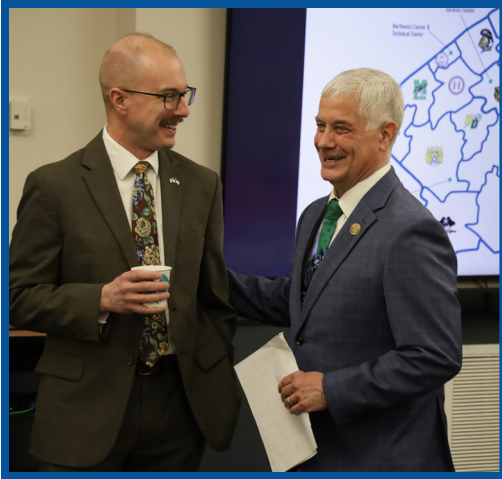


# St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services and St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties School Boards Association



**2026-27**

## Annual Meeting & Budget Booklet



**ST. LAWRENCE-LEWIS**  
**BOCES**

**Hosted by:**  
St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES  
40 West Main Street  
Canton, NY 13617

# ST. LAWRENCE-LEWIS BOCES

## Our Vision

The St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES is committed to providing students, families, schools and communities with educational opportunities to prepare for successful futures in the evolving global economy.

## Our Mission

The St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Mission is to provide quality, cost-effective programs and services characterized by leadership, innovation, creativity, and flexibility, to:

- Prepare students to become contributing members of their community.
- Initiate programs in response to emerging needs.
- Encourage the sharing of resources and expertise.
- Provide opportunities for professional growth.
- Include constituents in the decision-making process.
- Provide professional and technical assistance.



## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Darin P. Saiff, District Superintendent/Executive Officer  
James Nee, Deputy Superintendent

### CTE, Alternative, and Adult Education

Lori Sheffield, Director of Career, Alternative & Adult Education  
Steven Morrow, Principal, Northwest CTE Center  
Nicki O'Donnell, Principal, Seaway CTE Center  
Matthew Hosmer, Assistant Principal, Seaway CTE Center  
Holly Durham, Principal, Southwest CTE Center  
Ami Larson, Supervisor of CTE Instructional Resources/Principal of Agricultural Studies Academy  
Dave Evans, Program Manager of Adult Education

### Educational Support Services

Nicole Ashley, Director of Financial Affairs/CBO/Healthcare Admin/Print Shop  
Patti Rowan, Treasurer of BOCES  
Arlis Frego, School Food Management Services  
Mark Wilson, Section X Athletic Director  
Darlene Bessette, Supervisor of Purchasing Services  
Kevin Perretta, Director of Facilities

### Instruction, Staff Development, and Technology

Johnathan Hirschey, Director of Instructional Resources  
Rachel Atkins, Supervisor of Instructional Technology  
Cassidy Mattimore, Supervisor of Title I Services  
Elisa Sergi, Coordinator of Title I Services  
Brooke Santamont, Supervisor of Instructional Resources  
Lori Remington, Director of IT

### Learning Resources

Ginger Tebo, LRC Supervisor/School Library System Director

### Office of Labor Relations/Human Resources

Marshall Fiese, Director of Labor Relations/General Counsel  
Andrew Silver, Labor Relations Specialist  
Renee Langtry-Green, Director of Personnel and Professions

### Special Education Programs

Reginald McDonald, Interim Director of Special Education  
Lori Murray, Principal of Special Education  
Kady Sharp, Principal of Special Education  
Jacqueline Bill, Principal of Special Education  
Julie Austin-Kormanyos, Interim Principal of Special Education  
Dillon Chichester, Assistant Principal of Special Education

# DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT BUDGET MESSAGE



Dear Component Board of Education Members,

We are pleased to present the proposed 2026-27 budget, which represents a broad array of programs and services offered to our component school districts. The budget is developed over the course of the school year, utilizing input from both district and BOCES stakeholders, as well as advisory committees. After each district's programmatic and student needs are identified, budgets are finalized based on the service requests for the coming school year.

The outlook for the 2026-27 school budget is concerning as the state budget will be tighter for school districts than in recent years. Labor and staffing shortages continue to strain both our component districts and BOCES capacity, requiring us to collaborate on programs more than ever. Challenges ahead include rising inflation, which is driving up costs across the board.

New York State currently implements a hold-harmless policy that ensures that no district will see a decline in their state foundation aid based on declining enrollments. That said, the Governor of New York has suggested that this hold-harmless feature may be eliminated in future years, which would leave twelve of our eighteen districts potentially receiving less foundation aid in future years. By leveraging BOCES aid, our districts can optimize state funding while continuing to deliver a robust educational program, including the tenants of the new NY Inspires graduation measures and the New York State Portrait of a Graduate.

As required by statute, the component school districts' boards will vote on the administrative portion of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES budget on Tuesday, April 20th, 2026. Once adopted, the administrative budget is fixed for the next school year, while the services portion of the budget may be adjusted as districts request new or expanded programs over the course of the 2026-27 school year. The administrative budget is approximately 13.8% of the overall budget, and the primary component in the administrative increase is retiree health insurance. These legacy costs comprise 75.9% of the administrative budget.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about the proposed budget and our services for next year.

On behalf of the BOCES Board and staff,

Darin Saiff

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darin".

