



GREENVILLE
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
International Baccalaureate District

MAY/JUNE 2020

A Commitment to Education

Budget Newsletter

School Board Adopts \$32,253,015 Budget • 0.72% Tax Levy

BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, June 9
By Absentee Ballot Only

Voters to decide on:

- 2020-2021 Budget
- Public Libraries: Greenville and Rensselaerville
- Board of Education Elections

BUDGET AT-A-GLANCE

Budget Total: \$32,253,015

TAX LEVY INCREASE
\$123,254 0.72%

SPENDING INCREASE
\$879,397 2.80%

2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

Investing In Our Students With Fiscal Responsibility During Unprecedented Times

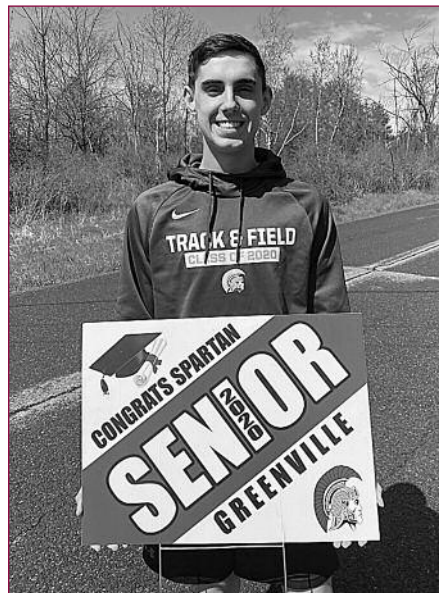
Limited tax levy impact: 0.72%

(Lowest tax levy increase in 10+ years)

The Board of Education adopted a spending plan for the 2020-2021 school year that balances a commitment to our students and the programs we offer, the long-term fiscal health of our district, and the commitment we have to taxpayers to be fiscally responsible.

School districts prepared their budgets this year with uncertainty. While the state has notified districts of their state aid allotment for next year, it is with the caveat that the amount could be cut in the coming months should state revenue projections fall short due to the toll COVID-19 has taken on the economy. During his daily briefings, Governor Cuomo has stated that if the state does not receive additional federal aid there could be a 20% cut in education funding. What is not clear is whether those cuts would be across the board for each district, based on wealth or some other formula. He stated that if federal funds are received after an initial cut, then he would reinstate aid accordingly.

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Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

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In preparation for a potential reduction in state aid, the Board of Education has approved funds to be transferred into the retirement and unemployment reserve funds to fiscally plan for a difficult economy for multiple years. In addition, the utilization of the District's fund balance will help buffer against potential cuts now and in future years. If reductions cannot be managed with the protections we have put in place, then we will need to look at additional reductions in spending.

During these unprecedented times, it is important to keep our students in the forefront of our minds,

specifically what additional support they need academically as well as emotionally. Although this year has been non-traditional in many ways, it remains our focus to provide a high-quality and comprehensive education for all of our students.

In addition to the school budget, voters will be asked to vote on public libraries and board elections. Information on each of the propositions can be found in this newsletter. Thank you to our community for supporting the education of our students. The investment in our students is an investment in our future leaders.

Capital Improvements

Over the last few years, the District has made voter approved capital improvements which included educational renovations (agriculture and technology room, family and consumer science room, music room, science labs, and lockers), field and site work (athletic fields, agriculture area, paving, walkway and electronic signs) and building renovations and improvements (cafeteria/auditorium bleacher replacement, ceiling and lighting and HVAC system improvements.)

In last year's budget newsletter we shared the planned improvements to parking and the playground area. We are now in the homestretch. Within the next few months the following will be completed:

Athletic Fields / Agriculture Arena - The lining of the track and tennis courts, baseball and softball fields and the agriculture arena will complete the outdoor playing area for various sports and activities.

Playground - The improvements to the playground include new playground equipment to replace the oldest pieces, fall protection for ground surfaces, installation of a GaGa Pit and landscaping.

District Pavilion - The vision of the pavilion that we shared last year is slowly becoming a reality. The pavilion replaced the old modular building that was located behind the elementary school. Students will use this space during recess to play games on picnic tables, socialize with other students and get out of the sun and other elements. The pavilion will allow students to enjoy a picnic lunch during special occasions and serve as an educational outside space for teachers and students.

