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ELMIRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT





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A Letter from our Superintendent | Spring 2023

Dear friends,

The freshness of the spring season allows our staff and students to feel rejuvenated and locked into learning as we head into the final months of the 2022-2023 school year. I would like to take this moment to thank you, our community and families, for the support you have given to the district this year.

I also want to commend our ECSD staff and Board of Education for their service to our community each day. Our staff know this community, understand the needs of our families, and respond by pouring all they have into a world-class education for our children.

For our parents, thank you for your partnership with us. We are seeing genuine progress and we know your children are learning and growing. As we move to the final months of the school year, please continue to remember the importance of vour student being with us every day. Attendance has the biggest impact on learning and we want to ensure that all of our students are succeeding, ready to move on to the next step in their future.

Spring is a season in which we begin to be outside more, exploring not only our school playgrounds and outdoor athletic facilties once again, but also exploring the region around us. Students are once again taking field trips to cultural destinations within our own region and our seniors are finalizing their post-graduation plans. As a staff, we are planning for summer, which includes a variety of academic opportunity. Education and community is happening all around us.

As you read through this update, you'll find our 2023-2024 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 16, 2023 | 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 9, 2023 | 5:00 P.M.

BUDGET HEARING

The Budget Hearing will be held in the library of Ernie Davis Academy, located at 933 Hoffman Street in Elmira.

Budget and Proposition Information on Pages 4-5



Varsity Boys Bowling | First-Ever Elmira Express NYSPHSAA State Champions



STATE CHAMPS

The Elmira High School boys bowling team won the NYSPHSAA Division 1 state title March 10, 2023. They became the first team state champion in Elmira High School history.

The Elmira team, consisting of Frankie D'Angelo, Alex Gublo, Trent Belloma, Skylar Shadduck, Alex Smith, and Ty Bolt won the Division 1 championship at Strike 'N Spare Lanes in Syracuse. The Express brought home a state title with a six-game score of 6314.

Alex Smith also recorded the second high series at NYSPHSAA Team Championships.

FAMILY TRADITION

To say there is a family tradition of bowling champs in Elmira is an understatement.

Although it is the first team state title for Elmira High School, this is the second in Elmira City School District history after Southside Boys Varsity Bowling won it in 2005. Under the leadership of Dwayne Bolt the 2005, Southside Boys Varsity Bowling won the state title. There are some noteworthy connections between the '05 Southside team and the '23 Champs.

In recognition of the win, the week of March 20, 2023 was proclaimed Bowling week in Elmira, by the Chemung County Executive, Chris Moss, and recognized by Senator Tom O'Mara, who was represented by Sara Lattin.



To begin, Coach Bolt's son, Ty Bolt and his grandson Skylar Shadduck, are both on the 2023 Express state championship team. Greg Fish, another member of Bolt's 2005 Southside Boys Bowling team, watched his son Alex Gublo, win the 2023 state team title this year!

Joe Fulkrod, a '05 Southside State Champ, has a nephew, Alex Smith, on this 2023 team. Yet another family connection, Jordan D'Angelo, was on the 2005 bowling team -- the Uncle of Frankie D'Angelo. Frankie's father, Mark D'Angelo, was a member of the Southside High School's 1999 Section IV All-Star Team that won a State Title.

Family has always been a pillar to our Elmira community and we are pleased to see these traditions continue and inpsire.

PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

ANTICIPATED REVENUES

State Aid Property Taxes Federal Aid Transfers/Reserves Other

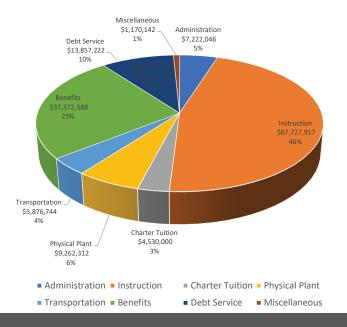
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PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

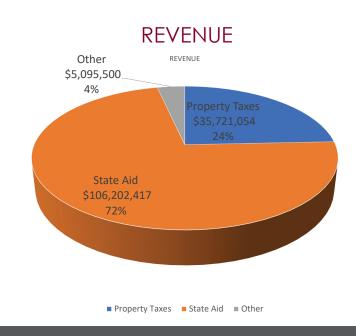
Administration
Instruction
Charter Tuition
Physical Plant
Transportation
Benefits
Debt Service
Community Schools and Transfers

