



North Syracuse Central School District

Budget Proposal 2020-21

**Public Hearing
May 26, 2020**

Headlines – Events Impacting Schools and School Budgets



New York faces its largest budget crisis in a decade.

WHO declares the coronavirus outbreak a pandemic

Coronavirus Increases New York State Budget Deficit

State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli says the current \$6 billion deficit will grow to \$10 or \$13 billion.

Coronavirus: New York has more cases than any country

The State is Broke And Upstate Counties Are Worried



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The sign is mounted on a dark door. It has a green top section with the name 'RYAN' in large black letters. Below that is a white section with the text 'HOME OF A CNS NORTHSTARS SENIOR Class of 2020'. The sign is decorated with blue and green ribbons. There are three photos at the top: a portrait of Ryan in a red shirt, a photo of him in a military-style uniform, and a photo of him in a red shirt leaning against a tree. At the bottom, there are three more photos: a photo of him in a military-style uniform, a photo of him in a red shirt working in a field, and a photo of him in a military-style uniform.

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- Tax Levy & Tax Cap Calculation
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Revenue Assumptions

General State Aid:

- Based on the Final NYS Budget approved by Legislature.
- State Aid subject to change quarterly based on actual state revenues.

Building Aid:

- The 2020-21 budget is not impacted by the penalty waiver signed by the governor in August 2018. The refund was received and appropriated for the KWS Bear Road project.
- Building Aid is lower than last year due to the fact that our debt service is lower.

Pandemic Adjustment & Cares Restoration Aid

- Revenues include a reduction by NYS of \$1,404,329 called the Pandemic Adjustment. This amount has been offset by federal funds of the same amount called the Cares Restoration Aid.

Real Property Taxes:

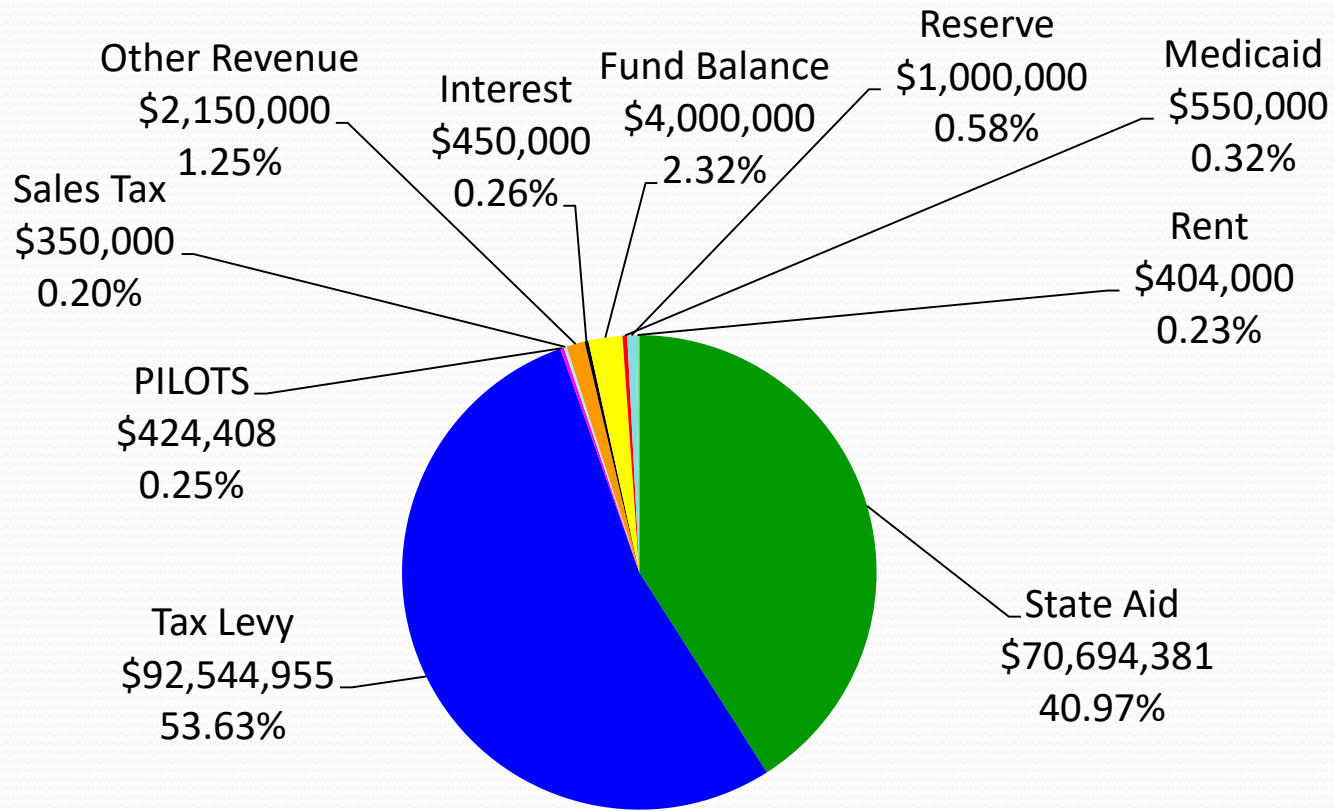
- The increase in the levy is limited to the amount of the tax cap. The largest component is inflation based on CPI as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for 2019, 1.81%.

Smart Schools Bond Act:

- We continue to use Smart Schools funds to invest in technology. Revenues will NOT impact the General Fund.

