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May 2024 Newsletter

2024-2025 **DATE OF BUDGET VOTE/ELECTION** The date for the annual budget vote/election is Tuesday, May 21, 2024 from 2 pm-8 pm Voting will be held in the main foyer. **BUDGET HEARING** Monday, May 13, 2024 6:30 pm **ABSENTEE OR EARLY BALLOT** In the auditorium Applications for absentee and early mail ballots may be requested in person or by mail between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through **BUDGET VOTE/ELECTION** Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. To obtain an application Tuesday, May 21, 2024 please contact Sally Kohl, District Clerk at 315-846-5826. 2 pm—8 pm In the main foyer Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election (May 14, 2024) if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be SPRING CHORUS CONCERT delivered personally to the voter in the District Office. Tuesday, May 21, 2024 7 om Absentee and early mail ballots must be received by the District Clerk not In the auditorium later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. **BUDGET HEARING** A budget hearing will be held in the BHCS Auditorium on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Collins, Superintendent and IN THIS ISSUE Mrs. Bellinger, Business Manager will present the 2024-2025 budget. Superintendent's Message Principal's Message Board of Education Goals Proposed Budget Who Can Vote? Three Part Budget School District Budget A person meeting all of the criteria: Notice A qualified voter is a person who is a citizen of the United States, Property Tax Report Card At least eighteen years of age, Ballot Information A resident of the District for at least 30 days prior to the date of the **Roard of Education** election. Candidate(s) Please be prepared to show proof of identification (picture id) and or proof of residency within our district.



From the Desk of the Superintendent, Jane A. Collins

The Board of Education's number one goal is "To continue to provide opportunities for our students to excel in academics, career trades, extracurricular activities, and skills development, by offering a variety of programs and providing the resources necessary to support thereof." The District takes great pride in all of the programs offered at Belleville Henderson. The Agriculture Program, which is the oldest, continuously operating program in the United States, provides a high quality agriculture education to our students. Our technology program offers a wide range of courses like eighth grade technology, drawing, design, and production, basic woodworking/carpentry, computer-aided design and drafting I and II, construction technology, and driver's education. Our science and math programs have strong college prep offerings in biology, chemistry, physics, anatomy and physiology and mathematics including calculus. Mrs. Cobb's Spanish program is exceptional offering the Seal of Bi-Literacy as a culminating accomplishment. Many students qualify to participate in Edge courses offered by Jefferson Community College taught by our teachers in Math, ELA, and Social Studies, and by SUNY Morrisville for courses in Agriculture.

Students have the opportunity to attend the BOCES Bohlen Technical Center to earn a technical endorsement designation in culinary, cosmetology, criminal justice, auto body repair, welding, electrical, heavy equipment, plumbing/HVAC, carpentry, electronics and computer technology, veterinary practices, visual communications and health careers. Our Pre-K through grade 6 program continues to focus in the core courses of ELA, math, science, social studies, physical education, library studies, and music and the arts. We support students K-12 with academic intervention services (AIS), ELL and special education.

The 2024-2025 total budget is \$12,773,685, an increase of 3.25%. The proposed tax levy is \$5,454,900, which is an increase of 3.49%. The proposed levy increase is above the 2% tax cap, and requires 60% of the voters to approve the budget to pass. The budget includes \$12,000 for student classroom supplies to ease the burden on families, again this year. The transportation cost of one new large school bus and one new small bus is \$285,308. Bus purchases generates transportation aid the following year. We are purchasing salt for sanding the parking lots from the Town of Henderson and the savings will generate a savings to purchase a salt hopper to install on the back of a district pickup. Instructionally, we are maintaining two elementary sections per grade level. Our school psychologist will be part-time and we are adding a CSE Chairperson to support our growing special education student population as well as oversee our academic intervention services. We are maintaining our elementary Flooding Program and committing significant support staff to this program. The 2023-2024 school year is the last year of COVID funding, consequently, we are downsizing two instructional positions.

Our administrators, teachers and support staff provide excellent educational programs and an inviting and safe educational environment. We value our partnerships with our parents as we work together to bring the best opportunities forward for all students. We are so proud of our students' accomplishments during this school year.

The Board of Education and I would like to thank the community for its ongoing support, which plays an integral role in the success of our students not only in the classroom, but also in the community. Together, we are, Panther Strong!

Sincerely, Jane A. Collins Jane Collins

Belleville Henderson School....Where we grow great leaders!



From the Desk of the Principal, Mr. Storey

We are very proud of the many successes of our students this school year. Below are some of the student accolades from 2023-2024.

