



Dear Community Members, Families & Staff:

As you may know, this has been a very difficult budget cycle for the Vestal Central School District. We began building the 2024-25 budget in December 2023 with the support of the Broome-Tioga BOCES Central Business Office.

The maximum allowable tax levy increase is a major component of the District’s budget. It is determined by an eight-step calculation governed by New York State. A portion of this formula accounts for the community’s overall tax-base growth. Because Vestal is maintaining positive economic growth, the calculation limits the maximum allowable tax levy for our district to 1.77% - the second lowest in our region. Thus, the district is not able to increase its revenue in the same way as some of our neighboring districts.

Typically, school districts across the state receive an annual increase in State Aid to account for inflationary factors. This year, Vestal’s State Aid remained flat. Coupled with increased costs for labor contracts, materials and supplies, equipment, transportation, fuel, utilities, and other contractual obligations due to inflation, the District has been forced to trim its budget. Unfortunately, these cuts have included a reduction in staff through both layoffs and attrition. Despite these cuts, we are committed to providing a high-quality education to our students. Our professional staff members are committed to excellence in each and every department throughout our school district.

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Vestal students continue to amaze! Read about just some of this year’s accomplishments on page 3.

School Budget Vote

When to Vote: 12 - 8 p.m., May 21, 2024

Voting Location:

Vestal Central Junior Building, 201 Main Street
(Handicapped-accessible entrance by the Vestal Senior Center on the south side of the building.)

Absentee Ballots: Applications for Absentee Ballots are available on the Budget Information page of the District website or from the District Clerk. Completed ballots must be returned to the District by 5 p.m., May 21.

Budget Snapshot	
Total Budget	\$90,856,822
Budget Increase	\$734,375
Total Tax Levy	\$51,884,996
Levy Increase (over current year)	1.77%
Maximum Allowable Levy Limit	\$51,884,996
Student Enrollment (2023-24)	3,433
Student Enrollment (Projected for 2024-25)	3,433

School Board Candidates:

There are three seats open on the Vestal Board of Education for three-year terms expiring in June 2027. Here are the eligible candidates on the ballot for these seats, in ballot order:

**Chadwin Smith • Eric LaClair •
Amanda Atkinson • Sumeeta Chaudhri**

Please see their profiles and candidate answers, beginning on page 10.

Definition of Qualified Voter:

A person shall be entitled to vote in the District's 2024 Annual Meeting and Election who is:

1. A voter registered in Broome or Tioga County, or with the school district;
2. A citizen of the United States;
3. 18 years of age; and
4. A resident within the District for a period of 30 days preceding May 21, 2024.

Registering to Vote

Voters may register with the District Clerk located at 201 Main Street, Vestal, NY, between the hours of 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. on days that the School District is open. Pursuant to Section 352 of the Education Law, persons otherwise qualified to vote, who have been previously registered for School District voting, need not personally register for this annual vote. Likewise, persons who have registered to vote in town, county, or national elections need not personally register.

Public Budget Hearing:

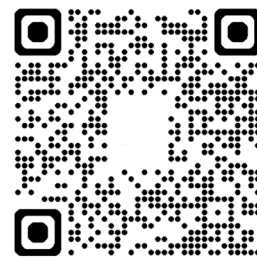
6 p.m., Tuesday, May 14, 2024, in the Auditorium at Clayton Avenue Elementary, 209 Clayton Avenue, Vestal, NY.

Questions?

Contact the District Clerk at 607-757-2265 or districtclerk@vestal.k12.ny.us

Cover Photo:

Clayton Avenue fourth-graders in Mrs. Russell's class explore electrical circuits using a FOSS (Full Option Science System) kit. Scan the QR code to access a video with more information about FOSS curriculum.



Letter to Community Members *continued from cover*

It has always been our mission to remain fiscally responsible to our taxpayers by remaining at or below the maximum allowable tax levy increase. Districts can exceed the maximum allowable tax levy increase only if their budget receives the support of at least 60% of voters. Given this year's low increase of 1.77%, there was discussion about exceeding the limit to maintain current levels of services and staffing. The Vestal CSD and Board of Education has decided to stay within the maximum allowable tax levy for the 2024-25 budget. However, we expect that 2025-26 will be another fiscally challenging year. As always, we will approach next year's budget in a prudent manner to preserve the high-quality programming and services that our school community expects.


