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EXPRESS

ELMIRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

May 17, 2022
ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

MAY 10, 2022
BUDGET HEARING AND CANDIDATE FORUM

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WE ARE EXPRESS STRONG AND STAYING STRONG

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NEXT PRINCIPAL PROGRAM

BUDGET VOTE + BOARD ELECTION

WELCOMING THE CLASS OF 2036!

A Letter **from our Superintendent** | **Spring 2022**

Dear Friends,

This time of year, as the snow melts and flowers begin to bloom, we find ourselves marching through the second semester of academics, spring sports, family programs and future planning. The renewal of the spring season provides the needed clarity to plant the seeds for a bountiful future. We are preparing for strong summer programming, outdoor construction on capital work, and more. For many of our families and students, anticipation of the future becomes real yet very personalized. Our graduates are steadily considering their future plans, our rising middle school students are carving their way to high school, and our young elementary students excitedly begin talking about next year's grade level transitions. The past two years have presented unbelievable, and sometimes uncomfortable, change. We have faced it all together—from a position of amazing strength—and I am confident that our student's and staff's best days still lie ahead of us.

As a District, we welcome and embrace change while we judiciously plan for future improvements and strategic operations. Our students' futures are bright and it is our responsibility to build the infrastructure to support their ambitions. As always, we have plenty of support in place to help both students and employees discover and fulfill their strengths, passions and opportunities for engagement as members of the Express family. As you read through this important update, I encourage you to learn more about our Community Schools programming, our 2022 Senior Class acknowlegement, Beecher's Next Principal Program, summer experiences and more. Enrollment is currently open for our incoming pre-kindergarten class of 2036! If you have a student who will be turning the age of four before December 1, now is the time to begin the enrollment process. Families can visit elmiracityschools.com for details.

In late March, we welcomed a group of New York United Teachers (NYSUT) leaders and local community partners to learn more about our stronger-than-ever Community Schools programming in Elmira. NYSUT staff, representing 1200+ New York unions, stopped at Fassett Elementary during a state-wide tour in order to take away some critical points in Community Schools planning. As a District, we are not only proud of the variety of programming we have available for families, we are equally delighted to share our successes with other school districts and state agencies. With our partners, we are recognized as one of the most innovative Community School districts in the state and we are proud to continue this important (and effective) work. Read more about program details on page 3. ►►

As you read through this update, you'll find our 2022-2023 school year budget proposal, our annual vote proposition and important information regarding the voting process. Our Business Management Office and District Administration are always happy to answer questions.

As always, we appreciate your ongoing support.

We are #ExpressStrong!

Hillary J. Austin
Superintendent of Schools
Elmira City School District

VOTER INFORMATION

MAY 17, 2022 | 7:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Locations: School District voters residing North of the Chemung River (including residents of the Lowman area) vote at Ernie Davis Academy located at 933 Hoffman Street.

Voters residing South of the Chemung River (including residents of the Golden Glow area) vote at Elmira High School located at 777 S. Main Street.

MAY 10, 2022 | 5:00 P.M.

BUDGET HEARING AND CANDIDATE FORUM

The Budget Hearing will be held at 430 W. Washington Ave. and virtually live streamed at elmiracityschools.com.

Budget and Proposition Information on Pages 4-5 ►►

Elmira is a Thought Leader

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

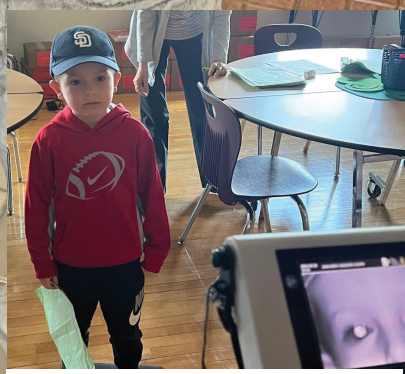
Members of the state group, New York United Teachers (NYSUT), along with local community partners, gathered at Fassett Elementary to learn more about our stronger-than-ever Community Schools programming in Elmira. NYSUT staff, representing 1200+ New York unions, heard from a panel of partners on the critical steps needed to develop strong Community Schools programs.