Revenues

\$172,567,744



Revenues

	2019-2020	2020-2021	Variance	
General State Aid	\$64,945,776	\$67,044,979	\$2,099,203	3.23%
PILOTS	\$379,161	\$424,408	\$45,247	11.93%
Sales Tax	\$300,000	\$350,000	\$50,000	16.67%
Interest	\$200,000	\$450,000	\$250,000	125.00%
Fund Balance	\$3,750,000	\$4,000,000	\$250,000	6.67%
Rent	\$404,000	\$404,000	\$0	0.00%
Use of General Reserve	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	N/A
Medicaid	\$450,000	\$550,000	\$100,000	22.22%
Other Revenue	\$2,187,900	\$2,150,000	(\$37,900)	(1.73%)
Sub Total	\$72,616,837	\$76,373,387	\$3,756,550	5.17%
Building Aid	\$3,934,238	\$3,649,402	(\$284,836)	(7.24%)
Tax Levy	\$90,209,332	\$92,544,955	\$2,335,623	2.59%
Total	\$166,760,407	\$172,567,744	\$5,807,337	3.48%

State Aid as Approved by NYS Legislature

	Approved Budget 2019-20	Approved Budget 2020-21	Difference	
			\$	%
Foundation Aid	46,735,862	46,734,982	(880)	0.00%
Excess Cost - Private	490,053	405,184	(84,869)	-17.32%
Excess Cost - Public	2,975,653	4,374,999	1,399,346	47.03%
Subtotal	50,201,568	51,515,165	1,313,597	2.62%
Hardware & Technology	158,087	156,093	(1,994)	-1.26%
Software, Library, Textbook,	706,892	690,449	(16,443)	-2.33%
Transportation	8,272,152	8,753,081	480,929	5.81%
BOCES	5,307,077	5,930,191	623,114	11.74%
Subtotal	14,444,208	15,529,814	1,085,606	7.52%
Total (Without Building Aid)	64,645,776	67,044,979	2,399,203	3.71%
Building Aid	3,934,238	3,649,402	(284,836)	-7.24%
Pandemic Adjustment	-	(1,404,329)	(1,404,329)	N/A
Federal Cares Restoration	-	1,404,329	1,404,329	N/A
TOTAL STATE AID	68,580,014	70,694,381	2,114,367	3.08%
Universal Pre-K	606,120	606,120	0	0.00%
TOTAL STATE AID w/ Pre-K	69,186,134	71,300,501	2,114,367	3.06%

State Aid Implications for NSCSD

- Foundation Aid continues to be an issue. The final State Aid has NO INCREASE in Foundation Aid.
- We anticipated the drop off in building aid consistent with final debt payments made on older capital project debt. This timing is perfect as we begin the renovation of KWS Bear and complete roof projects over the next few years that will result in new debt.
- Our total projected State Aid increase under the final budget proposal is 3.06% or \$2.1 million. This is all due to expense-driven aids resulting from increased spending by the District in Special Education, Transportation and BOCES.

Foundation Aid

Funding Shortfall

- NYS has not fully funded Foundation Aid in accordance with the Laws of 2007 which required distribution of funds to school districts based on the cost of providing a sound basic education and adjusted to reflect regional costs.
- NSCSD will receive \$13.1 million less in 2020-21 than the full phase in level. Since 2007-08 we have received \$178 million less in Foundation Aid than contemplated by the legislated formula.
- The distribution of Foundation Aid to schools across the state is inequitable. School Districts with significantly higher wealth ratios receive a higher % of their Foundation Aid than NSCSD. We receive only 78% of the aid we are supposed to receive.






Tax Cap Calculation

Tax Levy 2019-2020:	\$90,209,332
Tax Base Growth Factor:	<u>x 1.0073</u>
	90,867,860
PILOT Revenue for 2019-2020:	379,161
Tax Levy for Capital for 2019-2020:	<u>(2,311,997)</u>
	88,935,024
Allowable Levy Growth Factor:	<u>x 1.0180</u>
	90,544,748
Estimated PILOT Revenue for 2020-2021:	(424,408)
Tax Levy for Capital for 2020-2021:	2,442,615
Other Exclusions (ERS & TRS > 2%):	0
Available Carryover:	<u>0</u>
Tax Levy Limit Plus Exclusions:	<u>\$92,544,955</u>
Tax Levy Limit Increase:	<u>\$ 2,335,623 (2.59%)</u>

Estimated tax levy increase on a home of \$100,000 BEFORE STAR is \$61

Projected School Tax Rates & Amounts

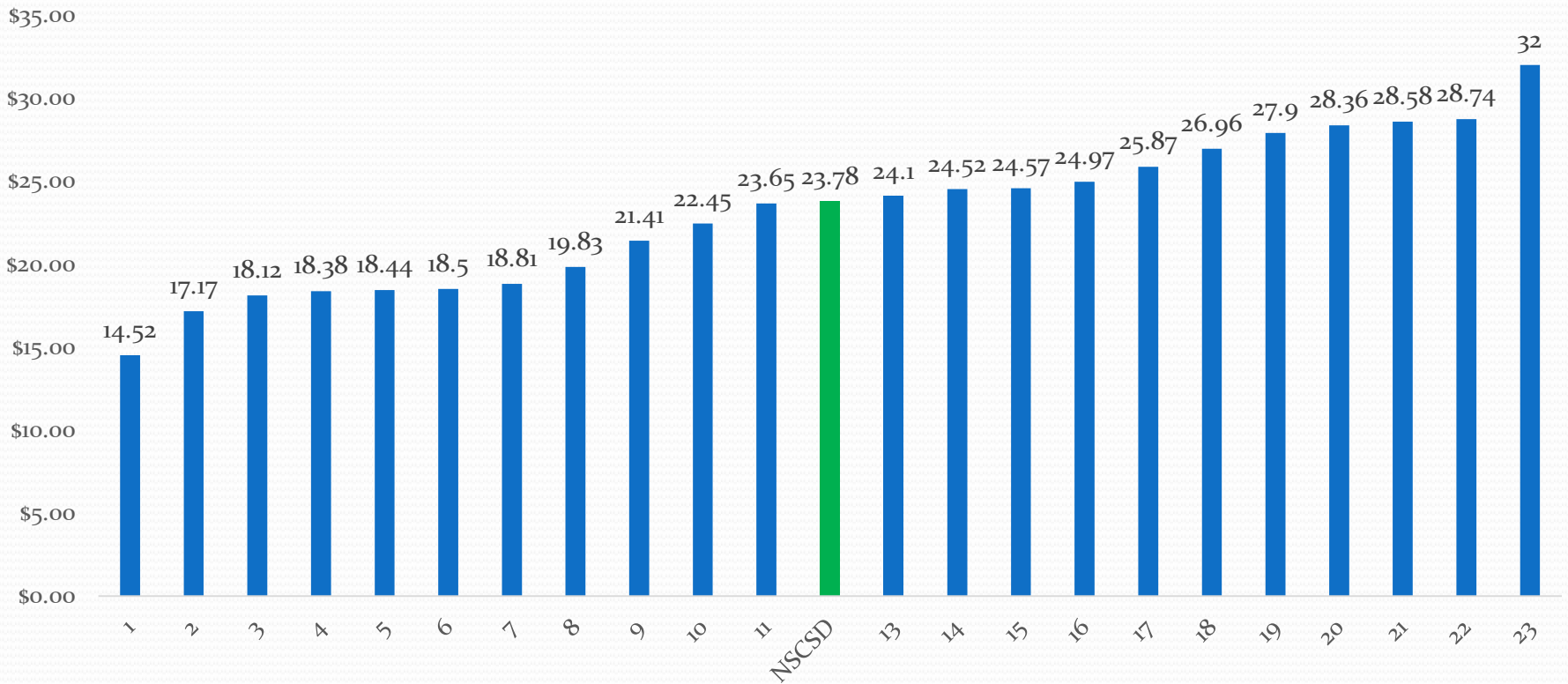
2020-2021 (2.59% Increase)

