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Sidney CSD looks to the future

Expanding and improving student and community experiences a top priority

As the Sidney Central School District moves into budget season, the vision of the district continues to evolve.

A worldwide pandemic forced districts around the country to really evaluate the way schools run and the different impacts on students.

No longer are educators and students in a traditional educational setting when it comes to classrooms and learning.

Thirty years ago, classrooms were much the same – chalkboards, heavy textbooks, reams of paper with notes.

Even before the pandemic that had changed. Add in remote learning and the worry of other mandates, and districts were forced to become innovative and creative to meet the needs of students.

What does that mean for the Sidney Central School District?

It means the district can't control a lot of things, such as state and federal aid. But inside the walls of the district's buildings, there is a lot Sidney can do and has already started to do.



Sidney CSD has kept a focus on improving student opportunities, including expanding the Farm to School program, as part of the 2022-23 budget.

Where does that vision take Sidney CSD?

The district laid out four focus goals to concentrate on for this year and beyond. Taking into consideration that a school is often the hub of a community, the focus areas encompass different aspects and are in place to enrich the students, staff, and commu-

nity.

They are as follows:

- Student Supports
- Culture, Climate, and Positivity - #WarriorPRIDE
- Professional Learning Communities (PLC)
- Community Partnerships and Enrichment

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"We want to keep moving forward and building our relationships within the community to help our students get as much as possible out of being at school," Sidney Superintendent Eben Bullock said. "Learning goes beyond books and tests – it's the ability to forge relationships and real-world experiences on top of what is being taught in the classrooms."

The 2022-23 Sidney CSD budget and future projects are part of that vision.

This year's budget, which has a 0 percent tax levy increase to minimize impact on the community, is built on the idea of improving the educational opportunities for students, as well as making sure staff and students remain safe and cared for.

Highlights for the budget include adding instructional staff, continuing the popular summer and after-school enrichment programs, and adding two new buses – a 24-seat bus with a wheelchair lift, as well as a 35-passenger bus.

The new buses are important additions to make sure the district's transportation is safe and secure for students.

The budget is a key for the district to continue to elevate its programs and give more opportunities to kids. These include the expansion of the Farm to School program, as well as programs connected to social-emotional well being and health and wellness.

The ballot also includes a proposition to establish a capital reserve fund. There is more information on that proposition later in this newsletter.

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- Sidney CSD Superintendent Eben Bullock



Community partnerships have helped grow many programs at Sidney CSD, including the welding program. Those in the program created a new net holder for volleyball. The district is continually looking to enhance and create partnerships within the community.

Finally, later this year, the district has plans to bring to the community a capital project that will expand learning spaces, as well as improve and update many outdoor spaces at the district.

While plans for this are in the early stages, the district is looking to give the community more access to many outdoor areas during off-school hours. As the hub of a community, the district is committed to community accessibility.

Some of the early plans that are being discussed include modern learning spaces, improved outdoor instructional spaces, a modernized elementary playground,

an improved fitness center, and upgraded tennis courts.

"Many of these spaces will be easily accessible to the community, which we believe is important," Bullock said. "We will continue to work and shape this project for the benefit of our students and community. We look forward to presenting the project to the community in the coming months."

Details about this year's budget vote, Board of Education candidates, and propositions are included in this newsletter.

Full information is also available on the district website (www.sidneycsd.org).

SIDNEY CSD: BUDGET 2022-23

Budget Overlook



Proposed School Budget 2022-23

Proposed budget: \$28,797,209

Estimated tax levy increase: 0.00%

Estimated budget increase: 3.91%



On the ballot/highlights

PROPOSITION 1

2022-23 Sidney CSD budget

Highlights include:

- Additional instructional staff
- Continuation of after-school and summer enrichment programs
- 24-passenger bus with wheelchair lift
- 35-passenger bus
- 0% tax levy increase

PROPOSITION 2

- To establish a capital reserve fund. Please see more information on Page 5.

PROPOSITION 3

This is separate from the school budget, but mandated to be on this ballot by state law.

- Sidney Memorial Public Library budget

ALSO ON THE BALLOT:

Sidney CSD Board of Education elections

The three candidates are (in alphabetical order; Bios on page 6):

- Corbin Curley
- Kerri Green
- Jolene Scott

Sidney Memorial Public Library Board

One position open; no candidate listed.

