



SCS Students Get Information on "Bullying"



SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL
"Experience Life Through Education"

The Instructional Support Team (IST) was pleased to organize a presentation for our student population that provided information for our students on bullying and the many negative effects it can have. The IST is very thankful that they were able to utilize a very high caliber group of presenters. New York State Trooper John Campanella (**shown ABOVE**), Mr. Keith Slep and Ms. Shannon Ozzella from the

Allegany County District Attorney's office, and Ms. Christina Kinnicutt from ACCORD were the featured presenters, each providing a different perspective for our students. Our students (grades 5-12) were very attentive, polite, and asked some great questions of our presenters. The presentations were broken into three separate and different sessions, so the material could be presented to each group in the most relevant manner.

Topics presented included: cyberbullying (texting, social media, email, etc) along with physical, emotional, and social bullying. Students were also given information on the consequences and outcomes of bullying in our schools and community. Thank you all who helped provide this learning opportunity for our students!

See related photo on page 3.



Author Mike Mullin Visits SCS

On Monday, March 12, award-winning author Mike Mullin visited Scio Central School to speak with grade 7-12 students about writing and his young adult novel *Ashfall*.

His lively presentation included a vision of the human brain as a blender that creates new ideas, a discussion of the Yellowstone supervolcano and how it would affect us in Scio, the importance of research and reading for fun, and a demonstration of TaeKwonDo (shown in photo ABOVE).

Many Scio Central School students are aspiring authors, and they were able to ask questions of Mike Mullin and to receive advice about writing. "The greatest thing about being an author," Mike told students, "is that you don't need to wait until you grow up to get started. You can be an author right now." In conversation with students, Mike shared many examples of famous authors who began their careers while still in high school. It was an exciting visit that students will not soon forget.



Dollars for Scholars to Host Beef on Weck Dinner . . .

This is a friendly reminder that on Tuesday, April 24, *Dollars For Scholars* will be hosting a Beef on Weck dinner from 4-6 p.m. in the cafeteria. The cost is only \$8 per dinner and WELL worth every penny! Tickets will go fast, so be sure to pick them up in the SCS main office today!



The Scio Area *Dollars for Scholars* Committee would also like to thank the Community for their continued support during our recent Mail-A-Thon fundraiser. Since 2004, we have awarded over \$42,000 in scholarships to deserving Scio Central School residents! Without the generous support of Scio area residents, Scio Central alumni, staff, and faculty, none of this would have been possible.

Also, please be sure to visit the *Dollars for Scholars* table at the annual Scio Lion's Strawberry Festival on Tuesday, June 26, from 4-8 p.m. at Scio Central School. Stop by our table and take a chance on our 50/50 drawing. See you there!



Committee Looking to Improve Learning at SCS Even More

The School Improvement Committee at Scio is a volunteer team of teachers and administrators in the district who have been meeting regularly to address several ways to improve the learning culture in the school. The team is now looking at developing a district homework policy which would clearly address the homework expectations at each grade level so both students and parents understand and are prepared for the academic rigors that come with each grade level.

The team is also working on ways to prepare students for life after graduation. Making sure our students are ready for whatever path they choose to take after they leave Scio Central School is critical. The committee is looking at a variety of ways to ensure that each graduate has the skills necessary for that transition.

The team is continuing to monitor and survey teachers, staff, and parents on the changes that have been made so far and will continue to do so. It is imperative that the entire Scio community is committed to excellence and working together to provide a successful, caring, and safe learning environment for the children of our district.

Grade 4 & 8 Science Tests

The Grades 4 and Grade 8 science performance test will be administered May 23-31. The written test will be given June 4.



Photo Journalists Wanted: Bring Your Camera!

Send photographs of school related happenings to Ms. Stanbro by email with a short explanation at nstanbro@scio.whyric.org. Join in helping the SCS newsletter be a photo history of these wonderful years. Your participation is appreciated by all!

Important Dates

April 21 - School Musical "The Pied Piper" at SCS Auditorium, 4 p.m.
May 2 - Public Hearing on Proposed 2012-13 Budget
May 15 - Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote
June 6 - Public Hearing on Student Code of Conduct, 6 p.m.
June 16 - FBLA Trip to Darien Lake
June 13-21 - Regents Examinations
June 22 - Graduation, 7 p.m.



"Bullying" Presenters . . .



SCS Principal Matt Hopkins (at right) is shown with Bullying presenters: (shown left to right) Crime Victim's Advocate for Allegany County Shannon Ozzella, Trooper Campanella, and Allegany County District Attorney Keith Slep.

June 2012 Regents Exam Schedule

June 13 WEDNESDAY	June 14 THURSDAY	June 15 FRIDAY	June 18* MONDAY	June 19 TUESDAY	June 20 WEDNESDAY	June 21 THURSDAY	June 22 FRIDAY
8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	Rating Day
RE in Global History & Geography	RE in U.S. History & Government	Comprehensive English	RCT in Global Studies**	Living Environment	Geometry	RCT in Writing	
12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	Uniform Admission Deadlines Morning Examinations 10:00 a.m. Afternoon Examinations 2:00 p.m.	
Physical Setting/Physics	Integrated Algebra	Physical Setting/Earth Science	RCT in Reading	Algebra 2/ Trigonometry	Physical Setting/ Chemistry		
RCT in Science**				RCT in U.S. History & Government**	RCT in Mathematics**		

* Suggested date for administering locally developed tests aligned to the Checkpoint A and Checkpoint B learning standards for languages other than English.