	Cicero 	Clay 	Salina 
FULL VALUE	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
ASSESSED VALUE (AV)	\$ 100,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 100,000
EST. TAX RATE PER \$1,000 OF AV	\$ 24.21	\$ 605.42	\$ 24.21
EST. ANNUAL SCHOOL TAX	\$ 2,421	\$ 2,421	\$ 2,421
TAX INCREASE YR./MO.	\$61/\$5.08	\$61/\$5.08	\$61/\$5.08

These calculations exclude the benefits of STAR

Tax on True Value CNY Districts

(\$/\$1,000 2018 Data from Office of NYS Comptroller)



Median \$23.78

Average \$23.11

EXPENDITURE ASSUMPTIONS

Health Benefits:

- We are hopeful that the positive trend continues and that NSCSD will experience lower than average increases for our industry. We are projecting a 6% increase for 2020-21.

Retirement Costs:

- TRS – The TRS Board met this fall. They estimate that the Employer Contribution Rate (ERC) for 2020-21 will be 9.53%. This will be an increase from the 8.86% for the current school year.
- ERS - The 2020-21 contribution rate for the Employee Retirement System (ERS) will be slightly higher, going from 15.7% to 16.0% of salaries.

Salaries & Wages:

- Many contracts were renegotiated effective June 30, 2019 and budgeted salaries and wages reflect increases included in the new agreements. The proposed budget includes both position eliminations and new positions for 2020-21 as outlined in this presentation.

Fuel Costs (Transportation):

- Over the past few years this has been a favorable (but volatile) market. However, we must consider “net of aid savings” only due to transportation aid (78.5%).

Energy Costs (Gas & Electric):

- Through BOCES, the district participates in an energy consortium (NYSMEC) that enters into a 3-year supply agreement. The current agreement covers 2018-19 through 2020-21 school years. Our budget will reflect contracted rates based on estimated usage.

Expenditure Per Pupil - OCM BOCES Component Districts Only

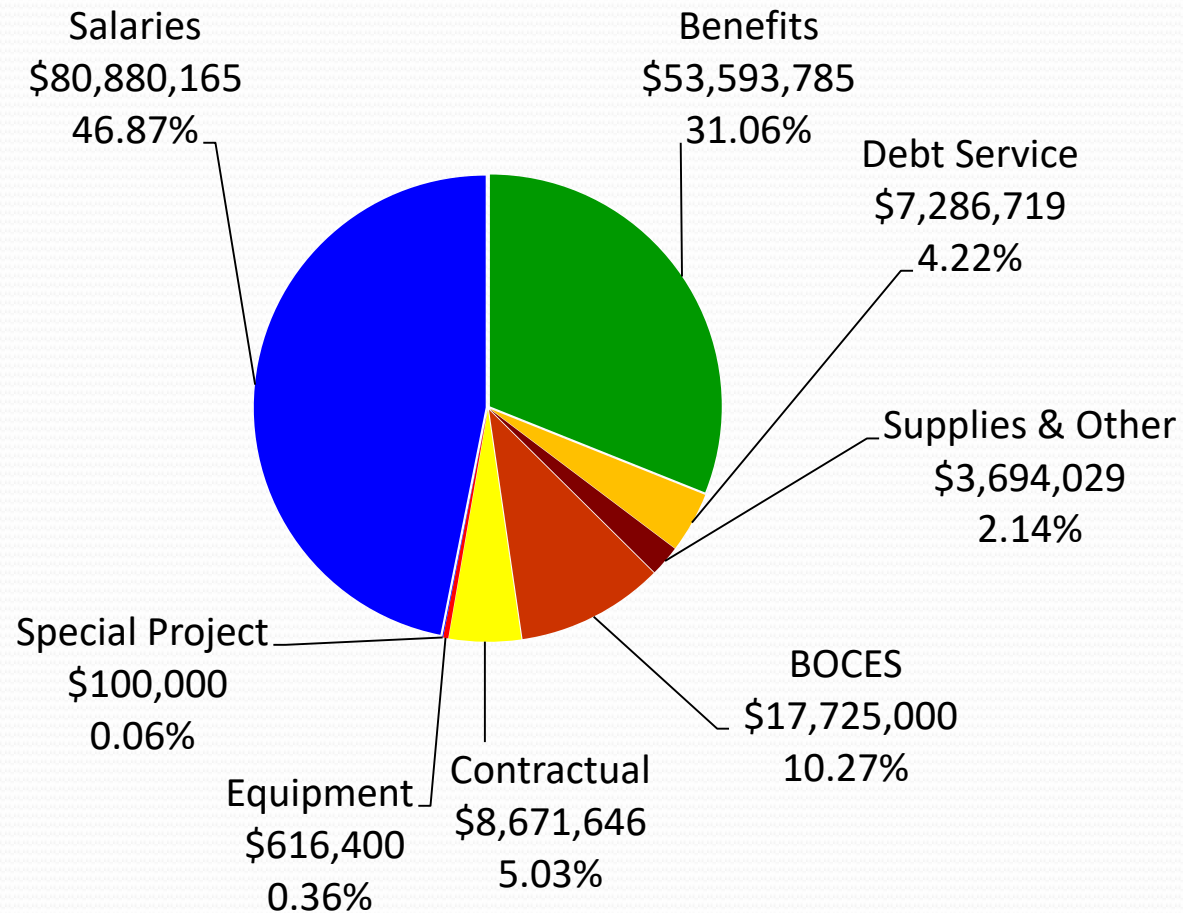
School	Spending Per Pupil	State Rank	School	Spending Per Pupil	State Rank
1	\$29,485	183	12	\$21,831	554
2	\$28,789	*213	13	\$21,688	*560
3	\$28,365	*222	14	\$21,675	561
4	\$27,525	*253	15	\$21,203	589
5	\$26,194	317	16	\$20,965	601
6	\$24,840	*394	17	\$20,310	624
7	\$24,685	401	North Syracuse	\$20,081	633
8	\$23,844	447	19	\$19,489	*647
9	\$23,738	453	20	\$19,296	*651
10	\$22,496	513	21	\$19,224	654
11	\$22,489	512	22	\$19,201	655
			23	\$19,114	658

