



# JORDAN-ELBRIDGE Central School District

## BUDGET EDITION 2024

### 2024-2025 SCHOOL BUDGET *Key Dates*



#### **PUBLIC HEARING & MEET THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE**

Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

6:00 p.m.

JEMS Library

#### **BUDGET VOTE**

Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

JEHS Events Entrance

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On Tuesday, May 21st, Jordan-Elbridge Central School District residents will vote on a proposed \$37,415,000 budget for the 2024-25 school year. This budget represents a spending increase of 3.4 percent, or \$1,220,000 and carries a 0.00 percent tax levy increase.

A challenge that our district has, as well as many other districts in our region, is that Governor Kathy Hochul has indicated a two-year phased-in reduction in state aid (2024-25 and 2025-26). Under the proposal, rural districts will take the hardest hit, and Jordan-Elbridge faces a 1.2 percent cut, which translates to about \$300,000.

"If things go unchecked, I think what you're going to see across the state is a divide between the haves and the have nots, and the have nots are going to be predominantly rural schools across New York State," Superintendent James Froio said.

To potentially offset future cuts in state aid, the district has been benefiting from high interest earnings on community reserve funds to help bridge the gap. During the 2021-22 school year, interest revenue was \$11,550. As of February 29th, 2024, the interest revenue earned was \$462,945. This will also offset the need for a tax-levy increase in 2024-25.

"This budget supports all JE academic and co-curricular activities," said Assistant Superintendent R.J. Hartwell. "A 0.00% levy change (no community school tax increase) and planned use of district reserves, will continue to support student programming, demonstrating fiscal responsibility to our community."

In addition to voting on the proposed budget, community members will elect one member to the Board of Education. See page six for further information. Voters will also decide on separate propositions that would provide further funding for both the Elbridge Free Library and the Jordan Bramley Library, a new 2024 Bus Reserve, and a new 2024 Capital Reserve.

"We want to continue to be a district that has small-school benefits, but large-school opportunities. And that is what this budget presents," said Froio.

Polls will be open on May 21st, 2024, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at JEHS. Voters may access the building via the events entrance. A voter can request an absentee or early mail ballot by contacting the district clerk.

# PROPOSED 2024-2025 BUDGET SUMMARY

## ESTIMATED REVENUES

REVENUE SOURCES	2023-2024 Revised Revenue	2024-2025 Estimated Revenue	% Change
Tax Levy (Including STAR)	\$13,200,000	\$13,200,000	0.0%
Other Tax Items	574,751	596,552	3.8%
Non-property Taxes	20,000	20,000	0%
Charges for Services	35,000	35,000	0%
Use of Property	82,000	82,000	0%
Miscellaneous & Interest	204,000	545,000	167.2%
State Aid	19,054,249	19,192,648	0.7%
Federal Medicaid Revenue	25,000	25,000	0%
Interfund Transfer-Debt Service Fund	0	0	0%
Interfund Transfer-Capital Fund	0	0	0%
Transfer-Bus Reserve	0	600,000	N/A
Transfer-Unemployment Reserve	0	118,800	N/A
Appropriated Fund Balance	3,000,000	3,000,000	0%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$36,195,000</b>	<b>\$37,415,000</b>	<b>3.4%</b>

## PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

FUNCTION	2023-2024 Adopted Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Budget	% Change
General Support	\$4,551,094	\$4,737,313	4.1%
Instruction	17,428,547	17,840,658	2.4%
Pupil Transportation	2,931,147	3,415,475	16.5%
Community Service	33,400	33,400	0%
Employee Benefits	7,580,874	7,975,559	5.2%
Debt Service	3,149,938	2,892,595	(8.2%)
Interfund Transfers	520,000	520,000	0%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$36,195,000</b>	<b>\$37,415,000</b>	<b>3.4%</b>

## WHAT THE BUDGET PAYS FOR\*

### PROGRAM

- » Salary and benefits (teachers, counselors, librarians, coaches, teaching assistants, bus monitors, bus drivers)
- » Teacher supplies, materials and equipment, conferences
- » Textbooks and software
- » Sports and co-curricular activities
- » Transportation
- » Library Services

### ADMINISTRATIVE

- » Board of Education expenses
- » District clerk and district meeting expenses
- » Salary and benefits for: superintendent, assistant superintendent, principals/supervisors, and central office and main office staff
- » Staff development
- » School resource officers

### CAPITAL

- » Salary and benefits (custodial, grounds keepers, and maintenance)
- » Supplies and materials
- » Equipment
- » Water, sewage and utilities
- » Bond principal and interest payments
- » Capital Outlay
- » Bus purchases

\*Summary and not an item-by-item list

## THREE-COMPONENT BREAK DOWN

**Administrative Component:** Salaries and benefits, as well as all other costs to operate the central district services and each school's main office and cover Board of Education expenses.

