



Performing at the MS

Many students participated in the production of *Into the Woods Jr.* at the Middle School.

The musical centers on a baker and his wife, who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the King's festival; and Jack, who wishes his cow would give milk. When the baker and his wife learn that they cannot have a child because of a witch's curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse, and wind up changed forever.



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Enrollment trends drive the 2022-23 budget

2022-23 budget vote set for May 17; budget would raise taxes on a typical homeowner by \$60.80 per year or \$5.07 per month before STAR

Since 2012, a period of 10 years, Scotia-Glenville's elementary classrooms have lost 229 students – more than the individual enrollment of three of the four elementary schools.

At the middle and high school levels, enrollment has dropped by 208 students during that time – the equivalent of more than eight classrooms of 25 students each.

This has been an issue at every school district, not just Scotia-Glenville.

When she began the 2022-23 budget review this year, Superintendent Susan Swartz said she wanted to "right-size" the staff at Scotia-Glenville with its enrollment.

The \$60.275 million budget proposed for the 2022-23 school year is the first step in that process. She vowed the administration will continue to monitor enrollment in future years.

The budget includes a tax levy increase of 1.61%,

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What will I see on the May 17 ballot?

Scotia-Glenville residents will vote on these proposals from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, in the high school B-wing gym (Sacandaga Road, Route 147):

- ▶ **\$60,274,949 budget for 2022-23** – a \$1,147,524 or 1.94% spending increase with a 1.61% tax levy increase. The tax bill on a \$160,000 home would increase by an estimated 1.61% or \$60.80 per year (\$5.07 per month) before STAR (see page 3).
- ▶ **\$385,000 to purchase three 72-passenger school buses** (see page 2). There is no tax impact for this purchase in the 2022-23 budget.
- ▶ **Select TWO candidates for the Board of Education** (see page 6). The candidates are Daniel Feinberg, Emily Orr, Eric Potts and Kimberly Talbot.

Need an absentee ballot? See page 3.



slightly below the state's maximum tax levy increase for Scotia-Glenville of 1.62%.

The proposed budget is \$1.15 million more than the 2021-22 school budget, a year-to-year spending increase of 1.9%.

Voting on the community budget, a \$385,000 bus purchase proposal (see page 2) and two Board of Education seats (see page 6) will be held from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17 in the B-wing gymnasium at the high school.

Declining enrollment is a major issue facing S-G.

"We are trying to deal with the enrollment issue now before it becomes worse," said Swartz. "We don't see any reason to believe this is going to change in the near future."

S-G plans to conduct a cohort survival study this year to evaluate future enrollment trends, taking into account births, new single family construction, expected move-ins and other future issues that will impact enrollment.

Class size guidelines

The proposed reductions create class sizes that are close to the guidelines used for decades at Scotia-Glenville.

Traditionally, class sizes have been allowed to range up

to two students above these guidelines:

- ▶ Grades K and 1 – 22 students
- ▶ Grade 2 – 23 students
- ▶ Grade 3 – 24 students
- ▶ Grade 4 – 25 students
- ▶ Grade 5 – 26 students.

Elementary enrollment dropping

Elementary enrollment overall is dropping each year. This year's incoming kindergarten class appears to be the smallest in years with 126 students enrolled as of this printing. There were 167 kindergartners last September.

Here are the current 2021-22 enrollments for the other elementary grades (compared to the 2020-21 enrollments):

- ▶ Grade 1 – 140 (145 in 2020-21)
- ▶ Grade 2 – 151 (176 in 2020-21)
- ▶ Grade 3 – 170 (180 in 2020-21)
- ▶ Grade 4 – 177 (142 in 2020-21)
- ▶ Grade 5 – 147 (176 in 2020-21)

Statewide declines

School districts across New York lost 60,000 students — 2.38% of the total student population — in the past year alone, according to the Empire Center for Public Policy.

Final figures show schools saw a 2.64% drop in student enrollment in 2020-21. **\$f**

Teaching reductions in the 2022-23 budget, accomplished by not replacing teachers who have retired or left S-G, will lead to these class section reductions:

- ▶ **Glen-Worden** - two grade 2 sections becomes one grade 3 section with a projected enrollment of 26 students.
- ▶ **Sacandaga** - three kindergarten sections become two kindergarten sections with projected enrollments of 20 students each.
- ▶ **Sacandaga** - three grade 1 sections become two grade 2 sections with projected enrollments of 22 and 23 students each. **\$f**

Bus purchase proposal on the May 17 ballot



Three buses to be purchased for \$385,000

The Scotia-Glenville community will be asked to consider the purchase of school buses on Tuesday, May 17.

