

Dear Onondaga Central School District Residents:



Onondaga
Central Schools

I would like to thank the community and staff for all the hard work during the pandemic. With stakeholder's support, we provided PreK-6 students to attend school in-person learning five days per week or remotely with their own grade-level teacher.

At the Jr./Sr. High School, students participated in a hybrid model, and this afforded students to attend school two, four, or five days per week based on the student and family needs. This transition to four or five days per week came quickly as we assessed the needs of students and families following the DOH and CDC guidance.

On May 18, 2021, Onondaga Central School District residents will have an opportunity to vote on a \$23,190,109 proposed budget for the 2021-2022 school year budget. The Onondaga Central School Community prides itself on challenging students to their maximum potential and preparing students to be contributing citizens for life.

Listed below are budget details and some of the priorities this budget includes to help continue the community's success:

- School Safety & Security
- Commitment to Small Class Size
- ELL/ENL Staffing Support
- Special Education & Alternative Education Programs
- Academic Intervention Services (AIS)
- Maintain all Current Educational Programs
- Maintain Facilities
- Annual Computer Replacement Plan
- Ability to Handle Fiscal Challenges
- Annual School Bus Replacements
- Account for Federal/State Mandates

The budget calls for a 2.6% increase in spending from the 2020-2021 school year and carries a 1.99% tax levy increase. Under the NYS Tax cap law, the district has a levy threshold limit of 2.72%. The tax levy increase of 1.99% has an estimated increase for the cost to landowners of the Town of Onondaga of 55 cents per \$1000 of assessed value.

The \$590,724 increase in the general fund budget is mostly due to increases in contractual obligations, resources to maintain our educational programs, and health insurance expenses. In summary, we are proposing a school budget in the amount of \$23,190,109 to be voted upon on May 18, 2021.

Elections and voting will be in-person on May 18, 2021, from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Rockwell Elementary School's Gymnasium, located at 208 Rockwell Road, Nedrow, NY 13120, and at the Jr./Sr. High School's Cafeteria Lobby, located at 4479 South Onondaga Road, Nedrow, NY 13120. Absentee ballots can be requested. If the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the application must be submitted at least seven days prior to the vote. An absentee ballot may be picked up at OCSD District Office, 4466 South Onondaga Road, Nedrow, NY 13120 by the voter in person; applications will be accepted until May 17, 2021. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 18, 2021.

The chart to the right is a comparison of our actual 2008-2009 through 2020-2021 school budget information and the proposed 2021-2022 school budget data. In August, we will receive the updated property assessment figures from the four towns in our district. As evidenced by the chart to the right, you can see there were many years with a zero percent increase to taxpayers making an overall average of .41% for the past fourteen years.

This year's State Budget also included allocations for the Federally funded American Rescue Plan Act (ARAP). Onondaga CSD is estimated to receive \$2 million dollars in the form of a learning loss grant, with specific allowable expenses. Since there are restrictions on this grant, the district is required to apply for this money and therefore it cannot be accounted for in the general annual budget. Also, schools cannot receive funding until the educational grant is approved by the NYS Education Department and the application process is currently not available.

Thank you for your continued support of the Onondaga Central School District's budget development process. We certainly appreciate the investment that each of you makes in the education and future of all OCS students. Please be safe and well as we all manage through the pandemic.

Sincerely,
Rob Price, Superintendent

School Year	Budget to Budget	Tax Levy Increase	Tax Rate Increase
2008/09	5.64%	5.05%	-0.21%
2009/10	2.33%	2.06%	-0.04%
2010/11	1.88%	1.33%	0.00%
2011/12	-0.77%	1.44%	0.98%
2012/13	3.53%	0.50%	0.00%
2013/14	3.59%	1.25%	0.00%
2014/15	1.64%	1.07%	0.00%
2015/16	2.65%	1.75%	1.60%
2016/17	1.43%	1.25%	-0.65%
2017/18	2.01%	1.00%	0.36%
2018/19	1.10%	-0.47%	-0.47%
2019/20	4.10%	1.95%	1.01%
2020/21	2.40%	1.50%	1.18%
2021/22 est	2.60%	1.99%	1.99%
Average	2.44%	1.55%	0.41%

THE ONONDAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL COMMUNITY

CHALLENGES individual maximum potential, prides itself on **SUCCESS**, and prepares contributing **CITIZENS** for life.

