

Rush-Henrietta Central School District

State Foundation Aid Increase for the 2022-23 Budget

Public Feedback

During the last state budget cycle the governor and legislature agreed to a two-year phase-in the Foundation Aid formula. This means that the Rush-Henrietta Central School District will receive a \$5,328,456 or 22% increase in State Foundation Aid for the 2022-23 school year. Proposed uses of this increased amount of state aid is as follows:

Program	Headcount	Cost
Restore primary grades (K-3) small class size which had been increased at beginning of the pandemic – salary and benefits	8 Teachers	\$ 720,000
Intermediate school Special Education teachers added to support Integrated Co-Teaching (ICOT) model at all grade levels	2 Teachers	\$ 180,000
Special Education teachers to support increased enrollment K-12	2 Teachers	\$ 180,000
Reading teacher added at elementary level	1 Teacher	\$ 90,000
Reduce use of fund balance (savings) in budget because it is a non-recurring revenue. This enables ongoing support for our English Language Learners, Homeless students, Academic Intervention Support and other student supports needed to eliminate achievement gaps.		\$1,700,000
Tuition expense for increased number of Special Ed students moving into the district and tuition increases for all out of district placements	12 new students	\$1,177,132
Increased music and athletic opportunities to help reengage our students post-pandemic.		\$ 54,500
Secondary Instructional specialists	2 staff	\$ 160,000
Additional Youth Assistants to support the High School	2 staff	\$ 100,000
Contract transportation to alleviate severe bus driver shortage		\$ 587,247
Inflationary cost increases for utilities, fuel and supplies		\$ 379,577
Total Expenses supported by Foundation Aid Increase		\$5,328,456

Do the residents of the Rush-Henrietta Central School District support the plan for the utilization of the increased Foundation Aid?

Do the residents of the Rush-Henrietta Central School District have ideas for alternative uses for the increase in State Foundation Aid?