

Sandy Creek

Budget Edition 2019-2020

Central School
District
Newsletter



Budget Vote and Election

Tuesday,

May 21, 2019

12 Noon - 8:00 p.m.
Sandy Creek District
Office Board Room

Budget Hearing

Thursday,

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Sandy Creek High School Class of 2019 Valedictorian and Salutatorian Announced



Sandy Creek High School named their top two students for the Class of 2019. Valedictorian Margery Yousey, is pictured at left, and Salutatorian Samantha "Rosie" Walter, right, achieved the top academic spots.

Sandy Creek High School Interim Principal Maureen Shiel, named the top two students in the Class of 2019 recently.

Earning **Valedictorian** is Margery Yousey with a 98.51 GPA. Margery is the daughter of Jeffrey and Marie Yousey.

She plans to attend Binghamton University in the fall and as of yet is undecided on her major or career plans. In her time at Sandy Creek she has been involved in Robotics, Art Club, Drama Club, History Club, Battle of the Books, OCAY League, Book Club, National Honor Society, Science Club and SADD Club. Some of her favorite memories are from Art Club and Art Classes as well as her friends and going to the World Championships with the Robotics team. Her advice to the Junior Class is "do your work and participate in things so you don't regret not being involved." In her spare time, Margery enjoys being outside with her dog, napping, reading and playing video games. When asked, she said she had a lot

of favorite teachers for a lot of different reasons, but said, "Mr. Artini deserves a raise." (There may be a story there.) As far as what she will miss the most, she said it was being in classes that are so close-knit.

Salutatorian Samantha "Rosie" Walter earned the second highest GPA with a 97.97. She is the daughter of Kathy Towles and Paul Walter.

Rosie will attend RIT in the fall studying biomedical engineering. During her years at Sandy Creek she has been involved in Fall and Winter Cheer where she was Captain of the team, Softball, Student Council where this year she was president, National Honor Society, SADD Club, and is Senior Class President. She will miss all the teams she has been part of and one of her favorite memories is going to states for both softball and cheer. Her advice to juniors is "College government - it gets better!" In her spare time, Rosie enjoys outdoor activities including snowboarding, snowshoeing and 4-wheeling. Her favorite teacher is Ms. Halko, calling her a "gem" and saying "she made me like physics!" She will miss the close ties in class, like Margery did, adding that she had been in class with the same students in her math classes for all four years.

District Gives Back Unused Emergency Day on May 24th

The Sandy Creek Central School District was one of very few districts in Oswego County which did not use all of their allotted emergency days due to extraordinary weather conditions. Many districts in the Central New York area were forced to cut their Spring Break recess short to account for exceeding their emergency day allotment, but the Sandy Creek District is doing just the opposite. They have announced that May 24th will be added to the Memorial Day recess as they have not used all of their emergency days scheduled for this year. They still have one just in case.

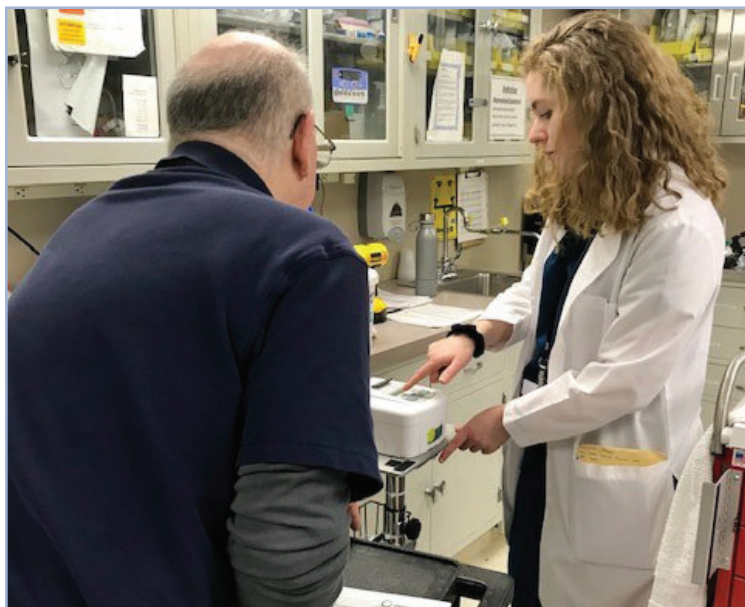
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Sandy Creek Top 10 Students for the Class of 2019

- 1- Margery Yousey
- 2- Samantha Walter
- 3- Caleigh Rosenbaum
- 4- Alexis Wolfe
- 5- Carly Lyndaker
- 6- Abigail Fitzpatrick
- 7- Bailey Fahnestock
- 8- Alaina Hathway
- 9- Alison Lantry
- 10- Jadyn Mullin



New Vision Provides Students With Career Experience



Sandy Creek senior, Abbey Fitzpatrick, is learning how to test and run diagnostics on a bi-pap machine for the respiratory department at Oswego Hospital from a Biomedical Engineer at the hospital.

