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Greg Macaluso
Superintendent of Schools

Thank You, Williamson!

Living through these uncertain times has amplified the true spirit of this community: Deep Roots, Core Values, and Bright Futures.

Deep Roots exemplify the pride and love that this community shares - the desire to stay here and be here, and thrive here. I want to thank each and every one of you for your cooperation and attentiveness to changing systems during this uncertain time.

Parents, guardians and caregivers are keeping the learning going from a distance while likely working from home. We know this is no small task and appreciate what you are doing. From the heroes on the front lines making and delivering meals, to the teachers and administrators working from home, to the behind-the-scenes workers who are keeping the work flowing on the business end and buildings and grounds: you are all appreciated.

Our imperative of "Doing what is right for children" is a Core Value that is keeping all of us going and giving us purpose. In this time, we are continually redefining what we mean by "doing what is right." Our value of caring for each other is more important than ever as we are all facing our own unique challenges. This, too, shall pass and we will have opportunities to make up for some of what has been lost.

The work being done now will ensure Bright Futures for our kids and community. We will get through this together and may even be stronger and brighter on the other end.

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Williamson Central School District

Comparative Three Part Budget



The following provides a comparison of the 2020-21 proposed budget with the 2019-20 budget. Copies of the proposed budget and attachments are available in each school building Monday-Friday. Copies of the proposed budget and additional information may be obtained from the District website at www.williamsoncentral.org or by calling the District Office at (315) 589-9661.

	2019-20 Actual Budget	2020-21 Proposed Budget
ADMINISTRATIVE		
Board of Education	\$20,212	\$26,112
Central Administration & Finance	\$539,070	\$540,052
Legal Services, Personnel, Public Information	\$106,227	\$111,553
Central Services and Special Items	\$412,322	\$422,630
Curriculum Development and Supervision	\$1,069,376	\$1,106,271
Benefits	<u>\$597,059</u>	<u>\$598,972</u>
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	\$2,744,266	\$2,805,591
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM		
Teaching - Regular School	\$5,599,589	\$5,634,684
Programs for Students with Disabilities & Occ Ed	\$3,520,325	\$3,572,550
Special Services, Instructional Media, and Pupil Services	\$2,209,939	\$2,273,379
Co-curricular and Athletics	\$329,450	\$338,592
Transportation	\$1,233,328	\$1,265,300
Community Services	\$168,869	\$0
Benefits	<u>\$4,954,090</u>	<u>\$4,846,451</u>
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$18,015,589	\$17,930,957
CAPITAL		
Operation of Maintenance of Plant	\$1,520,347	\$1,508,313
Benefits	\$246,475	\$254,700
Debt Service and Transfers	<u>\$1,836,827</u>	<u>\$2,131,168</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$3,603,649	\$3,894,181
TOTAL BUDGET	\$24,363,504	\$24,630,729



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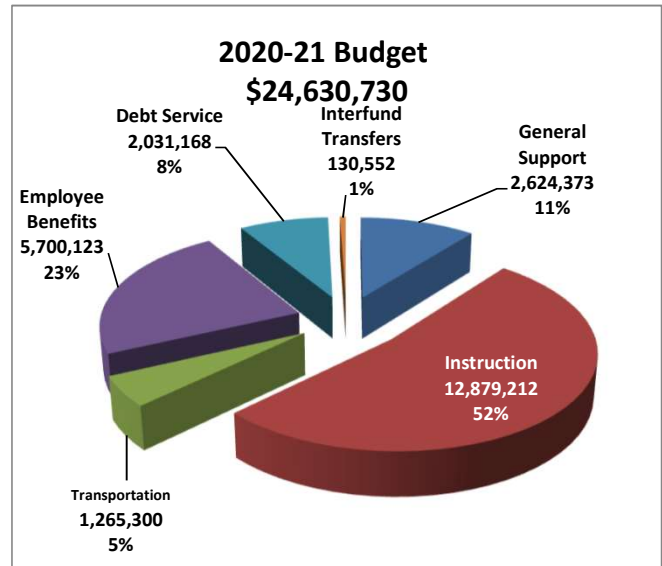
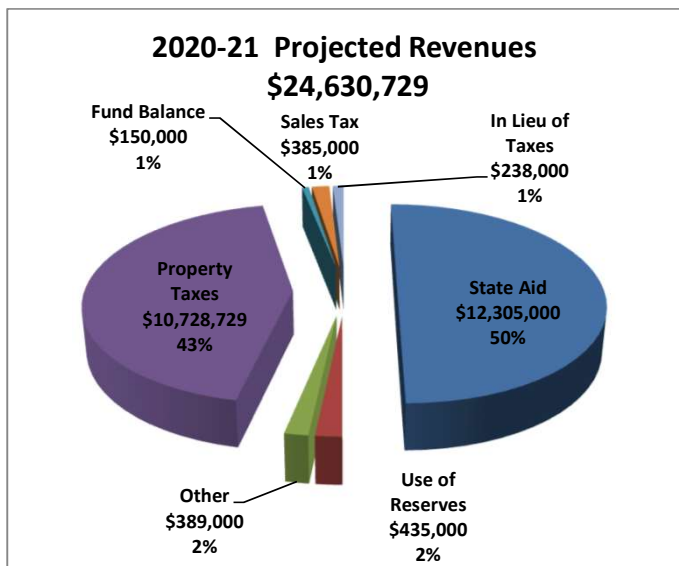
2020-21 Comparative Revenues