Important Information

Absentee Ballot Information

Absentee ballot applications are available to qualifying Sidney Central School District residents from the District Clerk, located in the District Office at the High School, during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.). All applications must be picked up no later than May 3, 2022, if the ballot is to be mailed by the voter, or by May 16, 2022, if the ballot is to be delivered personally.

All completed absentee ballots must be submitted to the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m., May 17, 2022.

ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, May 10
6:30 p.m.
in the Jr/Sr HS
library

DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 17
11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
in the Jr/Sr HS
cafeteria

Qualifications for Voters

Pursuant to Section 2012 of the Education Law, a person qualified to vote in the annual school district election must be:

- Eighteen years of age;
- A citizen of the United States;
- A resident within the District for a period of 30 days prior to the election.

You do not have to be a registered voter or own property in order to vote. The District may require proof of residency, such as a driver's license or a voter registration card, prior to signing the poll list.

SIDNEY CSD: BUDGET 2022-23

How is the budget allocated?

Expenditures PROGRAM

Provides funds for instructional and educational support, computer assisted instruction, guidance, health, co-curricular, and interscholastic sports programs. Provides funds for the purchase of computers, network upgrades, computer enrichment programs, and music programs.

2021-22: \$16,846,425

2022-23: \$17,568,063

Change: \$721,638

CAPITAL

Provides funds for the operation and maintenance of the District's physical plant, including utilities. Also, includes debt service payments. Provides funds to purchase (1) 24-seat passenger bus with wheelchair lift and (1) 35-passenger bus.

2021-22: \$6,669,219

2022-23: \$6,866,931

Change: \$197,712

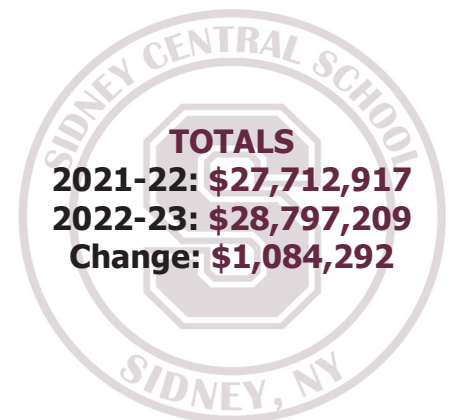
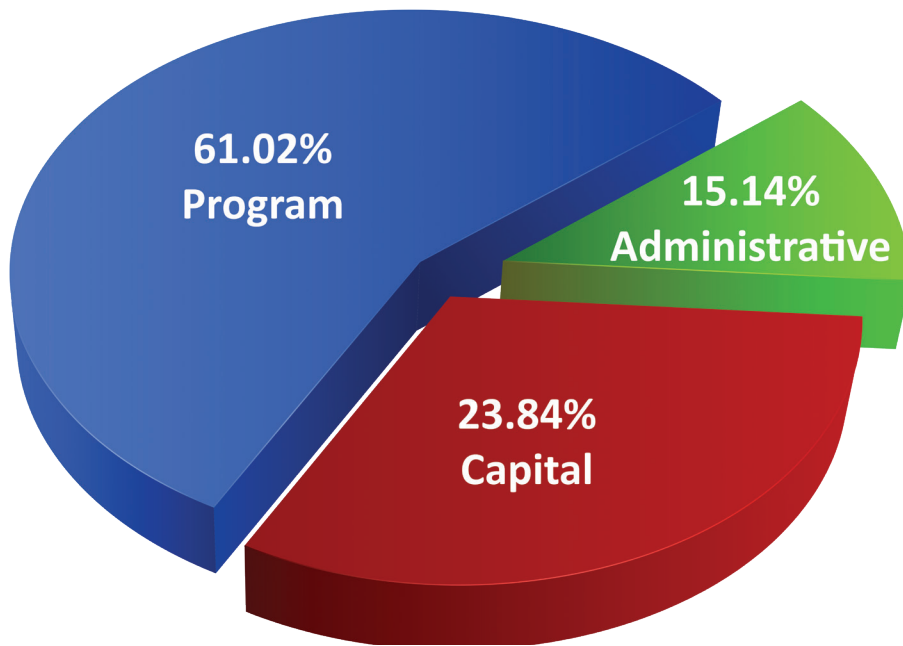
ADMINISTRATIVE

Provides funds for general management and support activities including Board of Education, central and financial administration, staff support, central services, and special items. Also included are instructional administration and curriculum development.

