



# News & Notes

following the Board of Educa. on Meeting of April 18, 2023



## BOARD OK's Proposals to go before voters on May 16

### Proposition 1

The Board of Education on Tuesday night approved a 2023-24 budget proposal in the amount of \$64,484,689 to be presented at the annual vote on May 16.

**Anticipated tax levy increase: 1.95%**

(This is below the tax cap limit of 6.17%.)

This is an average increase of approximately \$37.88 on a \$100,000 home (before STAR savings).

### Proposition 2

Also on the May 16th ballot will be a proposition for two replacement vehicles: one 71-passenger electric bus and one 30-passenger gasoline bus, for a total cost of \$545,910.12.

**Anticipated tax levy increase: None.**

(This purchase will be funded by State Aid and the sale of older buses.)

### Proposition 3

Voters also will cast their ballots on a 2023 \$59.5 million Capital Improvement Project.

**Anticipated tax levy increase: None.**

(The proposed project would be paid for using a combination of State Building Aid, expiring debt service, and the Capital Reserve Fund established by voters several years ago.)

### Proposition 4

And voters will elect two members to fill expiring seats on the Board of Education.

Running for these seats, in the order they will appear on the ballot, are: Kristen Bauer (i), Justin Nephew, Michael Franey (i), and Megan Smaldino.

***Voting is 9 a.m.—9 p.m., Tuesday, May 16 in the High School District Office Lobby.***

## April 18, 2023 Board of Education Meeting Personnel Actions

### Probationary Appointments of ...

**Ashley Siragusa**, Special Education teacher (effective on/about 4/13/23)

**Jacinta Garcia**, Teaching Assistant

(effective 4/19/23). She will be assigned as the My Brother's Keeper Academic & Cultural Competence Coordinator, which is grant-funded.

**Catherine Buzanski**, Personal Care Aide (effective on/about 4/10/23)

**Marissa Dombrowski**, Personal Care Aide (effective on/about 4/18/23)

### Temporary Appointment of ...

**Sarah Fitzpatrick**, elementary teacher (effective on/about 4/24/23)

### Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement ...

**Diane Tighe**, Senior Clerk Typist (effective 9/12/23)

## A Look at Community Education



**Christine Starks**

Building/Program Administrator Christine Starks provided a Community Education overview to the Board of Education on Tuesday night, and the numbers look good. Driver Education this Fall was back up to 16 students after the COVID interruption. Pre-Licensing (5-hour) course participation varies from 8-16 students.

Participation bounced way up for Fitness Center participation, up to 231 participants from just 150 pre-COVID. Indoor Track participation holds steady at 79 participants.

Enrollment in the seven-week Eagles Landing summer recreation program jumped up this past year from a typical 100 students, to 163 students. Holiday Valley Ski Club, which usually sees 30-40 participants, doubled to 82 students.

Community Ed also offers yoga, CPR/AED, SAT/ACT prep, notary public, and Pound (an exercise class with drumsticks and that sounds like fun!).



Students and staff representing Lake Shore’s Native American programs met with State Education Department officials during their visit to learn more about programs for Seneca Nation students attending Lake Shore, Gowanda and Silver Creek schools.

## Seneca Program Insights Draw SED reps to Lake Shore

You may have seen Elisa Alvarez, Associate Commissioner from the Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages, at the High School last week, accompanied by six other representatives from the State Education Department.

Their morning began with a visit to Silver Creek Schools, then moved to Lake Shore for a day-long series of observations and discussions about programs for Seneca Nation students attending Gowanda, Silver Creek and Lake Shore schools, including how the Seneca Language Grant is used in these districts.

In addition to hearing from teachers and administrators from Gowanda, Silver Creek, and the Seneca Education Department, the group

heard from Lake Shore’s Melissa Bergler, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction; Mike Drezek, Technology Integrator; Daniel Pacos, Superintendent; Stacey Purpera, Teaching Assistant and Title VI Coordinator; Jordan Cooke, Seneca Language Teacher (High School), and Aedzaniyo Renee Seneca, Seneca Language Teacher (Middle School).

Participating in a student panel were Lake Shore’s Kyrie Buffalo, Kate Kennedy, Laelle Jimerson, Maston Waterman, Lilyanna Valadez and Korbin Bonafede.

