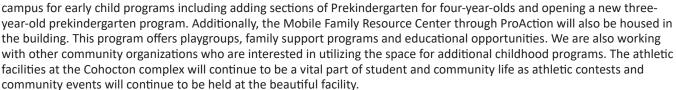


Dear Wayland-Cohocton Community:

On May 18th, district voters will be asked to decide on a school budget proposal for the 2021-2022 school year, an \$11.5 million capital improvement project, the renewal of the vehicle and equipment reserve, Board of Education candidates, and the public library tax levy. This newsletter is designed to answer your questions about the budget proposal and capital project, and to introduce the board candidates.

This 2021-2022 school budget proposal was built with the goal of balancing necessary and vital education programs with fiscal responsibility to our local taxpayers. We are continually evaluating student enrollment, academic programs and levels of student achievement. We are also mindful of the fiscal needs of the community and so are proposing a 1.99% increase in the tax levy.

Part of developing this budget was to evaluate the old way of doing things and looking for changes that can bring consistency and opportunities to our students in smart financial practices. By now, most have heard we will be utilizing the Cohocton



For those of us, like myself, who grew up in Cohocton, or whose children began their education experience there, this can be an emotional change. However, we want to reassure families that making this change will provide consistency between buildings and give students who were formerly on the Cohocton campus equal access to facilities like the swimming pool, the

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multi-sensory room, and activities in the performing arts center (PAC) and LGI. There will be reduction in lost time transporting students back and forth to special events and for our shared staff. Staff can be in the classroom where they do the greatest good, and not managing the trips back and forth between campuses. We believe that this change will also allow for greater transportation efficiency, as NY school districts grapple with a shortage of drivers.

In addition to the annual budget vote, voters will also be asked to vote on an \$11.5 capital improvement project that focuses on the maintenance of our grounds and facilities. Much of the project updates infrastructure like information technology servers, security, lighting and univents. The bus garage doors, wash bay, bus lift and fuel station will be replaced and improved. Another section of roofing at Cohocton and a large section of the elementary roofs on the Wayland campus will be replaced, both of which are nearing their end of life and require significant repairs. The middle and elementary school cafeteria serving stations will be replaced as their mechanics require a great deal of maintenance and the parts are no longer



board of education candidate



There is one vacancy on the Board of Education. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to a five-year term created by the expiration of the term of an incumbent board member (commencing on July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2026).



Kelly Schecter Incumbent

Education/ Occupation: Associates

Degree from Alfred State College in Computer Art and Design, Product Business Manager at Gunlocke and Allsteel.

Community Involvement:

Girl Scout Leader for six years, event manager for Girl Scouts for two years, Board of Education member for one year and 10 months.

What challenges do you feel face the Board of Education?

The past school year has been an unprecedented challenge and the school, the board and the community have been more interlinked than ever. We need to

continue to work closely together to provide our students with a safe environment and strong education.

The school community as a whole will be challenged with the struggles our students face as we transition back to additional in-person school. Our kids will have hurdles academically as well as socially and emotionally. For most, I believe this will take some time. This is not a flick of a switch situation. Hopefully we can all get back to some "normalcy" sooner than later.

Being part of the board this year, we have been on high alert with state aid and how it would affect the budget. At the same time, our families have seen financial struggles due to the current job climate. These factors are all weighed into our decisions on the capital project and the 2021-2022 school budget. We will be challenged to continue our fiscal responsibilities.

A current hot topic is standards-based grading. The decision to, or not to, is something we need to continue to educate ourselves regarding the pros and cons, before we make any big decisions about the best go-forward action for out students.

What experience do you bring to the table?

I have two children within the district. Our family as a whole has been involved in many clubs and athletics, both in and out of school. I understand how the decisions of the board and the school affect our children. Through these activities, I have had the opportunity to connect with other families and get their perspectives. It is my nature to speak up, ask the questions and volunteer within my job and the community.

I have gained so much knowledge being part of the board the last 20 months. A highlight of that would be having been part of the task force last summer to create the plan for bringing students back last fall. To see the passion from admin, teachers, staff and the community members to bring our kids back to a safe and educating environment was so rewarding. Every voice mattered and played a part in the plan.

... superintendent's column

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available. The curriculum office will also be updated. At the Cohocton Sports Complex the baseball diamond will get some updated fencing including a safety fence in front of the dugouts. The gas line to the concession stand will be replaced and cracked or heaved sidewalks will be replaced.

