

Proposition #1

2019-2020 Budget Resolution Shall the Board Education of Cambridge Central School District, Counties of Washington and Rensselaer, New York be authorized to spend the sum of \$22,204,498 as set forth as General Fund Appropriations in the 2019-20 Budget, and to levy the necessary tax therefore?

Proposition #2

Shall an appropriation of \$55,000 be made in the 2019-20 budget for the Cambridge Public Library: This sum to be raised by the levy of a tax on the taxable property of the Cambridge Central School District?

Proposition #3

Shall the Board of Education of Cambridge Central School District be authorized to lease and expend therefore, including costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of Ninety-five thousand dollars (95,000), and for a term not to exceed five (5) years, the following motor vehicles: five (5) seventy (70) passenger school buses, AND, that such sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax collected in annual installments, and that in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District shall be issued?

Absentee Ballots

Applications for absentee ballots are obtainable between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk's Office at 58 South Park Street.

Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

BOARD CANDIDATES 2019-20

The Board of Education is made up of five members who serve for three year terms. *This year, one seat will be filled at the election on May 21st.*

The candidate is:
Jessica Ziehm

Qualifications for Voting

- Citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age
- Resident of the District for at least 30 days prior to voting
- **Vote on May 21, 2019**
- Noon to 8:00 PM at the School Auditorium

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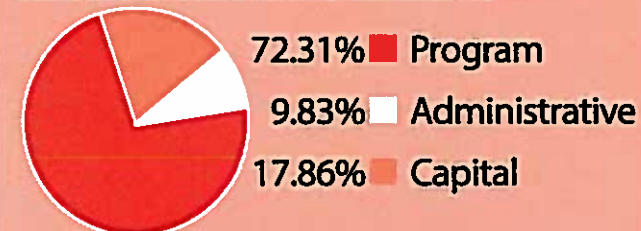


May 2019

HOW YOUR EDUCATIONAL DOLLAR IS SPENT

By New York State law, school budgets are broken into three categories: Administrative, Instructional Program, and Capital.

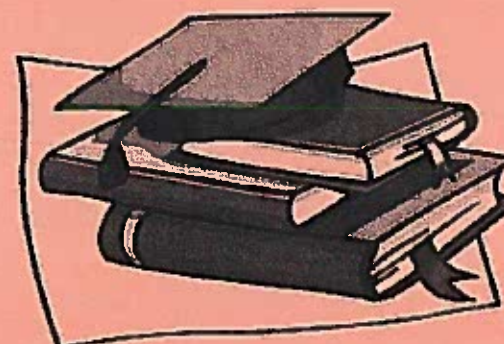
The State Education Department recommends these categories represent ALL expenses related to their function. Most school districts in the state follow these recommendations.



ESTIMATED TAX EXAMPLES FOR 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

EXAMPLE
Based on a \$150,000 home

\$150,000.00	Home Value
-30,000.00	Less: Basic STAR
\$120,000.00	Taxable Property Amount
\$17.07	True Value for 18-19
\$17.38	Estimated True Value for 19-20
\$2048	Tax Bill for 18-19
\$2086	Estimated Tax Bill for 19-20
\$38.00	Change



Academic Fair and Budget Vote - Tuesday May 21, 2019, Noon to 8 PM.

Innovation in education and community partnerships are constantly improving the quality of education for our students. This year we had a lot to celebrate. Successful grant applications have led to two unique learning opportunities: a floating classroom on Hedges Lake and a student-teacher residency. Both are models for schools throughout the State. For a third year, the CCS Drama Club partnered with Hubbard Hall Center for the Arts and Education. Students performed their Spring musical and choral concerts before packed audiences in a Victorian opera house. Community pride was powerful in cheering our athletes, including the girls Varsity basketball team, to their first NYS State Championship. Community involvement was also key in the selection of our new school superintendent, Dr. Doug Silvernell, Ed.D., who will join our team in July.

Dr. Silvernell is exceptionally qualified to build on the stable foundation created by retiring Superintendent, Vincent Canini. The 2019 - 2020 budget will help with this transition by proposing less than a 2% tax levy increase. By staying below the NYS property tax cap, the District continues its history of retaining eligibility for the STAR tax exemption rebate. Over the next couple of years there will be retirements in our administrative team. The proposed budget helps us proactively plan for these changes by adding an elementary administrator. The overlap of a new administrator with members of our current leadership team will be critical in ensuring a stable and smooth transition. This, in turn, will help every student at CCS to succeed.