Source: Forecast 5 - 5Sight data from NYSED ST-3 filings for 2018 (General Fund & Special Aid Fund only).

Large Districts in BOLD * denotes districts receiving greater than full phase in level of Foundation Aid

Expenditures

\$172,567,744



Proposed Expenditures

	2019-2020	2020-2021	Variance	
Salaries	\$79,660,373	\$80,880,165	\$1,219,792	1.53%
Benefits	\$51,176,731	\$53,593,785	\$2,417,054	4.72%
Debt Service	\$7,583,653	\$7,286,719	(\$296,934)	(3.92%)
Contractual	\$7,259,062	\$8,671,646	\$1,412,584	19.46%
BOCES	\$16,827,615	\$17,725,000	\$897,385	5.33%
Equipment	\$616,840	\$616,400	(\$440)	(0.07%)
Supplies & Other	\$3,536,133	\$3,694,029	\$157,896	4.47%
Special Project	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	0.00%
Total	\$166,760,407	\$172,567,744	\$5,807,337	3.48%

Required Budget Reduction

Elementary Enrollment Related (K-6)

- Class Sizes have been declining for the past few years due to staff additions along with declining enrollment.
 - Elementary enrollment **declined** from 4,580 in 2015-16 to 4,226 in 2019-20 or (**7.7%**).
 - Elementary staffing (teachers) increased from 202 in 2015-16 to 217 in 2019-20 or 7.5%.
- For 2020-21 we are proposing a reduction of 7 teacher positions.
- Class sizes for 2020-21 remain well below both guidelines and contractual requirements. The projected student teacher ratios are conducive to meeting the needs of both students & District staff.

Required Budget Reduction Middle School Schedule

- The Middle School Schedule PILOT which occurred during the 2019-20 school year allowed us to offer students a broader offering of academic opportunities.
- However, the additional courses offered were not required by NYS and the cost of the program exceeds the financial capacity of the District.
- Therefore, in light of the current budget deficit, 9 middle school positions that were created to facilitate the new schedule will be eliminated and the Middle School Schedule will revert back to the 2018-19 schedule and staffing.
- State mandated counselors and ENL positions hired over the past year will remain.

Required Budget Reduction Secondary Enrollment Related

- We have worked hard to expand offerings for students at C-NS and NSJH as part of *Vision 2020* to prepare students for college and careers.
- Due to declining enrollment over the past 4 years, the proposed budget eliminates 7.65 positions in various tenure areas.
- Student/teacher ratios, class sizes and case loads will still remain well within guidelines and contractual requirements.

Required Budget Reduction Teachers on Special Assignment

- Over the past four years, we have invested heavily in teacher training and support in several areas through the use of instructional coaches.
- This training and support has been valuable to teachers and has improved instruction. We are proud and appreciative of the important work the teachers on special assignment have achieved.
- Due to the budget deficit, the following teachers on special assignment would return to the classroom:
 - 1 Co-Teaching Coach
 - 2 Literacy Coaches

Required Budget Reductions Special Education

- Over the past 4 years, the District has significantly increased staffing associated with our special education programs despite a nominal increase in the special education student population.
- The District has increased the number of special education teachers by 21 positions and the number of teaching assistants by 27, increases of 29% and 30% respectively.
- In order to improve the economic efficiency of delivering special education services, while still meeting the student needs as documented in the Individual Education Plans (IEPs), the following reductions are proposed:
 - 10 Teaching Assistant positions
 - 4 Consultant Teacher Direct (CTD) Teacher positions

Required Budget Reductions

PAR Panel – Consultant Teachers

- Through the Peer Assistance & Review (PAR) process, NSCSD has done an outstanding job supporting new teachers during their first years with the District leading up to the granting of tenure.
- Due to the decline in hiring along with position eliminations proposed in the 2020-21 budget, the number of Consultant Teacher (CT) positions required to support our newest teachers has declined.
- In addition, we propose reducing the coaching period to the first 2 years that a teacher works for NSCSD, further reducing the need for CT.
- The 2020-21 Budget proposal includes the elimination of 5 CT positions.
- The remaining 4 CTs will be able to meet the needs of our newest teachers.