This project does not include any addition to building space to either campus. It is designed to look at maintenance issues highlighted in our building conditions survey. If these items were not grouped into a capital project, they would need to be paid for through the general budget, having a significant impact on the local tax levy. Utilizing the capital improvement funding through New York State, Wayland-Cohocton is reimbursed 89 cents for every dollar it spends. The other 11 cents is paid with funds from the capital reserve fund.

There is a tremendous amount of important information packed into these pages and a great deal to process. Please

do not hesitate to contact me directly at school at (585) 213-4303 with your questions. Our school's home page (www.wccsck12.org) also contains additional information regarding budget presentations at Board of Education meetings as well as development and the proposed capital improvement project. Most importantly, please come out to vote on May 18th from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Middle School gymnasium.

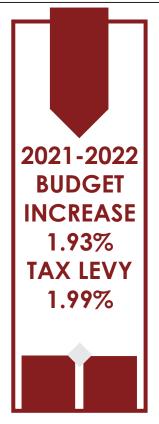
Thank you for all of the community support we have received during the pandemic. We continue to negotiate this incredibly strange time and I believe that together as a community we can provide our students with growth and learning opportunities.

Sincerely, Eileen Feinman Superintendent of Schools

school district budget notice

	Budget adopted for the 2020-2021	Budget proposed for 2021-2022	Contingency budget for 2021-2022	
Total Budgeted Amount	\$32,630,310	\$33,261,381	\$32,630,304	
Increase/Decrease from the 2020-2021 School Year	***	\$631,071	(\$6) decrease	
Percentage increase (decrease) in each proposed budget	***	1.93%	0%	
Change in the Consumer Index	***	1.23%	1.23%	
School Tax Levy	\$7,949,682	\$8,107,880	\$7,949,682	
Proposed School Year Tax Levy (without permissible exclusions to the school tax levy limit)	***	\$8,107,880	\$7,949,682	
Total Permissible Exclusions	***	\$0	***	
Proposed School Year Tax Levy (including permissible exclusions to the school tax levy limit)	\$7,949,682	\$8,107,880	\$7,949,682	
Administrative Component	\$4,330,743	\$4,665,599	\$4,301,316	
Program Component	\$22,154,919	\$22,445,230	\$22,178,436	
Capital Component	\$6,144,648	\$6,150,552	\$6,150,552	

Statement of assumption is made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2021-2022 school year should the proposed budget be defeated: The contingency budget represents a decrease of \$631,077 from the proposed budget. This includes the elimination of equipment purchases except for state aided computer hardware, elimination of the use of facilities by outside agencies and community members, and cutbacks in student supplies and uniforms.



district true value tax rate

1992-1993 (Pre-Merger)

Wayland District ... \$16.76 Cohocton District ... \$16.90

Estimate for 2021-2022

Wayland-Cohocton District ... \$15.87

basic STAR exemption impact

based on a home of \$100,000 assessed value

Budget Proposed for the 2021-2022 School Year

Basic STAR Savings: \$480

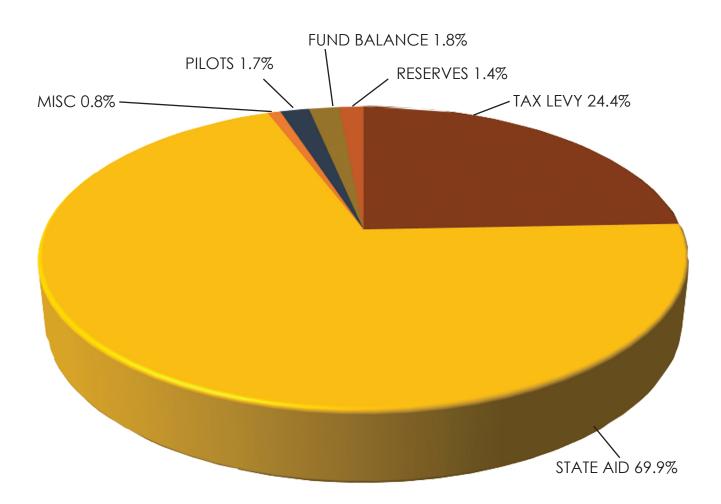
Estimated Increase in Tax Bill

Home with a full value of \$100,000 that qualifies for basic STAR for all towns within the school district:

Estimated
INCREASE of
\$35.67 per year

proposed revenues

where a budget dollar comes from

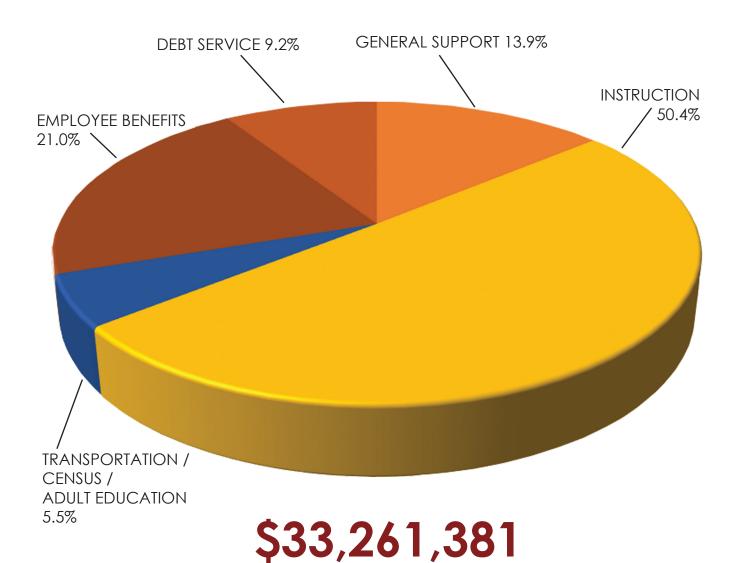


\$33,261,381

Revenue	2021-2022	Percent of	
Categories	Estimated Revenues	Revenues	
State Aid	\$23,238,801	69.9%	
Tax Levy	\$8,107,880	24.4%	
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$600,000	1.8%	
PILOTs (Payment In Lieu of Taxes)	\$575,554	1.7%	
Reserves	\$486,756	1.4%	
Miscellaneous	\$252,390	0.8%	
TOTAL	\$33,261,381	100%	

proposed expenditures

how a school dollar is spent



Proposed Budget 2021-2022 Percent of Categories Proposed Budget Expenditures Instruction \$16,753,716 50.4% 21.0% **Employee Benefits** \$6,988,508 General Support \$4,625,946 13.9% Debt Service \$3,066,980 9.2% Transportation/Census/Adult Education 5.5% \$1,826,231 **TOTAL** \$33,261,381 100.0%



utilization of reserve funds

Capital Reserve Funds (A-C):

Capital Reserve Funds pay for any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued. Capital Reserve Funds require voter authorization to establish the purpose of the reserve, fund limits, its term, and source of the funds. Expenditures may be made only for specific purposes authorized by the voters.

A. Capital Reserve - Building

Voter Authorization May 1995, Reauthorized May 2015

Term 10 Years

Ultimate Limit \$3,000,000 plus accrued interest Source of Funds Fund Balance & Incentive Aid \$2,508,864 as of 3/31/21 Balance

The Capital Reserve - Building finances future maintenance, repairs and renovation of facilities. The reserve was funded and is utilized to offset costs associated with the five-year facilities plan, capital projects, and to reduce the tax impact to the community.

B. 2019 - Building Capital Reserve Fund

Voter Authorization May 2019 Term 5 Years

Ultimate Limit \$5,000,000 plus earnings Source of Funds amounts from budgetary

appropriations, unappropriated fund

balance, State Aid

Balance \$500,000 as of 3/31/21

The 2019 - Building Capital Reserve Fund finances future maintenance, repairs and renovations of facilities. The reserve will be funded and is utilized to offset costs associated with the five-year facilities plan, capital projects, and to reduce the tax impact to the community.

C. Capital Reserve Vehicle & Equipment Fund

Voter Authorization May 1995, Renewed May 1999, 2003,

2008. 2011 & 2016

5 Years Term

Ultimate Limit \$4,000,000 plus accrued interest Source of Funds Annual Budget, Surplus Funds and

Transportation State Aid

Balance \$1,445,815 as of 3/31/21

The Capital Reserve Vehicle & Equipment Fund is for the purchase of school buses, maintenance equipment and information technology equipment. Deposits to the fund are supported by an inter-fund transfer from the general fund and New York State transportation aid from bus purchases in the previous year. Approval for expenditure is included in Proposition # 1 with the annual budget.

Reserve for Repairs - Roof

Authorized BOE 4/23/1991

Term none Ultimate Limit none

Source of Funds Insurance Claim Settlement \$56,705 as of 3/31/21 Balance

The Reserve for Repairs - Roof pays for certain repairs to the roofs of school buildings in an emergency situation only.

Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund

Board Authorization 1997, BOE Resolution Aug. 2009

Term

Ultimate Limit May not exceed the amount necessary

to meet anticipated judgments and

claims.

Source of Funds Annual Budget, Surplus Funds

Balance \$61,054 as of 3/31/21

The Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund pays judgments and claims in tax certiorari proceedings per Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law. This reserve was established as a result of the Gunlocke Company assessment litigation resulting in a Steuben County IDA payment in lieu of taxes program that originated in 1997 and was subsequently renewed in 2008. As part of the renewed PILOT plan, this balance will be utilized over the term of the PILOT plan to assist in funding the tax amount that normally would have been collected from the Gunlocke Company.

Reserve for Liability

Board Authorization 2003 none Ultimate Limit none

Source of Funds Annual Budget, Surplus Funds

\$551,194 as of 3/31/21

The Reserve for Liability pays any unforeseen contractual issues and liability claims incurred. An annual review of the funding level is conducted by the Board of Education. In the event the Board determines the reserve to be over-funded, the balance will be transferred to another reserve as allowed by law.

Insurance Reserve

Board Authorization 1996 Term none Ultimate Limit none

Source of Funds Annual Budget, Surplus Funds Balance \$1,130,526 as of 3/31/21

The Insurance Reserve assists in managing costs and to pay liability, casualty and other types of losses not covered by or exceeding district insurance limits. For example, in 2006

special budget issue

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the District elected to increase its deductible from \$1,000 to \$2,500 per incident. By doing so the district was able to maintain a level insurance premium. This Reserve Fund and its appropriate funding level is reviewed annually by the Board of Education. Any amount determined to be an excess will be transferred to another reserve as allowed by law.

Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve

Board Authorization 2003 Term none Ultimate Limit none

Source of Funds Budgetary appropriations, BOE

designated unappropriated fund

balance at fiscal year end

Balance \$568,486 as of 3/31/21

The Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve pays contractual obligations (compensated absences) relating to employees leaving the employment of the district. There is \$14,031 planned for use in the 2021-2022 budget.

Unemployment Insurance Reserve

Term N/A Ultimate Limit N/A

Source of Funds Annual Budget, Surplus Funds

Balance \$902,677 as of 3/31/21

The Unemployment Insurance Reserve pays reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund for payments to claimants when the school district uses the benefit reimbursement method. This reserve fund will be reviewed annually. There is \$68,484 planned for use in the 2021-2022 budget.

Retirement Contribution Reserve - ERS

Board Authorization 2009 Term none Ultimate Limit none

Source of Funds unappropriated fund balance
Balance \$1,562,178 as of 3/31/21
The Retirement Contribution Reserve - ERS manages
projected retirement cost increases due to the current
financial crisis of New York State. This reserve is reviewed
annually by the Board of Education. The appropriate funding

annually by the Board of Education. The appropriate funding level is also reviewed and any excess is transferred to another reserve as allowed by law. There is \$100,000 planned for use in the 2021-2022 budget.

in the 2021 2022 badget.

Retirement Contribution Reserve - TRS Sub Fund

Board Authorization 2019
Term none
Ultimate Limit none

Source of Funds Annual Budget, Surplus Funds

Balance \$365,009 as of 3/31/21

The Retirement Contribution Reserve - TRS Sub Fund manages projected retirement cost increases due to the current financial crisis of New York State. This reserve is reviewed annually by the Board of Education. The appropriate funding level is also reviewed and any excess is transferred to another reserve as allowed by law.



Speech services focus of 2021-22 outlay project

The 2021-2022 mini-renovation outlay project will focus on the physical improvements of the speech and language rooms. Each year school districts in New York State are afforded the opportunity to utilize funding through State Aid Outlay Funds to make improvements on a smaller scale. This year those funds will be earmarked for renovations to accommodate the District's speech and language offices at Wayland Elementary. The minirenovation outlay project will take full advantage of the aid that is available.

If the work is not performed as part of this outlay project, the district would incur the full cost of the work. By including the funding of \$100,000 within the proposed annual budget the project will produce an additional \$89,200 in building aid in the 2022-2023 school year. This is part of a long-range strategy in which the building aid returned in the following year will continue to fund additional mini-renovation projects as well as a regular part of the district's budget.



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Capital Project Proposal

On May 18, 2021, Wayland-Cohocton Central School District residents will have an opportunity to vote on a capital project that is being proposed to implement various health, safety, and asset preservation measures at our buildings and facilities.

Our district is committed to providing a safe learning environment and well-maintained facilities for students and public use.

