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Budget Vote On June 9

The 2019 – 2020 school year has been like no other our District has ever known. We all have been working through difficult changes in the world around us, economic hardship and a level of uncertainty that is daunting to say the least. Our community and state leaders continue to make decisions that affect our daily lives with our health and safety in mind. We will continue to meet the challenge.

Although Warren County schools have been closed since March 16th, a “closed” school is a very busy place. Within 48 hours a new way to deliver instruction in a socially distanced environment was developed and implemented. The needs of the community, be it food delivery to those who requested it, or assessing the local need for childcare for our essential workers was set in motion. Our concern for what’s best for our students, their families and our community is always at the forefront.

Our educators have risen to the challenge, creating online and distance learning curriculums to keep our students grounded and, in a routine, all with the understanding that these are tough times for them and their families. Bolton Central School students are very fortunate. Thanks to the technology resources available, our students and teaching staff have been able to keep pace with academic learning and, of equal importance, to stay in touch via online individual interactions as often as possible. The innovation, creativity and enthusiasm demonstrated by our faculty has been humbling. Our District is thriving despite the hurdles that have been placed before us and the success of our students should be a source of pride. We can attribute this thanks to the

ongoing support of our community. This “pause” has also changed the way we will vote for our 2020 – 2021 School Budget and Board of Education seats. On May 1, 2020 Governor Andrew Cuomo issued an Executive Order No. 202.26. All voting for the June 9, 2020 election will be done by absentee ballot such that the school district must send absentee ballots with a postage paid return envelope to each “qualified voter.” Anyone who has registered with Warren County Board of Elections and resides within the boundaries of the Bolton Central School District should have received a ballot. If you have not, please contact the District Clerk at cdunalewicz@boltoncsd.org. All ballots must be returned to the District Clerk by 5pm on Tuesday, June 9th.

On behalf of the Bolton Central School District’s Board of Education, I present the proposed budget for the 2020- 2021 school year for your review. We were able to develop a

budget well below the state-imposed tax cap limit, with an overall increase of 1.71% from last year’s budget. This will result in a 1.94%

tax levy that is well below the 2.42% tax cap. In developing this upcoming budget, we wish to best utilize all our established resources and keep our District well prepared for whatever comes at us next. Two board seats are up for election. Mr. Timothy Daken and Mr. Jesse Foy have filed petitions and will appear on the ballot.

Although there are still many unknowns in our future, one thing is certain, Bolton Central School will continue to do everything possible to support our students emotionally and academically. On behalf of the Board of Education, I thank you for your support of our district and most importantly, the future of our students.

BUDGET INCREASE
1.71%

PROJECTED TAX LEVY INCREASE
1.94%

THIS IS BELOW THE STATE-IMPOSED TAX CAP AND EQUAL TO LAST YEAR’S INCREASE

The STAR Program

The STAR program is still a benefit for tax payers. If you have questions about this program, please contact your local property assessor in Bolton at (518) 622-2499, Hague at (518) 543-6161 or in Horicon at (518)-494-3647

For a STAR application or more information, contact your local assessor and visit <http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/apply>

A MESSAGE FROM

Kathleen C. Pfau,
Board President

School Budget EXPENDITURES

Public schools in New York State are required to report their spending in three categories

	2019-2020 Budget	2020-2021 Proposed	Dollar Change	% of 2020-2021 Budget
PROGRAM EXPENDITURES				74.41%
Instruction	\$2,563,105	\$2,572,138	\$9,033	
Career and Technical Instruction	\$653,684	\$641,187	-\$12,497	
Special Education	\$554,830	\$588,191	\$33,361	
Pupil Services	\$342,805	\$320,479	-\$22,326	
Extra-Curricular	\$254,288	\$256,483	\$2,195	
Transportation	\$493,612	\$491,858	-\$1,754	
Community Service - Census	\$1,877	\$1,896	\$19	
Employee Benefits	\$2,216,164	\$2,323,002	\$106,838	
Interfund Transfers	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$0	
PROGRAM TOTAL	\$7,145,365	\$7,260,234	\$114,869	

Includes: salaries and benefits of teachers, guidance counselors, aides, nurses, etc.; teaching supplies, equipment, and textbooks; library and instructional computer funds; extracurricular activities, athletics expenses, and transportation costs (except bus purchases).

