

The Rambling Reporter

Southern Cayuga Central School District

2009-2010 Budget Brochure

Message From Your Board of Education

Dear Southern Cayuga residents:

I would like to thank the administrative team and the Board of Education for their diligence in the preparation of the 2009/10 budget. This budget carries the lowest percent tax increase in recent history. It preserves the programs and maintains the facilities of our district, while improving our fund balance.

Thanking you in advance for your participation in the democratic process, and your vote on May 19.

Sincerely Yours,
Leonard Jordan, President, SCCS Board of Education

This year's BOE members are President Len Jordan, Vice President Dean Winspear, Teresa Lipfert, Joe Lonsky, Steve Morse and Ted Rejman.

If you need an absentee ballot application, please contact the District Clerk at 315-364-7211.

2008-09 District Highlights

Completed long-range education plan; completed enrollment projections study; completed transportation study; began asking the hard questions for long-range facilities planning.

Underwent a successful cooperative approach with Head Start; from 18 half day to 36 full day pre-kindergarteners over two years.

87% of 5th Graders scored a level 3 or 4 on the NYS Social Studies 5 Assessment!

"I'm so far behind, I think I'm first" will be a memory in 2009/2010! This was during the depths of the accounting system and payroll conversion ...

Mrs. Troiani's ELA class read 100 books and Scholastic book company donated 100 books to a New York City Community Center.

WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT?

PROPOSITIONS

Proposition 1- School Budget

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Southern Cayuga Central School District, Counties of Cayuga and Tompkins, New York, be and hereby is authorized to expend the sum of **\$16,515,886** and levy the necessary tax therefore.

Proposition 2- Bus Purchases

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Southern Cayuga Central School District, Cayuga and Tompkins Counties, New York, is hereby authorized to pay the cost of the purchase of school buses, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of not exceeding **\$318,500**, and that said amount or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

Proposition 3– Library Support

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education for the Southern Cayuga Central School District is hereby authorized to raise the tax levy from \$30,000 to **\$33,000** for the support and operation of the **Aurora Free Library** and the **Hazard Library**, and such sum shall be split equally and paid annually to the trustees of said libraries.

Proposition 4– Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Southern Cayuga Central School District is hereby authorized to establish a capital reserve fund to be used to finance in whole or part the cost of acquisition, construction or reconstruction of District buildings and grounds and of other capital projects in accordance with Education Law section 3651, in an ultimate amount not to exceed **\$1,500,000**. The fund shall have a probable term of five (5) years. The Board of Education is authorized to pay into the fund (1) in the 2009-10 school year and annually thereafter funds of the District in an amount determined by the Board not to exceed \$300,000 per year, (2) state aid reimbursement to the District on account of capital projects to the extent determined appropriate by the Board for the purposes of the fund, and (3) such other monies as the voters may direct.





Carly Signor and Rebecca Shurtleff (juniors) taping morning announcements for replay in the high school lobby



Teddy Brill as King Alliterati



French class quilts were donated to community members

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

Two seats for the Board of Education for three-year terms, beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2012, will be filled. These seats are currently occupied by Leonard Jordan and Stephen Morse. The candidates are listed below as they will appear on the ballot. **Vote for any two (2) candidates.**

CANDIDATES:

**Lisa Killian
Bruce Kopp**



SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2009-10 by the qualified voters of the Southern Cayuga Central School District, Cayuga and Tompkins Counties, New York, will be held at the Planetarium Classroom in said district on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, between the hours of 6:00 am and 9:00 pm, prevailing time in the Southern Cayuga Central School, at which time the polls will be open to vote by voting machine.

