



Sentinel

Solvay Union Free School District

We develop confident, continual learners who are caring community members.

Budget 2021-22

The 2020-2021 school year has been a year we will remember - full of challenges, innovation, and excitement. COVID-19 created an environment of continual change in how we provide instruction for our students. We adjusted classrooms, buses, schedules, and daily operation to provide both in-person and distance learning. Teachers, staff, and students have approached the challenges with creativity and ingenuity; adapting to using more technology by learning virtually through Zoom and Google Meet. Our school community, parents, and guardians, have been incredible throughout this year, supporting our kids, helping with COVID screening checks, and being very flexible to the constant modifications in guidance. Transportation and food service worked together to ensure our children would have meals during distance learning. Our community truly cares for our children and schools.

This past year, capital project work continued with several exciting improvements. The new transportation center was completed and is fully operational. The high school auditorium renovations are well underway with an anticipated completion of August 2021. Beginning this spring, the gymnasium floor will be replaced. Completed projects at SHS include - a new library, lockers, re-tiled and painted hallways, and a front entrance with a single point of entry. At the elementary school, work has begun for the installation of air conditioning. New doors and hardware for safety are being installed districtwide. Please visit the district's website for updates.

Tuition-free college opportunities for students continue with Solvay Success Academy and Solvay OCC Advantage programs. High school students will have the opportunity to choose from several new electives in science, art, music, math, and technology. Solvay's BEST (Building Education Success Together) program continues to provide a variety of enrichment opportunities for students in all grade levels. These programs are available before and after school as well as several summer opportunities. The District was recognized as one of the Best Communities in Music Education. Our students have been able to do remarkable things this school year, including virtual performances.

Educating students is our first priority. Our district team has designed a budget that continues to offer innovative, quality programming for our students.

Thanks to our school community for your continued support of our schools and students. Our Board of Education has adopted a \$36,765,000 budget for 2021-2022 which is an increase of 4.74% over 2020-2021. This budget also includes \$100,000 for a capital improvement project to replace the grease interceptor and make emergency power upgrades at the middle school, which will be aided at 88%. The vote also includes one school board seat for a three year term.

Voter qualifications, absentee ballot information, and the candidate's name for the one (1) school board seat is on the back cover of this mailer. It is not our intent to provide all the details of the 2021-2022 budget in this document. If you would like more detail, a complete copy of the proposed budget is at each of the school buildings, or feel free to call the Assistant Superintendent for Business at (315) 468-4942. Please visit our site at www.solvayschools.org to learn more about the budget and events taking place throughout our schools. Again, thank you for all you do in support of our kids and community!

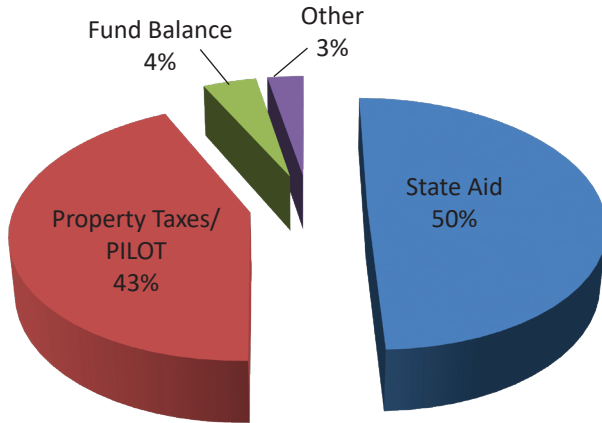
May 2021
SPECIAL EDITION

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Questions and comments are welcomed by the superintendent's office at (315) 468-1111 or sentinel@solvayschools.org

REVENUE SOURCES

	2020-21	2021-22
State Aid	\$16,125,000	\$18,210,000
Property Taxes	\$15,570,000	\$15,875,000
Fund Balance	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000
Other	\$1,805,000	\$1,080,000
Total	\$35,100,000	\$36,765,000

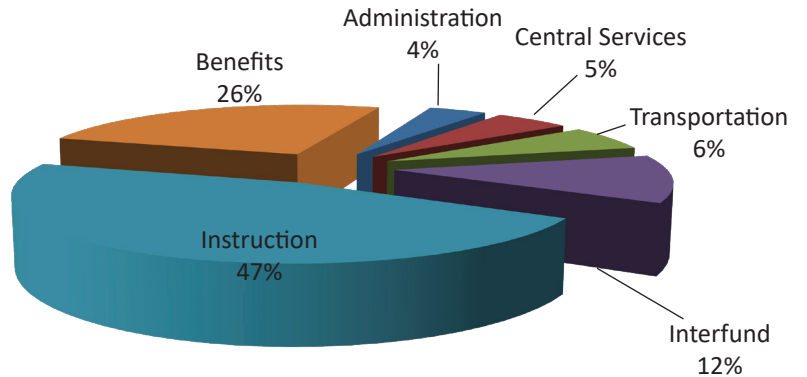


Did you know ...?