New Parking Lot / Paving - Last year voters approved the purchase of the lot adjacent to the Ellis north parking lot to enhance parking availability and safety. With school buildings closed, this work was able to begin in May. In addition to the new elementary parking lot and the alcove area at Ellis, paving is scheduled at the middle/ high school as well. This work will finish the paving needs on campus and include the student, staff and visitor lots, the back area next to the tennis courts and the middle/high school entrance.



Remote Learning at Home



Middle School Play

Three Part Budget

The State requires school districts to present their annual budget in three (3) parts (Program, Administrative, and Capital) as well as provide a comparison to last year's amounts. The three (3) part breakdown is as follows:

PROGRAM	2020-21	2019-20
Amount	\$24,213,396	\$23,431,157

Percent (%) of Total 75% 75%

Program costs include the salaries and benefits of all teachers and staff delivering pupil services (health, guidance, library and athletics), textbooks, instructional materials, equipment, extracurricular student activities, BOCES program costs, and costs associated with the transportation program.

ADMINISTRATIVE	2020-21	2019-20
Amount	\$3,175,645	\$3,006,714

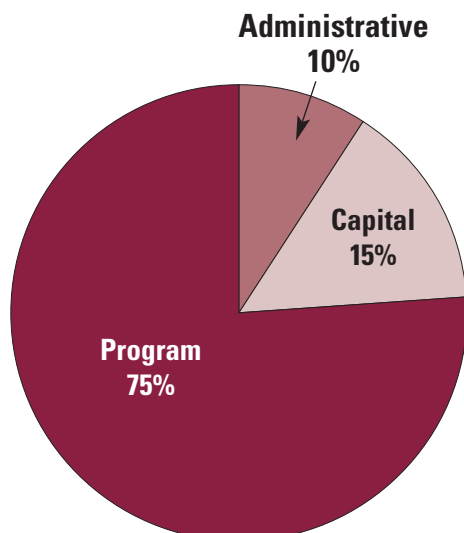
Percent (%) of Total 10% 10%

Administrative costs include the salaries and benefits of all certified staff who spend 50% or more of their time in administration, plus the salaries and benefits of clerical staff, school board costs, curriculum development, tax collection, legal and auditing costs, central data processing, BOCES administrative costs, research, planning and evaluation.

CAPITAL	2020-21	2019-20
Amount	\$4,863,974	\$4,935,747

Percent (%) of Total 15% 15%

Capital costs include the salaries and benefits of maintenance and custodial staff, debt service, bus purchases, utilities, general insurance, tax certiorari and other court-ordered costs.



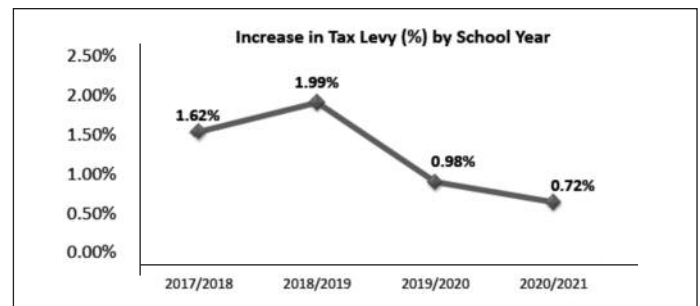
2020-2021 Public Library Proposal

	Approved 2019-2020	Proposed 2020-2021	Increase
Greenville	\$42,000	\$42,700	\$700
Rensselaerville	\$26,516	\$27,642	\$1,126

The voters will be asked to vote on the proposed increase. If the resolution is defeated, the funding is maintained by law at the level from the previous year.

Increase in Proposed Tax Levy

The 2020-2021 Proposed Tax Levy is the maximum allowable tax levy limit, or the "Tax Cap."



School Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Increase in Tax Levy Percent (%)	1.62%	1.99%	0.98%	0.72%

How Do We Vote This Year?

As per the Governor's Executive Order 202.26 and in the interest of public safety due to the COVID-19 pandemic, voting this year will take place using absentee ballots on June 9, 2020.