District Superintendent/Executive Officer

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# MEETING AGENDA

## **St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties BOCES Sole Supervisory District**

### **Annual Meeting and Budget Review April 1, 2026 – 5:45 pm**

#### **Call to Order**

**Roger M. Bennett  
President, Cooperative Board**

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Introduction of BOCES Board of Education**

**Roger M. Bennett  
President, Cooperative Board**

#### **Review of the 2026-2027 BOCES Tentative Administrative, Capital and Program Budgets**

**Darin Saiff  
District Superintendent/Executive Officer**

#### **Other Business**

#### **Adjournment**



# 2026 ST. LAWRENCE-LEWIS BOCES BOARD OF EDUCATION

## St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Board of Education 2025-2026 Goals



**Roger Bennett**  
President  
Term Expires: 2028



**John "Jack" Zeh, DVM**  
Vice President  
Term Expires: 2027



**Todd Bates**  
Term Expires: 2026



**Michael Davis**  
Term Expires: 2028



**James Lattimer**  
Term Expires: 2027



**Cindy McLean**  
Term Expires: 2028



**Michael Miller**  
Term Expires: 2026



**Ward Remington**  
Term Expires: 2027



**Kevin Wells**  
Term Expires: 2026



**Landon Carrier**  
Student Ex-Officio



**Ryanna Todd**  
Student Ex-Officio

St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES is committed to work successfully with component districts across the region:

- To increase student performance and enhance opportunities to access advanced coursework essential for a successful preparation for college, career, and citizenship.
- To promote regional sharing and delivery models through inter-BOCES as well as intra-BOCES arrangements.
- To continuously evaluate BOCES services for quality, efficiency, and potential improvement, including input from our component school district partners.
- To provide financial and operational solutions to our component school districts to provide training and build school district preparedness for reductions in federal and state aid, decreases in enrollment, and staffing challenges.

St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES will:

- Support BOCES and SLL component districts as they raise awareness and build capacity toward the implementation of the New York State Education Department's Portrait of a Graduate.
- Work with our Regional Partners, including SUNY Potsdam, to build and refine regional pipelines that will produce teachers and future educational leaders for the region, including the Ed Leadership Program at SUNY Potsdam and the Advanced Certificate in Special Education Program, and the District Superintendents' Innovation Committee and BOCES of NYS Teacher Ambassador Program.
- Work with component districts to provide the necessary professional development for a multi-year implementation of The Science of Reading, Numeracy and Science of Learning to address significant learning gaps across the region, as well as comply with new legislation and NYSED through regulations.
- Continue to provide BOCES faculty and staff with the information, resources and training necessary to protect digital information, including Personally Identifiable Information (PII) of staff/students and to protect our technology platforms. We will collaborate with the component school districts to support them in this area.
- Develop an organizational position statement on artificial intelligence during the 2025-26 school year.
- Fully support and assist our 18 component school districts with the implementation of the NYSED initiatives on both graduation measures and regionalization.

# COMPONENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Brasher Falls Central School

Christopher Rose, *Superintendent*  
Seth Belt, *President*  
Bethany St. Hilaire, *Vice President*  
Sarah Ashley  
Abdo Bejjani  
Courtney Hallahan  
Sue-Anne Hourihan  
Teresa Rios-Passon  
Lance St. Hilaire  
Beth Todd  
Isabelle Earl, *Student Ex Officio*

## Canton Central School

Dr. Joseph McDonough, *Superintendent*  
Christina Martin, *President*  
Wendy Todd, *Vice President*  
Catherine Devins  
Robert Larrabee  
Esther Oey  
Victor Rycroft  
Denise Sero  
Danny Thomas  
Susan Toshack  
Lena Frank, *Student Ex Officio*  
James Richardson, *Student Ex Officio*

## Clifton-Fine Central School

Matthew Southwick, *Superintendent*  
Nicole Curry, *President*  
Roger Benjamin, *Vice President*  
Lynne Backus  
Judy Benzel  
John Perrault  
Parker Perrault  
Melissa Streeter  
Nevaeh Plotnick, *Student Ex Officio*  
Seth Folsom, *Alternate Student Ex Officio*

## Colton-Pierrepoint Central School

Jennifer McKinley, *Superintendent*  
Cindy McLean, *President*  
Chad VanBrocklin, *Vice President*  
Alex Bonno  
Lorraine Gowing  
Karen Peck  
Cat Perrigo  
Angela Villeneuve-Bronson  
Tanner Adair, *Student Ex Officio*

## Edwards-Knox Central School

Erin Woods, *Superintendent*  
Penny Allen, *President*  
Craig Kirkpatrick, *Vice President*  
Jennifer Benson-Baxter  
Jamie Gibson  
Malissa Hale  
Dustin Lottie  
Heidi Stalker  
Roger Tresidder, Jr.  
John "Jack" Zeh, DVM  
Sami Lottie, *Student Ex Officio*

## Gouverneur Central School

Jacquelyn Kelly, *Superintendent*  
David Fenlong, *President*  
Todd Bates, *Vice President*  
Brooke Bush  
William Cartwright  
Tina French  
Lisa McGregor  
Nickolas Ormasen  
Laurie Roberts  
Laura Spicer  
Ashlyn Besaw, *Student Ex Officio*

## Hammond Central School

Lauren Morley, *Superintendent*  
Jennifer Gardner, *President*  
Viviana Wilmot, *Vice President*  
Donald Ceresoli, Jr.  
Allen Howie  
Daniel Pease  
Sarah Perretta  
Kathleen Rogers  
Sadie Bosley, *Student Ex Officio*  
Jacob Hunter, *Student Ex Officio*

## Harrisville Central School

Robert Finster, *Superintendent*  
Cory Bearor, *President*  
Heidi McIntosh, *Vice President*  
Parish Atkinson  
Denise Avallone  
Kathy Felio  
Tennille Schmitt  
Brian Schrodt  
Charles Bearor, *Student Ex Officio*

## Hermon-DeKalb Central School

Megan Foster-Trimmm, *Superintendent*  
Ronald Smith, *President*  
Michael MacCue, *Vice President*  
Martin Amo  
Andrew Brice  
Ross Putman  
Michael Robinson  
Christopher Stransky  
Jaclyn teRiele  
Anne Williams  
Avery Wilson, *Student Ex Officio*

## Heuvelton Central School

Jesse Coburn, *Superintendent*  
Christopher Riordan, *President*  
Jacqueline Bill, *Vice President*  
Alexa Backus-Chase  
Mark Kearns  
Michael Macaulay  
Amy Perkins  
Brent Phillips  
Hailee Jackson, *Student Ex Officio*

## Lisbon Central School

Patrick Farrand, *Superintendent*  
Eric Walker, *President*  
Ryan Beshaw, *Vice President*  
Mary Fonda  
Nancy Fox  
Jennifer Grant  
Jennifer Gray  
Christiana Navan  
Prudence Cutwa, *Student Ex Officio*  
Keely Wilhelm, *Student Ex Officio*

