



2021 - 2022

Budget

Budget Vote May 18, 2021

STATE AID

- Enacted NYS budget increases our state aid by \$1,854,002
- Total state aid
 - 2021-22 \$46,865,817
 - 2020-21 \$45,011,815
 - 2019-20 \$46,609,277

TAX CAP

- There are several factors in determining the tax cap (*maximum allowable tax levy*), not just inflation
- Every school district's cap is different
- Our cap for 2021-22 is 1.37%
- The proposed budget will have a tax increase of 1.85%
- Since this exceeds the cap, it will require 60% of the voters to vote yes in order for it to pass

TAX CAP

- **Why go over tax cap?**
 - **The additional cost to have students in school five days a week this year has been almost \$7 million**
 - **Most of this has come from our reserves and is required by law to be paid back to our reserves**
 - **We need to be prepared to have all the necessary health and safety protocols in place next year**

TAX LEVY

- The average increase in school taxes under the proposed budget will be \$222
- The increase with a tax cap compliant budget would be \$164
- Difference of \$58 for the year

STAFFING CHANGES

ELEMENTARY

- RESTORATION OF HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM IN KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 3

SECONDARY

- RESTORATION OF MATH LABS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL
- ADDITION OF ELECTIVES ACROSS DISCIPLINES IN GRADES 7 - 12

STAFFING CHANGES


- **ADDITION OF 1.0 SOCIAL WORKER AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEVEL**
- **ADDITION OF A 504 ELEMENTARY CHAIRPERSON**
- **ADDITION OF MUSIC TECHNOLOGY TEACHER POSITION**

POLLING LOCATIONS

VOTING FOR THE BUDGET WILL AGAIN BE AT WARD MELVILLE HS, RC MURPHY JHS AND PJ GELINAS JHS

- ▶ **RESIDENTS WHO LIVE IN THE ARROWHEAD, NASSAKEAG & MINNESAUKE ATTENDANCE ZONES WILL VOTE AT WARD MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**
- ▶ **THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE MOUNT ATTENDANCE ZONE VOTE AT MURPHY JHS**
- ▶ **THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE SETAUKET ATTENDANCE ZONE VOTE AT GELINAS JHS**

SUMMARY

	2020-21	2021-22	\$ Increase	% Increase
BUDGET	218,840,108	222,659,523	3,819,415	1.75%
TAX LEVY	162,004,770	165,001,858	2,997,088	1.85%

Because the tax levy increase exceeds the tax “*cap*”, this budget requires a super majority (60%) of the voters to approve it in order for it to pass.

WHAT IF THE BUDGET DOESN'T PASS?

If the voters do not approve the budget, the Board of Education has the following options:

- **Present the same budget for a second vote**
- **Present a revised budget for a vote**
- **Go straight to contingency**
 - *This means no increase to the tax levy at all*
 - *Requires \$3 million in budget reductions*
 - *A failed second vote results in no increase to the tax levy and requires the same \$3 million in budget reductions*

**REMEMBER TO
VOTE!!!**

**TUESDAY, MAY 18
6:00 AM – 9:00 PM**