



SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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DR. SEUSS WEEK WAS GOOD FUN!

In February, our elementary Tigers spent an entire week celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday. We had lots of good fun with days like pajama day, career day, wacky mismatched clothes day, crazy socks and hat day. We also welcomed one of our favorite guest readers to the elementary library - The Cat in the Hat (aka: Nancy Beaton).

The fun didn't end in the library! Our STEM teacher Mrs. Simmons was also inspired by Dr. Seuss for her lessons that week.

It was the best of the best and wherever we go it will top all the rest! Thanks to all our staff, students, and friends who made this a memorable and FUN week!



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND EXTENDED

THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL THURSDAY-MONDAY, MAY 23 - MAY 27. ENJOY!

News From the Superintendent:

By Mrs. Jennifer Cappelletti

Greeting Scio Families,

As we welcome everyone back from spring break, our students in grades 3-8 are preparing to take their NYS ELA assessments this week. Coincidentally, the WNY Reading Report Card was recently released, and we are proud to report that Scio Central School was one of four rural districts acknowledged as a **2022-2023 ELA Gold Medal Winner**. The metrics involved in determining this status used data such as NYSED proficiency scores, economically disadvantaged norming, and improvement in scores compared to other rural districts. Using their methodology, Scio scored in the 99th percentile and 2 standard deviations above other Western New York rural schools in our **effectiveness with early literacy instruction**. We are very proud of our teaching staff and their desire to always keep improving their instruction.

For the past two years, our students have been provided with the opportunity for some fun, academic, enrichment and physical activities through the ARP/ESSER after-school grant funding. Our families have responded positively to these types of events, and we will be working to keep several of these opportunities available in the upcoming years. These events included such as Back to School night, Math and STEM night, an upcoming Literacy Night, family skating nights, and a variety of after-school enrichment offerings.



Our YMCA Extended School Day program also provides a variety of activities for our students. As this grant continues, we will continue to collaborate to provide opportunities for our students and families.

With Scio Pride,

Jen Cappelletti



February was CTE Month

In February, we caught up with our juniors and seniors who attend BOCES in Belmont. They were excited to share their passion for programs like:

- *Animal Sciences*
- *Automotive Technology*
- *Cosmetology*
- *Criminology*
- *Early Childhood Education*
- *Media Communications*
- *Medical Assisting*
- *Natural Resources*
- *Welding*

It's exciting to see our Tigers working on things they love!



STEM Classes Prepare for Total Eclipse

All students in kindergarten through sixth grade STEM classes made a pinhole projector from cardboard boxes recently. They also made necklaces using UV beads and glow-in-the-dark string, which allows them to observe the changing color of the beads in the sunlight, similar to the sun being out with the shadow during the solar eclipse.

Classes also had an opportunity to model how solar eclipses happen with foam balls. They all enjoyed learning how a smaller moon can block the sun and leave behind a shadow.

Thank you to our Scio families and friends who donated cardboard boxes so all our elementary students could make an eclipse viewer.



Sign Up Now for the Summer Program

Enrichment activities, swimming, physical activity, and a whole bunch of fun is on the schedule for the annual Summer Program this year.

Open to students entering Kindergarten through sixth grade in the fall, the program will run from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 15 through August 1.

The program is free and includes daily breakfast and lunch.

Swimming will be at the Wellsville pool each week and other trips will be planned.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Wight at vwight@sciocsd.org.



Schoolwide Art Show Set for May

Join us once again for our PreK through 12th -grade art show in the high school gym during the budget vote and School Board election on May 21. This year's theme is The Wonders of Nature.

Last year, visitors to the show were treated to the inspired artwork of Scio Tigers of all ages. Parents, family, friends were wowed by the talent brought out of our students by elementary art teacher Mrs. Preston and middle/high school art teacher Ms. Straight.

This year's show will be just as outstanding so do not miss it.



Elementary Artists Busy Creating

There are always so many wonderful things happening in Mrs. Preston's elementary art room. Her artists have been busy creating and painting pottery, learning new mediums, and mastering old ones. Huge thanks to Ms. Straight and her students for their time and help with the firing process. We really appreciate the care you put into our works of art!