TOTAL

EXPENSES



2022-2023	2023-2024
\$98,727,826 \$35,226,122 \$410,000	\$106,202,417 \$35,721,054 \$385,000
\$4,076,300	\$4,710,500
\$138,440,248	\$147,018,971
2022-2023	2023-2024
\$7,019,314 \$64,453,246 \$4,500,000 \$8,170,179 \$4,379,629 \$36,618,500 \$12,421,380 \$878,000	\$7,222,046 \$67,727,917 \$4,530,000 \$9,262,312 \$5,876,744 \$37,372,588 \$13,857,222 \$1,170,142
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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 6.19%.

ANNUAL CAPITAL OUTLAY

Maximum

\$100,000

Broadway School Building and Classroom Security Renovations

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

PROPOSITION 1 | APPROVAL OF BUDGET

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the proposed \$147,018,971 General Fund Budget of the Elmira City School District, Chemung County, New York for 2023-2024 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.

4TH CONSECUTIVE SCHOOL YEAR OF 0.00% PROPOSED INCREASE TO THE TAX LEVY

TAX LEVY INCREASE

Elmira City School District has been able to sustain operations without imposing an increase to property taxes since the 2020-2021 school year. We are pleased to share with the community that again in the 2023-2024 school year there will be no impact to taxpayers within the proposed budget.

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 16, 2023. The three (3) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to three-year terms commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2026.

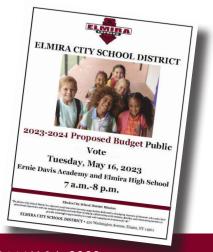
2023-2024 **BUDGET BOOK**

The 2023-2024 Proposed Budget Book with extensive details about the budget is availaible at

elmiracityschools.com

Questions?

Call the District Clerk at 607.735.3010



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 16, 2023

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 16 may also be eligible to 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 from the District Clerk at the District Administration Offices temporarily located at Alumni Hall on the campus of Elmira College.

Applications must be received by the School District Clerk by May 9, 2023 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 16, 2023.

Returning by Mail: Ballots should be mailed back to District Administration Offices by 5 p.m. on May 16, 2023. 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 16, 2023 to the District Administration Offices, temporarily located at Alumni Hall, Elmira College. There is a drop-box at the main $\,$ office entrance.

2023-2024 PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

070600 - ELMIRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Contact Person: Lindsey Tice Telephone Number: 607-735-3000	Budgeted 2022-23 (A)	Pr	oposed Budget 2023-24 (B)
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 138,440,248	\$	147,018,971
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	\$ 610,898	\$	2,028,489
G. School Tax Levy Limit , Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions ³	\$ 34,250,673	\$	34,978,593
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$ 34,239,050	\$	32,821,459
I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval) ²	\$ 11,623	\$	2,157,134
Public School Enrollment	\$ 5,936	\$	5,429
Consumer Price Index	4.70%		8.00%

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

³ For 2023-24, include any carryover from 2022-23 and exclude any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2022-23	Estimated 2023-24
	(D)	(E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$ 38,755,333	\$ 50,628,362
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 4,257,738	\$ 4,329,121
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$ 5,537,609	\$ 5,880,759
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	4.00%	4.00%

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.

SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FUNDS

Reserve Type	Reserve Name	Reserve Description	3/31/23 Actual Balance	6/30/23 Estimated Ending Balance	Intended Use of the Reserve in the 2023-24
Capital	CAPITAL RESERVE-2022	To pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued.	7,668,898	18,517,532	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.	12,102,930	12,187,532	To be used during the next capital project
Workers' Compensation	WORKERS' COMPENSATION RESERVE	To pay for Workers Compensation and benefits.	1,500,170	1,410,416	Pay for benefits, medical & administrative costs for our Self-Insured Workers' Comp Plan - (2) claims \$188,544 in 22-23
Unemployment Insurance	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE RESERVE	To pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund.	757,026	762,318	No planned usage for the 2023-2024 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.	341,949	419,723	No planned usage for the 2023-2024 school year
Insurance	INSURANCE RESERVE	To pay liability, casualty, and other types of uninsured losses.	1,804,508	1,817,121	To fund certain uninsured losses exceeding \$25,000
Liability	RESERVE FOR LIABILITY	To establish and maintain a program of RESERVE FOR LIABILITY reserves to cover liability claims incurred.	367,772	333,234	Pay for liability claims
Tax Certiorari	TAX CERTIORARI RESERVE	To establish a reserve fund for tax certiorari settlements	605,274	609,505	Pay judgement claims arising out of tax certiorari proceedings
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	RESERVE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS/ACCRUED LIABILITY	For the payment of accrued 'employee benefits' due to employees upon termination of service.	2,017,518	1,967,316	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	9,265,926	9,330,697	No planned usage for the 2023-2024 school year
Other Reserve	TEACHERS' RETIREMENT RESERVE	To fund employer retirement contributions to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (TRS.)	2,908,677	3,692,691	No planned usage for the 2023-2024 school year



