



Across The Bronxville Schools

THE BRONXVILLE PROMISE: INNOVATE • LEAD • THINK CRITICALLY • ENGAGE THE WORLD

Message *from the* BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Parents and Community Residents:

In a collaborative effort to preserve and nourish educational excellence in our schools in a fiscally sustainable way, the Board of Education and the school district's administration adopted the 2019-2020 proposed budget of \$49,506,462. The proposed spending plan represents a 2.64% increase in the tax levy, which is below the calculated New York State tax levy cap for our district.

Our proposed budget illustrates the district's chief priority of ensuring that all students have access to a top-notch quality of education and a full range of academic programs, student services and co-curricular activities. We have allocated resources to advance our curriculum work, maintain our teaching staff and keep our district on the cutting edge to further fulfill our vision, the Bronxville Promise.

The Bronxville Promise pursues rigorous and relevant standards of performance, reflecting not only content knowledge, but skills and dispositions related to innovation, leadership, critical thinking and engaged citizenship. It is now reflected in our classrooms in a stronger way, and students continue to demonstrate their growth in the four dispositions.

As always, the safety of our staff and students remains our highest priority. To this end, we have devoted resources toward increased security measures at our schools. We will be upgrading our public address system with districtwide synchronized clocks and will be adding a position for a full-time director of security, who will further enhance our security measures and provide training to our staff. Approximately 1% of the budget increase is directed toward increased security measures for our school.

Additionally, we will be asking voters to weigh in on a proposition that will allow us to transfer \$1,500,000 in existing money from the debt service account into the capital



projects fund, which carries no additional impact on taxes. The proposition was prompted after bids for the district's capital improvements project, which was approved by voters in May 2018, came in higher than expected. Upgrades to our facilities will keep our district competitive and expand the learning environment for all students to allow them greater opportunities to pursue collaborative and independent research work.

As your superintendent and Board of Education, we are confident that we have crafted a school budget that continues to carry out the Bronxville Promise, preserves the quality of instruction and addresses the community's priorities for its students. We have always enjoyed the support of our community as we strive to provide our students with the best education and look forward to continuing the partnership. The Bronxville School represents one of the top assets in our community, and thanks to your support, we are able to make an important investment in our students' future.

To ensure that community members have the information they need to cast an informed vote on May 21, we have provided in this publication a brief overview of the 2019-2020 proposed budget. Polls will be open for voting on Tuesday, May 21 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Blue Gym.

Sincerely,
The Bronxville Board of Education
Dr. Roy Montesano, Superintendent of Schools

This notice is being provided in both English and Spanish in accordance with Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Este aviso se proporciona tanto en inglés como en español de acuerdo con la Sección 203 de la Ley de Derechos de Votación de 1965.

Remember to Vote Tuesday, May 21, 2019

7 a.m.-9 p.m. in the Blue Gym (Use Meadow Avenue to Enter)