** Available in Restricted Form only. Each copy of a restricted test is numbered and sealed in its own envelope and must be returned, whether used or unused, to the Department at the end of the examination period.



4th Graders' Living Wax Museum

Scio fourth grade students recently presented a Living Wax Museum for fellow students, teachers, and parents. Each student chose a famous person to research. Students wrote a speech from the point of view of their chosen figure, and then created a pose and costume for the museum. During the Living Wax Museum, visitors could push a button on each fourth grade "statue." The "statues" then came to life and told about themselves before becoming wax once more.

The focus of this project was to work on research skills and writing from a different point of view, as well as presentation skills. The students worked hard on their projects both in school and at home. Though it was hard work, the students enjoyed it, and the museum visitors appreciated the interesting speeches from each of the statues.



Christian Hutchinson was a living statue of Crazy Horse while Colten Alsworth portrayed John Wayne.



Going Bald for a Cause . . .

On March 8, 29 brave people converged in the SCS gymnasium to have their heads shaved to raise money for the Allegany County Cancer Services *Going Bald for a Cause* event. Money raised will stay in Allegany County to assist our friends and neighbors who are battling cancer. Every \$500 raised will be donated directly to an Allegany County resident. This year's event netted over \$4,400 as six SCS students and four employees were among those who had their heads shaved. SCS Physical Education Teacher Alan Windus also said he would shave his mustache if students could raise an extra \$250, so they raised \$310 and he took the mustache off! Several individuals collected and donated upwards of \$500. Thank you to everyone for your support and compassion in this worthy cause!



Scio Pair Inducted Into County Athletic Hall of Fame



Congratulations to Scio Central School's Cindy Gary and Lori Root (seated at bottom right) for their induction into the Allegany County Athletic Association's Hall of Fame Class of 2012.

Reminder to Parents of Out-Of-District Students

As per School Board policy, parents of out-of district students must request permission *in writing* for their child to attend Scio Central School every year. Letters of request to attend Scio Central School for the 2012-2013 school year must be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools no later than April 30, 2012.



Reminder to Parents of Home Instructed Students

Parents of students who intend to educate their children at home must provide a written notice to the superintendent annually by July 1 of each school year. Also, a reminder to those parents who home school, please remember to submit your Quarterly Reports. Thank you.

21st Century After School Program

By Charlotte Levis, 21st Century Program Manager

Thanks to an early spring, the students have enjoyed being active outside on the playground! Daily, students ask me if they can go outside, and it is always encouraging when kids want to be outside instead of inside watching TV. It has been refreshing to go outside for part of the program.

The students have also attended two field trips to Alfred University: Music Mayhem and Rocket MAAN. Our last AU field trip is scheduled for May 2.

Eric Hice, Prevention Education Specialist from Cattaraugus Community Action, concluded his program on April 16. The series was well attended and the students gained a new understanding of bullying, respect, and their developing minds.

Students loved the following clubs: That's So Gross, Minute to Win It, and Cake Boss. In That's So Gross students got to make fake blood, wounds, zits, you name it we did it! We all said, "that's so gross!" Cake

Boss is always loved because students get to learn how to using piping bags and make frosting, the most favorite part is eating the delicious cupcakes!

The students also got to learn from Karen Titus as she did a cake demonstration for us! We started Flag Football practice on April 17. Our first game is May 3 at the Cuba Elementary School.

We will be joined by all 21st Century Programs for a picnic to close the season. And lastly, keep your eyes open for this year's summer program, which will run July 2-26. If you are interested, please contact me (Charlotte Levis).

As always thank you for all that you do to help make this program possible. If you have any questions or want to join 21st Century, please stop by room 215 or call me at 585-593-5510, ext. 2151.



High School Business Department Update

By Mr. Dan Childs

Microsoft Office students mastered Advanced PowerPoint presentations with video and audio and also Microsoft Word functions. They have now just finished Excel Spreadsheets by creating their own imaginary online business store. Students learned functions, complex formulas, filtering, charts, tables, conditional formatting, pivot tables, spark lines and more. Students will now begin Microsoft Publisher and creating a newsletter -- just like this one. These skills add tremendously to the stu-

dent's employability and chances of success in their continuing education.

Entrepreneurship students are writing their own textbook by authoring responses to key questions and topics online. When done, they will print and bind their "text" and have a unique product of their own making. Currently, students are examining the topic of "ethics and social responsibility" in business using case studies of John Rigas and Richard Branson. Students supplemented their research with Dale Carnegie's *How to Win Friends and Influence People* book, which teaches human relation skills. Next

is an analysis of Anderson Cooper's, "*Million Dollar Female Inventors*" show, with thoughts and ideas added to our students "textbook in progress."

Accounting students are really making fabulous progress in learning the language of business. Anyone who steps out of the entry level arena and into a supervisory role in the world of work must understand inventories, cash flows, assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses, payroll, taxes, ledgers,

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The Scio business students gathered on a Saturday in February for a Bowl-a-thon at A & M Lanes in Wellsville to benefit the SPCA of Allegany County and also to purchase an FBLA t-shirt.



