

COMMUNITY CONNECTION



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BUDGET ISSUE JUNE 2020

Budget & Election June 9, 2020

On May 1, 2020, Gov. Andrew Cuomo issued Executive Order No. 202.26 which modifies the rules under which school districts are to conduct the 2020 annual meeting for the election of school board members and budget votes. Under the order,

- School board elections and budget votes originally scheduled for May 19, 2020 will now take place on June 9, 2020.
- The annual meeting for the election of school board members and budget votes will take place remotely.
- Qualified voters will vote only by absentee ballot.
- All absentee ballots must be returned to the District Clerk by 5 p.m. June 9, 2020. (See page 2)
- The signature requirement for Board of Education candidates has been suspended. Deadline for notarized petitions for Board of Education candidates was May 11, 2020.

On the Ballot Proposition 1

The Cheektowaga Central School District budget of \$47,272,614 for the 2020-2021 school year.

Board of Education

The election of three (3) members to the Board of Education for a five (5) year term.

Adjourned Public Hearing

An Adjourned Public Hearing will be conducted remotely on May 26 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be streamed via Youtube. The presentation link will be available on the website, cheektowagak12.org/budget.

Message from the Superintendent

Each year as we develop a budget, our focus is one of careful planning for the current year as well as for the future. The \$47,272,614 budget we present to the community is a conservative fiscally responsible plan.

This budget season educators faced unique challenges due to Covid-19, and we will continue to face challenges into next school year. Throughout this spring, our district has maintained its focus on learning and instruction, all with the goal of developing talented and productive students who are ready for their next step.

While always strong, the partnership between Cheektowaga Central School District and its community must remain Warrior Strong. Investment in education is a critical element in a strong community and one of the key indicators in growing a vibrant local economy.

We present this budget to our community with confidence that it contains the elements to meet our mission of inspiring a high level of learning for all students. Now more than ever, our district needs the support of the community so we are able to continue providing quality education to students.

Please mail in your ballot as soon as you receive it and allow time for delivery; all ballots must be returned by 5 p.m. June 9.



Superintendent
Mary Morris

Message from the BOE President

Our school district faces many challenges in preparing our 2020-21 school year budget. We have continued during this difficult time to work through preparing a budget while our community has dealt with the consequences of the Covid-19 crisis in many ways.

Schools are facing uncertainty of future state funding as a result of the pandemic. The enacted State budget froze foundation aid at the 2019-20 level while included in the State's budget is the possibility for mid-year changes. The foundation aid freeze combined with the situation due to our present crisis with Covid-19 are difficult to handle in any year.

Our district continues to think in the here and now, with an eye on the long term. It is critical that we meet the challenge of crafting a budget while recognizing that the choices made now affect our future and that of our students. We must be clear and focused on our district mission, continue to provide and strive to meet our instructional goals for our students and to examine all of their needs and to work diligently with our administrative team and our staff all while keeping in mind our fiscal responsibility to our community and our taxpayers.

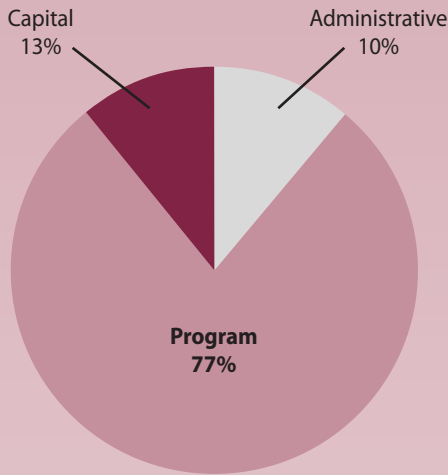
The Board of Education of Cheektowaga Central and our Superintendent take great pride in our district and this community. We need to stay focused, remain unified and true to our beliefs. We must reflect how proud we are of our students and the fact that they will be the future leaders of this community and of the global world. Education, therefore, is key.

Please mail in your ballot as soon as you receive it and allow time for delivery; all ballots must be returned by 5 p.m. June 9. Stay safe, be well and always stay Warrior Strong!