The \$385,000 proposition calls for buying three 72-passenger buses.

The school district has historically replaced buses after 10 years with deteriorating body condition. However, the school district is now taking into consideration bus repairs and high maintenance costs as well as down time as part of its bus replacement plan.

Again this year, the district is purchasing 72-passenger, versus 65-passenger, buses in order to increase ridership capability as bus routes are being consolidated because of the bus driver shortage.

Two buses being replaced

The buses being replaced are #199 and #200. Both run on diesel fuel and are 11 years old. The mileage on the buses are 99,075 and 104,789, respectively.

With this purchase, one additional bus will be added to the fleet to allow for flexibility in transportation. It is expected that the new buses would be delivered in September.

The two retired buses will be auctioned off and the proceeds used to reduce the total purchase cost.

The debt for this purchase will not affect the budget until the 2023-24 school year. The district will pay the bond off over five years.

After transportation aid reimbursement from the state, the net effect of this total purchase will be \$21,573 each year from 2023-24 to 2027-28. **\$f**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE 2022-23 BUDGET PROPOSAL

› Who can vote on May 17?

Community members who are U.S. citizens may vote in the Tuesday, May 17 school elections if they:

- › have been a resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to the vote and
- › are at least 18 years old.

The district uses registration records from the Schenectady County Board of Elections. The vote will be held from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the B-wing gymnasium at the high school. **§§**

› How do I request an absentee ballot to vote?

Absentee ballot applications can be obtained by calling (518) 347-3600 ext. 73102 or emailing bdelong@sgcsd.net. You must complete the application before a ballot is mailed to you.

Community members with COVID-19 concerns who want to vote by absentee ballot are asked to check off reason #1 on the application.

Ballots must be returned by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17 in order to be counted. **§§**

› Does the 2022-23 budget plan stay within Scotia-Glenville's property tax levy cap?

Yes. The state-mandated maximum tax levy cap for Scotia-Glenville in 2022-23 is 1.62%, according to the state's eight-step formula. After some grade consolidations, the Board of Education was able to keep the tax levy increase slightly below that level. **§§**

› What if the budget were defeated on May 17?

In the case of a budget defeat, school districts typically can put up the same budget or a revised budget for a second community vote. The Board of Education could also adopt a contingent budget after the defeat.

State law mandates that under a contingent budget, a school district must adopt a budget with no tax levy increase and eliminate all non-contingent expenses, such as some student supplies, equipment purchases and community use of school facilities. (In other words, the district would likely need to charge fees for any community use of buildings and grounds.)

A contingent budget in 2022-23 would require a \$499,663 reduction in the tax levy and school expenditures. The school district could not exceed the 2021-22 tax levy. **§§**

› What is the difference between the tax LEVY and the tax RATE?

The tax levy is the total amount of money the district raises in taxes each year from all property owners.

Tax rates are calculated by dividing the total amount of the levy by the total taxable assessed value. The tax rate is used to calculate individual tax bills.

Under the proposed 2022-23 budget, the Glenville/Scotia tax rate would increase by 1.61% to an estimated \$24.04 per \$1,000 (from the current \$23.66 per \$1,000) of assessed value. That is a 38 cent increase in the per \$1,000 assessed value tax rate. A home with an assessment of \$160,000 would see an estimated

tax bill increase of \$60.80 per year, or \$5.07 per month before factoring in the STAR rebate (see below).

The tax levy and tax rate increases are the same at this point since final assessment figures are not known. The Board of Education adopts the 2022-23 final tax rates in August. **§§**

› How does the state's STAR program affect my tax bill?

The New York State School Tax Relief Program (STAR) is paid by the state to the school district and is not administered by Scotia-Glenville. It is reflected as a smaller amount due on homeowner's school tax bills. This STAR exemption is no longer available to new homeowners.

Newer homeowners and others who have opted for it receive the STAR tax credit. They receive a check from the state in the STAR amount, usually in October or November.

