

## ANNUAL MEETING PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

Meet the  
Board of Education Candidates  
**Monday, May 10, 2021**  
**7 pm**  
Jr/Sr High School Auditorium

## BUDGET VOTE & ANNUAL ELECTION

**Tuesday, May 18, 2021**  
**7 am - 8 pm**  
Jr/Sr High School Gym Lobby

To request an absentee  
ballot please contact the  
Business Office at  
518-623-2861  
at least seven (7) days prior  
to the election.

## SCHOOL VISION

We maintain excellence to  
create success.

## MISSION STATEMENT

We educate, nurture, and  
empower students within  
a safe and supportive  
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global community.

# WARRENSBURG

## CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### 2021-22 BUDGET

As the Administration and Board of Education began developing the proposed budget for the 2021-2022 school year, we looked back at the past year and what we have all accomplished together. It has been more than a year since the pandemic began and closed our campuses to in-person instruction altering how we deliver instruction, provide meals and engage our students with extra and co-curricular activities. Throughout all the challenges of the past year and the uncertainty of what regulations will be in place when we return in September, the Board of Education has remained committed to maintaining quality educational programs for all of our students.

#### The Proposed Tax Levy is a 0% (zero) increase over the 2020-2021 tax levy.

The Warrensburg Board of Education and administration spent many hours reviewing our current finances and planning for the future. It has always been our goal to provide our students with a 21st Century education, while being sensitive to the financial limitations of our community. The proposed 2021-2022 budget of \$21,766,212 addresses contractual obligations, enrollment changes in certain BOCES programs, and maintains existing programs. The chart below demonstrates that the district's tax levy has remained significantly below the maximum allowable tax levy increase due to sound financial planning.

Compare	Proposed Tax Levy Increase		Maximum Allowable Tax Levy Increase	
	Percentage	Amount	Percentage	Amount
2021-22	0.0%	\$0	3.3%	\$260,668
2020-21	1.75%	\$136,074	4.39%	\$341,175
2019-20	1.75%	\$133,905	3.62%	\$276,941
2018-19	-4.0%	(\$318,407)	4.21%	\$335,321
2017-18	-4.0%	(\$331,674)	0.86%	\$71,450
2016-17	0.0%	\$0	2.41%	\$200,382

In addition to the budget proposition, there is one (1) other proposition on the ballot. The second proposition would allow the district to lease two (2) 66-passenger buses, and one (1) 48-passenger bus. The cost of the bus lease is included in the \$21,766,212 school budget. Leasing buses has proven to be an effective and economical way to ensure that our fleet remains safe and reliable.

We also have two (2) Board of Education seats that will vacate on June 30, 2021, and three (3) candidates running for the seats. The term for both seats begins on July 1, 2021 and ends June 30, 2025.

The Board of Education, faculty, and staff of the Warrensburg Central School District are dedicated to our mission to educate, nurture, and empower students within a safe and supportive environment to become respectful and successful citizens of the global community. With the continued support of the community, we are confident we can achieve our mission.

## 2021-22 BALLOT ITEMS

### PROPOSITION 1

#### Adopt the Annual Budget

To adopt the annual budget of the school district for the fiscal year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$21,766,212 for the purpose shown in the statement of estimated expenditures and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the district.

### PROPOSITION 2

#### Bus Lease

To lease two (2) 66-passenger buses; and one (1) 48-passenger bus; at an annual cost not to exceed \$65,000 for a five (5) year term. \*The cost of the lease is included in the proposed budget of \$21,766,212.

### BOARD CANDIDATES

There are three (3) candidates running to fill two (2) terms of office last held by Ash Anand and Laurie Rinke. The candidates will be listed on the ballot as follows:

Laurie Rinke  
Dani Oliver  
Ash Anand

The two (2) terms of office are from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2025. The two (2) candidates receiving the most votes will be elected to the two (2) four (4) year term vacancies. Each eligible voter will be allowed to cast their ballot for two (2) candidates. For information about the candidates, please visit [www.wcsd.org](http://www.wcsd.org).