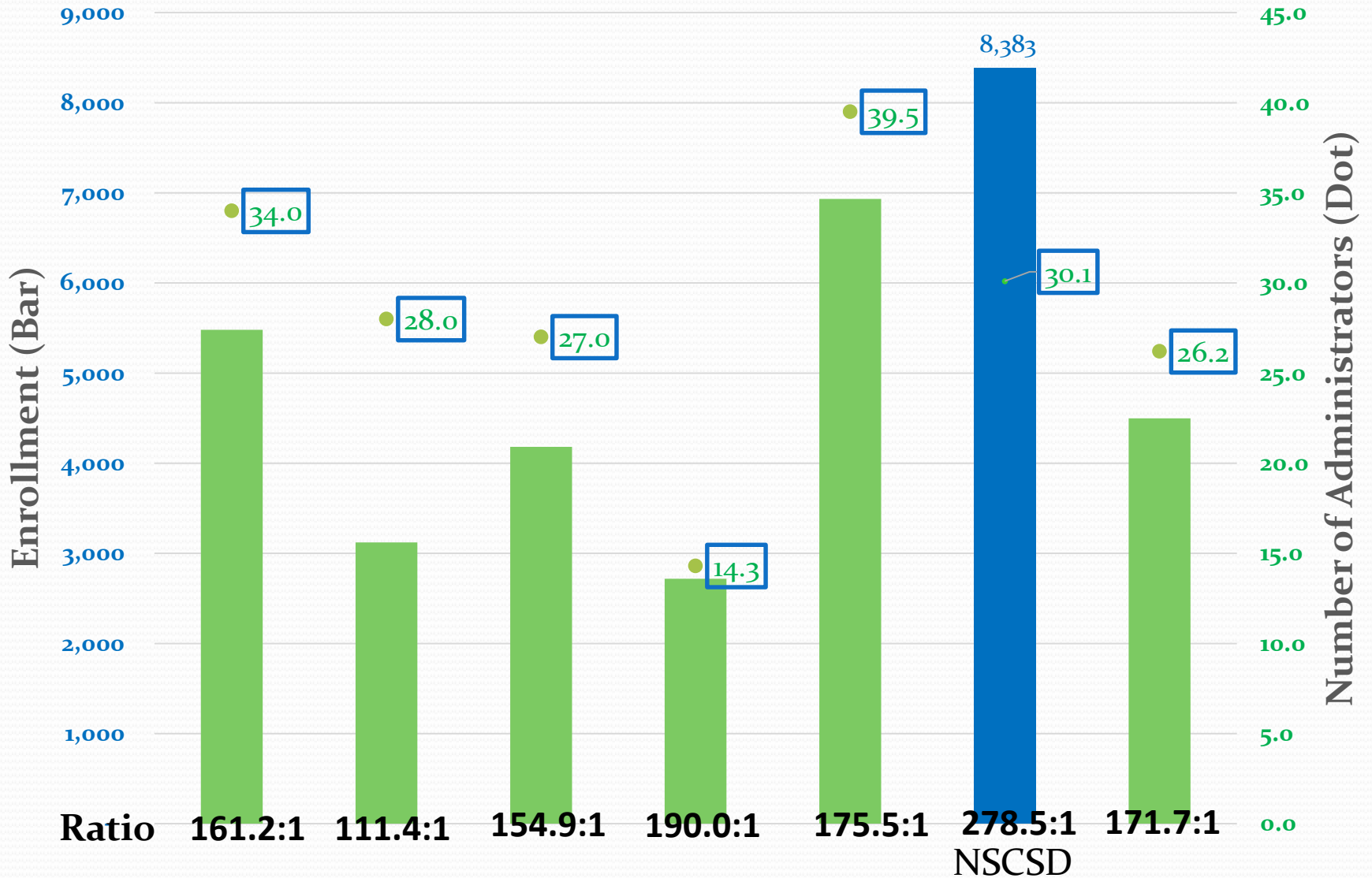
Required Budget Reductions

Administration

- During the last financial crisis, several administrative cuts were made along with cuts to instructional programs and positions. Appropriately, instructional programs and positions, including athletics, were fully restored as a priority over the past 5 years.
- On the operations side, the District still lacks Directors of Security and Technology and does not have a Grounds Crew Leader.
- The District's administrative ratio continues to be less favorable than its peers, due to administrative position cuts made but not restored; for example, middle school assistant principals cut in 2010-11 & 2013-14.
- The Board previously approved the addition of a Math Director but the hiring of this position will be delayed until the District is in a better financial position.
- The IT Systems Administrator will be retiring in 2020-21 and the position will be eliminated.

Administrative Ratios – Large CNY Districts

Ratio of Students Per Administrator



Vision 2020 Initiative

Social Emotional Learning

- Increase Social Emotional support for students at C-NS.
- Add an Administrative Assistant for Student Services at C-NS to meet the increased needs of the building.
- Provide additional social worker or counselor support for Cicero and Allen Road Elementary.
- 2 psychologist interns will support students District-wide.
- Continue partnerships with Liberty Resources and Contact.
- The proposed increase in counselor staffing will allow ADA-PEP to function with greater focus.

Vision 2020 Initiative

Career & Technical Education

- Additional course offerings at C-NS.
 - Expand Live Event Production courses.
 - Courses under development for new technologies such as drones.
- C-NS Career Center will continue to provide opportunities for students to explore career options.
- Continue to foster opportunities for students through BOCES programs – 47 students earned CTE endorsements on their HS diplomas in 2019.

BOCES CTE & New Visions Programs

Career & Technical Education Programs

[Automotive Collision Technology](#)
[Automotive Technology](#)
[Computer Technology](#)
[Construction Technology](#)
[Cosmetology](#)
[Culinary & Pastry Arts](#)
[Early Childhood Education](#)

[Graphic Communications \(Cortland\)](#)
[Health Occupations](#)
[Heavy Equipment Repair, Operation & Diesel Technology \(Syracuse\)](#)
[Laboratory Technology \(Syracuse\)](#)
[Media Marketing Communications \(Syracuse\)](#)
[Physical Therapy Professions \(Cortland\)](#)
[Physical Therapy Professions \(Syracuse\)](#)
[Welding Technology](#)

New Vision Programs

[Criminal Justice \(Syracuse\)](#)
[Engineering Professions \(Syracuse\)](#)
[Environmental Science \(Cortland\)](#)
[Medical Professions \(Cortland\)](#)
[Medical Professions \(Syracuse\)](#)