2021-2022 OCS BUDGET INFORMATION



ROCKWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

What a different kind of school year it has been! I am so proud of the staff at Rockwell School for working so hard over the summer to plan for the re-opening of the school during this pandemic. The teachers, teacher assistants, nurse, custodians, secretaries and all the staff have gone above and beyond to keep the school open with all the health protocols we have implemented, followed and continue to tweak as needed. We are offering bi-weekly COVID testing to ensure the safety of all. Desks, doorknobs, railings, sinks, and phones are all sanitized twice a day. Nightly cleaning protocols have improved to meet the COVID demands. Desks are six feet apart, students' belongings are in bins and tiger paws are on the floor to keep us safely apart when walking in the hallways. Recess has been broken down to three different locations for smaller group sizes. The children have adjusted well to the new protocols and now these changes are the new normal.

The children at Rockwell School have been so fortunate to attend school five days a week with little disruption since September. Academics are still our priority. Closing school last spring has affected the children's learning, but the teachers have worked doubly hard to close that achievement gap. Our AIS teachers and librarian are now classroom teachers doing an amazing job to meet the needs of the students.

Rockwell has offered remote learning at Pre-K through second grade. The teachers have worked hard creating materials and work packets that are sent home to go along with their Google Classroom lessons. The students and teachers have created nice classroom communities interacting with each other as if they were in person.

COVID may have changed things but it has not stopped us. We continue to hold our weekly Morning Program on-line, showcasing our learning and student accomplishments. We have continued to hold classroom holiday celebrations, but in new ways. We will be participating in the OCRRA Earth Day Clean-up on April 24 and have begun to bring in special guests using online technologies.

The Rockwell building renovations began in March. Each of our classrooms are being updated with new handicapped accessible bathrooms, cubbies and cabinetry. The nurse's and social worker offices are being enlarged and updated. It will be wonderful to come back in September to newly renovated classrooms and building.

Everyone in the Onondaga Central School District Community should be so proud of all the accomplishments of the students, staff, and administration. We have found our way to successfully educate our children during this pandemic. We at Rockwell School thank the community for all the support you have given and shown us during this different school year. It is truly appreciated!



WHEELER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

This has been a busy and interesting year at Wheeler School. We appreciate the way that our community came together to support us as we opened our doors to as many in-person learners as possible. It has also been an interesting year for our students that have elected to remain home as distance learners. Either way, we are all part of the Wheeler community and looking forward to getting back to something more like we are accustomed to next fall.

Even with all of the trials and tribulations this year, we were able to find many successes at Wheeler. We have had guest speakers join us to include: Congressman John Katko and Major General Diana Holland. We were able to start a few clubs back up like Guitar Club, Character Club, and STEM Club.

Our Character Club even got to take a field trip to support some of our senior citizens. Our students have also found other ways to reach out; one 3rd grade class connected with local veterans by sending cards to them.

Activities in school have been different. Students eat lunch spread out across the cafeteria and part of the small gym. Some of our special area teachers have not been able to use their classrooms and instead have been visiting students in their homerooms. But, we have still found a way to make the year a success. Students were able to add to their experience by having virtual visits with an astronaut, some math experts, and (in the near future) an expert on whale sharks, and a magician. We have all learned a lot more about how we can use technology to access learning materials and many of our students are now experts in things like Google Classroom and web based instruction.

Our students and staff are resilient and strong. We have all learned a lot about reading, writing, and arithmetic this year, but we have also learned a lot about ourselves and what we can endure. Our students and staff find new ways to succeed each day. Thanks again to our community for all the support that we have received this year. You are a big reason for our success as a school.



JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL:

The Character Ed/P2 Club made Holiday Cards at Christmastime to spread cheer and positivity to those who were in the hospital. Several students participated and it was a feel-good event for all involved.

