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Budget Issue 2021-22

From The Superintendent

ANIBAL SOLER, JR.
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



BATAVIA SCHOOL BOARD ADOPTS BUDGET WITH 0% TAX LEVY INCREASE

I am pleased to present and recommend the 2021-2022 proposed budget adopted by our Board of Education at its meeting on April 12. The balanced budget will bring forth a 0% Tax Levy increase and provide an exceptional educational program for more than 2,000 Batavia City School District students.

The District has faced several challenges over the past year and we are delighted to provide a quality education while being sensitive to the financial impact on our community. We are hopeful that the public will support the proposed adopted budget at the May 18, 2021 vote.

The proposed budget meets all of the following approved guidelines:

- Meets all applicable state and federal mandates, health, safety and legal requirements
- Fulfills all contractual obligations.
- Supports the educational programs and services vital to successful implementation of the District's mission and vision.
- Identifies alternative funding sources.
- Identifies all potential new initiatives.
- Prepare the final draft of the 2021-22 budget with a tax levy increase no greater than the maximum tax cap threshold requiring only a simple majority vote.

Highlights of the 2021-22 adopted budget include:

- Maintaining overall staffing levels which allow for flexibility as we continue to reimagine the educational program and offerings.
- Complete and full funding for returning to full day in-person learning classes and extracurricular activities and athletic programming.
- Strengthen the Community Schools Initiative

- Strengthening our partnership with Genesee Community College (GCC) to improve our college access pathway that allows students to obtain an associate's degree while enrolled in high school.
- No tax levy increase in 2021-22 continue to showcase the Board of Education's commitment to fiscal prudence as the 10-year average of annual increase in tax levy is only 0.93% compared to tax cap average annual increase of 3.20%
- Anticipated and projected tax rate decrease of \$0.67 per thousand or \$67 per year savings for a property assessed at \$100,000.
- \$100,000 Capital Outlay Project for Batavia High School window replacement

Issues on the Ballot

The 2021-22 proposed budget includes the following ballot issues:

1. Budget Proposal for 2021-2022
2. Additional state aid for Energy Performance Contract
3. Student Ex-Officio (Non-voting) Board Member
4. Three Board of Education vacancies

Thank you for your unwavering support of the Batavia City School District.

WE are Batavia!

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Batavia City School District Launches Community Schools Initiative



The Batavia City School District (BCSD) is pleased to share its Community Schools initiative. Launched in the fall of 2020, the Batavia Community Schools Equity-Opportunity-Family initiative offers an integrated focus on academics, health and social services, youth and community development and community engagement which leads to improved student learning, stronger families and healthier communities.

Batavia CSD is a small city school district, in a rural environment, which is often considered a micropolitan area. The District serves a diverse community of students in grades Pre-K-12 that includes students who are homeless, disabled, and economically disadvantaged. A community school can work to fill the needs of a variety of students, their families, and the local community which will result in equal opportunities for success.

What is a Community School?

A Community School is an intentional school transformation strategy focused on results with participation from students, families, educators, and the school. In addition, active participation is needed from community leaders, partners, residents, agencies, and organizations. Everyone shares a mutual concern for the well-being of our children and youth. The four pillars of community schools are:

- Expanded and Enriched Learning
- Integrated Student Supports
- Family and Community Engagement
- Collaborative Leadership Practices

Community schools see the community as a resource and a partner in the learning, development and education of its children. The goal is to develop respectful and mutually beneficial relationships with key stakeholders that have a vested interest in the future of our youth. Our community partners help to provide additional resources to:

- Reduce the demand on school staff for addressing the challenges that students bring to school
- Provide learning opportunities that develop cognitive, social, emotional, physical and civic competencies
- Build social capital – the networks and relationships that support learning and create opportunities for young people – while strengthening their communities

Our current community partners include a broad spectrum of businesses, agencies, faith-based organizations, government agencies, clubs/organizations, medical services, and more.