2021-22: \$4,197,273

2022-23: \$4,362,215

Change: \$164,942



Revenue/Expense 2022-23

Forms of Revenue	2022-23	Expense Lines	2022-23
NY State Aid	\$20,582,566	General Support (1000s)	\$5,112,187
Local Tax Share	\$6,130,917	Total Instruction (2000s)	\$13,206,886
Tax Levy Increase 0%	\$0	Pupil Transportation (5000s)	\$1,265,130
MISC Revenue	\$683,726	Community Service (7000s)	\$5,625
Appropriated from Debt Service	\$150,000	Employee Benefits and Debt Service (9000s)	\$9,207,381
Appropriated from Fund Balance	\$1,250,000		
Total Projected Revenue	\$28,797,209	Overall Expense Budget	\$28,797,209

SIDNEY CSD: BUDGET 2022-23

School Budget Propositions

Proposition 1

Shall the Board of Education of the Sidney Central School District be authorized to expend sums set forth in the 2022-23 school year proposed budget in the amount of \$28,797,209 and levy the necessary tax therefor.

Proposition 2

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

To authorize the Board of Education of the Sidney Central School District to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law to be designated, "2022 Capital Reserve Fund" created to defray the cost of the construction and reconstruction of School District buildings and facilities, including original equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, furnishings and other incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, and to defray the cost of, in whole or in part, and in order to accomplish the same, the Board is hereby authorized to establish the ultimate amount of such reserve fund to be Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) inclusive of accrued interest and other investment earnings, with a probable term of ten (10) years. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to pay funds from the available fund balance, state aid reimbursement to the School District on account of capital projects, such other monies as the voters may direct, and/or other legally available funds of the School District to such reserve fund in an amount determined by the Board of Education up to the maximum authorized amount.

Proposition 3

Sidney Memorial Public Library Proposition

That the Sidney Memorial Public Library proposed budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year in the amount of \$667,685 be adopted.

2022-23 Proposed Property Tax Report Card

	Current 2021-22	Proposed 2022-23	Percent Change
Total Spending	\$27,712,917	\$28,797,209	3.91%
Total Estimated School Tax Levy	\$6,130,917	\$6,130,917	0.00%
Public School Enrollment	1,031	1,094	6.11%
Adjusted Reserve Fund Balance	\$5,636,370	\$6,369,780	
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,325,409	\$1,250,000	
Adjusted Unreserved, Unappropriated Fund Balance	\$1,737,952	\$1,151,888	
Unreserved, Unappropriated Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	6.27%	4.00%	

2022-23 Sidney Memorial Library proposed budget

	Current 2021-22	Proposed 2022-23	Change
Grand total expenditures	\$658,028	\$667,685	\$9,657
Grand total receipts	\$95,550	\$90,075	(\$5,475)
Total levy to be raised	\$562,478	\$577,610	\$15,132

To see the full library budget, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3OlwX7z>

SIDNEY CSD: BUDGET 2022-23

Sidney Central School District

Board of Education candidates (vote for 2)

Candidates listed alphabetically; Bios submitted by candidates

Corbin Curley

CORBIN CURLEY for a term of three (3)



years ending June 30, 2025 to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term for a seat currently occupied by Corbin Curley.

My name is Corbin Curley,

and I am a financial planner in Oneonta, NY. I was born and raised in the Village of Sidney and it is where I currently reside with my wife, Kelsey, and my three kids Zayden, Emsley and Eliyana.

I graduated from Sidney High School in 2011 and received my bachelor's degree from Penn State University in 2015.

I am currently a board member for the Sidney Central School District Board of Education. I am a past president and board member of the Rotary Club of Sidney, as well

as a board member on the Sidney United Way. I am a volunteer coach for both the football and track and field teams at Sidney High School. I have always been passionate about giving back to the community that has given so much to me.

Whether I am on the board or coaching, my focus has always been on helping kids find the best versions of themselves. I strive to find opportunities to help our students to succeed not only in the classroom, but out of it as well.

Kerri Green

KERRI GREEN for a term of three (3) years ending June 30, 2025 to fill the vacancy



created by the expiration of the term for a seat currently occupied by Kerri Green.

Kerri Green has served on the Sidney School Board for over fifteen years and is currently serving her second term as President.

During her time on the board, she has been part of the leadership team that driven

positive changes such as hiring of outstanding professional leaders, improvements to the buildings and grounds, a healthy financial outlook and has been supportive of innovative programs and professional development opportunities for all staff and students.

