



News & Views

BUDGET 2020-21

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Mission

The Lake George Central School District will personalize opportunities that empower all students to be lifelong learners, leaders and global citizens.

Vision

To foster academic and personal excellence, responsibility and cultural awareness, we are dedicated to creating:

- An engaging and innovative learning environment for each student
- A comprehensive K-12 instructional program using best practices
- Student connections to extra-curricular opportunities
- An appreciation for diversity and local traditions

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Proposed Budget Supports District Mission, Vision, Values, Goals

The Lake George Central School District Board of Education is proposing a budget of \$23,909,749 for the 2020-21 school year. This is an overall budget-to-budget increase of \$94,281 or 0.4%, resulting in an estimated 1.5% increase in the tax levy, which is below the district’s maximum allowable tax levy cap of 2.26%.

The Lake George CSD remains committed to making student-centered decisions in a fiscally responsible manner that support our district’s mission, vision and values: *To personalize opportunities that empower all students to be lifelong learners, leaders and global citizens.* In keeping with our C.R.E.A.T.E. values, we collaborated on a smaller proposed budget than previously planned that demonstrates accountability, empathy, and respect to reflect the current situation in which we are all living. The novel coronavirus presents challenges we must face together to continue educating students in a safe, sustainable, innovative, and engaging way that upholds the district’s long-standing tradition of excellence.

The Board of Education and administrative team worked collaboratively to identify areas of savings while anticipating what will be needed when in-person learning is allowed to resume. Building-level, shared decision making teams were utilized to solicit feedback, and the principals then shared final budget recommendations for consideration. As a result of these efforts, the district was able to shave \$276,000 from the budget that was originally proposed.

Long Term Sustainability

Five long-time, valued staff members announced their intentions to retire at the end of the 2019-20 school year. This gave us the opportunity to review the needs of the student body, use attrition and reallocate resources where appropriate, and maintain opportunities for students. One of the five vacated positions will remain unfilled, and a special education position will be realigned to support mandated Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and social-emotional learning needs. In addition, the bus fleet will be reduced by one bus and two vans, and active and retired teachers agreed to switch to a lower cost alternative for health insurance.

Innovative and Engaging Learning

The district is dedicated to creating an innovative and engaging learning environment for each student. To support efforts surrounding this vision, the budget proposes:

- Software purchases that maintain compliance with EdLaw 2D regulations
- Continuing the annual purchase of student devices to maintain the well functioning one-to-one technology program while holding off on purchasing computers for teachers for one year

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We are lifelong learners, leaders, and global citizens.

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- Continuing the Sweethearts and Heroes, Rock Solid, Leader in Me, OASIS, and Positive Coaching Alliance programs
- Purchase of a two-way radio digital repeater service for the transportation department that will drastically improve communication between buses and the district

Safeguarding the Community's Investment

To maintain the community's investment in our facilities, the district is planning to:

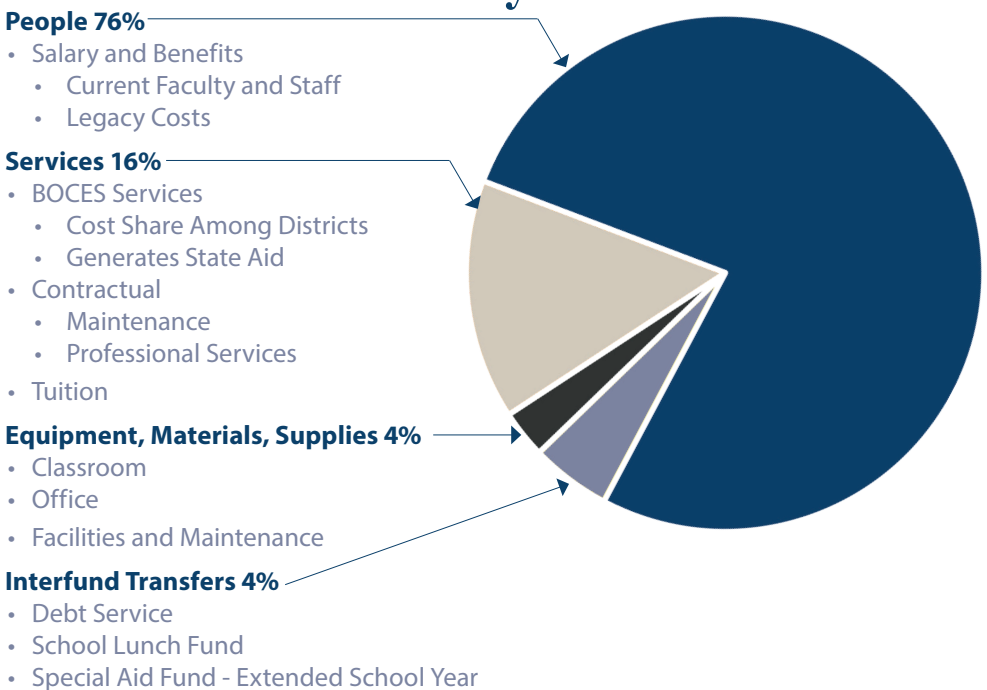
- Improve the boiler at the Elementary School
- Conduct a Building Condition Survey (BCS), which districts are required to complete every five years to identify infrastructure needs to maintain safety
- Continue with scheduled replacement of carpeting and flooring in both buildings
- Replace flooring, cabinets, and countertops in the Home and Careers classroom
- Sealcoat parking lots at both schools
- Conduct NYS mandated water testing across the district
- Budget for an additional custodian to support K-12 cleaning and sanitizing efforts surrounding COVID-19