Our students continue to thrive, and we remain focused on providing them with all they need to succeed. This year, three Vestal HS seniors were named National Merit Finalists, five were recognized as Commended Students, and four were designated as College Board Recognition Program Scholars. Vestal High School once again scored as the number one high school in our Binghamton Region by "U.S. News & World Report" for 2024.

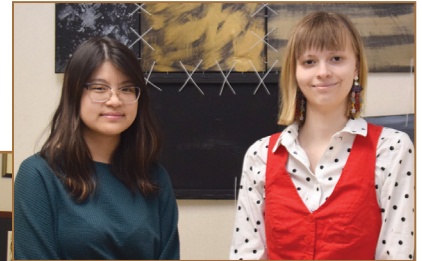
Since 2016, our Music Department has been recognized as one of the Best Communities for Music Education, and three high school students were selected for All-State Music Ensembles. Art students continue to flourish, with two students receiving regional Gold Keys in the Scholastic Art Awards. Plus, three student artists have been selected to attend the prestigious NYS Summer School of the Arts this summer. An astounding 10 Vestal HS FBLA members qualified for the national competition. Two students teamed up to win the 18th Annual Math Exploration Day at Ithaca College. Our Southern Tier Robotics Team placed 7th out of 51 teams at the NY Tech Valley Regional in Albany. Finally, another three students placed in the top three of their categories in the regional Skills USA competition!

Our Budget Hearing is scheduled for 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 14, in the Clayton Avenue Elementary Auditorium. You will find budget data on the Budget Information web page of our District website. The annual School Budget Vote and School Board Election is from 12 – 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, in the gymnasium of the Central Junior Building, 201 Main Street. Thank you in advance for taking the time to participate!

Sincerely,


Kathryn Egan
School Board President


Clifford R. Kasson
Superintendent



From Top

National Merit Program Commended Students Tony Zhou, Miron Sulicz, Sriram Chakravadhanula, Samantha Tumey, and Alaina Domingo.

NYSSMA All-State musicians Ian Chung (viola), Rayna Cui (soprano), and Sua Choi (violin).

Christine Tran, Leah Jones, and Ylaena Nealy (not pictured) will be immersed in a three-week summer experience at SUNY Fredonia while attending the NYS Summer School of the Arts.

Anne Coleman, Anna Howell, and Daniel Skojec (inset), took top-place awards in the regional SkillsUSA competition.

PROP 1

Proposition 1 is for the approval of the proposed 2024-25 spending plan in the amount of **\$90,856,822**. The Commissioner of Education issued Regulation 170.8, which requires all school districts in New York State to present their budget information in accordance with a prescribed format. This newsletter follows that format, showing the total proposed expenditure budget in three parts - *Program, Capital and Administrative* components.

In addition, school districts are required to provide an estimate of debt service payments and an estimate of New York State aid displayed as a percentage of the proposed expenditure budget. On the following pages, you will find the school district's proposed 2024-25 expenditure budget presented in accordance with this regulation.

Program - 77.5% (The Program component supports classroom instruction, transportation, and instructional services to students.)

Budget Function	Description	2023-24 Budget	Proposed 2024-25 Budget
Instructional	Program funding	\$45,378,764	\$46,028,962
Health Services	Health services, including school nurses.	\$ 685,391	\$ 867,420
Pupil Transportation	Costs for student transportation (except buses; see Proposition #2, page 8.)	\$ 3,839,260	\$ 3,941,699
Legal	Fees associated with student services.	\$ 38,414	\$ 40,269
Employee Benefits	Retirement, Social Security, Workers Compensation, insurance, etc. for instructional and support staff.	\$18,864,236	\$19,419,340
Interfund Transfers	Extended school year and school lunch.	\$ 115,000	\$ 85,100
Total		\$68,921,065	\$70,382,790

Capital - 12.8% (The Capital component supports and maintains the district's physical infrastructure.)

Budget Function	Description	2023-24 Budget	Proposed 2024-25 Budget
Operation of Plant	Includes salaries, utilities, environmental programs, furniture replacement and trash removal.	\$ 5,183,559	\$ 5,482,424
Employee Benefits	Retirement, Social Security, Workers Compensation, insurance, etc. for custodial and maintenance staff.	\$ 1,356,133	\$ 1,374,482
Debt Service	Principal and interest for school district debt and borrowing.	\$ 4,805,218	\$ 4,679,919
Interfund Transfers	Capital Project	\$ 1,010,000	\$ 100,000
Refund of Taxes	Prior year refund of taxes, as needed.	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Total		\$12,369,910	\$11,651,825

