



COVID Changed Everything... Except How a Community Comes Together

The words used to describe the coronavirus pandemic – *unprecedented, these challenging times, never-before-seen* – cannot quite describe the reality. For District staff, students, and students' families, the vocabulary has also failed to fully capture the impact of closing the doors to school buildings and trying to replicate classroom learning, face-to-face connections, and student services. *Social distancing, learn-at-home, video calls, and Grab-and-Go meal distribution* are some of the new phrases we'd rather not have to use. Other familiar phrases – *The Class of 2020, prom, graduation, moving up ceremony, and end-of-school celebrations* – all give rise to a disturbing set of emotions.

It's hard.

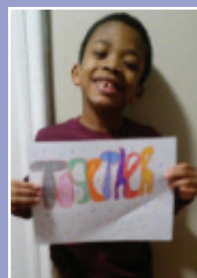
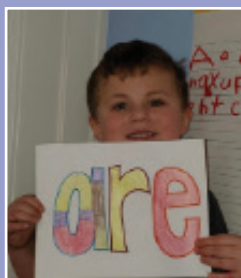
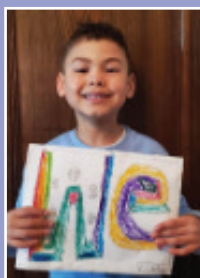
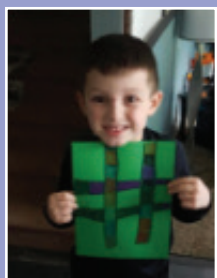
On the other hand, we've heard a new call to arms – such as *We Stand Together* and *Batavia Strong* – reminding us that people rise to occasions and that all moments pass to become pieces of our history. In the midst of circumstances beyond our control, we're trying to write a positive legacy. Those phrases are not mere words; they remind us of our strengths. They describe the efforts and cooperation of a community coming together to keep

students engaged in learning and to help support families as they adapt to schooling at home in the midst of all the other changes.

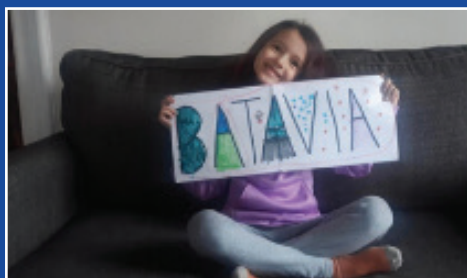
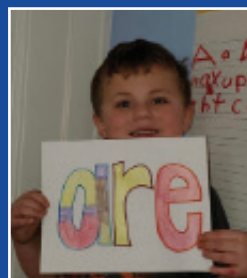
A journey that began in mid-March with a few precautionary adjustments and cancellations quickly escalated to stay-at-home orders and most-things-online. It also rapidly progressed to providing students with more than 100,000 breakfast/lunch packages, printed instructional packets and online resources, Chromebook distribution for grades 2-12, videos that targeted academics as well as well-being, "masked" visits to homes, video-conferences to make plans for and carry out milestone celebrations, professional development that focused on how to reach kids despite physical separation, and a hub where the generosity of many – gifts of groceries, clothes, games, and supplies – met the needs of many more.

We are proud of the work that our staff has been able to do amid enormous odds, and we are proud of the families and businesses in this community with which we are able to partner, for their enormous strength.

We are Batavia!



Jackson Primary students put their skills to work so their art teacher, Mrs. Kolb, could create and share collages with special messages.



See inside for voting
information regarding the
2020-2021 Budget Proposal,
Proposed Capital Project,
and Board of Education
Election

Superintendent's Letter

Dear Members of the Board of Education and Community,

While we continue to navigate one of the most challenging times in our community due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) health crisis, I am pleased to recommend and present the 2020-2021 proposed budget, which supports a quality, well-rounded educational program for nearly 2,200 students.

The proposed \$51.4 million-dollar budget represents a 1.89% spending increase driven mainly through contractual obligations for district employees and mandated expenses. I want to be upfront regarding the 2020-2021 budget. Like many school districts throughout the state, we are facing revenue challenges due to this unprecedented global health crisis. The ongoing battle against COVID-19 has impacted State aid for Batavia City Schools.

