



# SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL

## DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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★ ★ ★ 100 Days of School ★ ★ ★



*PreK and Kindergarten students celebrate our 100th day of school*

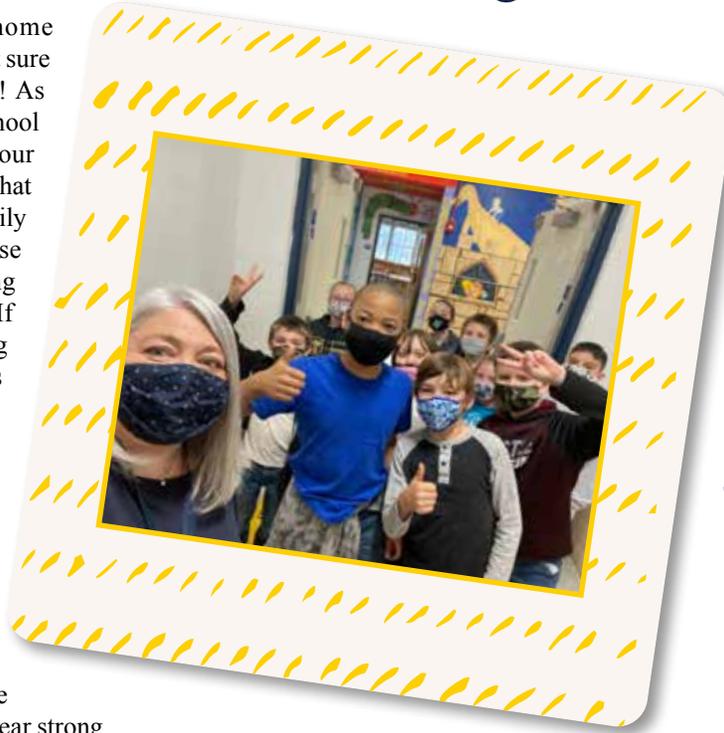


# News From the Superintendent:

By Mrs. Jennifer Cappelletti



We have made it to the home stretch in a year when we weren't sure we were going to make it a month! As we head into the end of the school year, we ask that you not let your guard down. It is a time of year that we often like to celebrate with family and friends. If you travel, please be extra cautious about watching for symptoms when you return. If you go to a large group gathering and you find a positive case arises from this gathering, please stay home until you and your child get tested. If you or your child have any symptoms, air on the side of caution, and keep your child home until they can get tested. As always, please continue to wear a mask, social distance and wash your hands. Our families have been so cooperative and patient. Let's finish out this year strong together!



As we finish out the school year, we are also looking into summer school remedial and enrichment programming for our students. Please watch for a survey and details in the near future. Any summer programming will also include a summer meal program.

Take Care and Stay Safe!

*Jen Cappelletti*



## Spring News from the Music Department

Several students participated in the first ever virtual solo festival this year, hosted by the county music association. The students prepared solos from the official manual of New York State Music Association approved pieces, and then made videos of their performances. The videos were sent to adjudicators and comments and suggestions were sent back to the students. The students all put in a great deal of time and effort into being well prepared and were rewarded with many positive comments. The following students participating were: 5th graders: Cierra Davenport, Kalvary Davenport, Michaela Hardy; middle school students: Nate Griffiths, Hailey Illerbrun, and high school students: Lily Babbitt, Corey Field, Destiny Howell, Joey Nickerson, and Cierrah Rogers.



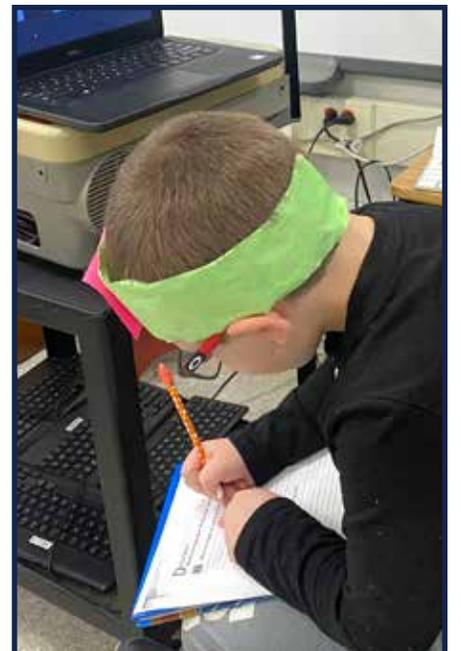
*Joey Nickerson practicing for Solo Fest.*