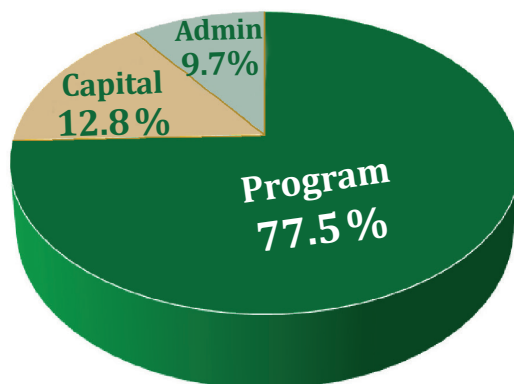
Administrative - 9.7%

(The Administrative component provides oversight and support of District's Business Office, physical instruction and operations.)

Budget Function	Description	2023-24 Budget	Proposed 2024-25 Budget
Board of Education	Expenses for the school board, district clerk, election supplies and services.	\$ 36,640	\$ 33,057
Chief School Administrator	Salaries for superintendent and clerical staff, as well as supplies, memberships and conferences.	\$ 273,360	\$ 267,841
Business	Business Office expenses, including salaries for the assistant superintendent and a portion of director of personnel & administrative services, school business executive, and clerical staff, as well as administrative costs, public information and records management.	\$1,972,601	\$2,184,167
Personnel	Salaries for personnel office staff, as well as legal services, supplies, equipment, contractual and BOCES services,	\$ 549,117	\$ 505,078
Central Services	Data processing/computer services, BOCES data processing, central receiving, printing and mailings.	\$1,495,066	\$1,482,291
Curriculum Development and Supervision	Salaries for the assistant superintendent for instruction, instructional building administrators, directors and clerical support.	\$2,514,606	\$2,414,361
Employee Benefits	Retirement, Social Security, Workers' Compensation, insurance, etc. for administrative and support staff.	\$1,990,082	\$1,935,412
Total		\$8,831,472	\$8,822,207

Summary of Expenditures

Budget Component	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Proposed Budget	Difference	% of Budget
Program	\$68,921,065	\$70,382,790	\$1,461,725	77.5%
Capital	\$12,369,910	\$11,651,825	(\$ 718,085)	12.8%
Administrative	\$ 8,831,472	\$ 8,822,207	(\$ 9,265)	9.7%
TOTAL:	\$90,122,447	\$90,856,822	\$ 734,375	100%



Estimated New York State Aid as a percentage of Expenditure Budget = **36%**

Revenues	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Proposed Budget
Fund Balance for Property Tax Reductions	\$ 2,410,000	\$ 1,500,000
Real Property Tax (Includes STAR)	\$50,982,122	\$51,884,996
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)	\$ 1,296,143	\$ 1,470,377
State Aid	\$32,199,094	\$32,592,691
Other Revenue	\$ 1,918,176	\$ 2,208,063
Appropriated Use of Reserves	\$ 1,316,912	\$ 1,200,695
TOTAL	\$90,122,447	\$90,856,822

Small Capital Improvement Project - Vestal High School currently has some blind spots in its surveillance cameras. To address this, the District will install additional cameras in the school's corridors and stairwells. This small capital project will also include the addition of pole-mounted security cameras in the front parking lot. The total expenditure will not exceed \$100,000, and the District will be reimbursed for more than half of this amount through State Aid.



Property Tax Report Card

New York State law and the New York State Commissioner's regulations require that school districts across the state develop a Property Tax Report Card. It must be submitted to the New York State Education Department, as well as made available to the public. Additional information on the School Budget, including the Property Tax Report Card, can be found on the Budget Information web page of our district website: <http://www.vestal.stier.org/BudgetInformation.aspx>.

School District Budget Notice

New York State law and the NYS Commissioner's regulations also require that school districts mail a School District Budget Notice to all qualified voters in the school district after the Budget Hearing, but no later than six (6) days prior to the school budget vote. The regulations do not provide authorization to school districts to include explanations of the information on the notice. To provide you with a better understanding of the School District Budget Notice, a preview is included on page 7. This Six-Day Notice postcard will be mailed to you before the school budget vote on May 21, 2024.

Projected Impact of STAR Exemption on School Taxes



The Basic School Tax Relief (STAR) Exemption is authorized by Sect. 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

	With BASIC STAR Exemption	ENHANCED STAR Exemption
<i>2023-24 School Tax</i>	\$1,286	\$536
<i>2024-25 School Tax</i>	\$1,320	\$570
<i>Increase</i>	\$ 34	\$ 34
See www.orps.state.ny.us for more information.		