Schools, together with their communities, work to fulfill six conditions of learning that are necessary for every child to succeed:

- Early childhood development
- Core instructional program
- Motivation and engagement in learning – during and after school
- Basic physical, mental, and emotional health needs of young people and their families are recognized and addressed
- Mutual respect and effective collaboration among parents, families, and school staff
- Community engagement, together with school efforts, promotes a school climate that is safe, supportive, respectful, and connects students to a broader learning community.

Family and Community Engagement Center (FACE)

Opened in August 2020, our Engagement Center is designed to provide a comfortable and inviting setting for families. Housed in a former kindergarten room at our Robert Morris campus, some of its features include laundry facilities, computers, seating area, a book nook, flyers and brochures from agencies in the area, and a play area for children. To date we have 84 partners from all areas of the Batavia community. With their help, we have expanded our new Family and Community Engagement Center to include a Community Closet. This asset provides students, families and community members access to food, clothing, hygiene and other educational items. During the pandemic, access is limited to appointments only. We hope to offer drop in visits soon.

As we look to the future, FACE hopes to expand to offer instruction, parenting groups, and a variety of enriching and engaging opportunities which will appeal to all ages. Donations, outside funding, and fundraising are appreciated. So far this year we have given 644 donations to children. In addition, our Warm the Night was held on the grounds of the Batavia Middle School. At this event, our District schools and FACE came together to distribute winter coats, hats, and mittens. Liberty Partnership, GLOW YMCA, Little Free Food Pantry, Community Action, and Catholic Charities attended and provided support and information for families. Our School Supply Refresher also provided mid-year new school supplies to 250 students.

We have received more than 402 donations from the community for our Community Schools initiative. These donations range from clothing, to food, to gift cards, and money. We also held events and activities that partner with others and support our students, their families and the local community.

Thank you to the entire Batavia Community for your support and interest in our Community Schools initiative. Working together we can improve success for all of our children.

Mission:

Unite our Batavia community and schools through shared resources, working partnerships, and open, collaborative communication

Vision:

Build a better Batavia by promoting equitable learning opportunities, cultivating healthier families, and establishing a stronger community

Community Closet



BlueCross BlueShield donated hygiene items to hand out during a local food distribution event. Over Spring Break, student volunteers helped by packing bags and passing them out. Over 316 community members benefited from this assistance.

2021-22 Property Tax Report Card

	Budgeted 2020-21 (A)	Proposed 2021-22 (B)
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	\$51,470,726	\$52,096,661
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount ¹	\$19,493,958	\$19,493,958
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	0	0
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable ²	0	0
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	0	0
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$19,493,958	\$19,493,958
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	0	0
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions ³	\$19,493,958	\$19,493,958
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$19,493,958	\$19,493,958
I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval) ²	0	0
Public School Enrollment	2,344	2,264
Consumer Price Index	1.81%	1.23%

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

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.

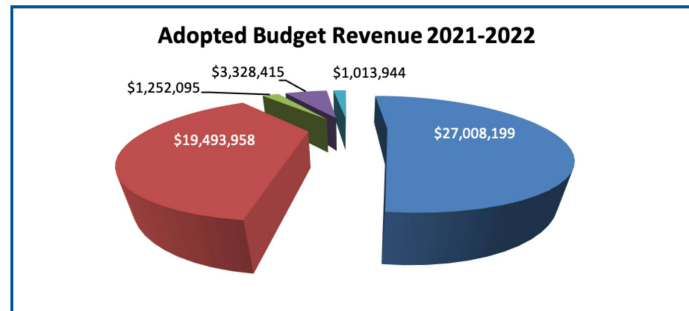
³ For 2018-19 includes any carryover from 2017-18 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2020-21 (D)	Estimated 2021-22 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$8,657,006	\$8,622,422
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,750,000	\$2,250,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$2,058,829	\$2,083,866
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	4.00%	4.00%