Summary of Proposed Budget Additions

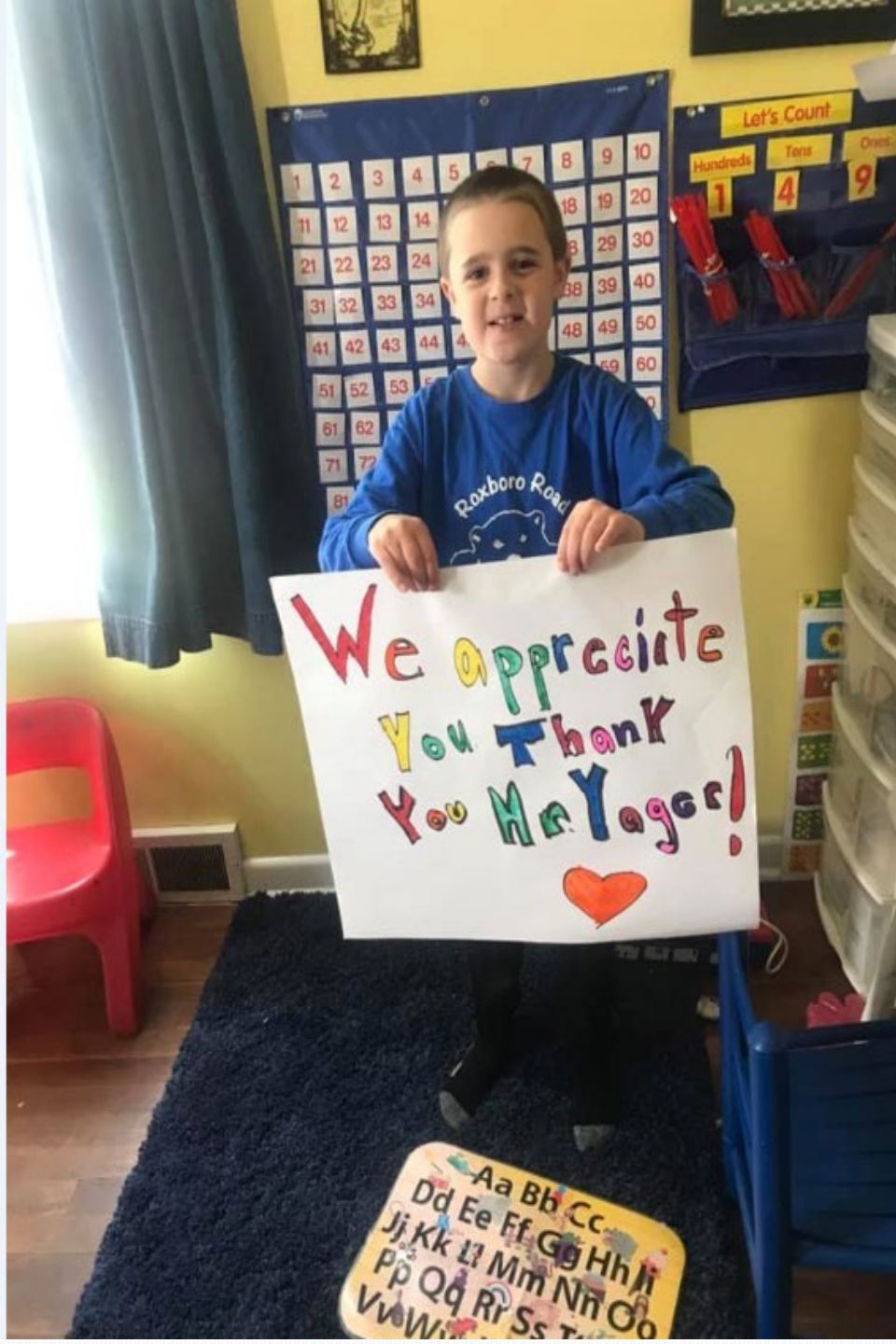
What	Where	Dollar Amount
Administrative Assistant for Student Support	C-NS	\$81,865
Master Mind Competition Advisor	C-NS	\$2,380
Unified Bowling	C-NS	\$2,200
Grade 7 Teachers due to Enrollment (1.0 FTE)	GRMS	\$81,865
ENL due to Enrollment (0.3 FTE)	GRMS	\$24,559
School Psychologist Interns (2.0 FTE)	District-wide	\$30,000
RTI/ELA Coordinator	District-wide	\$81,865
Social Worker *	Allen Road	\$81,865
Social Worker (0.5 FTE) **	Lakeshore Road	\$40,932
Security Guard **	Lakeshore Road	\$47,109
Nurse	Lakeshore / District-Wide	\$81,865
Teacher's Aide (0.5 FTE)	Lakeshore Road	\$13,060
Total		\$569,565

* the hiring of this position allows the counselor, who previously service both CE and ARE, to service CE full time.

** temporarily required due to the increased number of students and staff at LRE during BRE construction.

Summary of Personnel Changes

Area	Position	FTE	Amount
Elementary	Teacher	-7.00	-\$489,037
Middle School	Teacher	-9.00	-\$628,762
Secondary	Teacher	-7.65	-\$534,448
Teachers on Special Assignment	Teacher Coaches	-3.00	-\$209,587
Special Education	Teaching Assistants & Teachers	-14.00	-\$588,570
PAR Panel	Consultant Teachers	-5.00	-\$349,312
Administration	Math Director & Systems Administrator	-2.00	-\$201,700
From Previous Slide	Various	+7.50	\$569,565
Net Reductions		-40.15	-\$2,431,851



Vehicle Bonding Proposition

- Maintain the average age of our transportation fleet with a limited number of vehicles over 10 years old.
- Reduce the cost of repairs and avoid problems associated with rusting frames that prevent the vehicles from passing D.O.T. inspection.
- Purchasing gasoline engines again (first purchased in 2019-20).
- Proposed purchases for 2020-21:
 - 10 - 65-passenger gasoline engine school buses
 - 2 - 42-passenger gasoline engine school bus with one to three wheelchair positions, hydraulic lift and air conditioning
 - 6- trucks / vans and mower for M&O to replace 15 year old vehicles
 - 1-tow truck for transportation to replace 30 year old cable tow truck

Total estimated cost of all 20 vehicles is \$2,113,295.
- Tax Impact, after Trans Aid: approximately \$2.38 per year for a house assessed at \$100,000 before STAR.