## Madrid-Waddington Central School

Eric Burke, *Superintendent*  
Robert Smith, *President*  
Christopher Pryce, *Vice President*  
Wyatt Boswell  
Bruce Durant  
Charles Grant  
Brian Hammond  
Ryan Hayes  
Amber LeFleur  
Katheryn Logan  
Samantha Milburn, *Student Ex Officio*

**Massena Central School**

Ronald Burke, *Superintendent*  
Paul Haggett, *President*  
Kevin Perretta, *Vice President*  
Bruce Beckstead  
Joyce Giroux  
Timothy Hayes  
Robert LeBlanc  
Zachary Monroe  
Patricia Murphy  
Daniel Tusa  
Andrew David, *Student Ex Officio*

**Parishville-Hopkinton Central School**

Steven Coffin, *Superintendent*  
Heather Liebfred, *President*  
Timothy Zellweger, *Vice President*  
Cassie Hayes  
Bonnie Marston  
Joseph McGill  
Jared Remington  
Christina Snell  
Matthew Wendig  
Jeffrey Yette  
Jordan Perry, *Student Ex Officio*  
Kylie Tyo, *Student Ex Officio*

**Potsdam Central School**

Dr. Jerry Griffin, *Superintendent*  
Rachel Wallace, *President*  
Joshua Fiske, *Vice President*  
Jarrod Davis  
David DeRushia  
Rivka Eckert  
Ralph Fuller  
Enrico Miller  
Keith Sapp  
Dr. Lynzie Schulte  
Kwynn Russell, *Student Ex Officio*

**Morristown Central School**

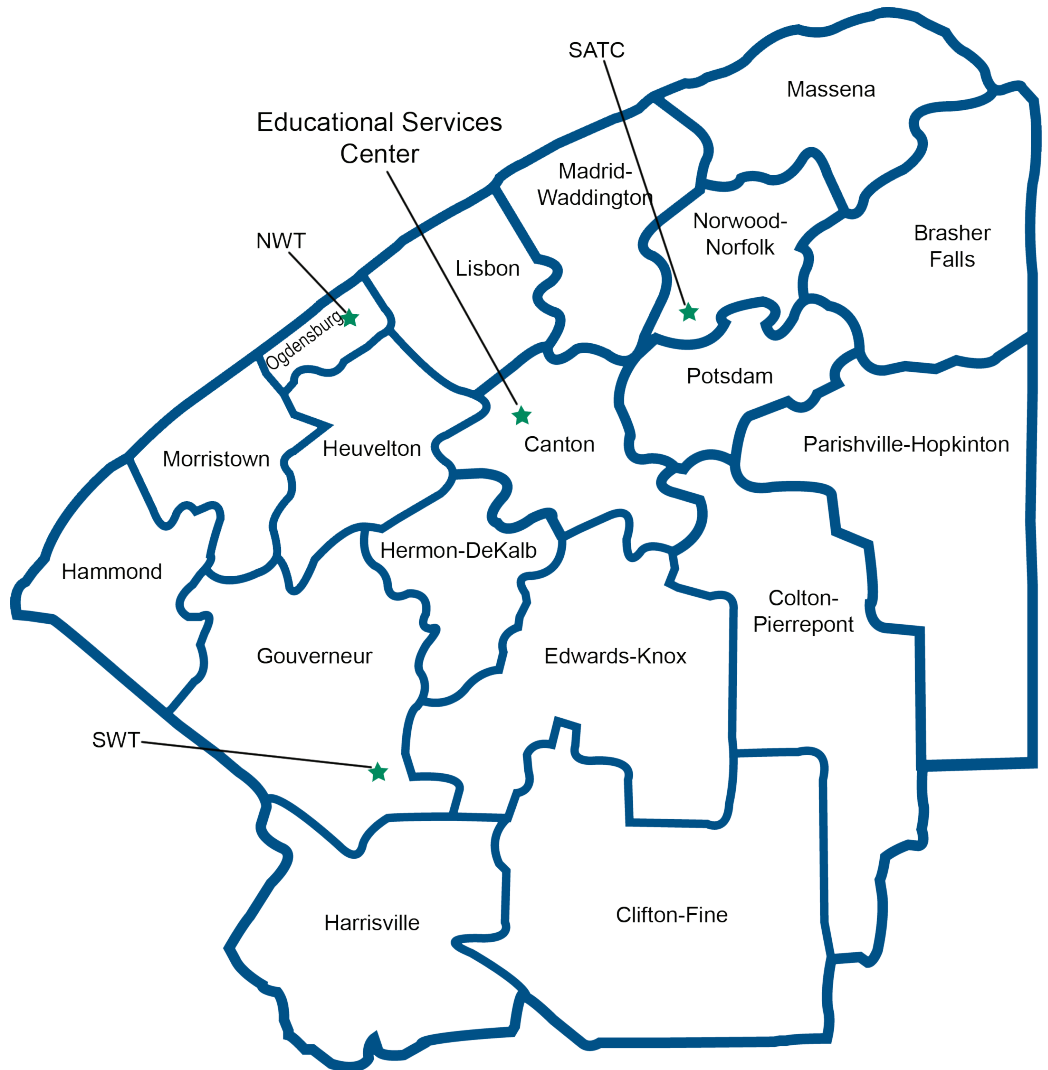
Staci Vaughn, *Superintendent*  
Lawrence Kring III, *President*  
Lisa Thompson, *Vice President*  
Joshua Hunter  
Jeffrey LaJoy  
Scott Ritchie  
Kristy Simmons  
Chelsea VanArnam  
Joseph Kring, *Student Ex Officio*

**Norwood-Norfolk Central School**

Brooke Ashley, *Superintendent*  
James Dillon, *President*  
Stephen Markum, *Vice President*  
Robert Barlow  
Amy LaCroix  
Katherine LaVigne  
Susan Mackey  
Heaven Simons  
Kimberly Smith  
Mary Ellen Todd  
Sophie Shoen, *Student Ex Officio*

