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**LIBERTY**  
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
115 Buckley Street  
Liberty, NY 12754



SCHOOL BUDGET

# VOTE

Tuesday, May 21

## Voter Qualifications

- You must be 18 years old,
- A U.S. citizen and a district resident for at least 30 days, and
- Be registered to vote at the Sullivan County Board of Elections, which will automatically register you to vote at the district, or register with the district by May 16.

## Absentee/Early Voting Ballots

Qualified voters may request an absentee or early voting ballot by contacting District Clerk Tania DeFrank at [tdefrank@libertyk12.org](mailto:tdefrank@libertyk12.org) or 845-292-6990.

- May 14 is the last day for absentee/early ballot applications to be received if you need your ballot mailed to you.
- May 20 is the last day for absentee/early ballot applications to be received in person and the ballot delivered by hand.
- Absentee/early voting ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5 p.m. May 21 in order to be counted.

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**VOTE**  
2024-25  
SCHOOL BUDGET  
VOTE & BOARD OF  
EDUCATION ELECTION

Tuesday,  
May 21

Polls are open  
11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at  
Liberty High School  
Media Center.

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CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Annual school budget vote is May 21

On Tuesday, May 21, Liberty Central School District residents will vote on a \$68 million budget proposal for the 2024-25 school year that enhances curriculum and improves programs without increasing the tax levy.

This is the sixth consecutive year there is no proposed tax levy increase.

“This budget proposal continues our commitment to fiscal responsibility while providing the increased programming and support our students need to contribute and thrive in a diverse community by pursuing their potential,” Superintendent Dr. Patrick Sullivan said.

Because the district anticipates receiving an increase of approximately \$1,684,932 in state aid funding, which is an approximate 3.60% increase from the previous year, the district is able to put forth a proposal with a tax levy of \$17,760,162, the same as the current year’s budget.

The proposed \$68,034,294 budget increases spending 2.62%, or \$1,737,932, and would fund all current student programs and services.

Several program expansions proposed in the 2024-25 budget would support the curriculum pillar of the district’s five-year strategic plan, including expanding the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) math curriculum to seventh grade, adding Syracuse University Project Advance college credit courses, as well as introducing more computer science and AI-related programs across grades.

The proposal also includes the addition of a Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)-certified teacher, creating an administrative athletic director position, and converting two part-time teacher aide positions into one full time teacher aide. An update to the middle school library’s innovation lab is also in the proposal.

“This budget proposal keeps us focused on our strategic plan so that we can continue to prepare our students for a successful future,” Sullivan said.

### Budget Snapshot:

**Proposed Budget:**  
**\$68,034,294**

**Proposed Budget Change:**  
**\$1,737,932 (+2.62%)**

**Proposed School Tax Levy:**  
**\$17,760,162**

**School Tax Levy Change:**  
**\$0**

For more details on the proposed budget, visit [www.libertyk12.org](http://www.libertyk12.org).

### On the ballot:

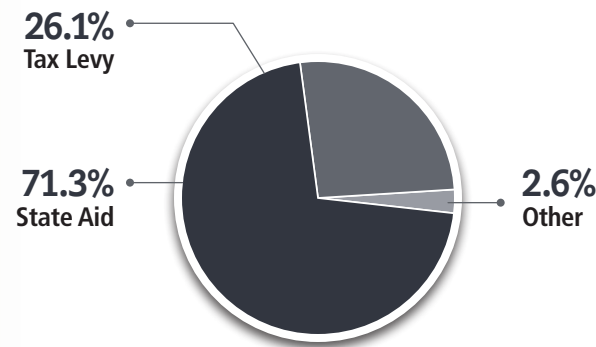
- Proposition 1: A \$68,034,294 budget proposed for the 2024-25 school year, with no change in the tax levy.
- Voters will elect three board of education members. Three candidates submitted nominating petitions and are on the ballot. The candidates, in the order they appear on the ballot, are: Maureen Crescitelli, Peter Racette and Pamela Teed Fisk. The successful candidates will serve three-year terms running July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027.