While the details of how education will look going forward amid the global pandemic are unclear, the Lake George Central School District is committed to our vision: to foster academic and personal excellence, responsibility and cultural awareness. We are dedicated to creating:

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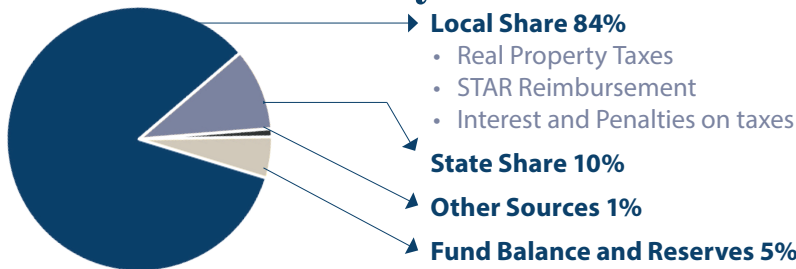
Expenditure Summary	2019-20	2020-21	Change
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT			
Salaries	\$1,012,929	\$953,321	(\$59,608)
Equipment	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
Contractual	\$378,680	\$391,349	\$12,669
Materials & Supplies	\$19,710	\$21,341	\$1,631
BOCES Services	\$371,950	\$382,700	\$10,750
Benefits	\$671,398	\$617,046	(\$54,352)
TOTAL	\$2,458,667	\$2,369,757	(\$88,910)
PROGRAM COMPONENT			
Salaries	\$9,345,418	\$9,462,729	\$117,311
Equipment	\$56,739	\$102,801	\$46,062
Contractual & Tuition	\$791,472	\$939,497	\$148,025
Materials & Supplies	\$433,578	\$512,339	\$78,761
BOCES Services	\$1,610,736	\$1,490,405	(\$120,331)
Transfers (Cafeteria & Special Aid)	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Benefits	\$6,303,626	\$6,137,159	(\$166,467)
TOTAL	\$18,591,569	\$18,694,930	\$103,361
CAPITAL COMPONENT			
Salaries	\$566,205	\$612,852	\$46,647
Equipment	\$82,500	\$45,000	(\$37,500)
Contractual	\$605,350	\$606,600	\$1,250
Materials & Supplies	\$85,800	\$134,683	\$48,883
BOCES Services	\$42,000	\$42,000	\$0
Transfers (Debt Service)	\$987,596	\$994,112	\$6,516
Benefits	\$395,781	\$409,815	\$14,034
TOTAL	\$2,765,232	\$2,845,062	\$79,830
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$23,815,468	\$23,909,749	\$94,281

Where Does the Money Go?



Revenue Summary	2019-20	2020-21	Change
Real Property Tax Items	\$19,915,900	\$20,214,000	\$298,100
Other Charges for Services	\$134,500	\$37,000	(\$97,500)
Other Revenues	\$190,000	\$215,000	\$25,000
State Aid	\$2,350,478	\$2,151,002	(\$199,476)
Appropriated Reserves	\$310,000	\$350,000	\$40,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$914,590	\$942,747	\$28,157
TOTAL REVENUE	\$23,815,468	\$23,909,749	\$94,281

Where Does the Money Come From?



