



Adirondack Central School District

2026-2027

Budget Newsletter

MAY 12th

Public Hearing
High School Library
6 p.m.
Presentation of
Proposed Budget

MAY 19th

**Budget Vote
& Election**
Polls open
12 noon until
8 p.m.
Use HS Gym
Entrance

**Absentee/Early
Ballots**

Applications available
in the District Office
Contact the District
Clerk at 315-942-9200
ext. 1802.

**EXERCISE
YOUR RIGHT
TO VOTE**

Dear Adirondack Community,

The Board of Education has adopted the 2026-2027 proposed school budget. Included in this newsletter is information regarding the budget and the three candidates running for two seats on the Board of Education.

The overall Adirondack CSD proposed budget is \$32,883,774 which is an increase of 2.11% from the 2025-26 budget. The tax levy increase is 2.9% which is within the tax cap.

Reductions in this budget include discontinuing services with Connected Community Schools, \$100,000 capital outlay project, middle school and elementary summer school and one teaching position at the middle school. This staff member has will fill a teaching position in the elementary building.

Additions to the budget include one Special Education teacher and one Occupational Therapist to better meet the needs of our growing and diverse student population. Also, the District has seen an increase in employee healthcare costs.

As the 2025 -2026 school year comes to a successful close, we recognize and celebrate five valued employees who are retiring. This group includes one teacher and four members of our non-teaching staff, all of whom have made meaningful contributions to our school community. We extend our sincere appreciation for their dedication and service, and we wish each of them a happy, healthy, and fulfilling retirement.

Adirondack will continue to offer academic opportunities through MVCC courses, STEAM initiatives, and technology-focused learning, ensuring our students are well-prepared for future success. In addition, we remain committed to offering a wide range of extracurricular programs that support student growth beyond the classroom. We are also proud to maintain our School-Based Health Center, which continues to be a valuable resource and support system for our students and families.

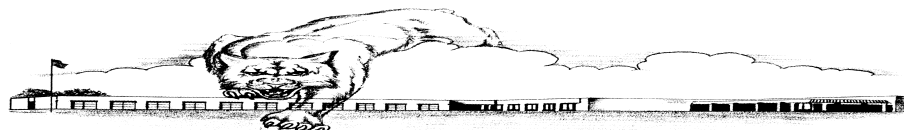
I would like to extend a congratulations to the Class of 2026 and best wishes in their future endeavors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi L. Smith
Superintendent of Schools

Board of Education:

Michael Kramer, *President*
Maureen Healt, *Vice-President*
John Baujan, Matthew Lastowski, Nina Ridge
Almanda Sturtevant, Brittney Thornton





Budget Proposition:

Shall the Board of Education of the Adirondack Central School District in Boonville, be authorized to levy the necessary tax for and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$32,883,774 for the purpose of the General Fund Budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

School Board Member Election:

Election of two (2) members to the Board of Education. Each term is for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2026 until June 30, 2029. **Vote for two (2).**

Candidates: Michael Kramer (incumbent) Sarah Teachout Maureen Healt (incumbent)

Absentee Ballot Information

Residents unable to vote in person, may obtain an absentee ballot from the District Office after filling out an application for the ballot. Applications must be submitted by May 12th. After the 12th, voter must personally appear to the District Office to fill out application and receive absentee ballot.

Absentee ballots must be returned to the district clerk no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 19th.

VOTE

Tuesday, May 19th

12 noon - 8 p.m.

High School Gymnasium Foyer

Early Mail Voting: What is it?

Effective January 1, 2024, early mail voting is an option and similar to absentee voting without needing to provide a reason as to why the voter is not able to vote in person the day of the vote. Applications must be submitted by May 12th. After the 12th, voter must personally appear to the District Office to fill out application and receive early voting ballot.

Early ballots must be returned to the district clerk no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 19th.





BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

Two (2) Vacant Seats for This Election

Michael Kramer (incumbent):



My name is Michael Kramer, and I am honored to seek re-election to the Adirondack Central School Board of Education. Having lived and raised my family in this community, I have a deep personal connection to our schools. My wife, Denise, and I are the proud parents of four Adirondack graduates, and witnessing their journey through our halls has given me a firsthand appreciation for the vital role our district plays in shaping the future of our youth.

I bring to the board the perspective of a retired pharmacist, a career that required meticulous attention to detail, ethical decision-making, and a commitment to public service. These are the same values I have applied during my 28 years of service on the Board of Education. This extensive experience has provided me with a historical understanding of our district's challenges and triumphs, allowing me to provide stable, informed leadership as we navigate the evolving landscape of modern education.

I am running because I firmly believe that the education of our children is the single most critical investment for the health of our community and the strength of our society. My goal is to ensure that every student at Adirondack has access to a rigorous, safe and supportive learning environment that prepares them for success in whatever path they choose. I remain dedicated to fiscal responsibility and academic excellence, and I would be privileged to continue serving as a voice for our students, parents and taxpayers.

Sarah Teachout:



For the past 13 years, I have been proud to call this community home. My family is deeply rooted here, and my two children attend Adirondack Central School. Through our involvement, I have seen firsthand the dedication of our teachers and staff and the vital role our schools play in bringing our community together.

I am a graduate of the Binghamton University School of Management, and for the past 18 years I have built a career in accounting, budgeting, finance, and leadership. My work centers on thoughtful, data-driven planning and responsible financial decision-making skills that are essential to ensuring our district remains strong, stable, and focused on student success.

I am running for the school board because I care deeply about our students, our educators, and the future of our community. As a parent, I want every student to have the opportunity to learn and grow in a safe, supportive, and academically strong environment. I believe our district thrives when we work together with transparency, respect, and fiscal responsibility.

If elected, I will listen carefully, ask thoughtful questions, and use my experience to help make informed decisions that put students first. I am committed to supporting our teachers, strengthening communication with families, and being a responsible steward of taxpayer resources. Together, we can continue building a district where every student has the opportunity to succeed.

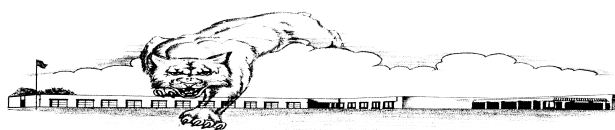
Maureen Healt (incumbent):



I am an Adirondack Central School alumna and a proud US Navy Veteran. After obtaining a Bachelors of Technology in Criminal Investigations from SUNY Canton, I enlisted in the US Navy. Eventually I went on to pursue additional degrees in Psychology, Finance, and Business Administration. Shortly after retiring, I returned to Boonville with my son to raise him around family. He is now eleven and currently homeschooled; although in prior years he did attend school in the district.

After much thought and consideration, I have decided to seek re-election for a second term on the Board of Education. My statement from 2023 when I ran for my current term still holds true and is worth reiterating because it's something I will always believe in: ... I value the education of all students in our district. Additionally, if we truly desire success for our students and community, we must realize the value of all faculty and staff within our district. I strongly desire support, accountability, and transparency on all levels. I look forward to collaborating with current and future board members, as well as gaining insight and perspective from our community.

I'll end by encouraging everyone to play an active part by exercising your right to vote on 19MAY.





PROPOSED COMPONENT BUDGET

The Administrative Component of the budget includes salaries and benefits for all certified school administrators; expenditures associated with the district's central administrative offices, including the school board, superintendent, school business office and principals; as well as other administrative activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET	<u>2025-2026</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
Board of Education	\$23,800	\$36,060
Central Administration	\$311,218	\$322,642
Finance	\$435,945	\$452,648
Legal Services	\$30,000	\$25,000
Personnel	\$38,303	\$31,950
Public Information	\$10,000	\$ —
Other Central Services	\$1,631,126	\$1,747,905
Curriculum & Staff Development	\$56,060	\$58,254
Supervision	<u>\$742,061</u>	<u>\$714,650</u>
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET	\$3,278,513	\$3,389,109

The Program Component of the budget includes salaries and benefits of teachers, supervisors who spend a majority of their time performing teaching duties, and operating expenses for instructional and transportation programs.