In the Town of Vestal

This is a hypothetical example based on a \$100,000 home in Broome County, without consideration for potential changes in equalization rates.

School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted - 2023-24 School Year	Proposed Budget - 2024-25 School Year	Contingency Budget- 2024-25 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount; <i>Not including separate propositions</i>	\$90,122,447	\$90,856,822	\$89,953,948
Increase/Decrease for the 2024-25 School Year		\$ 734,375	- \$ 168,499
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		.81%	- .19%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.12%	
A) Proposed Tax Levy to support the Total Budgeted Amount, net of reserve	\$50,982,122	\$51,884,996	
B) Levy to support Library Debt, <i>if applicable</i>	N/A	N/A	
C) Levy for Non-excludable Propositions, <i>if applicable</i>	N/A	N/A	
D) Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount used to reduce Current Year Levy	N/A	N/A	
E) Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$50,982,122	\$51,884,996	\$50,982,122
F) Total Permissible Exclusions to the Tax Levy Limit	\$1,694,703	\$1,744,539	
G) School Tax Levy Limit, excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$49,287,419	\$50,140,457	
H) Total Proposed School Year, Tax Levy, excluding Levy to support Library Debt and/ or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$49,287,419	\$50,140,457	
I) Difference: (G - H; Negative value requires 60% voter approval. See below regarding separate propositions.)	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Administrative Component	\$ 8,831,472	\$ 8,822,207	\$ 8,747,207
Program Component	\$68,921,065	\$70,382,790	\$69,824,916
Capital Component	\$12,369,910	\$11,651,825	\$11,381,825

*Statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2024-25 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated, is pursuant to Sect. 2023 of the Education Law. The proposed contingency budget contains reductions for non-contingent items including equipment and the small capital improvement project.

Estimated BASIC STAR Exemption Savings ¹	List Separate Propositions not included in the Total Budgeted Amount ²	
\$634	Description	Amount
	Purchase of Buses	\$1,000,000
¹ The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by Sect. 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.	² Tax Levy associated with educational transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements.	

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2024-25 by the qualified voters of the Vestal Central School District, Broome and Tioga Counties, New York, will be held in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, between the hours of 12 and 8 p.m., prevailing time in the Vestal Central Junior Building, 201 Main Street, Vestal, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by electronic voting machine.



PROP 2

School Bus Purchase

The second proposition appearing on the May 21, 2024, ballot would authorize the Vestal Board of

Education to issue bonds to cover the costs associated with the purchase of school buses, vans, and/or SUVs scheduled for replacement in 2024 - 25. Specifically, Proposition #2 on the ballot will state:

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District, Broome and Tioga 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 not to exceed \$1,000,000 and that said amount, or so much thereof 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.

Vestal CSD’s replacement schedule for vehicles is designed to allow for maximum return on the expense for a school bus. Large buses are replaced every 10 or 11 years; smaller buses, every five to eight years. School buses are maintained in strict compliance with Department of Transportation guidelines, and with applicable laws and regulations. In addition, the District receives State aid on the purchase of new buses; the anticipated amount of NYS aid is \$628,000.

New York spreads the state-aid payments over five fiscal years so that only one-fifth of the earned aid is received in a given year. Thus, the District finances school bus purchases over five years in order to match the expenditure with the NYS aid. For further information, please contact the School District’s Business Office at 607-757-2211.

Academic Benchmarks

SAT Scores

Class Year	Reading & Writing					Math					Totals	
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	5-Yr Avg.	2023 Combined
VESTAL	584	591	580	586	603	599	601	600	602	607	1190	1210
NYS	531	528	563	534	522	533	530	573	533	516	1072	1038
NATL	531	528	565	529	520	528	523	568	521	508	1064	1028

College Credit, by the numbers

With International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, RIT Project Lead the Way, and SUNY Broome Fast Forward courses available, Vestal presents more avenues for our students to succeed... During the 2022-23* school year, 50% of juniors and seniors took at least one IB or AP course, 50% of juniors and seniors were enrolled in and granted college credits through the Fast Forward program, and over 75% of students taking PLTW classes earned college credits.