*With Covid-19 restrictions, the guitar has become a popular instrument of choice this year. Mr. Stack and our musicians love it!*



# Minds Learning at Scio Central School



# 3rd Grade Egg Hunt



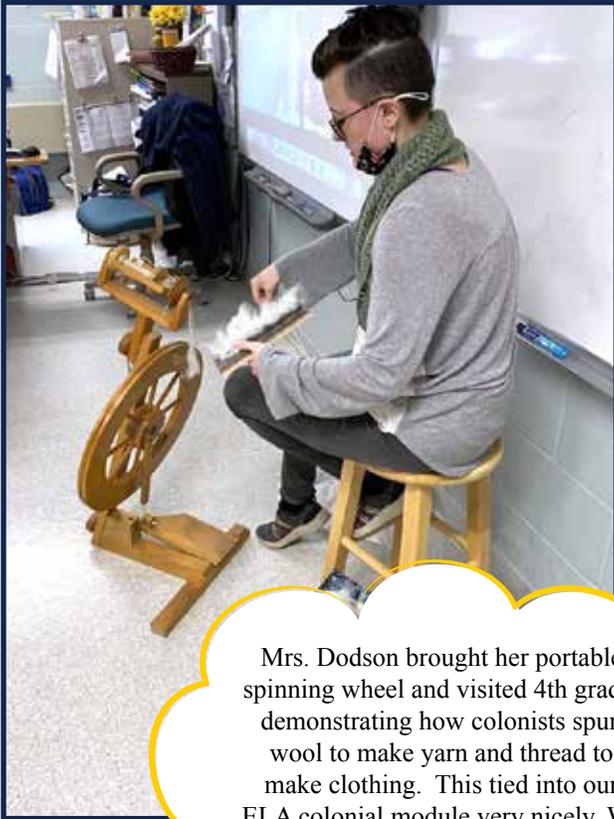
## 3rd Grade Egg Hunt



## 3rd Graders Enjoying the Playground



# 4th Grade Spotlight



Mrs. Dodson brought her portable spinning wheel and visited 4th grade, demonstrating how colonists spun wool to make yarn and thread to make clothing. This tied into our ELA colonial module very nicely. We appreciate Mrs. Dodson for sharing her skills with our students.



In-Person and Remote fourth grade students enjoying a long distance trip to Kenia Fjords, Alaska to learn about the history, power, and constant movement of glacier formations.



## 4th Grade Spotlight



A few 4th graders showing off their knee brace projects. The project has the students using science concepts, measuring skills, design process, creativity, empathy in design, budgeting and more! We are proud of their perseverance!