Schedule of Reserve Funds

Reserve Type	Reserve Name	Reserve Description	3/31/21 Actual Balance	6/30/21 Estimated Ending Balance	Intended Use of the Reserve in the 2021-22 School Year
Capital	2017 Capital Reserve	To pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued.	\$1,269,550	\$1,271,064	No intended use is planned for 2021-22. Reserve is for long range planning to cover local share of future capital projects.
Repair	Repair Reserve	To pay the cost of repairs to capital improvements or equipment.	\$148,836	\$83,969	No intended use is planned for 2021-22. Reserve is available for long range planning to cover emergency unanticipated expenses.
Workers' Compensation		To pay for Workers Compensation and benefits.			
Unemployment Insurance	Unemployment Reserve	To pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund.	\$1,132,377	\$1,096,450	To pay the annual cost of the District's incurred unemployment expense. Given the current fiscal environment, this reserve could be used significantly the next few fiscal years.
Reserve for Tax Reduction		For the gradual use of the proceeds of the sale of school district real property.			
Mandatory Reserve for Debt Service		To cover debt service payments on outstanding obligations (bonds, BANS) after the sale of district capital assets or improvements.			
Insurance		To pay liability, casualty, and other types of uninsured losses.			
Property Loss		To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover property loss.			
Liability		To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover liability claims incurred.			
Tax Certiorari		To establish a reserve fund for tax certiorari settlements			
Reserve for Insurance Recoveries		To account for unexpended proceeds of insurance recoveries at the fiscal year end.			
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	EBALR	For the payment of accrued 'employee benefits' due to employees upon termination of service.	\$4,225,597	\$4,229,000	No intended use is planned for 2021-22. Reserve is currently discontinued and is being used for long range planning for accrued employee benefits under GASB 75.
Retirement Contribution	NYS Employee Retirement Reserve	To fund employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Employees' Retirement System	\$2,048,033	\$2,050,325	To pay the annual cost of the District's required retirement contribution expense for New York State Employee Retirement System (non-instructional) staff.
Other Reserve					

Projected Revenues & Appropriations



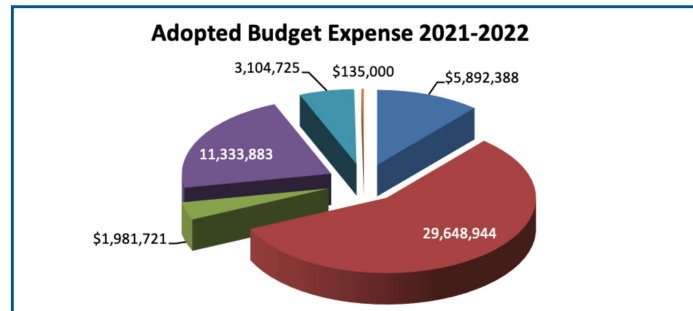
Comparison of Revenues

2021-22 Revenue Sources:

INCOME SOURCE	Amount	% of Budget
State and Federal Aid	\$ 27,008,199	51.9%
Tax Levy	\$ 19,493,958	37.4%
Other Local Revenue	\$ 1,252,095	2.4%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 3,328,415	6.4%
Other Local Tax-related Items	\$ 1,013,994	1.9%
TOTALS	\$ 52,096,661	100%

2020-21 Revenue Sources:

INCOME SOURCE	Amount	% of Budget
State and Federal Aid	\$ 27,090,076	52.6%
Tax Levy	\$ 19,493,958	37.9%
Other Local Revenue	\$ 1,397,343	2.7%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 2,725,146	5.3%
Other Local Tax-related Items	\$ 764,203	1.5%
TOTALS	\$ 51,470,726	100%



Comparison of Appropriations

2021-22 Appropriation Budget:

BUDGET AREA	Amount	% of Budget
General Support	\$ 5,892,388	11.3%
Instructional Support	\$ 29,648,944	56.9%
Transportation	\$ 1,981,721	3.8%
Employee Benefits	\$ 11,333,883	21.7%
Debt Service	\$ 3,104,725	6.0%
Interfund Transfers	\$ 135,000	0.3%
TOTALS	\$ 52,096,661	100%

2020-21 Appropriation Budget:

BUDGET AREA	Amount	% of Budget
General Support	\$ 5,631,972	11.0%
Instructional Support	\$ 29,592,672	57.5%
Transportation	\$ 1,970,708	3.8%
Employee Benefits	\$ 10,936,942	21.2%
Debt Service	\$ 3,203,432	6.2%
Interfund Transfers	\$ 135,000	0.3%
TOTALS	\$ 51,470,726	100%

Voting Day Decisions

Proposition #1:

Budget Proposal for 2021-2022

Proposition #2:

Additional state aid for Energy Performance Contract

Proposition #3:

Student Ex-Officio (Non-voting) Board Member.