**Ogdensburg City School**

Kevin Kendall, *Superintendent*  
Ronald Johnson, *President*  
Craig Lalonde, *Vice President*  
Renee' Grizzuto  
Douglas Loffler  
Pamela Luckie  
Angela McRoberts  
Vicky May Peo  
Connor Sutton  
Elizabeth Testani  
Sydney Davock, *Student Ex Officio*





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# Annual Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2025

Jennie Colburn  
District Clerk  
Educational Services Center  
Phone: (315) 386-4504  
Email: jennie.colburn@sllboces.org

The Annual meeting of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Sole Supervisory District of the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties, was held on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Educational Services Center, Canton, New York.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Roger M. Bennett, Board President for St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES, called to order the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Alexa Backus Chase, President, St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties School Boards Association (SLLCSBA) was introduced.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

**EVENTS HELD TO DATE/  
UPCOMING EVENTS:** Alexa Backus Chase provided the following information on the SLLCSBA:

- Regent Catania dinner was held on Tuesday, October 15th at Seaway Technical Center and was very well attended by districts, administration and board members
- Senior Recognition Dinner to be held at Clarkson University on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at 3:00 pm
- New School Board Member Workshop – Wednesday, June 11, 2025 from 5:15 – 7:30 pm at the Educational Services Center

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Alexa Backus Chase reported that SLLCSBA’s current balance is \$11,326.32.

**INTRODUCTION OF BOCES BOARD OF EDUCATION:** Roger Bennett, Board President for St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES introduced the current Board and the schools they represent.

**REVIEW OF THE 2025-2026 BOCES TENTATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE, CAPITAL, AND PROGRAM BUDGETS:** Thomas R. Burns, District Superintendent provided review of the 2025-2026 tentative Administrative, Capital, and Program Budgets.

**INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES:** Jennie Colburn, District Clerk noted the member candidates and the school districts that nominated them:

- Roger Bennett – Massena Central School District
- Michael Davis – Heuvelton Central School District
- Cindy McLean – Colton-Pierrepont Central School District

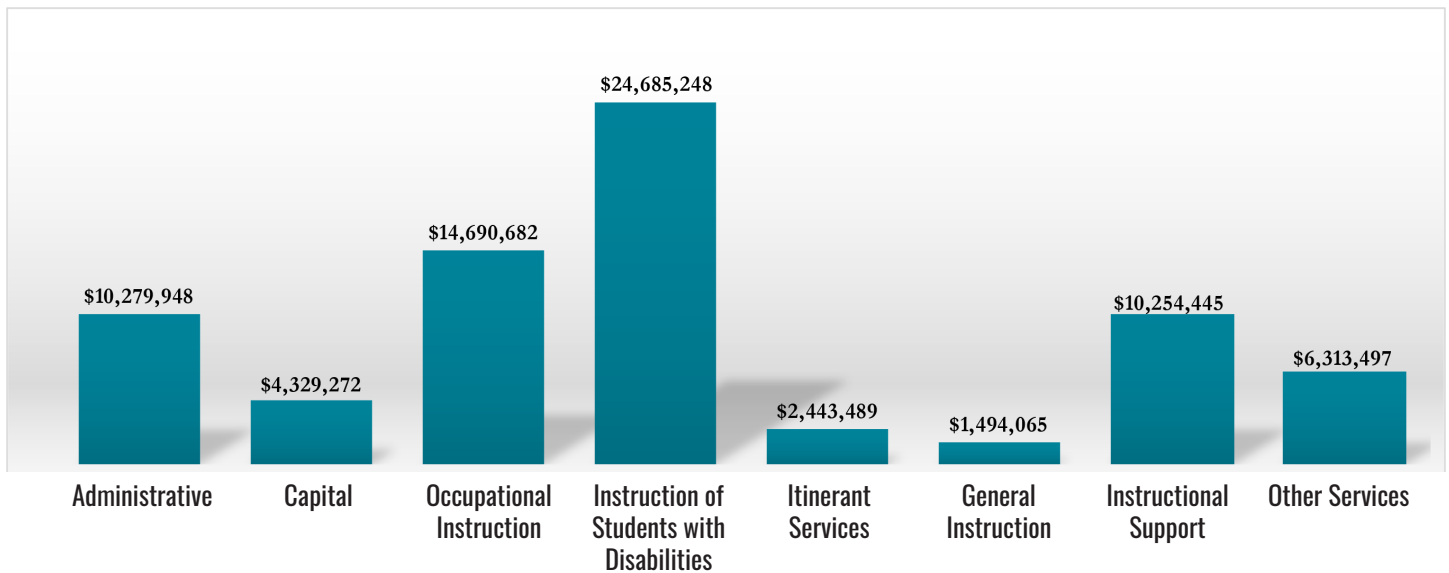
Motion made by Roger Bennett, seconded by Todd Bates to adjourn the Annual meeting at 6:30 pm.

The SLL BOCES serves 18 local school districts in St. Lawrence and Lewis Counties, which have more than 40 schools and approximately 20,000 students. The SLL BOCES enables the county’s residents to enjoy all the benefits of locally-controlled schools while also reaping the benefits of belonging to a large cooperative.

# BUDGET SUMMARY 2026-27

Funding comes from the 18 local districts. Each pays a proportional share of SLL BOCES’ administrative costs, and local school boards vote on the administrative budget each spring. In addition, each district decides which SLL BOCES services it needs and then pays a share of the cost of those services. Schools receive BOCES aid from the state to encourage them to share services with one another. Since BOCES cannot levy taxes, all monies come from payment for services delivered to the school districts or from grants.