OVERALL

BUDGET PROPOSAL	Budget Adopted for the 2008-09 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2009-10 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2009-10 School Year*
Total Budgeted amount	\$16,373,330	\$16,515,886	\$16,466,886
Increase for 2009-10		\$ 142,556	\$ 93,556
Percentage increase		0.87%	0.57%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.00%	
Estimated Property Tax Levy		\$ 6,805,610	\$ 6,756,610
Administrative Component	\$ 1,451,694	\$ 1,459,639	\$ 1,410,639
Program Component	\$11,527,257	\$11,532,378	\$11,532,378
Capital Component	\$ 3,394,379	\$ 3,523,869	\$ 3,523,869

***Statement of assumptions should the proposed 2009-10 budget be defeated:** Should the proposed budget be defeated and a contingency budget be adopted, SCCS will make initial adjustments as required by NYS law. Generally, operational and financial modifications will be made to meet contingent budget requirements for administrative expense cap, elimination of equipment purchases that do not meet the test as contingent expenses and computation of a cost to be charged for all community use of SCCS facilities.

BASIC STAR EXEMPTION IMPACT

Based on a \$100,000 Full Value House	Budget Adopted for the 2008/09 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2009/10 School Year
Basic STAR Tax Savings	\$419	\$400
School Tax Increase/Decrease	\$ 67	\$ 57
Net Basic STAR Tax Savings	\$352	\$343



WHAT IS IMPACTING THE 2009/10 BUDGET?

The 2009-10 budget supports the Southern Cayuga Central School District goals to maintain quality educational opportunities, to support extracurricular and interscholastic athletic activities, to provide a safe and healthy environment for learning and to maintain student programs and services.

Outside Economic Factors Driving This Year's Budget

- ◆ Declining student enrollment
- ◆ Economy
- ◆ Flat state aid for next two years
- ◆ Declining interest paid on investments

Previously Established Contracts and New Projects

- ◆ On-going annual increase built in to salary contracts.

Initiatives to Offset Increases

- ◆ Initiative by community, BOE & administration to "right size" our buildings to better position us for the future
- ◆ Staff reductions in some areas that allow more efficient and different ways to use staff.

Projected Revenue 2009-10

	Budget 2008-09	Proposed Budget 2009-10
Property Tax Levy	\$ 6,738,354	\$ 6,805,610
State Aid	\$ 9,026,676	\$ 9,326,976
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 208,300	\$ 133,300
Prior Year's Surplus*	<u>\$ 400,000</u>	<u>\$ 250,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$16,373,330	\$16,515,886

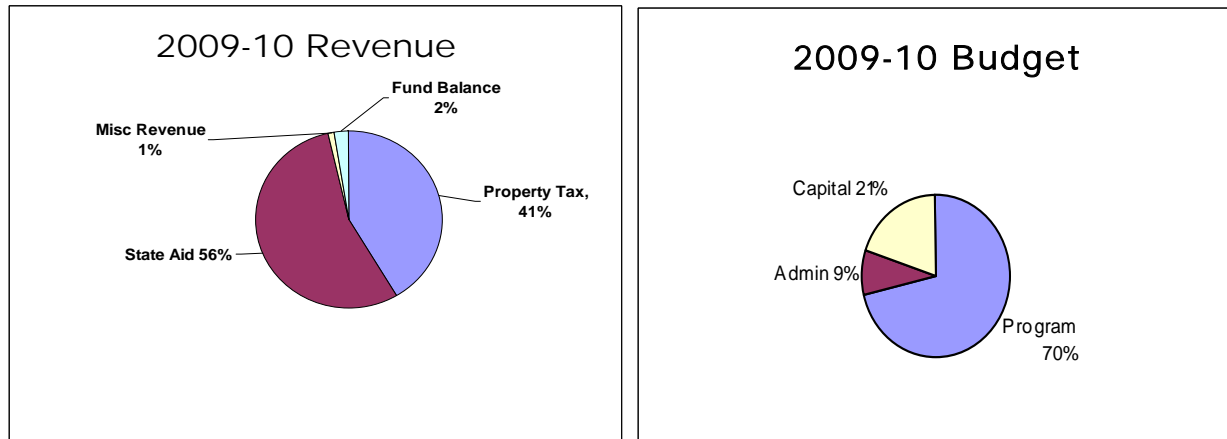
*Fund Balance used to reduce this year's tax levy.