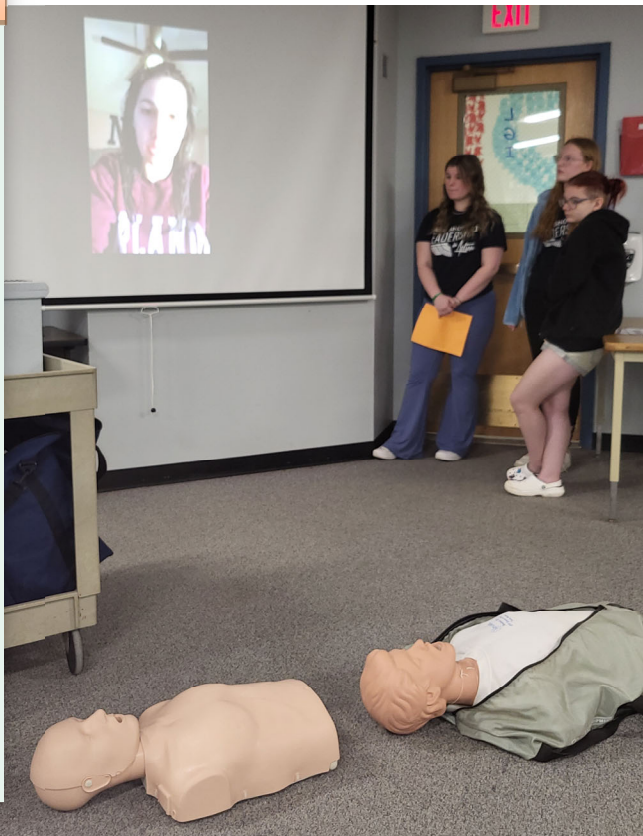
The SED representatives also met with Lake Shore’s World Language teachers and Native American programs’ staff.

### Getting to the Heart of Things

Sophomores Danny Chaplin, Mary Campbell and Kyla Karnuth were among the Leadership in Action students who presented to spring sports coaches and captains/seniors on CPR and use of AEDs.

Josephine "JoJo" Coleman (Class of 2008) also participated, via video. Now working as a nurse, JoJo said the use of CPR and AEDs typically occurs in stressful situations where emotions run high. She discussed how rescuers may experience post-traumatic reactions after providing CPR.

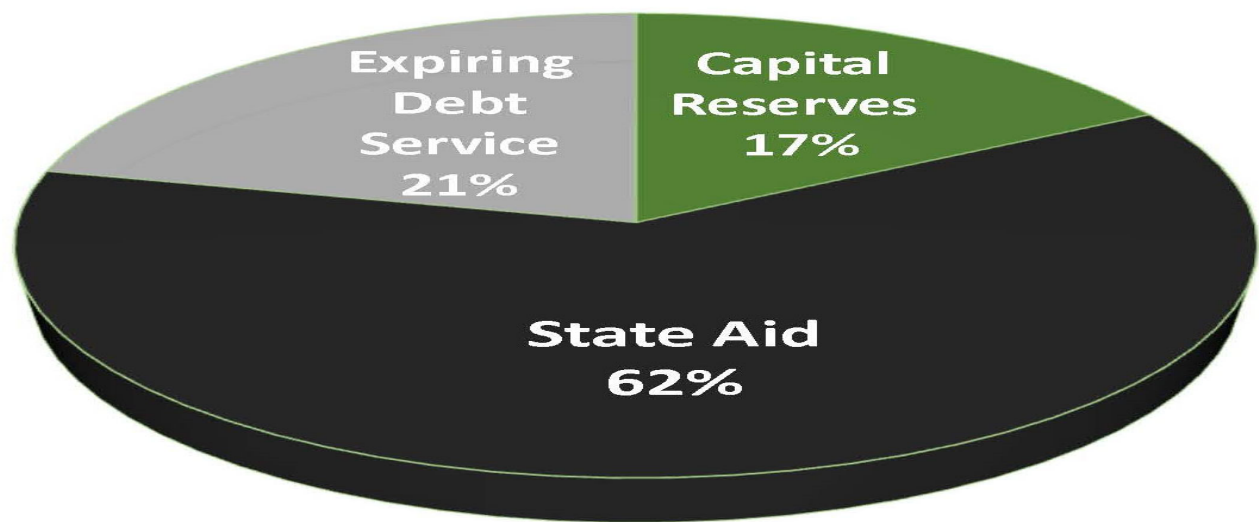
Their presentation was shared in a #Global Student Showcase session hosted by the Digital Citizenship Institute.