Every qualified voter within the Greenville Central School District will receive an absentee ballot and postage paid return envelope in the mail.

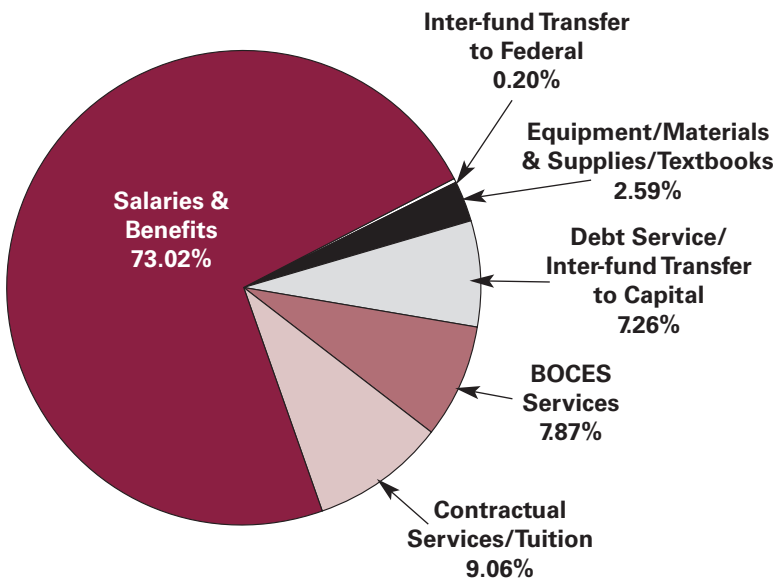
The absentee ballot must be returned to the school district by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

If you are not registered, you can register with the County Board of Elections by mail, participate in voter registration at the District (see back of newsletter for more information) or remotely through the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles website at: <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>.

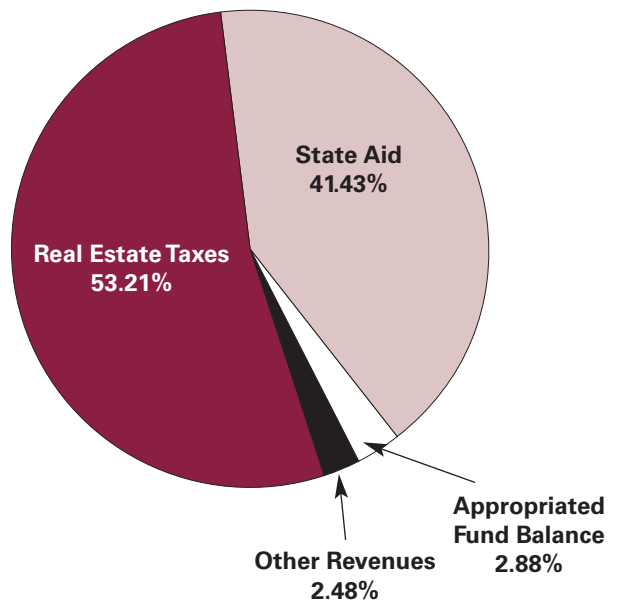
Expenses: Where is the money allocated in the budget?

Category	2020-2021	2019-2020	Change (\$)	Change %	% of Total Budget
Salaries & Benefits	23,551,154	22,926,008	625,146	2.73%	73.02%
Contractual Services & Tuition	2,922,873	3,044,535	(121,662)	-4.00%	9.06%
BOCES Services	2,537,007	2,153,984	383,023	17.78%	7.87%
Debt Service/Inter-fund Transfer to Capital	2,342,521	2,257,583	84,938	3.76%	7.26%
Inter-fund Transfer to Federal	65,000	65,000	0	0.00%	0.20%
Equipment/Materials & Supplies/Textbooks	834,460	926,508	(92,048)	-9.93%	2.59%
TOTAL	\$32,253,015	\$31,373,618	\$879,397	2.80%	100.00%

Expenses:



Revenues:



Revenues: Where does the funding come from to pay for projected expenses?