ELMIRA HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2023 -

Jalea Abrams Ariel Adamy Timothy Alington II Cody Allington Brooke Ameiah Christopher Anderson Paige Appelt Brooke Argetsinger Kylee Arnold Curtis Ashley Cole Atwater Ona Augustine Hayle Avery Lance Bahantka Morgan Bailey Kaylei Balmer Riley Bashore Rashid Bean Declan Beeman Gabriel Beeman Caleb Belanger Zamarah Bell Conner Benjamin Matthew Benjamin **Edwin Bennett** Ella Bennett Sienna Berry Malakai Blair-Campbell Arianna Blaney-Dickerson Kendra Bliss Aidan Bogle Brian Bohlayer, Jr Tamya Boles Tv Bolt Damon Bouille Kiara Bradley Kavda Brenzo Sarah Brewer Khylee-Jo Briggs

Antonio Caforio Jas'zon Campbell Jasante Campbell Taylor Carey Hailey Carl Shane Carl Ally Carozzoni Jack Carozzoni Jacob Carrigan Lindsey Carroll Alexander Cartagena Cristian Cartagena Isaiah Caruana Kenaniah Caruana Brice Chaffee Gabrielle Chapman Paityn Chorney Nicholas Clark Ethan Cleary Olivia Cleary Jesse Coleman Jose Colon **Emily Cook** Mark Cook Mva Cook Cheyanne Cosgrove Za'Mya Council Nicholas Cross Nadia Cuyle-Cady Chyna Dantzler **Derrick Darrow** Justine Davila Dominic Decker Andrew Degnan Molly DeMember Matthew DeMott Xander Dennison Collin DeRico Dominic Deshields Alex Dewey David Dodson Alivia Donahue Griffin Doyle Meghan Duffy Lydon Eames Morgan Earl Richae Ellis Dorian Elston

Rosalia Erazo

Jillian Evans

FUTURE FORWARD ▶▶

Dear Seniors,

I am so proud of your accomplishments. You are at the finish line of your educational experience in Elmira. As this chapter closes, another is just beginning. All of your teachers and staff at Elmira City Schools wish you nothing but the best of luck as you enter the most exciting and uncertain chapter of your life. Always be proud of where you are from, as your Elmira teachers, friends and family will always be home no matter where you go! Go Express!

Mr. Chris Reger Principal, Elmira High School

Daniel Faucett Mason Fausey May Fieno Garrett Fife Jason Finch Brayden Fitzgerald Riley Fleming Kasiah Flint Kayleigh Fountain Becka Frazer Samantha Freeman Ryan Frisbie MacKenzie Fusare Angel Gage Savana Galpin Iziaha Geter Noah Giggee Quintin Gobea Gavin Gomez Logan Goodwin Damian Gorvino Connor Grant **Destiny Grant** Riley Grantham Haley Gravatt Kyesean Greene-Nichols Mirrya Grover Kaylynn Hakes Annabella Hall **Emily Hanrahan** Tyree Hargrove Jhamez Harper Ja'NyahHarris

Olivia Henry

Olivia Herrick

Ian Heverly

John Hathaway Jr Preston Hauver **HeatherHayes** Karnell Head Desirae Heater Shane Heifferon McKenzie Hennessy Ethan Hernandez Jacob Herrick-Martin