Program updates from our panelists included: The Chemung County Sheriff Department's Community Resource Officers, the Lions' Club Vision Screening, SafeZones and Hope Squads, Chemung County's In-School Case Workers, and Glove House Case Workers. Community Schools in Elmira is successful programming because there is a seamless transition from school to agency support, to home and back to school again.

To learn more about Community Schools in Elmira, visit elmiracityschools.com/student_services

Elmira City School District
Community Schools

Free fresh produce program



Free Lions' Club Vision Screen

PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

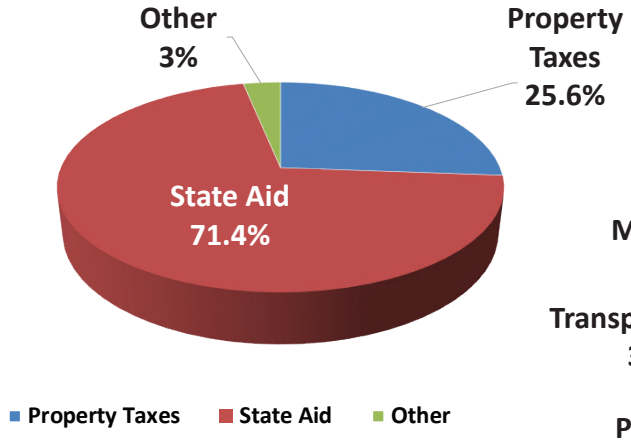
ANTICIPATED REVENUES

	2021-2022	2022-2023
State Aid	$94,569,305	$98,727,826
Property Taxes	$35,226,122	$35,226,122
Federal Aid	$410,000	$410,000
Transfers/Reserves		
Other	$4,275,000	$4,076,300
TOTAL	**$134,480,427**	**$138,440,248**

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

	2021-2022	2022-2023
Administration	$6,824,304	$7,019,314
Instruction	$61,925,134	$64,453,246
Charter School	$5,000,000	$4,500,000
Physical Plant	$7,753,114	$8,170,179
Transportation	$4,388,855	$4,379,629
Benefits	$36,422,066	$36,618,500
Debt Service	$11,338,954	$12,421,380
Community Schools and Transfers	$828,000	$878,000
TOTAL	**$134,480,427**	**$138,440,248**

REVENUE



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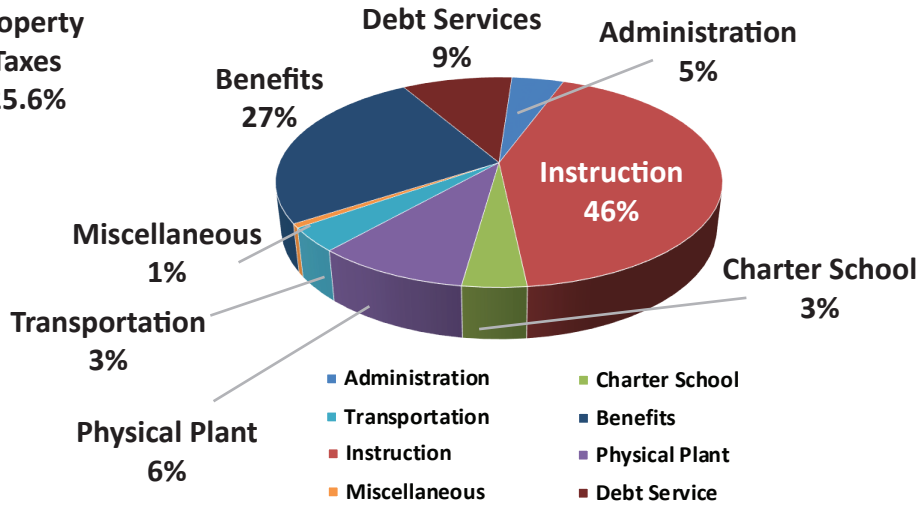


PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

A proposed 0% tax levy increase is included in this year's budget due to the additional foundation aid provided by the State of New York and the due diligence of Elmira City School District. This proposed tax levy is under the calculated tax levy limit of .03%.

