



FRONTIER NEWS

Budget Issue 2022

HAMBURG, NY 14075



World Down Syndrome Day – Ms. Rubach’s class at Frontier Middle School celebrated World Down Syndrome Day on March 21. At Frontier Central School District we celebrate the potential of all students to learn, grow and make an impact. See more School News on Pages 2, 4, 5 & 7.



Annual School Budget Vote and Board of Education Election



TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022 • POLLS OPEN 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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One Polling Site For All Frontier Central Schools

Hamburg Senior Community Center
4540 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg

Polls will open on May 17, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Voting will take place in the gymnasium

Please remember to bring your ID

All residents are asked to show one current proof of residency, which may include a driver’s license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. In addition, all individuals voting will be required to provide his/her signature, printed name and address.

There is one (1) Board of Education Seat up for election.

Message from the Superintendent

Dear Residents,

The Frontier Central School District will prioritize balancing the needs for providing a high-quality education while maintaining a vigilant approach to fiscal responsibility. As we prepare for the close of the 2021-22 school year and approach the 2022-23 school year, we are showing many signs of recovery in our buildings:

- Students back in school full time
- School athletics programs in full swing
- Musical programming enjoying a full concert year
- Afterschool programs reinstated
- SOAR Capital project kicks off in July

As we approach the new year, it is our goal to work with the community to continue to improve our current programs and expand in the areas of academic programming and facilities upgrades throughout the district. The District received an additional \$2,682,438 funding from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRSSA) and the American Rescue Plan (ARP). This additional funding will allow us to expand and support our students, especially those who have realized significant achievement gaps because of the pandemic.

Below you will find the budget summary:

Recommended budget: \$96,668,323
Proposed budget increase: \$ 3,629,288 or 3.79%
Estimated tax levy increase: 2.82%

Budget Hearing Date: May 3rd, 2022, at 7pm in the Frontier Educational Center Board Room (FEC). This meeting will be held in person along with a video feed link posted on the homepage of our website, www.frontiercsd.org.

I would ask all Frontier Central School families to become informed voters for the 2022-23 school year. Detailed information about the budget is available in this publication or on the District website at www.frontiercsd.org/budget. You can also receive a hard copy of the budget upon request by contacting the Business Office at 716-926-1717. Please take the time to vote. It is critical that the District and the community work together to meet the educational needs of our students.

Sincerely,

Christopher Swiatek
Superintendent of Schools



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FHS Students go to Houston for NASA HUNCH Program

Students from the Frontier High School STEAM Team got the opportunity to impress NASA with their design and prototype projects.

Recently, three teams entered the NASA HUNCH Program along with other middle and high school students from across the country in order to bring forth their ideas to help NASA solve real-world problems involving astronauts and future space missions.

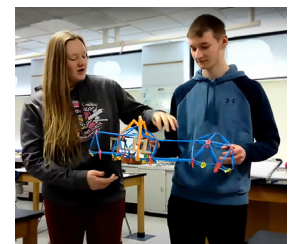
Two of the FHS teams made it to the finals and brought their models and devices to the Johnson Space Center Rocket Park in Houston, Texas on April 14, 2022.

They started the projects as part of the Nanotechnology course and have worked intermittently on them since October. When the course ended some students continued to work and complete them for their presentations.

Dan Luba coded a graphic user interface (GUI) to record certain variables for a crystal growth lab designed by Radi Irman. Samantha Steindel and Ben Michalak-Brown designed a model of a Lunar Supply Cleaning Pod that would clean off supply pods dropped onto a lunar surface before they would enter a lunar habitat.



HUNCH is a nationwide instructional partnership that allows students to build cost-effective hardware and soft goods both for use on the space station and for the training of NASA astronauts and flight controllers.



In existence since 2003, the program has grown to include 2,575 students in 277 schools across 44 states.

The Frontier High School STEAM TEAM has been working with robotics and coding for almost two years. The NASA HUNCH Program is one more way Frontier students are gaining opportunities to work with a national organization on STEM projects. The students on the team learn engineering and design processes, collaborating, research, 3-D printing, presentation skills, having fun, and being creative.