STUDENT ACCOLADES

TV-7 Academic All-Star - Megan Maurer: Megan's interviewed can be viewed by accessing the following link: <u>https://www.wwnytv.com/2023/11/21/academic-all-star-megan-maurer/</u>.

Jefferson County Youth Bureau Advisory Board 2024 Youth Recognition Award - Morgan Hodge, who was recommended because of her tremendous leadership skills.

New York State Assembly Minority Leader Will Barclay 4th Annual Community Service Youth Awards - Nicholas Babcock, Raegan Riordan, Faith Graham

2024 Scholarship for Academic Excellence - Megan Maurer, Morgan Hodge, Raegan Riordan

National Honor Society Members – Kennady Billman, Joseph Canzonier, Kaylie Chiodi, Brandon Dodge, Isabella Eastman, Faith Graham, Morgan Hodge, Miranda Hubbard, Garrett Hyman, Owen McNett, Ella Poulin, Avery Pritchard, Cayden Randall, Raegan Riordan, Natasha Thomas, Eily Vaughn, Trey Wainwright, Ella Wainwright, Maeve Ward, Madison Weyerstrass, Madison Williams

National Junior Honor Society Members – Margo Canzonier, Maeve Crooker, Eva Dockstader, Hannah Eastman, Joshua Fuhrman, Kash Gordinier, Malana Grimshaw, Charles Hyman, Mariyah Houghton, Paige Maitland, Jenna Matthews, Addison Miner, Olivia Muldovan, Mila Nelson, Rocco Nelson, Kaylie Parker, D'Etta Pritchard, Crystal Remington, Kloe Robshaw, Arianna Roux, Jonah Salisbury, Kintree Sibrava, Anna Stacy, Truman Whitney, Jaelyn Wood, Joseph Zehr,

FFA - The annual FFA Banquet was held on Thursday, April 11th. FFA members celebrated their accomplishments throughout the year with parents, faculty and supporters. There were 48 Discovery Degree recipients, 26 Greenhand Degree recipients, 20 Chapter Degree recipients, and 2 Empire Degree recipients. A variety of other awards and scholarships were given out to members including the Jefferson County Farm Bureau Jacket Award, which was given to Kaysen Parker and the Bruce Ormbsy Award, which was given to Joe Canzonier for demonstrates a strong work ethic.

Music - In the areas of chorus and band, Nicholas Babcock auditioned and was accepted into the Honors Performance Series Mixed Choir. Nick stayed in New York City for 5 days to rehearse and perform in Carnegie Hall, which was built by industrialist and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. It is one of the most prestigious venues in the world for both classical music and popular music.

Elementary Bi-County Chorus - Wyatt Ames, Megan Bernat, Everett Eastman, Lillianna Salisbury

Jr. High Bi-County Chorus - William Gleason, Paige Maitland, Addison Miner, Truman Whitney, Joseph Zehr, Delilah Zerphey

Senior High Bi-County Chorus - Nicholas Babcock, Kiah-Lily Duger, Trentin Misercola, Olivia Muldovan, Ronald Zehr

STUDENT ACCOLADES continued

Bi-County Select Vocal Ensemble - Nicholas Babcock, Isabella Eastman, Trentin Misercola, Ronald Zehr

Area All State Chorus - Nicholas Babcock, Kiah-Lily Duger, Isabella Eastman, Trentin Misercola, Ronald Zehr

Elementary Bi-County Band - Madeline Salisbury, Kylee Matthews, Megan Bernat, Everett Eastman, Andrew Bartoszewski

Middle School Bi-County Band - William Gleason, Ashlynn O'Brien, Jenny Cobb, Lucas Dockstader, Joey Zehr

High School Bi-County Band - Avery Pritchard

Art - The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards is an organization whose mission is to identify students with exceptional artistic and literary talent and present their remarkable work to the word through the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. The awards give students opportunities for recognition, exhibition, publication, and scholarships. In 2023, students across the United States and Canada entered more than 300,000 original works in 28 different categories of art and writing.

Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Honorable Mention: Kyle Seibel, Anna Stacy, Ivy Eastman, and Isabella Eastman

TV-7 News Art Star - Kiah-Lily Duger, Nicholas Babcock

Judges Choice Awards at the Belleville Henderson Spring Art Show - Mia Goodnough, Cayden Grossman, Traigh Costello, Rocco Nelson, and Kadence Millard.

