



# Frankfort-Schuyler

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## CENTRAL SCHOOL

**Mission Statement:** *Our purpose is to provide a positive learning environment in which students and staff will have the opportunity to experience success and become lifelong learners.*

Budget Newsletter

May 2019

### From the Board of Education

The Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District Board of Education has adopted the proposed 2019-2020 School District Budget. The proposed budget is \$19,558,257, with a projected tax levy increase of 1.72%.

Please note that this tax levy increase is the legally permitted tax cap levy. As a result, tax payers will be eligible to receive a tax rebate check from New York State.

This adopted budget continues to balance the educational needs of our students with the need for fiscal responsibility and accountability. As a result of your continued support, the District has been able to provide a quality instructional program and a variety of extracurricular activities and athletics.

This budget provides for the continuation of the nationally-recognized Project Lead the Way program, driver's education, our visual and performing arts activities, Advanced Placement and College Now courses and opportunities for job shadowing and job internship programs.

The Board of Education appreciates the support the community has provided to our students. We look forward to your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Morgan, *Board of Education President*  
Joseph Ciccone, *Board of Education Vice President*  
Dominick Bellino  
Jack Bono  
Michael Clements  
Kathleen Sarafin  
Angela Service  
Robert F. Reina, *Superintendent of Schools*

### Budget Hearing

May 7, 2019

6:30 p.m. in the Middle-High School Library

### Budget & Election Vote

May 21, 2019

Noon to 8:00 p.m. in the  
High School Old Gymnasium

### Frankfort-Schuyler Central School/ Frankfort Kiwanis Club

The Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District, in partnership with the Frankfort Kiwanis Club, sponsors three student community service groups: Key Club (at the High School), Builders Club (at the Middle School) and K-Kids (at the Elementary School). All three groups have been very active throughout this school year.

For the third consecutive year, Key Club members participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. Members also supported the Elementary School PTO by volunteering during the school's annual Fall Fest in October. In cooperation with the Friends of Rachel Club, Builders Club and National Honor Society, Key Club members participated in Unity Day, an effort to promote anti-bullying activities district-wide. Members also assisted with the annual Gram Lorraine program, which serves to provide clothing and gifts for students at Christmastime.

The Builders Club supported the Feed Our Vet Food Drive and the Kiwanis Food Drive. Members collected items for Chemo Comfort Bags, which include items such as snacks, skin care products, hats, water and blankets for patients receiving treatment for cancer. The Builders Club also held fundraising activities to support programs including Amazing Gracie's Gift Foundation, which provides support to children and families fighting pediatric cancer.

K-Kids Club has been very active in the Elementary School. Students have participated in the Adopt a Veteran program, Operation Candy Cane and the Kiwanis Food Drive. Students also held a pet food drive to benefit the Humane Society, supported Cody's Walk and decorated luminaria for the American Cancer Society.

### Mock Trial Program

The Frankfort-Schuyler High School mock trial team recently completed a very successful 2018-2019 tournament season, finishing with an undefeated record and will soon be participating in playoff competition against other schools.

The New York State Bar Association, The New York Bar Foundation and The Law, Youth and Citizenship Program co-sponsor mock trial competitions. The goals, as presented by their prepared brochure are to provide high school students with an opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of civil and criminal law and courtroom procedures. Students learn about ethics, civility and professionalism, court procedures, laws and engage in many public speaking activities. The competition, which focuses on the preparation and participation of a hypothetical courtroom trial, allows participants to assume the roles of judges, attorneys and witnesses while arguing a case.

The 2018-2019 team members included: Lars Bennett, Olivia Bongiorno, Victoria DeLuca, Nicholas Duffy, Stephanie Guseva, Diana Lubezhanina, Joseph Parrotta, Giovanni Randazzo, Nick Randazzo, Doug Roser, Stephanie Smithing, Kylie Wren and Brady Zahniser. The team was coached by local Attorney Frank Madia and Joseph Minosh.

**Congratulations to all on a great season!**

# School News

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## Cost Savings Measures

The 2019-2020 proposed budget includes several cost savings measures, expenditure plan reductions and shared opportunities.