In May 2004, voters approved a proposition that allowed a student to sit with the Board of Education members at all public meetings of the Board and participate in all Board hearings and meetings. This ex-officio student member of the Board does not have a vote, is not allowed to attend executive sessions, and is not entitled to receive compensation of any form for their participation. Pursuant to chapter 267 of the laws of 2003, this proposition must be brought up for public vote every two years.

There are also three Board of Education vacancies.

Batavia City School General Fund 19 Year Tax Levy History				
School Year	Tax Levy Amount	\$ Change in Levy	% Change in Levy	
2021-22	19,493,958.00	\$ -	0.00000%	
2020-21	19,493,958.00	\$ (7,362.00)	-0.03775%	
2019-20	19,501,320.00	\$ 555,916.00	2.93431%	
2018-19	18,945,404.00	\$ 444,032.00	2.39999%	
2017-18	18,501,372.00	\$ -	0.00000%	
2016-17	18,501,372.00	\$ -	0.00000%	
2015-16	18,501,372.00	\$ -	0.00000%	
2014-15	18,501,372.00	\$ 360,996.00	1.99001%	
2013-14	18,140,376.00	\$ -	0.00000%	
2012-13	18,140,376.00	\$ 354,571.00	1.99356%	
2011-12	17,785,805.00	\$ 706,170.00	4.13457%	
2010-11	17,079,635.00	\$ 207,680.00	1.23092%	
2009-10	16,871,955.00	\$ 128.00	0.00076%	
2008-09	16,871,827.00	\$ (401,000.00)	-2.32157%	
2007-08	17,272,827.00	\$ (39,379.00)	-0.22746%	
2006-07	17,312,206.00	\$ 740,902.00	4.47099%	
2005-06	16,571,304.00	\$ 876,489.00	5.58458%	
2004-05	15,694,815.00	\$ 880,064.00	5.94046%	
2003-04	14,814,751.00	\$ 832,029.00	5.95041%	
3 year average	\$ 182,851.33		0.96552%	
5 year average	\$ 198,517.20		1.05931%	
8 year average	\$ 169,197.75		0.91082%	
10 year average	\$ 170,815.30		0.92801%	
13 year average	\$ 201,702.38		1.12664%	
15 year average	\$ 145,450.13		0.80649%	
18 year average	\$ 259,955.94		1.56074%	

^ First year of the NYS Tax Cap ("2%") law; Consolidation of Schools

*District is not responsible for Tax Assessments values and the Equalization Rate which are both used to calculate the Tax Rate and can fluctuate each year

% Property Tax Freeze or Rebate Check issued directly to taxpayers from NYS as a result of District compliance with Tax Cap/Efficiency

Effective with the 2017-18 Budget year, funding of District Debt Service Principal and Interest Payments were now recorded in the General Fund instead of Debt Service Fund

Batavia City School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2020-21 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2021-22 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$51,470,726	\$52,096,661	\$51,849,434
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year		\$625,935	\$378,708
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.22%	0.74%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$19,493,958	\$19,493,958	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0.00	\$0.00	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$0.00	\$0.00	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0.00	\$0.00	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$19,493,958	\$19,493,958	\$19,246,731
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0.00	\$0.00	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$19,493,958	\$19,493,958	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$19,493,958	\$19,493,958	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Administrative Component	\$5,355,811	\$5,186,493	\$5,377,797
Program Component	\$38,459,986	\$39,021,798	\$38,868,657
Capital Component	\$7,654,929	\$7,888,370	\$7,602,980
<p>* 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. This Contingency Budget meets all requirements set forth in Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1997 with regard to allowable increase and required exempt categories. Should the Proposed Budget for 2021-22 be defeated, the Board could call for a second vote or could implement this Contingency Budget. The Contingency Budget, which is \$267,227 less than the proposal, represents expenses that are directly related to student instruction, required support for those activities and required fiscal limitations as outlined by law. A Contingency Budget excludes equipment expenditures (the District has appropriated expense, which would be removed, which is a majority of the reduction for the Contingency Budget) and certain instructional programs yet to be determined.</p> <p>** Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: The District is seeking an estimated additional 13.8% state aid on a planned energy performance improvements project. The maximum cost of the project is \$5,000,000. If approved, the cost of the project is to be covered by long term energy cost savings by implementing certain designated energy conservation measures and State Aid. If defeated, the project will still proceed and the District will incur the cost of the additional state aid or 13.8%.</p>			
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹		\$640	