To learn more about the proposed budget and election day details, please review the information provided in this newsletter and on the CCS website at www.cambridgecsd.org. Please also remember that you can contact the District Office by phone at (518) 677-2653 ext. 1016, or e-mail the Business Manager, Beth Coates, at beth.coates@cambridgecsd.org.

Thank you for supporting Cambridge Central School's community-based public education. We look forward to seeing you on May 21 and working together to provide our students with the solid educational foundation they will need for success in the 21st century.

Sincerely,
Your Board of Education

Neil Gifford, President
Beth O'Grady, Vice President
Paul Baker-Porazinski
Jessica Roosevelt
Caleb Breault

Superintendent Vincent Canini

2019-20 BUDGET Expenditure Summary

Administrative expenditures cover expenses related to district management. The Administrative expenses comprise 9.83 percent of the overall budget, up from 9.47 percent from the previous year. This increase is due to the addition of an administrator, primarily at the elementary. With the upcoming retirements of both the elementary psychologist and the elementary counselor, the district feels the need to be pro-active to ensure all educational as well as emotional needs of the students are met. The additional administrator will also free up the secondary and associate principals to assist to the needs of students and staff. The cost of this administrator will be funded by district savings with no additional tax impact.

Program expenditures include items directly related to instruction. These include salaries, benefits and pupil transportation costs. The Program budget comprises approximately 72.31 percent of the total budget which remains relatively consistent from the previous year's 72.25 percent of the total budget.

Capital expenditure account for 17.86 percent of the total budget. This is a decrease from the previous year of 18.28 percent. This decrease is due to decrease in equipment spending in Building and Grounds as well as health insurance savings. These expenditures also include the cost of maintenance, operations, utilities, transportation (bus purchases). Also included in this component is the ongoing \$100,000 project line item that will allow the district to address safety issues throughout the building. The next project will install a safety ladder for roof access; remove buried fuel tanks; and address additional minor safety concerns throughout the building. The district will receive 79.5 cents on the dollar through state building aid in the following year.

The district will begin transitioning to the leasing of buses rather than outright purchasing in attempt to increase safety and cut costs. The leased buses will be under warranty the entire time we lease them, there is no mileage penalty, and DOT looks more favorably on newer buses. The district is proposing leasing five (5) buses at a cost not to exceed \$95,000. It is our hope to convert fully to leasing in five years. Leasing of buses is considered an aidable expense. The current transportation aid ratio is 74.3 cents on the dollar.

ADMINISTRATIVE	2018-19	2019-20	Change
Board of Education	\$28,264	\$28,448	\$184
Central Administration	\$210,211	\$216,224	\$6,013
Finance	\$283,469	\$290,169	\$6,700
Legal	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Personnel	\$2,500	\$2,575	\$75
Public Information	\$28,752	\$38,418	\$9,666
Central Services	\$9,604	\$11,931	\$2,327
Special Items	\$210,469	\$218,536	\$8,067
Curriculum Development	\$82,850	\$85,850	\$3,000
Supervision-Regular School	\$370,943	\$474,022	\$103,079
Supervision-Special School	\$6,925	\$7,133	\$208
Supervision-Non Instructional	\$131,808	\$138,392	\$6,584
Instruction	\$0	\$0	\$0
Benefits	\$668,479	\$656,789	-\$11,690
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	\$2,049,273	\$2,183,486	\$134,213

PROGRAM	2018-19	2019-20	Change
Legal	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0
Central Services	\$58,448	\$74,754	\$16,306
Instruction	\$9,717,294	\$10,159,271	\$441,977
Other District Transportation	\$828,830	\$877,463	\$48,633
Garage Building	\$111,361	\$112,070	\$709
Contract Transportation	\$38,299	\$73,614	\$35,315
BOCES Transportation	\$1,095	\$579	-\$516
Benefits	\$4,835,948	\$4,717,081	-\$118,867
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$15,631,274	\$16,054,832	\$423,558

CAPITAL	2018-19	2019-20	Change
Plant Operation	\$934,684	\$910,435	-\$24,249
Plant Maintenance	\$194,089	\$181,179	-\$12,910
Special Items	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bus Purchases	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
Benefits	\$433,406	\$420,390	-\$13,016
Debt Service	\$2,389,992	\$2,451,178	\$61,186
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$3,955,171	\$3,966,180	\$11,009