	2019-20 Revenue Budget	2020-21 Proposed Revenue Budget
Revenues		
State Aid	\$12,200,000	\$12,305,000
Other (Tuition Charges, Fees for Services, etc)	\$477,000	\$389,000
Property Taxes (Including STAR)	\$10,578,335	\$10,728,729
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$150,000	\$150,000
Sales Tax	\$385,000	\$385,000
In Lieu of Taxes	\$238,169	\$238,000
Use of Reserves		
Employee Contribution Reserve	\$100,000	\$200,000
Liability Reserve	\$100,000	\$100,000
Debt Service Reserve	\$100,000	\$100,000
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve	\$35,000	\$35,000
Total Revenue Budget	\$24,363,504	\$24,630,729

The table summarizes the major categories of revenues for the proposed 2020-21 revenue budget compared with the 2019-20 revenue budget. Other revenues include interest earnings, tuition charges, fees for services, and medicaid reimbursement.

Total Revenues & Appropriations Balanced Budget



School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2019-20 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2020-21 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 24,363,504	\$ 24,630,729	\$ 24,448,028
Increase/Decrease for the 2020-21 School Year		\$ 267,225	\$ 182,701
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.10 %	0.75%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.81%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 10,578,335	\$ 10,728,729	
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)	\$ 10,578,335	\$ 10,728,729	\$10,,578,335
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 0	\$ 0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 10,584,144	\$ 10,835,310	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$ 10,578,335	\$ 10,728,729	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 6,139	\$ 106,581	
Administrative Component	\$ 2,744,266	\$ 2,805,591	\$ 2,730,519
Program Component	\$ 18,015,589	\$ 17,930,957	\$ 17,925,643
Capital Component	\$ 3,603,649	\$ 3,894,181	\$ 3,791,866
* Should the proposed budget be defeated and the above contingency budget be adopted, the initial cuts as required by law would be eliminating certain equipment and community use of facilities. Additional cuts may be required to conform to spending caps which would come from programs as determined by the Board of Education at the time of adoption.			
** 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	

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$741

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2020-21 by the qualified voters of the Williamson Central School District, Wayne County, New York, will be via absentee ballot on Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

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

PROPOSITION 1 – 2020-2021 BUDGET

Shall the proposed school budget for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$24,630,729 be approved and shall the transfer of \$100,000 from the Liability Reserve Fund be used to support the 2020-21 proposed budget?

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Yes

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No

PROPOSITION 2 – BUS PURCHASE

Shall the Board of Education of the Williamson Central School District be authorized to undertake the acquisition of two (2) 25-passenger school buses, at an estimated maximum cost of \$66,000 each, and two (2) 65-passenger school buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$131,500 each; all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$395,000, less trade-in value, if any, and to appropriate and expend from the existing bus purchase reserve fund \$125,000 for such costs, and that the balance of such costs, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed \$270,000 shall be issued, or the school district may enter into an installment purchase contract if the Board of Education determines that it is in the best interest of the school district to finance the purchase in that method.