Business -- From Page 6

income statements and more. Although it is a difficult topic to master, the small steps we take each day make the task less daunting. Students, who go to college, often are required to take accounting and those that did not take it in high school are quoted as saying it is the hardest course they took in college. Those who are eased into accounting by taking it here at Scio usually excel and are able to tutor others.

Economics is a half year course so valuable it is required for graduation at

Scio Central. Scio seniors are finishing a rigorous curriculum and discussion on the American economy. Students examined the newest technologies on the horizon and how that knowledge can help them plan for the future. Students understand what candidates are saying well enough to evaluate ideas and their feasibility. Over the last ten weeks, students will learn the basics of personal finance including debit/credit cards, checkbooks, loans, 401K accounts, matching funds, health insurance, the stock market, and more.

Next edition: Scio Middle and Elementary Business Department Update.

Alumni Association Announces Banquet

The 72nd annual alumni banquet for Scio Central School alumni will be held on Saturday, July 14, at the Scio Community Hall. Registration and a social hour begin at 5:15 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Honored years are those that end in 2 and 7. Any and all alumni are encouraged to attend. For more information or to register, please call Charmaine Wade at 585-981-0810 or Diana Hilliard at 585-593-1037. Registrations are due by July 6.





SCS high school business students enjoyed an educational tour and then lunch at Sprague's Maple Farms in Portville on Thursday, March 15. Mr. Sprague, a local entrepreneur, personally answered each question Scio students handed him on 4" x 6" index cards. One of Mr. Sprague's primary messages to the students was "Don't ever hold back on something you believe in."



May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	**All doors, other than the front entrance, will be locked during the school day.	- F day	2 - A day - Board of Education Meeting and Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Gym	3 - B day	4 - C day - Registration for the June 9 ACT Test (See Student Services for more information)	5 - SAT Test (See Student Services for more information)
6 - Teacher Appreciation Week	7 - D day	8 - E day - National Teacher Day - Registration for the June 2 SAT Test (See student services for more information)	9 - F day - Early Dismissal - National School Nurse Day	10 - A day - Band and Choir Concert Grades 5-12	11 - B day	12
13	14 - C day	15 - D day - Budget Vote 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Board of Education Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Library - Fine Arts Night	16 - E day	17 - F day	18 - A day - Late Registration for the June 9 ACT Test (See Student Services for more information)	19 - Senior Prom at Amity Rescue Squad - Pictures at 6:30 p.m. - Dinner at 7:00 p.m. - Crowning at 10:00 p.m.
20	21 - B day	22 - C day - Late Registration for the June 2 SAT Test (See Student Services for more information)	23 - D day	24 - E day - Mid Quarter Marking Period Ends	25 - Snow Day, if available	26
27	28 - Building closed in observance of Memorial Day - Memorial Day Parade at 10:00 a.m.	29 - F day	30 - A day	31 - B day - Modified JV Sports Banquet at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Gym		
			**School Kidz supply kits order forms will be sent home this month	**Athletic Events see "digital-sports.com"	**College visits are posted on board outside of Student Services	- Seniors are reminded to bring copies of all college acceptance letters and scholarship offers to the Student Services Office.

June 2012

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				** All doors, other than the front entrance, will be locked during the school day.	1 - C day - School Kidz supply kits order forms and money are due today	2 - SAT Test (See Student Services for more information) - Marching Band @ Cuba Dairy Days Parade 5:00 p.m.
	3 - D day	4 - E day - Awards Night 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary Gym	5 - F day - Board of Education Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Library - K-4 Concert - BOCES CTE Center Final Exams	6 - A day - Jazz Band @ Jazz in Bloom 6:00 p.m. at Belfast Central School - BOCES CTE Center Final Exams	7 - B day	8 - ACT Test (See Student Services for more information)
	10 - C day - Varsity Sports Banquet at 6:00 p.m. in the Rigby Gym	11 - D day - Last day of classes for Grades 9-12	12 - E day - Regents Begin - Middle School Field Day at Letchworth Grades 5-8 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	13 - F day - Regents - PreK Graduation at 9:00 a.m. in the Elementary Gym	14 - A day - Regents - Kindergarten Graduation at 9:00 a.m. in the Elementary Gym	15 - FBLA Year-End Social at Darien Lake
	17 - B day - Regents - Elementary Field Day	18 - C day - Regents	19 - D day - Regents - Board of Education Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Library	20 - E day - Regents - Last Day for K-6 - End of Marking Period	21 - Graduation at 7:00 p.m. - Last Day of Regents - Professional Development Day	22 - FBLA Year-End Social at Darien Lake
	24 - B day - Regents - Elementary Field Day	25 - C day - Regents	26 - D day - Regents - Board of Education Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Library	27 - E day - Regents - Last Day for K-6 - End of Marking Period	28 - Graduation at 7:00 p.m. - Last Day of Regents - Professional Development Day	29 - FBLA Year-End Social at Darien Lake
				** Athletic Events see "digital-sports.com"	** College visits are posted on board outside of Student Services	- Seniors are reminded to bring copies of all college acceptance letters and scholarship offers to the Student Services Office.



Public Hearing on Proposed 2012-13 Budget

Wednesday, May 2, 2012

6 p.m.