ANNUAL CAPITAL OUTLAY

Broadway Schools

Maximum $100,000

HVAC and Building Management System Upgrades

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

PROPOSITION 1 | APPROVAL OF BUDGET

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the proposed $138,440,248 General Fund Budget of the Elmira City School District, Chemung County, New York for 2022-2023 be approved in accordance with Section 2022 of the Education Law and that the balance of said budget, after applying public monies thereto, be raised by a tax upon the taxable property of said district.

PROPOSITION 2 | SALE OF ARTHUR W. BOOTH SCHOOL

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elmira City School District be authorized to sell the real property located at 414 Davis St., City of Elmira, Chemung County, New York (Tax Parcel Number 89.18-7-1), commonly known as Booth School and consisting of approximately 3.90 acres and improvements thereon, to Andrew Mitchell and Andrew Hughes, for an amount not less than two-hundred ninety-nine thousand Dollars ($299,000).

PROPOSITION 3 | ESTABLISH A CAPITAL RESERVE

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of Education Law Section 3651(1) for the purposes of capital construction, repair, and rehabilitation and for the acquisition of furniture, fixtures, buses, and equipment; in a total amount not to exceed $20,000,000; for a probable term of ten years; and funded by any or all of the following sources; unappropriated fund balances from the general fund, state aid related to expenditures from this capital reserve fund, interest income related to investment of monies in the fund, and any other additional monies hereafter authorized by the voters of the District.

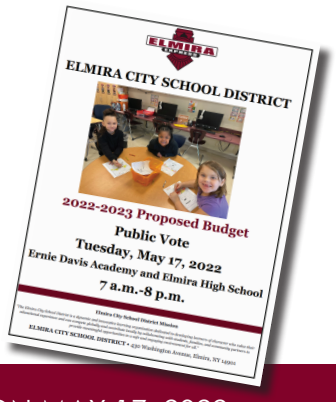
BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

Three (3) seats on the Board of Education are to be filled at the Annual Budget Vote and School Board Election to be held on May 17, 2022. The three (3) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to three-year terms commencing July 1, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2025.

Questions?
Call the District Clerk at 607.735.3010

2022-2023 BUDGET BOOK

The 2022-2023 Proposed Budget Book with extensive details about the budget is availaible at elmiracityschools.com



YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IF YOU ARE:

- Registered to vote in general elections
- A resident of the District for at least 30 days preceding the election
- At least 18 years old on the date of the election
- A U.S. Citizen

ABSENTEE BALLOTS | DUE BY 5 P.M. ON MAY 17, 2022

The ECSD mails absentee ballots to voters listed as 'permanently disabled' by the Chemung County Board of Elections. Other registered voters who cannot get to the polls on May 17 may also vote by using an absentee ballot.

ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION PROCESS

Voters wishing to vote by Absentee Ballot must complete an Absentee Ballot application. Absentee Ballot applications can be picked up at the Chemung County Board of Elections located at 378 S. Main St. in Elmira.

Applications must be received by the School District Clerk by May 10, 2022 for the Ballot to be mailed to the voter (7 days prior).

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT PROCESS

Voters who have completed and returned an application in exchange for an Absentee Ballot are required to return the completed ballot back by **5 p.m. on May 17, 2022.**

Returning by Mail: Ballots should be mailed back to District Administration Offices by 5 p.m. on May 17, 2022. Absentee ballots mailed to voters include a prepaid return envelope.

Returning In-Person: Voters can drop-off their ballots in-person by 5 p.m. on May 17, 2022 to the Chemung County Board of Elections located at 378 S. Main St. in Elmira.

2022-2023 PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

Contact Person: Lindsey Tice Telephone Number: 607-735-3000	Budgeted 2021-22 (A)	Proposed Budget 2022-23 (B)
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	134,480,427	138,440,248
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount [1]	34,849,948	34,849,948
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable		
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable [2]		
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable		
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	34,849,948	34,849,948
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	1,351,112	610,898
G. School Tax Levy Limit , Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions [3]	34,198,144	34,250,673
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	33,498,836	34,239,050
I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval) [2]	699,308	11,623
Public School Enrollment	6,549	5,936
Consumer Price Index	1.23%	4.70%

[1] Include any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

[2] Tax levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion under the School Tax Levy Limit and may affect voter approval requirements.

