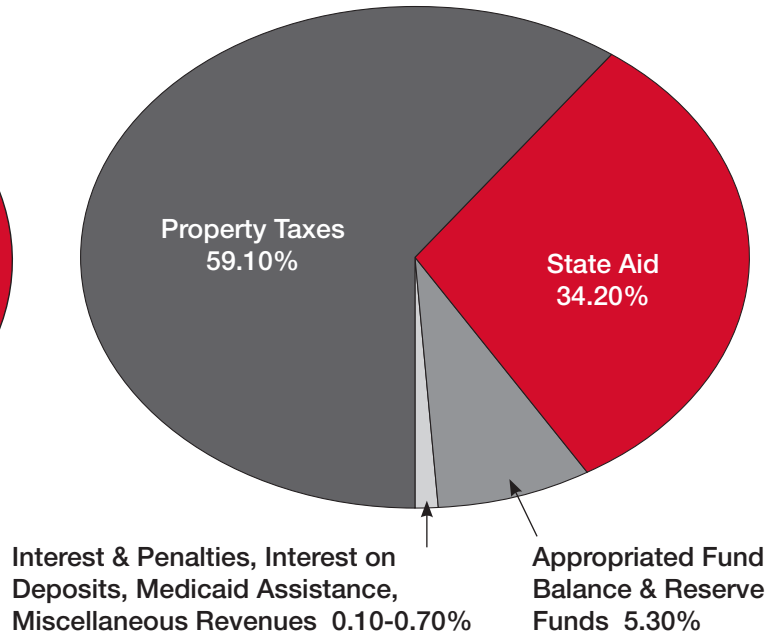
	2021-2022	2022-2023	Change	% of Revenues
Property Taxes	\$9,731,282	\$9,992,685	\$79,015	59.10%
State Aid*	5,127,872	5,786,485	78,826	34.20%
Appropriated Fund Balance & Reserve Funds	1,245,028	900,000	444,428	5.30%
Interest & Penalties (for late payment of taxes)	20,000	20,000	0	0.10%
Interest on Deposits	45,000	30,000	(15,000)	0.20%
Medicaid Assistance	45,000	50,000	5,000	0.30%
Miscellaneous Revenues	117,000	125,000	\$8,000	0.70%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$16,331,182</b>	<b>\$16,904,170</b>	<b>\$572,988</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* Does not include Federal Stimulus Funds

## 2022-23 Expenses



## 2022-23 Revenues



# GERMANTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2021-22 school year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 school year	Contingent Budget for the 2022-23 school year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 16,331,182	\$ 16,904,170	\$ 16,766,170
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 school year		\$ 572,988	\$ 434,988
Percentage Increase/Decrease in proposed budget		3.39%	2.59%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		8.40%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 9,731,282	\$ 9,992,685	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$ -	\$ -	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$ -	\$ -	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$ -	\$ -	
E. Total Proposed School Tax Year Levy (A + B + C + D)	\$ 9,731,282	\$ 9,992,685	
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$ 555,600	\$ 536,745	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 9,175,682	\$ 9,455,940	
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).	\$ 9,175,682	\$ 9,455,940	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	-	\$ -	
Administrative Component	\$ 1,501,111	\$ 628,852	\$ 623,852
Program Component	\$ 12,243,843	\$ 14,887,200	\$ 14,874,200
Capital Component	\$ 2,586,228	\$ 1,388,118	\$ 1,268,118

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Germantown Central School District, Columbia County, New York, will be held at Kellner Community Activities Center, 50 Palatine Park Rd., in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of 12 noon and 9:00pm, prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine

\*Under NYS law, a school may submit a budget to voters a maximum of two times. If the budget is defeated the Board may adopt a contingent budget or put a budget before the voters a second time. If the budget is defeated twice, the Board must adopt a contingent budget. Certain existing contingent budget requirements remain in effect that prohibit spending in specific areas including community use of buildings, certain salary increases and new equipment purchases. More significantly a district that adopts a contingent budget may not increase its current tax levy by any amount. Using the required formula, the proposed budget is within the allowable tax levy limit and requires a simple majority. The proposed tax levy increase under the proposed budget is \$261,403.