Elementary Auditorium

Annual District Vote

Tuesday, May 15, 2012

12 Noon – 8 p.m.

Elementary Auditorium

School Board Openings

One five-year term to fill the expired term of Mrs. Carole Wells and two one-year terms to fill the unexpired terms of Thomas Windus and Tracy Schmitt on the SCSD Board of Education. All vacancies are filled "at large," the candidate with the most number of votes will be elected to the board.

Petitions may be picked up from Cathy Law, District Clerk. Petitions are due to the district office by Monday, April 16, 2012, in order to be on the ballot for the vote on Tuesday, May 15, 2012.

Voter Qualifications

A resident of the Scio Central School District (SCSD) shall be entitled to vote, who is:

1. A citizen of the United States;
2. At least 18 years of age by May 15, 2012;
3. A resident of the district for at least 30 days preceding the vote.



Absentee Ballots

A resident of the district shall be entitled an absentee ballot, who is:

1. A qualified voter of the district;
2. A patient in a hospital or unable to appear personally at the polling place on the day of the vote due to illness or physical disability;
3. Unable to appear because of duties, occupation, business or studies that require him/her to be outside the county or city of residence on the day of the vote.

Obtaining an Absentee Ballot

A qualified voter of the SCSD voting by absentee ballot must:

1. Contact the school by phone or mail and request an application be sent to them;
2. Complete the application and return it to the District; the District Clerk must receive this application at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter;
3. Complete the ballot, fold it and enclose it in a special marked envelope, seal it, sign and date the oath; and
4. Place the official ballot envelope in another envelope and mail it to the District Clerk, and it must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

Propositions & Election

On Tuesday, May 15, you will be voting on the following:

Proposition 1 - General Budget

Shall the Board of Education of Scio Central School District, Allegany County, New York, be authorized to expend the sum set forth in the proposed 2012-13 budget in the amount of \$9,922,372?

Proposition 2 - Purchase of One School Bus

Shall the Board of Education of Scio Central School District, Allegany County, New York be authorized to purchase one (1) sixty-six (66) passenger diesel school bus at a total purchase price of one hundred seven thousand eight hundred forty-two & 00/100 dollars (\$107,842.00), less any trade-in allowance, with \$25,000 of the cost being transferred from the Bus Reserve Fund, the balance to be financed by bonding over five (5) years, and to levy the necessary taxes?

Election of Candidates to the Board of Education

Vote for three (3): one five (5)-year term to expire 6/30/2017 and two one (1)-year terms to expire 6/30/13. All vacancies are filled "at large," the candidate with the most number of votes will be elected to the board.



Dear Scio Community Members:

The Scio Central School Board of Education has been working since December to build the 2012-2013 school year budget. I commend the Board for developing a financial plan that focuses on the educational needs of our students, limits the impact on local taxpayers and provides for a healthy financial future. This was not an easy task as, once again, we are faced with declining revenues, the loss of Federal Jobs money, increased costs of unfunded mandates, and for the first time, a property tax levy cap.

In June 2011, state leaders enacted a law that placed new restrictions on how school districts (and municipalities) may increase their tax levies. This is known as the Property Tax Levy Cap. Although the new law has been referred to as a "2 percent tax cap", it does not restrict any proposed tax levy increase to 2 percent. That amount, called the "allowable tax levy limit" will be determined by each district according to a complex formula outlined in the law, and will vary by district. The District does not intend to exceed our calculated allowable tax levy limit of 2.27% with the proposed budget. Included in this newsletter is a question/answer document that will provide more information about this new legislation.



It is more important than ever before to become well informed about the complex issues that shape school district budgets and educational programs. On behalf of the Scio Central Board of Education, I encourage you to attend the Public Hearing on May 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Auditorium at which time the 2012-2013 proposed budget will be presented. The Annual Budget Vote will be held on May 15 from noon-8:00 p.m. in the Elementary

Auditorium as well. We look forward to a continued partnership with you and share a common goal of providing a quality education to the children of our community.