BUDGET HISTORY		
	Proposed Budget	% Increase
2009-10	\$15,515,886	0.87%
2008-09	\$16,448,192	3.37%
2007-08	\$15,912,085	4.06%
2006-07	\$15,291,115	6.39%
2005-06	\$14,372,902	1.12%
2004-05	\$14,213,415	7.86%
2003-04	\$13,177,384	2.76%

TAX LEVY HISTORY		
	Proposed Tax Levy	% Increase
2009-10	\$6,805,610	1.00%
2008-09	\$6,787,520	5.24%
2007-08	\$6,449,748	3.90%
2006-07	\$6,207,722	5.37%
2005-06	\$5,891,113	11.15%
2004-05	\$5,300,000	6.41%
2003-04	\$4,780,509	12.29%



BUDGET DETAILS



PROGRAM: 70% of total budget. Program is the focal point for education at Southern Cayuga. It represents the largest portion of the budget, including educational support services for 838 students, guidance, health, library, co-curricular activities, athletics and transportation.

	<u>2008-09*</u>	<u>2009-10</u>
<u>Instruction</u>	\$ 7,355,823	\$ 7,204,137
Teacher Salaries, Support Staff Salaries (Guidance & Health), BOCES, Computer Hardware, Textbooks, Supplies (classroom & support), Contract Services (classroom & support)		
<u>Inter-Scholastic Athletics</u>	\$ 243,265	\$ 255,541
Salaries, Athletic Supplies, Equipment and Contracts Co-Curricular Salaries		
<u>Transportation</u>	\$ 789,903	\$ 833,978
Salaries – Supervision, Drivers, Mechanics, Bus Aides & Monitors, Equipment, Contractual (operations & utilities), Supplies, Parts and Busses		
<u>Community Services</u>	\$ 16,350	\$ 16,650
Community Agencies, Education, Census		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>	\$ 3,121,917	\$ 3,222,072
Retirement, Social Security, Insurance		
PROGRAM TOTAL	\$11,527,255	\$11,532,378

**revised to meet new SED requirements*



BUDGET DETAILS

ADMINISTRATION 9% of total budget The administrative portion of the budget provides for the majority of the instructional support services in the District. These costs are associated with the administration of each school and district.

	<u>2008-09*</u>	<u>2009-10</u>
<u>Board of Education</u>	\$ 20,877	\$ 21,905
Supplies, Graduation, Travel (mandatory training)		
<u>Central Administration</u>	\$ 493,243	\$ 490,546
Superintendent's Office, Program Supervision, Business Supervision, Association Dues		
<u>Building Administration</u>	\$ 447,541	\$ 439,449
Principal's Offices; Salaries, Supplies, Equipment, Contractual		
<u>BOCES</u>	\$ 91,095	\$ 86,972
BOCES Administrative charges		
<u>Contractual</u>	\$ 106,559	\$ 114,976
Legal Services, Audit, Insurance		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>	\$ 292,379	\$ 305,791
Retirement, Social Security, Employee Insurance		
ADMINISTRATION TOTAL	\$1,451,694	\$1,459,639

CAPITAL 21% of total budget This portion of the budget is associated with the operations and maintenance of the district's 124 acres of grounds and 252,400 square feet of buildings, including three schools and the bus garage.

<u>Operation and Maintenance</u>	\$1,331,040	\$1,382,806
Salaries, Equipment, Contractual, Utilities, Supplies		
<u>Debt Service</u>	\$1,834,398	\$1,923,355
Principal and Interest		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>	\$ 228,941	\$ 217,708
Retirement, Social Security, Insurance		
CAPITAL TOTAL	\$3,394,379	\$3,523,869

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WHO IS RUNNING FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION?