**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
	NONE	\$0
	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>		\$402

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

## BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

Voters will elect candidates to fill two (2) open seats on the Board of Education. Both seats are for four (4) year terms beginning in July 2022. The following candidates will be listed on the ballot in the following order (as determined by random drawing): Andrea Foley, Lester Olsson, Lynn Polidoro.

### ANDREA FOLEY

Aside from being away in the US Army for a few years, Andrea Foley has been a resident of the Germantown school district for 28 years. She began in Germantown Central in 8th grade and graduated proudly as a Clipper! Her daughter, Adrianna, graduated from GCS and currently has two young Clippers in Pre-K and first grade. Andrea served on the Germantown Town Board for 4 years and the Germantown Parks Commission for several years. She is currently a proud member of the Germantown PTSA. Since her oldest daughter was old enough to play town sports in 2007, Andrea has served as a coach, a board member, or both for the Southern Columbia Little League and soccer teams. Andrea, along with her fiancé Peter, actively coach soccer and baseball for their youngest Clippers, Colton and Hayden. Andrea looks forward to serving the community for many years to come and would love to serve the people and students of the Germantown Central School District as a member of the Board of Education.

### LESTER OLSSON

Les Olsson has served on the Germantown Board of Education for the past 6 years, including the last year as president, and has been committed to transparency and communication to the community. He is a long-time resident of the Hudson Valley, having been raised and graduating high school in Red Hook. Les attended public schools and state colleges and is a life-long learner and a reader. He worked as a fruit farmer and construction worker for 13 years before switching over to IT security. He and his wife moved to Germantown in 2003 and have two kids that attend Germantown Central School (currently 12th and 8th grades). Les hopes to continue to help the Germantown School District meet new demands of the changing community, while preserving the best of its traditions.

### LYNN POLIDORO

Growing up in Yonkers made it easy to cultivate a deep appreciation for the Hudson Valley. The history, the view, and the farms have always been an inspiration to me. In 1988, my husband and I purchased a Center Hall Colonial house in Germantown. We have been renovating and homesteading ever since. In 2002, I began teaching Secondary English at GCS. I was fully committed to supporting the district and meeting the challenges of educating our youth. I have recently retired from teaching and realize that 20 years of experience not only brings insight to the challenges presented to our district, but it also brings an ability to illuminate distinct advantages. For my aim, as a BOE member, is to bring the assets GCS has to offer to its full potential. For these reasons I ask for your support and vote in the Germantown Central School BOE election.

## LOCAL POSTAL CUSTOMER

### Board of Education

Lester Olsson, *President*  
Teresa Repko, *Vice President*  
Linda Anderson  
Donald Coons  
Ralph DelPozzo  
Carole Neville  
Andrea Provan

### Superintendent

Benjamin Bragg

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The GCS Drama Club returned to the stage and performed *Matilda* for its Spring Production.

## VOTER INFORMATION

### When and where is the vote?

**TUESDAY, MAY 17 • NOON – 9 P.M.**

Kellner Community Activities Center  
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**Who is eligible to vote?** Anyone who is a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older and is a resident of the Germantown Central School District for a period of 30 days or more prior to the day of the vote or is registered to vote with either the School District or the Columbia County Board of Elections.

**How can I vote by absentee ballot?** An eligible voter who is unable to go to the polls on May 17 can cast their vote by absentee ballot. Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained at the District Office. If you would like your ballot to be mailed to you, applications must be received by District Clerk Lisa Shanley at least seven days prior to the vote. Applications must be received by the District Clerk by May 16 if the ballot will be picked up personally by the voter.

Completed absentee ballots must be received at the office of the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on May 17. Those who do not wish to vote in person due to COVID-19 may request an application for an absentee ballot.

**What if I have questions?** The district website, [www.germantowncsd.org](http://www.germantowncsd.org), has additional budget resources including budget presentations. You can also call the District Office at 518-537-6281.