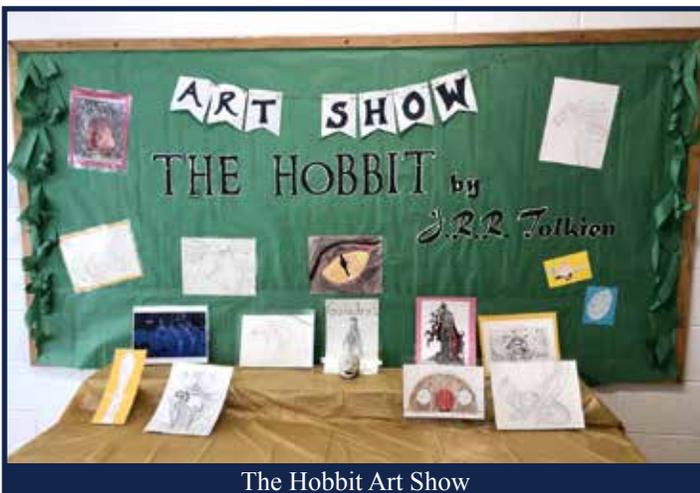
## English 7, 8, 9



Long Walk to Water Character Project



The Outsiders Character Project



The Hobbit Art Show



# May 2021

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday | Friday          | Saturday                               |
|--|--|--|--|----------|-----------------|--|
|  |  |  |  |          |                 | 1                                      |
| 2  | 3<br>Start of Girls/Boys Basketball<br>Discount Card Sales | 4  | 5<br>Board of Education Meeting -<br>Public Hearing, 6:30 p.m. | 6        | 7               | 8<br>Start of NHS Chicken BBQ<br>Sales |
| 9<br>End of Girls/Boys Basketball<br>Discount Card Sales | 10   | 11   | 12   | 13       | 14              | 15                                     |
| 16   | 17   | 18<br>Annual District Meeting/<br>Budget Vote, 12-8 p.m.<br>Board of Education Mtg.,<br>7 p.m. | 19   | 20       | 21              | 22<br>End of NHS Chicken BBQ<br>Sales  |
| 23   | 24   | 25   | 26   | 27       | 28<br>No School | 29                                     |
| 30   | 31<br>Memorial Day<br>Building Closed                      |  |  |          |                 |  |

# June 2021

| Sunday  | Monday | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday | Friday                         | Saturday |
|---|--------|---|--|----------|--------------------------------|----------|
|    |        |   |  |          |                                |          |
|    |        | 1<br>Start of Varsity Softball & Baseball Dinner/Raffle | 2  | 3        | 4                              | 5        |
|    | 6      | 7   | 8<br>Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.             | 9<br>10  | 11                             | 12       |
|    | 13     | 14  | 15<br>End of Varsity Softball & Baseball Dinner/Raffle | 16<br>17 | 18<br>NYS Regents              | 19       |
|   | 20     | 21<br>NYS Regents                                       | 22<br>NYS Regents<br>Marking Period Ends               | 23<br>24 | 25<br>Rating Day<br>Graduation | 26       |
|  | 27     | 28  | 29   | 30       |                                |          |

## Message Regarding Our 2021-2022 District Budget

Every budget cycle presents its own challenges as district officials work diligently to support student programming while remaining fiscally responsible to the taxpayers of the district. The last two budget cycles, especially, have each presented their own unique challenges. The 2021-2022 proposed budget is the first budget to be fully developed since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2021-22, the District is expected to receive an increase in Foundation Aid of approximately \$153,800. This expected increase in Foundation Aid allows us to present a budget to our taxpayers that results in a **0% increase in the tax levy**. The District anticipates an additional allocation through the federal American Rescue Plan Act. At this point in time, specific allocations to each district are not known.

It is important to note that any federal funds received by the district cover a three-year period. At the end of the third year, this funding source will cease to exist. Maintaining a long-term focus during budget development is critical to ensure the district is able to continue meeting the needs of its students.

This has been a long and challenging budget cycle but we believe the proposed budget that will be appearing on the May 18, 2021 ballot is sound based on the information available to us. We love our students, our school, and our community.

## Board Member Vacancy

### One (1) – Five (5) -Year Term:

To fill the expired term of office of Mr. David Roberts

All vacancies are filled “at large”. The candidate with the most number of votes will be elected to the board.



**Scio Central School District**  
**Public Hearing on the Proposed 2021-22 Budget**  
**Wednesday, May 5, 2021 • 6:30 p.m.**  
**Elementary Auditorium**

**Annual District Meeting/Budget Vote**  
**Tuesday, May 18, 2021**  
**12:00 Noon – 8:00 p.m.**  
**Foyer of Rigby Gymnasium**

## Voting Qualifications

A resident of the Scio Central School District shall be entitled to vote who is:

1. a citizen of the United States;
2. at least 18 years of age by May 18, 2021;
3. a resident of the district for at least 30 days preceding the vote.

## Absentee Ballot Qualifications

A resident of the Scio Central School District shall be entitled an absentee ballot who is:

1. A qualified voter of the district;
2. A patient in a hospital or unable to appear personally at the polling place on the day of the vote due to illness, physical disability or COVID concern;
3. Unable to appear because of duties, occupation, business or studies that require him/her to be outside the county or city of residence on the day of the vote;
4. Incarceration other than for conviction of a felony.