Lisa Killian of Scipio Center

SCCS Resident 18 years

Family includes husband Doug and children Ryan (16) and Mike (13)

Education: BS in Organizational Management from Keuka College; Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification

Occupation: 29 years with Welch Allyn; Project Manager, New Product Development

Additional Information

~Youth Sports Coach, Soccer & Basketball

~Vice President, Community Youth Sports Council

~CCYO Basketball Coordinator

~Coordinator Southern Cayuga Youth Soccer Fall Program



Eighteen years ago my husband and I decided to invest ourselves in the community where he was raised. I have been an active community member supporting our community youth sport programs for 11 years. I bring experience not only as a parent and a community member, but professionally as well. I have 29 years of experience working in a successful, goal oriented business environment. Professionalism and a strong business sense, along with my belief in offering a quality education to our children, are the values I hope to bring to the Southern Cayuga board of education.

Bruce Kopp of King Ferry

SCCS Resident 34 years

Family includes wife Carin and children Jessie (12), Emily (11) and Catherine (8).

Education: Master's degree from Babson College, in MA

Occupation: 17 years with IBM; since 2006 in sales & marketing with Fujitsu Limited, a worldwide technology company.



I was born, raised and educated in the SCCS district and our family now owns a business in King Ferry. Our three children are students in the district. I have been involved as a soccer and basketball coach and served on the school audit committee, superintendent search committee and the SCCS/Wells College committee for educational advancement.

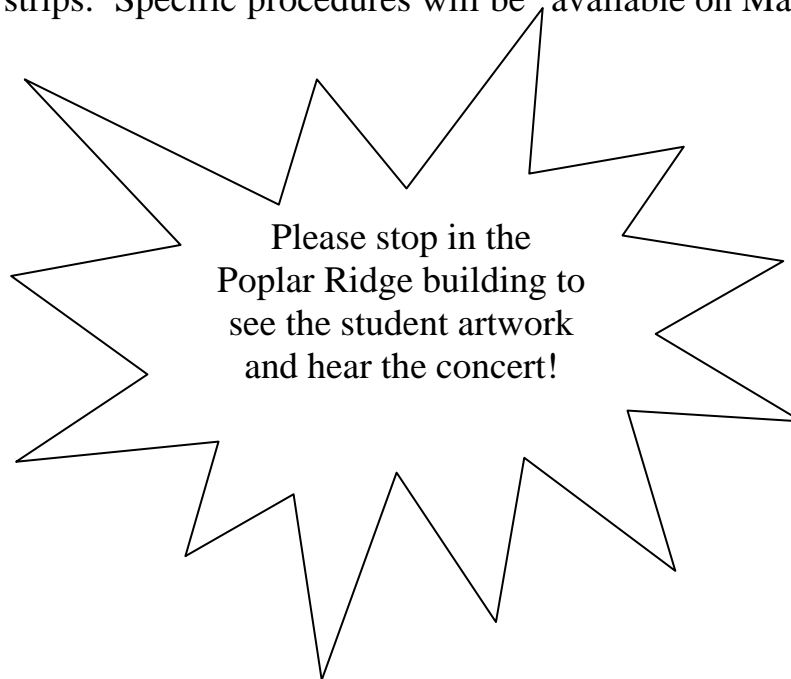
Fiscal discipline, strong management skills coupled with a respect and appreciation for the value of public schools is the balance I hope to bring to my position as an SCCS board of education member.



WRITE-IN BALLOT

(Voting for someone whose name is not listed on any voting strip.)

You may write in up to a maximum of two names if you did not select any name on the voting strips. You may write in one name if you selected one name on the voting strips. You **cannot** write in the name of a candidate whose name is listed on the voting strips. Specific procedures will be available on May 19.



2008-09 District Highlights

The String Room Gallery at Wells College was the site for an incredible art exhibit, *A Room with a Lake View*, featuring lake inspired drawings, paintings, photographs and sculptures from K-12 art students. This was our first show on the Wells campus and it delighted viewers!

Fifth graders used the new computers in the MS lab to complete Animal PowerPoint Presentations from the animal's point of view.

Successes include 3-D Haiku cube interdisciplinary project with visiting artist Phil Donovan and the floating classroom.

Students shared their art in a variety of venues this year. The Three-Lakes Sampler, *The Rambling Reporter*, Both Ends of the Rainbow exhibit at the Schweinfurth Art Center, SCCS year-book and displays throughout the school buildings.