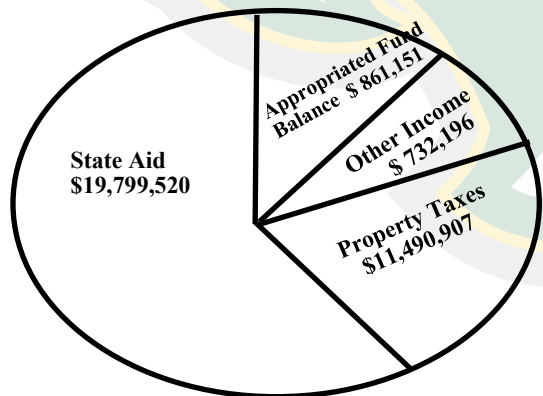
PROGRAM BUDGET		
Legal Services	\$30,000	\$25,000
Instruction	\$13,066,199	\$13,218,698
District Transportation	\$1,914,271	\$1,893,561
Bus Garage	\$56,400	\$61,300
Program Employee Benefits	\$8,353,583	\$8,741,202
Other Transfers	\$50,000	\$40,000
Community Services	<u>\$3,000</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>
TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET	\$23,473,453	\$23,982,761

The Capital Component of the budget includes funds for the purchase of school buses, principal and interest payments on debt service, and all operational, cleaning and maintenance costs for district facilities, including salaries and utility costs.

CAPITAL BUDGET		
Operation of Facilities	\$1,418,533	\$1,369,061
Maintenance of Facilities	\$403,272	\$441,507
Judgement and Claims	\$2,000	\$2,000
New Bus Purchases	\$514,315	\$628,576
Capital Employee Benefits	\$686,211	\$728,510
Debt Service	\$2,328,250	\$2,342,250
Transfer to Debt Service/Capital	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$ —</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET	\$5,452,581	\$5,511,904

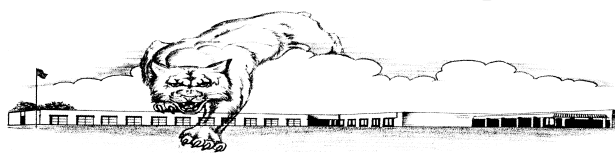
TOTAL BUDGET **\$32,204,547** **\$32,883,774**

Revenue & Fund Balance for the 2026-2027 School Year



Revenue

	2026-2027 Revenue	Dollar Increase/Decrease
Property Taxes	\$11,490,907	▲ \$323,844
State Aid	\$19,799,520	▲ \$267,171
Other Income	\$ 732,196	▲ \$ 88,212
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 861,151	0
	\$32,883,774	\$679,227





Budget Issue May 2026

Overall Budget Proposal 2026-27	Budget Adopted for the 2025-26 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2026-27 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$32,204,547	\$32,883,774	\$32,255,198
Increase/Decrease for the 2026-27 School Year		\$679,227	\$ 50,651
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.11%	1.57%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.63%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$11,167,063	\$11,490,907	
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)	\$11,167,063	\$11,409,907	\$10,781,331
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$283,166	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$11,167,063	\$11,207,741	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$11,167,063	\$11,490,907	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$ 3,278,513	\$ 3,389,109	\$ 3,389,109
Program Component	\$23,473,453	\$23,982,761	\$23,982,761
Capital Component	\$ 5,452,581	\$ 5,511,904	\$ 4,883,328

Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2026-27 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

** 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

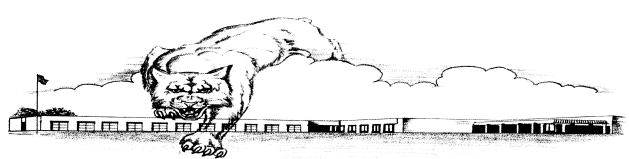
NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$291
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The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-2027 by the qualified voters of the Adirondack Central School District, Oneida County, New York, will be held at the High School on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. To obtain an absentee ballot, please contact our District Clerk, Michelle Freeman, at 315-942-9200.