[3] For 2022-23, include any carryover from 2021-22 and exclude any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2021-22 (D)	Estimated 2022-23 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	29,592,233	34,804,272
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	3,838,800	4,380,262
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	5,380,198	5,537,610
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	4.00%	4.00%

Reserve Type	Reserve Name	Reserve Description *	3/31/22 Actual Balance	6/30/22 Estimated Ending Balance	Intended Use of the Reserve in the 2022-23 School Year
Capital	CAPITAL RESERVE-2022	To pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued.	-	3,000,000	To be used during the next capital project
Capital	CAPITAL RESERVE-2019	To pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued.	10,826,766	12,000,000	To be used during the next capital project
Workers' Compensation	WORKERS' COMPENSATION RESERVE	To pay for Workers Compensation and benefits.	1,502,341	1,602,341	Pay for benefits, medical & administrative costs for our Self-Insured Workers' Comp Plan - 1 claim $73,255 in 21-22
Unemployment Insurance	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE RESERVE	To pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund.	750,529	850,529	No planned usage for the 2022-2023 school year
Reserve for Tax Reduction	RESERVE FOR TAX REDUCTION	For the gradual use of the proceeds of the sale of school district real property.	339,014	339,014	No planned usage for the 2022-2023 school year
Insurance	INSURANCE RESERVE	To pay liability, casualty, and other types of uninsured losses.	1,789,020	1,789,020	To fund certain uninsured losses exceeding $25,000
Liability	RESERVE FOR LIABILITY	To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover liability claims incurred.	364,615	364,615	Pay for liability claims
Tax Certiorari	TAX CERTIORARI RESERVE	To establish a reserve fund for tax certiorari settlements	600,079	625,079	Pay judgement claims arising out of tax certiorari proceedings
EBALR – Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	RESERVE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS/ACCRUED LIABILITY	For the payment of accrued 'employee benefits' due to employees upon termination of service.	1,988,506	2,088,506	Employee reimbursement for unsued sick, vacation and personal leave at retirement
Retirement Contribution	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION RESERVE	To fund employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Employees' Retirement System	9,186,399	9,261,399	No planned usage for the 2022-2023 school year
Other Reserve	TEACHERS' RETIREMENT RESERVE		2,162,917	2,883,769	No planned usage for the 2022-2023 school year

ELMIRA HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2022

FUTURE FORWARD ▶▶

Dear Seniors,

You are at the finish line of what has been an extraordinary educational experience. As this chapter starts to close, another begins to open. We, at Elmira High School, wish you nothing but the best of luck as you enter the most exciting and uncertain chapter of your lives. Regardless of where you are headed from here, this part of your journey is one you will all share as the Elmira High School Class of 2022. Excelsior - Onward and upward!