"For our students who are interested in astronomy, engineering, and robotics, this is an experience that is relevant to their future, should they choose to go into those fields. These students can already say they have NASA experience," High School Science Teacher, District STEAM Leader and STEAM Team Advisor Sandra George said.



Balancing the needs of a high-quality education and maintaining fiscal responsibility.

Total 2022-2023 Budget
\$96,668,323

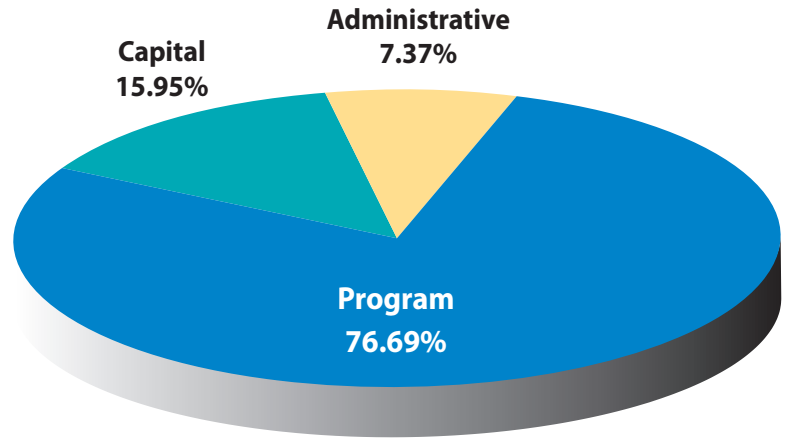
\$3,629,288
Budget Increase

\$31.04
Estimated Tax Rate

2.82%
Tax Levy Increase

*A strong partnership between families, school and the community make Frontier a place --
"Where Falcons Take Flight!"*

2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES



7.37%

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT **\$7,119,625**
Central Administration, Instructional Administration, Business Administration, Board of Education, All Other Administrative Activities, Administrative Fringe Benefits

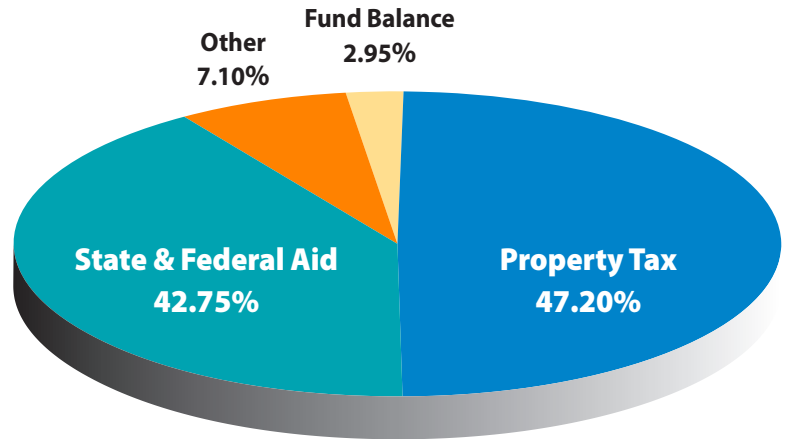
76.69%

PROGRAM COMPONENT **\$74,133,418**
Regular Instruction, Special Education, Extra-curricular, Summer School, Pupil Transportation, All Other Program Activities, Program Fringe Benefits

15.95%

CAPITAL COMPONENT **\$15,415,281**
Facilities, Grounds & Maintenance, Judgments, Claims & Tax Refunds, Debt Service & Interfund Transfers, Capital Fringe Benefits

2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET REVENUES



Town	Home's Assessed Value	Est. School Tax	Increase from 2020-2021
Hamburg	\$100,000	\$3,104	\$85
Eden	\$100,000	\$2,627	\$69

*School tax bills are estimated based on 2021 assessment information and equalization rates.

Seen Around Falcon Nation

"I decided to be a French Mentor because I want to work with kids when I'm older. Working with them has been an eye-opening experience."

—Maeve Gregoire, junior



The World Languages Department at Frontier High School celebrated National Foreign Language Week March 6-12 with an Around the World Festival and international food tasting.