Sincerely,

Tracie L. Preston, Superintendent

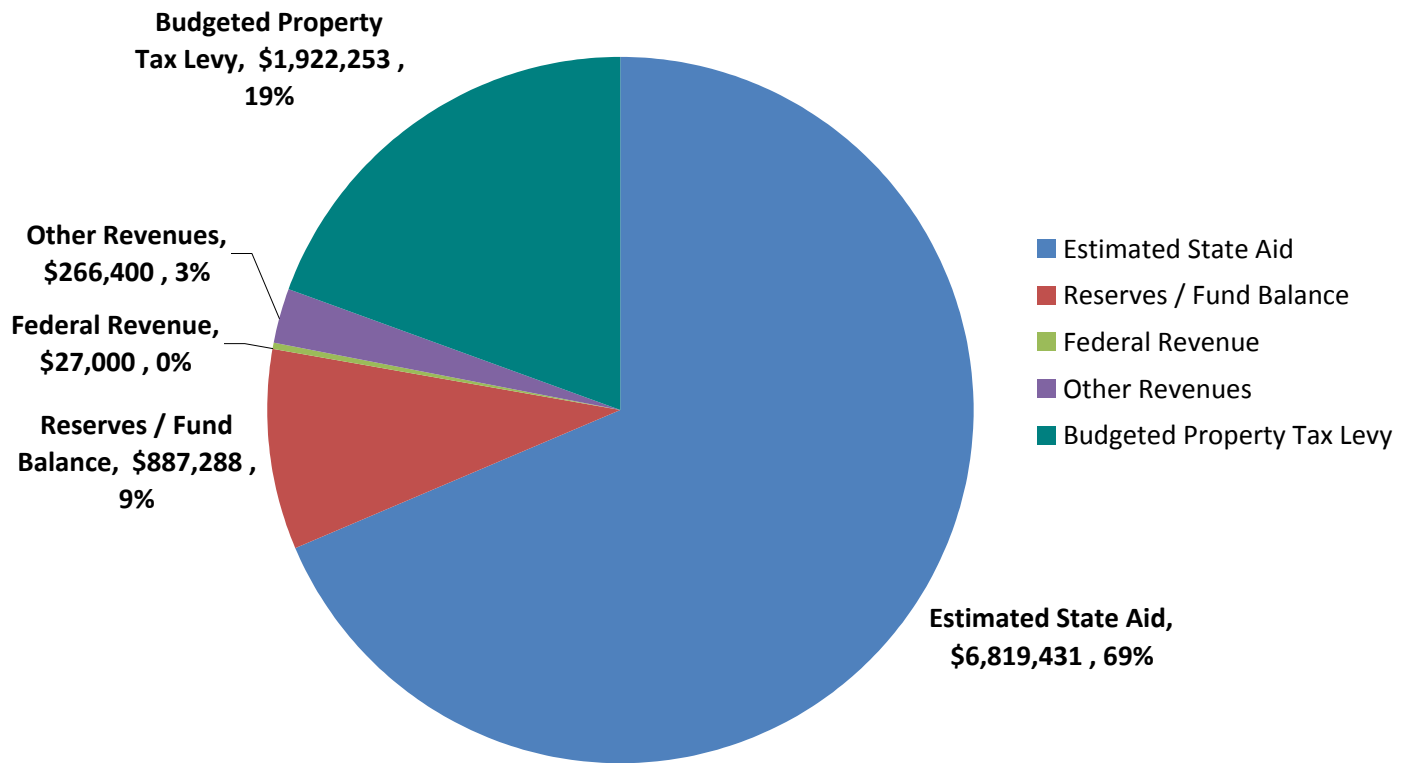
2012-2013 Proposed Expenditure Budget

<u>PROGRAM COMPONENT</u>	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13</u>
Personnel Services	\$ 15,193	\$ 15,122
Administration and Improvement	134,065	79,825
Teaching Regular School	2,214,337	2,235,108
Programs for Students with Disabilities	1,184,431	1,248,273
Occupational Education	419,101	366,488
Summer School	18,890	18,725
Instructional Media	351,248	274,319
Pupil Services	189,527	171,978
Interscholastic Athletics	115,099	115,180
Pupil Transportation	568,670	552,584
Census	1,000	1,000
Employee Benefits	1,581,687	1,678,323
<u>TOTAL PROGRAM COMPONENT</u>	\$ 6,793,248	\$ 6,756,925
<u>CAPITAL COMPONENT</u>		
Operation of Plant	\$ 587,419	\$ 583,492
Maintenance of Plant	137,947	140,500
Central Data Processing	203,776	277,030
BOCES Capital	65,981	59,076
Pupil Transportation	15,000	25,000
Employee Benefits	192,656	215,449
Debt Service	966,996	958,918
Transfer to Capital Fund from Reserves	25,000	25,000
<u>TOTAL CAPITAL COMPONENT</u>	\$ 2,194,775	\$ 2,284,465
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT</u>		
Board of Education	\$ 11,900	\$ 12,100
Central Administration	161,300	161,650
Finance	186,090	197,933
Staff	60,511	60,800
BOCES Administrative	51,006	46,068
Miscellaneous Items	5,500	2,500
Administration and Improvement	99,876	191,153
Employee Benefits	165,384	208,778
<u>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT</u>	\$ 741,567	\$ 880,982
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	\$ 9,729,590	\$ 9,922,372