Bronxville 2019-2020 Proposed Budget

| | BUDGET 2018-2019 | PROPOSED BUDGET 2019-2020 | DOLLAR DIFFERENCE | % DIFFERENCE | % OF TOTAL BUDGET |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| BOARD OF EDUCATION | \$53,666 | \$51,666 | \$(2,000) | -3.73% | 0.10% |
| DISTRICT CLERK AND VOTING | \$13,442 | \$13,623 | \$181 | 1.35% | 0.03% |
| CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION | \$458,233 | \$469,628 | \$11,395 | 2.49% | 0.95% |
| FINANCE | \$756,529 | \$795,835 | \$39,306 | 5.20% | 1.61% |
| PERSONNEL SERVICES | \$57,150 | \$64,850 | \$7,700 | 13.47% | 0.13% |
| LEGAL SERVICES | | | | | |
| Attorney fees for both General Counsel and Construction Litigation | \$121,000 | \$118,000 | \$(3,000) | -2.48% | 0.24% |
| PUBLIC INFORMATION | \$9,000 | \$10,000 | \$1,000 | 11.11% | 0.02% |
| OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE | | | | | |
| Buildings and Grounds | \$3,348,858 | \$3,982,573 | \$633,715 | 18.92% | 8.04% |
| PRINTING, MAILING, DATA PROCESSING | \$698,407 | \$724,277 | \$25,870 | 3.70% | 1.46% |
| INSURANCE | \$690,000 | \$690,000 | - | 0.00% | 1.39% |
| TAX CERTIORARIS | \$150,000 | \$150,000 | - | 0.00% | 0.30% |
| SPECIAL ITEMS | | | | | |
| Unclassified Salary BOCES Administration/ Capital and Sewer Tax | \$403,907 | \$429,825 | \$25,918 | 6.42% | 0.87% |
| TOTAL | \$6,760,192 | \$7,500,277 | \$740,085 | 10.95% | 15.15% |
| CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT | \$399,519 | \$428,291 | \$28,772 | 7.20% | 0.87% |
| BUILDING AND DEPARTMENT SUPERVISION | \$2,044,590 | \$2,066,589 | \$21,999 | 1.08% | 4.17% |
| RESEARCH PLANNING AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT | \$267,140 | \$277,460 | \$10,320 | 3.86% | 0.56% |
| TEACHING REGULAR SCHOOL | \$15,181,612 | \$15,065,286 | \$(116,326) | -0.77% | 30.43% |
| SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM | \$5,582,470 | \$5,576,252 | \$(6,218) | -0.11% | 11.26% |
| SCHOOL LIBRARY/AUDIOVISUAL | \$409,264 | \$418,746 | \$9,482 | 2.32% | 0.85% |
| INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTER SOFTWARE/HARDWARE | \$1,056,880 | \$1,191,922 | \$135,042 | 12.78% | 2.41% |
| CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES | \$272,878 | \$289,670 | \$16,792 | 6.15% | 0.59% |
| INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS | \$958,410 | \$1,027,225 | \$68,815 | 7.18% | 2.07% |
| OTHER PUPIL SERVICES | \$1,387,457 | \$1,431,288 | \$43,831 | 3.16% | 2.89% |
| TOTAL | \$27,560,220 | \$27,772,729 | \$212,509 | 0.77% | 56.10% |
| PUPIL TRANSPORTATION | \$956,675 | \$972,675 | \$16,000 | 1.67% | 1.96% |
| TOTAL | \$956,675 | \$972,675 | \$16,000 | 1.67% | 1.96% |
| CENSUS | \$675 | \$675 | - | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | \$10,078,591 | \$10,393,481 | \$314,890 | 3.12% | 20.99% |
| DEBT SERVICE | \$2,791,625 | \$2,791,625 | - | 0.00% | 5.64% |
| INTERFUND TRANSFER | \$75,000 | \$75,000 | - | 0.00% | 0.15% |
| TOTAL | \$12,945,891 | \$13,260,781 | \$314,890 | 2.43% | 26.79% |
| GRAND TOTAL ALL BUDGET CATEGORIES | \$48,222,978 | \$49,506,462 | \$1,283,484 | 2.66% | 100.00% |

Tax Rate Projection Summary

| | BUDGET 2018-2019 | PROPOSED BUDGET 2019-2020 | DOLLAR DIFFERENCE | % CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$48,222,978 | \$49,506,462 | \$1,283,484 | 2.66% |
| TOTAL REVENUE OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES | \$5,875,000 | \$6,040,000 | \$165,000 | 2.81% |
| ASSESSED VALUATION* | \$3,162,623,829 | \$3,175,736,326 | \$13,112,497 | 0.41% |
| AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES | \$42,347,978 | \$43,466,462 | \$1,118,484 | 2.64% |
| TAX RATE PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUATION | \$13.3901 | \$13.6871 | \$0.2969 | 2.22% |

**This figure is subject to change up and until the publication of the tax roll in June.*

2019-2020 Revenues

| | BUDGET 2018-2019 | PROPOSED BUDGET 2019-2020 | DOLLAR DIFFERENCE | % DIFFERENCE | % OF TOTAL BUDGET |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| STATE AID | \$2,525,000 | \$2,600,000 | \$75,000 | | |
| SUBTOTAL | \$2,525,000 | \$2,600,000 | \$75,000 | 2.97% | 5.25% |
| OTHER REVENUES | | | | | |
| Tuition from Individuals | \$180,000 | \$200,000 | \$20,000 | | |
| Tuition from Other Districts | \$1,400,000 | \$1,300,000 | (100,000) | | |
| Health Services | \$450,000 | \$450,000 | \$0 | | |
| Westchester County Sales Tax | \$340,000 | \$350,000 | \$10,000 | | |
| SUBTOTAL | \$2,370,000 | \$2,300,000 | (\$70,000) | -2.95% | 4.65% |
| MISCELLANEOUS | | | | | |
| Earnings on Investments | \$60,000 | \$220,000 | \$160,000 | | |
| Borderline Properties | \$310,000 | \$310,000 | \$0 | | |
| Other | \$110,000 | \$110,000 | \$0 | | |
| Fund Balance Applied to Tax Reduction | \$500,000 | \$500,000 | \$0 | | |
| SUBTOTAL | \$980,000 | \$1,140,000 | \$160,000 | 16.33% | 2.30% |
| TOTAL REVENUES OTHER THAN REAL PROPERTY TAX | \$5,875,000 | \$6,040,000 | \$165,000 | 2.81% | 12.20% |
| AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY REAL PROPERTY TAX | \$42,347,978 | \$43,466,462 | \$1,118,484 | 2.64% | 87.80% |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$48,222,978 | \$49,506,462 | \$1,283,484 | 2.66% | 100.00% |