Due to careful project planning, financial implementation, and consideration of our taxpayers, this project will have NO ADDITIONAL TAX INCREASE for district residents and businesses.

Additional information available on the District's website at www.wccsk12.org.

Proposed Capital Project Scope: \$11,518,000

The proposed capital project focuses on asset preservation needs and health & safety improvements at the Wayland K-12 Campus, Cohocton Campus, and the bus garage. Key scope items at each location include the following:

Wayland K-12 Campus \$9,559,000

- Emergency and secure lock-down system upgrades
- Select exterior secure door replacements
- · Exterior and emergency lighting improvements
- · Camera system upgrades
- · Instructional technology improvements
- IT server and phone system upgrades
- · Ventilation and air handling system upgrades
- Corridor flooring replacements
- Elementary and Middle School kitchen renovations
- · Curriculum office renovations
- Window glazing and sealant replacements
- · Partial roof replacements
- · Accessibility and safety improvements at bus loop
- Replace/reconstruct deteriorated sidewalks
- Exterior electronic message board replacement

Cohocton Campus

\$1,165,000

- Fire alarm and emergency system upgrades
- · Exterior and emergency lighting improvements
- Water softener, hot water heater, and piping replacements
- Restroom exhaust system improvements
- · Kitchen and concession gas line replacement
- Partial roof replacements (gymnasium, auditorium, and stage areas)
- · Window glazing replacements
- Replace/reconstruct deteriorated sidewalks and steps
- · Fencing and dugout protection improvements at baseball field

· Bus Garage

\$794,000

- · Replace wash equipment
- · Replace overhead doors and operators
- Replace fuel island canopy











Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the District having a capital project vote?

The Wayland-Cohocton Central School District is committed to providing a safe learning environment and wellmaintained facilities for students and public use. Routine facility maintenance and repair work is typically funded

within the annual District budget, with local taxpayers bearing the full cost. However, large renovations, reconstruction, and replacement of "end of useful life" items, such as those included in this project, would have a major impact on the tax rate if included in the annual District budget. A separate capital project proposition is the fiscally responsible alternative because the State reimburses a vast majority of the cost, and the expense is spread out over a longer period of time.

Why is this work needed?

Just as one's home ages and needs upkeep and repairs to keep it in good shape, so too, do our schools. Every five years, all school districts are required by the State to have a certified Architect review the condition of their buildings and grounds. The current Building Condition Survey (BCS) identified problem areas requiring repair or replacement. A District subcommittee studied the BCS items and developed a prioritized list of recommended repairs and upgrades. The District is addressing those issues now, rather than delaying and facing future higher costs and further deterioration.

How were the project's components chosen?

Items from the Building Condition Survey, academic program enhancements, safety, and security concerns received top priority, as did code compliance, mechanical systems, and building envelope (roofs and exterior wall systems) items.

When will the work take place?

It's expected that the State Education Department's approval for the project would be received in early 2022 with the bulk of work starting that summer. It is anticipated that the project would be completed in late 2023.

What is the total cost of this proposed project and how can it have no additional tax increase?

The total cost of the project is \$11,518,000. Much of the project's cost will be funded by State Building Aid. The remainder will be financed through available District reserves, including \$1,000,000 to be applied from the District's capital reserve fund. The capital reserve fund is designated to be used exclusively for capital improvement projects.

New York State is facing an uncertain economic future - why use capital reserve funds now?

By law, the capital reserve fund cannot be accessed or used by the District for normal operating expenses. It can only be used for capital improvement purposes. By applying these funds now, together with available State aid, we can address critical needs and prevent further deterioration of our facilities with no additional tax increase for our District residents.

Additional Information Sources



Public information meetings were held on April 5 and April 8.



Project details are included in the District's Annual Budget Newsletter.



Visit www.wccsk12.org for project information and updates.



Search for Wayland-Cohocton Central School on Facebook.

Please Vote

CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE

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TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Middle School Gymnasium*

*Masks and social distancing will be required.

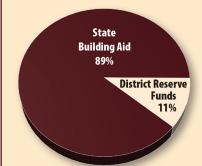
Project Funding

The proposed project will be paid for using State Building Aid and available District reserves.

As a result, it will have NO ADDITIONAL TAX INCREASE for district residents and businesses.

State aid will cover the vast majority of the project's total cost. The remainder will be paid for using \$1,000,000 from the District's capital reserve fund, and other available District reserves.