Class of 2024 Valedictorian and Salutatorian

The Class of 2024's Valedictorian is Ian Chung. As president of VHS Student Government, he serves as student representative on the School Board. Ian is also president of Vestal High School's Future Business Leaders of America business club. A talented musician, he is a member of the school's Chamber Orchestra, Vestal Voices, and Jazz Band. As a junior last year, he competed in the American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program and received a significant scholarship as a second-place winner. Ian competes on the Varsity Boys Swim team and enjoys music, politics, and Texas Hold'em poker. When asked about his secret to success, he playfully attributed it to holding off on playing Fortnite until his senior year.



Valedictorian Ian Chung



Salutatorian Madelyn Bishop

Class Salutatorian Madelyn Bishop has been deeply involved with the art department throughout her high school years and has exhibited as an IB artist. She has received a Gold Key for the Scholastic Art Awards in Ceramics, and her artwork has been displayed in galleries around the community. Her work is currently being judged for national awards. Maddie is a four-year member of the Wind Ensemble, as well as principal chair of the Euphonium section. She has participated in the NYSSMA Solo Festival, All-County, Binghamton Youth Symphony, Area All-State, and NYS Honor Band ensembles. Throughout high school, Maddie has been a nine-year Varsity letter winner in Girls Swimming and Track & Field, where she throws shot put and discus. A two-year Swim team captain, she has qualified for Sectional Finals all five years, with over half a dozen top-five finishes. In addition, she has been selected for STAC Conference All-Star and Scholar Athlete Awards in multiple years. She is a two-year member of the National Honor Society and two-term treasurer of Vestal's French Club. In her spare time, Maddie enjoys skippering her sailboat, Felix, and spending time with friends and family. Her main secret to success? "Realizing perfection isn't attainable and that, rather than practice makes perfect, it simply makes better."

Ian intends to study Government and Music at Harvard College, while Maddie is headed for the University of Rochester in the fall where she plans to study Biology and French... We are very proud of these two accomplished students and wish them every success after graduation!



Mia Perfetti, Rayna Cui, and Ian Chung

National Merit Finalists

In addition to his other accomplishments, Ian Chung is also a National Merit Scholarship Program Finalist. He is joined in this honor by Rayna Cui and Mia Perfetti.

Rayna, Vice President of Tutoring for National Honor Society, has lent her talent to the Music programs at Vestal HS, participating in Vestal Voices, Bear Necessities, Chamber Orchestra, musicals, and Vestal Marching Band, where she served as Front Ensemble Section Leader. She plans to pursue a Pre-Med track at Case Western Reserve University.

Mia loves music as well! She was drum major and color guard section leader for Vestal Marching Band and also participates in Concert Band, Vestal Voices and Winter Guard. Vice President of Tutoring for NHS, Mia enjoys learning the German language and playing the "New York Times" Games. She plans to major in Biochemistry at Vanderbilt University, as well as continuing her German classes and playing flute in the orchestra.

2024 School Board Election



Three seats are open on the Vestal Board of Education for three-year terms expiring in June 2027. The following candidates are on the ballot for these seats. **Please note, these candidates are listed in ballot order as determined by random drawing conducted by the District Clerk.**

There are four questions that all School Board candidates answer about issues important to stakeholders in the Vestal Central School District. Please see the insert for each candidate's answers to these questions.



Chadwin Smith

Dr. Chadwin Smith has been a Vestal resident for nine years. He has a B.S. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Fisheries & Wildlife), a Master of Public Affairs from Indiana University (Environmental Policy & Natural Resources Management), and a Ph.D. in Natural Resource Sciences from the University of Nebraska.

President and owner of Headwaters Corporation, a natural resources consulting firm, Dr. Smith also spent 11 years with American Rivers, conducting conservation advocacy and river management. A Vestal parent, he was a member of the African Road PTA for seven years, a member of the VMS PTO for three years, and is currently a member of the VHS PTO. Dr. Smith has coached Odyssey of the Mind, Vestal Grizzlies Girls Basketball, and VYSA Youth Soccer for a number of years. He is an active member of the VHS Girls Lacrosse Booster Club.

In the community, Dr. Smith has enjoyed volunteering at the Central United Methodist Church, helping to prepare and serve Thanksgiving Dinner to the community.

He and his wife, Kelli, have three daughters - Karson, a 2021 Golden Bear alum and rising senior at Dartmouth College; Rowen, a Class of 2024 senior; and Harper, a current ninth-grader at Vestal High School.