Examples of these include the following:

- One (1) teacher assistant position is eliminated.
- The District receives tuition payments for out-of-district students who participate in our Project Lead the Way and special education programs.
- The District continues to participate, along with many other school districts, in a health insurance consortium which results in reduced insurance costs.
- The District continues to participate in a state-wide consortium for the purchase of natural gas.
- The District continues an agreement with the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES for the cafeteria food service program.
- The District continues a cooperative agreement with Herkimer BOCES for payroll processing, accounts payable, Worker's Compensation and Medicaid Services.
- The District is able to provide the following services at a reduced cost as a result of participating in other cooperative and sharing agreements with BOCES:
  - Career and Technical Education
  - V.P. Tech. Program
  - School Safety Program
  - Job Shadowing and Internship Experiences
  - Summer School
  - Purchase of Supplies
  - Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy
  - Languages Other Than English Assistance
  - Professional Development Activities
  - Purchase of Computers and Other Instructional Technologies
  - Shared Art Teacher
  - Committee on Special Education Programs and Services

## Items Included in the Budget

- Driver's Education
- Elementary Art remains at current level
- Secondary Art remains at current level
- Elementary Vocal and Instrumental Music remains at current level
- Secondary Vocal and Instrumental Music remains at current level
- School Safety Officers – One (1) in each building – Elementary, and Middle-High School
- Full-Day Kindergarten
- Half-Day pre-K Program
- Prevention Services Counselor from Catholic Social Services
- Athletics – at current levels – including:
  - Modified Sports
  - Varsity and JV Sports, including:
    - Football
    - Boys and Girls Soccer
    - Baseball
    - Softball
    - Boys and Girls Basketball
    - Girls Volleyball
    - Boys and Girls Track
    - Cheerleading
    - Bowling (shared with Herkimer)
    - Indoor Track (shared with Herkimer)
- Extracurricular Activities, including, but not limited to, the following:
  - Alliance Club
  - Art Club
  - Builder's Club (Middle School-Kiwanis Club co-sponsored program)
  - Chess Club
  - Computer Science Club
  - Friends of Rachel/Rachel's Challenge Program
  - Future Business Leaders of America
  - Jazz Band
  - K-Kids (Elementary School-Kiwanis Club co-sponsored program)
  - Key Club (High School-Kiwanis Club co-sponsored program)
  - Mock Trial
  - National Honor Society/National Junior Honor Society
  - Select Chorus
  - Show Choir
  - Ski Club
  - Student Council

## FSCS Proposed 2019-2020 Budget

Budget Amount - \$19,558,257

Budget Increase - 3.07%

Tax Levy Increase\* - 1.72%

# School News

## The New York State Report Card

### Fiscal Accountability Supplement for Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District

According to the latest data, Frankfort–Schuyler Central School District has lower expenditures per pupil than similar districts and all NYS Public Schools.

	General Education Expenditures	Special Education Expenditures	Overall Expenditures
ALL NYS Public Schools	\$12,692	\$32,794	\$24,712
Similar NYS Schools	\$11,548	\$32,148	\$22,738
Frankfort-Schuyler	\$8,907	\$22,831	\$18,783

### Estimated 2019-2020 Revenues

Revenue Category	2018-2019 Budget	Proposed 2019-2020 Budget
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$600,000	\$600,000
Real Property Taxes & STAR	7,647,470	7,781,514
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	93,000	93,000
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	15,000	15,000
Interest Earnings	8,000	12,000
Tuitions	37,000	146,500
Miscellaneous	11,874	11,874
Transfers	212,000	152,000
Medicaid Reimbursements	60,000	60,000
Medicare Part D Reimbursement	35,000	45,000
State Aid General Support/Flex Aid	10,256,444	10,641,369
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,975,788</b>	<b>\$19,558,257</b>

### Who is a Qualified Voter

A qualified voter is a person who is a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years old, and a resident of the District for at least 30 days prior to the vote.

### Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots are available. Applications for an absentee ballot must be received by District Clerk Mrs. Giordano, by May 15, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or by May 20, if the ballot is to be issued to the voter in person. The ballot itself must be received by District Clerk Mrs. Giordano, or her designee, by 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2019.

### School Board Candidate Bio

#### Michael Clements

Michael Clements is a graduate of Frankfort-Schuyler Central School Class of 1975. Mike is currently a member of the Board of Education, serving this District for the past six (6) years. Mike is also a Board Member of the Herkimer BOCES Board of Education. Mike is a life-long resident of this District, lives on the family farm with his wife Mary. He has four children, the youngest, Emma, still at home. Mike works for the United States Postal Service where he has been employed since 1984. Mike's present position as District

Representative for the National Rural Letter Carriers, represents over 1000 Rural Carriers in the Albany District involving Union matters. Mike is a member of the Herkimer county Farm Bureau, is County Secretary and on the State Membership Committee. Also, an active member of the NYS Beef Producers Association. Mike is also on the Town of Frankfort Cemetery Committee. Mike looks forward to continue working with everyone in the District.