Propositions

2020-21 School Budget

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Lake George Central School District, Town of Lake George, County of Warren, be and hereby is authorized to expend the sum of \$23,909,749 during the 2020-21 school year and to levy the necessary tax therefore.

Proposition 1: Bus Purchase

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Lake George Central School District is hereby authorized to: 1) acquire two (2) 60-passenger school buses at a maximum aggregate cost of not to exceed \$231,452; 2) expend such sum for such purpose; 3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid; and 4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District and/or enter into installment purchase agreements at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$231,452, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due.

School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for 2019-20 School Year	Budget Proposed for 2020-21 School Year	Contingency Budget 2020-21 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$23,815,468	\$23,909,749	\$23,611,649
Increase for the 2020-21 School Year		\$94,281	(\$203,819)
Percentage Increase in Proposed Budget		0.40%	(0.86%)
Change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI)		1.81%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$19,911,900	\$20,210,100	
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)	\$19,911,900	\$20,210,100	\$19,911,900
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$924,628	\$928,666	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$19,106,939	\$19,432,303	
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)	\$18,987,272	\$19,281,434	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$119,667	\$150,869	
Administrative component	\$2,458,667	\$2,369,757	\$2,279,375
Program component	\$18,591,569	\$18,694,930	\$18,536,212
Capital component	\$2,765,232	\$2,845,062	\$2,796,062

* Pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law, should the proposed budget be defeated, all equipment and non-contingent items would be removed and the district would maintain a level tax levy.

**Separate propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: purchase two 60-passenger buses \$231,452.

Basic STAR Exemption Impact

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) using 100% equalization rate.	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR tax exemption savings	\$201.00

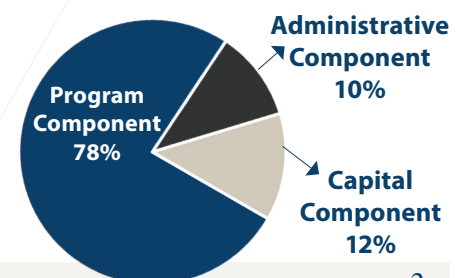
Election of Two BOE Members

Residents will vote to elect two members to the Board of Education. Each seat is a three-year term that begins on July 1, 2020. The seats are currently held by Tim Collins and Tom Seguljic, whose terms expire on June 30, 2020.

Board members are elected at large; the two people receiving the highest number of votes will be declared elected to the Board of Education for full 3-year terms.

Candidates in the order in which they will appear on the ballot:

- Jeannine Bieber
- Rosemarie Earl
- Jay Salmon
- Tom Seguljic



Board of Education:

Tricia Connor Biles - President
 Lin King - Vice President
 Katie Breuning
 Tim Collins
 Maryanne MacKenzie
 Melissa Seale
 Thomas Seguljic



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Vote by Absentee Ballot

Executive Order (202.26), declared by Governor Cuomo due to the COVID-19 virus, moved the annual School District Budget Vote and Board of Education election to June 9, 2020. Voting will be by absentee ballot only.

Absentee ballots will be mailed to all registered voters of the district. These need to be completed and returned by June 9, 2020 at 5 p.m. (Statewide Uniform Voting Day).

Voters must be: United States citizens, 18 years of age or older and district residents for 30 days prior to the vote. A resident can only have one legal residence, which is his or her place of permanent residence.

If you did not receive an absentee ballot in the mail, please contact the school district clerk at 518-668-5456, ext. 1207 or email: bartons@lkgeorge.org.

Budget Vote & Board Election
by Absentee Ballot Only
Ballots must be received by 5 p.m. on
Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Property Tax Report Card

	Budgeted 2019-20	Proposed Budget 2020-21	Percent Change
Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions	\$23,815,468	\$23,909,749	0.4%
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$19,911,900	\$20,210,000	
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable			
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable			
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable			
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$19,911,900	\$20,210,000	1.5%
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$924,628	\$928,666	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$19,106,939	\$19,432,303	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, <u>Excluding</u> Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)	\$18,987,272	\$19,281,334	
I. Difference (G - H); (negative value requires 60% voter approval)	\$119,667	\$150,969	
Public School Enrollment	720	672	(6.67 %)
Consumer Price Index			1.81%
	Actual 2019-20	Estimated 2020-21	
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$914,590	\$942,747	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$952,600	\$956,000	
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).