

Residents to vote on two propositions

Proposition No. 1 –

Consideration of the proposed 2023-24 operational budget \$122,194,702 with a levy increase of 1.99% (which is below the New York State Tax Levy Limitation) with a proposed spending increase of 7.7% or \$8,753,788.

Proposition No. 2 –

School bus replacement plan to purchase school buses of various sizes. Purchase includes—six (6) 66 passenger buses, one (1) 18/3 wheelchair bus and one (1) 42 passenger bus — overall cost not to exceed \$1,318,000.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

You are eligible to vote if you are a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older, a resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to the vote, and are registered with the school district or the County Board of Elections.

As posted previously, May 9 is this year's deadline to register with the school district.

Registered voters can find out their voting locations online at <https://vip.ntsteamed.com/>

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee Ballot applications are available by contacting the District Clerk at 518-869-3576 or by downloading an application from the district website.

Absentee ballots must be submitted to the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on May 16.

More details on the 2023-24 school budget & board election can be found online at southcolonieschools.org.

Required School District Budget Notice

OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL	Budget Adopted for the 2022-23 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2023-24 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$113,458,885	\$122,194,702	\$120,595,625
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		\$8,735,817	\$7,136,740
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		7.70 %	6.29%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		8.0%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$76,548,708	\$78,072,027	
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)	\$76,548,708	\$78,072,027	\$76,472,950
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$1,760,533	\$1,556,025	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$75,384,708	\$76,669,972	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$74,788,175	\$76,516,002	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$596,533	\$153,970	
Administrative Component	\$10,399,369	\$11,768,451	\$11,057,551
Program Component	\$91,542,916	\$97,970,475	\$97,321,068
Capital Component	\$11,516,600	\$12,455,776	\$12,217,006

*A contingent budget would result in \$1,523,319 in budget cuts. Elimination of non-contingent items (all equipment purchases) and further adjustments to administrative areas would be necessary to reduce the tax levy to the 2022-23 level as required by current contingent budget rules.

** 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
	Proposition #2: Bus Purchase Purchase and expend up to \$1,318,000.00, and for a term not to exceed five (5) years, the following motor vehicles: Six (6) 66 passenger buses, one (1) 18/3 wheelchair bus and one (1) 42 passenger bus.	\$1,318,000

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$508

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-24 by the qualified voters of the South Colonie Central school district, Albany County, New York, will be held at Lisha Kill Middle School and Sand Creek Middle School on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., prevailing time in the above listed school(s), at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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