Positivity Project

A Senior kick-off event to start the new school year. Students were welcomed back to hybrid instruction and greeted by staff with music and food. *#PositivityInAction*

Homecoming

Students participated in a Halloween themed homecoming. We missed seeing our alumni as in years past, but our students still enjoyed many activities. We smashed and burned a “wreck-a-car” (thank you Mr. Sharpsteen), students dressed in their scary costumes, and pumpkins were launched from the rooftop with help from the applied physics class.

Spirit Week

Thank you Student Council for organizing a wonderful spirit week. The classes participated in various activities all week. Students also won prizes after competing in a “Kahoot” game.

100 day celebration

Our Senior class had the opportunity to create their own sundaes and participated in games in order to win prizes.

Key Club

- Halloween candy giveaway at OCC
- Food drive to donate to the Navarino food pantry
- Students wrote Christmas cards to the troops
- Angel stockings for the homeless

Mural Painting

Senior Art students have been busy adding lots of color to our hallways! There are currently four new murals in progress in various locations throughout the school - outside of the gym, in the weight room, by the testing center, and in the 1st floor hallway by Mr. Melfi and Mr. Hyland's room. Our Seniors are doing a great job using their creative skills to brighten the hallways for their classmates. (Mural Photos folder: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1w18feq3APK9gtbnLsHfFS5A8I1WfMxJp?usp=sharing>)

National Parks Posters

Advanced Studio Art students recently finished creating a new series of posters about the National Parks. Each student had to pick a location, do image research, and then choose what art materials they wanted to use to create their landscape artwork. Students worked with everything from digital painting, to watercolor, to acrylic paint. Once their landscapes were complete, the artwork was scanned and brought into Photoshop where they added text and any other edits. Prints will be made available to any teacher who wishes to use them in their classroom, an option that has been very popular over the years!

(National Parks posters folder: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19tiyPCX1pjgkyl-r3PWkYnzb-8OzYY4?usp=sharing>)

Baltimore Woods Art Show

Onondaga will have artwork by several students in the annual student art show at Baltimore Woods Nature Center. Senior art students Alannah Lewandowski, Ainé Power, and Cassidy Field will each have a nature themed block print on display. The exhibit will be open to the public from May 1 - 28, following COVID-19 protocols. Congratulations to our students for being included in the exhibit! (Baltimore Woods Art Show folder: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HSbpjE3LmGWcJwCr9c9TEolv_vEt9Pes?usp=sharing)

Amazing Pencil Self-portraits

Portfolio students completed some wonderful pencil drawing self-portraits during hybrid learning. They all took their own reference photos showing themselves looking through a torn piece of paper. They then used their photos to create detailed black and white pencil drawings of themselves. Please enjoy some of their amazing work!

(Pencil self-portraits folder: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jZn3JTsiZAhcG2PDjYr614QpjT2D6qy7?usp=sharing>)

Positivity Posters

Inspired by the Positivity Project, Studio Art students completed a poster project to help encourage positive thinking. They had to either create or select a quote and then use their hand lettering skills to design their poster. Prints of their positive thinking designs are being ordered so that we can distribute them to other classrooms and hang the posters up around the school.

(Positivity Posters folder: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/192HTj4cuYNPRh6crL_I8WiRjSxD1imoG?usp=sharing)

2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET: WHERE THE MONEY GOES...