### What is a Contingency Budget?

The contingency budget funds only salaries and those items the Board of Education deems to be “ordinary contingent expenses;” examples of which include legal obligations and items necessary to the maintenance of a school district’s educational programs, the preservation of school property, and ensuring the health and safety of students and staff. Additional examples of “ordinary contingency expenses” include, but are not limited to: legal obligations such as: social security and recruitment, payroll taxes and collective bargaining unit, student transportation, textbooks, library books, cafeteria expenses, interscholastic athletics and other extracurricular expenses. Examples of expenditures that are NOT “ordinary contingent expenses” include: new equipment purchases, public use of school grounds and facilities (except where there is no cost to the district), pupil supplies (i.e., writing pads, composition paper, index cards, etc.)

*A Contingency Budget would result in a reduction of \$134,044.*

# General Fund Appropriations

		General Support	
		2018-2019	2019-2020
		Budget	Budget
<b>I.</b>	<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>		
	This section includes the expenses of the Board of Education, the salary of the District Clerk, as well as the cost of supplies, materials, postage, and annual vote in the district.		
1010	Board of Education .....	\$9,769	\$9,769
1040	District Clerk .....	13,545	13,545
1060	District Meetings .....	2,500	2,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>Board of Education .....</b>	<b>\$25,814</b>	<b>\$25,814</b>
<b>II.</b>	<b>CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION</b>		
	Salaries, supplies, and materials for the Superintendent and the Superintendent's secretary.		
1240	Superintendent, Superintendent Secretary, Supplies .....	\$180,590	\$192,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>Central Administration.....</b>	<b>\$180,590</b>	<b>\$192,000</b>
<b>III.</b>	<b>FINANCE</b>		
	Included are salaries, supplies, and materials that relate to the fiscal operations of the school district.		
1310	Business Administration .....	\$258,608	\$266,465
1320	Auditing .....	22,500	23,000
1325	Treasurer .....	800	800
1330	Tax Collector.....	10,500	11,050
1345	Purchasing.....	4,625	4,570
1380	Fiscal Agent Fees .....	5,000	5,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>Finance .....</b>	<b>\$302,033</b>	<b>\$311,185</b>
<b>IV.</b>	<b>STAFF</b>		
1420	Legal .....	\$53,000	\$53,000
1430	Personnel.....	54,553	52,823
1460	Records Management .....	2,210	2,387
1480	Public Information.....	35,338	36,766
<b>Total</b>	<b>Staff.....</b>	<b>\$145,101</b>	<b>\$144,976</b>
<b>V.</b>	<b>CENTRAL SERVICES</b>		
	Includes all expenses associated with the maintenance of the district's buildings & grounds including custodial and maintenance salaries, utilities, service contracts, cleaning and all other supplies.		
1620	Operations of Plant .....	\$792,688	\$831,100
1621	Maintenance .....	494,424	527,507
1670	Central Printing & Mailing.....	77,500	77,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>Central Services.....</b>	<b>\$1,364,612</b>	<b>\$1,436,107</b>
<b>VI.</b>	<b>SPECIAL ITEMS</b>		
	Included are insurance premiums, potential property tax refunds, and BOCES administrative charges.		
1910	Unallocated Insurance.....	\$107,420	\$110,643
1920	School Association Dues.....	6,500	6,850
1964	Refund of Property Taxes.....	5,000	5,000
1981	BOCES Administrative Charge .....	305,197	307,225
1983	BOCES Capital Cost .....	199,246	199,246
<b>Total</b>	<b>Special Items .....</b>	<b>\$623,363</b>	<b>\$628,964</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL SUPPORT</b>		<b>\$2,641,513</b>	<b>\$2,739,046</b>
		<b>Instruction</b>	
		<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>
		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>I.</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATION &amp; CURR IMPROVEMENT</b>		
	Includes the salaries, supplies, and materials necessary for development and supervision of the instructional programs.		
2010	Curriculum Development and Support.....	\$58,153	\$63,538
2020	Supervision-Regular School.....	394,381	404,467
2060	Research, Planning, Evaluation .....	2,500	2,500
2070	In-Service Training-Instruction .....	11,899	12,131
<b>Total</b>	<b>Administration &amp; Curr Improvement .....</b>	<b>\$466,933</b>	<b>\$482,636</b>
<b>II.</b>	<b>TEACHING - REGULAR SCHOOL</b>		
	This category includes salaries, textbooks, BOCES Services and all supplies for the educational programs.		
2110	Teaching - Regular School.....	\$4,732,266	\$4,752,114
<b>Total</b>	<b>Teaching - Regular School .....</b>	<b>\$4,732,266</b>	<b>\$4,752,114</b>

# General Fund Appropriations

## III. SPECIAL APPORTIONMENT PROGRAMS

Cost of Instruction and Services for Students with Disabilities, Tuition for Occupational Education Programs, and all expenses for Teaching Special Schools.

