



ROME

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**BUDGET
NEWSLETTER**
2024-2025

CREATING SUCCESSFUL FUTURES CREATING **SUCCESSFUL** FUTURES CREATING SUCCESSFUL **FUTURES**

VOTE

TUESDAY, MAY 21

**POLLS ARE OPEN
9 A.M. TO 8 P.M.**

WHERE TO VOTE:

First Ward:

Rome City School District,
409 Bell Road

Second Ward:

Rome City School District,
409 Bell Road

Third Ward:

South Rome Senior Center,
112 Ridge Street

Fourth Ward:

Gansevoort Elementary
School, 758 West Liberty
Street

Fifth Ward:

Strough Middle School,
801 Laurel Street

Sixth Ward:

St. Paul's Church,
1807 Bedford Street

Seventh Ward:

Copper City Community
Connection,
305 E. Locust Street

Eighth Ward:

Stokes Elementary School,
9095 Turin Road

Ninth Ward:

Stokes Elementary School,
9095 Turin Road

Tenth Ward:

Westernville Library
9172 Main Street,
Westernville

BOE CANDIDATES:

There are three (3)
Board of Education at
large positions.

**Read their bios at
our website:**

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2024-25 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET INFORMATION

YOU WILL SEE 5 PROPOSITIONS ON THE BALLOT

BUDGET RESOLUTION - SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET - \$157,385,744

That the proposed budget of expenditures of the Rome City School District for the 2024-25 school year be, and the same hereby is, approved in the amount of \$157,385,744 and that the necessary tax therefore shall be levied after first deducting the monies available from state aid and other sources as approved by law.

PROGRAM (76%) - \$120,262,518

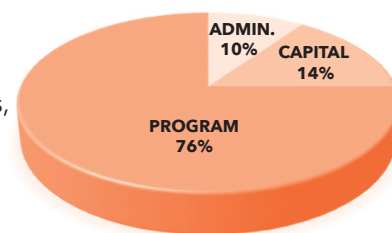
Textbooks, classroom supplies and equipment, field trips, transportation, sports, salaries, benefits and other curriculum related expenses, such as art, music, libraries, physical education, in-service training of teachers, and special education services.

CAPITAL (14%) - \$22,006,976

Operation of buildings, maintenance and repairs, equipment, debt service, salaries and benefits for custodial and maintenance staff.

ADMINISTRATION (10%) - \$15,116,250

Expenditures for the operation of board meetings, superintendent, business office, auditing, personnel, legal expenses, school supervision, salaries, administrative clerical and employee benefits.



PROPOSITION #1 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - \$34,187,872

Shall the Bond Resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Rome authorizing the reconstruction, renovation and improvement of all District buildings, facilities and grounds including, for all, construction, site improvements, original furnishings, fixtures and equipment required for such purposes, architectural fees, and all other necessary costs incidental to such work at a total estimated cost not to exceed \$34,187,872. Includes the use of 6 million in capital reserves.

PROPOSITION #2 - SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER SEAT REDUCTION

Shall the Board of Education of the Rome City School District (the "Board") be authorized to (a) decrease the number of seats on the Board from nine (9) members to seven (7) members; and (b) reduce positions as current terms expire to achieve the reduction of positions, and, consistent with State law, to temporarily alter the length of terms of next-elected Board members during any of the three years next succeeding the adoption of this proposition.

PROPOSITION #3 - AUCTION FORT STANWIX SCHOOL

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to auction or dispose of the former Ft. Stanwix building and grounds located at 112 West Linden Street, City of Rome at a price and upon terms and conditions determined by the Board to be in the District's best interest.

PROPOSITION #4 - SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES: WWW.ROMECS.D.ORG

There are three (3) at-large positions on the Board of Education that will be available on July 1, 2024. Three positions are for a term of three years, expiring on June 30, 2027.



266-268 WEST DOMINICK ST. ROME, NY 13440



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THREE PART PROGRAM



Description	2023-2024 Proposed	2024-2025 Proposed	Difference	Percent Difference
Teaching & Learning	\$ 31,699,891	\$ 33,265,303	\$ 1,565,412	9.40%
Supported Learning	\$ 21,444,050	\$ 24,425,018	\$ 2,980,968	21.10%
Occ & Alt Education	\$6,176,240	\$6,728,389	\$552,149	8.94%
Library & Technology	\$ 4,049,530	\$ 3,961,798	\$ (87,732)	(2.17%)
Counseling & Health	\$ 4,885,995	\$ 5,433,701	\$ 547,706	11.21%
Extra-Curricular	\$ 217,371	\$ 239,433	\$ 22,062	10.15%
Athletics	\$1,151,824	\$ 1,215,827	\$ 64,003	5.56%
Transportation	\$ 9,817,657	\$ 10,935,360	\$ 1,117,703	11.38%
Benefits	\$ 31,325,690	\$ 32,872,689	\$ 1,546,999	4.94%
Transfer to Special Aid	\$ 1,595,000	\$ 1,185,000	\$ (410,000)	(25.71%)
TOTAL	\$ 112,363,248	\$ 120,262,518	\$ 7,899,270	7.03%

Description	2023-2024 Proposed	2024-2025 Proposed	Difference	Percent Difference
Operation of Plant	\$6,545,828	\$7,442,901	\$897,073	13.70%
Maintenance of Plant	\$2,338,228	\$3,275,848	\$937,620	40.10%
Judgements and Claims	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
Refund of Property Taxes	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0	-
Bus Purchases	\$175,000	85,000	(\$90,000)	(51.43%)
Benefits	\$2,886,098	\$3,021,410	\$135,312	4.69%
Bonds – Construction	\$6,687,025	\$8,031,817	\$1,344,792	20.11%
Bond Antic. Notes	\$597,133	\$0	\$(597,133)	(100%)
Other Debt	\$0	\$0	\$ 0	-
Capital Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
TOTAL	19,379,312.00	22,006,976	293,280.00	13.56%