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES				9.38%
Board of Education	\$33,286	\$33,456	\$170	
Central Administration	\$494,119	\$477,680	-\$16,439	
Supervision & Curriculum Development	\$148,832	\$152,226	\$3,394	
Employee Benefits	\$250,975	\$251,689	\$714	
ADMINISTRATIVE TOTAL	\$927,212	\$915,051	-\$12,161	

Includes: salaries, benefits, equipment & supplies of the superintendent's office, business office and principal's office; instructional staff development & curriculum development; insurance; legal expenses; public information; Board of Education expenses; and BOCES administration charges.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES				16.21%
Operations & Maintenance	\$785,096	\$829,933	\$44,837	
Transportation	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$0	
Employee Benefits	\$268,423	\$284,653	\$16,230	
Debt Service	\$147,175	\$147,175	\$0	
Interfund Transfers	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	
CAPITAL TOTAL	\$1,520,694	\$1,581,761	\$61,067	

Includes: debt service on buildings; bus purchases, tax certiorari and court-ordered costs; custodial costs including salaries and benefits of maintenance workers; and all facilities costs, including supplies, utilities, repairs, unit ventilators, and renovations.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$9,593,271	\$9,757,046	\$163,775	
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Projected Budget REVENUE

	2019-2020 Budget	2020-2021 Proposed	Dollar Change
State Aid	\$860,963	\$857,259	-\$3,704
Use of Property/Money	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$0
Tuition and Services	\$91,000	\$101,000	\$10,000
Miscellaneous	\$87,000	\$95,000	\$8,000
Fund Balance/Reserves	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$0
Projected Tax Levy	\$7,699,308	\$7,848,787	\$149,479
TOTAL REVENUE	\$9,593,271	\$9,757,046	\$163,775



Important Voter INFORMATION

— O N T H E B A L L O T —

Proposed School Budget

RESOLVED, that the budget submitted by the Board of Education of Bolton Central School District, Warren County, New York in the amount of NINE MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, FORTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$9,757,046) for the school year 2020-2021 is hereby approved and adopted, and the money needed therefore be raised by tax or taxes for the purpose set forth in such budget in accordance with law.

YES

NO

Board Of Education Election

This year, two (2) vacancies on the Board of Education for three (3) year terms each, will be filled by the voters during the annual election on June 9, 2020.

These vacancies have been created by the expiration of the terms for Mrs. Julie Beebe and Mr. Jesse Foy. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to the two open seats.

In the order they will appear on the ballot, the candidates are:

1. Mr. Timothy Daken
2. Mr. Jesse Foy

Vote Tuesday, June 9

Who Can Vote? All voters must be registered, U.S. citizens, age 18 or older on election day, and residents of the Bolton Central School District for 30 days immediately prior to election day. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.26 issued on

Friday, May 1, 2020 by Governor Andrew Cuomo, all voting for the June 9, 2020 election will be done by absentee ballot such that the school district must send absentee ballots with a postage paid return envelope to each "qualified voter." Contact the BCS main office at 644-2400, ext. 101.

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School District Budget NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2019-20 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2020-2021 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2020-2021 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 9,593,271	\$ 9,757,046	\$ 9,607,567
Increase/Decrease for the 2020-21 School Year		\$ 163,775	\$ 14,296
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.71 %	.15%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.81%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 7,699,308	\$ 7,848,787	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	0	0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	0	0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	0	0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$ 7,699,308	\$ 7,848,787	\$ 7,699,308
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$250,063	\$ 255,657	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 7,506,945	\$7,630,034	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$ 7,449,234	\$7,593,130	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 57,711	\$ 36,904	
Administrative Component	\$ 927,212	\$ 915,051	\$ 902,401
Program Component	\$ 7,145,365	\$ 7,260,234	\$ 7,158,405
Capital Component	\$ 1,520,694	\$ 1,581,761	\$ 1,546,761
* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2020-21 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.			
Reductions would be made to certain equipment in the capital & program components, non-essential maintenance, and staffing as needed.			
** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)			
Description		Amount	

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2020-2021 by the qualified voters of the Bolton Central School District, Warren County, New York, has been amended pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.26 issued on Friday, May 1, 2020 by Governor Andrew Cuomo. All voting for the June 9, 2020 election will be done by absentee ballot such that the school district must send absentee ballots with a postage paid return envelope to each "qualified voter." Contact the BCS main office at 644-2400, ext. 101.

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$148
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1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.