Mr. Chris Reger
Principal, Elmira High School

Samuel Abbey
Christian Abrams
Justin Acevedo
Benjamin Allen
Nathan Allen
Camryn Ames
Christopher Anderson
Cole Anderson
Caitlin Andrus
Calvin Armstrong II
Damien Arnold
Jhamir Ashford
Shannon Atwell
Dane Austin
Selena Aviles
Isabella Bachert
Aaron Bacome
Kayla Bacon
Calvin Bailey
Shawna Bailey
Ariana Baker
Emilee Baker
Torianna Baker
Brielle Baker
Cassianna Baker
Trista Baker
Dahmare Barnes
Lydia Barnes
Dustin Bashore
Madalyn Bauman
Ryan Baxter
Kayleigh Baynar
Lars Beckhorn
Joseph Becraft
Gabriel Beeman
Zamarah Bell
Jacob Bellows
DeannaJade Benjamin
Lydia Benjamin
Justyce Bennett
Rylee Benting
Zoey Berich
Aleesa Berry
Ashleigh Bertelsen
Brandin-James Beschler
Takai Blair
Olivia Blye-McQuaid
Paige Bobby-Butler
Cadence Bonsignore
Curtis Boorse
Brett Bouille
Brianna Boyer
Dominique Brannon
Louis Braster
Leah Breon
Anthony Brooks
Mackenzie Brown
Raven Brown
Tiarah Brown
Alyssa Bruce
Mackenzie Budine
Donald Burdick
Kiley Burdick
Nicholas Burge
Andrew Butler
Julian Campbell
Olivia Campbell
Emily Carboni
Shane Carl
Rebecca Carrigan
Ashley Carroll
Hunter Cartwright
Kenaniah Caruana
Amelio Casciotti
Riley Castillo
Landon Chalk
Emily Champluvier
Brianna Chandler
Brandon Chapman
Joseph Chilson-Purvis
Hailey Cicconi
Christian Cicconi
Balin Clark
Sarah Cleary
Ellie Cleary
Daniel Clements
Paige Colbath
Shamus Coleman
Isabella Collins
Maximilian Collins
Mason Colon
Andrew Combs
Anna Cone
Thayerin Coppola
Hailey Corey
Joshua Cornish II
Riley Cowl
Kyle Crain
Emily Crawford
Gwendolynn Cyr
Zachary Dallas
Jonathan Daniels
Dylan Daum
Niami Davis
Tamar Davis
Kaylynn Dawson
Brian Deitrick
Aaron DeJesus
Brooke Dennison
Stephanie Dennison
Rodney DePrimo II
Dylan Derr
Kaleigh DeSeyn
Amarionah Dixon
Alexia Donahue
Cameron Doubrava
Jonathan Drake
Amiah Driscoll
Ty'ron Durfee
Jaedyn Dwyer
Gillian Dykes
Isaiah Eames
Meabella Eames
Keagan Ector
Jordan Eddy
Brenden Elder
Richae Ellis
Rosalia Erazo
Ryan Ess
Brayden Evans
Kazmera Evans
Brian Facey
Thomia Fagan
Megan Fedor
Je'Lijah Fergerson
Nathaniel Ferro
Blake Force
Cali Forrest
Autumn Freeman
Christian Frey
Ryleigh Gartland
Savanna George
Carisa German
Chesney Gerth
Megan Gilbert
Natalie Gilbert
Damien Goodwin
Hannah Gormley
Willy Graham
Tyler Grant
Shea Grebleski
Jordan Greene
Carter Greeno
Damion Griffin
Amayah Griswold
Sara Griswold
Jostalyn Grund
Trinity Guerrero
Jessica Hall
Gavin Halstead
Rebecca Hamilton
Tyrell Hargrove
Kordel Harvard
Kory Hassen
Marchelle Hayes
Demeterious Haynes
Makayla Hazen
Desirae Heater
Madison Henry
Alexandra Henson
Tianna Hickey
Corleina Holder
Lucas Hollenbeck
Avianna Horton
Jonniah Houser
Nadiya Hubbard
Emilie Hubschmitt
Ahmonzo Hunter
Alexander Huntington
Jasmine Hurst
Khamiah Inman
Levi Isaac
William Jackson
Dylan James
Annika Jenkins
Aaliyah Jenkins
Noah Jeronimo
DeKota Johnson
Logan Johnson
Taylon Johnson
Tristan Johnson
Chantel Jones
Mya Jones
Olivia Jones
Xavier Jones
Chavez Jordan
Tyler Keefe
Devon Keister
Samantha Kennedy
Nasir King
Nicholas Klaiber
Samantha Klein
Derek Knoll
Kaylee Lamb
Catherine Lampman
Elizabeth Lampman
First Name Last Name
Alexander Lechowski
Debron Lee
Carissa Lewis
McKaylee Locke
Nae'j Mack-Loyd
Grace Magliocca
Delaney Malone
Tristin Malone
Sean Maloney
Jordan Mann
Anthony Manzari
Cal Marks
Tyler Marks
Brayiden Marshall
Makenzie Marshall
Deja Martin
Stephanie Mathews
Zachary Mathews
Hayley Matthews
Zackory Matthews
Justin Matthewson
Emily Mattison
Isaac May
Anezka Mayoros
Carter Mazzaraco
Alexander McCartney
Gregory McGill
Seras McGill
Michael McLane
Sarah McMaster
Rav'ee McMillian
Ja'Leah McNeal
Riley Meagher
Dustin Mesler
Michael Middaugh
Lauren Miller
Timothy Miller
Cadence Moats