2250	Programs for Students with Disabilities.....	\$2,727,520	\$3,005,647
2280	Occupational Education.....	450,702	465,100
2330	Teaching Special Schools.....	47,425	52,425
<b>Total</b>	<b>Special Apportionment Programs</b> .....	<b>\$3,225,647</b>	<b>\$3,523,172</b>

## IV. INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA

Includes salaries and supplies for media and library services and all costs of the district technology programs.

2610	School Library & Audiovisual .....	\$205,133	\$207,344
2630	Computer Assisted Instruction .....	296,925	\$316,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>Instructional Media</b> .....	<b>\$502,058</b>	<b>\$523,644</b>

## V. PUPIL SERVICES

Includes attendance, guidance, health, psychological services, extracurricular activities, and sports.

2805	Attendance .....	\$5,382	\$5,323
2810	Guidance.....	253,523	272,106
2815	Health Services .....	110,200	110,200
2816	Diagnostic Screening .....	5,000	5,000
2850	Co-Curricular Activities .....	60,120	63,325
2855	Interscholastic Athletics.....	152,322	166,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>Pupil Services</b> .....	<b>\$586,547</b>	<b>\$622,204</b>

**TOTAL INSTRUCTION** **\$9,513,451** **\$9,903,770**

### Pupil Transportation

## I. PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

Includes all costs for transportation to public and private schools and transportation for handicapped students.

5510	Transportation.....	\$15,500	\$15,500
5540	Contract Transportation.....	1,188,141	1,212,782

**TOTAL PUPIL TRANSPORTATION** **\$1,203,641** **\$1,228,282**

### Undistributed

## I. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

		2018-2019 Budget	2019-2020 Budget
9010-20	Retirement .....	\$900,156	\$805,920
9030	Social Security.....	621,048	629,331
9040	Workers' Compensation .....	54,886	56,532
9045	Life Insurance .....	8,750	9,013
9050	Unemployment Insurance .....	30,112	31,014
9055	Disability Insurance .....	2,029	2,090
9060	Hospital, Medical & Dental Insurance .....	3,063,952	3,207,059
<b>Total</b>	<b>Employee Benefits</b> .....	<b>\$4,680,933</b>	<b>\$4,740,959</b>

## II. DEBT SERVICE

9721	Serial Bonds-Principal .....	\$215,000	\$525,000
9722	Serial Bonds-Interest .....	707,250	407,200
9770	Revenue Anticipation Notes-Interest.....		
<b>Total</b>	<b>Debt Service</b> .....	<b>\$922,250</b>	<b>\$932,200</b>

## III. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

9901	Transfers to Special Aid Fund.....	\$14,000	\$14,000
9930	Transfers to Capital Fund .....	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>Interfund Transfers</b> .....	<b>\$14,000</b>	<b>\$14,000</b>

**TOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED** **\$5,617,183** **\$5,687,159**  
**GRAND TOTAL** **\$18,975,788** **\$19,558,257**

# General Fund Appropriations and Expenditures

## Budget Analysis

	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Budgeted Amounts	\$18,355,071	\$18,727,743	\$19,286,629	\$18,399,325	\$18,975,788	\$19,558,257
Budget Increase/Decrease %	3.95%	2.03%	2.98%	-4.60%	3.13%	3.07%

Six Year Average of 1.76%

## What Happens if the Budget is Defeated?

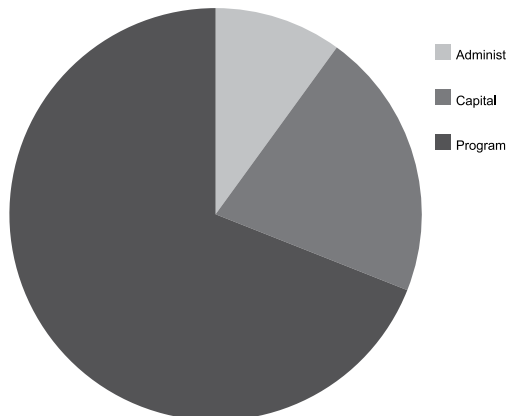
If the proposed budget is defeated, the Board of Education may do the following:

Adopt a Contingency Budget; Present the Same Budget for a Second Vote; or Prepare a Revised Budget for voter consideration.

