

## AT-A-GLANCE

Proposed Budget:  
**\$129,300,000**

Tax Levy Increase:  
**2.99%**

Spending Increase:  
**2.74%**

BUDGET 2024-2025 EDITION

# VALLEY CENTRAL

SCHOOL DISTRICT



**VOTE ON  
MAY 21, 2024**

**6 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

Valley Central High School  
Gymnasium

**VOTER  
REGISTRATION  
DAY**

**May 14, 2024**

**3-7 p.m.**

Valley Central  
Administration  
Building

**VOTER  
ELIGIBILITY**

- U.S. citizen
- School district resident for at least 30 days
- 18 years of age by May 21, 2024
- Registered to vote with the School District and/or County Board of Elections

**ABSENTEE &  
EARLY MAIL  
BALLOTS**

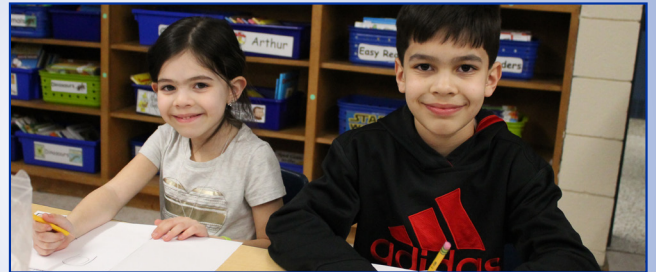
Applications for absentee & early mail ballots are available on the District website or from the Office of the District Clerk.

**MORE INFORMATION**

**VCSDNY.ORG**



A high school student puts finishing touches on an original clay pumpkin sculpture.



Collaborative learning happens in elementary classrooms when intermediate students are teamed with primary students on literary projects.

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**Evette Avila**  
Superintendent  
of Schools

## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

District residents will go to the polls on Tuesday, May 21st to vote on a 2024-2025 proposed budget of \$129,300,000 that includes a tax levy increase of 2.99% which is below the district's calculated tax levy limit of 5.66%. This budget is designed to prioritize student achievement and fiscal sustainability. We have worked diligently to develop a fiscally responsible, balanced budget that supports educational programs, accounts for rising costs, preserves an adequate fund balance and is mindful of the financial impact to taxpayers, while at the same time ensuring the stability and the long-term health of our schools.

The proposed budget incorporates reallocation of resources, including a reduction of staff through attrition, provides numerous extracurricular activities and athletic programs, including a new girls wrestling team, and continues to provide staff development opportunities, culturally inclusive educational programs, social emotional supports and services that meet the needs of all our students.

This year, the voters will consider two propositions. Proposition 1 is the yearly budget. Proposition 2 is a \$5.1 million capital project proposal that would result in no tax

impact and focus on renovations and necessary facility repairs at each school building. This project will focus on replacing exterior doors at our school buildings, updating dividers in cafeterias and gymnasiums across five school buildings, and replacing the slate roof at Montgomery Elementary. The pool filtration and heating systems and skylights will be replaced, as well as re-grouting of the pool deck. These capital project improvements will maintain ongoing upgrades to our facilities to provide a safe learning environment for all of our students and staff. The District currently receives approximately 73.4% building aid on eligible project expenses. Notably, this project will have no tax impact on residents and will be funded by a combination of state building aid and the District's capital reserve fund.

We have accomplished a great deal this year. District administrators, faculty and staff have focused on a sense of belonging, strengthening community and building consistency across the district. The staff worked hard to provide the best possible programs and extracurricular opportunities for all of our students.

At Valley Central, we work diligently every day to create a school district that the community can be proud of – a great place for children. Thank you for your support of our students and families. Please remember to vote on Tuesday, May 21st, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Valley Central High School.



# VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The information provided below is the "School District Budget Notice" as required by state law. School districts must distribute this notice, as prescribed, to all district residents.

## REQUIRED SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

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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	\$ 125,850,000	\$129,300,000	\$127,294,860
Increase/Decrease for the 2024-25 School Year		\$3,450,000	\$1,444,860
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.74 %	1.15%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.12%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$66,968,860	\$68,974,000	
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	\$66,968,860	\$68,974,000	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$66,968,860	\$68,974,000	\$66,968,860
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$870,044	\$1,001,965	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$69,689,050	\$69,760,051	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$66,098,816	\$67,972,035	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$3,590,234	\$1,788,016	
Administrative Component	\$11,070,877	\$11,156,368	\$11,136,368
Program Component	\$101,654,761	\$105,239,266	\$103,528,127
Capital Component	\$13,124,362	\$12,904,366	\$12,630,366

\* 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.

