



North Collins
Central School District

ANNUAL REPORT

to the community

MAY 2024



Budget Hearing

Tuesday, May 14, 2024
7:00 p.m.
Jr.-Sr. High School Library
Media Center

Budget Vote and Election

Tuesday, May 21, 2024
12:00 Noon until 9:00 p.m.
Jr.- Sr. High School
Gymnasium

School Trustee Election - Two Seats

One a full five (5)-year term
One partial four (4)-year term

On the ballot:

- Aaron Renaldo
- Daniel Carl Brenner

BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

Proposition 1:

2024-2025 Budget

\$17,663,221 Appropriations

Proposition 2:

Purchase of School Vehicles

\$186,000 from Reserves- No tax impact

Proposition 3:

Establish Bus & Vehicle Capital
Reserve Fund, 2024

\$3,000,000 over 10 Years - No tax impact

Goals 2022-2024

Board of Education:

- To support and assist in achieving District goals.
- To focus on development and continuous improvement of Board functioning and effectiveness. The Board will work to meet the following primary objectives in line with these goals and develop a timeline to put special focus on each:
Recruitment,
Onboarding, Board Development/
Education, Advocacy/
Communication/
Community
Engagement, and
Accountability.

District:

- Instruction: Sustain and enhance opportunities for student learning and engagement.
- District Safety: Continue to sustain a safe learning environment. Properly implement safety plans to prevent and minimize the effects of incidents and emergencies.
- Technology: Technology will be incorporated across the changing curriculum and standards implementation to support and enhance learning.

Board of Education



Mr. James Sager, President
Mrs. Jennifer Pisa, Vice President
Mrs. Jessica Horton
Mrs. Mary Petkov
Mrs. Heather Puntillo
Mrs. Meghan Spicola

A Message from the President

The North Collins Central School District Board of Education is presenting the 2024-2025 School Budget. As always, we are focused on providing optimal resources and enriching opportunities for all of our students and staff in a safe and rewarding environment.

This year's budget reflects our investment in our students and staff as well as our future budgetary plans and goals. The Board has worked together with our administration toward our goals while being fiscally responsible on behalf of our taxpayers.

We continue to strive to provide a high-quality education while preparing our students for a bright future as successful contributors to both our local community and global society. We would like to thank our community sincerely for your continued support of the North Collins Central School District.

-Mr. James Sager

District Mission Statement

The North Collins Central School District is a safe and supportive learning environment that strives to maximize educational opportunities for all students, faculty, staff and community members. We nurture responsibility, creativity, energy, and open-mindedness to empower successful contributors to a global society.

Proposed 2024-2025 School Budget

Components	2023-2024 Adopted Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Budget	Dollar Change
Program	13,252,424	13,367,701	115,277
Capital	2,669,406	2,539,263	(130,143)
Administrative	1,696,248	1,756,257	60,009
Total Expenditures	\$17,618,077	\$17,663,221	45,144



Building the Budget: Priorities

- Support and assist in achieving District goals.
- Provide support and opportunities for ALL students
- Provide a non-disruptive learning environment where students feel safe, known and challenged
- Protect and support our programs and maintain fiscal responsibility
- Meet our contractual obligations
- Maintain school buildings/vehicles
- Meet debt service obligations
- Preserve future financial stability through conservative use of reserve funds and fund balance
- Stay within Tax Cap

North Collins maintains good fiscal standing by:

- Shared services/collaboration with neighboring districts
- Evaluation of staffing/programs
- Closely monitor budget throughout the fiscal year
- Evaluation of BOCES services
- Maintain special education programs within the district
- Utilize bidding for optimal cost efficiency
- Participation in multiple consortiums: Worker's Comp, Gas and Electric

School Board Member Election

Two candidates will be elected to serve on the Board of Education. There is one full five (5)-year term from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029 and one partial four (4)-year term from May 22, 2024 through June 30, 2028. On the ballot:

- Aaron Renaldo
- Daniel Carl Brenner



4th and 8th Grade Reading Partners 3-2024

Program Budget



The program component accounts for instruction and educational support services for all district students. Transportation, instructional computers, supplies and textbooks, special education services, and salaries and benefits for instructional personnel are also reported under this category.