ONONDAGA CENTRAL SCHOOLS 2021-2022 Proposed Budget				
	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 PROPOSED	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percent Inc/Dec
Board of Education - Board of Education, District Clerk, Budget Meeting	\$24,375	\$27,965	\$3,590	14.7%
Central Administration - District Office	\$302,706	\$310,961	\$8,255	2.7%
Finance - Business Office, Independent Auditor, Tax Collection, Fiscal Agent Fee, Treasurer	\$322,763	\$335,611	\$12,849	4.0%
Staff - Legal Services, Personnel and Public Relations	\$76,446	\$82,624	\$6,178	8.1%
Maintenance	\$1,829,915	\$1,832,220	\$2,305	0.1%
Central Services - Printing Operations, Admin, Computers, and SRO's	\$283,290	\$277,703	(\$5,587)	-2.0%
Special Items - Liability Insurance, BOCES Rent and Administration, Unclassified	\$168,390	\$194,386	\$25,996	15.4%
Admin. Improvement - Principals, Clerical Staff, BOCES Services, SRO In-Service Training	\$745,962	\$770,992	\$25,030	3.4%
Teaching	\$7,932,822	\$8,166,571	\$233,749	2.9%
Instructional Media	\$935,240	\$961,703	\$26,463	2.8%
Pupil Services - Guidance, Health & Psychological Services, Co-curricular Activities, Athletics	\$1,379,268	\$1,395,099	\$15,831	1.1%
Transportation - Student local and out-of-district transportation and Bus Garage	\$1,697,258	\$1,678,159	(\$19,099)	-1.1%
Employee Benefits	\$4,633,445	\$4,824,979	\$191,534	4.1%
Debt Service - 10-Year Bonds, 5-Year Bonds, Tax Anticipation	\$2,267,505	\$2,331,135	\$63,630	2.8%
Total Budget	\$22,599,385	\$23,190,109	\$590,724	2.6%
GENERAL SUPPORT	2020-2021 \$3,007,885	2021-2022 \$3,061,470	\$53,586	1.8%
INSTRUCTION	\$12,690,550	\$12,972,525	\$281,975	2.2%
UNDISTRIBUTED	\$6,900,950	\$7,156,114	\$255,164	3.7%
	\$22,599,385	23,190,109	590,724	2.6%

	3 Part Budget	Benefits	Total 3 Part
Administration	\$2,000,242	\$482,498	\$2,482,740
Program	\$12,201,533	\$4,101,232	\$16,302,765
Capital	\$4,163,355	\$241,249	\$4,404,604
	\$18,365,130	4,824,979	23,190,109

	2020-2021	2021-2022
Administration	10.56%	10.71%
Program	70.28%	70.30%
Capital	19.16%	18.99%
	100.00%	100.00%

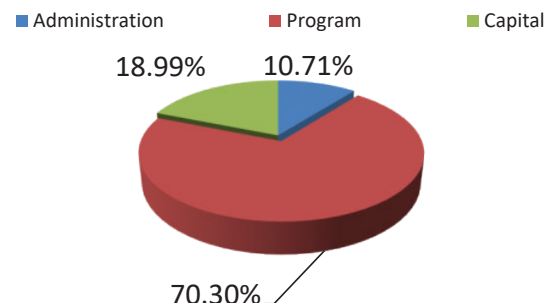
The 3 Part Budget:

1. Administrative costs include the salaries and benefits of all certified staff who spend 50% or more of their time in administration, plus the salaries and benefits of clerical staff. Also, school board costs, curriculum development, tax collection, legal and auditing costs, central printing, central data processing and BOCES administrative costs.

2. Program costs include the salaries and benefits of all teachers and staff delivering pupil services (health, guidance, library, and athletics). Also, textbooks, instructional materials, equipment, extracurricular student activities, BOCES program costs, and all costs of the transportation program except bus purchases.

3. Capital costs include the salaries and benefits of maintenance and custodial staff, plus debt service, utilities, and general insurance.

2021-2022 THREE PART BUDGET



2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET: WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM...

Summary of Budgeted Revenues			
Category	2020-2021	2021-2022	\$ CHANGE
Property Tax including Star	\$ 10,219,317	\$ 10,422,681	\$ 203,364
State Aid			
Foundation Aid, Building Aid, Special Education	7,700,127	8,016,027	\$ 315,900
Transportation	1,776,467	1,872,661	\$ 96,194
BOCES Aid	1,135,126	1,168,907	\$ 33,781
Textbook, Library, Hardware, Software	79,787	79,344	\$ (443)
Total State Aid	10,691,507	11,136,939	\$ 445,432
Other Revenues	297,000	352,000	\$ 55,000
Appropriated Reserves Total	665,000	600,000	\$ (65,000)
Employee Retirement Reserve	350,000	350,000	
Teachers Retirement Reserve	100,000	100,000	
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve	140,000	150,000	
Unemployment Reserve	75,000	-	
Appropriated Fund Balance	726,561	678,489	\$ (48,072)
Planned Balance	-	-	\$ -
Total Revenues	\$ 22,599,385	\$ 23,190,109	\$ 590,724