Board of Education
President
Renee M. Wilson

2020-21 Proposed Expenditures



Absentee Ballots

The budget vote and election of school board members will take place by absentee ballot only. Absentee ballots will be mailed to registered voters. They are expected to arrive at homes on or after May 26, 2020.

If you have not received a ballot by June 1, 2020, please request a ballot from the District Clerk via email at mmiano@ccsd-k12.net. If you are not registered but meet the voter eligibility requirements as a qualified voter listed in the Voter Eligibility below, you may request a ballot.

Process to Return Your Absentee Ballot

The absentee ballot packet contains a postcard, the ballot and two envelopes.

1. Complete the ballot as directed. Please read directions carefully.
2. Sign the voter attestation declaration and enclose your ballot in that envelope.
3. Seal the ballot envelope and insert it into the envelope to be returned to the District Clerk.
4. Return your ballot. If you are mailing your ballot, no postage is required. It must be returned by 5 p.m. on June 9.

Voter Eligibility

To qualify as a voter, a person must be:

- eighteen (18) years of age,
- a citizen of the United States,
- a resident (not necessarily a homeowner) of the district for at least thirty (30) days preceding the election

2020-21 Proposed Expenditures

Three-Part Components	2020-21	2019-20	Change
Administrative	4,651,938	4,429,220	222,718
Program	36,604,159	35,807,071	797,088
Capital	6,016,517	5,644,251	372,266
TOTAL	\$47,272,614	\$45,880,542	\$1,392,072

Administrative Expenses

Account	2020-21	2019-20	Change
Board of Education	21,647	19,788	1,859
Central Administration	246,346	245,380	966
Finance	331,143	308,908	22,235
Staff	326,758	194,809	131,949
Central Services	422,929	432,702	(9,773)
Special Items	402,164	392,025	10,139
Administration & Improvement	1,782,983	1,750,382	32,601
Employee Benefits	1,117,968	1,085,226	32,742
TOTAL	\$4,651,938	\$4,429,220	\$222,718

Program Expenses

Account	2020-21	2019-20	Change
Administration & Improvement	31,534	50,327	(18,793)
Teaching - Regular School	12,472,922	12,446,456	26,466
Program for Students with Disabilities	5,527,356	5,550,490	(23,134)
Occupational Education	1,011,513	1,204,834	(193,321)
Teaching - Special Schools	5,000	66,875	(61,875)
Instructional Media	1,269,684	1,254,274	15,410
Pupil Personnel Services	2,073,082	2,135,353	(62,271)
Pupil Transportation	6,168,926	4,958,158	1,210,768
Employee Benefits	7,944,142	7,965,304	(21,162)
Interfund Transfers - to Special Aid	100,000	175,000	(75,000)
TOTAL	\$36,604,159	\$35,807,071	\$797,088

Capital Expenses

Account	2020-21	2019-20	Change
Central Services	2,147,226	2,049,381	97,845
Special Items	361,561	56,804	304,757
Employee Benefits	699,437	639,739	59,698
Debt Service	2,708,293	2,798,327	(90,034)
Interfund Transfers - to Capital	100,000	100,000	-
TOTAL	\$6,016,517	\$5,644,251	\$372,266

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2020-21 Estimated Revenue

Account	2020 -21	2019-20	Change
Real Property Tax Items	26,043,556	25,571,876	471,680
Non-property Tax Distribution by County	2,401,878	2,651,878	(250,000)
Charges for Services	140,000	177,124	(37,124)
Use of Money and Property	497,130	476,277	20,853
Sale of Property	500	1,500	(1,000)
Miscellaneous Revenue	204,907	204,907	-
Total, Local Sources	\$29,287,971	\$29,083,562	\$204,409

Basic Formula Aid	9,338,031	9,606,067	(268,036)
Basic Formula Aid - Excess Cost	2,395,851	2,395,851	-
Lottery Aid	2,539,076	2,539,076	-
BOCES Aid	1,430,018	1,164,827	265,191
Textbook Aid	153,061	147,653	5,408
Software/Hardware Aid	65,502	63,269	2,233
Library Materials Aid	13,094	13,094	-
Other State Aid (Charter Tuition)	74,010	152,143	(78,133)
Total, State Aid	\$16,008,643	\$16,081,980	\$(73,337)