Our leadership team, together with the Board of Education, is guided by the fundamental principle that everything we do is done in the best interest of our students. Even as COVID-19 continues to impact our daily lives, I am proud that the 2020-2021 budget keeps class size at existing levels, continues to provide students a wealth of experiences in music and fine arts and continues to provide our students with access to high quality athletics and extracurricular programming our community deserves. The budget also includes the continuation of the annual State-aided Capital Outlay Project that allows for a project each year at one District building site that does not exceed \$100,000. The annual Capital Outlay Project is 90% aid-able through the State, making the District's cost \$10,000. For the 2020-2021 year, the Board chose a project at Batavia Middle School to replace all exterior doors with new security doors, update wiring to tie the new doors in with the existing security system, and redo landscaping.

The June ballot also includes a second proposition for the Jackson Primary Playground and Restroom Renovation Project, a \$619,000 capital project that is designed to provide an age appropriate playground to Jackson Primary School. Our goal is to continue to make Jackson Primary School a premier early childhood location in Genesee County. The project, which does not increase local taxes, is funded through the existing capital reserve fund and will also receive State aid of 90%, which will in turn calculate to approximate cost of \$62,000 to the District.

I am available to answer any questions about the budget and the proposed capital project and I encourage you to visit the District website at www.bataviacsd.org to view all budget and capital project presentations.

Please note, that due to the COVID-19 health crisis this year's vote is being conducted via absentee ballot only. Absentee ballots were mailed on Friday, May 22, 2020, and must be received no later than 5 PM on June 9, 2020.

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

We are better together, WE are Batavia!



Anibal Soler, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

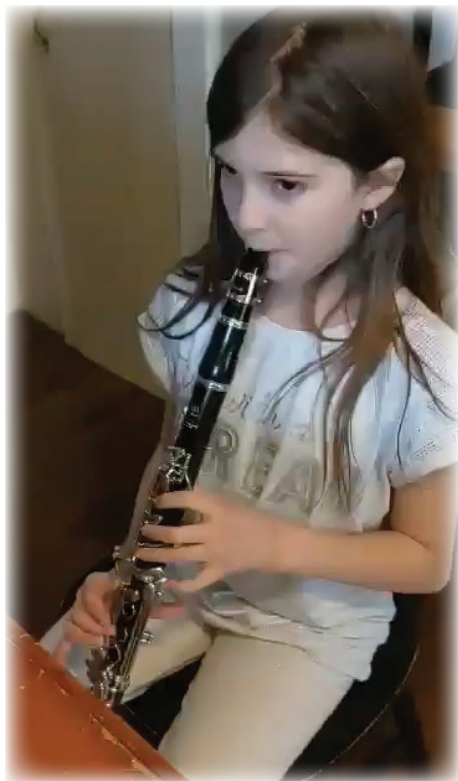


Videos and video-conferencing have helped teachers stay involved in students' progress. While certainly not the ideal way to teach or learn, they have been helpful in bridging the gap between home and school and we appreciate the technology that makes it possible.

A few pictures captured from video clips provide some examples of these video connections.



Finn Halpin responded to a physical education challenge and sent in a video of one of his own workouts.

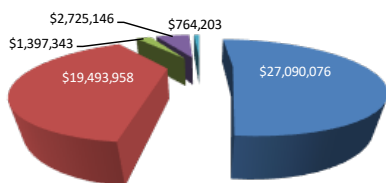


Fourth grader Alexis Kasper recorded a session of her clarinet practice.

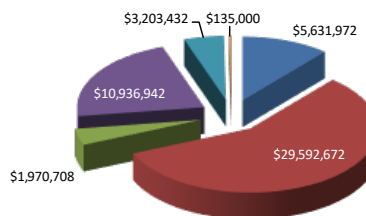
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Projected Revenues & Appropriations

Adopted Budget Revenue 2020-2021



Adopted Budget Expense 2020-2021



Comparison of Revenues

Revenue Sources: 2020-21

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

Appropriation Budget: 2020-21

BUDGET AREA	Amount	% of Budget
General Support	\$ 5,631,972	10.9%
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%

