

SALEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Budget News

2019/2020



NEW!

VOTING LOCATION

Elementary Gym located in the Primary School Building

Parking will be available in the main parking lot.



PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

6 p.m.

Board Room #123



BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Elementary Gym

ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE

18 years of age; citizen of the US; resident within the district for a period of thirty days before the election date.



ACCESSIBILITY

The entrance at the Primary School Building provides a non-stair entrance for those who have challenges with using stairs.

Spotlight on Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Salem Central School District is proud to present the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the class of 2019!

Valedictorian Alyssa Loveland is the daughter of Christopher Scott, of Whitehall, and the late Jessica Bullock, of Salem. Alyssa will be graduating this June with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and Mastery in Science and Math. Alyssa's work ethic and determination contribute to her many academic successes. Recently, she was chosen as Salem Central School's Top Student and will be honored at the 33rd Annual Scholar's Recognition Program, sponsored by the Capital Area School Development Association. Alyssa is also the recipient of the President's Education Award, the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award, the Student Sage Award, and a New York State Scholarship for Academic Excellence. She has served as Student Council President and Treasurer of the National Honor Society, and volunteered in after-school activities, youth sports, and fundraisers. During her time at Salem Central, she has competed in soccer, weightlifting, and softball. She is also a member of the school chorus, band, and math club, in which she became Salem's second highest scorer in the WWSC Math League. Alyssa plans to study biomedical engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute of Technology this fall.



Salutatorian Kyndra Riche is the daughter of Todd and Stacy Riche of Salem. Kyndra will graduate this June with an Advanced Regents Diploma. She has earned a President's Education Award, the George Eastman Young Leaders Award, and a New York State Scholarship for Academic Excellence. Many of Kyndra's awards not only highlight her high achievement in academics but also her contribution to the community and school through volunteer work and extracurricular activities. Kyndra has been awarded the Student Community Service Award from the Adirondack Area School Boards Association and the Good Citizen's Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution. Kyndra serves as the Vice President of the National Honor

Society, Class Secretary, and President of the Senior High Band and Chorus. She is also a scholar-athlete who competes in basketball, field hockey, and softball. In addition, she extends her kindness to younger students through tutoring and coaching. Kyndra plans to pursue a degree in physical therapy at The Sage Colleges.

| State Aid | Budgeted 2018-2019 | Proposed 2019-2020 | Increase/ (Decrease) |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Foundation Aid | \$5,423,832 | \$5,562,244 | \$138,412 |
| BOCES Aid | \$435,435 | \$544,189 | \$108,754 |
| Excess Cost Public & Private | \$221,549 | \$79,342 | (\$142,207) |
| Textbook, Computer Aids | \$48,942 | \$51,828 | \$2,886 |
| Building Aid | \$499,116 | \$229,861 | (\$269,255) |
| High Tax Aid | \$127,523 | \$127,523 | \$0 |
| Transportation Aid | \$641,251 | \$732,349 | \$91,098 |
| Subtotal | \$7,397,648 | \$7,327,336 | (\$70,312) |

Local Revenue

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Property Taxes | \$5,026,001 | \$5,124,008 | \$98,007 |
| Non-Resident Tuition | \$77,394 | \$77,394 | \$0 |
| Refunds Prior Year Expenses | \$25,000 | \$25,000 | \$0 |
| Interest and Earnings | \$11,500 | \$55,000 | \$43,500 |
| Medicaid Reimbursement | \$45,000 | \$45,000 | \$0 |
| Penalties on Property Taxes | \$14,500 | \$14,500 | \$0 |
| Debt Service | \$95,000 | \$165,500 | \$70,500 |
| Miscellaneous | \$9,500 | \$9,500 | \$0 |
| Subtotal | \$5,303,895 | \$5,515,902 | \$212,007 |
| Appropriated Reserves (ERS) | \$158,000 | \$180,000 | \$22,000 |
| Appropriated Fund Balance | \$0 | \$406,642 | \$406,642 |
| Fund Balance to Reduce Levy | \$467,951 | \$467,951 | \$0 |
| Total Revenue | \$13,327,494 | \$13,897,831 | \$570,337 |