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-22 by the qualified voters of the Batavia City School District, Genesee County, New York, will be held at Batavia High and Robert Morris School(s) in said district on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time in the Batavia High and Robert Morris School(s), at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

Detailed line-by-line copies of the proposed 2021-22 budget are available on our website as well as at each school, the District's Administration Office (located in Batavia High) and Richmond Memorial Public Library. All budget related documentation, including information from past years, can be viewed on the District website (www.bataviacsdsd.org) under Business Office or by contacting the Business Office at 343-2480 x 1002

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

Proposed 2021-2022 Three Part Budget Summary

PROPOSED PROGRAM BUDGET

Proposed Program Budget Percent of Total Budget • 74.90%

	2020-21	2021-22	
	Budgeted	Proposed Budget	Percentage
General Education.....	\$15,137,743	\$15,289,060	39.18%
Programs for Students with Disabilities	\$5,958,828	\$6,065,744	15.54%
Occupational Education	\$1,403,568	\$1,468,206	3.76%
Instructional Media.....	\$2,772,214	\$2,660,184	6.82%
Pupil Personnel Services	\$1,829,163	\$1,837,289	4.71%
Interscholastic Activities	\$517,265	\$509,995	1.31%
Transportation Services	\$1,970,708	\$1,981,721	5.08%
Undistributed	\$8,870,497	\$9,209,599	23.60%
TOTAL.....	\$38,459,986	\$39,021,798	100.00%

PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET

Proposed Capital Percent of Total Budget • 15.14%

	2020-21	2021-22	
	Budgeted	Proposed Budget	Percentage
Operations of Plant.....	\$3,415,109	\$3,669,763	46.52%
Debt Service.....	\$3,203,432	\$3,104,725	39.36%
Interfund Transfer to Capital Fund.....	\$100,000	\$100,000	1.27%
Undistributed.....	\$936,388	\$1,013,882	12.85%
TOTAL.....	\$7,654,929	7,888,370	100.00%

PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

Proposed Administrative Percent of Total Budget • 9.96%

	2020-21	2021-22	
	Budgeted	Proposed Budget	Percentage
Board of Education	\$11,923	\$11,923	0.23%
Central Administration	\$297,004	\$260,139	5.02%
Finance Services	\$683,087	\$685,460	13.22%
Staff Services.....	\$296,866	\$368,403	7.10%
Central Services.....	\$90,000	\$90,000	1.74%
Special Items.....	\$837,983	\$806,700	15.55%
School Admin. & Improvement Services	\$1,973,891	\$1,818,466	35.06%
Undistributed	\$1,165,057	\$1,145,402	22.08%
TOTAL.....	\$5,355,811	\$5,186,493	100.00%



PROPOSED PROGRAM BUDGET PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	74.90%
PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	15.14%
PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	9.96%
	100%

BATAVIA





Board of Education Candidates



Name: John Reigle, Incumbant Candidate

Number of years as a Batavia City School District

Resident: 41

Spouse/Children in the District: Two school-aged children

Education: Batavia Class of 1997, attended South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

Professional Employment: General Manager

Reason for Seeking Election to the Board of Education:

I want to continue my commitment as a member of the Board of Education. Having been a member of this community for many years, I have been able to establish great relationships with District families and school staff. Open communication is very important to me and all of us must work together to advocate for what is best for our children. Voices and opinions should be heard so that we can plan and make the right decisions for our District.