# Lake Shore Can Make Important School Improvements

*at ZERO additional local tax impact*

**This is how the proposed 2023 Capital Improvement Project would be funded:**



## ZERO Additional Local Tax Project Set for May 16 Vote

The Board of Education has approved the financial and project scope for a 2023 Capital Improvement Project proposal that will have no additional tax impact. Instead, the \$59.5 million project will be paid for using a combination of State Building Aid, expiring debt service, and the Capital Reserve Fund established by voters several years ago.

Because voter approval is required to allow the expenditure of these funds, this proposal will be on the ballot at the May 16 annual vote. With this funding approach, we can complete work that was cost prohibitive in previous capital project initiatives, along with current required repair and replacement projects.

For additional details, see our 2023 Capital Improvement Project web page [HERE](#).

<div>High School</div> <div>Air Conditioning (This allows windows to remain closed at all times, providing additional security while still getting air flow and ventilation in the building.)</div> <div>Athletics Complex Softball/Baseball</div> <div>Turf, Sidewalks, Fencing</div> <div>Baseball Dugouts (Concrete Masonry Units)</div> <div>Earthwork &amp; Storm Requirements</div> <div>Standard Scoreboard, Parking Lot, Lighting</div> <div>High School Renovations</div> <div>Restrooms</div> <div>Relief Hoods, Drinking Fountains</div> <div>Exhaust Fans</div> <div>Boiler Replacement</div> <div>Steam Trap Replacement</div> <div>ADA Signage</div> <div>Rooftop Solar Electrical Panels</div> <div>Rooftop Solar Structural Requirements</div> <div>RegROUT Pool Tile</div> <div>Roofing Replacement at BOCES wing</div>	<div>High School Site Work</div> <div>Replace Fencing</div> <div>Main Front Entry</div> <div>Baseball Regrade, Under Drain</div> <div>High School Athletics Complex</div> <div>Grandstands &amp; Press Box</div> <div>Repair Eagle Drive Along Fields</div> <div>Repair Eagle Drive Sidewalks With Concrete</div> <div>High School Athletics Complex Multipurpose Fields</div> <div>Multipurpose turf fields, sidewalks, fencing, netting, multipurpose equipment, earthwork and storm requirements, standard scoreboard, parking lot</div> <div>High School Athletics Complex Scope</div> <div>Sidewalks, fencing, athletic lighting, track, earthwork and storm requirements, video scoreboard, parking lot and lighting, and sanitary requirements</div>
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# Lake Shore Central School District 2023 Capital Improvement Project Proposal Key Elements Con't ...

## Capital Improvement Scope Districtwide

**William G. Houston Middle School**  
Repair/Replace Portion of Foundation Wall

**A.J. Schmidt Elementary School**  
Flat Roof Replacement

**Highland Elementary School**  
Flat Roof Replacement

**J.T. Waugh Elementary School**  
Flat Roof Replacement  
Gym Roof

**W.T. Hoag Educational Center**  
Flat Roof Replacement



## Transportation

Roof Replacement  
Thru Wall Flashing Replacement  
Rooftop HVAC Unit Replacement  
Parking Lot Conduit for Future Electric Buses  
Concrete Gutter Replacement  
Power Gate  
Storm Work

## Among the proposed projects are:

**A.** Turf for Softball/Baseball/Multi-Purpose Fields. Earthwork and storm requirements, athletic lighting, side-walks, fencing, baseball dugouts

**B.** Air conditioning for High School, for both enhanced security (windows can be kept closed) and comfort during the warmer months.

**C.** Rooftop solar arrays so the District can generate its own electricity and help save money on utilities.

**D.** Repair of crumbling section of Middle School foundation at the 3-story instructional wing

**E.** The NYS-required five-year Building Conditions Survey identified roofing replacements, mechanical system upgrades, and replacement of the High School's front entrance ramp and stairway as items to be addressed.