## Process to Obtain/Cast an Absentee Ballot

A qualified voter of the Scio Central School District voting by absentee ballot must:

1. Contact the school by phone or mail and request that an application be sent to them;
2. Complete the application and return it to the District; the District Clerk must receive this application at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter.
3. Complete the ballot, fold it and enclose it in a special marked envelope, seal it, sign and date the oath;
4. Place the official ballot envelope in another envelope and mail it to the District Clerk. It must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election.



**0% Levy Increase** 

**On May 18, you will be voting on the following:**

**Process to Obtain/Cast a Military Ballot**

A qualified “Military voter” means a qualified voter of the state of New York who is in actual military service, as defined in paragraph (a) of this subdivision, and by reason of such military service is absent from his or her district on the day of election, OR a voter who is discharged from such military service within thirty days of an election AND the spouse, parent, child or dependent of such voter accompanying or being with him or her, if a qualified voter and a resident of the same school district. Education Law Section 2018-d (1)(b)

1. Contact the school by mail, e-mail, or fax to request that an application be sent to them;
2. A valid application must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 22, 2021.
3. Complete the ballot, fold it and enclose it in a special marked envelope, seal it, sign and date the oath;
4. Place the official ballot envelope in another envelope and mail it to the District Clerk. It must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election.



**Proposition 1 - General Budget**  
 Shall the Board of Education of the Scio Central School District, Allegany County, New York, be authorized to expend the sum set forth in the proposed 2021-22 budget in the amount of \$10,769,401?

**Proposition 2 - Purchase of One School Bus**  
 Shall the Board of Education of the Scio Central School District, Allegany County, New York, be authorized to purchase one 64-passenger diesel school bus, at a total purchase price not to exceed one hundred twenty-eight thousand eight hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$128,839), less any trade-in allowance, the balance to be financed by bonding over five (5) years, and to levy the necessary taxes?

**Proposition 3 – Scio Memorial Library**  
 Shall the Board of Education of the Scio Central School District, Allegany County, New York, be permitted to increase the tax levy for the Scio Memorial Library from \$25,450 to \$26,214?

**Election of One (1) Candidate to the Board of Education**  
 Vote for one (1):  
 One (1) five (5)-year term to expire 6/30/26

All vacancies are filled “at large”.  
 The candidate with the most number of votes will be elected to the board.

**Three Part Budget Summary**

New York State law requires all school districts to present their budgets divided into three expenditure categories: program, administrative, and capital.

**Includes:** salaries and benefits of teachers, guidance counselor, aides, nurses, etc.; teaching supplies, equipment and textbooks; library and instructional computer funds; athletics; and transportation costs (except bus purchases).

| Program   | Amount      | % of budget |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| 2020-2021 | \$7,753,962 | 70.52%      |
| 2021-2022 | \$7,559,995 | 70.20%      |

**Includes:** salaries and benefits of teachers, guidance counselor, aides, nurses, etc.; teaching supplies, equipment and textbooks; library and instructional computer funds; athletics; and transportation costs (except bus purchases).

| Administrative | Amount      | % of budget |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| 2020-2021      | \$1,122,760 | 10.21%      |
| 2021-2022      | \$1,106,077 | 10.27%      |

**Includes:** debt service on buildings; bus purchases; custodial costs including salaries and benefits of maintenance workers; and all facilities costs, including supplies, utilities, and repairs.