The District congratulates Lou Fisher on his retirement in May. Lou has spent 32 years within the walls of the Warrensburg Central School District. He attended K-12, and then returned to the District to begin his career as a Math Teacher, and most recently the Director of Technology. We thank Lou for his dedication and wish him well in his retirement.

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

One of the District's goals is to encourage our students to become engaged in activities outside of the classroom. Activities like co-curriculars, sports and clubs that are sponsored by the District, as well as club sports and volunteer work that are community based. Encouraging engagement, wherever it may be, is part of the District's mission to educate, nurture and empower students within a safe and supportive environment to be respectful and successful citizens of the global community. Below, we are highlighting three seniors who have embraced participation and volunteer work outside the classroom.



Zach Carpenter

Zach Carpenter has been a three-sport athlete (football, wrestling and baseball) throughout his high school career. His commitment and dedication will truly be an asset in the future, not only to him, but his platoon members, as he recently enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. He will be part of a communications team that will be responsible for setting up base camps for other Marines. He chose the military because it's a great way to obtain experience and open doors of opportunity worldwide. Zach will report to Paris Island, South Carolina on September 27, 2021.

Troy Miller is a volunteer firefighter with the Warrensburg Volunteer Fire Company. He started volunteering in 2018, and has not only been an active responder, but has participated in rigorous trainings, including training that will allow him to enter a burning structure. On the weekends he has spent the last eleven years competing in the Central New York Motocross Association Circuit. Troy plans on becoming a paid firefighter after graduation.



Troy Miller



Ridge Russo

Ridge Russo is enrolled in the WSWHE BOCES CTE Power Sports Technology Program. His true passion however, is conservation and the environment. He joined the school club Envirothon, which is sponsored by the Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District. Ridge often organizes roadside cleanups, so it's no surprise to his teachers that he is pursuing an opportunity to intern with Warren County Soil and Water after graduation, and hopes to pursue a career in the conservation and environmental field.

## ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

Administrative Component	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Proposed Budget	Dollar Difference
Board of Education, Finance, Supervision, Employee Benefits	\$1,526,904	\$1,727,729	\$200,825
<b>Program Component</b>			
Teaching Pre-K-12, Students with Disabilities, Library, Guidance, Health Services, Athletics, Transportation, Employee Benefits	\$16,340,907	\$16,091,267	(\$249,640)
<b>Capital Component*</b>			
Buildings and Grounds, Debt Service, Employee Benefits	\$3,724,824	\$3,947,216	\$222,392
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$21,592,635</b>	<b>\$21,766,212</b>	<b>\$173,577</b>

The proposed budget includes a \$100,000 transfer to the Capital Project Fund for a capital outlay project to improve the existing infrastructure of the elementary school building, including site work thereat, and acquisition of the original furnishings, equipment, machinery, including such items as interior renovation and reconstruction.

## ESTIMATED REVENUES

	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Proposed Budget	Dollar Difference
Property Taxes*	\$7,911,737	\$7,911,737	\$0
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$54,735	\$54,735	\$0
Interest and Penalties	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Charges for Services	\$122,500	\$122,500	\$0
Use of Money	\$45,000	\$16,000	(\$29,000)
Miscellaneous	\$251,500	\$251,500	\$0
Interfund Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Aid	\$12,593,783	\$12,936,290	\$342,507
Federal Aid-Medicaid/Other	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$21,054,255</b>	<b>\$21,367,762</b>	<b>\$313,507</b>
Fund Balance	\$538,380	\$398,450	(\$139,930)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$21,592,635</b>	<b>\$21,766,212</b>	<b>\$173,577</b>

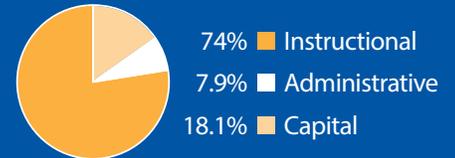
\*To learn more about how real property effects overall school taxes, please visit: [www.orps.state.ny.us](http://www.orps.state.ny.us).

The Warrensburg Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, handicap, or age. Inquiries concerning this policy of equal opportunity should be made to the Title IX and Section 504 Coordinator: 518-623-9747 x 143.