Three of our six OM teams placed in the top three at regional competition; two teams moved on to State competition, placing 14th and 16th.

In March, Emily Howland staged an all-school musical play "The Quilt Maker and the King," based on the book *The Quiltmaker's Gift* as part of I Love To Read month. Teaching connections included drama, music, art, dance, geography, world cultures, character education and reading.



DISTRICT INITIATIVES

From the BOE Long Range Education Planning Process, 2008-2011:

- ◆ Develop, implement and evaluate the effectiveness of the Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) to improve the performance of students with disabilities in ELA and Math.
- ◆ Improve district stability by reducing turnover among teachers and administration.
- ◆ Provide programs for students that develop essential skills for success, including the expansion of student mentoring and High School Success.
- ◆ Implement a facilities plan to meet the District's educational priorities and the needs of the entire school community.
- ◆ Increase opportunities for staff to collaborate at and across grade levels.
- ◆ Sustain quality professional development initiatives, such as Response to Intervention, literacy, math and technology.
- ◆ Develop and update curriculum maps that enhance coordination between and among all subject areas and grade levels.
- ◆ Use student performance data to align curriculum, improve instruction and target student interventions.
- ◆ Identify and intervene with students at risk of dropping out.
- ◆ Encourage broad and active participation in the arts and co-curricular activities.
- ◆ Continue annual long-range education improvement planning.

From the other Board of Education Goals:

- ◆ Identify and take next steps in Long Range Facilities Planning.
- ◆ Identify and explore short and long range cost saving measures.
- ◆ Assess and prioritize District resources, building reserves and engaging in long range planning.
- ◆ Study best practices for Boards of Education.



It's bigger than me!

2008-09 District Highlights

The EXCEL project was completed, with new boilers at the high school, new telephone & security systems throughout, plus much more.

The girls' varsity and JV basketball teams earned the Tournament Champion trophies at the 36th annual Cayuga County Holiday Tournament.

Emily Howland students celebrated Veterans' Day with a special school assembly, attended by local veterans.

Students in the Future Business Leaders of America club competed in the annual spring District 9 Competition; since 2002 SCCS FBLA students have brought home 17 awards!

Fifth grade students designed Valentines and sent them to recovering soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Agriculture students learned hands-on about maple syrup production.

MS students participated in the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Fifth grade students designed paper airplanes and eight grade students designed wind-powered vehicles.

Completed first year of new HS course on broadcast journalism.

The Ag Fair on April 3 was a big success!

Chicken BBQ

May 19

2:30 till gone

Poplar Ridge cafeteria & grounds;

Eat in or take out when you come to Vote!

\$6.50 full dinner or \$4.50 for halves

Please reserve by contacting any Aurora Rotary member or by calling 364-7211

on or before Monday, May 19, noon.

Sponsored by Aurora Rotary.

Concert in the Poplar Ridge auditorium, 7:15 pm.

Student artwork on display in the building.

HS students began peer tutoring.

Honored long-time employees.

The BOE continues review and revision of district policies.

The Emily Howland Science Club is enjoying its eighth year!

The 9th annual Family Science Night took place in March.

For the 22nd year students competed in the SCCS Metric 500 CO₂ races, with a top speed of 56 MPH!

French classes read *Les Miserable*, then made and donated quilts to community members at holiday time.



2009-10 BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday May 19, 2009

6:00 am till 9:00 pm

Southern Cayuga CSD Planetarium Classroom

Qualifications for Voters

All voters must possess the following qualifications:

- ◆ United States citizenship
- ◆ At least 18 years of age
- ◆ Resident of the school district at least 30 days preceding vote

Absentee Ballot Applications may be obtained at the office of the District Clerk between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday-Friday, except holidays. The District Clerk must receive applications at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be picked up by the voter. The District Clerk must receive ballots no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, May 19, 2009. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk between the hours listed above.

VOTE May 19, 2009, 6:00 am — 9:00 pm
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