The STAR program in 2022-23 will reduce school tax bills in Glenville by these amounts:

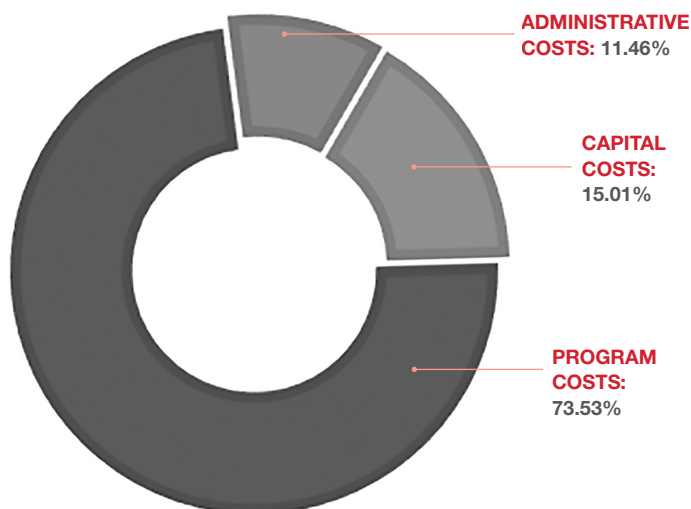
› **Estimated \$596 for Basic STAR** recipients. Property owners with incomes below \$250,000 are eligible.

› **Estimated \$1,199 for Enhanced STAR** recipients. Enhanced STAR is for property owners over age 65 with incomes of less than \$92,000. **§§**



Scotia-Glenville's three-part budget: 2022-23

New York state requires school districts to show their proposed annual budgets divided into three categories: Program, Capital and Administrative.



Program

73.53% of the proposed 2022-23 budget

This part of the budget includes the salaries and benefits of teachers, teaching assistants, teacher aides and supervisors who spend a majority of their time teaching; instructional costs such as supplies, equipment and textbooks; and transportation operating costs.

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 2021-22 costs | 2022-23 proposed costs |
| \$43,166,741 (73.00%) | \$44,321,828 (73.53%) |

Capital

15.01% of the proposed 2022-23 budget

This part of the budget includes all purchases of buses; legal judgments and settled claims; salary and benefits for custodial and maintenance staff; all facilities costs, including service contracts, supplies, utilities, maintenance, repairs, construction, renovation and debt; leasing costs; and capital transfers.

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 2021-22 costs | 2022-23 proposed costs |
| \$9,413,007 (15.90%) | \$9,045,547 (15.01%) |

Administrative

11.46% of the proposed 2022-23 budget

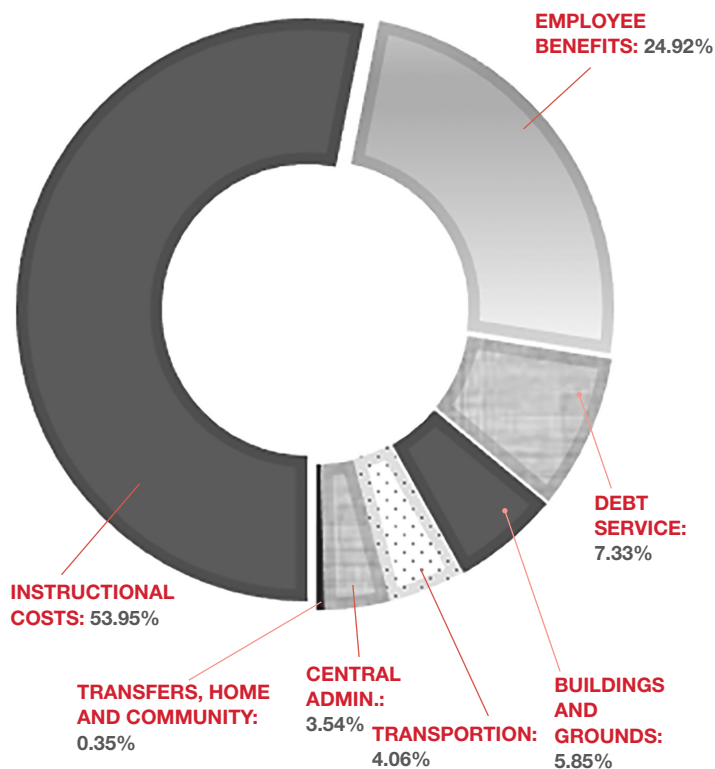
This part of the budget includes office and central administrative costs; salaries and benefits for certified and non-certified administrators who spend 50 percent or more of their time performing supervisory duties; data processing; supplies; legal fees; property insurance; and school board expenses.