## Budget Breakdown for 2026-27



Administrative	\$10,279,948
Capital	\$4,329,272
Occupational Instruction	\$14,690,682
Instruction of Students with Disabilities	\$24,685,248
Itinerant Services	\$2,443,489
General Instruction	\$1,494,065
Instructional Support	\$10,254,445
Other Services	\$6,313,497
<b>Total Projected 2026-27 Budget</b>	<b>\$74,490,646</b>

# ADMINISTRATIVE

2024-25  
Actual  
Expenditures

2025-26  
Current  
Budget

2026-27  
Projected  
Budget

## 1240 District Superintendent's Office

Code

		2024-25 Actual Expenditures	2025-26 Current Budget	2026-27 Projected Budget
Certified Salary	.152	\$164,751	\$164,751	\$164,751
Other Salaries	.160	74,018	77,719	80,830
Equipment	.200	0	2,000	3,000
Supplies	.300	1,146	2,500	2,500
Contractual	.400	11,725	13,340	12,500
Superintendent Travel/Reimb	.401	18,909	23,975	25,000
Sick Day Pay	.466	98,711	0	0
Attorney	.474	0	4,000	4,000
School District/Other BOCES	.490	50	1,900	1,900
Employee Mileage/Reimbursement	.499	0	500	500
Teachers Retirement	.800	16,656	21,866	21,866
Employees Retirement	.801	8,697	9,901	9,888
Workers Comp	.802	1,361	1,649	1,007
Social Security	.803	5,550	13,015	13,253
Health Insurance	.804	32,979	47,662	49,460
Dental/Optical Insurance	.806	1,170	1,206	1,206
Healthcare Admin Fee	.814	1,032	1,440	1,524
<b>Total - District Superintendent's Office</b>		<b>\$436,754</b>	<b>\$387,424</b>	<b>\$393,185</b>

2024-25  
Actual  
Expenditures

2025-26  
Current  
Budget

2026-27  
Projected  
Budget

## 1010 Board of Education

Code

		2024-25 Actual Expenditures	2025-26 Current Budget	2026-27 Projected Budget
Claims Auditor	.161	\$9,085	\$9,354	\$10,150
HC Buyout	.168	1,000	1,200	0
Supplies	.300	689	700	700
Contractual	.400	100,195	96,506	105,000
Publications	.403	1,940	7,000	5,000
Attorney	.474	141	15,000	10,000
School District/Other BOCES	.490	13,797	13,800	14,500
Employee Mileage/Reimbursement	.499	95	200	0
Employees Retirement	.801	1,049	1,197	0
Workers Comp	.802	57	63	42
Social Security	.803	771	716	776
<b>Total - Board of Education</b>		<b>\$128,818</b>	<b>\$145,736</b>	<b>\$146,168</b>

<b>1310 Central Support</b>		<b>Code</b>	<b>2024-25 Actual Expenditures</b>	<b>2025-26 Current Budget</b>	<b>2026-27 Projected Budget</b>
Professional Salaries	.150	\$1,070	\$0	\$0	
Business Office Salaries	.160	656,704	783,439	845,898	
OMNI Match	.164	0	2,500	4,005	
Budgeted Vacation	.167	10,565	7,500	7,500	
Equipment	.200	3,881	4,500	4,499	
Supplies	.300	6,131	7,500	7,500	
Contractual	.400	43,782	60,000	65,000	
Longevity Pay	.465	10,000	10,000	0	
Attorney	.474	7,913	8,500	8,500	
School District/Other BOCES	.490	0	750	750	
Employee Mileage/Reimbursement	.499	0	750	750	
Employees Retirement	.801	86,790	142,822	165,416	
Workers Comp	.802	3,799	5,042	3,468	
Social Security	.803	49,566	60,670	68,661	
Health Insurance	.804	131,844	198,591	239,434	
Dental/Optical Insurance	.806-.808	4,047	8,039	7,319	
Healthcare Admin Fee	.814	4,204	5,849	6,332	
<b>Total - Central Support</b>		<b>\$1,020,296</b>	<b>\$1,306,452</b>	<b>\$1,435,032</b>	

<b>1900 Unclassified</b>		<b>Code</b>	<b>2024-25 Actual Expenditures</b>	<b>2025-26 Current Budget</b>	<b>2026-27 Projected Budget</b>
RANS Interest	.700	\$257,026	\$232,650	\$235,000	
Retiree Health Insurance	.899	7,089,560	7,591,734	7,806,338	
<b>Total - Unclassified</b>		<b>\$7,346,585</b>	<b>\$7,824,384</b>	<b>\$8,041,338</b>	

# ADMINISTRATIVE

		2024-25 Actual Expenditures	2025-26 Current Budget	2026-27 Projected Budget
<b>9500 Transfers</b>	<b>Code</b>			
Operations & Maintenance	.712	\$130,945	\$128,657	\$141,262
Distance Learning	.408	1,000	1,000	1,000
Printshop	.504	25,102	26,106	27,150
Electronic/Microcomputer Repair	.505	382	382	260
Instructional Technology	.506	1,471	1,762	1,812
Educational Communications	.509	260	265	270
School/Curriculum Improvement	.526	869	1,025	0
Healthcare	.611	2,000	0	0
Telephone Interconnect	.621	1,904	1,904	1,677
Human Resources	.714	4,376	4,020	4,211
Administrative Computer Service	.715	129,568	35,440	14,991
X/C Transfer Charges	Various	76,561	71,712	71,592
<b>Total Transfer Charges from Other Services</b>		<b>\$374,439</b>	<b>\$272,273</b>	<b>\$264,225</b>

## TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

<b>\$9,306,894</b>	<b>\$9,936,269</b>	<b>\$10,279,948</b>
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<b>TOTAL 2026-2027 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET</b>	<b>\$10,279,948</b>
<i>Less: Miscellaneous Income &amp; Interest Charges</i>	<i>(\$145,000)</i>
<b>ACTUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CHARGES</b>	<b>\$10,134,948</b>
<b>TOTAL 2025-2026 SCHOOL DISTRICT CHARGES</b>	<b>\$9,801,269</b>
DOLLAR DIFFERENCE	\$333,679
PERCENTAGE CHANGE	<b>3.40%</b>

- BOCES salary of the District Superintendent is \$164,751. Additional state salary is \$43,499 for a total of \$208,250. Benefits paid on the salary totals \$58,120. The fringe includes such benefits as social security, teacher retirement, workers compensation, health insurance, dental insurance and unemployment insurance.
- A list of expenses eligible for reimbursement in the ensuing year:  
Professional dues, travel, meetings, lodging, reimbursables (parking, tolls, etc.) = \$25,000
- Total of reimbursable expenses paid to the District Superintendent for the 2024-2025 year = \$1,632