New Employees

Let's give a big Tiger welcome to Melanie Cornell, our new Teacher Aide!

Mrs. Cornell lives in Alfred Station and has three children. She loves to garden, fish and spend time with her family, especially her grandbaby.



Welcome, welcome, welcome to Kayla Sheridan, our new main office secretary.

She has one child and lives in Wellsville.

Ms. Sheridan previously worked in ISS programs at Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES, where she also planned and ran student competitions like Scholastic Challenge, VEX Robotics, First Lego League and Odyssey of the Mind.



Five Inducted into NHS

The Scio Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) welcomed new members into its ranks in February. Congratulations Nathan Griffiths, Landon Davenport, Jocelyn Nickerson, Cassidy Scholla, and Liam Smith.



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NHS
Blood Drive

SAVE THE DATE for the National Honor Society (NHS) blood drive from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on May 13 at the school.

Sign up now at www.redcrossblood.org and enter Scio's zip code to find our drive.

PRE-K SCREENING | APRIL 30, 2024

PACKETS WERE MAILED HOME OVER SPRING BREAK TO THOSE FAMILIES WHO ALREADY REGISTERED THEIR CHILDREN. IF YOU STILL NEED TO REGISTER A CHILD, PLEASE CALL KIM WALSH IN OUR MAIN OFFICE AT 585-593-5510.



Duncan Kirkwood Returns to Scio for a Visit

We were honored to bring Duncan Kirkwood back to campus to present his program *Likes Don't Define You: Mastering Self-Confidence in the Age of Social Media* to Scio and Friendship high school students. Students continue to be engaged in his conversations, learning about how social media is altered by algorithms and the impact on body image, self-esteem issues, and unhealthy habits in search of validation.



Math & STEM Night



Third and Fourth Math Groups



Third-grade math class.



Fourth-grade math class.

Winter Sports Senior Nights

Congratulations to the following athletes and their families for celebrating Senior Night in their chosen sports: Tyler Nickerson in Boys Basketball, Jamie Foster and Nora Thompson in Cheerleading, and Sophie Bolzan in Girls Basketball. We will miss you!

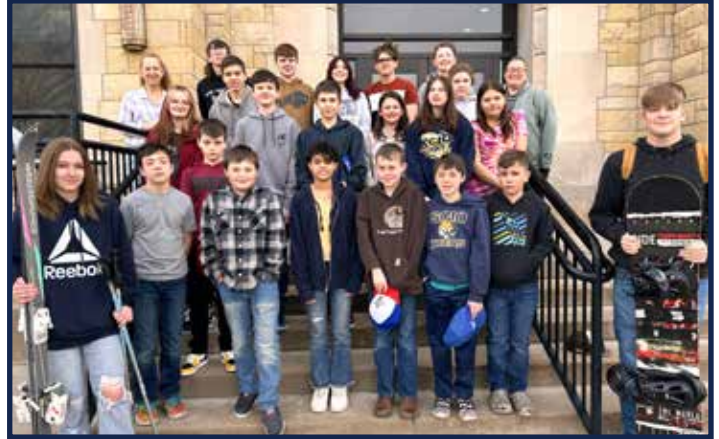


Hall of Fame Inductee

Congratulations to Tanya Tucker-Scholla for being inducted into the Allegany County Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Tanya was one of 11 inductees receiving this award from Allegany County. A 1993 graduate, Tanya excelled in all three sports she played (soccer, basketball, softball) in Scio, continuing her softball career at SUNY Geneseo.



Ski Club Says Bye, Bye to Winter



Lions Club Makes Donation

THANK YOU to Laura Kintner, Curt Burdick and the entire Scio Lion's Club for donating \$250 to our Clothing Closet and \$150 to the Nurse's Office. Your generosity will make a difference to our students.



Scio Musicians Represent District at All County

Several of our middle and high school students performed with the top school musicians in Allegany County at two All County concerts in March.

