

Message from the Superintendent

Dear District Residents,

The Beekmantown Central School District Board of Education requests voter consideration of a proposed \$46,024,284 spending plan for the 2019-2020 school year. Voting on the budget, transportation, selection of five (5) Board members and Convey Unneeded Property to The Dodge Library Association will take place from 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 in the Beekmantown Middle School gymnasium.

The School District Budget Notice (other side) details important information that helps explain the 2019-2020 budget and highlights comparisons between this plan and the budget adopted in 2018-2019.

In crafting our budget, the district continued to be mindful of our students, employees and taxpayers. As such, we propose a tax levy increase of 2.56%. In 2018-2019 our tax levy increase was 2.94% and 1.57% in 2017-2018.

The district presented the 2019-2020 spending plan at a public hearing held on May 14, 2019. Due to internal spending controls, continued extensive grant writing, reductions in some areas and reconfiguration in other areas, along with our annual state aid increase, we will be able to preserve our outstanding programmatic offerings for our students.

As part of the district's ongoing bus replacement plan, a proposition to purchase four (4) buses at an estimated cost not to exceed \$453,210. This purchase is reimbursed back to the district at a ratio of 70.9% by NYSED. The district will trade or sell four (4) school buses to offset the remaining balance.

Another proposition exists for the voters to convey ownership of the West Chazy Dodge Library to the Dodge Library Association. For many years, the Board of Education has discussed the need to return this property from the District to the members of the Town of West Chazy who care and oversee this wonderful local library.

Our employees, administration and Board of Education remain committed to providing world class educational opportunities for students so they can become *quality contributors to society and self*.

The details of the proposed budget are posted on our district website www.bcsdk12.org and can be viewed by clicking on the budget information link found under Quick Links. Additionally, you may obtain a budget booklet at the main offices of each school building, the District Office, and the Dodge Library.

In closing, I wish to thank our school community for your continued support of our students and your outstanding school district. We invite everyone to view a sample of the excellent work from students and teachers at our Spring Digital Expo during the budget vote at the main campus. Additionally, Beekmantown High School concert is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium for all to enjoy. We hope you can tour our students' work.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools

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School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2018-19 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2019-20 School Year *										
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 42,512,179	\$46,024,284	\$45,494,121										
Increase/Decrease for the 2019-20 School Year		\$3,512,105	\$2,981,942										
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		8.26 %	7.01%										
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.44%											
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	20,745,238	21,275,401											
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)	20,745,238	21,275,401	20,745,238										
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$314,482	\$314,482											
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$20,430,756	\$20,960,919											
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$20,430,756	\$20,960,919											
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0											
Administrative Component	\$3,534,266	\$3,823,201	\$3,724,201										
Program Component	\$32,308,499	\$34,048,697	\$34,128,523										
Capital Component	\$6,669,414	\$8,152,386	\$7,641,397										
<p>* Assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2019-20 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law includes expenditures considered essential to maintain the education programs, preserve property and ensure the health and safety of students and staff with an emphasis for expenditures in general considered absolutely necessary to operate and maintain schools, except for those items which the status themselves either provide mandates for or give discretion to the Board of Education. Items which are statutorily considered non-contingency expenses include but are not limited to items such as student supplies, certain non-collectively bargained wage increases, certain equipment, certain vehicles, non-essential transportation, community use of facilities resulting with additional expenses to the district and community education programs.</p>													
<p>** 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)</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 80%;">Description</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> </tbody> </table>			Description	Amount								
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Under the Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year
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Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$526
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The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2019-20 by the qualified voters of the Beekmantown Central School District, Clinton County, New York, will be held at the Middle School Gymnasium in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 between the hours of 11:00am and 8:00pm, prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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