Name: Brenda Good

Number of years as a Batavia City School District Resident: 15

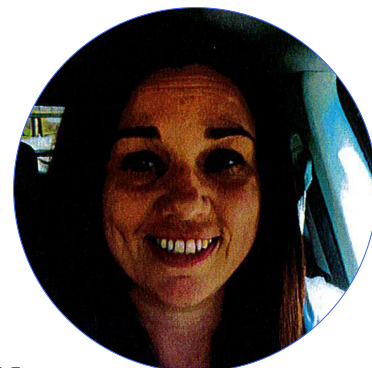
Spouse/Children in the District: Two school aged children

Education: Bachelor's degree in Elementary and Special Education, Master of Special Education,
degree in School Administration

Professional Employment: Special Education Teacher, Director of Special Education, Building Principal

Reason for Seeking Election to the Board of Education:

I believe I have great insight on the educational system, and I am aware of the needs of schools from the inside out. I will make students our main priority. Decision making will be based on students from all walks of life.





Name: Jennifer Lendvay

Number of years as a Batavia City School District Resident: 28

Spouse/Children in the District: Two school-aged children

Education: Bachelor's degree in English Language and Literature, University of Charleston, Batavia Class of 1997 graduate, Genesee Valley BOCES Licensed Practical Nurse

Professional Employment: Licensed Practical Nurse, Teacher Aide, Account Manager

Reason for Seeking Election to the Board of Education:

Being part of the Board of Education would allow me to assist in a greater capacity and support each of our schools. As a member of our community and Batavia Class of 1997 graduate, I feel it is important to have people on the Board that do not have ties to faculty or staff, and I have young children at the intermediate level that will allow a new perspective on the Board. Finding new ways to do things, reexamining past practices and listening to faculty and staff about their concerns are important. My goal as a member of the Board of Education is to serve as an independent voice for a fresh look at our schools including location of resources and key areas of concern to the administrators, staff, parents, and taxpayers.

Name: Shawna Murphy, Incumbant Candidate

Number of years as a Batavia City School District Resident: 51

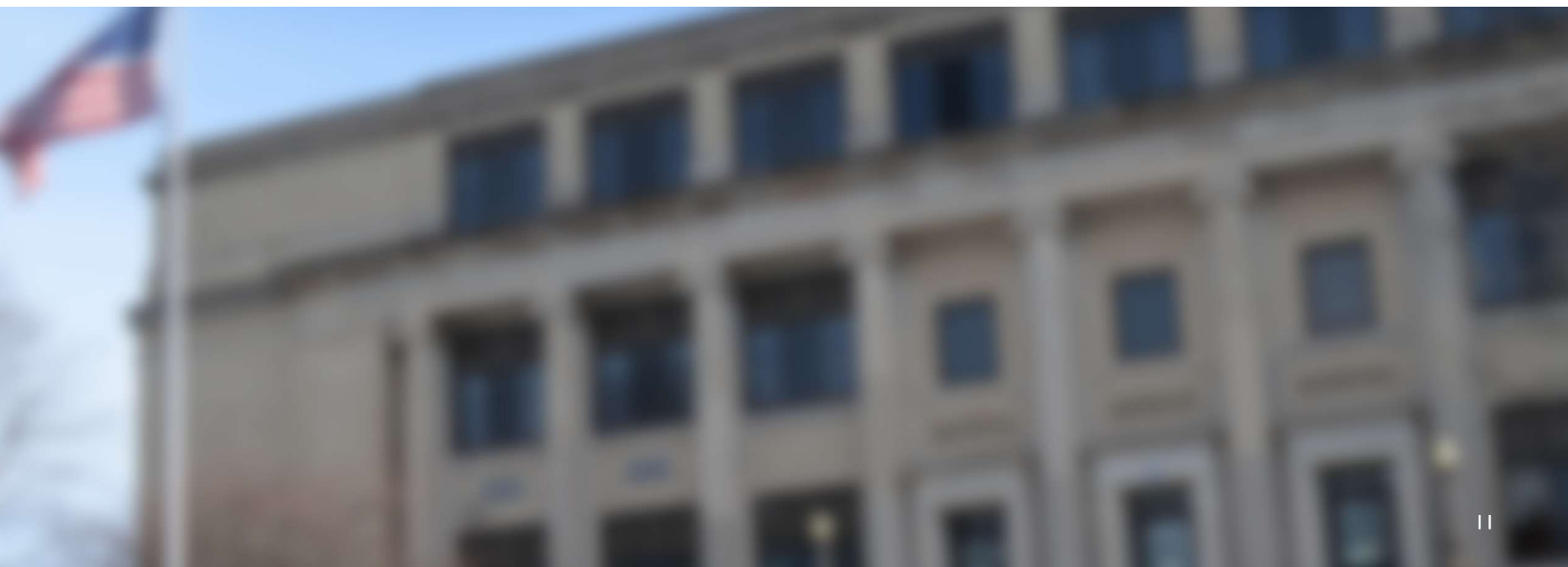
Spouse/Children in the District: Christopher Weicher, Batavia High School Science Teacher, one school-aged child