Mr. Eric LaClair has been a resident within the Vestal School Central District for 20 years. With a Bachelor's degree in Forest Resource Management and Master's degree from West Virginia University, Mr. LaClair has spent 27 years in the forest products industry. Currently Head Forester at Wagner Lumber, he oversees timber procurement in six states. As his children grew up attending Vestal Schools, Mr. LaClair has been pleased to share his knowledge in the past with Vestal students through classroom presentations he has made at Tioga Hills Elementary and Vestal Middle Schools. In addition, he has added his support at athletic events and school musicals, both for VMS and VHS.



Eric LaClair

His sons are both Golden Bear graduates and his daughter is a current senior at Vestal High School. Mr. LaClair currently sits on the Town of Owego Planning Board and has served as the past president of the Tioga Terrace Civic Association for six years.



Mrs. Amanda Atkinson has resided in the Vestal CSD for 14 years. She earned a B.S. in Secondary Education with a concentration in Social Studies from SUNY New Paltz and completed her Master's in Literacy Education for Grades 5 - 12 at Binghamton University. With 17 years of experience in education, Mrs. Atkinson has worked locally as a middle school Social Studies teacher. Throughout her years in education, she has advised student groups, such as SADD and National Junior Honor Society and led her students in various community and charity events. Mrs. Atkinson also has experience teaching and working at the high school level.

Amanda Atkinson

A member of the Glenwood School Community Association (GSCA) for six years, she has served as the unit's vice president before serving as the GSCA president for the last four years. She has led efforts to raise money for educational programs, to sponsor field trips and community events, and to promote literacy with fundraisers aimed at getting more books into students' hands.

In the community, Mrs. Atkinson and her husband, owners of Vestal Spray Foam, sponsor a Challenger League team. As co-leader of a Vestal Girl Scout troop, she has helped organize charity events in support of veterans (Valentines for Veterans), collected donations and supplies for the Vestal Fire Department, and supported residents at a Vestal nursing home with holiday cards. Mrs. Atkinson also actively works with Binghamton University annually to mentor future teachers.

She and her husband, Jason, have two children currently attending Vestal Schools.

Mrs. Sumeeta Chaudhri has been a Vestal resident for over 17 years. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and English Literature, with a minor in Fine Arts. She has experience as a college admissions officer for Yale School of Management and in accounts payable for Catholic Charities of Albany and Rensselaer Counties. Currently, she supports Four Corners Assessment & Counseling of Vestal as a part-time office manager.



Sumeeta Chaudhri

An ardent coach of Odyssey of the Mind teams since 2017, Mrs. Chaudhri also initiated and chartered the "Taste of ARE," an annual event to showcase the beauty of cultural diversity within the African Road Elementary School community. She has served as African Road PTA's president for two years and volunteered for the Event Planning and Fundraising committees. As a Girl Scout troop leader, Mrs. Chaudhri helped her cadette earning her Silver Award organize "Interfaith Iftar" at Vestal Middle School. Currently, she is serving on the board of Vestal Dollars for Scholars.

For the past 10 years, she has volunteered as a henna artist, organizing and staffing a free henna booth during the Town of Vestal "Summer Celebration" picnic. She regularly volunteers at the Islamic Organization of the Southern Tier as well, by coordinating a fundraising program to support various charities. Finally, she also enjoys volunteering as a community artist for various nonprofits.

A proud Vestal parent, Mrs. Chaudhri's son, Humza, graduated from Vestal in 2021, and her daughter, Abeera, in 2023. Her youngest daughter, Nabeeha, is currently a tenth-grader at Vestal High School.



**Vestal
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Timeline for the 2024 Annual Vote:

The Public Hearing on the School Budget will take place at Clayton Avenue Elementary Auditorium beginning at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, as part of the regular Business meeting.

School Budget Vote and Board of Education Election will take place from Noon to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, in the gym at the Vestal Central Junior building, 201 Main Street, Vestal.

Special School Board Meeting to certify vote results will follow at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, in the Board of Education Conference Room, Vestal CSD Administration Building, 201 Main Street, Vestal.

Definition of a Qualified Voter -

A U.S. Citizen, 18 years of age, and a resident of the District for 30 days prior to May 21, 2024.

If you have questions, please contact the District Clerk at 607-757-2265 or districtclerk@vestal.k12.ny.us



Fire Inspection Reports

Please note that the annual fire inspection for 2023-24 of all Vestal Central School District buildings for fire hazards, which might endanger the lives of students, teachers and employees therein, has been completed as of August 30, 2023. This report is available for review in the Vestal Central School District's administration building, 201 Main Street, Vestal, NY.

For more information, please contact James Gana at 607-757-2232 or jmgana@vestal.k12.ny.us.