On March 2, Jamie Foster, Brea Williams, Liam Smith, Cole Davenport, S.J. Wade, and Tyler Nickerson performed with the Senior High Choir, Senior High Jazz Band, and Junior High Band at Houghton University.

Then, on March 16 at Alfred University, Aubrey Beckhorn, Leah Billings, Rhiley Kruger, Leah Murray, Brielle Allen, Colby Beckhorn, Elinor Cook, Avery Lunn, Addy Sekoll, Abigale Watson, Nate Griffiths, and Hailey Illerbrun performed in the Sixth Grade Choir, Junior High Choir and Senior High Band concerts.

Congratulations to all our musicians on being chosen to represent the district at All County.



May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesdays	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6 Staff Appreciation Week	7 NYS 3-8 Math Assmt.	8 NYS 3-8 Math Assessment BOE Mtg. 6:30pm	9 5-12th Spring Concert	10 NYSSMA Solo Fest Fillmore	11 NYSSMA Solo Fest Fillmore
12 Happy Mother's Day	13 NHS/Red Cross Blood Drive	14	15 NYS 5 & 8 Science Assessment	16 Literacy Family Night	17	18
19	20	21 Art Show 12-8:00pm Annual District Mtg. 12-8:00pm BOE Mtg. 7:00pm	22	23 Offices Closed	24 Offices Closed	25
26	27 Memorial Day Offices Closed	28	29	30	31	

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesdays	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Regents Exam	5 Graduation Walk	6 Small Ensemble Concert 6pm	7	8
9	10 Sports Awards @ Friendship 6:00pm	11 PK-4th Spring Concert	12 BOE Mtg. 6:30pm	13 Last Day of School for 7-12th.	14 Regents Exams	15
16 Happy Father's Day	17 Regents Exams	18 Grades PK-3 Field Day Regents Exams	19 Juneteenth Offices Closed	20 Grades 4-6 Field Day Regents Exams	21 Regents Exams PK & K Celebrations	22
23	24 1/2 Day for PK-6 Regents Exams	25 1/2 Day & Last Day for PK-6	26	27	28 Graduation	29
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Message Regarding Our 2024-2025 District Budget

Greetings from Jon Cucchiaro, your new business administrator! I wanted to introduce myself and personally invite you to the budget presentation on Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary auditorium. My goal with our budget is to always provide the best education possible for your children while being fiscally responsible and open with the community.

Development of the budget occurs over several months beginning in early January. The administrative team has carefully considered how to best allocate limited resources to achieve our educational goals. This involves assessing academic and special education programming, the social and emotional needs of our students, and transportation requirements.

I look forward to meeting you! The team and I appreciate your time and consideration of our 2024-2025 budget.

Scio Central School District
Public Hearing on the Proposed 2024-25 Budget
Wednesday, May 8, 2024 • 6:30 p.m.
Elementary Auditorium

Annual District Meeting/Budget Vote
Tuesday, May 21, 2024
12:00 Noon - 8:00 p.m.
Foyer of Rigby Gymnasium

Voting and Early Mail Ballot 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 21, 2024;
3. a resident of the district for at least 30 days preceding the vote.

Board Member Vacancies

Two (2) - Five (5) Year Terms

To fill the expired term of office of Mr. Daniel Fuller and the unexpired term of office of Mrs. Mary Weimer, currently held by Ms. Jessica Ayres.

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



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, or physical disability;
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 or Early Mail Ballot

A qualified voter of the Scio Central School District voting by absentee or early mail 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.



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, 2024.
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.



On May 21, you will be voting on the following:

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 2024-25 budget in the amount of \$11,755,945?

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 66-passenger diesel school bus, at a total purchase price not to exceed one hundred sixty-five thousand eight hundred eighty-seven dollars (\$165,887), 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 \$36,168 to \$41,593?

Election of Two (2) Candidates to the Board of Education

Vote for two (2):

Two (2) five (5)-year terms to expire 6/30/29

All vacancies are filled “at large.”