Para ver esta información en español, visite [www.libertyk12.org/departments-services/business-office/](http://www.libertyk12.org/departments-services/business-office/) y, en el cuadro en la parte superior derecha de la página, seleccione ‘Spanish’.

## REVENUES:

Where the money comes from

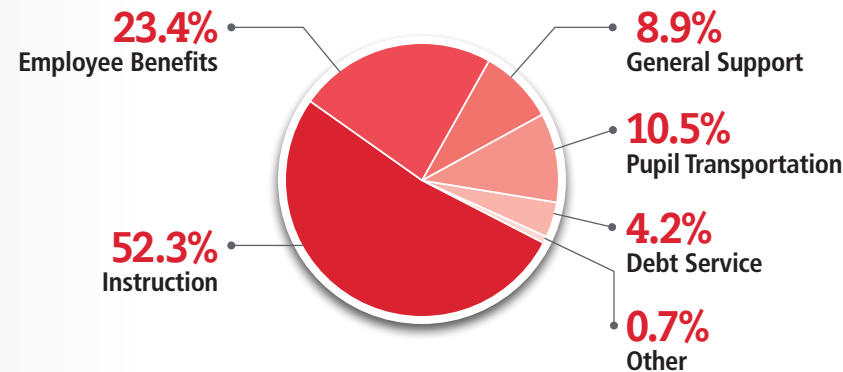
CATEGORY	2023-24 BUDGET	2024-25 PROPOSED BUDGET	PERCENT CHANGE
Tax Levy	\$17,760,162	\$17,760,162	0%
State Aid	\$46,800,000	\$48,484,932	3.60%
Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	0%
Reserves	\$0	\$0	0%
Other	\$1,736,200	\$1,789,200	3.05%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$66,296,362</b>	<b>\$68,034,294</b>	<b>2.62%</b>



## EXPENDITURES:

Where the money goes

CATEGORY	2023-24 BUDGET	2024-25 PROPOSED BUDGET	PERCENT CHANGE
General Support	\$8,995,188	\$6,079,904	-32.41%
Instruction	\$31,391,672	\$35,555,798	13.27%
Pupil Transportation	\$7,321,774	\$7,134,315	-2.56%
Employee Benefits	\$15,304,528	\$15,920,877	4.03%
Debt Service	\$2,923,200	\$2,888,400	-1.19%
Other	\$360,000	\$455,000	26.39%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$66,296,362</b>	<b>\$68,034,294</b>	<b>2.62%</b>



## School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2023-24 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2024-25 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$66,296,362	\$68,034,294	\$64,205,192
Increase/Decrease for the 2024-25 School Year		\$1,737,932	-\$2,091,170
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.62%	-3.15%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.12%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$17,760,162	\$17,760,162	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$154,200	\$154,200	
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)	\$17,914,362	\$17,914,362	\$17,914,362
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$18,671,096	\$18,690,105	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$17,760,162	\$17,760,162	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$910,934	\$929,943	
Administrative Component	\$6,769,810	\$7,370,342	\$7,127,859
Program Component	\$51,677,444	\$52,704,091	\$50,607,472
Capital Component	\$7,849,108	\$7,959,861	\$6,469,861

Should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law and a contingent budget be required for the 2024-25 school year, the proposed budget would be reduced by \$3,829,102 by eliminating equipment expenses and other program areas as identified by the Board of Education.

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$590.73

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2024-25 by the qualified voters of the Liberty Central School District, Sullivan County, New York, will be held at Liberty High School Media Center in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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

## TAX LEVY HISTORY

SCHOOL YEAR	TAX LEVY % CHANGE YEAR-TO-YEAR
2024-25	0%*
2023-24	-5.33%
2022-23	0%
2021-22	0%
2020-21	0%
2019-20	0%
2018-19	+2.71%
2017-18	0%

\* Proposed tax levy % change for 2024-25.