Students at Sandy Creek have the opportunity to explore non-traditional career exploration options through the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation's (CiTi) career and technical education (CTE) programs. These programs give students experience in their field of interest years before the typical high school and college path. New Vision Allied Health is one such path for students interested in pursuing a career in the healthcare field. Other New Vision offerings include Law and Government and Specialized Careers.

In the half-day program, students earn four high school credits as well as 12 college credits along with additional credentials in First Aid, CPR and AED certifications. Classes are held at SUNY Oswego

It's a Good Thing to Get a Ticket in Middle School

If you get a ticket at Sandy Creek Middle School, it's probably because you were doing the right thing.

Earlier in the year, Middle School Principal Amy Molloy launched a new initiative to recognize students who often exhibited the Leader in Me 7 Habits, but would seldom be recognized for it. She began a positive behavior ticket program where staff could acknowledge students for their positive behavior by awarding them a ticket. At the end of five weeks, the total number of tickets awarded were added up and the results were impressive. A total of 89 tickets were awarded to 8th grade students, 73 to 7th graders and 43 to 6th grade. The top ticket earners at each grade level were rewarded with a special pizza lunch with Principal Molloy and three names were drawn at random from each grade level for a free ice cream to those winners.

A special bulletin board is set up in the hallway to track the progress and will be updated at the end of the final cycle later in May.

Molloy said she is pleased with the results and have gotten positive feedback from the teachers and students about the new reward system.

and Oswego Hospital and rotation sites aligned with the student's program may include local hospitals and health centers, private physician practices, pharmacies, and more in the health track and a wide range of opportunities tailored to the specialized career interest. Law and government rotation sites can include local law enforcement, private practice attorneys, Oswego County District Attorney's office, courtrooms, probation and more.

For consideration in the program, students must meet specific criteria for the program such as minimum GPA, attendance and other standards. They must also write an essay and have two educator recommendations and participate in a personal interview process. The intensive program immersion allows students the opportunity to explore the specifics of their career choice and talk to industry personnel about aspects of their career that other students not enrolled in the New Vision path would not have until much later in their college years.

Breakfast and Lunch Numbers Are Up With CEP



With the implementation of the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) in the Sandy Creek Central School District, the breakfast and lunch numbers have increased significantly. The CEP is a program by the United States Department of Agriculture where schools in low-income areas can provide free breakfast and lunch to all students regardless of income. The district applied for the provision based on their percentage of students who received free and reduced lunch or whose household is directly certified for assistance.

The meals are prepared by the district food service department following standard guidelines but are not pre-packaged meals from the government. With the CEP, every student in grades K-12 can receive one free breakfast and one free lunch every day and if they want, they can purchase an additional meal for the standard meal price. For every meal served, the district is reimbursed through the CEP program.

Not surprisingly, the number of breakfasts and lunches ordered every day have increased over last year's numbers, up from 245 breakfast/578 lunches to 329 breakfast/636 lunches on average every day.

The CEP program will continue to be available in the district for four years with recertification for eligibility after that time.



A Message From Your Board and Superintendent

Dear Community Member,

The 2019-2020 expenditure plan was as challenging as ever. Many new mandates have occurred over the previous few years but none as important as New York State minimum wage. The support staff contract was due to expire on June 30, 2019 which left the District the opportunity to manage the minimum wage fallout with the appropriate actions to afford each unit member their rightful wage separation and seniority. Accordingly the end result was approximately 2% increase in the tax levy. However, this 2% did not include annual increases for the rest of the expenditure plan. Through the use of reserves and not replacing certain positions vacated through attrition, the District is able to present an expenditure plan that increases the tax levy by 3.5% or 0.49¢ per 1,000 assessed property value (\$49 on a \$100,000 assessed value. We also need to be clear that the upcoming capital project has nothing to do with this increase in taxes. In fact, the District has used fiscal financing to ensure that the local share of the capital will be maintained at the same level as was portrayed in the voter brochures that had been distributed. Again, the capital project voted on March 6, 2018 has no impact to the 2019-2020 expenditure plan.