Medicaid Assistance	300,000	150,000	150,000
Interfund Transfers, Special Aid	10,000	15,000	(5,000)
Use of Reserves	-	50,000	(50,000)
Use of Appropriated Fund Balance	1,666,000	500,000	1,166,000
Total, Other Sources	\$1,976,000	\$715,000	\$1,261,000

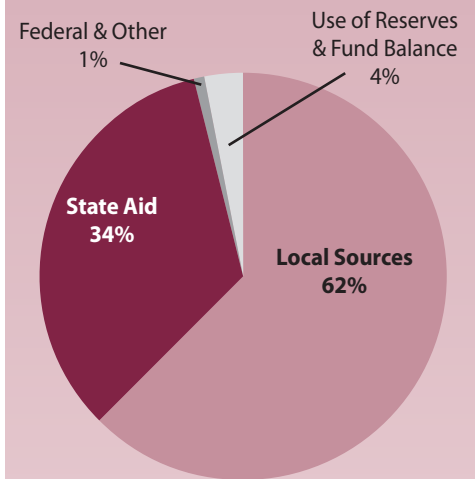
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2020-21 Estimated School Tax Bill

assumes STAR property tax exemption applied

Property Assessed Value	2019-20 Estimate	2020-21 Actual	Change
\$100,000	\$1,807	\$1,853	\$46
\$150,000	\$2,711	\$2,779	\$68
\$200,000	\$3,615	\$3,705	\$90

2020-21 Estimated Revenues



Board of Education Candidates

There are three open seats on the Cheektowaga Central School District Board of Education. Each seat carries a five-year term commencing on July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025.

- Derrick C. Warburton
- Renee M. Wilson

Budget Website

Stay informed through the 2020 Budget and Election webpage, cheektowagak12.org/budget, which contains all budget and election information. Please use it as a source of information.

Board of Education

Renee M. Wilson, *President*
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 Thomas Raczka, *Trustee*
 Edward W. Schaefer, *Trustee*
 Matthew A. Weigand, *Trustee*

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District Offices

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 Cheektowaga, NY 14225
 716.686.3606

Registration Office

716.686.3665
sweinholtz@ccsd-k12.net

School Board meetings are generally held the second Tuesday of the month at the District Office, 3600 Union Road, Cheektowaga, at 7 p.m. Those planning on attending are encouraged to verify meeting date and time by calling 686-3606.

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Overall Budget Proposal Cheektowaga Central School District 140701	Budget Adopted for the 2019-20 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2020-21 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$45,880,542	\$47,272,614	\$46,643,515
Increase/Decrease for the 2020-21 School Year		\$1,392,072	\$762,973
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.03%	1.66%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.81%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$25,152,787	\$25,753,775	
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	\$28,111	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$25,124,676	\$25,753,775	
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$844,645	\$910,076	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$24,308,142	\$24,843,699	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$24,308,142	\$24,843,699	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$4,429,220	\$4,651,938	\$4,546,938
Program Component	\$35,807,071	\$36,604,159	\$36,230,060
Capital Component	\$5,644,251	\$6,016,517	\$5,866,517
*A defeat of the proposed budget and adoption of a contingency budget would mean a decrease of approximately \$629,000. First to be removed are non-contingent expenses. This includes most equipment, certain student supplies, new and multi-year contractual arrangements, and salary increases for non-instructional confidential management. After non-contingent expenses are removed ordinary contingent expenses are removed. This includes reduction in non-mandated programming, interscholastic athletics, extracurricular activities, summer school programs, field trips and related transportation, additional materials and supplies, and professional development.			

Estimated Basic STAR Tax Saving¹	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2020-2021 School Year
	\$ 519

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2020-21 by the qualified voters of the Cheektowaga Central School District, Erie County, New York, will be held via absentee ballot with returned ballots being due to the District Clerk no later than Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., prevailing time in the Cheektowaga Central School District, 3600 Union Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14225, at which time the ballots will be opened and counted via voting machine provided by the Erie County Board of Elections.

¹The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.