As the leader of a large non-profit, Kerri has a unique perspective on issues facing the New York State educational system. In addition to strong local ties and connections throughout the state, Kerri regularly participates in educational courses to strengthen her own knowledge on opportunities and issues facing our schools.

Kerri has served as a representative with NYSSBA, and recently was a featured speaker at the DCMO BOCES Legislative breakfast.

Kerri is a United States Army Veteran and has a love of her community and country, which is why she has chosen to serve her community in this way. In addition, she serves on the Sidney Alumni Association Board, Family Planning of SCNY and is a member of Sacred Heart Church.

Kerri and her husband, Blake, live in Sidney. Their daughter Rachael is a Sidney High School graduate, and their daughter Grace is currently in the 8th grade.

Jolene Scott

JOLENE SCOTT for a term of three (3) years ending June 30, 2025 to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term for a seat currently occupied by Kerri Green.



I am a long-time resident

of the Sidney school district, living in the town of Masonville with my husband and children, I was part of the graduating class of 1998.

Currently employed by Chenango Memorial Hospital in Norwich. Education is a very big part of my life in the past and currently. I have a four-year degree in accounting and currently enrolled obtaining a master's degree in Business Administration. In the past I worked for the school of Springbrook

which while there I obtained my LTA certification. In my free time I enjoy reading, baking, spending time outside with my children and animals.

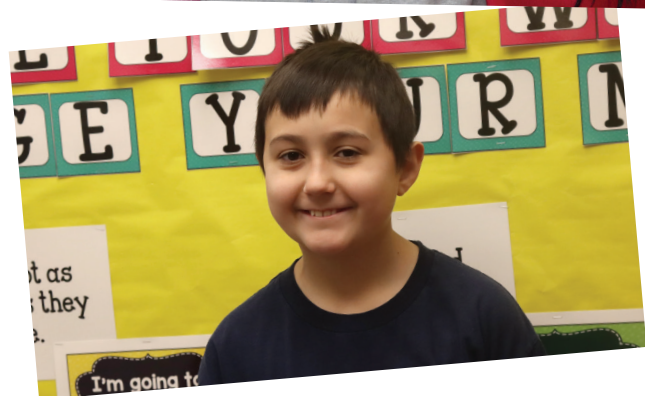
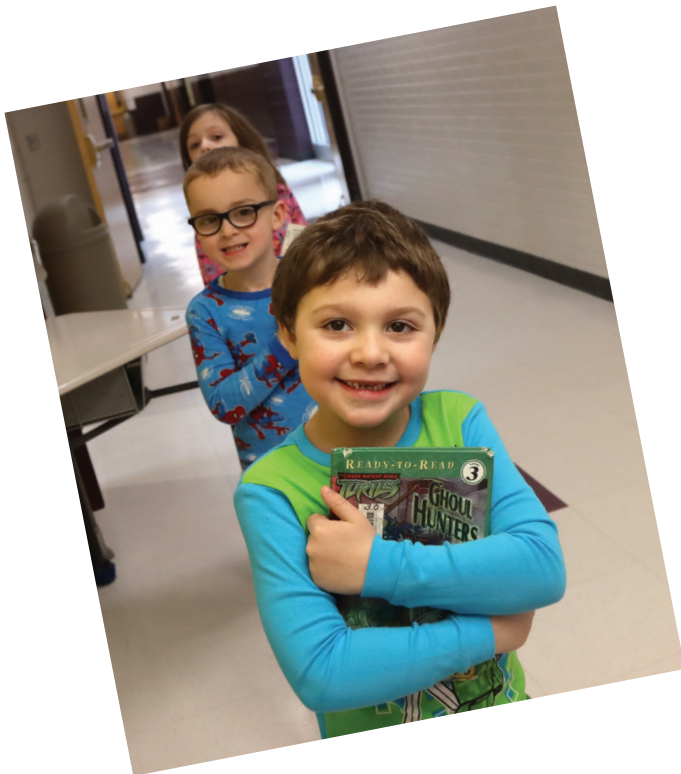
I am running for a position on the board to bring new ideas to the table as well as support the district and maintain a successful education opportunity for our children of the school community. I feel my experience working in education and my background will make me a successful board member.

Sidney Memorial Library

Board candidate (open seat)

A term of five (5) years ending June 30, 2027, caused by the expiration of the term of Kenneth Howard. No candidates are listed.

It's great to see so many smiles!



Sidney Central School District

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Our campus looks great!

The completion of our last capital project helped repair and update many aspects of our grounds and it looks amazing!