TAX RATE INFORMATION BY TOWN

Tax Rate information by Town/Proposition I (Budget)

The calculation in the chart below assumes that the following estimates are valid:

TOWN	EQUALIZATION RATE	ASSESSED VALUE
LAFAYETTE	90%	\$ 1,677,564
MARCELLUS	91.0%	\$ 2,476,580
ONONDAGA	92.0%	\$ 364,300,436
OTISCO ¹	1.90%	\$ 44,691

Tax Rate information by town/ Proposition I (Budget)

The chart below is intended to provide you with the information on school taxes to be paid at various levels of assessed value. Our district will not have up to date assessment information until August.

NOTE: This chart assumes property owners have applied for and received a basic STAR Exemption.

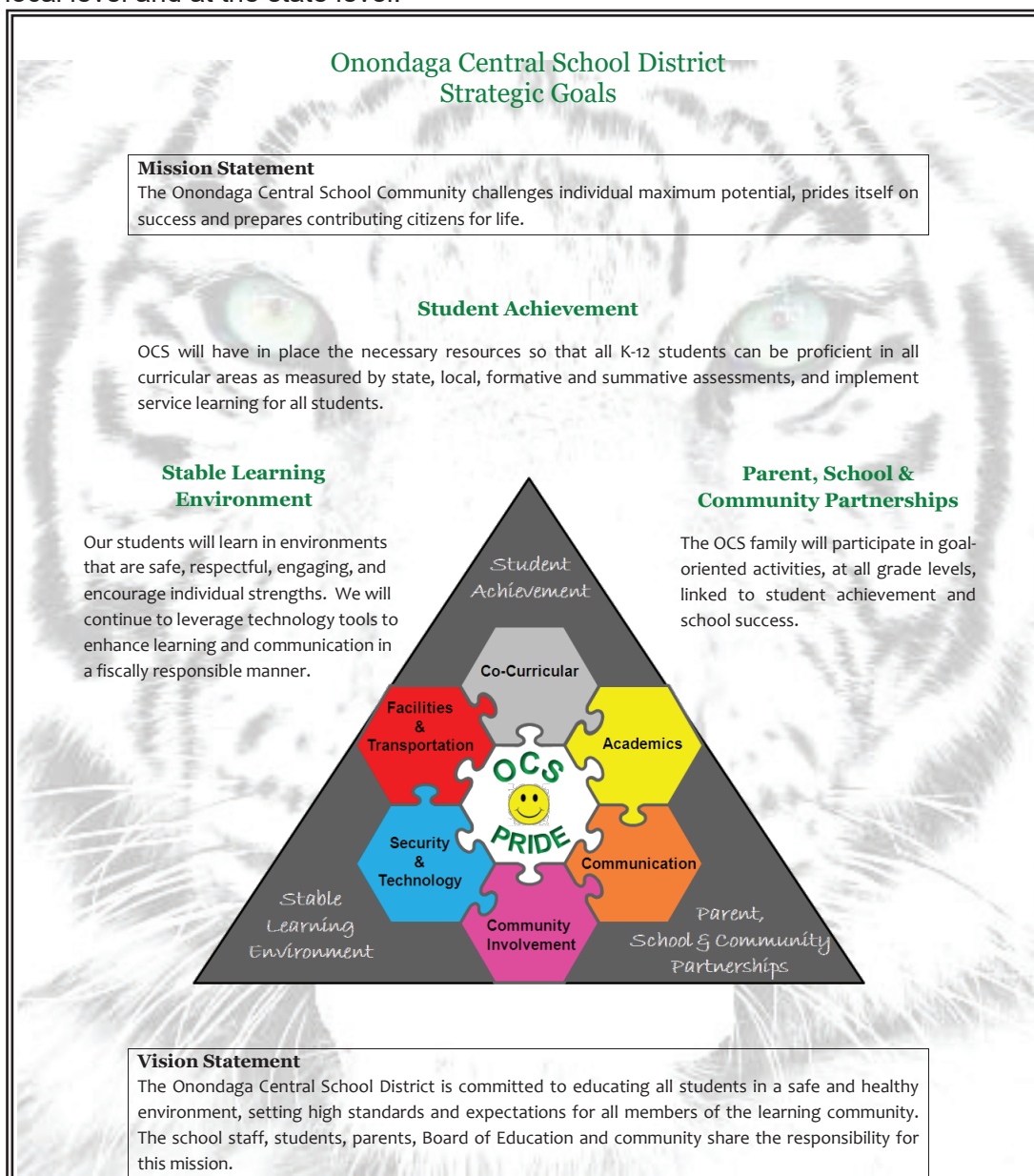
TOWN		TAX RATE PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE			ESTIMATED TAX INCREASE BEFORE STAR
		ASSESSED VALUE	ASSESSED VALUE	TAX RATE INCREASE	
ONONDAGA	\$	50,000	\$ 28.112977	1.99%	\$ 27.43
		100,000	\$ 28.112977	1.99%	\$ 54.86
		150,000	\$ 28.112977	1.99%	\$ 82.29
LAFAYETTE	\$	50,000	\$ 28.742334	1.99%	\$ 28.04
		100,000	\$ 28.742334	1.99%	\$ 56.08
		150,000	\$ 28.742334	1.99%	\$ 84.12
MARCELLUS	\$	50,000	\$ 28.426484	1.99%	\$ 27.73
		100,000	\$ 28.426484	1.99%	\$ 55.46
		150,000	\$ 28.426484	1.99%	\$ 83.20
OTISCO ¹	\$	1,130	\$ 1,361.478957	1.99%	\$ 1,328.24
		2,260	\$ 1,361.478957	1.99%	\$ 2,656.47
		3,390	\$ 1,361.478957	1.99%	\$ 3,984.71