| Administrative | Budgeted 2018-2019 | Proposed 2019-2020 | Increase/ (Decrease) |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Board of Education | \$33,230 | \$33,230 | \$0 |
| Central Administration | \$242,338 | \$254,085 | \$11,747 |
| Finance | \$235,775 | \$244,302 | \$8,526 |
| Legal & Public Services | \$52,450 | \$58,550 | \$6,100 |
| Central Services | \$218,658 | \$218,864 | \$206 |
| Instructional Administration | \$441,397 | \$487,577 | \$46,180 |
| Instructional Improvement | \$33,620 | \$38,500 | \$4,880 |
| Total Administrative | \$1,257,468 | \$1,335,107 | \$77,639 |

Program

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|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Teaching Regular School | \$7,952,718 | \$8,597,436 | \$644,717 |
| Instructional Media | \$439,175 | \$477,473 | \$38,298 |
| Pupil Services | \$849,601 | \$821,321 | (\$28,280) |
| Pupil Transportation | \$918,466 | \$1,159,277 | \$240,811 |
| Total Program | \$10,159,960 | \$11,055,507 | \$895,547 |

Capital

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|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Operations & Maintenance | \$1,199,296 | \$1,224,499 | \$25,203 |
| Bus Purchase | \$202,000 | \$71,721 | (\$130,279) |
| Debt Services | \$508,770 | \$210,997 | (\$297,773) |
| Total Capital | \$1,910,066 | \$1,507,217 | (\$402,849) |
| Total Expenses | \$13,327,494 | \$13,897,831 | \$570,337 |



FFA Convention

Our Salem Future Farmers of America (FFA) members represented the district during the 91st National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. They spent two and a half days at the convention alongside 67,000 other FFA members from across the country. Students explored new technologies being used in the agriculture industry as well as colleges across the USA.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

| Overall Budget Proposal | Budget Adopted for 2018-19 School Year | Budget Proposed for 2019-20 School Year | Contingency Budget 2019-20 School Year* |
|--|--|---|---|
| Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions | \$13,327,494 | \$13,897,831 | \$13,799,824 |
| Increase for the 2018-19 School Year | | \$570,337 | \$472,330 |
| Percentage Increase in Proposed Budget | | 4.28% | 3.54% |
| Change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) | | 2.44% | |
| A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount | \$5,026,001 | \$5,124,008 | |
| 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) | \$5,026,001 | \$5,124,008 | |
| F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit | \$106,767 | \$117,663 | |
| G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions | \$4,919,234 | \$5,006,345 | |
| H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D) | \$4,919,234 | \$5,006,345 | |
| I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)** | | | |
| Administrative component | \$1,257,468 | \$1,335,107 | \$1,335,107 |
| Program component | \$10,159,960 | \$11,055,507 | \$10,957,500 |
| Capital component | \$1,910,066 | \$1,507,217 | \$1,507,217 |
| * Pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law, should the proposed budget be defeated, certain equipment in the capital and program components would be reduced. | | | |
| **Separate propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: | | | |

Propositions

PROPOSITION #1

PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

The Board of Education of the Salem Central School District is hereby authorized to expend the sum set forth in the amount of \$13,897,831 during the 2019-20 school year and to levy the necessary tax levy therefore.

PROPOSITION #2

BUS LEASES

Voter approval is required to lease two (2) 65 passenger school buses and one (1) 35 passenger school buses at a total cost not to exceed \$50,000 annually over a five-year period. Elect to approve the school bus lease.

BOARD CANDIDATES

Elect one (1) member to the Board of Education, to fill the vacancy of Marlon Galimore, a term begin May 22, 2019 and end June 30, 2020.

The candidates are:

- Anne Dunigan

Elect one (1) member to the Board of Education, to fill the expiring seat of Bob Ceglowski, a three (3) year term beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022.