Account	2023-2024 Adopted Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Budget	Dollar Change
Legal	15,000	15,000	0
Administrative/ Improvement	94,017	110,500	16,483
Educational Services	8,365,088	8,749,079	383,992
Transportation	1,850,574	1,539,779	(310,795)
Benefits	2,797,745	2,823,343	25,598
Interfund Transfer/ Special Aid and Cafeteria (Offset by Revenue Building Aid)	130,000	130,000	0
Total	13,252,424	13,367,701	115,279

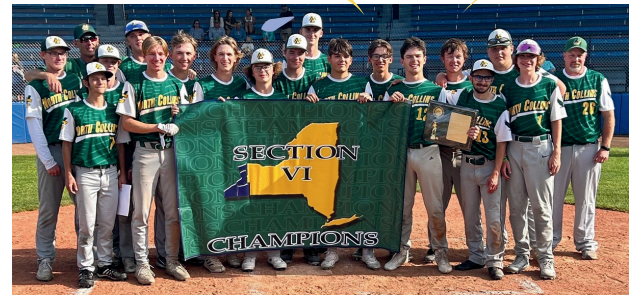
Graduation
6/2024



Section VI Champs



Girls Varsity Soccer 10/2023



Boys Varsity Baseball 5/2023

Capital Budget

The capital component of the budget includes maintenance and upkeep of the district's facilities and property including electrical, gas, water, sewer and telephone services. It also includes principal and interest payments on capital projects, salaries and benefits for maintenance and custodial staff.

Account	2023-2024 Adopted Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Budget	Dollar Change
Administrative Services	895,371	897,973	2,602
Buildings & Grounds	226,146	242,061	15,915
Special Items - Refund of Taxes	7,500	7,500	0
BOCES Capital Expenses	80,000	76,000	(4,000)
Benefits	204,689	403,335	198,646
Debt Service	1,255,700	912,394	(343,306)
Total	2,669,406	2,539,263	(130,143)



Capital Outlay Project 2024-2025

- The proposed budget includes \$100,000 for a Capital Outlay project at the High School Building.
- The project plans to include updating lockers and classrooms.
- New York State will reimburse approximately 80% of the project costs in the following year.
- This is part of our ongoing facilities improvement plan, which continues to focus on and improve the educational environment for our children. Work will be scheduled in the 2024-2025 school year.





Administrative Budget

The administrative component of the budget provides for overall general support and management activities including the Board of Education and Superintendent's office and offices for curriculum and staff development, personnel, and business. Also included are expenses for legal services, liability and property insurance, and salaries and benefits for administrative staff.

Cost-Saving Initiatives:

- Shared services/collaboration with neighboring districts
- Aidable technology Purchases/Support
- Maximize state aid through BOCES service purchases
- Explore grant opportunities—BOCES
- Use of Reserves for Repairs, Bus and Vehicles, Retirement Obligation, etc.
- Long range planning to include Smart Schools Bond Act and Capital Project
- Capital Outlay Project—Aidable
- Energy Efficiency Programs

Account	2023-2024 Adopted Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Budget	Dollar Change
Board of Education	14,000	13,900	(100)
Administrative Services	515,282	518,319	3,037
Legal, Personnel, Public Information	55,008	50,338	(4,670)
Central Services	260,000	200,000	(60,000)
Special Items - Insurance, Dues, Assessments, BOCES, Appropriated Fund Balance	158,036	180,000	21,964
Administration/Improvement	344,732	353,698	8,966
Benefits	349,190	440,002	90,812
Total	1,696,248	1,756,257	60,009



International Dot Day
#nceaglepride #DotDay

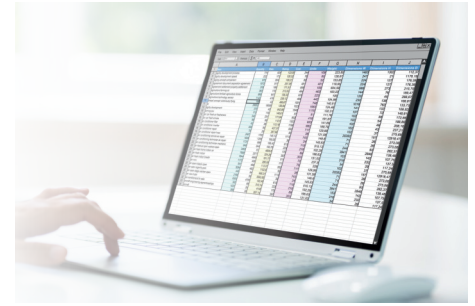


Flag Day, June 2023

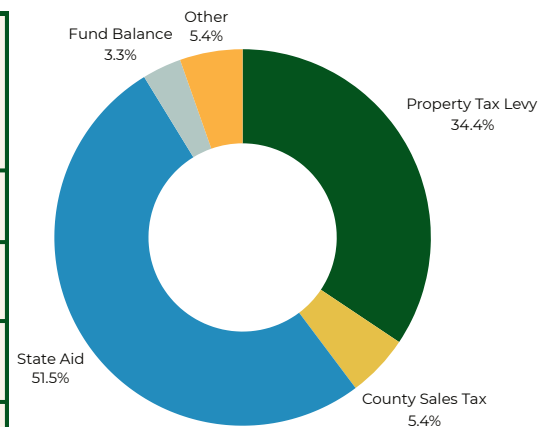
Estimated Revenue

The current average tax rate for North Collins is \$23.11 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, based on the 2023-2024 assessments and equalization. Based on the current information that we have, we estimate that the 2024-2025 tax rate for North Collins will be \$23.66 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, an increase of \$0.55. Final tax rates will not be available until final assessment rolls are provided by the individual town assessors to the District this summer.