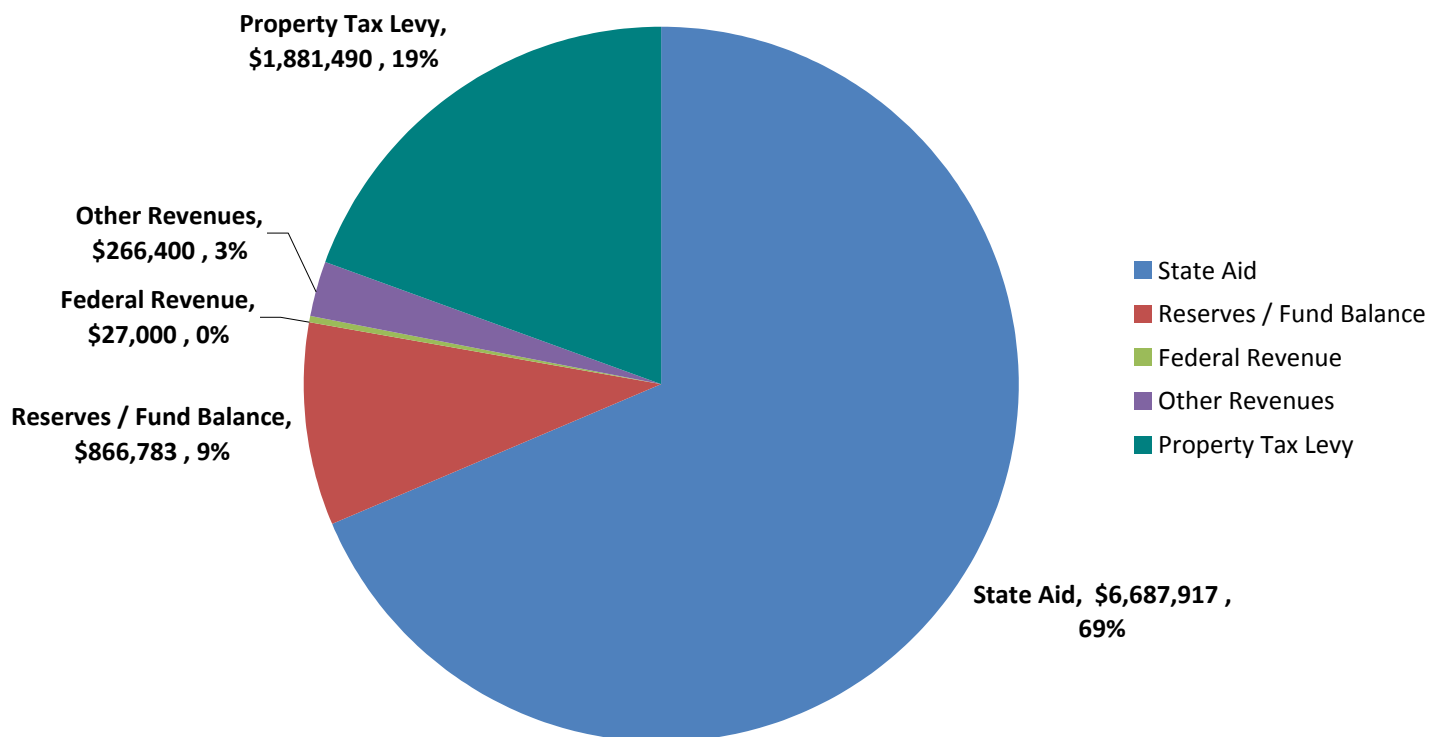
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2012-2013 Revenue Distribution