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





Proudly Presenting..... The Class of 2026 Top 10

Valedictorian

- 1) **Cora Hinsdill**
Daughter of Robert
Hinsdill & Julie Jeannotte



Salutatorian

- 2) **Timothy Kaun**
Son of David & Michelle
Kaun



- 3) **Marlee Fetterly**
Daughter of Brian &
Sara Fetterly



- 4) **Madeline Pfeiffer**
Daughter of Ryan &
Leslie Pfeiffer



- 5) **Hannah Hance**
Daughter of William &
Sara Slivinski



- 6) **Englyn Payne**
Daughter of Ryan & Dara
Payne



- 7) **Olivia Healt**
Daughter of John &
Kristin Healt



- 8) **Robert Weiler**
Son of Adrian & Amy
Weiler



- 9) **Leigha Yaddow**
Daughter of Michael &
Jennifer Yaddow



- 10) **Emma Martin**
Daughter of Joshua
Martin & Erica McLaughlin





2026 Acceptances (as of mid-April 2026)

STUDENTS NAME:

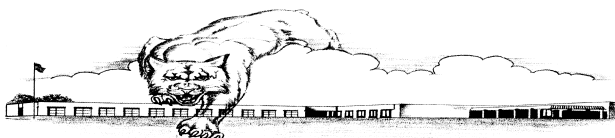
COLLEGE, TRADE SCHOOL & MILITARY:

Chloe Armstrong - daughter of David & Cassie Armstrong	SUNY Brockport, LeMoyne College, SUNY Geneseo, SUNY Cortland & University of Albany
Michael Baker - son of Brandon & Nicole Baker	United States Army with an MOS in Infantry
Lillion Brown - daughter of John Brown	Ithaca College, University of Albany, SUNY Oswego & University of Buffalo in the Political Science Program
Joshua Burgy - son of Joshua & Kimberly Burgy	Rochester Institute of Technology - Business Exploration Program
Tyler Charbonneau - son of Trevor & Carey Charbonneau	Rochester Institute of Technology - Civil Engineering Program
Bryce Cihocki – son of Sharon Cihocki & Bill Cihocki	Alfred State - HVAC Program
Allison Croniser - daughter of Jason & Bethany Croniser	SUNY Oswego & MVCC - Liberal Arts & Sciences General Studies Program
Lincoln Davies - son of Darby Davies & Bryan Davies	MVCC - HVAC Program
Marlee Fetterly - daughter of Brian & Sara Fetterly	SUNY Brockport, SUNY Polytechnic Institute, SUNY Delhi, SUNY Oswego & MVCC - Computer Science Program
Scarlet Galler - daughter of Megan Pfendler	MVCC - Photography Program
Adrian Girouard - son of James & Crystal Girouard	SUNY Oswego, University of Albany, University of Buffalo & Ithaca College - Physics Program.
Brady Gleasman - son of Rebecca Gleasman & Travis Gleasman	Utica University - Cybersecurity Program
Skyler Green - daughter of Sean & Michelle Green	Adult Cosmetology Program at BOCES
Hannah Hance - daughter of William & Sarah Slivinski	Utica University - Communications Media Program
Olivia Healt - daughter of John & Kristin Healt	SUNY Cortland, SUNY Plattsburgh, Nazareth University, LeMoyne College & Hartwick College - History Program
Cora Hinsdill - Daughter of Robert Hinsdill & Julie Jeannotte	Montana State University - Pre-Veterinarian Program
Jack Hutton - son of Chad & Sheryl Hutton	MVCC - Civil Engineering Program
Timothy Kaun - son of David & Michele Kaun	SUNY Polytechnic Institute - Civil Engineering Program
Anna Mahar - daughter of Daniel & Victoria Mahar	Roberts Wesleyan University, Buffalo State University, St. John’s University-Nursing Program & MVCC-Health Sciences Program
Emma Martin - daughter of Eric McLaughlin & Joshua Martin	SUNY Cobleskill, SUNY Delhi, Alfred State & SUNY Canton - Veterinary Tech Program
Kiersten Mathis - daughter Colleen Spann & Andrew Mathis	St. Bonaventure University, Louisiana State University, SUNY Polytechnic Institute, JCC, MVCC, Siena College, University of Buffalo - Nursing Program
Angela Mooney – daughter of Robert Mooney, Jr. & Amanda Denslow	JCC - Nursing Program
Kylee Myers - daughter of Chris & Tina Myers	JCC, MVCC, SUNY Potsdam, SUNY Cobleskill, SUNY Canton & SUNY Polytechnic Institute - Health Sciences Program
Johannah Northrop - daughter of Tyler & Tracy Terry & Clint Northrop	Currently attending Clarkson University in the Early College Program majoring in Environmental Science & Sustainability
Rilee O’Hara - daughter Marianne O’Hara	SUNY Delhi & SUNY Canton - Veterinary Tech Program