Athletics

Girls Soccer Frontier League All-Stars - Ella Wainwright, Eily Vaughn, Kennady Billman

Girls Soccer Frontier League MVP and Section 3 First Team All Star - Kennady Billman

Boys Soccer Frontier League All-Stars - Peyton Bellinger, Hayden Allen, Cayden Randall, Zion John

The Varsity Girls Soccer team advanced to round 2 of sectional play this year.

Girls Basketball Frontier League All-Stars - Raegan Riordan

Boys Basketball Frontier League All-Stars - Brandon Dodge, Chris Bond

Girls All-North Athlete Honorable Mention - Raegan Riordan

Boys All-North Athlete Honorable Mention – Brandon Dodge

Cheerleading All-Stars - Juliana Sugden, Kaylie Chiodi, Mackenzie Salisbury, Malana Grimshaw

Cheerleading Section III All-Star – Juliana Sugden, Malana Grimshaw



2023-2024

Goals of the Belleville Henderson Central School District

GOALS OF THE DISTRICT

- 1. To provide opportunities for our students to excel in academics, career trades, extracurricular activities, and skills development, by offering a variety of programs and providing the resources necessary in support thereof.
- 2. To remain fiscally solvent and stable, by means of long-term budget planning, reducing expenses, negotiations, and exploring additional revenue streams to ensure the longevity of our district.
- 3. To recruit and retain excellent faculty and staff by fostering a positive atmosphere with high morale, endorsing professional development, supporting our administrators, and recognizing our employees hard work, dedication, and success.

GOALS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- 1. To enhance community relations and communication by increasing transparency and ensuring the timely and clear dissemination of information through the District's website, social media platforms and other user-friendly avenues.
- 2. To build and encourage succession planning and professional development in the areas of budgeting, facility planning, and leadership growth.
- 3. To maintain a safe and orderly educational environment where the Board of Education, administration, teachers, staff and community deliberately display and guide our students to learn and exhibit kindness, respect and professional behavior.

Where We Grow Great Leaders





Belleville Henderson School District 2024-2025 Proposed Budget Projected Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue	2023-2024	2024-2025	Change From Prior Year	Percent Change Over Prior Year
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State Aid	\$6,324,733	\$6,536,038	\$211,305	3.3%
Local Taxes	\$5,270,944	\$5,454,900	\$183,956	3.5%
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$29,245	\$40,000	\$10,755	136.8%
Fund Balance	\$569,601	\$550,000	(\$19,601)	(3.44%)
Other Revenues	\$59,382	\$75,247	(\$15,865)	(26.72%)
Reserves (ERS/Debt Service)	\$117,500	\$117,500	\$0	0.00%
Total Revenues	\$12,371,405	\$12,773,685	\$402,280	3.3%
Expenditures	2023-2024	2024-2025	Change From Prior Year	Percent Change Over Prior Year
General Support	\$1,949,816	\$2,006,638	\$56,822	2.9%
Instruction	\$5,483,014	\$5,687,199	\$204,185	3.7%
Transportation	\$664,009	\$720,937	\$56,928	8.6%
Bus Purchase	\$352,894	\$285,308	(\$67,586)	(19.1%)
Employee Benefits	\$2,771,407	\$2,837,338	\$65,931	2.4%
Debt Service/Interfund Transfer	\$1,150,265	\$1,236,265	\$86,000	7.5%
Total Expenditures	\$12,371,405	\$12,773,685	\$402,280	3.3%

Bus Purchases

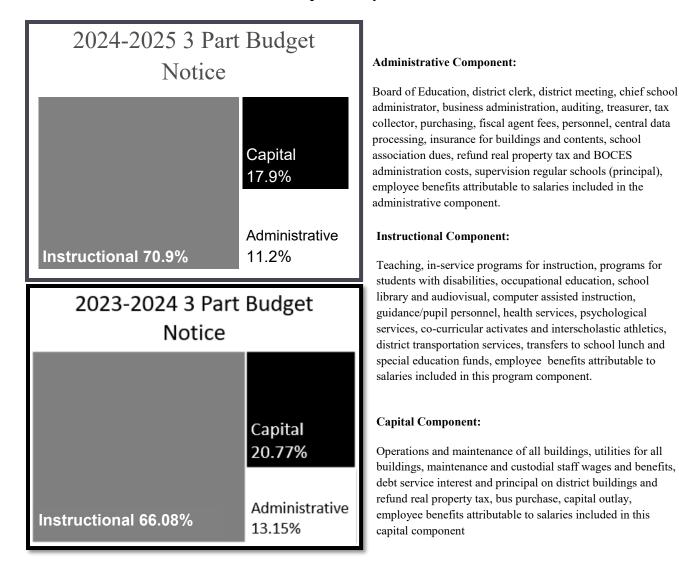
Every year the district evaluates the current bus fleet and makes recommendations for purchases in the following school year. Through this process the district looks to anticipate bus purchasing needs for the next fiscal year and into the future. Continually monitoring and eventually replacing our fleet is essential to the safety of our students and reducing maintenance costs. State Transportation Aid covers approximately 50% of this expense.



