

Inspiring and Challenging Our Students

**Bedford Central School District**

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The Bedford Central School District Profile

An Overview of Our  
School District  
2020-2021

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### *About Us.....*

#### **Central Administration**

**Superintendent of Schools** : Dr. Joel Adelberg

**Assistant Superintendent for Business and Administrative Services:** Cynthia Hawthorne

**Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction:** Amy Fishkin (1/4/21)

**Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources:** Stacey Haynsworth

#### **Board of Education**

Colette Dow, President    John Boucher    Edward Reder, Vice President    Jessica Cambareri

Michael Bauscher    Alexandra White    Beth Staropoli

#### **District Clerk & Assistant to the Superintendent**

Sandra Speyer

### *Who We Serve.....*

**School District Community Population:** 32,000

**School District Size:** 59 sq. miles

**Bedford:** The Town of Bedford covers 39.8 square miles encompassing the hamlets of Bedford Village, Bedford Hills and Katonah, with a [2010 census](#) of 18,457 residents.

**Mount Kisco:** The Town and Village of Mount Kisco covers 18.34 square miles, with a [2010 census](#) of 10,349 residents.

**Pound Ridge:** The Town of Pound Ridge covers 23.1 square miles, with a [2010 census](#) of 4,920 residents.

**New Castle and North Castle:** Parts of New Castle and North Castle are in the Bedford School District. New Castle covers 23.4 square miles with a [2010 census](#) of 17,686 residents. North Castle covers 26.21 square miles with a [2010 census](#) of 12,079 residents.

For more information on any of the towns, please visit their respective websites whose links are below:

<http://www.bedfordny.info/html/home.html>

<http://www.mountkisco.org/>

<http://www.townofpoundridge.com/>

<http://www.newcastle-ny.org/>



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*Financial Information*

	2020-2021				
	Bedford	Mount Kisco	Pound Ridge	New Castle	North Castle
<b>Share of Levy</b>	46.18%	23.04%	24.01%	4.61%	2.16%
<b>Tax Rate Changes</b> (from previous year)	0.84%	6.21%	(.50%)	2.71%	.66%
<b>Tax Rate</b> (per \$1,000 of Assessed Value)	\$143.13	\$101.04	\$85.87	\$83.21	\$689.16

**School Budget:** \$139,737,083 (51% of budget = salaries; 26% of budget = related benefits)  
**Total Tax Levy:** \$128,041,992  
**Tax Levy Increase (from previous year):** 1.85%  
**Budget to Budget increase (from previous year):** .86%

	2019-2020				
	Bedford	Mount Kisco	Pound Ridge	New Castle	North Castle
<b>Share of Levy</b>	46.52%	22.17%	24.53%	4.55%	2.22%
<b>Tax Rate Changes</b> (from previous year)	0.68%	12.20%	5.11%	5.42%	2.42%
<b>Tax Rate</b> (per \$1,000 of Assessed Value)	\$141.94	\$95.13	\$86.29	\$81.01	\$668.63

**School Budget:** 138,551,898 (52% of budget = salaries; 26% of budget = related benefits)  
**Total Tax Levy:** \$125,716,242  
**Tax Levy Increase (from previous year):** 3.81%  
**Budget to Budget increase (from previous year):** 2.42%

	2018-2019				
	Bedford	Mount Kisco	Pound Ridge	New Castle	North Castle
<b>Share of Levy</b>	48.45%	20.61%	24.17%	4.50%	2.27%
<b>Tax Rate Changes</b> (from previous year)	3.28%	1.77%	3.16%	3.11%	7.63%
<b>Tax Rate</b> (per \$1,000 of Assessed Value)	\$142.92	\$84.79	\$82.10	\$76.81	\$668.43

**School Budget:** 135,279,405 (52% of budget = salaries; 26% of budget = related benefits)  
**Total Tax Levy:** \$121,107,096  
**Tax Levy Increase (from previous year):** 2.99%  
**Budget to Budget Increase (from previous year):** 4.81%

	Budget-to-Budget Increase	Tax Levy Increase
<b>Average Increase Per Year for Past 20 Years</b>	3.88%	4.13%
<b>Average Increase Per Year for Past 10 Years</b>	1.85%	2.17%
<b>Average Increase Per Year for Past 5 Years</b>	1.91%	2.38%
<b>This year's 2020-2021 Increase</b>	1.85%	.86%



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*2020-2021 Information*

*(as of 11/3/2020)*

**Elementary (K - 5)**

Bedford Hills Elementary School	315 students
Bedford Village Elementary School	276 students
Mount Kisco Elementary School	476 students
Pound Ridge Elementary School	247 students
West Patent Elementary School	252 students

Average Class Size: grades K - 2 = 18; grades 3 - 5 = 20  
*Full day kindergarten — must be five by December 1*

**Secondary (6-12)**

Fox Lane Middle School (grades 6 - 8)	892 students
Fox Lane High School (grades 9 -12)	1,308 students
<i>Hillside Alternative HS Program</i>	<i>24 students</i>

**District Wide K-12: 3893**

<b>Total K-12 Enrollment;</b>	<b>3790</b>
<b>Special Education:</b>	14.72%
<b>English Language Learners:</b>	16.91%
<b>Free and Reduced Lunch:</b>	31.93%