The District has an excellent track record of maintaining a low tax rate as evidenced the most recent report in the Syracuse Newspapers stating that Sandy Creek was ranked number 43 out of 46 amongst the lowest tax rates in all of Central New York and was the lowest in all of Oswego County. The requested modest increase in the tax levy would still leave the District in the bottom quarter of all CNY schools and most certainly of Oswego County. Of significant interest is the fact that the District has been able to maintain these low rates through the planned use of reserves. The District has maintained lower tax levies than the tax cap formulas suggested. An example of which is this forthcoming year; the formula allowed for a 702% increase and the Board of Education settled on a 35% increase. Eventually this strategy will prove unsustainable as the reserves are extinguished. The Administration and Board of Education have put forth an expenditure plan that uses approximately 1/3 of remaining useable reserves. Meaning that in an additional two years these reserves will be mostly depleted. Accordingly the District Administration will be using the Board of Education Finance sub-committee to re-examine all levels of expenditure and programming going forward. The goal will be to provide sustainable student programming that both grants our students the ability to stay competitive in the future world as well as to continue to provide ample opportunities for all students.

In closing, we wish to thank you for your continued support of our students, staff and programming. We are constantly striving to maintain updated student programming while keeping you, the taxpaying community member in mind.

Comet Pride is Community Wide!

Sincerely,

Kyle L. Faulkner
Superintendent of Schools

Brian MacVean
President, Board of Education



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**Proposition No. 1**

The Proposed 2019-2020
Expenditure Plan in the amount of
\$23,026,551

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What follows is a presentation of the proposed 2019-2020 expenditure plan in accordance with the Commissioner of Education regulations stated in the three component (Program, Capital, and Administrative) format.



Program Component	Description	2018-2019	2019-2020
Curriculum, Administration & Planning	Includes all costs associated with staff development and costs directly associated with instruction	\$496,190	\$451,164
Regular School	All costs associated with Instruction, Library & Media, and Computer Technologies	\$6,612,592	\$6,899,330
Special Education Programming	All costs associated with the Education of Students with disabilities/handicapping conditions	\$2,375,162	\$2,212,279
Special Schools	All costs associated with BOCES Occupational Education and Summer School	\$1,140,000	\$1,260,141
Student Services	All costs associated like Guidance and Health Services, Co-Curricular Activities, Interscholastic Sports, Transportation, and School Food Service	\$2,067,550	\$2,150,659
Employee Benefits	All employee benefit costs associated with above program component salaries	\$5,052,397	\$5,234,565
Total Program		\$17,743,891	\$18,208,138

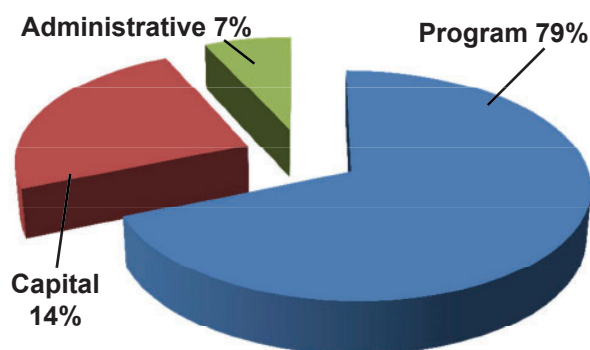
Capital Component	Description	2018-2019	2019-2020
Special Item	Refunds of Real Property Taxes – Prior years	\$5,000	\$5,000
Operation of Plant	All costs associated with operating district buildings, including cleaning and utilities costs including BOCES capital costs	\$1,021,294	\$1,043,924
Maintenance of Plant	All costs associated with maintaining district buildings and property	\$575,500	\$594,200
Transportation	Includes the purchase of (2) 66 passenger buses for the 18-19 school year and (2) 66 passenger school buses for the 19-20 school year	\$287,871	\$290,429
Debt Service	Includes the principal and interest costs for the past capital project and BOCES capital project debt and fiscal agent fees	\$2,560,487	\$541,613
Employee Benefits	All employee benefit costs associated with above capital component salaries	\$556,560	\$553,997
Interfund Transfer	Interfund transfer to the Capital fund for the 18/19 HVAC and 19/20 Security Improvement Projects	\$100,000	\$100,000
Total Capital		\$5,106,712	\$3,129,163



Administrative Component	Description	2018-2019	2019-2020
Board of Education	All costs associated with the Board of Education, District Clerk and Elections	\$80,675	\$78,625
Central Administration	All costs associated with the Superintendent's Office	\$185,000	\$189,500
Regular School Supervision	All costs associated with the Supervision of Curriculum, Principals, Supervision of Handicap, and Computer Instruction	\$431,440	\$379,600
Finance	All costs associated with the Business Office, Auditing, District Treasurer, Tax Collection, and Liability Insurance	\$302,457	\$314,862
BOCES Administrative Costs	BOCES administrative costs	\$285,406	\$334,156
Employee Benefits	All employee benefit costs associated with above administrative component salaries	\$403,701	\$392,507
Total Administrative		\$1,688,679	\$1,689,250