The candidates with the greatest 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
2023-24	\$ 8,289,951	71.62%
2024-25	\$ 8,292,514	70.54%

Includes: salaries and benefits of administrators who spend most of their time performing supervisory duties and related support staff; salary and benefits of school security staff; insurance costs; legal

expenses; public information; business office operations; and Board of Education expenses.

Administrative	Amount	% of budget
2023-24	\$ 1,240,861	10.72%
2024-25	\$ 1,293,193	11.00%

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.

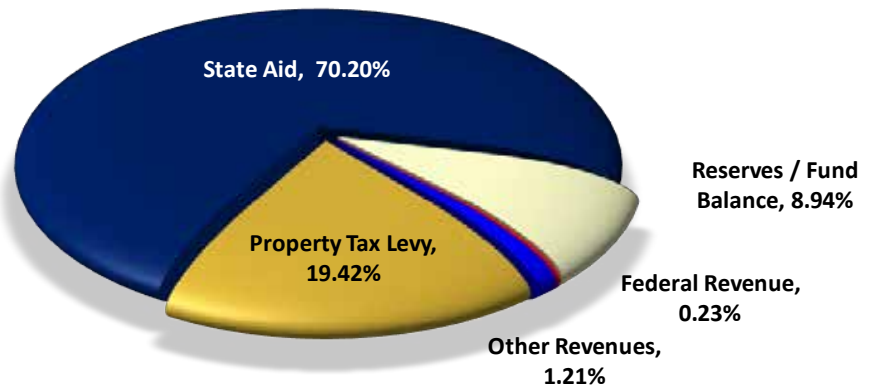
Capital	Amount	% of budget
2023-24	\$ 2,044,116	17.66%
2024-25	\$ 2,170,238	18.46%