Revenue Sources: 2019-20

INCOME SOURCE	Amount	% of Budget
State and Federal Aid	\$ 26,081,600	51.6%
Tax Levy	\$ 19,501,320	38.6%
Other Local Revenue	\$ 1,312,674	2.6%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 3,107,289	6.2%
Other Local Tax-related Items	\$ 515,690	1.0%
TOTALS	\$ 50,518,573	100%

Appropriation Budget: 2019-20

BUDGET AREA	Amount	% of Budget
General Support	\$ 5,664,612	11.2%
Instructional Support	\$ 28,998,400	57.4%
Transportation	\$ 2,098,366	4.2%
Employee Benefits	\$ 11,065,193	21.9%
Debt Service	\$ 2,557,002	5.1%
Interfund Transfers	\$ 135,000	0.3%
TOTALS	\$ 50,518,573	100%



Congratulations Savannah Freeman!

Eighth grader Savannah Freeman was accepted into the WNY Tech Academy, a Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH). BMS staff congratulated her on the accomplishment on the day when all students came to pick up their personal belongings from the school. Offered through the Genesee Valley Educational Partnership, which operates as a Board of Cooperative Education Services, the program's curriculum places a strong emphasis on hands-on, project-based learning to prepare students for high-skill, financially stable careers in growth industries. Students attending the WNY Tech Academy will complete all necessary coursework for a New York State Regents Diploma as well as earn an Associate of Applied Science degree through Genesee Community College at no cost to her family.

Proposed 2020-2021 Three Part Budget Summary

	2019-20 Budget	2020-21 Proposed	%
PROPOSED PROGRAM BUDGET			
PROPOSED PROGRAM BUDGET PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET			74.72%
General Education Program.....	\$15,381,647.00	\$15,135,671.00	39.35%
Programs for Students with Disabilities	\$5,729,097.00	\$5,958,828.00	15.49%
Occupational Education	\$1,209,484.00	\$1,403,568.00	3.65%
Instructional Media	\$2,504,060.00	\$2,774,286.00	7.21%
Pupil Personnel Services.....	\$1,931,451.00	\$1,829,163.00	4.76%
Interscholastic Activities	\$494,244.00	\$517,265.00	1.34%
Transportation Services	\$2,098,366.00	\$1,970,708.00	5.12%
Undistributed: Employee Benefits and Interfund Transfers.....	\$8,944,060.00	\$8,870,497.00	23.06%
TOTAL	\$38,292,409.00	\$38,459,986.00	100.00%

	2019-20 Budget	2020-21 Proposed	%
PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET			
PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET			14.87%
Operations of Plant	\$3,415,623.00	\$3,415,109.00	44.61%
Debt Service	\$2,557,002.00	\$3,203,432.00	41.85%
Interfund Transfer to Capital Fund	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	1.31%
Undistributed: Employee Benefits	\$1,035,755.00	\$936,388.00	12.23%
TOTAL	\$7,108,380.00	\$7,654,929.00	100.00%

	2019-20 Budget	2020-21 Proposed	%
PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET			
PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET			10.41%
Board of Education.....	\$11,923.00	\$11,923.00	0.22%
Central Administration	\$291,856.00	\$297,004.00	5.55%
Finance Services.....	\$719,932.00	\$683,087.00	12.75%
Staff Services	\$276,575.00	\$296,866.00	5.54%
Central Services	\$118,935.00	\$90,000.00	1.68%
Special Items.....	\$829,768.00	\$837,983.00	15.65%
School Administration & Improvement Services	\$1,748,417.00	\$1,973,891.00	36.86%
Undistributed: Employee Benefits	\$1,120,378.00	\$1,165,057.00	21.75%
TOTAL	\$5,117,784.00	\$5,355,811.00	100.00%

TOTAL PROPOSED BASIC BUDGET	\$50,518,573.00	\$51,470,726.00
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Total Proposed Budget 2020-2021

PROPOSED PROGRAM BUDGET PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET 74.72%

PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET 14.87%

PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET 10.41%



Gabriella Smith read two books to her classmates using Google Classroom.



Second grader Carrigan Shaw shared her talents during a video-conference meeting with her class by teaching them how to make the Star Wars character Yoda using the art of paper folding, origami. Usually the teacher of the class is Ms. Kate Egan, but she was happy to allow her student to take the lead with a fun way to practice their skills at following how-to and step-by-step directions.