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Three Part Budget

New York law requires school districts to present their budgets divided into three equal expenditure categories, Instructional, Administrative, and Capital and compare them to the previous years costs.



	Administrative	Capital	Instructional	Total
Budgeted Expenditures 2023-2024	\$1,627,422	\$2,568,354	\$8,175,629	\$12,371,405
Budgeted Expenditures 2024-2025	\$1,431,981	\$2,282,148	\$9,059,556	\$12,773,685
Net Change	\$195,441	\$286,206	\$883,927	\$402,280
Percent of Change Over Prior Year	13.6%	12.5%	10.8%	3.3%
% Proposed Expenditures	13.15%	20.77%	66.08%	100.00%



	Budget Adopted		0
Overall Budget Proposal	for the 2023-24	Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2024-25 School
	School Year	School Teal	Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$12,371,405	\$12,773,685	\$12,327,677
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		\$402,280	(\$43,728)
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.3%	0.00%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.12%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$5,270,944	\$5,454,900	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$	\$	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$	\$	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$	\$	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$5,270,944	\$5,454,900	\$5,270,944
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$277,319	\$203,885	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$4,993,625	\$5,134,942	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions $(E - B - F + D)$	\$4,993,625	\$5,251,015	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval	\$ 0	(\$116,073)	
Administrative Component	\$1,627,422	\$1,431,981	\$1,428,981
Instructional Component	\$8,175,629	\$9,059,556	\$9,017,556
Capital Component	\$2,568,354	\$2,282,148	\$1,878,140

* 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 following are the assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2024-25 School Year. Removal of Non-Contingent Expenses would include. \$60,700 reduction in equipment expenses. \$100,000 reduction for Capital Outlay expenses.

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2024-25 by the qualified voters of the Belleville Henderson Central School District, Jefferson County, New York will be held on May 21, 2024 between the hours of 2:00pm and 8:00pm, prevailing time in the main foyer of the Belleville Henderson School building, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot.

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BHCSD Property Tax Report Card 2024-2025

Contact Person: Colleen Bellinger	Budgeted	Proposed Budget
Telephone Number: (315) 846-5826	2023-2024	2024-2025
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	12,371,405	12,773,685
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	5,270,944	5,454,900
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	0	0
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable	0	0
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	0	0
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	5,270,944	5,454,900
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	277,319	203,885
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions <u>3</u>	4,993,625	5,134,942
 H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D) 	4,993,625	5,251,015
I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval)	0	-116,073
Public School Enrollment	504	500
Consumer Price Index		4.12%

	Actual 2023-2024	Estimated 2024-2025
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	660,049	665,848
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	569,601	550,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	288,697	563,857
Adjusted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	2.33%	4.40%

BHCSD Property Tax Report Card 2024-2025 continued

Reserve	3/31/24	6/30/24	2024-2025
Keserve	Actual Balance	Estimated Balance	Intended Use
Capital	\$35	\$35	\$0
Unemployment Insurance	\$28,554	\$29,930	\$0
Mandatory Reserve for Debt Service	\$121,779	\$120,500	\$17,500
Tax Certiorari	\$0	\$0	\$0
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0
Reserve for ERS Contribution	\$409,640	\$325,700	\$100,000
Reserve for TRS Contribution	\$100,041	\$104,900	\$0

Description of Reserves

<u>Capital</u>—To pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued

Unemployment Insurance—To pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund

<u>Mandatory Reserve for Debt Service</u>—To cover debt service payments on outstanding obligations (bonds, BANS) after the sale of district capital assets or improvements

Tax Certiorari—To establish a reserve fund for tax certiorari settlements

<u>Employee Benefit Accrued Liability</u>—For the payment of accrued 'employee benefits' due to employees upon termination of service

<u>Reserve for ERS Contribution</u>—To fund employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Employees' Retirement System

Reserve for TRS Contribution — To fund employer retirement contributions to the NYS TRS



Estimated Tax Rate Effect

3.49% Increase

EXAMPLES BASED ON LAST YEAR'S ASSESSED VALUES & EQUALIZATION RATES

	Property Assessment Value	Tax Increase Estimated
Town	\$50, 000	\$100,000
Adams	\$15.86	\$31.71
Ellisburg	\$17.06	\$34.12
Henderson	\$17.30	\$34.61







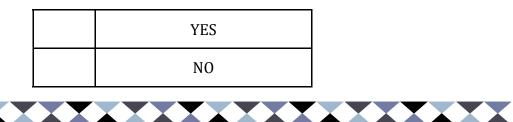




Budget Proposition

Proposition #1

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to spend the sum of $\underline{\$12,773,685}$ (twelve million, seven hundred seventy-three thousand, six hundred eighty five dollars) for the 2024-2025 school year and to levy the necessary tax?