Mrs. Ebeling's kindergarten students at Blasdell Elementary used a variety of materials to complete the Peep Nest Challenge and keep their peeps safe from hungry predators.



Mrs. Marong's class at Pinehurst mixed science with art to make Salt Art to decorate their eggs!



The Frontier High School Music Club had four fantastic performances of this year's musical production of *Sister Act*.



Life skills classes from the high school, middle school and Big Tree took part in SABAH's annual Curtain Up Celebration on Ice on April 6. Pictured is a Big Tree student in Mrs. Sullivan's class practicing.



The Fifth Grade Chorus participated in the Frontier Choral Spectrum Concert on March 17. The concert brought together all chorus students in the district and allowed the students to experience what chorus is like at the middle school and high school. Watch the performance on the Frontier CSD YouTube.



Pinehurst Elementary fifth graders teamed up to pack 5,000 bags of crayons to benefit The Teacher's Desk Buffalo on Community Service Day March 11.



Big Tree first graders learned about robots and coding using a Go Robot Mouse in the library.



Students in Mrs. Hilton's second grade class at Cloverbank made musical instruments out of recycled materials in their science lesson about matter. Pictured is Londyn Sanderson, Ryan Walter, Lily Nero, Avery Waltos, Kaylie Williams, Emma Tyler, Lena Sampman, and Parker Wahler.



The Middle School Character Club showed their appreciation for bus drivers and bus attendants with gift cards. Pictured is eighth grader Dillan Parry and bus driver Kelly Griffin.



Over 80 volunteer readers came to Blasdell Elementary's library during Guest Readers Week.

"I have learned a lot teaching French in two elementary classrooms. I want to be an elementary teacher and I have liked seeing how a teacher leads their class and how each grade level interacts differently with a lesson."
 -Kaylin Janowsky, junior



2022-2023 Propositions

Proposition No. 1 2022-23 BUDGET

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Frontier Central School District (the "School District") be authorized to expend an amount not to exceed \$96,668,323, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted, and the required funds therefore are hereby appropriated, and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the School District to be levied and collected as required by law.

Proposition No. 2 PURCHASING AND FINANCING SCHOOL BUSES AND SIMILAR VEHICLES

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Frontier Central School District (the "School District") is hereby authorized to acquire various school buses and similar vehicles for use in the transportation program of the District, at an estimated maximum cost (after the application of a trade-ins credit) of \$550,631, with such amount (plus an amount sufficient to cover interest incurred in the financing of such vehicles), to be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law, and in anticipation of such tax, bonds, notes or other obligations of the District (including, without limitation, obligations arising under leases, lease/purchase contracts or installment purchase contracts having a term of not more than five years) shall be issued or entered into in accordance with applicable provisions of New York State law.

Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ

May 17, 2:30-6:30 PM

Drive-Thru Only

Town of Hamburg Senior Community Center,
4540 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg

Cost: \$13 at the door

Presale: \$12 (\$1 senior discount)

*Must be picked up by 6PM.

Dinner includes ½ chicken, 2 sides and a roll.

Email msnyder@frontiercsd.org with questions.

Proceeds to benefit the
FHS Junior and Sophomore Classes.

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Capital Outlay

The District plans to undertake an approximately \$100,000 Capital Outlay Project in 2022-23 including concrete work at Big Tree and boiler work at the High School complex. No debt will be incurred to fund this project. The District will receive approximately \$75,000 in state aid in the year following the project.

NOW HIRING

- Senior Clerk Typist (provisional)
- Bus Drivers
- Bus Attendant
- Auto Mechanic
- Food Service Helpers
- School Lunch Monitor
- Teacher Aide
- Lifeguard
- Cleaner
- Microcomputer Decision Support Specialist
- Laborer PT
- Groundsworker

For more information, go to
www.frontiercsd.org/employment.

Frontier Student Takes Top Prize in Neuroscience Competition



Samantha Bella

Frontier High School sophomore Samantha Bella took the top spot in the WNY Brain Bee, a neuroscience competition held at Canisius College on March 19.