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Quarterly Adjustments by NYS Could Result in Further Expenditure Reductions

Possible Percentages and Dollar Amounts

2020-21 Possible Cut %	Total State Aid	Foundation Aid	Expense-Driven Aids
	\$ 70,694,381	\$ 46,737,982	\$ 23,956,399
1.0%	\$ 706,943.81	\$ 467,379.82	\$ 239,563.99
2.0%	\$ 1,413,887.62	\$ 934,759.64	\$ 479,127.98
3.0%	\$ 2,120,831.43	\$ 1,402,139.46	\$ 718,691.97
4.0%	\$ 2,827,775.24	\$ 1,869,519.28	\$ 958,255.96
5.0%	\$ 3,534,719.05	\$ 2,336,899.10	\$ 1,197,819.95
6.0%	\$ 4,241,662.86	\$ 2,804,278.92	\$ 1,437,383.94
7.0%	\$ 4,948,606.67	\$ 3,271,658.74	\$ 1,676,947.93
8.0%	\$ 5,655,550.48	\$ 3,739,038.56	\$ 1,916,511.92
9.0%	\$ 6,362,494.29	\$ 4,206,418.38	\$ 2,156,075.91
10.0%	\$ 7,069,438.10	\$ 4,673,798.20	\$ 2,395,639.90
11.0%	\$ 7,776,381.91	\$ 5,141,178.02	\$ 2,635,203.89
12.0%	\$ 8,483,325.72	\$ 5,608,557.84	\$ 2,874,767.88
13.0%	\$ 9,190,269.53	\$ 6,075,937.66	\$ 3,114,331.87
14.0%	\$ 9,897,213.34	\$ 6,543,317.48	\$ 3,353,895.86
15.0%	\$ 10,604,157.15	\$ 7,010,697.30	\$ 3,593,459.85
16.0%	\$ 11,311,100.96	\$ 7,478,077.12	\$ 3,833,023.84
17.0%	\$ 12,018,044.77	\$ 7,945,456.94	\$ 4,072,587.83
18.0%	\$ 12,724,988.58	\$ 8,412,836.76	\$ 4,312,151.82
19.0%	\$ 13,431,932.39	\$ 8,880,216.58	\$ 4,551,715.81
20.0%	\$ 14,138,876.20	\$ 9,347,596.40	\$ 4,791,279.80

UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE

Projected June 30, 2020

Unassigned Fund Balance at 6/30/19 (5.34% of Budget)	\$ 8,904,768
Refund from NYS for Final Cost Report Penalties	\$ (2,235,295) (1)
Estimated Revenue is lower than Budget 2019-20	\$ (550,000)
Estimated Expenditures is lower than Budget 2019-20	<u>\$ 783,237</u> (2)
Projected Unassigned Fund Balance – 6/30/20	<u>\$ 6,902,710</u>
Estimated Budget for 2020-2021:	<u>\$ 172,567,744</u>
Estimated Percentage of Budget:	4.0%

(1) Voters approved the appropriation of \$2.3 million of Fund Balance to the KWS Bear renovation project in a referendum on December 17, 2019.

(2) This amount represents the favorable variance due to the spending freeze and closure of schools effective March 17th. Additional compensation costs due to recent contract negotiations were offset by favorable expense variances in medical, retirement, utilities and fuel.

Projected RESERVES

June 30, 2020

	<u>July 1, 2019</u>	<u>June 30, 2020</u>
Tax Certiorari	\$2,023,592	\$2,051,922
Worker's Compensation	\$2,131,529	\$2,161,370
General Liability (a)	\$1,011,727	\$ 25,891
Debt Service	\$1,939,084	\$1,966,231
Capital (b)	<u>\$2,506,211</u>	<u>\$ 523,438</u>
Total	<u>\$9,612,143</u>	<u>\$6,728,852</u>

(a) This reserve is intended to be used (appropriated) in connection with 2020-21 budget.

(b) Voters authorized the establishment and funding of \$2.5 million in September 2015. Approximately \$2 million of these funds will be used in connection with roof projects approved by the voters in September of 2017.

Summary

- The District remains underfunded with Foundation Aid, receiving over \$13 million LESS than the fully funded amount.
- The Tax Levy increase of 2.59% is at the tax cap, requiring a simple majority.
- Unfortunately, current State Aid is insufficient and resulted in expenditure cuts. The net impact on personnel is that 40.15 positions were eliminated. Thankfully, due to retirements and leaves of absence only 3 people will be unemployed and 7 people will go from full time to part time, resulting in a loss of health benefits.
- The Budget includes total revenues and expenditures of \$172,567,744, which increased by \$5,807,744 or 3.48%. The budget includes the appropriation of \$4,000,000 of Fund Balance and the use of \$1,000,000 in reserves.
- Despite the proposed cuts, we are still able to provide our students with opportunities, reasonable class sizes and address their social and emotional needs.
- We are hopeful that additional federal aid to NYS will preempt any further cuts in expenditures for 2020-21.

Vote & Election

Tuesday, June 9, 2020 via US Mail

- School board elections and budget votes will take place by mailed ballots, which must be received by 5:00 PM on June 9, 2020.
- Qualified voters will receive an absentee ballot by mail with return postage paid by the District. Voters should complete their ballot and mail it back to the District in the postage paid envelope. In order for their ballot to be counted, the District must receive the mailed ballot by 5:00 PM on June 9, 2020.
- Candidates are listed on the ballot alphabetically. Board of Education candidate profiles were NOT printed in the District Dispatch due to time limitations. All candidate profiles are online with a photo provided by the candidate. The candidates are as follows: Michael Donofrio, Terri E. Krueger, Joshua Ludden, Erin C. McDonald, Michael Mirizio and Xavier Moody-Wusik
- The budget edition of District Dispatch has been sent electronically to households and mailed to homes on May 22nd.
- The Public Hearing meeting will take place on May 26th at 6:00 PM and will take place remotely via Zoom.