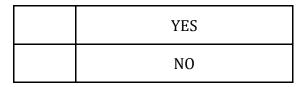


Local Library Proposition

Proposition #2

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to levy and collect an annual tax, year after year, separate and apart from the annual school district budget in support of the below listed public libraries located within the geographic boundaries of the Belleville Henderson Central School District as follows:

- Ellisburg Free Library, an increase of \$4,000 for a total of \$20,000
- Henderson Free Library an increase of \$4,000 for a total of \$27,000
- Belleville Philomathean Free Library a total of \$22,000 (no change)





Board of Education Vacancies

Two five-year seats on the Board of Education are up for election. Currently the seats are held by Anthony Barney and Gary Ramsdell.

Candidates running for election are: Gary Ramsdell, Matthew Burnham, and Anthony Barney

Candidates will be introduced at the Annual Budget Hearing on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the BHCS Auditorium



Meet Our Candidate for the Board of Education

Candidate Name: Gary Ramsdell

What is your education?

• High school diploma

What is your occupation?

Construction Superintendent

Please list your family:

- Della Ramsdell-wife,
- Crystal & Ryan Heise, daughter & son-in-law,
- Alex Cockayne, son,
- Colton & Jordan Ramsdell, son & daughter-in-law,
- Chaelen Heise, grandson,
- Lettie Heise, granddaughter

Are you a member of any organizations? If yes, please list them.

Azz Dogz, motor cycle club dedicated to annual charity runs.

Why are you running for the Board of Education?

To give back to the community and school system where my children were educated and to provide support to the staff and administration of BHCS.

If elected, in what ways will you serve the students of Belleville Henderson?

I will participate in meetings and workshops and actively listen to concerns that may be expressed by both students and parents of our community.

Is there other information you would like to provide?

I served on the board of education at BHCS from 2014-2019. I am currently an interim member of the board seeking re-election for another 5 year term.











Panther Pride!

Meet Our Candidate for the Board of Education

Candidate Name: Matthew Burnham

What is your education?

• Associates degree in Criminal Justice, youth soccer coach

What is your occupation?

General Manager

Please list your family:

• Son, Brody Burnham

Are you a member of any organizations? If yes, please list them.

Why are you running for the Board of Education?

To help secure the health and safety of the children, and also to make sure the parents have a say in their children's education.

If elected, in what ways will you serve the students of Belleville Henderson?

Is there other information you would like to provide? Let's make Belleville Henderson Central School Great Again!!





Panther Pride!







Meet Our Candidate for the Board of Education

Candidate Name: Anthony Barney

What is your education?

• Graduated 12th grade from Belleville Henderson (2004)

What is your occupation?

Dairy Farm Manger/Owner

Please list your family:

- Wife: Tiffany (self employed)
- Children: Payton (3rd grade at Belleville Henderson) and Paisley (Kindergarten at Belleville Henderson)

Why are you running for the Board of Education?

I am running for my second term to give back to the community that I grew up in.

If re-elected, in what ways will you serve the students of Belleville Henderson?

I would help students excel in classes, trades, and sports to the best of my ability.





Panther Pride!







Board of Education Meetings

Monday, April 29, 2024 Monday, May 13, 2024 Tuesday, May 21, 2024 Monday, June 10, 2024 Monday, July 15, 2024 Special Board of Education meetings will be scheduled as needed.

Board of Education Members



John W. Allen, President Dennis R. Jerome, Vice President Anthony J. Barney Roger E. Eastman Adam J. Miner Gary M. Ramsdell Kristin J. Vaughn



Reminders

- Budget Hearing: Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the auditorium.
- Absentee and Early Ballot Applications: Available by contacting the District Clerk.
- Absentee/Early Ballot Application Deadline: Last day for the Clerk to receive an application (if ballot is to be mailed) is Tuesday, May 14, 2024.
- **Budget Vote/Election:** Tuesday, May 21, 2024 from 2 pm 8 pm in the main foyer.
- Spring Chorus Concert: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 7 pm in the auditorium.

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