Description	2020-2021	2019-2020	Change (\$)	Change (%)	% of Total Revenues
Appropriated Fund Balance	928,640	809,665	118,975	14.69%	2.88%
Real Estate Taxes	17,161,620	17,038,366	123,254	0.72%	53.21%
State Aid	13,363,040	12,793,231	569,809	4.45%	41.43%
Local Sources/Other Revenues	799,715	732,356	67,359	9.20%	2.48%
TOTAL	\$32,253,015	\$31,373,618	\$879,397	2.80%	100.00%

GREENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

GREENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2019/2020 school year	Budget Proposed for the 2020/2021 school year	Contingent Budget for the 2020/2021 school year*	
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 31,373,618	\$ 32,253,015	\$ 32,129,761	School districts are required by law to mail this information to all voters of the District after the date of the Budget Hearing on May 28, 2020 (no later than seven days prior to the budget vote and election).
Increase/Decrease for the 2020/2021 school year		\$ 879,397	\$ 756,143	
Percentage Increase/Decrease in proposed budget		2.80%	2.41%	
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.81%		
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 17,038,366	\$ 17,161,620		The annual Budget Vote for the fiscal year 2020/2021 by the qualified voters of the Greenville Central School District, Greene County, New York, will be held by absentee ballot as per Executive Order 202.26. All qualified voters who are residents in the District will receive a ballot by USPS as per Executive Order 202.26. Absentee ballots are to be returned to the District by prepaid return envelope by Tuesday, June 9th, 2020 no later than 5 p.m.
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$ -	\$ -		
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$ -	\$ -		
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$ -	\$ -		
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C + D)	\$ 17,038,366	\$ 17,161,620	\$ 17,038,366	
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 662,723	\$ 411,224		
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 16,375,643	\$ 16,750,396		
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$ 16,375,643	\$ 16,750,396		
I. Difference: (G - H) (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$ -	\$ -		
Administrative Component	\$ 3,006,714	\$ 3,175,645	\$ 3,169,762	
Program Component	\$ 23,431,157	\$ 24,213,396	\$ 24,142,126	
Capital Component	\$ 4,935,747	\$ 4,863,974	\$ 4,817,874	

*Under NYS law, a school may submit a budget to voters a maximum of two times. If the budget is defeated, the Board of Education may adopt a contingent budget or put a budget before the voters a second time. If the budget is defeated twice, the Board of Education must adopt a contingent budget. Certain existing contingent budget requirements remain in effect that prohibit spending in specific areas including community use of buildings, certain salary increases and new equipment purchases. More significantly a district that adopts a contingent budget may not increase its current tax levy by any amount. Using the required formula, the proposed budget is below the allowable tax levy limit, and requires a simple majority. The proposed tax levy increase under the proposed budget is \$123,254 (+0.72%).

**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
	Public Library - Greenville - (Increase from \$42,000 to \$42,700)	\$700
	Public Library - Rensselaerville - (Increase from \$26,516 to \$27,642)	\$1,126

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 School Year
	\$593

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

BUDGET QUESTIONS? Contact the District Office at: 518-966-5070 Ext. 511 or email: budget@greenvillescd.org



Scott M. Ellis Elementary School playground improvements



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SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE AND BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

Tuesday, June 9, 2020
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BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION:

The voters will elect two (2) members to the Board of Education for the following vacancies:

- One (1) seat for Michael McAneny for a three (3) year term expiring June 30, 2023
- One (1) seat for Duncan Macpherson for a three (3) year term expiring June 30, 2023

Listed in alphabetical order on the 2020-2021 ballot, are candidates:

- Eric Herbstritt
- Duncan Macpherson

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CHECK OUT THE BUDGET WEBPAGE
ON OUR WEBSITE:**

**[https://www.greenville.k12.ny.us/o/
greenville-csd/browse/75365](https://www.greenville.k12.ny.us/o/greenville-csd/browse/75365)**



American Legion Post 291 Field of Flags at Scott M. Ellis Elementary School

QUALIFIED VOTERS: Qualified voters must be a citizen of the U.S., at least 18 years old, a resident within the district for 30 days preceding the Election/Budget Vote, and be registered to vote. If you voted at least once within the last 4 calendar years at either a general election or GCS vote, you are registered to vote.

Applications for an absentee ballot are available at the District Office.