**Instructional Component:** Funding for all K-12 educational programs, including teacher and support staff salaries and benefits, BOCES special education and instructional services, interscholastic athletics and transportation.

**Capital Component:** Cleaning and maintaining district facilities, including salaries, benefits, service contracts, utilities, materials and supplies, capital outlay projects and debt service.

## HOW YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT

**PROPOSED BUDGET: \$37,415,000**

Administrative  
**11.4%**

Capital  
**18.2%**

Program  
**70.4%**



# PROPOSED 2024-2025 BUDGET

## A LINE-BY-LINE LOOK

### GENERAL SUPPORT

FUNCTION	2023-2024 Budget	2024-2025 Proposed	% Change
Board of Education	\$20,100	\$19,730	(1.8%)
District Clerk	8,100	10,000	23.5%
District Meeting	3,150	3,150	0%
Chief School Administrator	277,797	285,645	2.8%
Business Administration	328,081	368,813	12.4%
Auditing	30,500	31,500	3.3%
Treasurer	6,500	0	(100%)
Tax Collection	14,500	13,750	(5.2%)
Purchasing	4,450	4,535	1.9%
Legal Services-Other	72,800	73,800	1.4%
Legal Services-Financial Advisor	6,500	6,500	0%
Legal-BOCES Services	24,729	26,230	6.1%
Personnel	122,480	120,075	(2.0%)
Records Management	3,000	2,500	(16.7%)
Public Information & Services	83,700	83,340	(0.4%)
Operation of Plant	1,814,184	1,912,400	5.4%
Maintenance of Plant	694,239	693,180	(0.2%)
Central Storeroom	0	0	0%
Central Printing & Mailing	57,946	61,000	5.3%
Central Data Processing	525,700	552,105	5.0%
Insurance & BOCES Admin. Services	452,638	469,060	3.6%
<b>Total General Support:</b>	<b>\$4,551,094</b>	<b>\$4,737,313</b>	<b>4.1%</b>

### INSTRUCTION

FUNCTION	2023-2024 Budget	2024-2025 Proposed	% Change
Curriculum Development	\$138,824	\$142,039	2.3%
Supervision-Regular School	979,157	1,080,726	10.4%
Research, Planning & Evaluation	145,975	146,625	0.4%
In-Service Training	100,000	92,250	(7.8%)
Teaching-Regular School	8,177,207	8,089,978	(1.1%)
Programs-Students W/Disabilities	3,994,688	4,316,470	8.1%
English Language Learners	70,580	32,500	(54%)
Occupational Education	704,550	793,884	12.7%
Teaching-Special Schools	60,000	60,000	0%
School Library & AV	300,758	311,263	3.5%
Computer Assisted Instruction	916,571	833,610	(9.1%)
Guidance	473,212	555,170	17.3%
Health Services	174,320	189,408	8.7%
Psychological Services	166,525	169,256	1.6%
Social Work Services	116,926	126,700	8.4%
Co-Curricular Activities	239,022	260,624	9.0%
Interscholastic Activities	670,232	640,155	(4.5%)
<b>Total Instruction:</b>	<b>\$17,428,547</b>	<b>\$17,840,658</b>	<b>2.4%</b>

### TRANSPORTATION; BENEFITS; DEBT SERVICE; INTERFUND TRANSFERS

	2023-2024 Budget	2024-2025 Proposed	% Change
<b>PUPIL TRANSPORTATION</b>			
District Transportation	\$2,745,097	\$3,234,750	17.8%
Garage Building	165,051	160,125	(3.0%)
Transportation From BOCES	21,000	20,600	(1.9%)
<b>Total Pupil Transportation:</b>	<b>\$2,931,147</b>	<b>\$3,415,475</b>	<b>16.5%</b>

