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SNAPSHOT OF BOCES SERVICES FOR HOMER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Homer’s share of the 2021-22 BOCES administrative budget $76,808

Initial BOCES contract amounted to 11.5% of your current year budget

Estimated BOCES aid to be received in 2021-22 $2,210,610

Through cooperative purchasing, in 2020-21 Homer saved an estimated $95,999

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In his three years at Seven Valleys New Tech Academy, Justin Dermott has seen a transformation in himself. The once shy, quiet student who always sat in the back of the classroom has become confident, outspoken, active in community service, and always willing to help his classmates.

“Justin has a wonderful work ethic and helps others keep on track as well,” said one of his facilitators, Elisa Rodriquez. “He is comfortable working with anyone and will always do his best to make sure that group members feel supported.”

Justin said he initially chose Seven Valleys because he wanted to do more hands-on learning. That wish has come true. He loves hands-on science projects and still speaks fondly of a whole-school kickoff project this year that had him designing and building raised garden beds with a group of his classmates. “I took the lead but also learned how to work with others in a leadership role,” Justin said. “I wanted to make sure we were organized to get the work done — and we did!”

In addition to enjoying hands-on work, Justin also likes the warm, inclusive culture at Seven Valleys and the structure that allows him to build strong relationships with teachers, called facilitators, from year to year. “I really like being part of small classes,” he said. “It feels like a family, and I know my classmates really well. The teachers include us, our voices are heard, and we get to choose how we learn the content.”

Looking ahead, Justin’s future is wide open. He is thinking about pursuing a construction trade, but a recent class in consumer math opened his eyes to a possible career in business or finance. Justin is a little amazed at how much his confidence has grown since his ninth-grade year.

“My communication skills have improved so much since,” he said. “Now I can present to my classmates naturally. I also have interactions with community and business members, who have helped us learn real skills.”

**Did You Know?**

The Homer Central School District utilizes the OCM BOCES Medical Homebound Tutoring Service, which provides tutoring and other educational support to students who are temporarily out of school due to medical reasons. Tutors coordinate the delivery of service with parents, collaborate with school district staff for materials and lessons, provide one-on-one tutoring, and communicate progress with parents and the medical homebound office. All of this work is overseen by the Consultant Support Services Office at OCM BOCES.