There is no requirement for the Board of Education to submit a budget to the voters more than once prior to the adoption of the contingency budget.

## Expenditures

Three-part Budget



**Total Expenditures**  
\$19,558,257

**Administration**  
2,193,513  
11%

**Capital**  
3,195,032  
16%

**Program**  
14,169,712  
73%

## The Frankfort Free Library

The Frankfort Free Library is requesting the Frankfort-Schuyler School Board include on the school budget ballot a referendum to increase the library tax levy for the Library. The additional levy will add a total \$3,000 to the current levy. Residents can expect to see an average increase to the levy of \$0.01 per thousand assessed value. All tax levy monies are used for library operations.

The Library is currently undergoing a renovation to improve accessibility to the lower level of the building. It is anticipated that the work will be complete by early summer and the handicap lift will be operational. All library operations will continue throughout the construction. As a reminder, all library programming is provided at no charge to the community.

The Early Literacy program continues to meet two days per week. Sign-ups for next year's sessions will be held prior to the end of this school year. Afterschool and early evening craft, game and movie programs continue to be held regularly. Plans are currently in progress for this year's summer reading program and the theme will be "A Universe of Stories." Program activities for children of all ages will begin after the July 4 holiday and run until mid-August. The calendar will be released prior to the end of the school year. Look forward to another series of outside movies in August. Residents are encouraged to offer ideas for additional programming. Visit the Library's website ([www.midYorklib.org/frankfort](http://www.midYorklib.org/frankfort)) or Facebook page ("Frankfort Free Library") for the latest information and events. **The Library Board and staff thank everyone for their continued support.**

Frankfort Free Library: Edith W. Buffalohead, *President, Board of Trustees* | Missy Wohler, *Library Manager*

## The Frankfort Free Library Vote

Public Libraries have the right to present a resolution for voter approval, which gives the voters an opportunity to decide whether or not to increase the tax to provide funds for the Library. According to Education Law, the Public Library has the right to request the School District to levy taxes on behalf of the Library.

Please note the following:

- The Public Library resolution and vote will be found on the School Budget Voting Ballot.
- The vote and resolution, however, ARE NOT part of the School District Budget.
- If approved by the community, the Public Library Resolution will have NO IMPACT on your school taxes.
- The Public Tax Levy is NOT part of your School District Tax Levy.
- If the Public Library Tax Levy is approved, residents can expect to see an average increase of \$0.01 per thousand assessed value. All tax levy monies are used for Library operation.
- The Library Board will hold a Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m., on April 25, 2019, at the Library (123 S. Frankfort Street) to discuss the tax levy increase.

# School News



## Class Of 2019 Graduate Plans

Members of the Class of 2019 have received letters of acceptance from the colleges and universities listed below. Congratulations to our graduates!

Albany College of Pharmacy	Rochester Institute of Technology
Bentley University (Massachusetts)	John Fisher College
Cazenovia College	Siena College
Clarkson University	SUNY Albany
College of Saint Rose	SUNY Binghamton
Drexel University (Philadelphia)	SUNY Brockport
Erie Community College	SUNY Buffalo
Florida Institute of Technology	SUNY Cortland
Florida Southwestern State College	SUNY Farmingdale
Hartwick College	SUNY Morrisville
Herkimer College	SUNY Oneonta
Johnson and Wales University	SUNY Polytechnic Institute
Keiser University (Florida)	SUNY Potsdam
Keuka College	Union College
Le Moyne College	US Coast Guard Academy
Mohawk Valley Community College	University of North Florida
Nazareth College	Utica College
Roberts Wesleyan College	Wells College

## The students plan to enroll in these college majors:

- Accounting
- Actuarial Science
- Architectural Engineering
- Biology
- Biomedical Engineering
- Broadcasting
- Business Administration/Management
- Business Marketing
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- Dental Hygienist
- Education
- Electrical Engineering
- Equine Science
- General Science
- General Studies
- Health Services
- Human Services
- Microbiology
- Music Education
- Nursing
- Physics
- Psychology
- Radiology
- Sports Management
- Welding

## Regents Exam Results:

Our students continue to perform well on the New York State Regents Exams. The June 2018 testing results are as follows:

Test	Percent Proficient (above 65%)	Percent Mastery (above 85%)
Common Core English	81%	41%
Global 10	86%	43%
U.S. History	92%	43%
Common Core Algebra I	82%	8%
Common Core Geometry	94%	16%
Common Core Algebra II	100%	32%
Living Environment	92%	49%
Earth Science	90%	50%
Chemistry	71%	13%
Physics	90%	60%



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