Education: Master of English, Brockport State College

Professional Employment: Adjunct Professor of English at Genesee Community College

Reason for Seeking Election to the Board of Education:

I feel I bring a multilayer perspective to the table. I am the mother of a seventh grader, the wife of a teacher, a teacher at GCC, and a graduate of Batavia High School. Though I do not bring my personal agenda to the meetings, the fact that I have a stake in many aspects of the District makes me mindful of all points of view and the consequences of the choices we make as a Board. Those choices, though sometimes seen as unfavorable, are always arrived at with the utmost care of all involved, especially our students.





The City School District of Batavia

- Jackson Primary School
- John Kennedy Intermediate School
- Batavia Middle School
- Batavia High School

Superintendent

Anibal Soler, Jr.

BOE Members with terms ending in:

- | | |
|----------------------|------|
| • Alice Ann Benedict | 2023 |
| • Peter Cecere | 2022 |
| • John Reigle | 2021 |
| • Shawna Murphy | 2021 |
| • Tanni Bromley | 2021 |
| • Barbara Bowman | 2023 |
| • John Marucci | 2022 |

District Office

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District Newsletter Editor

- Christine Scott-Miller

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Important Voting Information

The Budget Public Hearing was held on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6 p.m. at Robert Morris. The meeting was also streamed live and recorded for viewing on our website at www.bataviacs.org. Absentee ballots were mailed by Tuesday, May 11, 2021 and include postage-paid return. They must be received by the District no later than 5 p.m. on May 18, 2021.

Voting will take place on May 18, 2021 between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. at the following locations:

*For residents living North of Route 5 (Main Street), vote at the Robert Morris School Building; 80 Union Street (Multi-Purpose Room). Enter on Union Street at the entrance across the street from Notre Dame.

*For residents living South of Route 5 (Main Street), vote at the Batavia High School; 260 State Street (High School Library).

If you need clarification on where to vote, check the street-by-street guide on our website or call the Business Office at 343-2480 x 1002.

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Definition of a Qualified Voter

A person shall be entitled to vote in the School District's 2021 Annual Meeting and Election who is:

1. A citizen of the United States;
2. Eighteen years of age;
3. A resident within the School District for a period of 30 days preceding May 18, 2021.

No person shall have the right to register for or vote, who would not be qualified to register for or vote at an election in accordance with the provisions of section 5-106 of the Election Law.

Estimated Tax Information

Homeowners are eligible for tax relief under New York State's School Tax Relief Program (STAR). Upon application, homeowners may be eligible for up to a \$30,000 decrease in their assessment. Senior citizens (age 65 and older) may be eligible for Enhanced STAR for up to a \$70,700 decrease in their assessment.

Maximum 2021 – 22 STAR Exemption Savings*

School District	Municipality	Basic	Enhanced
	City of Batavia	\$640	\$1434
	Town of Batavia	\$640	\$1434
	Town of Stafford	\$644	\$1434

*Per NYS Department of Tax and Finance

Due to recent changes to the STAR application process, homeowners are encouraged to visit www.tax.ny.gov/star for more details.