In the first round, Sam had bested the other five area high school competitors on the topics of brain anatomy and development, neurological diseases, memory, movement and sensation. She studied for weeks ahead of the competition and her hard work paid off. She was cheered on by her Human Anatomy teacher, Mrs. Walker and her parents, Alan and Robyn Bella, as she represented Frontier High School.

Sam was recognized for her achievement and wonderful representation of the school district at the April 5 Frontier Board of Education meeting during the Point of Pride recognition.

Since 2007, the WNY Brain Bee has held a competition designed to inspire grade 9-12 students to learn about the human brain and motivate them to enter professions where they can treat and find cures for brain disorders. Sam plans to pursue a career in the field of science after high school but is undecided on a specific discipline.

Typically, the competition is comprised of three rounds – two written and one oral – but with no incorrect answers in round one, Sam’s competitors were eliminated after three incorrect answers in the initial round.

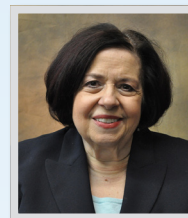
By taking first place, Sam advanced to compete in the virtual U.S. National Brain Bee on April 9. The results of the National Brain Bee have yet to be released. The U.S. national champion will go on to compete at the World Brain Bee Championship, which will be held in Paris, France July 9-13, 2022 in conjunction with the 2022 Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS) Forum.

Board of Education Election

Frontier residents will elect one (1) candidate to fill the one open seat for a four-year term of office.

Running for a seat on the Board of Education is:
Please note that the statement from the candidate has been printed as submitted and was not edited in any manner.

Dr. Mary Ann Costello



I have been a member of the Frontier School Community for forty-five years. As an employee, I served as a teacher and administrator. After retirement, I was a successful candidate for the Board of Education.

During my term, education has changed significantly. The pandemic and other global events have impacted all of us.

The tradition of providing a quality educational experience for students while being fiscally responsible to taxpayers is critical.

My focus has been and continues to be providing all students with the ability to think critically, access and apply information and to work collaboratively with others. This will provide them with a formula for success in post-secondary education, technical careers or service in the military as citizens of the twenty-first century.

Many positive changes have occurred, and more are coming. The Board sponsored a school tax relief for veterans, and the district is undergoing a seventy-million-dollar capital project which will modernize and improve academic and athletic pursuits.

All these pursuits are possible because our citizenry is united! Working together as a school community provides a myriad of opportunities for students.

Together, we can transform vision into reality!

I respectfully ask for your vote on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

Responsibilities of a Board Member

As a member of the Frontier Central School District Board of Education, you are:

- A representative of the entire community
- A steward of the district’s resources
- A leader of the district
- An advocate for public education

Are you moving over the summer?



If so, please contact the Central Registration Office at 926-1734. This will allow for proper planning of bus routes from your new home.



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SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2021-22 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2022-23 School Year
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$93,039,035	\$96,668,323	\$95,292,122
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		\$3,629,288	\$2,253,087
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.90%	2.42%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.7%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$43,579,954	\$44,808,332	
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	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$43,579,954	\$44,808,332	\$43,579,954
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$1,347,374	\$1,345,829	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$42,232,580	\$43,462,503	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$42,232,580	\$43,462,503	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval)	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$7,093,631	\$7,119,625	\$7,085,835
Program Component	\$71,911,139	\$74,133,418	\$73,238,207
Capital Component	\$14,034,265	\$15,415,281	\$14,968,080

Contingency Budget

Should the 2022-2023 budget be defeated, pursuant to Section 2023 of Education Law, the 2022-2023 Contingent Budget reflects the following preliminary assumptions:

1. Equipment appropriations will be eliminated except for State Aided Hardware, students with special needs equipment and equipment essential to maintain educational programs.
2. Costs for use of buildings by certain outside groups will be required to be offset by revenue charged to these groups.
3. The Tax Levy will remain flat at the 2021-2022 school year level as required by law.

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$381.81

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Frontier Central School District, Erie County, New York, will be held at the Hamburg Senior Community Center, 4540 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg, NY, in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:00pm, prevailing time, 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.