**2020-2021 Staff**

Certified:	406
Classified:	308
Administrators:	21
Non-Unit:	10

**Ethnicity K-12**

American Indian/Alaskan Native:	Less than 1%
Asian:	3.66%
Black:	2.67%
Hispanic:	39.05%
Multi-racial:	3.59%
White:	51%

**2020 Graduation Information**

Class Size:	325
College Bound:	92%
Of those College Bound:	
4 Year College:	84%
2 Year College:	16%
Employment, Military & Other:	8%

School District transportation provided to homes located beyond ½ mile from school  
 Number of Students Bused to Public Schools: 3, 447  
 Number of Students Bused to Non-Public Schools: 286  
 Number of Private/Parochial Schools to where transportation is provided: 26  
 Number of Out-of-District Special Education Locations: 11  
 Number of Walkers: 287

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## Long Range Strategic Planning

*Our mission is to cultivate curiosity and a passion for learning by providing challenging educational opportunities for all students so they may achieve their full potential as productive and contributing members of society.*

The overarching purposes of strategic planning are to:

- Uncover shared values
- Recommit to a refreshed Mission, or purpose, for why we exist as an educational institution
- Clarify a Vision for what achievement of that Mission would look like
- Identify critical issues that must be addressed through near-term and long-term objectives
- Identify BIG Goals and objectives under each of those goal areas that will help BCSD continually move toward the realization of that long-range Vision

The Committee engaged in various protocols to develop the key components of the BCSD Success Plan 2021.



**Bedford**  
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Core Values

- Students First
- Passion for Learning & Engagement
- Curiosity & Creativity
- Rigor & Critical Thinking
- Safety & Support Core Values
- Relationships, Respect & Membership
- Self-Awareness & Independence
- Transparency

### Mission

The Bedford Central School District shall cultivate curiosity and a passion for learning by providing challenging educational opportunities for all students so they may achieve their full potential as productive and contributing members of society.

Rectangular **Vision**  
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## 2021 LONG-RANGE STRATEGIC PLAN

### IMPROVE PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

- Continuously Improve Curriculum and Programs for All Students
- Promote Inclusion for All
- Monitor and Assess Student Achievement
- Continuously Improve Instructional Technology
- Promote Professional Growth and Development
- Promote Consistent Best Instructional Practices
- Improve Enrichment Programs

### IMPROVE CLIMATE & SAFETY

- Continuously Improve Safety, Security, and Supervision
- Continuously Refine and Improve Emergency Management Planning
- Promote Social and Emotional Wellness for Our Students
- Continuously Promote Character Development
- Continuously Promote Student Voice and Input

### IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Continuously Engage in Consistent and High-Quality Communication
- Continuously Communicate Success and Student Progress & Achievements
- Continuously Strengthen the District's Relationships with Our Towns
- Continuously Seek Out Ways to Capitalize Upon and Leverage the Expertise and Resources Within Our School Community

### IMPROVE FISCAL & OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT

- Continuously support, retain, and attract high quality educators
- Evaluate Elementary School Configurations and Execute Recommendations of the 2016-17 Space and Enrollment Advisory Committee
- Continuously Engage in Legislative Advocacy Work on Behalf of BCSD
- Achieve Negotiated Contracts with All Bargaining Units
- Evaluate Residency Procedures and Concerns and Implement Corrective Actions
- Address Facilities and Capital Improvement Needs per the Long-Range Facilities Plan.

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**2020-2021 Success Plan**

The 2020-2021 Success Plan indicates the work which needs to be done in the current school year to achieve the long range goals. The Big Five Program goals for 2020-2021 are: **Inclusion** - promote inclusive instructional practices for all students; **STEM** - support STEM programs for students; **Enrichment** - support enrichment opportunities for students; **Literacy Instruction** - support the continued implementation of balanced literacy; and **Student Support** - develop and implement character education and programs to support students' social and emotional learning. A final evaluation of success will be done in 2021, at which time stakeholders will come together not only to review progress, but also to craft the next 5-year plan.



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- Safety and Support
- Relationships, Respect, Membership & Voice
- Self-Awareness & Independence
- Clarity & Transparency

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**Vision**

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■ On target, achieved, and/or continuing initiative. ■ Progressing but perhaps behind schedule or moving cautiously. Need more information, materials, time or other resources. ■ Not achieved or progressing, on hold, or abandoned.

**2020 – 2021 SUCCESS PLAN**

IMPROVE PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS	IMPROVE CLIMATE & SAFETY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Advance <b>inclusive instructional practices</b> for all students.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Continue to develop and integrate quality <b>instructional technology</b> into curriculum and programs as needs continue to grow and change.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Implement best practices for <b>teaching and learning in hybrid, remote, and in-person environments.</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Research, develop, and support K-12 <b>STEM programming.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Identify, examine, and eliminate <b>racism</b> in our systems, culture, and curricula.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Develop and implement programs and practices to support student and staff <b>Social and Emotional Learning (SEL).</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Continuously improve <b>safety, security, supervision, and emergency management.</b></li> </ul>
IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	IMPROVE FISCAL & OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Develop and implement outreach and tools for <b>surveying the community</b> for feedback at regular intervals.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Develop and implement a <b>strategic communications plan.</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Engage community stakeholders in a review of the 2021 Long Range Strategic Plan and development of the <b>2026 Long Range Strategic Plan.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Engage community stakeholders in the development of a five year <b>capital plan.</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Develop a balanced budget that reflects current needs as well as <b>long range financial planning.</b></li> </ul>