¹As of 2010, the town of Otisco has not been re-assessed to full value.

STRATEGIC GOALS:

BOARD Advocacy and Strategic Goals:

The Onondaga CSD Board of Education supports the below strategic goals that were adopted in 2014-2015. The strategic goals set the framework of the service provided by the board both at the local level and at the state level.



Contingent Budgets

If residents vote down the proposed budget, the Board of Education has two options:

1. Resubmit the same budget or a revised budget for a revote on June 15.
2. Adopt a contingent budget, which state law now dictates cannot exceed the current year's tax levy. (If residents vote down a re-submitted budget, the district MUST adopt a contingent budget.)

What's a contingent budget? Unlike in years past, the new statute requires contingent budgets to carry a ZERO percent increase over the current year's levy. In other words, the district would have to levy the same amount of taxes as in the current year or less – without any adjustment for state pension rate increases, contractual obligations or any other costs, mandated or not. It also means all "non-contingent expenses" would have to be cut from the budget. These include field trips for social or entertainment purposes, new equipment, non-essential maintenance spending and some student supplies.

**PLEASE VOTE!
OCS BUDGET VOTE
Tuesday, May 18, 2021
7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Rockwell Gymnasium
Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria**

BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES: VOTE FOR TWO (2)

The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes each will be elected to three-year terms commencing July 1, 2021, and ending on June 30, 2024.



Michael Kobasa and his wife, Robyn, live at 4531 Abbey Road with their three children. Devin is presently in 9th grade at the Jr/Sr High School and Lyla and Ryan, 6th and 4th grade respectively, are at Wheeler Elementary.

Michael graduated from Lansing High School, a Class D school, about an hour South of Onondaga, in a class size of 66. He received his B.S. ('98) and M.S. ('01) in Electrical Engineering and M.S. ('02) in Engineering Management of Technology from Syracuse University. Michael is employed at TTM Technologies (formerly Anaren, Inc.) as an RF/Microwave Engineering Supervisor in East Syracuse where he oversees the design and development of beamforming assemblies for the Aerospace & Defense RF Networks Group.