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 2021-22 costs | 2022-23 proposed costs |
| \$6,547,677 (11.10%) | \$6,907,574 (11.46%) |

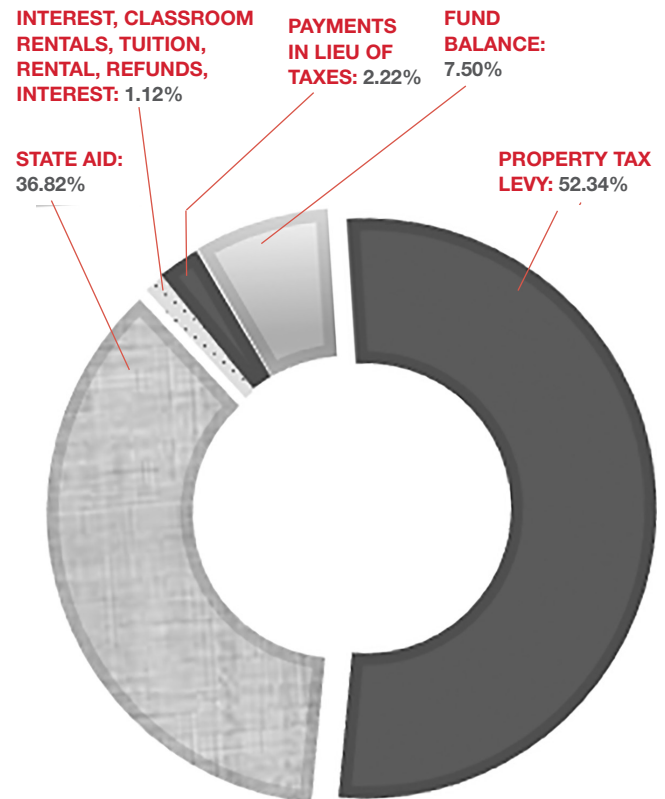
PROJECTED EXPENDITURES: 2022-23

| <i>Projected Expenditures</i> | <i>2021-22 Adopted</i> | <i>2022-23 Proposed</i> | <i>% of 2022-23 Budget</i> | <i>\$/% Change from 21-22 to 22-23</i> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Instructional costs | \$31,618,305 | \$32,518,376 | 53.95% | \$900,071 (2.85%) |
| Employee benefits | \$14,443,901 | \$15,021,160 | 24.92% | \$577,259 (4.00%) |
| Buildings and grounds | \$3,474,487 | \$3,527,054 | 5.85% | \$52,567 (1.51%) |
| Debt service | \$4,835,019 | \$4,417,255 | 7.33% | -\$417,764 (-8.64%) |
| Pupil transportation | \$2,451,593 | \$2,445,946 | 4.06% | -\$5,647 (-0.23%) |
| Central administrative functions | \$2,084,261 | \$2,133,298 | 3.54% | \$49,037 (2.35%) |
| Transfer to Capital Fund | \$100,000 | \$100,000 | 0.17% | \$0 (0%) |
| Transfer to School Lunch Fund | \$8,000 | \$0 | 0% | -\$8,000 (-100.00%) |
| Transfer to special aid | \$99,000 | \$99,000 | 0.16% | \$0 (0%) |
| Home and community | \$12,859 | \$12,859 | 0.02% | \$0 (0%) |
| Total expenditures | \$59,127,425 | \$60,274,949 | 100.0% | \$1,147,523 (1.94%) |