For the fourth consecutive year, Solvay Schools received national distinction for one of the Best Communities for Music Education.

EXPENDITURES

	2020-21	2021-22
Administration	\$1,456,045	\$1,510,780
Central Services	\$1,922,885	\$1,958,585
Transportation	\$2,192,185	\$2,290,860
Debt Service/Interfund	\$4,097,645	\$4,377,650
Instruction	\$16,387,940	\$17,124,125
Benefits	\$9,043,300	\$9,503,000
Total	\$35,100,000	\$36,765,000



Did you know ...?

Solvay High School graduated 93% of its students in 2020 — marking another year the graduation rate is greater than 90%.

THREE PART SUMMARY

	2020-21	%	2021-22	%
Program	\$24,621,970	70%	\$25,726,115	70%
Capital	\$3,534,630	10%	\$3,663,850	10%
Administrative	\$6,943,400	20%	\$7,375,035	20%
Total	\$35,100,000		\$36,765,000	

Administrative Budget Component: Includes expenses for office and administrative costs; salaries and benefits for certified school administrators who spend 50 percent or more of their time performing supervisory duties; data processing; public information; legal fees; property insurance; and school board expenses.

Capital Budget Component: This covers all school bus purchases, debt service on buildings, and leasing costs; tax certiorari and court-ordered costs; and all facility costs, including salaries and benefits of the custodial staff; service contracts, maintenance supplies and equipment; and utilities.

Program Budget Component: This portion includes salaries and benefits of teachers and supervisors who spend the majority of their time teaching; such instructional costs as supplies, equipment and textbooks; co-curricular activities and interscholastic athletics; staff development; and transportation operating costs.

ESTIMATED TAX RATE per \$1,000 of ASSESSED VALUE

Actual tax rates will be based on the final assessment figures provided by towns. The tax rates and increases for next year that are displayed are estimates. These rates do not reflect STAR or other exemptions that may reduce an individual's tax bill.

Town	2020-21		2021-22	
	Actual	% change	Projected	% change
Geddes	\$32.39	2.48%	\$33.03	1.97%
Camillus	\$27.00	-2.40%	\$27.53	1.97%

PROPOSITIONS

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED: Resolved: that the Board of Education of the Solvay Union Free School District, Towns of Geddes and Camillus, County of Onondaga, State of New York, be and is hereby authorized to expend during the fiscal year 2021-2022 the sum of thirty six million, seven hundred sixty five thousand dollars (\$36,765,000) as general fund appropriations as set forth in its statement of estimated expenses and to levy the necessary taxes there of.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

Vote for any ONE (1):

1. Elizabeth Schmidt

Did you know ...?

High school students entering 9th grade are eligible to apply for acceptance into the Solvay Success Academy to work towards a 2-year college associate degree.



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2021-2022 Proposed School Budget Information Inside

See inside for revenue projections, expenditures and ballot propositions.

Budget Presentation

May 10, 2021
7 p.m.

The location and virtual link will be available soon on the district's website.

Budget Vote and Board Member Election

May 18, 2021
Noon to 9 p.m.
Solvay High School

Candidate for one seat on the Board of Education

1. Elizabeth Schmidt

Voter Qualifications

As stipulated by New York State Law, the following qualifications must be met in order to vote:

1. You must be a citizen of the United States;
2. You must be at least 18 years of age; and
3. You must be a resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to May 18, 2021.

Absentee Ballot Requests

Qualified voters may obtain an application for an absentee ballot by contacting the Deputy District Clerk at aconklin@solvayschools.org or (315) 468-1111, option 7. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the Deputy Clerk seven or more days prior to the Annual Election for your ballot to be mailed to you. If your application is received by the Deputy Clerk between seven days and one day prior to the Annual Election, you or your designee must pick up the ballot at the Deputy Clerk's office. Your completed absentee ballot must be returned to the Deputy Clerk's office by 5:00 p.m. on the date of the Annual Election in the envelope provide by the District.

The 2021-2022 proposed budget is available at any Solvay school building or online at www.solvayschools.org