Budget Components	2018-2019	2019-2020	% of Total Budget
Program	\$17,743,891	\$18,208,138	79%
Capital	\$5,106,712	\$3,129,163	14%
Administrative	\$1,688,679	\$1,689,250	7%
Total Budget	\$24,539,282	\$23,026,551	

Budget Components



Projected Revenues

	2018-2019	2019-2020
Other Tax Items	\$24,000	\$24,000
Collected Interest and Penalties on Real Property Taxes		
Uses of Money and Property	\$7,200	\$7,000
Interest Earnings and Commissions		
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	\$32,000	\$19,000
Sales of Surplus and Lost Item reimbursements		
Refund of Prior Year's Expenditures-BOCES and Other Sources	\$200,000	\$195,000
BOCES contracted services expenses from prior year		
Miscellaneous	\$1,000	\$1,000
Other unclassified revenues, gifts and donations		
State and Federal Aid	\$16,599,398	\$15,014,292
NYS Education Aid, Federal Medicaid Reimbursement		
Interfund Transfers and Uses of Reserves	\$1,088,996	\$801,107
Transfers from the Debt Service Fund and other employee benefits reserves		
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$150,000	\$150,000
Fund balance for use in the upcoming year		
Estimated Tax Levy	\$6,436,688	\$6,815,152
Estimated amount of Tax Levy		
Total Projected Revenues	\$24,539,282	\$23,026,551



2019-2020 Proposed Budget Resolution

Proposition #1

Proposition No. 1 Shall the proposed budget of \$23,026,551 for the Sandy Creek Central School District, Oswego County, New York as recommended by the Board of Education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, be adopted and shall the Board of Education be authorized to levy the necessary tax therefore?

Proposition #2

Capital Reserve Resolution

Shall the Board of Education fund a ten-year, \$2,500,000 reserve fund to be used for renovations and additions to District facilities, including alterations to existing buildings, site improvements, and athletic fields, such reserve fund to be funded from any excess General Fund Monies for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019?

Proposition #3

Public Libraries Resolution

Resolved, that pursuant to Education Law §259, the Board of Education of the Sandy Creek Central School District is authorized to levy and collect an annual tax, year after year, separate and apart from the annual school district budget, the additional amount of \$44,000 (above the current amount of \$50,000 for a total of \$94,000), which shall be paid to the Annie P. Ainsworth Memorial Library (\$40,000 for a total of \$75,000), and the Cogswell Free Library (\$4,000 for a total of \$19,000) for the support and maintenance of the libraries; with this appropriated amount to be the annual appropriation until thereafter modified by a future vote of the electors of the Sandy Creek Central School District.

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Board Vacancy One (1) - Five (5) Year Term

Currently held by: James Dowlearn

Seat Term to Expire: June 30, 2024

Candidates:

Andrea S. (Wall) Harris

Michelle A. (Hurtibus) Slade





Third Quarter Awards at Sandy Creek Elementary School

Sandy Creek Elementary School held their third quarter Character Awards ceremony where students were honored for exhibiting the character traits promoted by the Leader in Me. The students were recognized in two ceremonies: those in Kindergarten to grade two and grades three through five, by Principal Tim Filiatrault. Parents and family members were invited to witness the students' recognition.

The following students were honored for habit #1: Be proactive – David Decker, Kendra Friot, Jaykob Guile, Dylan Tennant, Leland Robinson, Lila Delisle, Catherine Crawford, Hunter Dingman, Jake Berrios, Fiona Prairie-Rocca, Duth Van Valkenburgh, Mark Becker, Lynn Dumas, Gerald Costello, Lyla Thomas, David Dillabough, Gavin Gilbert, and Emily Mintonye.

Habit #2: Begin with the end in mind – Callen Montieth, Hunter Soluri, Noah Gioia, Treylen Hunt, Omae Khan, Ian Eveleigh, and Ian Ward.

Habit #3: Put first things first – Quinn Pratt, Abbygail Peter, Lexxi Willson, Charles Matter, Jacob Chen, Tucker Marshall, Alyshia Dugin, Averie Thomas, Madison Snow, Isabella Taplin, Lawrence Herse, Tucker

Nevills, Jace Dann, Eli Ryerson, Jacob Keesey, Logan Allen and William Garvin.