# CAPITAL - CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Capital	Code	2024-25 Actual Expenditures	2025-26 Current Budget	2026-27 Projected Budget
Rental of Facilities	.470	\$520,622	\$567,868	\$561,972
Dormitory Authority	.480	3,533,913	3,773,450	2,932,300
Transfer to Capital Fund	.910	700,221	45,000	835,000
Transfer Credits for Service Program	.970	-700,221	0	0
<b>Total - Capital</b>		<b>\$4,054,535</b>	<b>\$4,386,318</b>	<b>\$4,329,272</b>

Career & Technical Education	Code	2024-25 Actual Expenditures	2025-26 Current Budget	2026-27 Projected Budget
Certified Salaries	.150	\$5,125,375	\$5,632,019	\$6,050,764
Other Salaries	.160	390,177	449,563	532,593
Equipment	.200	294,150	285,811	275,800
Supplies	.300	793,973	1,162,014	1,001,977
Contractual	.400	354,553	417,687	388,693
School District/Other BOCES	.490	15,947	29,613	22,100
Employee Benefits	.800	2,760,675	3,097,502	3,243,200
Transfer to Capital	.910	150,000	0	0
Transfer to O&M	.950	2,288,252	2,410,224	2,591,873
Transfer to Other Programs	.960	537,293	864,105	583,682
Transfer from Other Programs	.970	-5,040	-297,814	0
<b>Total - Career &amp; Technical Education</b>		<b>\$12,705,356</b>	<b>\$14,050,724</b>	<b>\$14,690,682</b>

Program budget is based on average enrollment of actual students over a 3 year period.

The above budget represents the following CoSers for 2026-2027:

- Career and Technical Education

<p><b>68%</b> of students attend a CTE program from 18 School Districts.</p>	<p><b>91%</b> CTE Graduation Rate</p>	<p>CTE currently has <b>700</b> active work-based learning business partners.</p>
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# INSTRUCTION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

2024-25  
Actual  
Expenditures

2025-26  
Current  
Budget

2026-27  
Projected  
Budget

Instruction of Students with Disabilities	Code	2024-25 Actual Expenditures	2025-26 Current Budget	2026-27 Projected Budget
Certified Salaries	.150	\$7,632,304	\$7,944,072	\$8,233,609
Other Salaries	.160	368,009	484,759	488,485
Equipment	.200	21,045	21,000	28,000
Supplies	.300	75,985	89,500	89,500
Contractual	.400	438,999	1,350,921	1,508,284
School District/Other BOCES	.490	670,540	636,900	435,640
Employee Benefits	.800	4,857,957	5,141,023	5,311,240
Transfer to Other Programs	.960	5,970,341	8,240,500	8,590,490
<b>Total - Instruction of Students with Disabilities</b>		<b>\$20,035,179</b>	<b>\$23,908,676</b>	<b>\$24,685,248</b>

The above budget represents the following CoSers for 2026-2027:

- 201 1:1 TA for District Programs
- 203 Special Class 6:1+1 & 6:1+2
- 204 12:1+1 Life Skills Program
- 205 Community Based Work Program
- 207 Management Needs 8:1+1



**33**  
Special Education  
Classrooms across  
six locations

**466**  
students served through  
(IBP) In BOCES Programs  
and (RSO) Related  
Services Only

# ITINERANT SERVICES

2024-25  
Actual  
Expenditures

2025-26  
Current  
Budget

2026-27  
Projected  
Budget

Itinerant Services	Code	2024-25 Actual Expenditures	2025-26 Current Budget	2026-27 Projected Budget
Certified Salaries	.150	\$504,018	\$505,090	\$532,496
Other Salaries	.160	905,458	946,697	915,666
Equipment	.200	962	2,640	3,000
Supplies	.300	3,570	-90,413	18,175
Contractual	.400	15,745	244,230	134,790
School District/Other BOCES	.490	184,789	226,081	0
Employee Benefits	.800	576,560	608,264	574,299
Transfer to Other Programs	.960	194,242	219,481	265,063
<b>Total - Itinerant Services</b>		<b>\$2,385,344</b>	<b>\$2,662,069</b>	<b>\$2,443,489</b>

The above budget represents the following CoSers for 2026-2027:

- 302 Music Teacher
- 307 School Psychologist
- 312 Behavioral Consultant
- 314 Physical Therapy
- 316 Visually Impaired/Orientation and Mobility
- 317 School Psychologist
- 331 Physical Education Teacher
- 340 Shared Human Resources Manager
- 343 Occupational Therapy
- 350 Audiology
- 360 Facilities Director



# GENERAL INSTRUCTION

2024-25  
Actual  
Expenditures

2025-26  
Current  
Budget

2026-27  
Projected  
Budget

General Instruction	Code	2024-25 Actual Expenditures	2025-26 Current Budget	2026-27 Projected Budget
Certified Salaries	.150	\$595,029	\$520,803	\$505,140
Other Salaries	.160	52,496	47,153	47,476
Equipment	.200	4,202	29,069	32,303
Supplies	.300	44,832	96,170	87,262
Contractual	.400	707,324	736,155	509,516
School District/Other BOCES	.490	371,845	655,494	55,954
Employee Benefits	.800	208,636	224,929	179,085
Transfer to O&M	.950	12,752	81,301	80,837
Transfer to Other Programs	.960	39,898	39,066	40,983
Transfer from Other Programs	.970	-46,151	-43,139	-44,491
<b>Total - General Instruction</b>		<b>\$1,990,862</b>	<b>\$2,387,000</b>	<b>\$1,494,065</b>

The above budget represents the following CoSers for 2026-2027:

- 401 Exploratory Enrichment
- 402 Performing Arts
- 405 Equivalent Attendance
- 406 Early College Access
- 408 Distance Learning
- 409 Alternative HS Equivalency Program(AHSEP)
- 410 Education for Incarcerated Youth
- 420 Summer School Driver's Ed
- 478 X/C Erie I BOCES - Distance Learning
- 481 X/C Capital Region BOCES - Distance Learning



# INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

2024-25  
Actual  
Expenditures

2025-26  
Current  
Budget

2026-27  
Projected  
Budget

Instructional Support	Code	2024-25 Actual Expenditures	2025-26 Current Budget	2026-27 Projected Budget
Certified Salaries	.150	\$1,480,007	\$1,724,095	\$1,749,162
Other Salaries	.160	1,938,409	2,037,157	2,144,767
Equipment	.200	1,257,927	1,389,592	418,476
Supplies	.300	2,744,921	2,683,759	2,322,113
Contractual	.400	1,974,504	2,306,425	1,659,594
School District/Other BOCES	.490	939,144	793,481	33,436
Employee Benefits	.800	1,538,136	1,958,933	1,942,374
Transfer to O&M	.950	344,340	344,095	360,550
Transfer to Other Programs	.960	225,758	293,484	281,056
Transfer from Other Programs	.970	-667,749	-699,832	-657,083
<b>Total - Instructional Support</b>		<b>\$11,775,396</b>	<b>\$12,831,190</b>	<b>\$10,254,445</b>

The above budget represents the following CoSers for 2026-2027:

- 501 Title I Coordination
- 502 DEI/CRSE
- 503 Extracurricular Coordination - SAT/Whiz Quiz
- 504 Printshop
- 505 Electronic/Computer Equipment Repair
- 506 Instructional Technology Service
- 508 School Library System Service
- 509 Learning Resources Services
- 510 Library Automation
- 516 Model Schools
- 517 Coordination - Interscholastic Athletics (Section X)
- 525 Special Education / CTE Consultant
- 526 School/Curriculum Improvement
- 540 X/C Capital Region BOCES - Library Automation
- 589 X/C Erie I BOCES - NYSITCC



**1,088+ HOURS**  
of Professional  
Development Facilitated  
for **1,446 Educators.**

**43,521 digital titles**  
checked out so far this  
year in SORA with our  
School Library System

**12** online asynchronous  
courses and **101** course  
participants offered in  
2025-26 in partnership with  
SUNY Potsdam

# OTHER SERVICES

Other Services		Code	2024-25 Actual Expenditures	2025-26 Current Budget	2026-27 Projected Budget
Certified Salaries	.150	\$17,881	\$42,635	\$49,079	
Other Salaries	.160	2,774,617	3,006,836	3,031,297	
Equipment	.200	33,258	27,912	25,082	
Supplies	.300	49,742	32,066	42,165	
Contractual	.400	1,055,155	1,143,013	1,178,373	
School District/Other BOCES	.490	4,843,601	5,025,843	679,744	
Employee Benefits	.800	1,217,691	1,393,721	1,475,733	
Transfer to O&M	.950	199,081	210,506	205,753	
Transfer to Other Programs	.960	239,880	261,122	270,075	
Transfer from Other Programs	.970	-573,901	-625,596	-643,804	
<b>Total - Other Services</b>		<b>\$9,857,006</b>	<b>\$10,518,058</b>	<b>\$6,313,497</b>	

The above budget represents the following CoSers for 2026-2027:

- 601 Cooperative Purchasing
- 602 Negotiations
- 606 Bus Repeater System
- 608 X/C Capital Region BOCES - Admin Computer Services
- 610 Records Management
- 611 Healthcare Administration
- 612 X/C Questar III BOCES - State Aid Planning
- 614 X/C Jeff-Lewis BOCES - Safety/Risk Management
- 615 Workers Compensation Administration
- 616 X/C Erie 1 BOCES - Policy Services
- 618 Substitute Coordination
- 619 Cooperative Business Office
- 620 Solid Waste Disposal
- 621 Telephone Interconnect
- 625 Central School Food Management
- 657 X/C Jeff-Lewis BOCES - Solar Consortium Mgmt
- 660 X/C Capital Region BOCES - Communications Service
- 675 X/C Jeff-Lewis BOCES - Teacher Certification Officer
- 677 X/C E. Suffolk BOCES - Coop. Bidding-Copiers
- 680 X/C Capital Region BOCES - Telephone Interconnect

# INTERNAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

2024-25  
Actual  
Expenditures

2025-26  
Current  
Budget

2026-27  
Projected  
Budget

Internal Service Activities	Code	2024-25 Actual Expenditures	2025-26 Current Budget	2026-27 Projected Budget
Certified Salaries	.150	\$1,775,356	\$2,088,346	\$2,065,870
Other Salaries	.160	2,091,645	2,335,048	2,481,629
Equipment	.200	78,491	94,846	101,422
Supplies	.300	239,883	263,426	254,475
Contractual	.400	1,629,011	3,519,569	3,897,486
School District/Other BOCES	.490	315,617	599,000	583,000
Employee Benefits	.800	2,303,211	2,669,541	2,805,328
Transfer to O&M	.950	541,397	553,397	534,906
Transfer to Other Programs	.960	4,026,388	3,575,058	3,862,905
Transfer from Other Programs	.970	-13,000,998	-15,698,231	-16,587,021
<b>Total - Internal Service Activities</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

The above budget represents the following CoSers for 2026-2027:

- Operations & Maintenance
- Special Education Admin/Supervision/Related Services
- Human Resources
- Computer Services