Congratulations



Well Done



Best Wishes





2026 Acceptances (continued)

STUDENTS NAME:

COLLEGE, TRADE SCHOOL & MILITARY

Englyn Payne – daughter of Ryan & Dara Payne	University of Albany, St. Lawrence University, Marist University, Dickinson College, Stonybrook University Syracuse University, University of Connecticut & University of Buffalo - Business Program
Abigail Pfeiffer - daughter of Ryan & Leslie Pfeiffer	SUNY Plattsburgh, Buffalo State University, Nazareth College, SUNY Fredonia, SUNY Cortland, MVCC & Elmira College - Communication Sciences & Disorders Program
Eliana Pitts - daughter of Brandon & Maleea Pitts	SUNY Potsdam - Elementary Education Program
Rya Pond - daughter of Melissa Stouffer & Zach Pond	North Country Community College
Griffin Roberts - son of Mark & Melissa Roberts	Alfred State - Construction Management Program
Quinn Shoemaker - daughter of Brian & Jennifer Shoemaker	Louisiana State University - Political Science Program
Jazzmine Stocklosa - daughter of Allen & Ciara Havens & Benjamin Stocklosa	MVCC - Welding Certificate Program
Ruby Strain - daughter of David & MaRissa Strain	MVCC - Health Sciences Program
Ely Thayer – son of Eric & Shannon Thayer	WyoTech - Advanced Diesel Technology Program
Robert Weiler - son of Adrian & Amy Weiler	LeMoyne College, SUNY Polytechnic Institute & SUNY Brockport - Nursing Program
Zachary Williams - son Thomas & Beth Williams	MVCC Community College - Criminal Justice Program
Alexa Williamson - daughter of Carolyn Narbone	MVCC & Nazareth University
Jaelyn Wright - daughter of Robert Wright & Amy Beckwith	SUNY Adirondack, SUNY Cobleskill, Hudson Valley Community College, St. John’s University, SUNY Fredonia, Paul Smith’s College, MVCC & University of Saint Joseph
Leigha Yaddow - daughter of Michael & Jennifer Yaddow	SUNY Potsdam - Early Childhood Program
Dakota Young - son of Richard Young & Rebecca Sturtevant	MVCC, SUNY Delhi, Cayuga Community College & SUNY Canton - Computer Information Systems Program
Olivia Young - daughter of Brad & Patricia Young	University of Albany, SUNY Plattsburgh, SUNY Polytechnic Institute, Keuka College, SUNY Canton & Alfred State University - Cybersecurity Program