Teachers Dan Geiger and Chris Weicher are two of many staff who have worked at our Grab and Go meal distribution sites since mid-March to hand out more than 100,000 free breakfasts and lunches for those in the community who are under 18 years old. In addition to food, print-outs of instructional materials were also offered for those who needed paper copies of their schoolwork.

2020-21 Property Tax Report Card

Contact Person: Scott Rozanski
Telephone Number: (585) 343-2480

	Budgeted 2019-20 (A)	Proposed 2020-21 (B)	Percent Change (C)
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	50,518,573	51,470,726	1.88%
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount ¹	19,501,320	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)	19,501,320	19,493,958	0.04%
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	0	0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions ³	19,505,757	19,493,958	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	19,501,320	19,493,958	
I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval) ²	4,437	0	
Public School Enrollment	2,344	2,344	0.00%
Consumer Price Index	2.44%	1.81%	

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 2020-21, includes any carryover from 2019-20 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2019-20 (D)	Estimated 2020-21 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$9,611,776	\$8,657,006
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$2,000,000	\$1,750,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$2,020,743	\$2,058,829
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	3/31/20 Actual Balance	6/30/20 Estimated Ending Balance	Intended Use of the Reserve in the 2020-2021 Schedule
Capital	2017 Capital Reserve	To pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued.	1,820,048	1,823,000	Intended use is planned for 2020-21 to spend \$619,151 for Jackson School Improvements to playground and restrooms. Reserve is for long-range capital planning.
Repair	Repair Reserve	To pay the cost of repairs to capital improvements or equipment.	175,016	119,300	No intended use is planned for 2020-21. Reserve is available for long-range planning to cover emergency unanticipated expenses.
Unemployment Insurance	Unemployment Insurance Reserve	To pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund.	440,891	425,000	To pay the annual cost of the District's incurred unemployment expense. This reserve will most likely be used significantly during 2020-21
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve	For the payment of accrued 'employee benefits' due to employees upon termination of service.	4,209,646	4,215,000	No intended use is planned for 2020-21. 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	2,252,155	2,260,000	To pay the annual cost of the District's required retirement contribution expense for NYS Employee Retirement System (non-instructional) staff.

Voting Day Decisions

Voting will take place by postage-paid absentee ballot only. All ballots are due back to the District by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

Proposition #1: Spending Plan

Shall the proposed budget submitted by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Batavia for the 2020-21 school year totaling \$51,470,726 be approved and shall taxes be levied upon the taxable property of the School District to meet the requirements of said Budget?

Proposition #2: Use of Capital Reserve Monies to Fund a Playground Replacement and Modernization Project at The Jackson Primary School

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Batavia, Genesee County, New York (the "District") be authorized to appropriate, transfer and utilize \$619,151 from the District's "Capital Improvements Reserve Fund, 2017" to fund a capital improvements project at Jackson Primary School consisting primarily of the replacement and

modernization of the playground facility there, with such work (and some associated restroom reconstruction work) being generally described in (but not to be limited by) the Playground Project Plan that was referred to in the public notice of the vote on this Proposition No. 2.

Election of Members of the Board of Education; Vote for Three

Three (3) District residents have submitted petitions to run for three (3) seats on the Board of Education. As with any Board election, there is an option for write-in candidates as well. The candidate with the least number of votes will serve from June 9, 2020, through June 30, 2021, to fill a vacated position that has been filled by appointment for the interim leading up to this vote. The two candidates with the greater number of votes will serve for three-year terms, from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

The three candidates on the ballot are (listed alphabetically):

Alice Ann Benedict

Barbara Bowman

Tanni Bromley

^ 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 General Fund 18 Year Tax Levy History			
School Year	Tax Levy Amount	\$ Change in Levy	% Change In Levy
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		
3 year average		\$ 330,862.00	1.76552%
5 year average		\$ 198,517.20	1.05931%
8 year average		\$ 169,197.75	0.91082%
10 year average		\$ 241,432.30	1.34147%
13 year average		\$ 170,856.23	0.94806%
15 year average		\$ 194,843.60	1.10456%