Questions & Answers

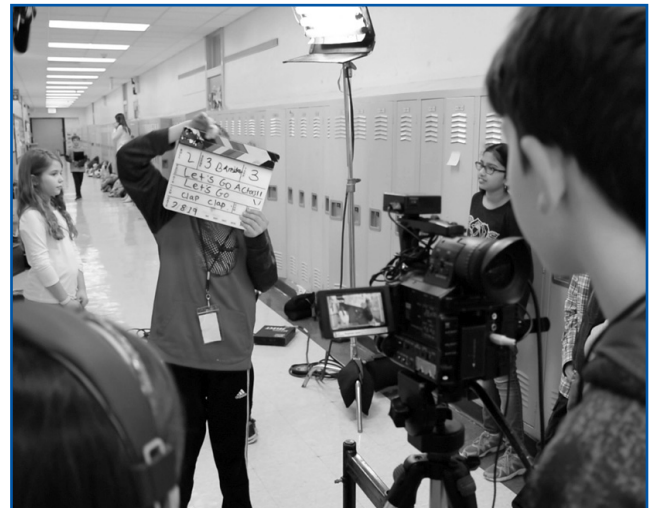
Q: What are the major cost drivers in the proposed budget?

A: The majority of the increase from year to year is attributed to inflationary trends in health insurance, enhancements in security (public address system and professional security leadership) and educational enhancements at all three schools in the form of additional funding for social-emotional support as required by new regulations at the elementary school, as well as an additional science position at the middle school and an additional social studies position at the high school.

This budget includes funding for the following planned contracts and leases:

- \$100,000 in funding third year of planned five-year lease expenditures from the general fund for the purpose of replacing districtwide network printers and photocopiers.
- \$680,000 in planned contractual expenditures for out-of-district private school and special education transportation. A three-year BEPT consortium bid was awarded in June 2017.
- \$75,000 in funding first year of planned four-year installment purchase agreement with Southern Westchester BOCES for the purchase of technology equipment.

The approval of this budget will constitute approval for the Board of Education to enter into contracts for these services.





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VOTER INFORMATION

WHEN AND WHERE?

Tuesday, May 21 – Bronxville School, 177 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, New York.
Polls are open from **7 a.m. – 9 p.m.** Voting will take place in the School **BLUE GYM**
(use entrance on **Meadow Avenue**).

WHO MAY VOTE?

You may vote if you are a **U.S. citizen, 18 years or older** as of May 21, 2019, claim **residency in the Village of Bronxville** for at least **30 days prior to May 21, 2019**, and if you are not otherwise prohibited from voting under the provisions of NYS Election Law.

WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT?

- I. The proposed 2019-2020 school district budget of **\$49,506,462**.
Vote Yes or No
- II. Proposition No. 1 to transfer to and expend from the Capital Projects Fund **\$1,500,000** to provide additional funds for Capital Projects.
Vote Yes or No
- III. Vote for **three** members of the Board of Education:
 1. For a three-year term for the seat currently held by John Bierwirth
Vote for one: JOHN BIERWIRTH
 2. For a three-year term for the seat currently held by Thomas Curran
Vote for one: THOMAS CURRAN
 3. For a three-year term for the seat currently held by Arleen Thomas
Vote for one: ARLEEN THOMAS

HOW DO I CAST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?

A qualified voter must complete and **submit an application** (available on the website at www.bronxvilleschool.org or in the Superintendent's Office, 177 Pondfield Road, Suite B201) **to receive an absentee ballot**. The completed application must be received at least seven days before the election if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, May 14); or by 3 p.m. on Monday, May 20, the day before the election, if the absentee ballot is to be issued to the voter in person. **The completed absentee ballot must be received by 5 p.m. on the day of the vote/election (Tuesday, May 21, 2019).**

For further information or clarification, contact Connie Lourentzatos, district clerk, at 914-395-0500, ext. 1316, or by email at clourentzatos@bronxvilleschool.org.



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