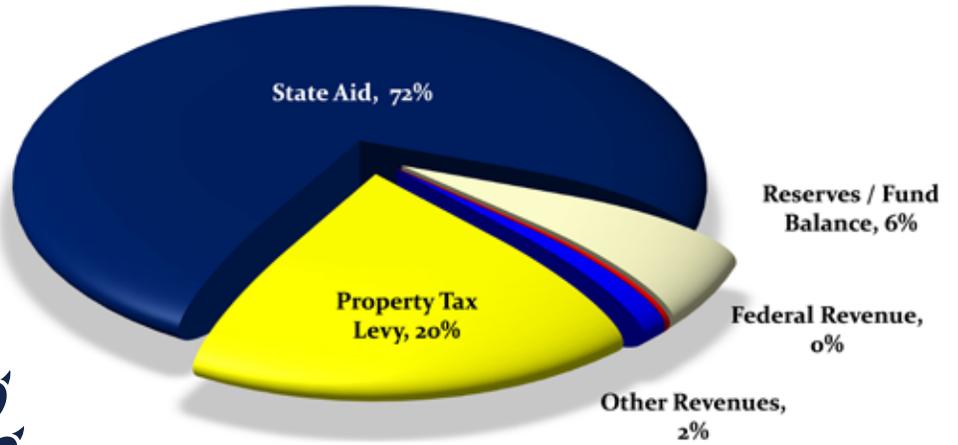
| Capital   | Amount      | % of budget |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| 2020-2021 | \$2,118,613 | 19.27%      |
| 2021-2022 | \$2,103,329 | 19.53%      |