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Yes

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No

STAR Exemption Information

The 2020-21 Basic STAR Exemption saves the average homeowner approximately \$741 in their school tax bill. Basic STAR is available for owner-occupied primary residents where the resident owner and spouse income is less than \$250,000. This exempts the first \$29,400 of the full value of the home from school taxes.

An example of STAR savings:

Without STAR, a homeowner would pay an estimated \$25.41 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value.

With STAR, a homeowner would pay an estimated \$18.00 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value.

IMPORTANT NEW INFORMATION FOR STAR EXEMPTION RECIPIENTS

If you currently receive your STAR benefit as a reduction on your school tax bill (the STAR exemption), you may receive a greater benefit if you switch to the STAR credit; you'll receive a check instead.

Note: The income limit for the Basic STAR exemption is now \$250,000. If your income is more than \$250,000, you must switch to the credit to continue receiving a STAR benefit.

For more information visit www.tax.ny.gov or by calling (518) 457-2036



Holli Casanzio
2020 Williamson BOE Candidate

I have many reasons for choosing to run for the Board of Education. The main reason is because I care about our children, our district and our community. I have a deep desire to have a positive impact on the future and I believe the future starts with our children and their education.

I care about the children. I want to see all children in our district thrive by getting an excellent education from teachers that love them in a community that supports them. I want them to have opportunities to grow their minds as well as their interests and talents. I want to see the children

in our district leave here well prepared for success in the next chapter of their lives.

I care about our district. I desire to see our district remain financially stable in a world where so many districts are struggling or collapsing. I want us to continue to be able to offer a challenging curriculum and a wide variety of extracurricular activities on a campus that is growing and improving.

I care about our community. I want to see our community grow and flourish with new families and new businesses desiring to move here. I want to do my part to help establish yearly budgets that continue to allow for minimal tax increases for our families.

I believe that my long-time residency in Wayne County, being a mother with children in the district, a professional in the financial services field focusing on Wayne County and an active member in the community will all allow me to be an impactful member of the Board that will benefit our children, our district and our community as a whole.



Angela DeFisher
2020 Williamson BOE Candidate

My name is Angela DeFisher, and I have been a Williamson resident for the past 17 years. I moved to Williamson from Webster in 2003 when I married my husband, Dave. We have three children enrolled in the District: Thomas (16), Matthew (14), and David (10).

While my children have attended Williamson schools since kindergarten, I grew up quite differently, living in almost a dozen different places in the United States and Europe and attending nine different schools while my father served in the U.S. Army. I moved to Western New York in 1992 to attend Niagara University, where I earned a BBA in Accounting in 1996 and began my career in a finance position at Xerox that same year. In 2001, I completed my MBA at St. John Fisher College. I have been employed with Xerox for nearly 24 years and have held several positions during that time, with a variety of job responsibilities, including finance, management, manufacturing, logistics, and planning. In April 2019, my position was transitioned from Xerox to HCL America, although my job as the Global Planner for Consumables Manufacturing has remained largely unchanged. As I write this, I am in my final days with HCL and Xerox, as my position is being outsourced to India later this summer.

I have served as a Trustee on the Williamson Board of Education since 2011, including four years as Vice President. During my time with the Board, I have been part of two superintendent searches, and served on several committees and community organizations, including the District Safety Committee, Curriculum Council, Technology Committee, Scholarship Committee, Wellness Committee, Williamson Recreation Committee and Williamson Park

Committee. Prior to joining the Board, I was very active in the District as a classroom volunteer and in the PTSA as a volunteer, building representative, Building Planning Team representative, and Box Tops coordinator for several years.

Our District has long been one that aims to achieve academic excellence, striving to be the best in Wayne County while simultaneously being competitive with our neighboring districts in Monroe County. We work to provide our children with a solid educational foundation, providing the resources and tools they need to enable their success and the future successes of our community, on a local, regional and even global scale. The Board of Education is charged with many responsibilities, including creating a shared vision for the future, setting the direction of the district to maximize student performance, providing accountability for student achievement, budgeting to align district resources to improve achievement, creating strategic partnerships with community stakeholders, adopting and maintaining district policies, and hiring and evaluating the superintendent. All this work is done with an unwavering focus on doing what is best for children while maintaining fiscal responsibility, transparency, and accountability to our families, staff, taxpayers and community at large.