Batavia City School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal

	Budget adopted for the 2019-2020 school year	Budget proposed for the 2020-2021 school year	Contingency budget for the 2020-2021 school year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$50,518,573	51,470,726	\$50,935,071
Increase/Decrease for the 2020-2021 school year		\$952,153	\$416,498
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.88 %	0.82%
Change in Consumer Price Index		1.81 %	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$19,501,320	\$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)	\$19,501,320	\$19,493,958	\$18,958,303
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0.00	\$0.00	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$19,505,757	\$19,493,958	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$19,505,757	\$19,493,958	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$4,437	\$0.00	
Administrative Component	\$5,117,784	\$5,355,811	\$5,132,421
Program Component	\$38,292,409	\$38,459,986	\$38,276,021
Capital Component	\$7,108,380	\$7,654,929	\$7,526,629

* **Statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2020-21 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 2020-21 be defeated, the Board could call for a second vote or could implement this Contingency Budget. The Contingency Budget, which is \$535,655 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.

** Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount:

The District is proposing a \$619,151 capital improvement project that would address safety requirements and equipment upgrades to the Jackson Primary School playground. In addition, the restroom area serving the lobby would be reconfigured to add a bathroom that is accessible to Pre-K classes using the Multipurpose Room. This tax-neutral project would be fully funded through a combination of state building aid and the District's capital reserves, resulting in **no additional impact** to taxpayers. Highlights of the project include: Playground equipment upgrades to meet current safety standards; Designated age-group areas with age-appropriate equipment and safety features; Rubber flooring instead of traditional wood chips; Appropriate distancing of equipment to optimize safety; Reconstruction of lobby-area restrooms

These improvements would provide a safer, modernized environment for our Jackson Primary students to use during outdoor recess, and for the surrounding community to enjoy outside of school hours.

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹ \$644

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2020-2021 by the qualified voters of the Batavia City School District, Genesee County, New York, will be held on June 9, 2020 by absentee ballot. Such absentee ballots shall be returned via mail, and the deadline for receipt of such ballots is 5:00pm on June 9, 2020. The District will make a good faith effort to distribute absentee ballots to all qualified voters as required by Executive Order 202.26.

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

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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:

Barbara Bowman 2020
Tanni Bromley 2020
Alice Ann Benedict 2020
Patrick Burk, President 2021
Shawna Murphy 2021
Pete Cecere, Vice President 2022
John Marucci 2022

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District Newsletter Editor

• Kathie Scott



Just like the popular children's story, *Flat Stanley* by Jeff Brown, Mrs. Kristina Clark provided her kindergarten students with a paper "Flat Mrs. Clark" so she can go on adventures with them during the school closure! Along with the "mini-Mrs.-Clark," students received a grid with suggestions for taking pictures of their adventures – such as them taking a walk or having a snack together – to send back to her. Pictured here with Flat Mrs. Clark is Gabriella Rodriguez.

Says Mrs. Clark, "I want to let my kids know that I am here for them always even when we are apart!"

Voting Process

Due to the coronavirus health crisis, voting is being conducted by absentee ballot only. Absentee ballots were mailed on Friday, May 22, 2020, and include postage-paid return. They must be received by the District no later than 5 p.m. on June 9, 2020. Qualified voters who did not receive a ballot should immediately contact Scott Rozanski, District Clerk, (585) 343-2480 ext. 1002, or email srozanski@bataviacsd.org to request one.

Privacy and Absentee Ballots

The return envelopes for absentee ballots require that the voter sign and print their name under an oath stating that they are a qualified voter. This signature can be compared to the registration poll record. Once accepted as a valid ballot, the complete envelope will be secured unopened in a locked ballot box inside a vault and set aside to be opened at the time of counting the votes.

Definition of Qualified Voter

A person shall be entitled to vote in the School District's 2020 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 thirty days preceding June 9, 2020.

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.

REMINDER:

Student Registration packets for grades UPK-12 are available online (www.bataviacsd.org) and at the Grab-and-Go meal distribution sites when open. For more information, visit the website or call 343-2480 x1010

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 \$69,800 decrease in their assessment.

Maximum 2020-21 STAR Exemption Savings*

School District	Municipal	Basic	Enhanced
City of Batavia		\$644	\$1434
Town of Batavia		\$644	\$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.