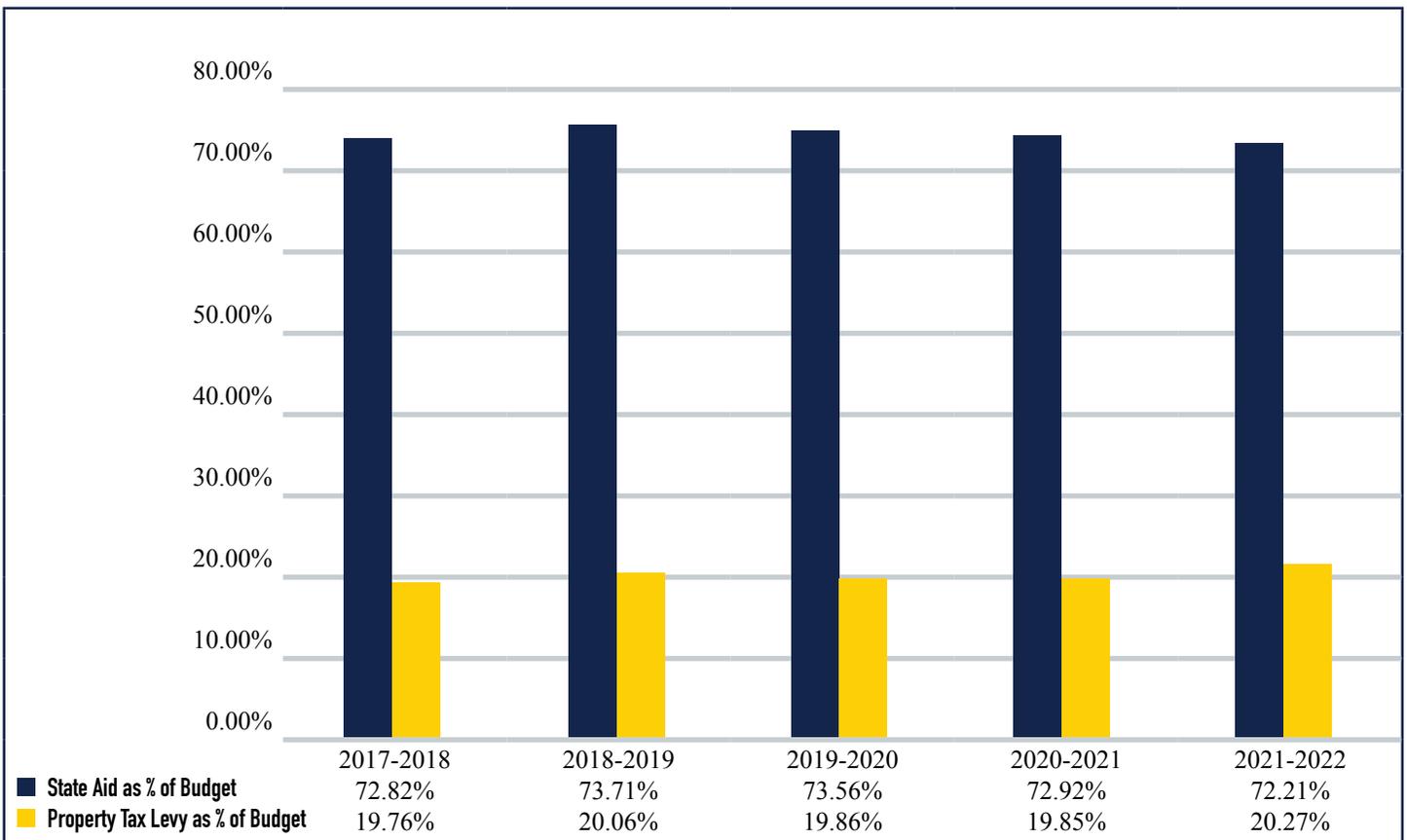
# 2021-2022 Budget & Revenue Estimates

## Proposed 2021-2022 Revenue Distribution

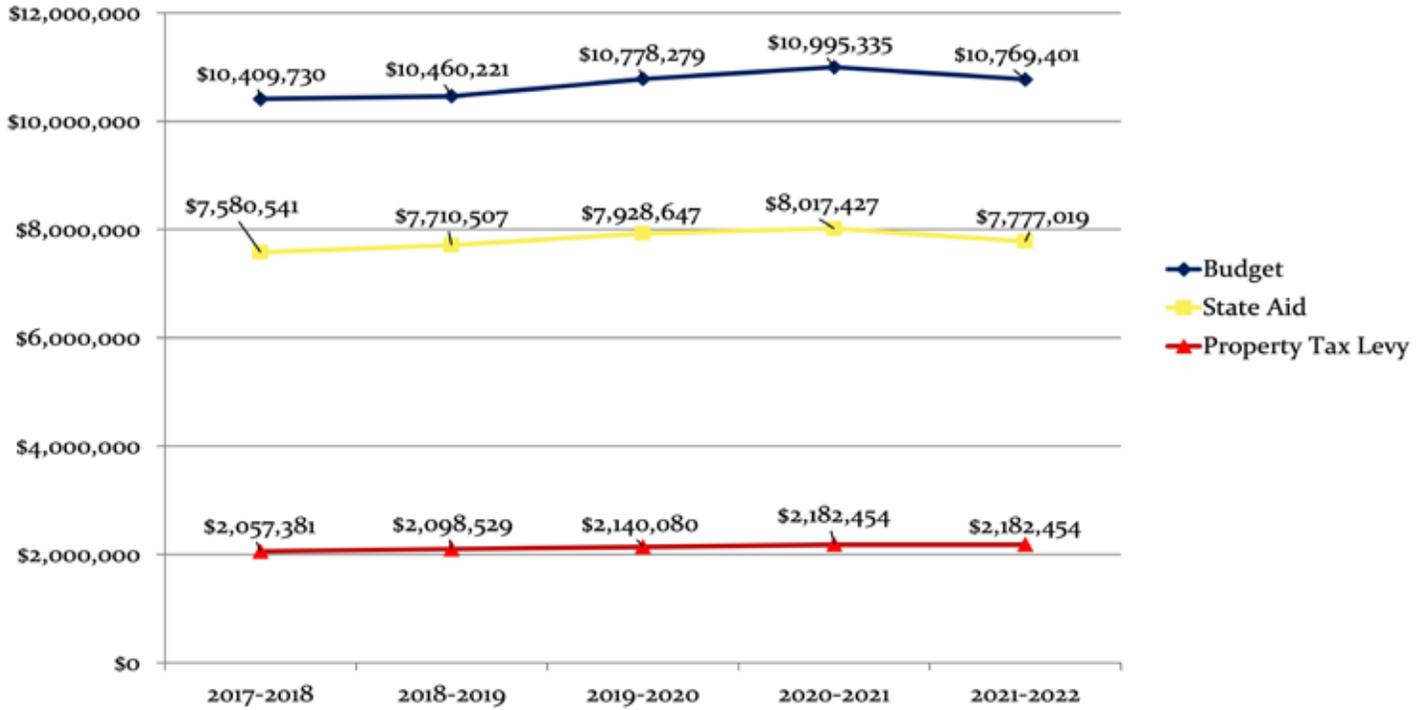
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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| State Aid               | \$7,777,019         |
| Reserves / Fund Balance | \$640,528           |
| Federal Revenue         | \$27,000            |
| Other Revenues          | \$142,400           |
| Property Tax Levy       | \$2,182,454         |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>\$10,769,401</b> |