It has been my pleasure to work with our students, staff, administrators, community members, and my fellow Board of Education trustees over the years. My experiences as a volunteer with the District have solidified my belief that we live in a unique community with deep roots, a strong set of core values and traditions, and a remarkable group of very talented individuals who are dedicated to providing our students and community with bright futures. I look forward to continuing the challenging and vital work of the Williamson Central School District Board of Education, serving our students and community, and respectfully ask for your vote.

Thank you for your support,
Angela DeFisher



Geoff Governor

2020 Williamson BOE Candidate

Hello! My name is Geoff Governor. I am honored to have the opportunity to run for one of two vacancies on the Williamson Central School Board of Education. I am a 1994 graduate of North Rose Wolcott. My father was a military man who raised me to serve, always thinking of others before myself. As a result, between my junior and senior year of high school, I enlisted in the United States Navy. Upon graduation from boot camp, I volunteered for overseas service and was assigned to the forward-deployed aircraft carrier, USS Independence in Yokosuka, Japan. When my enlistment in the Navy ended, I attended Monroe Community College. While attending MCC, I took the New York State Police exam. I was fortunate to be invited to attend the New York State Police Academy. My first assignment after graduating from the police academy was in Liberty, NY where I met my wife, Anne. In August 2001 I was assigned to the New York State Police barracks in Williamson. Within a week of working in Williamson, I knew this community was the place for us to plant our roots. Williamson

welcomed me and Anne with open arms when we bought our home on Bear Swamp Road.

I was a uniform trooper in Williamson until I was promoted to Investigator in March 2008. I have enjoyed having the privilege of serving this community and helping others.

Anne and I have two daughters who both attend Williamson Central Schools. Alexa is in 9th grade and Hannah is in 6th. After becoming a member of the PTSA, I became involved in school activities such as Big Pumpkin Day and the book fair. I have had the honor of attending many school field trips and participating in various coaching activities. As I have watched our daughters grow and thrive in WCS, I have become more involved in our school district and started attending school board meetings. For the last three years, I have regularly attended school board meetings. As a result, I was invited to participate in our school district's Branding Committee to help create our current logo.

During a board meeting in February 2018, I witnessed several high school students voice their concerns over the lack of a school resource officer and safety concerns in our school buildings. This motivated me to offer immediate help. As a police officer, I have seen the positive impact one person can make.

I spoke in front of the school board and the energized students to offer my voluntary services as a mentor. Mr. Fulmer and Ms. Taylor invited me into the middle school and I

began mentoring several students. For more than three years I have given my time, once a week for several hours a day, as a mentor and positive role model. I often modify my work schedule and utilize my own vacation time so I can connect with our students. I initially started mentoring four students. Eventually, more than a dozen students embraced the opportunity to meet with me for support and encouragement. As a mentor in the middle school I have been able to coach leadership by example. This allows our students to better develop social skills and help them on the path to being the best version of themselves.

My family is very active in volunteering for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. For more than a decade, we have participated in many annual fundraisers benefiting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. I have been a board member with the Rochester, NY chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation for almost five years. I am currently an outreach chair for the Western, NY region. These volunteer positions have given me numerous opportunities to do advocacy work in Albany and Washington, DC. I ask for your vote in our upcoming school board election. I believe every student matters. As a school board member I will further serve our community as a whole. I am approachable and encourage open discussions. As a board member, I will contribute to the positive environment fostered by the administration, staff, and community members. Thank you for your consideration.

Coming Soon! Williamson Marauder Care

Quality Afterschool Program for Students in Grades UPK-4

Goals of Marauder Care

- ◇ High quality, safe, affordable childcare for Williamson students in grade UPK-4.
- ◇ Academic Support
- ◇ Recreation-based activities
- ◇ Play

**Where: Williamson
Elementary School**

When: 3:30 pm—6:00 pm

***Operational on all full
school attendance days.**

More information coming soon! For information please contact
Marauder Care Coordinator: Rebecca Klejment
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