<b>Total Community Service:</b>	<b>\$33,400</b>	<b>\$33,400</b>	<b>0%</b>
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<b>Total Debt Service-Principal:</b>	<b>\$2,844,725</b>	<b>\$2,588,132</b>	<b>(9.0%)</b>
<b>Total Debt Service-Interest:</b>	<b>\$305,213</b>	<b>\$304,463</b>	<b>(0.2%)</b>

	2023-2024 Budget	2024-2025 Proposed	% Change
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>			
Employees' Retirement	\$528,861	\$560,595	6.0%
Teachers' Retirement	1,307,347	1,334,000	2.0%
Social Security	1,274,202	1,401,625	10.0%
Workers' Compensation	188,000	190,000	1.1%
Unemployment Insurance	35,000	35,000	0%
Hospital, Medical & Dental	4,239,965	4,446,840	4.9%
Employee Tuition	7,500	7,500	0%
<b>Total Employee Benefits:</b>	<b>\$7,580,874</b>	<b>\$7,975,559</b>	<b>5.2%</b>

<b>INTERFUND TRANSFERS</b>			
Transfer to Special Aid Funds	\$420,000	\$420,000	0%
Transfer to Capital Fund	100,000	100,000	0%
<b>Total Interfund Transfers:</b>	<b>\$520,000</b>	<b>\$520,000</b>	<b>0%</b>

	2023-2024 Budget	2024-2025 Proposed	% Change
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$36,195,000</b>	<b>\$37,415,000</b>	<b>3.4%</b>

# JE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME WELCOMES FOUR DISTINGUISHED INDUCTEES IN 2024 CEREMONY

*The Jordan-Elbridge community recently gathered on March 21st to celebrate the illustrious careers of four exceptional athletes at the 2024 Jordan-Elbridge Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Scott Fletcher (Class of '98), Seth Green (Class of '98), Rachel (Graf) Renaudette (Class of '06), and Kelsey Richardson (Class of '11) were honored for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the athletic legacy of Jordan-Elbridge.*

## SCOTT FLETCHER: A GRIDIRON GLADIATOR

Scott Fletcher, inducted by his Head Football Coach Patrick Smart, was a gridiron gladiator whose tenure on the field was marked by sheer tenacity, leadership, and an unparalleled passion for the game. As the quarterback, he scored 29 total career touchdowns and led the team to its first sectional playoff appearance in 1996. After graduation, he would go on to play lacrosse at the collegiate level, first playing at Herkimer Community College and then heading to the Springfield College Men's Lacrosse team, whose record in 2001 was 16-2, set a school best record.

## SETH GREEN: A TITAN ON THE FIELD

Seth Green, also inducted by his Head Football Coach Patrick Smart, is a name synonymous with excellence in athleticism, and was a towering figure on the field during his tenure at Jordan-Elbridge. His defensive grit was on full display during the school's first-ever sectional playoff appearance vs. Oneida High School. On a crucial fourth and inches late in the game, one which Smart fondly calls the play "The Hit", Green heroically stopped the opponent short from the line-to-gain. After graduation, Green would go on to play football at Cortland State, where he recorded 76 tackles, two interceptions and two sacks.

## RACHEL (GRAF) RENAUDETTE: A TRAILBLAZER ON THE DIAMOND AND COURT

Rachel Renaudette, inducted by her Head Softball Coach Joe Ryan, blazed a trail of success on the softball diamond and basketball court during her time at Jordan-Elbridge. Her unmatched skills and relentless determination made her a formidable force to be reckoned with. She was the captain of the softball team in 2006, a magical year that culminated in a Section III Championship with an incredible record of 21-1. She would set single-season and career stolen bases records. After graduation, she decided to focus on basketball and played at SUNY Potsdam, where she would earn her way to the 1,000-point-club, as well as hold the record for most games played (109).