North Syracuse Central School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for 2019-2020	Budget Proposed for 2020-2021	Contingency Budget for the 2020-2021
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$166,760,407	\$172,567,744	\$170,232,121
Increase/Decrease for the 2020-2021 school year		\$5,807,337	\$3,471,714
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.48%	2.08%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.81%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount, Net of Reserve	\$90,209,332	\$92,544,955	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A+B+C-D)	\$90,209,332	\$92,544,955	\$90,209,332
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$90,209,332	\$92,544,955	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E-B-F+D)	\$90,209,332	\$92,544,955	
I. Difference: (G-H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval)	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$12,463,148	\$13,769,282	\$13,582,921
Program Component	\$133,347,871	\$136,889,932	\$135,037,192
Capital Component	\$20,949,388	\$21,908,530	\$21,612,008

** If the proposed budget is defeated, the Board of Education will present another budget to the voters which will reflect cuts in one or more of the following areas: sports teams, music programs, extracurricular activities, academic courses and teaching positions which could result in increased class sizes. In addition, cuts would be made to administrative and support services and certain equipment purchases.*

Budget Proposed for the 2020-2021 School Year	
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹	\$726

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2020-2021 by the qualified voters of the North Syracuse Central School District, Onondaga County, New York, will take place by mailed ballots, which must be received by **5:00 PM on June 9, 2020**. Qualified voters will receive an absentee ballot, by mail, with return postage paid by the District.

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

Instructions on Completing an Absentee Ballot

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- To vote for a candidate whose name is printed on this ballot, with pen or pencil, make a single cross mark (x) or check mark in the "Yes" or "No" box to the left of the candidate's name.
- To vote for a person or person(s) not listed on the ballot, write their name(s) on the blank line(s) marked "(write-in)."
- This whole ballot will be void if you:
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 - deface or tear the ballot;
 - make an erasure on the ballot; or
 - vote for more than three candidates or, if for any other reason, it is impossible to determine your choice of candidates for office.

OFFICIAL BALLOT, ABSENTEE VOTER

North Syracuse Central School District

Annual School District Election

June 9, 2020

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PROPOSITIONS

PROPOSITION #1 – BUDGET

YES NO

SHALL the proposed 2020-2021 budget for the North Syracuse Central School District in the amount of \$172,567,744 approved by the Board of Education on May 11, 2020 be adopted?

PROPOSITION #2 – VEHICLE BONDING PROPOSITION

YES NO

Shall the Board of Education (the "Board") of the North Syracuse Central School District (the "School District") be authorized to purchase twelve (12) student transportation vehicles; six (6) trucks/vans; one (1) wide-area mower; and one (1) tow truck for a total estimated maximum cost of all such vehicles not to exceed \$2,113,295 net of vehicle trade in value, and the Board shall be authorized to obtain the specified sum for these purposes, or so much thereof as may be necessary, by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the School District to be collected in annual installments in the years and in the amounts as the Board of Education shall determine, and, in anticipation of said tax, to issue up to \$2,113,295 in obligations of the School District?

VOTE FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

VOTE FOR ONLY THREE Members for the Board of Education – there are (3) three-year term seats

- Michael Donofrio _____ (Write In)
- Terri Krueger _____ (Write In)
- Joshua Ludden _____ (Write In)
- Erin McDonald
- Michael Mirizio
- Xavier Moody-Wusik

OFFICIAL BALLOT – ABSENTEE VOTER

NORTH SYRACUSE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION

OF

_____, 20__

Name of Voter _____

Address _____

City or Town _____

Post Office _____ Zip _____

County _____

THIS ENVELOPE, WITH THE ABSENTEE BALLOT ENCLOSED MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK NOT LATER THAN 5 O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE DAY OF THE ELECTION IN ORDER THAT THE VOTE MAY BE CANVASSED

STATEMENT OF ABSENTEE VOTER

I do declare that I am a citizen of the United States, and will be at least eighteen years of age, on the date of the school district election; that I will have been a resident of this state and of the school district and school election district, if any, shown on the reverse side of this envelope for thirty days next preceding the said election and duly registered in the school district and school election district, if any, shown on the reverse side of this envelope and that I am or on such date will be, a qualified voter of said school district; that I will be unable to appear personally on the day of said school district election at the polling place of the said district in which I am or will be a qualified voter because of the reason stated on my application heretofore submitted; that I have not qualified, or do I intend to vote, elsewhere than as set forth on the reverse side of this envelope; that I have not received or offered, do not expect to receive, have not paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed, offered or promised to contribute to another to be paid or used, any money or other valuable thing, as a compensation or reward for the giving or withholding of a vote at this school district election, and have not made any promise to influence the giving or withholding of any such votes; that I have not made or become directly or indirectly interested in any bet or wager depending upon the result of this school district election; and that I have not been convicted of bribery or any infamous crime, or, if so convicted, that I have been pardoned or restored to all the rights of a citizen, without restriction as to the right of suffrage, or received a certificate of relief from disabilities or a certificate of good conduct pursuant to article twenty-three of the correction law removing my disability to register and vote.

I hereby declare that the foregoing is a true statement to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I understand that if I make any material false statement in the foregoing statement of absentee voter, I shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE OF VOTER _____
PLACE BALLOT IN THIS ENVELOPE, SEAL AND PLACE IN THE RETURN ENVELOPE PROVIDED



Salina Library Proposition

2020-21 \$471,228

2019-20 \$458,393

Increase \$ 12,838

Increase 2.8%

2020-21 \$1.31

2019-20 \$1.27

Increase \$.04

January 15, 2020

Donald Keegan
Associate Superintendent for Business Services
Central Office Administration
5355 West Taft Road
North Syracuse, New York 13212-2796

Dear Mr. Keegan,

The Salina Free Library Board of Trustees approved the 2020-2021 public library proposition request in the amount of \$471,228. This small increase will allow the library to maintain services at the current level.

The Board of Trustees and staff are grateful for the School District's past support. If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at 315-454-4524 or e-mail at jchubon@salinalibrary.org. Salina Free Library Board President Frank Pappalardo can be reached at 315-453-7746 or at fpappalardo@tcwcvr.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jeannine Chubon
Director

Questions

- If you have any questions about the budget, please contact either:
 - Don Keegan, Associate Superintendent for Business Services at 315-218-2119 or by email at dkeegan@nscsd.org
 - Dan Bowles, Superintendent of Schools at 315-218-2150 or by email at dbowles@nscsd.org
- If you have questions about the voting or elections process, please contact:
 - Connie Gibson, District Clerk at 315-218-2131 or by email at Cgibson@nscsd.org



HAPPY

TEACHER

APPRECIATION

DAY!!!