ALL RATES ARE AN ESTIMATE



Revenue Source	2023-2024	2024-2025	Dollar Change
Property Tax Levy	5,930,100	6,071,829	141,729
County Sales Tax	900,000	950,000	50,000
State Aid	9,195,517	9,094,486	(101,031)
Fund Balance	700,000	595,000	(105,000)
Other	892,460	951,906	59,446
Total	17,618,077	17,663,221	45,144



2024-2025
Estimated
Revenue Sources



Annual Meeting, Budget Vote and Election

Tuesday, May 21, 2024 in the North Collins Jr.-Sr. High School Gymnasium, 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m. The Board of Education adopted the recommended School Budget for the 2024-2025 school year on April 11, 2024. Copies of the budget will be available in the District Office by Tuesday, May 7, 2024 (14 days before vote). Two (2) Board Member vacancies will be filled; one for a term beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2029 (formerly held by Mary Petkov) and one partial four-year term beginning May 22, 2024 and ending June 30, 2028.

Annual Budget Hearing

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 in the North Collins Central School Jr.-Sr. High School Library Media Center at 7 p.m.

Breakout Club March, 2024



Buddy Bench 9/2023
Community Donations
Thank you!

Voting Information

Qualified Voters Eligibility

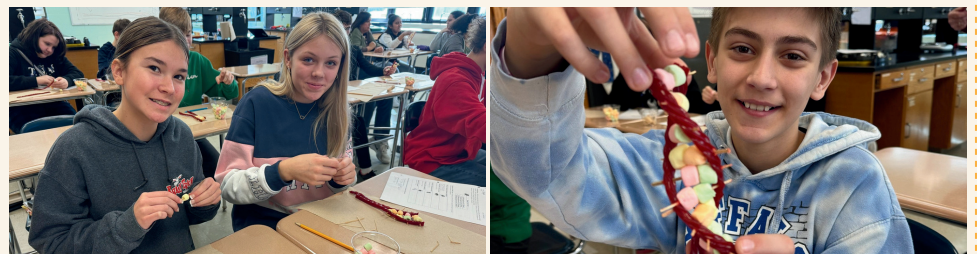
- A Citizen of the United States.
- Eighteen (18) years of age.
- A resident within the district for a period of thirty (30) days prior to the vote.
- A person not otherwise prohibited from voting under the provisions of § 5-106 of the Election Law.

Copies of Proposed Budget

In compliance with Sections §1608 and §1716 of the Education Law which states that the Statement of Expenditures must be completed at least 14 days prior to the Annual Meeting, Budget Vote and Election (May 21, 2024), you are hereby notified that said statement of expenditures will be available for review in the District Office of the North Collins Central School District on May 7, 2024, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Statement of Campaign Expenditures for School Board Candidates

In compliance with Education Law, each Board of Education candidate must file a Statement of Expenditures three times. The preliminary statement must be filed no later than thirty (30) days before the election (April 22, 2024). A second statement must be filed no later than five (5) days before the election (May 16, 2024). A third and final statement must be filed within twenty (20) days after the election (June 10, 2024). All statements must be sworn before a notary public, a commissioner of deeds, a lawyer or a public official authorized by New York State Law to administer oaths.



DNA Models Gr. 8 Science
February, 2024

Absentee Ballots and Early Mail Voting

Anyone may request an early mail voting ballot. There are specific reasons for the use of absentee ballots. A qualified voter in the district may use an absentee ballot for any one of the following:

- Patient in a hospital.
- Unable to appear personally at the polling place due to illness or physical disability.
- Duties, occupation, business, or studies outside of the county or city of residence.
- Vacation outside of county or city of residence.
- Incarceration: Will be detained in jail for an offense other than a felony or is awaiting trial or grand jury action; or will be confined in prison after conviction for an offense other than a felony.
- Absence from the school district on the day of election by reason of accompanying or being with a spouse, child, or parent who is an eligible district voter and is eligible for an absentee ballot due to one of the listed reasons.



Those wishing to obtain an absentee ballot because of confinement due to permanent illness or disability need only apply ONCE with the county Board of Elections for an absentee ballot. If determined eligible, they will be mailed absentee ballots prior to future elections without having to reapply.

How do you get an absentee or early mail voter ballot?

1. REQUEST AN APPLICATION

Contact the District Office, 2045 School Street, P.O. Box 740, North Collins, NY 14111 or call 716-337-0101, ext. 1301.

Requests for applications may be made no earlier than 30 days preceding the vote and not later than 7 days before the vote. For the May 21, 2024 budget vote, requests for applications may be made up to and including May 14, 2024.