Expenditures: 2022-23 ↓



Revenues: 2022-23 ↓



PROJECTED REVENUES: 2022-23 ↓

| <i>Projected revenues</i> | <i>2021-22 Adopted</i> | <i>2022-23 Proposed</i> | <i>% of 2022-23 Budget</i> | <i>\$/% Change from 21-22 to 22-23</i> |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Foundation aid | \$13,936,021 | \$14,360,192 | 23.82% | \$424,171 (3.04%) |
| Building aid | \$2,910,188 | \$2,876,684 | 4.77% | -\$33,504 (-1.15%) |
| Transportation aid* | \$1,904,725 | \$2,018,067 | 3.35% | \$113,342 (5.95%) |
| BOCES aid* | \$1,508,889 | \$1,707,581 | 2.83% | \$198,692 (13.17%) |
| High cost special ed. aid* | \$1,152,905 | \$993,320 | 1.65% | -\$159,585 (-13.84%) |
| Software, computer, textbook, library aid* | \$237,829 | \$236,176 | 0.40% | -\$1,653 (-0.69%) |
| <i>Total New York State aid</i> | <i>\$21,650,557</i> | <i>\$22,192,020</i> | <i>36.82%</i> | <i>\$541,463 (2.50%)</i> |
| Payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) | \$1,382,000 | \$1,338,398 | 2.22% | -\$43,602 (-3.15%) |
| BOCES rental, refunds, misc.. | \$200,000 | \$190,000 | 0.31% | -\$10,000 (-5.00%) |
| Interest, Medicaid, Medicare aid | \$230,000 | \$240,000 | 0.40% | \$10,000 (4.35%) |
| Tuition, admissions, etc. | \$247,676 | \$247,676 | 0.41% | \$0 (0%) |
| Appropriated Fund Balance | \$4,369,504 | \$4,519,504 | 7.50% | \$150,000 (3.43%) |
| Property tax levy | \$31,047,688 | \$31,547,351 | 52.34% | \$499,663 (1.61%) |
| Total revenues | \$59,127,425 | \$60,274,949 | 100.0% | \$1,147,524 (1.94%) |

* These are for reimbursement of services that S-G has already paid out.



Four seeking two seats on the BOE

Four candidates are seeking two seats on the Board of Education in the May 17 election. Voting will be held from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the B-wing gym at the high school. The seats each carry three-year terms and are unpaid. Candidates will be in this order on the ballot based on a random drawing:

Kimberly C. Talbot, of 105 Second Street, is seeking a second term on the board.

She works for Attentive Care as a consumer caregiver.



Kimberly Talbot

She studied elementary education, music education and fine arts at the Community College of Rhode Island.

Talbot, a 22-year district resident, is a past president of the Scotia Rotary Club and is the Lincoln School PTA president.

She was Rotarian of the Year in 2016-17, received the Founder's Day award in 2015, was Scotia Hometown Hero in 2018 and was recently nominated for the 2022 Women of Distinction Award.

She and her husband, Joe, have three children: Zachary, a senior at the high school, Oliver, a grade 6 student at the middle school and Calvin, in grade 4 at Lincoln Elementary. Her husband, Joe, is a cousin to current Board of Education member Hal Talbot.

Daniel P. Feinberg, of 218 North Ballston Avenue, is seeking a fourth term on the board.

He works for the State University of New York to support online learning



Daniel Feinberg

and enrollment management. Feinberg holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Haverford College and a master's degree in

instructional design from George Mason University.

He served as vice president of the Board of Education from 2018-20.

He is vice president of the Fifty FC Soccer Club and coordinates their annual tournament. He has coached many seasons of youth sports. He also recently donated a kidney to the National Kidney Foundation.

Feinberg and his wife, Stephanie, have two children: Sam, at the high school, and Cal, at the middle school.

He has been a district resident for 17 years.

Eric E. Potts, of 812 Sanders Avenue, is seeking a first term on the board.

He is an administrative assistant at the Glenville Police Department. He holds a bachelor's degree in business



Eric Potts

and economics from SUNY Oswego.

He is vice president of the Knights of St. John through St. Joseph's Church in Schenectady, and he's a member of the Freemason Lodge 915 in Scotia and the Scotia-Glenville Republican Committee.

Potts and his wife, Dana, have three children: Tristan, a grade 6 student at the middle school; Caden, a grade 4 student at Glen-Worden Elementary; and Ryker, age 2.

He has been a district resident for 14 years.

Emily G. Orr, of 109 Catherine Street, is seeking a first term on the board.

She is a teaching assistant at Mohonasen High School. She holds a doctor of musical arts degree from the University of North Carolina, a master's of music degree from West Virginia



Emily Orr

University and a bachelor's of music and teaching licensure degree from SUNY Fredonia.

She is president of the Scotia-Glenville Friends of Music; a board member of Freedom Park in Scotia; and a member of Pi Kappa Lambda (National Music Honor Society),

Orr has 30 years of experience in education including teaching music as well as serving on three Boards of Education in North Carolina.