The candidates are:

- Bob Ceglowski

PROPOSITION #3

BANCROFT PUBLIC LIBRARY TAX INCREASE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Salem Central School District is hereby authorized to increase by seven thousand six hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$7,600.00), for a total of twenty-eight thousand six hundred nineteen and 00/100 dollars (\$28,619.00) annually, the appropriation to the Bancroft Public Library, and to add to the levy the necessary tax thereof beginning with the 2019-20 school year.

A message from the Bancroft Public Library:

At Bancroft Library, we are hoping to expand our services to the community. As requested by patrons, our goal is to extend our library hours (details on bancroftlibrary.org) and make increased Internet bandwidth available. We also plan to provide information and referral services for the mental health/social services needs of the community. The Library Director has a Master of Social Work degree and, in cooperation with other community agencies, would be offering these services. The appropriation we are presenting to voters is the least amount we feel would be necessary to cover these new expenditures along with the resources and programs that patrons currently enjoy. For the average property owner in the Salem Central School District, this increase represents a total library tax of around \$22 per year, or about a \$5-6 increase over last year's tax. This means that for less than the cost of a hardcover book, we would be able to provide these expanded services to our community!



Expenditure

This year's expenses reflect a budget increase of 4.28% over the previous school year. The increases in this year's budget are largely related to special education costs, salaries, and benefits. The budget maintains all current academic and extracurricular activities. Our pre-kindergarten program will continue to run as two, half-day sessions with the district providing transportation. Additionally, this budget includes funding to upgrade the door security at the bus loop and increases school counseling services at the elementary school.

In an effort to keep expenses down, the district is changing its approach on the purchase of buses. Rather than purchasing vehicles outright, the district is looking to lease buses. This results in large savings to the district while maintaining a safe bus fleet to transport our students. As a result of the change, voters are being asked to vote on the leasing of buses. This is listed under "Propositions" to the left of this column.



Revenue

The district is receiving less revenue from the state this year mainly due to the loss of state building aid and aid specific to previous costs of special education. Aid increases are mainly from expense-based aid categories, BOCES and transportation aid, and foundation aid. The district is using reserve funds and appropriated fund balance to offset the loss of aid and to cover the increase in special education costs. This budget holds the tax levy increase to 1.95%, well below our cap level of 2.69%.



Library

New York State Education Law (under which libraries operate) provides that propositions requesting changes in the money for local libraries may be placed on the local school ballot. **Such money is not in the school budget and has no impact on that budget.** The district's local library relies on community support to help maintain the level of service now available.



Projected Tax Rate

Projections are based on last year's tax roll with additional projected assessments from the Town Assessor.

| Town | Actual 2018-2019 | Proposed 2019-2020 | Dollar Change | Percent Change |
|-----------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Salem | \$27.8225 | \$28.3653 | \$0.543 | 1.95% |
| Hebron | \$15.7912 | \$16.1006 | \$0.309 | 1.95% |
| Jackson | \$43.9728 | \$44.8322 | \$0.859 | 1.95% |
| Greenwich | \$15.8674 | \$16.1768 | \$0.309 | 1.95% |



Basic STAR Exemption Impact

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| Estimated Basic STAR* Exemption Savings Based on a Hypothetical Home within the School District with a Full Value of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) and a Basic Star exemption of \$30,000. *The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law. | Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year |
| Basic STAR tax savings | \$441 |



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Superintendent of Schools

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| PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD | | | |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | 2018-19 Budget | 2019-20 Budget | Percent Change |
| Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions | \$13,327,494 | \$13,897,831 | 4.28 |
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| B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable | \$0 | \$0 | |
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| I. Difference (G - H); (negative value requires 60% voter approval) | | | |
| Public School Enrollment | 575 | 545 | |
| Consumer Price Index | | | 2.44% |
| | 2018-19 Actual | 2019-20 Estimated | |
| Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance | \$380,000 | \$467,951 | |
| Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance | \$365,000 | \$225,000 | |
| Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance | \$533,100 | \$555,913 | |
| Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget | 4% | 4% | |
| *Please note that this Property Tax Report Card presentation is in accordance with NYS Education Law sections 1608, 1716(7) and 2601-a(3). | | | |