Habit #4: Think win-win – Maddie McGrath, Layla Bristol, Savannah Snyder, Cole Zehr, Julia Cooper, Megan Burton, Hector Salgado, Jaxson Wheeler, Owen Ward, Jacob Brown, Chase Brown, and Logan Bort.

Habit #5: Seek first to be understood, then to be understood – Seth Yerdon, Bella Hoffman, Lilly Trumble, Cole Wilson, Gabriella Peter, Leia Wall, Erick Garno, Blake Stock and Tyler Mascellino.

Habit #6: Synergize – Maiah Owen, Brennen Sherman, Kaylie Parker, Kendall Jones, Loki Trumble, Jonathan Poyneer, Burke Harvey, Abigail Jones, Elise Cranker, Alina Khan, Samuel Tessier, Lacey Thran-Reed, Russell Thomas, Natalie Howard and Parker Rathbun.

Habit #7: Sharpen the saw – Layton Gibbons, Brayden Miick, Baylee Williams, Hunter Green, Brixton Bell, Kameron Basler, Abbigail Snyder, Olivia LaCelle and Brayden Ashby.

In addition, a special 'find your voice' award was presented to students who went above and beyond in the reading challenge and read beyond their goal for the month of March. Grades K-2 awards were presented to Jase Soluri, Emerson Jones, Allison Jones, and Maxon Soluri and the grades 3-5 award was presented to Natalie Nemier.

A special leadership award was presented to three fifth graders who were nominated by their peers for showing leadership skills and the seven habits. Nominations were read by students as the names were announced. Leadership awards were given to Madelyn Coe, Brody Pecha and Owen Battles.

In addition to the first quarter awards, a special attendance award was presented to the grade level who had the highest percentage for the month of March. For grades K-2, the first grade students earned the highest attendance with 93.31% and for grades 3-5, the fifth grade did the same, earning highest attendance for March with a 94.43% during that month. The fifth graders have earned the attendance award for each quarter so far this year. The grades will display outside of their rooms a special certificate that advertises the outstanding attendance percentage.



International Club students and chaperones traveled over Spring Break to visit several countries in Europe. The tour visited England, France and Germany and spent several days in each location to allow for time to visit the top destinations in each country. The tour was in Paris and had only hours before visited, the Cathedral of Notre Dame on the very day in which the historic structure caught fire and burned. The students could see the smoke rising from the fire from another part of Paris as they continued on their tour.

For updated announcements and events
visit the Sandy Creek Central School
District website at:
www.SandyCreekCSD.org.



Fifth grade leadership awards were presented to Madelyn Coe, Brody Pecha and Owen Battles for the third quarter of the year.

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**Sandy Creek Goes to
VEX World Robotics**



Members of the Sandy Creek Co.R.E. VEX Robotics team are pictured at the World Championships in Louisville, KY. Pictured, left to right are: Annie Chen, Kendra Poyneer, Hailey McNitt, Sadie Lurcock, Hunter Aurelio and Kaleigh Doyle.

Last week the Sandy Creek robotics team 34000R represented New York State at the VEX World Championships. After many intense matches the team placed 78th in their division and 108th overall in skills. The Sandy Creek team was the only team at the world championship to score the highest point value item in the game - the double center park, which they secured in their match on Friday morning. The team continued to play well throughout the rest of their matches but unfortunately weren't selected during alliance selection. However, the experience and knowledge the team took away from the event is something they will never forget.

"The robotics team would like to thank our donors, the Sandy Creek community and everyone that tuned in to cheer us on for their support," said Robotics Coach John DeGone. "Thank you for helping us put Sandy Creek on the map as one of the nation's top robotics competitors," he added.

The Sandy Creek team was developed four years ago and has advanced to the World Championships every year since and continue to make their mark on the world stage of competitive robotics. Great job team!

**Wall of
Distinction
nominations**

The Sandy Creek Central School District, will again be accepting nominees for the "Wall of Distinction."

"Graduates of distinction" are those who have achieved a high level of prominence in their personal and professional lives and who represent a positive role model to our youth.

Candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Must have achieved a high level of professionalism and distinction.
- Must be of sufficient moral character as to represent a positive role model to students in the school district.
- Candidates must be graduates of the Sandy Creek Central School District.

An Advisory Committee will coordinate the program. The members of the Advisory Committee are non-graduates of Sandy Creek. Nomination forms are available on the district website at www.SandyCreekcsd.org or you can call 315-387-3445 ext. 1510, or stop in the Sandy Creek Central School District Office to pick up a form.

The deadline for nominations is May 10, 2019. The induction ceremony is scheduled for June 28th.

**Don't Forget
to ☒ Vote!**
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