Tristan Hildreth JacksonHill Lillian Hilton Noeanna Hodencamp Malahkyia Holden-Tillman Gabrielle Horsey Savannah Hoskins Naomi Hostrander Logan Houper Ayana Howe Elbert Hubschmitt Albert Hundley Jr Eric Huntington Da'mon Jackson Jaziah Jackson Loaaun Jackson Zion James La'Cova Johnson Noah Johnson Tristan Johnson Jendayi Jones Jenna Jones Tayshon Jones Mary Juliano Collin Kane Brady Keefe Cameron Keefe-Mitchell Aidan Kelly Seth Kinner Nadia Kitchin

Alanna Kitching

Marquis Kitching

Jahmier Klee

James Klotz

Derek Knoll

Gracie Knapp

Kaylee Knapp

Dominic Kohout

Tierney Krawczyk

Abigail Lambert

Hannah Lambert

Zahmare Lawton

Desirea LaVare

Nicholas Linn

Nicholas Koski

Mariah Brill

Cayden Brink

Tayvon Brooks

Harland Brown

Hailey Brown

Ashley Bruce

Zaynel Bryson

Kevin Burns Jr

Sarah E. Butler

Lexi Burdick

Dylan Butler

Carleton Brink IV

Nicholas Lisi Ethan Lockner Joseph Loudenslager Charles Lovell William Lovell Gwendolynn Lutz J'Lynn Lynch-Plaisted Amar Mahmood Mercedes Mahoney Ashari Majors McKenna Malone Feona Mann Jordan Mann **Daniel Mannina** Madalyn Manwaring De'Shaun Martin Jade Martin Jaxon Martin Norah Martin Blake Martino Jahmez Marvin Alexis Mathews-Chaffee Alex Matthews Gabrielle Mattoon Riley May Ahmiah Maycumber Austin Maynard Abel McCall Alexander McCloe Caleb McCoy Alex McKerrow Olivia Menner Kyria Merrick **Dustin Mesler** Jack Messer Jacob Miller Milo Miller Cristina Miro Lucas Moore Ana Mordvinova **Emily Moretz** Macy Morgan Bryan Morseman Madison Morton Alexander Mosher Lucas Mott Alayziah Murrell Ceaira Myers **Dylan Nemes** Rhyanne Newcomer Lanaeziah Newman Serena Newton Carsyn Nichols Jaxon Nichols Sierra Nichols Phillip Nierstedt **Hunter Niles** Ava Novotny Christopher O'Dell Collin Oakley Noe Octaviano Katie Osborne

Emma Pack

MicaiahPalko

Preston Palko Eric Patelunas Blaize Patricelli Claudette Paul Zoriah Payne Abbi Pendleton Jeremy Perrigo Isabelle Pierce-Kelly Haydan Pike Taliyah Pike Juliet Poole Naudia Price **Hunter Purvis** Brian Rafferty Sylas Rainey-Davis Dakota Randall Cayla Reed Dustin Reed Robert Reed Hanna Rhode Ryan Rinwalske Thalia Rivera Jade Roberson Da'shawn Roberts Kaiden Roberts James Rogers Aiden Roman Natalie Rose Essence Ross Payton Ross Ashlee Russell Bryanna Rutan Carlia Ryan Kierstyn Sackett Tadan Sackett Tvee Sackett Kamaria Scharborough Joseph Schoffner Donovan Sconiers Kaianna Sexton Carter Sharkey Colin Sherman Megan Sherrer Cameron Sherwood Gavin Shoemaker Lia Shoemaker Breeanna Simpson Damanpreet Sinah Sean Smallwood Donavan Smith Kymee' Smith Stephen Smith III Kimberlev Steele Ethan Stephens Brynne' Stermer Aiden Stevenson Quincy Stroman Ciera Stroud Gavin Strunk

John Sullivan

Emily Swartwood

Merissa Symonds

Johnny Taylor-Wilson

Machai Taylor

Kobe Thomas Ayden Traugott-Knoll Lauren Turcsik Rilev VanDeusen Dusti VanHouten-Foster Nevaeh Vargas Christian Vaughan Xander Velia Bryan Veloz Nunez Dalton VonRapacki Eion VonRapacki Tyler VonRapacki Devon Walker Jocelyn Walker Alaejah Wallace Erick Wandell **Michael Watts** Gerald Watts III Jessica Wead Joshua Weed Owen Weigle Abigayle White Corev White Andre Williams Jr Katherine Wood Shelby Wood Robert Woodson Alyssa Wooster Jasmine Wright Kevin Wright Russell Wright Violet Yeo Conner Yusko Maciej Ziembicki