CONGRATULATIONS
FEBRUARY 2022 GRADUATES

Brianna Moffett
Jose Molina
Jhania Monroe
Trevor Morrell
Maxwell Moshier
Dylan Mott
Haley Muccigrosso
Jelani Muhammad
Ziare Muhammad
Brynn Mullen
Adrian Mundy
Charisma Myers
Seth Myles
Dominick Nelan
Nathan Nelan
Kylie New
Serena Newton
Cameron Nichols
Jarod Nichols
Parrish Northrup
Kiersten Osburn
Seann Osterhout
Emma Ostrander
Calli Overton
Desiree Pardy
Molly Patchen
Latrel Pate
Dylan Payne
Sean Pearson
Gavin Pedrick
Alexis Perrigo
Keya'jah Perry
Theron Pharr
Paul Pierson
Haydan Pike
Taliyah Pike
Kaitlynn Place
Amari Poole
Richard Porter
Robin Porter
Naudia Price
Dominic Pronti
McKaylah Pronti
Danielle Quire
Riley Radford
Alejandro Ramirez
Nicholas Ravert
Madeline Raymondi
Dustin Reed
Deegan Reese
Morgan Reidy
Natasia Reynolds
Alina Rhodes
Angela Rice
Araceli Rivera
Leanne Rivera
Orlando Rivera
Treavon Rivera
Terrance Rivers
Elizabeth Robbins
James Rogers
Jacob Rose
Brianna Ruffin
Corey Ryan Jr
Kierstyn Sackett
Moses Scharborough
Lana Schoonover
Adam Schuyler Jr
Tradyll Scott
Donte' Seeley
Savanna Seeley
MacKenzie Shaffer
Cody Sheely
Matthew Sherwood
Kayla Shugart
Clayton Simpson Jr
Samara Skidmore
Ajah Smith
Connor Smith
Freedum Smith
Zachary Smith
Amanda Smith
Skylar Smith
Adam Soldo
Lindsay Sperduto
Kobey Spicer
Naythan Spicer
Kai St Pierre
Aiyana Stansfield
Amarah Stapleton
Caelin Steadman
Annah Stearns
Allison Steele
Zander Sterling
Veronica Stewart
Kaden Stickler
Brendan Stowell
Malachi Strait
Kyle Stukey
Reilly Sullivan
Aidan Summers
Merissa Symonds
Wesley Taft
Taylor Talada
Aarron Tarby
Kaydence Tarby
Sofia Temple
Justin Terrio Jr
Christian Thomas
Brittany Tiffany
Brooke Tillotson
Emily Tohafjian
Sydney Tong
Delainey Townsend
Breanna Troy
Cody Tyler
Mikayla Vanderpoel
Zachary Vanhorn
Taylor VanNess
Shawn Vaughan
Hayden Vondracek
Dalton VonRapacki
Isabella Voorhees
Justice Wakefield
Amira Wales
Jeremy Walker
Stephen Ward
Ty Washenko
Michael Watts
Maddison Weber
Mikaila Weber-Rogers
Saige Weiskopff Clark
Tyreeh Wells
Emily Wheadon
Alexander Wheeler
Laura White
Latrell White
Gunner Wilcox
Alanah Williams
Delaney Williams
J'Sean Williams
Mario Williams
Nivek Williams
Tyvoris Williams
James Wilson
Adam Wilson
Quentin Winnert
Talon Wise
Nathan Wolkerstorfer Jr
Jorden Wood
Robert Woodson
Amari Wright
Shanti Wright
Shawn Wright Jr
Aiden Yontz
Caeleb Zuke