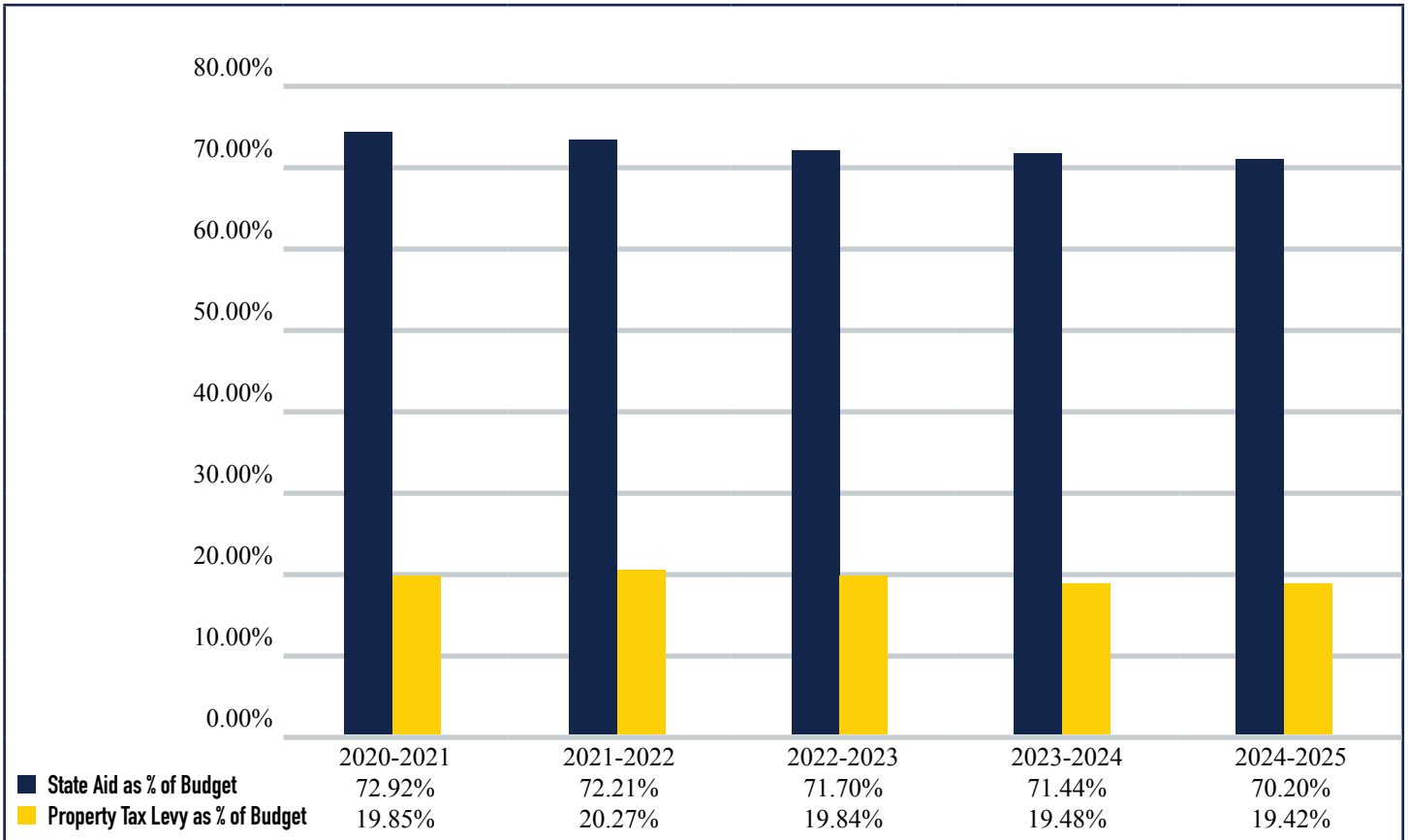
2024-2025 Budget & Revenue Estimates

State Aid	\$8,252,556
Reserves / Fund Balance	\$1,051,060
Federal Revenue	\$27,000
Other Revenues	\$142,400
Property Tax Levy	\$2,282,929
Total	\$11,755,945