# SUMMARY:

## ADMINISTRATIVE, CAPITAL & PROGRAM BUDGETS

2024-25  
Actual  
Expenditures

2025-26  
Current  
Budget

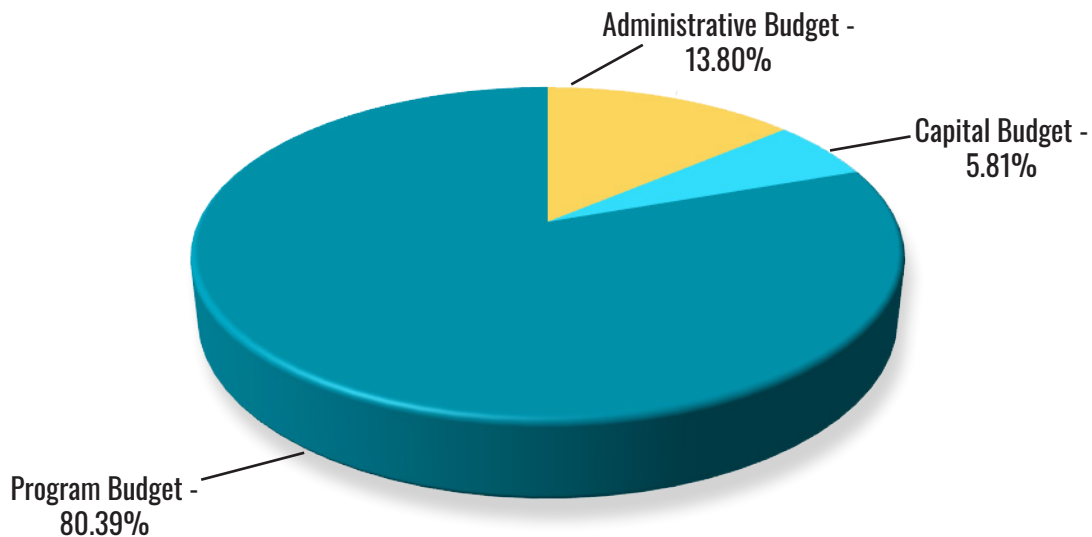
2026-27  
Projected  
Budget

	2024-25 Actual Expenditures	2025-26 Current Budget	2026-27 Projected Budget
Total Administrative Budget	\$9,306,894	\$9,936,269	\$10,279,948
Total Capital Budget	\$4,054,535	\$4,386,318	\$4,329,272
Total Program Budget	\$58,749,142	\$66,357,716	\$59,881,426

### TOTAL GENERAL FUND PROGRAMS

\$72,110,570	\$80,680,303	\$74,490,646
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### 2026-2027 Projected Budget



# STATE AID AND OTHER PAYMENTS 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL DISTRICT	BOCES AID Ratio	RWADA	Unaudited BOCES Aid	Refunds	Ancillary Payments	Rent Payments	Total Payments
<b>Brasher Falls</b>	0.862	954	2,177,578	286,924	0	0	<b>2,464,502</b>
<b>Canton</b>	0.783	1,091	1,819,638	385,013	65,816	38,940	<b>2,309,407</b>
<b>Clifton-Fine</b>	0.360*	252	361,391	105,791	0	23,364	<b>490,546</b>
<b>Colton-Pierrepont</b>	0.519*	381	469,126	122,289	0	0	<b>591,415</b>
<b>Edwards-Knox</b>	0.793	508	1,295,704	154,481	0	0	<b>1,450,185</b>
<b>Gouverneur</b>	0.825	1,442	3,007,439	399,667	0	7,788	<b>3,414,894</b>
<b>Hammond</b>	0.437	238	363,291	83,581	0	7,788	<b>454,660</b>
<b>Harrisville</b>	0.666	337	691,747	68,468	0	7,788	<b>768,003</b>
<b>Hermon-DeKalb</b>	0.790	370	882,503	159,285	0	7,788	<b>1,049,576</b>
<b>Heuvelton</b>	0.837	578	1,418,911	401,569	32,908	27,258	<b>1,880,646</b>
<b>Lisbon</b>	0.816	558	1,432,677	215,436	0	7,788	<b>1,655,901</b>
<b>Madrid-Waddington</b>	0.783	618	1,394,456	185,904	0	0	<b>1,580,360</b>
<b>Massena</b>	0.842	2,448	4,418,705	582,386	0	7,788	<b>5,008,879</b>
<b>Morristown</b>	0.585	315	749,700	153,465	0	7,788	<b>910,953</b>
<b>Norwood-Norfolk</b>	0.861	966	2,151,808	385,606	0	15,576	<b>2,552,990</b>
<b>Ogdensburg</b>	0.875	1,433	3,866,090	603,330	49,362	62,304	<b>4,581,086</b>
<b>Parishville-Hopkinton</b>	0.627	335	694,933	168,638	0	0	<b>863,571</b>
<b>Potsdam</b>	0.765	1,281	2,140,183	479,561	296,172	221,958	<b>3,137,874</b>
			<b>\$29,335,880</b>	<b>\$4,941,395</b>	<b>\$444,258</b>	<b>\$443,916</b>	<b>\$35,165,449</b>

\* greater of millage factor or .360, per NYSED

# Message from NYS Commissioner of Education



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Dear Members of the Cooperative Boards of New York State:

New York's public education system is strongest when we work together to expand opportunity for every student. BOCES have long been essential partners in that work—strengthening instructional programs, expanding career and technical education, providing shared services, and helping districts collaborate to meet student needs across regions.

This year, I want to highlight **NY Inspires**: A Plan to Transform Education in New York State, NYSED's phased roadmap to implement the Board of Regents' graduation measures recommendations. Developed through years of statewide engagement with educators, families, students, higher education, business partners, and BOCES, **NY Inspires** is designed to ensure that every student graduates prepared for careers, college, and civic life. The plan centers on four major shifts: adopting the New York State Portrait of a Graduate; redefining credits to focus on demonstrated proficiency; sunsetting diploma assessment requirements; and moving to one diploma. The phased approach is intended to support thoughtful planning, professional learning, and continuous feedback as districts transition to an updated system of pathways and measures—actions BOCES across our state are already playing a pivotal role in supporting.

**NY Inspires** will require strong regional capacity to expand access to high-quality opportunities, particularly cross-district course access, early college and dual enrollment, CTE and work-based learning networks, shared instructional and specialized staffing models, professional learning, and coordinated student supports. BOCES are uniquely positioned to help districts implement these changes in ways that are equitable, scalable, and locally responsive.

I also want to recognize the leadership of BOCES District Superintendents in the Regionalization initiative. All 37 BOCES participated, with over 83% of districts engaged with higher education, workforce, government, and community partners. The regional plans, aligned with the key legislative and budget priorities of the Department, reflect both near-term actions and forward-looking recommendations for State consideration, organized around four consistent themes:

- Increasing access to early learning, academic offerings, and graduation pathways
- Promoting student engagement, safety, and healthy development
- Enhancing educator quality and recruitment
- Exploring innovative models for cross-district collaboration

These themes and recommendations will help inform NYSED and the Board of Regents as we shape future legislative and budget priorities in partnership with the Executive and Legislature.

Thank you for your leadership and continued partnership on behalf of New York's students.

Sincerely,



Betty A. Rosa  
Commissioner





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