## HOW YOUR EDUCATIONAL DOLLAR IS SPENT

By New York State law, school budgets are broken into three categories: Administrative, Instructional Program, and Capital.

The State Education Department recommends these categories represent all expenses related to their function. Most school districts in the state follow these recommendations.



## 6TH GRADE SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to our sixth grade students who earned the **PHYSICAL EDUCATION LEADERSHIP AWARD**. These students were recognized for their fitness and leadership in the gym; leadership in school; and for demonstrating good citizenship.



(l. - r.) Vesper Boston, Ahni Nix, Carmyn Fruda, Aiden Arnold, Austin Shepler  
Absent from photo: Paul Moore

## STAR PROGRAM ★ CONTINUES ★

Last year the school and taxpayers realized an average savings of \$399 from property taxes that were raised locally by taking advantage of the STAR program for homeowners. This year the Basic STAR will vary by municipality and the exemption will range from \$300 to \$33,220. For Senior STAR, the exemption will be from \$700 to \$77,300. See your assessor with any questions.

**Board of Education**  
Douglas West, President  
Elaine Cowin, Vice President  
Ash Anand  
Diane Angell  
Darren Duell  
Laurie Rinke  
Nicole Winchell

**Administration**  
John Goralski, Superintendent  
Douglas Duell, Jr/Sr High School Principal  
Amy Langworthy, Elementary Principal  
Jennifer Switzer, Business Manager  
Stephanie Gibson, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

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## 2021-22 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for 2020-21 School Year	Budget Proposed for 2021-22 School Year	Contingency Budget for 2021-22 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions	\$21,592,635	\$21,766,212	\$21,218,340
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year		\$173,577	(\$374,295)
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		.8%	(1.73%)
Change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI)		1.23%	
<b>A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount, Net of Reserve</b>	<b>\$7,911,737</b>	<b>\$7,911,737</b>	
<b>B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
<b>C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
<b>D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
<b>E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)</b>	<b>\$7,911,737</b>	<b>\$7,911,737</b>	<b>\$7,911,737</b>
<b>F. Total Permissible Exclusions</b>	<b>\$36,290</b>	<b>\$49,646</b>	
<b>G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions</b>	<b>\$8,080,548</b>	<b>\$8,122,759</b>	
<b>H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E-B-F-D)</b>	<b>\$7,875,447</b>	<b>\$7,862,091</b>	
<b>I. Difference (G - H); (negative value requires 60% voter approval)</b>	<b>\$205,101</b>	<b>\$260,668</b>	
Administrative component	\$1,526,904	\$1,727,729	\$1,497,029
Program component	\$16,340,907	\$16,091,267	\$16,009,078
Capital component	\$3,724,824	\$3,947,216	\$3,712,233

\* Pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law, should the proposed budget be defeated, certain equipment in the capital and program components would be reduced as well as non-contractual salary increases, summer reading program, and the capital project transfer.

\*\* There are no separate propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount.

## ESTIMATED BASIC STAR EXEMPTION SAVINGS

Estimated Basic STAR\* Exemption Savings Based on a Hypothetical Home Within the School District with a Full Value of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) and a Basic Star exemption of \$30,000. \*The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Basic STAR tax savings

**Under the Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year**

\$399

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-2022 by the qualified voters of the Warrensburg Central School District, Warren County, New York, will be held at the Warrensburg Junior/Senior High School in said district on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 pm prevailing time in the gymnasium lobby, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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## Voter Qualifications

A voter at the annual meeting must possess the following qualifications:

- A citizen of the United States.
- Eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- A resident within the District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the meeting at which he/she offers to vote.

## Absentee Ballots

District residents may apply for absentee ballots at the District Clerk's Office on Schroon River Road at least seven (7) days before the election. Ballots needs to be returned before 5 p.m. on May 18, 2021.



**NO PETS ALLOWED**  
EXCEPT SERVICE ANIMALS

Our students are outside for physical education classes, recess, and sports activities. We would like them to enjoy these activities without worry of excrement on the school grounds. Please remember that no animals/pets are allowed on school property. Thank you for your cooperation.