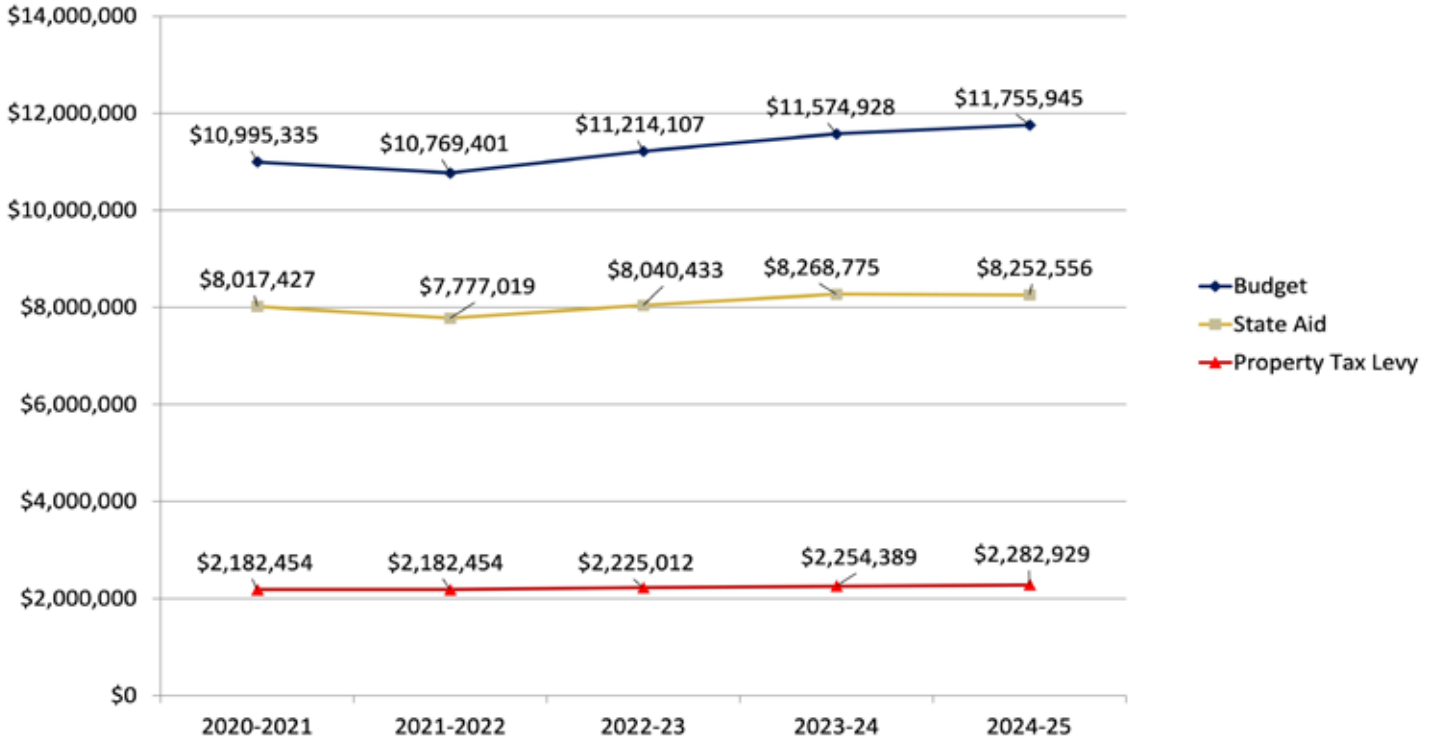
Proposed 2024-2025 Revenue Distribution



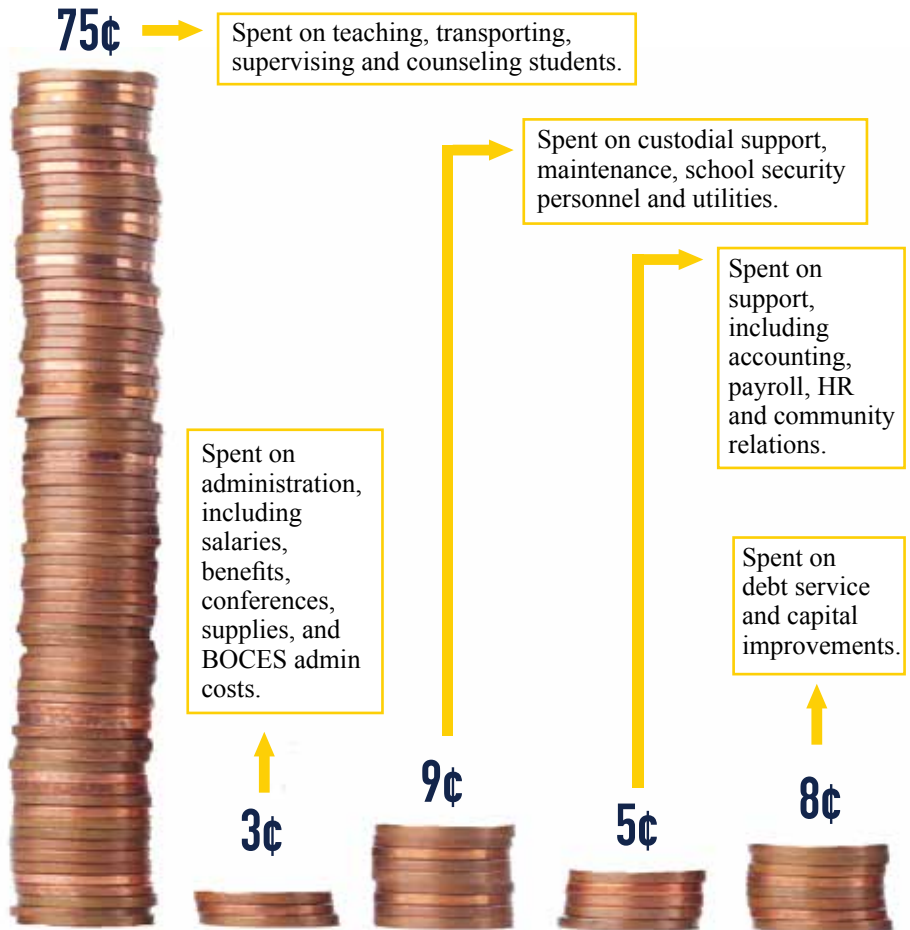
State Aid & Property Tax Levy as a Percentage of the Budget



5-Year Budget History



Funds Spent to Help Each Student Succeed



Scio Memorial Library Update

Hours: Tuesday and Wednesday noon to 7 p.m.,
Thursday 1 to 5 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Like us on Facebook: Scio Memorial Library to stay up to date with all our shenanigans or check out the front or back door of the library for upcoming events.