Michael has lived in Syracuse for the past 25+ years and settled his family in 2006 in the Onondaga Central School District. He has served the last seven years on the Board of Education and has been active in multiple committees throughout the years including the facilities committee, audit committee, policy committee, finance committee and health, wellness and safety committee. For the past two years, Michael has served as Vice President of the Board.

During his spare time, Michael enjoys reading, watching sports, cooking new recipes, traveling, attending live music events and spending time with family. You may contact Michael at 315-415-7687, or email at mko-basa@ocs.cnyric.org.



Noelle (Clarry) Relles is an alumna of Onondaga Central School District's Class of 2003. After leaving OCS she received her bachelor's degree from Cornell University and her doctorate from the College of William & Mary. Since returning to the Syracuse area after the birth of her oldest daughter in 2011, she has taught biology and environmental science at SUNY Cortland and Onondaga Community College and now teaches at Hamilton College in Clinton, New York. She has a daughter in 4th grade at Wheeler, a daughter in 1st grade and a son in UPK, both at Rockwell. Aside from teaching and serving on the school board, she enjoys reading (to a fault), writing, and running. She also enjoys bike riding, hiking, and fishing with her family. She is running for a second term on the board because she feels strongly about continuing to serve the community.

"I learned a lot in my first term on the school board, the importance of the board in bringing concerns from the community to the administration and advocating on behalf of the community to the district. The budget is an important part of the board's job and I think it takes time to really understand the intricacies of the budget. Now more than ever, it's important to be cognizant of our community members' socioeconomics after weathering the storm of this pandemic for the past year. I am so proud of how our district handled changing guidelines by the state throughout this year, in terms of both social distancing and masking in the classroom, and continuing to offer voluntary testing regularly for our students. I believe the availability of the fully remote option helped put some parents' minds at ease, while others chose to send their kids to school due to childcare needs and also concerns about their mental and emotional well-being. The administrators and staff were endlessly accommodating during these trying times. We are now in a position where any students who want to be back in school are able to be. I am honored to be a small part of this district and walk away from every board meeting continually impressed with the adaptability our staff and administrators have shown this past year, whether it's figuring out how to safely get kids into the classroom, play sports, or ride the bus, they seem to have hit every curveball thrown at them."

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<u>PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING</u>	<u>VOTER QUALIFICATIONS</u>
Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.	Must be a citizen of the United States
Jr/Sr High School Library and Virtual Meeting	Must be eighteen (18) years of age
<u>BUDGET VOTE</u>	Must be a resident of the Onondaga Central School District for a minimum of (30) days prior to May 18, 2021
Rockwell Elementary Gymnasium and	
Junior Senior High School Cafeteria	
Tuesday, May 18, 2021 from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.	

PROPOSITION I – (Budget)

Shall the proposed budget of the Onondaga Central School District as recommended by the Board of Education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 in the sum of \$23,190,109 (Twenty-Three Million, One Hundred Ninety Thousand, One Hundred Nine Dollars) as a general fund appropriation be adopted and shall the Board of Education be authorized to levy the necessary taxes therefor?

PROPOSITION II – (Student Transport Vehicles)

Shall the Board of Education purchase and, at the option of the Board, finance two (2) student transportation vehicles at an estimated cost not to exceed \$274,212.50, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other necessary costs incidental thereto and to expend a total sum not to exceed \$274,212.50, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and shall the Board be authorized, at its option, to finance such purchase or so much thereof as may be necessary by levying a tax upon the taxable property of the District, which is hereby voted for the foregoing in the amount of \$274,212.50, which shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, shall bonds or notes be authorized to be issued or executed at one time, or from time to time, in the principal amount not to exceed \$274,212.50 and shall a tax be authorized to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

PROPOSITION III – (Library)

Shall the Onondaga Central School District Levy and collect a tax, pursuant to section 259 of the Education Law of the state of New York for the benefit of the Onondaga Free Library, in the sum of \$56,650 (an increase of \$1,650 from the levy of 2020-2021 which was the sum of \$55,000) for the continuing support and maintenance of the Free Library services offered to the district residents?