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Budget Vote On May 18

The commitment of the Bolton Central School Board of Education to our students and our community has never been more important. We have so much to be grateful for. Thanks to the diligence of our students, families and staff, BCS students have been allowed to benefit from 100% in person learning since their return to the building on September 10, 2020. Our staff and students adapted to the safety protocols and excelled in new ways. Most importantly, we all learned the benefits of being able to work with change and being determined to jump any hurdle that presented itself. Although the majority of students returned to our building, some felt more comfortable in a virtual learning scenario and committed to doing so. Both in-person and remote-learning students benefited from virtual presenters and even those not physically in the building were included in classroom activities and were able to share experiences with their teachers and classmates virtually. The key to the success of being able to offer 100% in person learning and inclusion were the initiative and cooperation of everyone involved. The word “community” has never been more clearly defined; a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.

Working together with the officials of Warren County Public Health, safety protocols and practices were put into action. The necessary technology was quickly put in place to accommodate the developing needs of our students and teachers in this new “normal.” As the weeks and months went by, the District was able to safely plan and offer activities for our students. This February competitive sports were resumed.

We can never thank our county public health officials enough for standing by and supporting the district as they have every step of the way during the crisis. Our Junior class will be able to safely enjoy a prom this spring. This year’s Senior class can plan and look forward to their Graduation ceremony. These are memories that will last a lifetime.

As President of the Board of Education, I can assure you that the budget development process is a responsibility we take as seriously as our commitment to the success of our students. Equally important is our commitment to provide a responsible fiscal plan to you, our constituents.

On behalf of the Bolton Central School District’s Board of Education, I present the proposed budget for the 2021- 2022 school year for your review. Despite the additional expenses of the current health crisis, we were able

to develop a budget that has maintained the state-imposed tax cap limit, with an overall increase of 1.64% from last year’s budget. This will result in a 1.42%

increase in the tax levy. In developing this upcoming budget, we wish to best utilize all our established resources and keep our District well prepared for whatever comes next. Three board seats are up for election. Mrs. Maggie Wood, Mrs. Pamela Quigan and Mrs. Kathleen Pfau have filed petitions and will appear on the ballot.

Our District is thriving despite the difficult changes in the world around us and the success of our students should be a source of pride. The innovation, creativity and enthusiasm demonstrated by our faculty and staff has been inspiring. We can attribute this thanks to the ongoing support of our community.

BUDGET INCREASE
1.64%

PROJECTED TAX LEVY INCREASE
1.42%

THIS IS AT THE STATE-IMPOSED TAX CAP AND IS LESS THAN 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) 644-2499, Hague at (518) 543-6161 or in Horicon at (518)-494-4198.

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

	2020-2021 Budget	2021-2022 Proposed	Dollar Change	% of 2021-2022 Budget
PROGRAM EXPENDITURES				74.05%
Instruction	\$2,572,138	\$2,600,702	\$28,564	
Career and Technical Instruction	\$641,187	\$604,015	-\$37,172	
Special Education	\$588,191	\$610,960	\$22,769	
Pupil Services	\$320,479	\$350,823	\$30,344	
Extra-Curricular	\$256,483	\$260,210	\$3,727	
Transportation	\$491,858	\$505,424	\$13,566	
Community Service - Census	\$1,896	\$1,896	\$0	
Employee Benefits	\$2,323,002	\$2,344,745	\$21,743	
Interfund Transfers	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$0	
PROGRAM TOTAL	\$7,260,234	\$7,343,775	\$83,541	

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				9.41%
Board of Education	\$33,456	\$33,632	\$176	
Central Administration	\$477,680	\$488,741	\$11,061	
Supervision & Curriculum Development	\$152,226	\$151,631	-\$595	
Employee Benefits	\$251,689	\$259,121	\$7,432	
ADMINISTRATIVE TOTAL	\$915,051	\$933,125	\$18,074	

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				16.54%
Operations & Maintenance	\$829,933	\$863,258	\$33,325	
Transportation	\$120,000	\$125,000	\$5,000	
Employee Benefits	\$284,653	\$286,308	\$1,655	
Debt Service	\$147,175	\$166,025	\$18,850	
Interfund Transfers	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	
CAPITAL TOTAL	\$1,581,761	\$1,640,591	\$58,830	

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:	\$9,757,046	\$9,917,491	\$160,445	
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Projected Budget **REVENUE**

	2020-2021 Budget	2021-2022 Proposed	Dollar Change
State Aid	\$857,259	\$901,035	\$43,776
Use of Property/Money	\$105,000	\$75,000	-\$30,000
Tuition and Services	\$101,000	\$111,000	\$10,000
Miscellaneous	\$95,000	\$120,000	\$25,000
Fund Balance/Reserves	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$0
Projected Tax Levy	\$7,848,787	\$7,960,456	\$111,669
TOTAL REVENUE	\$9,757,046	\$9,917,491	\$160,445



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, NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE DOLLARS (\$9,917,491) for the school year 2021-2022 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, three (3) vacancies on the Board of Education for three (3) year terms each, will be filled by the voters during the annual election on May 18, 2021.

These vacancies have been created by the expiration of the terms for Mrs. Tammie DeLorenzo, Mrs. Kathleen Pfau, and Mrs. Pamela Quigan. The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to the three open seats.

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

1. Mrs. Maggie Wood
2. Mrs. Pamela Quigan
3. Mrs. Kathleen Pfau

Vote Tuesday, May 18

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.

Can't Get to the Polls? Absentee ballots are available to voters who qualify. 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 2020-21 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-2022 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2021-2022 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 9,757,046	\$ 9,917,491	\$ 9,805,822
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year		\$ 160,445	\$ 48,776
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.64 %	.50%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 7,848,787	\$ 7,960,456	
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)	\$ 7,848,787	\$ 7,960,456	\$ 7,848,787
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$255,657	\$ 252,479	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 7,630,034	\$7,707,977	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$ 7,593,130	\$7,707,977	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 36,904	\$ 0	
Administrative Component	\$ 915,051	\$ 933,125	\$ 921,025
Program Component	\$ 7,260, 234	\$ 7,343,775	\$ 7,306, 775
Capital Component	\$ 1,581,761	\$ 1,640,591	\$ 1,578,022
* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2021-22 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	

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$140

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-2022 by the qualified voters of the Bolton Central School District, Warren County, New York, will be held at Bolton Central School in said district on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., prevailing time in the Bolton Central School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.