Source of Funds



Total Project Cost: \$11,518,000

the propositions

PROPOSITION #1: Budget

RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Wayland-Cohocton Central School District is hereby authorized and directed to expend an amount not to exceed \$33,261,381 for the 2021-2022 school year and to levy the necessary tax for the support of said budget. To also approve the expenditure from The Vehicle and Equipment Reserve Fund not to exceed \$533,000 for the purchase of four (4) 66 passenger school buses, (1) Mid-size John Deere tractor with Front Mower and Broom Attachment.

PROPOSITION #2: Capital Improvement Project

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Wayland-Cohocton Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake certain capital improvements consisting of construction and reconstruction of school buildings and facilities, site improvements and the acquisition of certain original furnishings, equipment, and apparatus and other incidental improvements required in connection therewith for such construction and school use, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$11,518,000; and to appropriate and expend from the existing capital reserve fund \$1,000,000 for such costs, and that the balance of such cost, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments, with such tax to be offset by state aid available therefore; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed \$10,518,000 shall be issued.

PROPOSITION #3: Vehicle and Equipment Reserve Fund Renewal

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Wayland-Cohocton Central School District is hereby authorized to establish a Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law (to be known as the "Vehicle and Equipment Fund"), with the purpose of such fund being to finance cost of the purchase of vehicles and equipment, the ultimate amount of such fund to be \$5,000,000 plus earnings thereon, the probable term of such fund to be 5 years, but such fund shall continue in existence until liquidated in accordance with the Education Law or until the funds are exhausted, and the sources from which the fund shall be obtained for such Reserve are (i) the initial transfer and deposit of the outstanding balance of the existing vehicle and equipment reserve fund, and (ii) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time, and (iii) unappropriated fund balance made available by the Board of Education from time to time, and (iv) New York State Aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time, all as permitted by law.

PROPOSITION #4 - 2021-2022 Proposed Library Levy

RESOLVED, the Board of Education of Wayland-Cohocton Central School District is hereby authorized and directed to increase the special tax levy for the support of the Wayland Free Library, the Cohocton Public Library. and the E.J. Cottrell Memorial Library in the following amounts:

2021-2022 Proposed Library Levy									
	2017-2018 Library Budget	2018-2019 Library Budget	2019-2020 Library Budget	2020-2021 Library Budget	2021-2022 Proposed Library Increase	Total			
Wayland Free Library	\$149,575	\$149,575	\$155,333	\$158,994	\$0	\$158,994			
Cohocton Public Library	\$152,000	\$154,200	\$158,000	\$163,000	\$3,000	\$166,000			
E.J. Cottrell Memorial Library	\$44,645	\$46,645	\$48,645	\$50,645	\$2,000	\$52,645			
Combined Library Levy in School District	\$346,220	\$350,420	\$361,978	\$372,639	\$5,000	\$377,639			

the candidates

ELECTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER - 1 Seat (5 year term)

Please vote to fill one vacancy on the Board of Education. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to a five-year term created by the expiration of the term of an incumbent board member (commencing on July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2026). Please vote for one.

Kelly Schecter

the vote

Voting:

All voting will be held in the Middle School Gymnasium in order to accommodate social distancing. While on the school grounds, please respect COVID-19 regulations: please mask at all times and while waiting in line to vote, please distance from those in front and behind you. To enter the building, please use the front Performing Arts Center entrance. The entrance is wheelchair accessible and only a short distance from the middle school gymnasium.

A person is entitled to vote who is: a) A citizen of the United States; b) Eighteen (18) years of age or older; c) a resident within the district for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the vote.

SCENES FROM "HELP DESK"

DIRECTED BY MATT BONDGREN & MARY PEATY
BY DON ZOLODIS, PRODUCED WITH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH PLAYSCRIPTS, INC



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High School Year-End Celebratory Events

While COVID regulations have Wayland-Cohocton activities looking a lot different here is a list of activities that have been scheduled in the high school. Although the activities will look different, the goal is to give students some great memories.

Senior Art Displays in the HS Foyer May 17-21, 2021

> Senior Trip to Lake George May 21 - 23, 2021

> > Senior Luncheon May 28, 2021

DWI Prevention Day for SeniorsJune 4, 2021

Junior Prom on Campus June 4, 2021 Senior Ball on Campus
June 5

Academic Honors (Pre-Recorded)
June 7

Class of 2021 Awards Scholarship Ceremony June 9, 2021

Graduation
June 27, 2021 at 1 p.m.

Other dates will be forthcoming, including BOCES events as they are provided