THREE PART CAPITAL



THREE PART ADMINISTRATION



Description	2023-2024 Adopted	2024-2025 Proposed	Difference	Percent Difference
Board of Education	\$133,379	\$130,087	\$ (3,291)	(2.47%)
Chief School Admin	\$321,812	\$373,832	\$52,020	16.16%
Business Office	\$1,217,305	\$1,287,223	\$69,918	5.74%
Legal	\$225,000	\$252,173	\$27,173	12.08%
People Operations / PR	\$551,670	\$595,011	\$43,341	7.86%
Mailing / Central Data	\$2,090,509	\$2,368,831	\$278,322	13.31%
BOCES Admin / Capital	\$1,132,942	\$1,166,934	\$33,452	2.95%
Instructional Supervision-Admin	\$4,043,882	\$4,319,660	\$275,778	6.82%
Professional Development	\$699,765	\$718,722	\$18,957	2.71%
Benefits	\$3,710,608	\$3,904,317	\$193,709	5.22%
TOTAL	\$14,126,872	\$15,116,250	\$989,379	7.00%

School District Budget Notice

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	\$ 145,869,432	\$157,385,744	\$156,280,371										
Increase/Decrease for the 2024-25 School Year		\$11,516,312	\$10,410,939										
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		7.89 %	7.14%										
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.1%											
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$37,602,993	\$38,708,366											
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)	\$37,602,993	\$38,708,366	\$37,602,993										
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$231,697											
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$37,622,511	\$38,476,669											
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$37,602,993	\$38,476,669											
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$19,518	\$0											
Administrative Component	\$14,126,872	\$15,116,250	\$14,966,250										
Program Component	\$112,363,248	\$120,262,518	\$119,904,018										
Capital Component	\$19,379,312	\$22,006,976	\$21,371,976										
* 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. The contingent budget proposal assumes removal of non-health and safety required equipment along with all non-contingent items pursuant to Sec. 2023 of NYS Education Law along with reductions to comply with the cap on administrative portion of the budget. ** 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) <table><tr><th>Description</th><th>Amount</th></tr><tr><td></td><td>\$</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>\$</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>\$</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>\$</td></tr></table>				Description	Amount		\$		\$		\$		\$
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*NOTE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS OFFICIALS: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$656

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2024-25 by the qualified voters of the Rome City School District, Oneida County, New York will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between the hours of 9:00am and 8:00pm, prevailing time at the following election districts:, **First Ward**-Rome City School District, 409 Bell Road S; **Second Ward**-Rome City School District, 409 Bell Road S; **Third Ward**- South Rome Senior Center, 112 Ridge St.; **Fourth Ward**-Gansevoort Elementary, 758 W. Liberty St.; **Fifth Ward**- Strough Middle School, 801 Laurel St.; **Sixth Ward**-St. Paul's Church, 1807 Bedford St.; **Seventh Ward**-Copper City Community Connection, 305 E. Locust St.; **Eighth Ward**-Stokes School, Turin Rd.; **Ninth Ward**-Stokes School, Turin Rd.; **Tenth Ward**-Library, 9172 Main St., Westernville 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.

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Sandra Russell, Clerk
Kelly Carinci • Sue Carvelli
Jeff DeMatteis • Jon Maggolino
Elena Reddick • Kirstin Safin
Paula Witt

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TBD, Assistant Superintendent for
Educational Programs
Robert Mezza, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for
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Alex Rodriguez, Director of Facilities
Theodore Love, Director of People Operations
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ESTIMATED TAX LEVY

2023-2024 Actual Property Tax Levy	2024-2025 Proposed Property Tax Levy	Difference	Percent Change
\$37,602,993	\$38,708,336	\$1,105,373	2.94%

VOTING DAY: Tuesday, May 21, 2024



POLLS OPEN: 9 A.M. TO 8 P.M.

VOTING LOCATIONS:

- **First and Second Wards:** Rome City School District, 409 Bell Road
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- **Fourth Ward:** Gansevoort School - 758 W. Liberty St.
- **Fifth Ward:** Strough Middle School - 801 Laurel St.
- **Sixth Ward:** St. Paul's Catholic Church - 1807 Bedford St.
- **Seventh Ward:** Copper City Community Connection, 305 E. Locust St.
- **Eighth and Ninth Wards:** Stokes School - 9095 Turin Road
- **Tenth Ward:** Westernville Library - 9172 Main St., Westernville

A description of the boundaries of the school election districts is on file and may be inspected in the school district's Business Office, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Business Office is located at 409 Bell Road, in the Clough building.

WHO MAY VOTE:

Voters must be registered in order to vote in this election. In order to vote, you must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen and a resident of the Rome school district for at least 30 days before the day of the vote.

If you have questions regarding the Budget Newsletter, please call David Dreidel, Director of Business and Finance at 315-338-6541.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

Qualified, registered voters who wish to vote absentee can request an application from the District Clerk. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on May 10 in order to receive an absentee ballot by mail. Anyone whose application is received after May 10 must appear in person at the District Clerk's office, 266-268 W. Dominick Street to pick up an absentee ballot. **Completed absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5 p.m. May 21.** Completed ballots received after this time cannot be accepted.



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