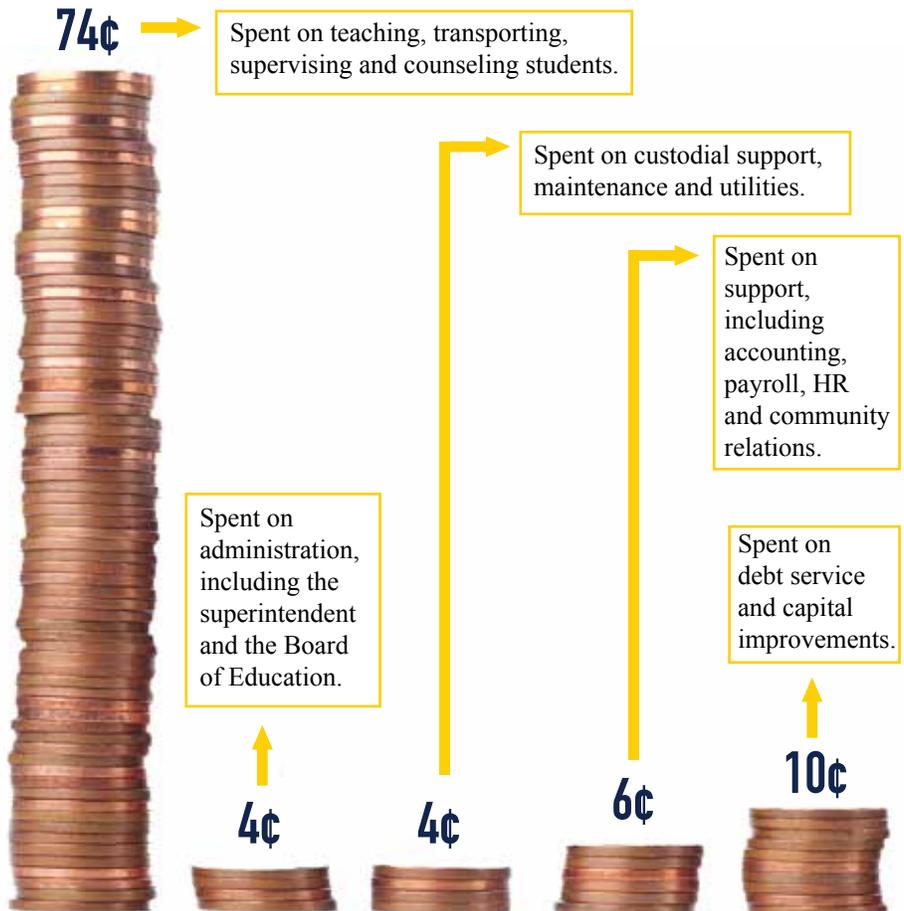
## State Aid & Property Tax Levy as a % of the Budget



# 5-Year Budget History



## Funds Spent to Help Each Student Succeed





Stay up-to-date at:  
<http://www.scio.wnyric.org>

### 3rd Graders Enjoying a Fun Winter Day



### Home and Career



Home and Career students enjoying making and eating healthy salads and salad dressings.



# Trap Club





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 Scio, NY 14880  
<http://www.scio.wnyric.org>

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 Olean, NY  
 14760

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Loren Knapp, President  
 Melanie Ryan, Vice President  
 Daniel Fuller  
 Jon Nickerson  
 David Roberts  
 Robert Thompson  
 Mary Weimer

*or Current Resident*

**POSTAL PATRON**

**CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION**

Jennifer Cappelletti, Superintendent of Schools  
 Dr. Cristy McKinley, PK-12 Principal  
 Kelly Morehouse, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

**Ski Club**



Advisors: Mr. Canfield and Mrs. Vegder