2. RETURN YOUR APPLICATION

You must return your completed application to the District Office located in the Jr.-Sr. High School. It may be mailed or hand-delivered, but must be received at least 7 days before the election for the ballot to be mailed to the voter. Ballots may only be mailed or delivered in person directly to applicants. Applicants may not designate another individual to receive the ballot on their behalf.

NOTE: All completed absentee and early mail voter ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on the day of voting, May 21, 2024.

A list of all persons to whom absentee and early mail vote ballots shall have been issued will be available in the Office of the Clerk of the District, where it shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District, in the 5 days prior to the day of the vote. Any individual desiring to view the list should contact Kathy Mason, District Clerk, at kmason@northcollinscsd.org or call 716-337-0101.

2024-2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

\$17,663,221

Estimated Tax Levy Increase: 2.39%

(Less than the allowable NYS Tax Cap)

Budget to Budget Increase 0.26%

Q: Does the tax levy indicate how much my taxes will rise?

A: No. The tax levy is the amount of money the school district can raise through property taxes. The amount an individual will pay to contribute to the levied amount is the tax rate. Tax rates paid by individual taxpayers may differ greatly from one household to another, based on such things as equalization rates and assessed property values, and may exceed 2 percent.

Understanding Your School Taxes

These three numbers affect your tax rate:

1. The Tax Levy from the school district

- From the budget approved by district voter
- The greater the levy, the higher the tax rate
- Set by district voters at the May Budget Vote

2. The Equalization Rate set by New York State

- Brings the assessed value up to full value if no re-evaluation has been done by the Township
- The lower the equalization rate, the higher the full value and the higher your tax rate
- Fixed In August by New York State Property Tax Division

3. The Total Assessed Value of the District set by the Tax Assessors of the towns

- From home improvements, new construction, etc.
- The more improvements, the higher the assessed value and the lower the tax rate
- As set by Town Assessors in June

Asbestos Inspections

The 6-month re-inspection of the North Collins Central School District was performed on February 26, 2024, as required under AHERA (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act). The triennial re-inspection was completed by a State Department of Labor certified asbestos inspector on September 14, 2023.

Annual Fire Inspection

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Fire Inspection for the North Collins Jr.-Sr. High School, North Collins Elementary School, Bus Building, and Elementary Storage Shed, of the NORTH COLLINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT for fire hazards that might endanger the lives of students, teachers, and employees therein, has been completed and the report thereof is available at the District Office located at North Collins Jr.-Sr. High School at 2045 School Street, North Collins, New York for inspection by all interested persons. The Annual Fire Inspection was completed on December 22, 2023.

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	\$ 17,618,077	\$17,663,221	\$17,521,492
Increase/Decrease for the 2024-25 School Year		\$45,144	\$-96,585
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		0.26 %	-0.55%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.12%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$5,930,100	\$6,071,829	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$0	\$	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0	\$	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$5,930,100	\$6,071,829	\$5,930,100
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$5,937,083	\$6,117,225	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$5,930,100	\$6,071,829	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$42,993	\$45,396	
Administrative Component	\$1,696,248	\$1,756,257	\$1,742,165
Program Component	\$13,252,424	\$13,367,701	\$13,260,439
Capital Component	\$2,669,406	\$2,539,263	\$2,518,888

* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2024-25 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

The emphasis on a contingency budget will be on the expenditures considered essential to maintain educational programs, preserve property and assure the health and safety of students and staff.

** 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
None	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

***NOTE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS OFFICIALS:** Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov

Under the Budget Proposed
for the 2024-25 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$401

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2024-25 by the qualified voters of the North Collins Central school district, Erie County, New York, will be held at North Collins Jr.-Sr. High School in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between the hours of 12:00pm and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the North Collins Central Schools, 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.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTH COLLINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 740
NORTH COLLINS, NY 14111
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School Budget Information



POSTAL PATRON



Annual School Budget Vote and Board Member Election

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Jr.- Sr. High School Gymnasium

On the ballot:

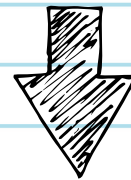
Proposition No. 1—Proposed 2024-2025
Total Educational Budget: \$17,663,221

Proposition No. 2—Purchase of School Buses:
\$186,000 (No tax impact)

Proposition No. 3—Establish Bus and Vehicle
Capital Reserve Fund

Board of Education Member Election
Elect Two Candidates. On the ballot:

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- Daniel Carl Brenner



QUESTIONS?

Please contact Mr. Scott Taylor,
Superintendent, at
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or by e-mail:
staylor@northcollinscsd.org