Rashamel Atkinson
Kenneth Bird
Daisha Bound
Jeremiah Buchanan
Elijah Burton
Shyann Carney
Leland Clark-Rose
Hannah Coleman
Jasmine Cook
Monica Dean
Luv'esia DePrimo
Damien Desantiago
Alexis Devor
London Dillard
Olyvia Donnelly
Haileigh Edmister
Janayah Ellis
Marleijah Eubanks
Ryan Fairchild
Alexander Faucett
Lela Galpin
Wesley Griffies
Nathanial Gullo
Kailyn Hawkins-VanNess
Michael Held
Reese Hilton
Tyler Hoag
Madison Howe
Zakira James
Zyelah Jenkins
Kylei Johnson
Jacob Leigers
Morgan Lewis
Travon Lewis
LilyAnn Lynn
Austin Lyon
Zachary Mase
Maeki Milo
Ryan Oakes
Jenette Pacheco
Richard Quick
Antwon Roberts
Olivia Rockwell
Ciara Sanchez
Ahman Sessions
Brenden Share
Lillian Silvia
Jade Slingerland
Lidia Spencer
Jake Stoner
Molly Tarbox
Joseph Taylor
Aidan Tice
Anthony Vieira
Isaia Walters
Atiera Wells
Naushaun Whitty
Charles Williams
Emily Williams
Ryan Wright

Note: This list reflects the Elmira High School Senior Class as of April 2022 and is subject to change.

Beecher's **Next Principal Program**

Last year, Alonah Roney, a student at Beecher Elementary, expressed interest in becoming a school principal when she grows up. Mrs. Bacalles, current Beecher Elementary Principal, heard of Alonah's future plans and decided to work with her to pilot a "Next Principal Program" at Beecher Elementary. Mrs. Bacalles's vision is in alignment with Alonah's ideas -- both want to include more student input in the daily workings of the school and provide opportunities for real world experience for Beecher's young and aspiring leaders.

"When Alonah first said she wanted to be not just a principal someday, but specifically a principal at Beecher Elementary, I just knew there would be some special things we could plan together. I love her interest in school and specifically how to improve the experience for herself and her peers. I had so many influential people in my young life and I am honored to be an important person in Alonah's life right now. We work so well together and she's onto great things in her future," expresses Mrs. Bacalles, Beecher Elementary Principal.

From the first moment they connected, something sparked between the two of them and the concept of Beecher's "Next Principal Program" was born. Named by Alonah, the Next Principal Program includes shadowing opportunities for deserving students as well as incentive ideas for student's to earn the role of Principal for the Day.

"I loved spending a day with Mrs. Bacalles and I love that she still listens to my ideas. We started the program by me shadowing her. We walked in the halls together and I even got to work on a fifth grade birthday project. My most favorite part of the day was when I observed other classrooms," shares Alonah.

"I would want the next generation of Next Principals to have this experience in order to have a voice on what is decided for their futures at the school," continues Alonah. "I plan on going to college and returning to Elmira and Beecher so I can be the principal. It would be special if my own children attended Beecher someday."

On Alonah's shadowing day, she chose assistant principals to be by her side. Two other sixth grade students joined Alonah on the day's adventure.

"Our goals are the same -- we want to make school the best possible experience and we want to help kids," says Alonah on behalf of her and the appointed student assistant principals. "We all love school and think we could see a few improvements in the building. We would probably suggest changing the testing day for students. Time is really valuable and we all need more of it in order to do well," expresses Alonah.

Overall, the program was piloted well with Alonah and the school has plans to continue building upon this program for future students.

"I took my job very seriously and I learned a lot. I learned that principals have to talk on the phone alot and I also loved using the radio," says Alonah. "I was strict and students really did listen to me. The most important thing is that principals make the school day better and I can't wait to do that when I am older."

NEXT PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY

ICYMI You Tell Us

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

We're listening. Please connect with us on social media and share your positive stories about the Elmira City School District. Use #GoExpress when posting!

@ECSD_Schools on Twitter, or Elmira City School District on Facebook.

Elmira City School District

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For the second summer, the Elmira City School District is proud to be able to provide a fun and engaging opportunity to support our students learning this summer, featuring guest speakers, activities and all kinds of other fun things. Lunch, breakfast and transportation will be provided. If you are already planning on being at Summer Cohesion, we will be able to have kids start there, come to Boost 2, then return to Cohesion and finish the day. Registration information can be found at elmiracityschools.com/summer.

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