2011-2012 Revenue Distribution



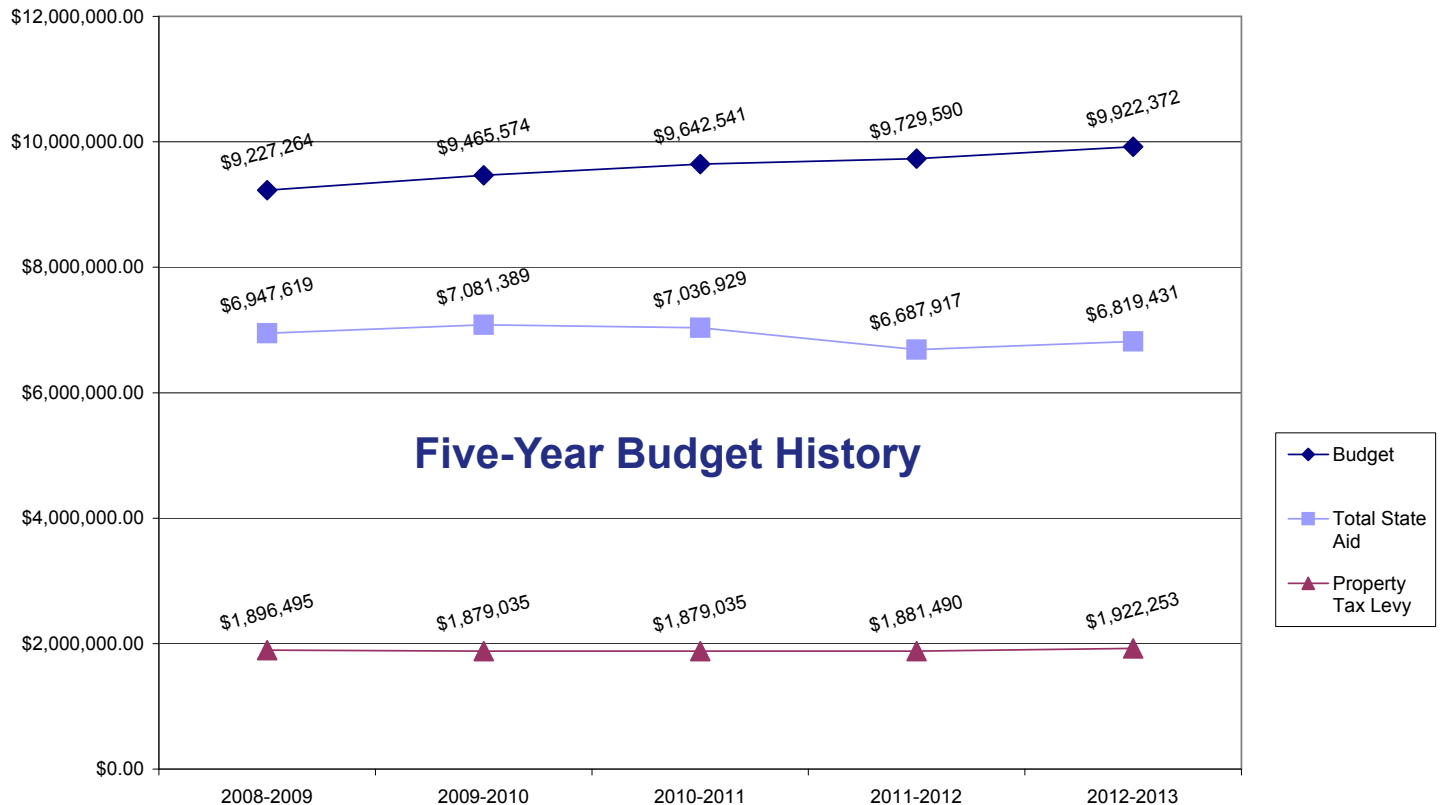


2012-2013 Estimated Revenue Summary

Source	2011-12	2012-13	Difference	% Change
State Aid	\$ 6,687,917	\$ 6,819,431	\$ 131,514	
Other Revenues	\$ 266,400	\$ 266,400	\$ -	
Property Tax Levy	\$ 1,881,490	\$ 1,922,253	\$ 40,763	2.17%
Fund Balance/Reserves	\$ 866,783	\$ 887,288	\$ 20,505	
Federal Revenue	\$ 27,000	\$ 27,000	\$ -	
Total Revenues	\$ 9,729,590	\$ 9,922,372	\$ 192,782	

Town of Scio					
Year	Tax Rate Per \$1,000	Assessed Value Prior to STAR	Assessed Value After STAR	Total Tax After STAR	Increase
2011-12	\$32.87	\$75,000	\$54,000	\$ 1,774.98	
2012-13	\$33.58			\$ 1,813.32	\$38.34 Per year \$3.19 Per month
2011-12	\$32.87	\$60,000	\$39,000	\$ 1,281.93	
2012-13	\$33.58			\$ 1,309.62	\$27.69 Per year \$2.31 Per month
2011-12	\$32.87	\$50,000	\$29,000	\$ 953.23	
2012-13	\$33.58			\$ 973.82	\$20.59 Per year \$1.72 Per month
2011-12	\$32.87	\$40,000	\$19,000	\$ 624.53	
2012-13	\$33.58			\$ 638.02	\$13.49 Per year \$1.12 Per month

Note: The tax rate calculation assumes no changes to the assessed property values and equalization rates from the prior year



The budget has increased an average of 2.3% per year over the last five years.



Q&A: The Property Tax Cap

Although New York State now has what is commonly called a “2 percent property tax cap,” the law does not necessarily restrict proposed tax levy increases to 2 percent. Rather, its main purpose is to determine the level of voter support that is needed for a school budget to pass.

The **New York State School Boards Association** has provided the answers to some FAQs to help explain the tax cap law.

Q: Does the tax cap mean my annual property tax can’t increase more than 2 percent?

A: **Not necessarily.** New York’s property tax cap law establishes a tax levy limit for each school district. The tax levy limit allows school districts to increase their property tax levy from one year to the next by 2 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less, based on a multi-step formula. School districts are then allowed to take certain exemptions that may boost their tax levy limits to more than 2 percent or the inflation rate.

If a school district’s proposed tax levy increase is within its limit, a simple majority of voters is needed for budget approval. If a school district’s proposed tax levy increase exceeds the tax levy limit, a supermajority of voters – 60 percent or more – would be required for budget passage.

Q: What may school districts exempt from their tax levy limit?

A: There are a limited number of specific exemptions to the tax cap that school districts may take. They include growth in “brick and mortar” development that increases the value of a school district’s full taxable property, contributions toward employee pensions above a certain amount, expenditures for some court orders, and the local portion of capital expenditures.

Q: Does the tax levy indicate how much my taxes will rise?

A: **No.** The tax levy is the amount of money the school district can raise through property taxes. The amount an individual will pay to contribute to the levied amount is the tax rate. Tax rates paid by individual taxpayers may differ greatly from one household to another, based on such things as equalization rates and assessed property values, and may exceed 2 percent.

Q: What if voters reject the proposed tax levy?

A: If voters in the district reject the proposed budget, the school board may put up the same or a revised budget for a second vote, or adopt a contingency budget with a tax levy no greater than what was levied the previous year. If voters reject the spending plan twice, schools must adopt a budget with the same tax levy as the prior year – essentially a zero percent cap.



Athletics News

By Doreen Martin, Athletic Director

Congrats Nicole Ramsey!

Nicole Ramsey (shown at right) was one of five senior girl basketball players in Allegany and Steuben Counties to receive a scholarship from the ASBOGWS officials group. Over Christmas break, the officials sponsor a basketball tournament at Alfred State. Money raised at this tournament is given back to senior players in the two counties. From the many seniors that applied for the scholarship, Nicole was one of the winners. Nice job, Nicole!



Boys Volleyball Team Wins Sportsmanship Award

Congratulations to the boys volleyball team for winning this years' ASBOGWS Sportsmanship Award from the volleyball officials group. This award is selected by the officials that work the games that we play. Nice job to Coach Kellogg and the boys and girls that play on this team.

Digitalsports.com

Don't forget, you can view any of Scio's sports schedules by going to www.digitalsports.com. Just type in Scio where they ask for a school name and you can view all sports schedules. You can also be put on the email list to receive emails of game changes for any sport. This is a great website to use to stay current on all schedules.