## KELSEY RICHARDSON: A CHAMPION IN EVERY SENSE

Kelsey Richardson, inducted by her Head Basketball Coach Leslie Ahern, brought an unwavering determination and unmatched talent during her time playing basketball and lacrosse. Unfortunately, Richardson was unable to attend the ceremony because she is currently in-season as the Florida Tech Head Women's Lacrosse Coach, but she was able to share a video thanking her former coaches, teammates, and the Jordan-Elbridge school community. She was a four-year starter on both the girls basketball and lacrosse teams. Richardson's strength was guarding the lacrosse net as a goalkeeper, where she finished her high school career with 700 saves and a career .640 save percentage. After graduation, she attended Syracuse University and helped the Orange to four straight NCAA Final Four berths (2012-15), including two national championship game appearances in 2012 and 2014, a 2015 ACC Championship title, and a 2012 Big East title.

*The 2024 Jordan-Elbridge Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was a poignant reminder of the rich sporting heritage and tradition that defines the community. As Scott Fletcher, Seth Green, Rachel Renaudette, and Kelsey Richardson took their rightful place among the legends of Jordan-Elbridge athletics, they left an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of all who had the privilege of witnessing their greatness. Their achievements will continue to inspire generations to come, serving as a beacon of excellence for all who dare to dream.*





# ON THE MAY 21 BALLOT



## **PROPOSITION 1:**

### ***The 2024-25 budget***

Shall the proposed 2024-25 budget for the Jordan-Elbridge Central School District, in the amount of \$37,415,000, as approved by the Board of Education on April 17th, 2024, be adopted?

#### ***What it means:***

Voters in New York decide the spending plans for school districts. This proposition asks voters to decide whether to allow the district to spend up to \$37,415,000 for the 2024-25 school year.

## **PROPOSITION 2:**

### ***Capital Reserve Fund***

Shall the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Jordan-Elbridge Central School District (the "District") be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund (the "2024 Capital Reserve Fund") in accordance with Section 3651 of the Education Law, for a probable term of fifteen (15) years, beginning on June 30, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2039, for the purpose of financing future capital improvement projects, and shall the Board be authorized to fund the 2024 Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of up to \$5,000,000 by making annual appropriations from the District's undesignated fund balance, in amounts to be determined by the Board, to the 2024 Capital Reserve Fund?

## **PROPOSITION 3:**

### ***School Bus Capital Reserve Fund***

Shall the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Jordan-Elbridge Central School District (the "District") be authorized to establish a school bus capital reserve fund (the "2024 School Bus Capital Reserve Fund") in accordance with Section 3651 of the Education Law, for a probable term of five (5) years, beginning on June 30, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2029, for the purpose of financing future purchases of school buses, and shall the Board be authorized to fund the 2024 School Bus Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of up to \$3,000,000 by making annual appropriations from the District's undesignated fund balance, in amounts to be determined by the Board, to the 2024 School Bus Capital Reserve Fund?

## **PROPOSITION 4:**

### ***Elbridge Free Library***

Shall the annual appropriation for the Elbridge Free Library be increased by the sum of \$12,000.00, to be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property within the Jordan-Elbridge Central School District, in accordance with Section 259 of the Education Law?

## **PROPOSITION 5:**

### ***Jordan Bramley Library***

Shall the annual appropriation for the Jordan Bramley Library be increased by the sum of \$12,000.00, to be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property within the Jordan-Elbridge Central School District, in accordance with Section 259 of the Education Law?

### ***Board of Education Election***

***(one seat)***

See page 6 for biographical information of the Board of Education candidates.

## ***What if the 2024-25 budget is not approved?***

If voters reject the initial budget proposal on May 21st, the Board of Education has the option of putting the same or a revised budget up for a revote in June. If a proposed budget is defeated twice by voters, the district must adopt a contingent budget.



# BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE

*One seat is available on the Jordan-Elbridge Board of Education.*

## JEFF POOR

**Spouse:** Shelley Poor

**Children:** Isla - Kindergarten

**Years lived in district:** 3 years

**Employment:** Director of Meter Data Services at Naional Grid

**High school & college:** Oswego High School (*class of '02*),  
SUNY Potsdam Major in Business Administration (*class of '07*)



JEFF POOR

## TOP 10 FOR THE JEHS CLASS OF 2024

Join us in celebrating the exceptional achievements of the Class of 2024 at Jordan-Elbridge High School! Congratulations to Madison DelCostello, Joshua Sorts, Haley Root, Ella Jewsbury, Aydan Piper, Joshua Makarchuk, Julian Baker-Flagg, Sophia White, Emma Donvito and Cooper Childres. This dynamic group of students has risen to the top of their class through dedication, perseverance, and a passion for excellence. From academic prowess to outstanding leadership and service, these ten remarkable individuals have left an indelible mark on their school community. With a blend of intellect, creativity, and compassion, they inspire us all to reach for the stars. As they prepare to embark on the next chapter of their journey, we applaud their accomplishments and eagerly anticipate the bright futures that lie ahead. Congratulations to the top ten of the Class of 2024 at Jordan-Elbridge High School!