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MID-YEAR GRADUATES

Nicholas Amentler Dane Austin Gabriel Beeman DeannaJade Benjamin Devon Bowen Nicholas Cowan Kaydince Devitt Breonna DeWitt Ty'ron Durfee Jaedyn Dwyer Brenden Elder Taliva Gomez Jalivah Gorham Emmanuel Green Andrew Harmer Heath Harshberger Zoe Hirschfeld Makayla Howes Ahmonzo Hunter **JasmineHurst** Dylan James Samantha Klein Delani Mavity Tamari McGriff Anthony Miller Joey Morales Jacob Olson Kristena Porter Gregory Reaves II Mitchell Rice Orlando Rivera Lilian Shaffer **JasmineSheetz** Xavian Waters Liberty Wheeler Julliana Williams **Eunique Wills** Tremaine Woodard Aiden Yontz

Note: This list reflects the Elmira High School Senior Class as of April 2023 and is subject to change. This list does not include students that plan to graduate early.

STEM AT BROADWAY ELEMENTARY

Our scientists and engineers-in-training are sprouting this spring at Broadway Elementary. The changing of seasons is the perfect opportunity for students to observe the transforming world around them and to take those investigations into their laboratory of learning.

From water and climate to making their own lava lamps, students from all grade levels are using their time in science to participate in hands-on experiments and observations.

Some of the most meaninful lessons are taught in collaboration across classrooms and grade levels. Recently, Mr. Sarno's classroom

lava lamps are glowing, just like them.

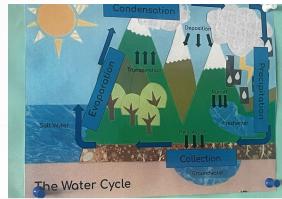
In fifth grade, Mrs. Reynold's classroom recently worked on mixtures and solutions. And Mrs. Dufrain's third graders are working on the water cycle.

partnered with Tami Keiser for a chemistry lesson. Their homemade

"Students recently studied mixtures and solutions. They looked closely at salt crystals that were formed from evaporating the water out of a salt water solution. They were comparing the crystals formed from two different types of salt," Mrs. Erica Reynolds, fifth grade teacher at Broadway Elementary School.

The ability to think critically and challenge standards is the basis of innovation. STEM-based education teaches children more than science and mathematics concepts. The focus on hands-on learning with real-world applications helps develop a variety of skill sets, including creativity and 21st-century skills.

We look forward to a bright future from these budding scientists!



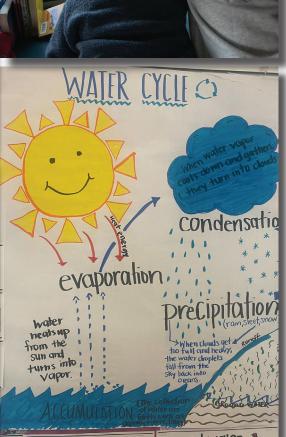
Ms. Dufrain's 3rd graders are investigating water and climate and made indoor water cycles so they can observe and record the stages!

WHAT IS STEM?

STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math education. It is an interdisciplinary approach that helps students succeed in academics and in their future careers. The focus of a STEM education is hands-on, problembased learning.



Mr. Sarno's room at Broadway Elementary School participated in a STEM Challenge, "Make Your Own Lava Lamp."



ICYMI YOU Tell Us IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



Elmira City School District

April 21, 2023 at 12:02 PM |



Earth Day 2023 Clean-Up at Broadway Elementary School! STEM lessons are full-circle and comprehensive. From water cycle lessons to nature clean-up, our students are learning how everything is connected through Mother Nature.

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WELCOMING THE CLASS OF 2037

Pre-Kindergarten Registration now open!

Do you have a student who will be four years of age before December 1?

The educational experience in Elmira begins the minute you register! We are thrilled to welcome new students to our District and have provided the helpful steps below to begin your registration process.

Registration for Pre-K is now available through an online secure online portal!

elmiracityschools.com/registration





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