Pursuant to section 2023 of the Education Law, the Board of Education will comply with all laws and regulations relative to declaring ordinary contingent expenses in the event of a contingency budget for the 2024-25 school year. Salaries for professional educators and support personnel will be declared contingent expenses as well as costs necessary to maintain mandated educational programs, maintain and preserve District property, as well as costs to ensure 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
Proposition 2 - Renovation and Improvement of School District Facilities	\$5,100,000
	\$
	\$
	\$

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

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year

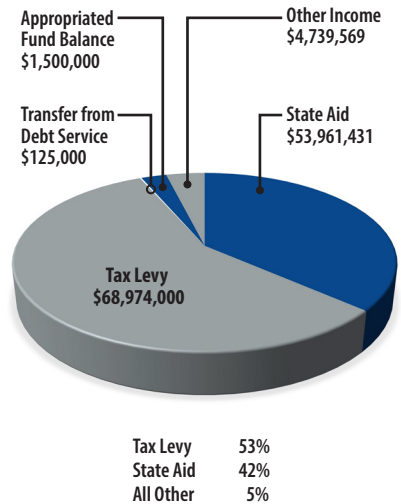
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings<sup>1</sup>

\$658

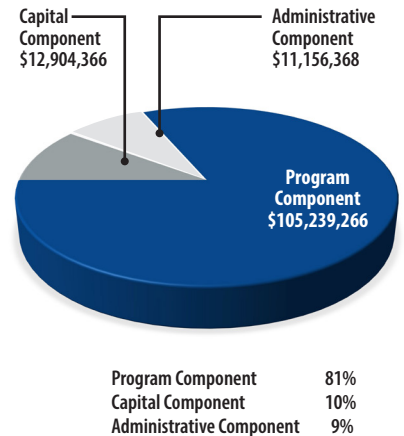
The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2024-25 by the qualified voters of the Valley Central School District, Orange County, New York, will be held at the Valley Central High School in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at between the hours of 6:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the gymnasium, 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.

## SOURCE OF FUNDS



## THREE-PART BUDGET



## BUDGET EXPENDITURES | TOTAL BUDGET \$129,300,000

**PROGRAM COMPONENT: \$105,239,266**  
**PERCENTAGE OF BUDGET: 81%**

The program component provides funding for the salaries and benefits of all teachers, guidance counselors, aides, monitors, psychologists, nurses, social workers, and speech therapists. The program component also includes the costs associated with all the instructional and extra-curricular programs, transportation and athletic activities.

**CAPITAL COMPONENT: \$12,904,366**  
**PERCENTAGE OF BUDGET: 10%**

The capital component provides funds for the operation and maintenance of Valley Central's school buildings, debt service, property tax refunds, tax certiorari and court-ordered costs, and the salaries and benefits for the maintenance and custodial staff.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT: \$11,156,368**  
**PERCENTAGE OF BUDGET: 9%**

The administrative component provides funding for the overall general support and management activities of the district, including the salaries and benefits of all professional members who spend 50% or more of their time in administration and supervision, curriculum development, clerical staff, public information, business office operations, and legal and auditing services.



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## ★ THE BOTTOM LINE ON TAX IMPACT

THE FOLLOWING REFLECTS THE ESTIMATED INCREASE IN SCHOOL TAXES UNDER THE PROPOSED TAX LEVY INCREASE OF 2.99%

2024-25 Average Cost to Taxpayer Based on Proposed Tax Levy

Full Value	Senior/STAR		STAR		No STAR	
	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual
\$200,000	\$4.42	\$53	\$6.42	\$77	\$7.50	\$90
\$300,000	\$8.17	\$98	\$10.17	\$122	\$11.25	\$135
\$400,000	\$11.92	\$143	\$13.92	\$167	\$15.00	\$180

This estimate is for illustrative purposes only and is an estimation based on full equalized value.

The chart to the left is broken down into three categories:



A senior citizen homeowner **receiving Enhanced STAR** (based on a \$81,400 equalized value exemption)



A homeowner **receiving STAR** (based on a \$30,000 equalized value exemption)



A homeowner **without STAR** (usually the case for a non-primary residence)

For information on the STAR Program: [www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star](http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star)



The Valley Central School District offers a **Senior Citizen Tax Exemption**, a **Veterans Tax Exemption**, and a **Volunteer Firefighter/Ambulance Worker Tax Exemption**. For more information about eligibility and applying for these exemptions, please contact the assessor's office in your town.

## PROPOSED ZERO TAX IMPACT CAPITAL PROJECT

### PROPOSITION 2 RENOVATION & IMPROVEMENT OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

#### VALLEY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

- + New Hard Divider Door Between Wrestling Room and Gymnasium

#### VALLEY CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

- + New Manual Curtain Screen Divider in Gymnasium
- + New Manual Curtain Screen Divider in Cafeteria
- + Exterior Door Replacement
- + Pool Boiler Replacement
- + Pool Filtration System Replacement
- + Pool Skylight Replacement
- + Re-grouting of the Pool Deck

#### BEREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- + New Manual Curtain Screen Divider in Gymnasium
- + Exterior Door Replacement
- + Replacement of Water Softener System

#### EAST COLDENHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- + New Manual Curtain Screen Divider in Gymnasium
- + Exterior Door Replacement

#### ALTERNATIVE LEARNING CENTER

- + Exterior Door Replacement

#### MONTGOMERY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- + New Manual Curtain Screen Divider in Gymnasium
- + Replacement of Existing Slate Roof Systems
- + Restore Central Tower at Slate Roof

#### WALDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- + Exterior Door Replacement

SCAN HERE FOR ADDITIONAL CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS AND AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION



### PROPOSITION 2 FUNDING FACTS

- + **NO TAX IMPACT** on taxpayer
- + **Would not Exceed \$5,100,000**
- + **Expect to receive approximately 73.4% in STATE AID**
- + **Capital Reserve funds of \$1,690,000 would be applied**





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