# Historic: JE Combined Wrestling Wins First-Ever Sectional Tournament, Coach Mike Nguyen Honored as D2 Coach of the Year

The Jordan-Elbridge wrestling team, one that is combined with Port Byron and Cato-Meridian, has achieved a remarkable feat, rising from relative obscurity to the pinnacle of success to claim the Section III Division II Championship. This victory marks a significant milestone in the team's journey, underscoring their dedication, perseverance, and relentless pursuit of excellence.

Coach Mike Nguyen, in his third season as head coach and the architect behind the team's success, has been recognized for his exceptional leadership and guidance throughout the season. His strategic acumen, motivational prowess, and unwavering support have been instrumental in shaping the team into champions both on and off the mat.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions, Coach Nguyen has been honored with the prestigious D2 Coach of the Year Award. This accolade is a testament to his dedication, expertise, and commitment to the development of young athletes, inspiring them to reach new heights of achievement.

Reflecting on the team's remarkable journey, Coach Nguyen expressed profound gratitude to the athletes, coaching staff, parents, and the Jordan-Elbridge community for their unwavering support and belief in the team's potential. He emphasized that his coaching staff never tells the kids that expectations are in wins and losses.

"What we do expect is for them to show relentless effort and to compete as hard as they can every time they step on the mat and we believe if we do that, good things can happen. We are a very young team led by three incredible seniors and we knew we could be a strong team but to win the sectional tournament a lot of things must go right," said Nguyen. "With a lot of new wrestlers on the roster this year you are never sure what to expect but what we know as a coaching staff is if the wrestlers put in the work, they will continue to get better and they sure did!"

With an eye now to the future, Nguyen wouldn't shy away from the confidence he has in the program.

"The future is bright for this team. We are only graduating three seniors and have so much young talent with so much potential," remarked Nguyen. "I coach year-round, and our offseason has already started, and the kids are already preparing for next season. We want to continue winning traditions we've started and aren't looking to take any steps backwards!"



## Triumph in Numbers: STUDENTS EXCEL AT THE PERENNIAL MATH COMPETITION ON APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

### 3rd Grade Individual Winners:

Lauren Locastro, Olivia Wyman and Amelia Allen

### 4th Grade Individual Winners:

Ryland Cosgrove, Addison Horbal, Toby Sherman and Jaxx Hinton

### 7th Grade Individual Winner: Zoey Anthonson

### Team Winners:

1st Place - 3rd Graders, Captain: Lauren Locastro

1st Place - 4th Graders, Captain: Addison Horbal

2nd Place - 7th Graders, Captain: Travis Blumer





## JORDAN-ELBRIDGE

Central School District

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### BOARD OF EDUCATION

Karen Guerrette, *President*

Annette Gustafson, *Vice President*

Tabitha DelCostello

Molly Godfrey

Kurt Handley

Jodi May

William Yard

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

James R. Froio

### ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

R.J. Hartwell

## POSTAL PATRON

# Please Vote!

Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

JEHS Events Entrance

Voting will take place in-person. Absentee ballots will be available by request. If you'd like one, please contact the District Clerk at 315-689-8500 ext. 5002. All ballots have to be returned to the District Clerk by **5 p.m. on May 21, 2024.**

## WHO CAN VOTE?

### Voter Qualifications:

- » U.S. citizen
- » 18 years of age or older
- » District residency for at least 30 days prior to the vote
- » No voter registration is required

## NAVIGATING TOWN REASSESSMENTS & THE IMPACT ON LOCAL PROPERTY TAX

Scan the QR code and watch a video on town reassessments and property tax impacts with Assistant Superintendent R.J. Hartwell's insights from a recent BOE meeting! Learn how to navigate the changes and stay informed about what it means for our community's future. As a reminder, assessments are conducted by individual towns without any involvement of the Jordan-Elbridge Central School District.



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