She attended Scotia-Glenville schools. After 20 years away, she relocated back to the area more than two years ago. **SG**

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NYS REQUIRED BUDGET NOTICE - 2022-23

| | 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 | \$59,127,425 | \$60,274,949 | \$59,775,286 |
| Increase/decrease for the 2022-23 school year | | \$1,147,524 | \$647,861 |
| Percentage increase (decrease) in each proposed budget | | 1.94% | 1.10% |
| Change in the consumer price index | | 4.7% | |
| A. Proposed levy to support the total budgeted amount | \$31,047,688 | \$31,547,351 | |
| 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) | \$31,047,688 | \$31,547,351 | \$31,047,688 |
| F. Total permissible exclusions | \$1,266,799 | \$886,518 | |
| G. School tax levy limit, <u>excluding</u> levy for permissible exclusions | \$29,781,465 | \$30,663,457 | |
| H. Total proposed school year tax levy, <u>excluding</u> levy to support library debt and/or permissible exclusions (E-B-F+D) | \$29,780,889 | \$30,660,833 | |
| I. Difference: (G-H); negative value requires 60% voter approval – See note below regarding separate propositions** | \$576 | \$2,624 | |
| Administrative component | \$6,547,677 | \$6,907,574 | \$6,840,201 |
| Program component | \$43,166,741 | \$44,321,828 | \$43,889,538 |
| Capital component | \$9,413,007 | \$9,045,547 | \$9,045,547 |

*Under state law, boards of education typically may submit a budget to voters a maximum of two times. The Board of Education may adopt a contingent budget and set the tax levy at the 2021-22 levy amount. That would require \$499,663 in reductions in staffing, materials, supplies, equipment, public use of the buildings and other expenditures.

** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

| Description | Amount |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Purchase three 72-passenger buses | \$385,000 |

Basic and Enhanced STAR Exemption Impact

The state's STAR program reduces a home's assessment before computing individual school tax bills. The Basic STAR program is available to primary homeowners earning less than \$250,000; the Enhanced STAR program provides a larger savings for those over age 65 with qualifying incomes. Applications are available from the town assessor's office in each town. The application deadline is March 1. Call your town assessor. The Glenville town assessor can be reached at (518) 688-1200, ext. 6.

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Budget proposed 2022-23 |
| Maximum Basic STAR tax savings: | \$596 |
| Maximum Enhanced STAR tax savings: | \$1,199 |

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Scotia-Glenville Central School District, Schenectady, Montgomery and Saratoga counties, New York, will be held in said district on **Tuesday, May 17, 2022. Voting will be held from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the B-wing gymnasium at the High School, Sacandaga Road, Scotia, NY. Absentee ballots must be returned by 5 p.m. on May 17.** Voters must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age and a resident of Scotia-Glenville for 30 days prior to the vote.

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Scotia-Glenville CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

News

2022-23 BUDGET

A seven-year history of school budgets, spending and taxes at Scotia-Glenville

| School Year | Budget total* | Budget spending increase/decrease | Total net NY state aid | Glenville tax rate per \$1,000 assessed (change)* | Tax bill for \$160,000 home assessment* |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---|---|
| 2022-23 (Proposed) | \$60.3 million | \$1,147,524 | \$22.2 million | \$24.04 | \$3,846 |
| 2021-22 | \$59.1 million | \$966,542 | \$21.6 million | \$23.66 | \$3,786 |
| 2020-21 | \$58.1 million | \$1,205,143 | \$21.0 million | \$23.77 | \$3,803 |
| 2019-20 | \$56.9 million | \$966,044 | \$20.7 million | \$23.36 | \$3,738 |
| 2018-19 | \$55.9 million | \$2,582,710 | \$21.2 million | \$22.74 | \$3,638 |
| 2017-18 | \$53.4 million | \$1,358,419 | \$20.1 million | \$22.16 | \$3,546 |
| 2016-17 | \$52.0 million | \$696,545 | \$19.7 million | \$21.49 | \$3,438 |

If the proposed 2022-23 budget is approved by the community on May 17:

- Spending will have increased by \$8.2 million or 15.8% since July 2016 (2.3% per year on average).
- Typical tax bills will have increased by 11.9% or \$408 since September 2016 (1.7% per year on average).

* Final tax rates are set by the Board of Education in August. Percentages and dollar amounts are rounded.

Typical tax bills are BEFORE savings from the state's STAR school tax reduction exemption, veterans' and income exemptions.

What will I see on the May 17 ballot?

The Scotia-Glenville community will vote from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17 in the B-wing gymnasium at the High School. The community will consider these proposals:

- **\$60,274,949 budget for 2022-23** – carrying an estimated 1.61% tax levy increase (see pages 1-2).
- **\$385,000 maximum cost for three, 72-passenger buses** (see page 2).
- **Selection of two Board of Education candidates** (see page 6).

Need an absentee ballot? See page 3 for information about how to obtain one.