TOTAL BUDGET	2018-19	2019-20	Change
	\$21,635,718	\$22,204,498	\$568,780

2019-20 BUDGET Revenue Summary

Revenues primarily come from two sources: Taxes and State Aid. State Aid is comprised largely of Foundation aid and what is referred to as expense driven aids. After reconciling the legislative's state aid run, state aid increased by \$85,315 over the 2018-19 school year. This increase is due to an increase in Foundation Aid and Transportation Aid. This is a modest .07% increase. The district will be increasing its appropriated fund balance from \$500,000 to \$600,000 to cover the cost of the additional elementary administrator.

The District intends to stay within the Property Tax Levy Limit calculation by proposing an increase of 1.92% to generate \$167,606 in tax revenue.

REVENUES	2018-19	2019-20	Change
State Aid	\$11,795,338	\$11,905,971	\$110,633
Fund Balance	\$500,000	\$600,000	\$100,000
Interest on Investments	\$5,000	\$35,000	\$30,000
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
Real Property Taxes	\$8,755,418	\$8,916,005	\$160,587
Summer School Tuition	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$545,462	\$702,872	\$157,410
Total Revenues	\$21,635,718	\$22,204,498	\$568,780

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2019-20 by the qualified voters of the Cambridge Central School District, WASHINGTON County, New York, will be held at the High School Auditorium in said district on **Tuesday May 21, 2019** between the hours of **12:00 PM and 8:00 PM** prevailing time, at which the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2018-2019	Budget Proposed for the 2019-2020	Contingency Budget for the 2019-2020
Total Budget Amount	\$21,635,718	\$22,204,498	\$21,946,160
Increase /Decrease for the 2019-2020 School Year		\$568,780	\$310,442
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Each Proposed Budget		2.63%	1.43%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.13%	
School Tax Levy Limit		\$8,938,314	
Proposed School year Tax Levy (without permissible Exclusions to the School Tax levy Limit		\$8,381,587	
Total Permissible Exclusions		\$534,418	
Proposed School year Tax Levy (including permissible Exclusions to the School Tax levy Limit		\$8,916,005	
Administrative Component	\$2,049,273	\$2,183,486	\$2,175,426
Program Component	\$15,631,274	\$16,054,832	\$15,944,813
Capital Component	\$3,955,171	\$3,966,180	\$3,825,921

*Statement of assumptions made in projecting a Contingency Budget for the 2019-2020 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated. State law establishes a limit on the increase of a contingent budget over the district budget for the prior year.

CONTINGENT BUDGET

According to state law, the public may vote on a school budget only twice in any given year. In the event the proposed budget is defeated twice by voters, the Board of Education must adopt a contingency budget. The Board may elect to go directly to a contingent budget after the first defeat.

With the establishment of the Property Tax Cap in July, 2011, the spending cap on contingent budgets was removed. This means district expenditures are NO longer restricted to the contingent budget cap (4% or 120% of CPI). Instead, the tax levy can be no greater than the prior year actual tax levy, and could possibly be less. No increase in the tax levy is allowed.

Certain expenses are exempt from the spending cap, including the cost of new enrollment, gifts, grants. A contingency budget may allow field trips, sports, transportation to school; however, most equipment and pupil supplies are not allowed (i.e. buses, computer equipment). Also, the annual \$100,000 project, which generates Building Aid revenue, and gets considerable amount of capital work done to the building, would not be allowed. The district would be forced to cut \$258,338 in budgeted expenditures to reach the contingent budget amount of \$21,946,160.

Cambridge CSD Property Tax Report Card			
	Budgeted 2018-19	Budgeted 2019-20	Change Percent
Total Spending	\$21,635,718	\$22,204,498	2.63%
Total Estimated Tax Levy	\$8,748,399	\$8,916,005	1.92%
Public School Enrollment	886	862	-2.71%
Consumer Price Index			2.13%

Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$952,372	\$827,372
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$500,000	\$600,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$865,400	\$888,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	4.00%	4.00%

Basic STAR Exemption Impact

Estimated Basic STAR ² Exemption Savings Based on a home within the school district with a Full Value of \$100,000.

Basic STAR Tax Savings \$451

for the Budget Adopted for the 2019-20 School Year

¹Provide a statement of assumptions made in estimating the contingency budget pursuant to section 2023 of the Education Law.

²The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law.