Let's celebrate our 2024 graduates! Stop in for photos anytime we are open.



April, May, and June:

- **Programs:** Need time to relax and refresh? Join our Silent Book Club. Stop in on Wednesday from 5-6:30 to relax and read.
- **Crafts:** Mother's Day, Father's Day and any day crafts throughout the month.
- **Board Meetings:** The second Thursday of each month at 11 a.m.: May 9 and June 13.
- Last Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. join us for a **Senior Craft and Coffee**.
- **Save the Date:** April 9-11: Stop in anytime for National Library Week. T-Sandwiches on Tuesday, Read aloud on Wednesday and Kids Fun Day on Thursday.
- **April 23 and May 2:** Stop in anytime; **Budget Talk** learn about the library budget before the May School budget vote. We want you to know and feel assured as to what your tax dollars are used for.
- **April 30:** Painting with Tiffany 5-7 p.m. Wooden Painting Class: Must Call (585) 593-4816 to sign up.
- **June 15:** Community Carnival at the library noon-4 p.m. **Live Music:** Anton Flint and Adam Stack noon-2 p.m. Lots of games and fun. Bring a lawn chair.
- **Summer Reading:** July 9-Aug. 16. We have so many things planned we can't name them all. Summer reading is for all ages.

Tigers Had Strong Showing in Reading Olympics

Elementary librarian Mrs. Beaton put out a challenge to our elementary readers – The Reading Olympics. She challenged our students to complete a series of reading challenges by the end of March to earn reading glory, a gold medal and lunch in the library. The challenges included Synchronized Reading, Triathlon, Marathon, Coach Time, and Create a Game Plan.

Our winners were:

First Grade: Briar Geisel and Mackenzie Muntz

Second Grade: Rhyan Fanton, Madalyn James, Lelynn Kane, Kylie Muntz, Emma White, Jalyne Beaton, Avery Cole and Adeline Robbins.

Third Grade: Jaxon Beaton, Sophia Brainard, Maddox Brenna, Mila Davenport, Rory Fuller, Blake Goodridge, Westin Hila, Matthew Lewis, Evan Schrader, Livia Teeters, Adalynn Wheeler, Jaxon Williams, Logan Austin, Brayden Cook, Kayson Grover, Kylie Keiser, Liam McMillan, Kendall Nickerson, Merrick Pforter, Jaxson Tolfá, Harper Willow and Gabe Wilson

Fifth Grade: Zain Dannheim, Nash Davenport, Zane Dodson, Jaxson Fanton, Emma Kruger, Avery Lounsberry, Hunter Perry, Logan Teeters, Aidon White, Eian Brainard, Dakota Carl, Owen Grabowski, Ruby Middaugh, JoHanna Talvi and Maddox Volk.

Sixth Grade: Aubrey Beckhorn, Hannah Davenport, Sophia Nola-Rivera, Glenn Norman, Chase Saxton, Zack Sherlock-Middaugh, Brooklyn Apperson, Jacob Johnson, Rhiley Kruger, Connor Robbin, and Alexander Ryan.



Congratulations to everyone!



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 Jonathan Cucchiaro, Business Administrator

Awesomeness Award Winners

You don't have to look too far to catch our students being awesome to each other. These students given Awesomeness Awards by our faculty and staff for making good choices: Scott Lewis, Avery Cole, Kinsley Crawford, Ma'Kenzie Fisher, Westin Hilla, Brooklyn Apperson, Austin Claire, Payton Kamrowski, Oakley Willets, Tucker James, Kaydon Geffers and Khaleesi Magee.