Spring Sports Schedules

Varsity Baseball

Tues., April 3.....BELFAST, 5 p.m.
Thur., April 5.....ANDOVER, 5 p.m.
Tues., April 16.....@ Genesee Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Wed., April 18.....FILLMORE, 5 p.m.
Thur., April 19.....CANASERAGA, 5 p.m.
Mon., April 23.....@ Hinsdale, 4:30 p.m.
Tues., April 24.....WALSH, 5 p.m.
Thur., April 26.....@ Whitesville, 4:30 p.m.
Mon., April 30.....@ Belfast, 7 p.m.
Wed., May 2.....@ Andover, 7 p.m.
Fri., May 4.....@ Walsh, 5 p.m.
Sat., May 5.....@ B-R, 11 a.m.
Tues., May 8.....@ Canaseraga (home), 5 p.m.
Fri., May 11.....HINSDALE, 5 p.m.
Sat., May 12.....Scio Tournament
.....Friendship vs. Whitesville, 9 a.m.
.....Fillmore vs. Scio, 11:30 a.m.
.....Consolation, 2 p.m.
.....Championship, 4:30 p.m.
Mon., May 14.....WHITESVILLE, 5 p.m.
Wed., May 16.....@ Friendship, 4:30 p.m.
Fri., May 18.....FRIENDSHIP, 7 p.m.
Coach: Kevin Mole

Modified Baseball

Mon., April 16.....BELFAST, 5 p.m.
Thur., April 19.....@ Whitesville, 5 p.m.
Mon., April 23.....@ Friendship, 4:30 p.m.
Wed., April 25.....@ Hinsdale, 4:30 p.m.
Fri., April 27.....CANASERAGA, 4:30 p.m.
Mon., April 30.....@ Bolivar-Richburg, 5 p.m.
Tues., May 1.....@ Andover, 4:30 p.m.
Sat., May 5.....@ Fillmore, 11 a.m.
Wed., May 9.....FRIENDSHIP, 5 p.m.
Thur., May 17.....GENESEE VALLEY, 5 p.m.
Coach: Dillon McFall



Varsity Softball

Fri., March 30.....@ Bolivar-Richburg, 5 p.m.
Tues., April 3.....@ Whitesville, 4:30 p.m.
Thur., April 5.....FRIENDSHIP, 5 p.m.
Mon., April 16.....@ Andover, 6 p.m.
Tues., April 17.....BELFAST, 5 p.m.
Thur., April 19.....WHITESVILLE, 5 p.m.
Wed., April 25.....@ Canaseraga (home), 5 p.m.
Sat., April 28.....@ Whitesville Tourney, 1 p.m.
Tues., May 1.....WHITESVILLE, 5 p.m.
Thur., May 3.....@ Genesee Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Tues., May 8.....@ Friendship, 4:30 p.m.
Fri., May 11.....@ Belfast, 7 p.m.
Sat., May 12.....Scio Tournament
.....Fillmore vs. Portville, 10 a.m.
.....Scio vs. G-V, 10 a.m.
.....Consolation, 12 noon
.....Championship, 12 noon
Mon., May 14.....FILLMORE, 5 p.m.
Wed., May 16.....ANDOVER, 5 p.m.
Fri., May 18.....CANASERAGA, 7 p.m.
Coach: Irv Newton

Modified Softall

Mon., April 16.....BELFAST, 5 p.m.
Wed., April 18.....@ Whitesville, 5 p.m.
Mon., April 23.....@ Friendship, 4:30 p.m.
Wed., April 25.....@ Hinsdale, 4:30 p.m.
Fri., April 27.....CANASERAGA, 4:30 p.m.

Varsity Track

Thur., April 19.....@ Keshequa, 4:30 p.m.
Tues., April 24.....@ Genesee Valley, 5 p.m.
Thur., April 26.....@ Cuba-Rushford, 5 p.m.
Wed., May 2.....@ Cuba-Rushford, 5 p.m.
Sat., May 5.....@ Arkport, 9:45 a.m.
Tues., May 8.....@ Houghton College, 5 p.m.
Sat., May 12.....Wellsville Spring Day, TBA
Tues., May 15.....@ Bolivar-Richburg, 5 p.m.
Tues., May 22.....County Meet @ C-R, 5 p.m.
Coach: Ann Ball

Modified Track

Wed., April 25.....@ Cuba-Rushford, 5 p.m.
Mon., April 30.....@ Wellsville, 5 p.m.
Mon., May 7.....@ Cuba-Rushford, 5 p.m.
Mon., May 14.....@ Houghton College, 5 p.m.
Mon., May 21.....@ Wellsville, 5 p.m.
Coach: Matt Burlingame



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The Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES Career and Technical Education Center at Belmont held their NTHS Induction ceremony and reception on March 14, 2012. A total of 30 juniors and seniors from various programs and home schools were inducted. Among the new inductees were five Scio Central School students shown left to right: Christopher Bridge (Project Lead the Way), Gabrielle Wiech (Medical Assisting), Decorah Hutchinson (Culinary Arts), Caitlin Windus (Cosmetology), and Dakota Silsby (Media Communication). We would like to congratulate each of them for this significant accomplishment!

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Tuesday, May 15, 2012
12 Noon – 8 p.m.
Elementary Auditorium



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