

CENTRAL SQUARE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2021-2022 BUDGET

Newsletter



The past calendar year has been extremely difficult for students, parents, community members and staff as we were forced to make several decisions to comply with the local and state health departments, the New York State Education Department, and the governor's office. While we are ready to put the majority of the past year behind us, it is important to pause and reflect on the Herculean effort made by our staff members, students and all of the parents and guardians. Parents and guardians not only took care of their own professional responsibilities, but also played a key role in supporting their children through distance learning. Little by little, we have been able to provide more in-person learning for our students. We were delighted with the revised guidance from the New York State Department of Health, with its adoption of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance, which allowed school districts to transition from six feet of separation to three feet with no barriers. This allowed us to bring back all elementary students five days a week and middle school and high school students four days a week for in-person learning which began April 30. We view this as a win-win result because it provides for more in-person learning while also giving families a 100-percent remote option for the remainder of the school year.

Since the district has made several strategic financial moves, and the fact that New York state school districts are being made whole by the federal government with substantial state aid allocations, we are excited to announce that we will not be raising taxes for the 2021-22 school year. With all the unfunded mandates thrust upon school districts from Albany and the federal government over the past several years, we have not been able to provide this for our community, which makes it even more special to be able to do this now - especially after what our entire community has gone through during the pandemic.

We cannot wait to showcase our students' talents in our new state-of-the-art high school auditorium which had been under construction as part of a capital project for the past year and a half. Since my office is in the high school, I have had several students knock on my door between classes and ask if I would show them the auditorium. I will never forget the look on their faces as we walked through the doors and they got their first glimpse of their auditorium. COVID-19 and all the restrictions that came with it prevented school districts' fine arts programs from providing wonderful performances. We are thrilled to turn the page and again provide our communities with outstanding student performances.

Throughout the pandemic, we received hundreds of emails from students and parents thanking staff for their tireless support for the students throughout the district. Even with strict guidelines set forth by the DOH and the governor's office, we were able to provide several meaningful opportunities for our students to showcase their talents. Our athletic teams had a fantastic year, as did our music and band department. They, too, were recognized for their amazing talents and our varsity winter guard finished in third place at the World Championships - an incredible honor!

The pandemic was a terrible reminder that we must be prepared for whatever life throws at us; however, it absolutely illustrated just how strong our community is.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Colabufo
Superintendent

Budget Public Hearing

Monday, May 10, 2021

6 p.m.

Paul V. Moore High School

Meet The Candidates

Monday, May 10, 2021

Immediately following the Public Hearing/Regular Meeting

Paul V. Moore High School

Sponsored by the Student Leadership Task Force

The forum will be split into two sections including a platform statement followed by questions prepared in advance concerning our school district.



Budget

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Polls Open 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

District 1:

Central Square American Legion

District 2:

Constantia VFW

Budget Fast Facts

Proposed Budget Increase

5.70%

Proposed Tax Levy Increase

0%

To get immediate access to our budgetary documents from our District website visit:

cssd.org/budget



What will I be voting for on May 18th?

Polls will be open on May 18, 2021 from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Voters will decide on the following items:

Proposition 1

2021-2022 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Shall the Board of Education of the Central Square Central School District, County of Oswego, State of New York, be authorized to incur expenditures not exceeding \$85,963,942 (U.S. Dollars: Eighty Five Million, Nine Hundred and Sixty-Three Thousand, Nine Hundred and Forty Two) or so much as necessary for its General Fund operating expenses during the school fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, and to levy a tax on the taxable property of the School District sufficient to meet the amount of this sum not received from other sources?

Proposition 2

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES

Shall the Board of Education of the Central Square Central School District be authorized to purchase and finance at the option of the Board, ten (10) student transportation vehicles at an estimated cost not to exceed \$1,133,059 all to include furnishings, fixtures and equipment required for such purposes and all other necessary costs incidental thereto, and to expend therefore \$1,133,059 which is estimated to be the total cost thereof, and levy a tax for the foregoing in the amount of \$1,133,059, which shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds, and notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued at one time, or from time to time, in the principal amount not to exceed \$1,133,059, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

Proposition 3

CONTINUOUS REGISTRATION

Shall the Board of Education of the Central Square Central School District (the "School District") be authorized to establish the continuous registration of voters of the School District at the office of the Clerk of the District located at 44 School Drive, Central Square, New York between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. of the school day in accordance with Section 2014(2) of the Education Law of the State of New York, as amended?

Board Approves Resolution for a Capital Outlay Project at the March 22, 2021 Meeting

Under current SED law for projects that are wholly funded through capital outlay and which have a total cost of no more than \$100,000, a district's base year capital outlay expenses can be reimbursed through building aid.

Central Square School District's budget proposal includes \$100,000 (found in the debt service category) for replacement or upgrade of control systems in the Paul V. Moore High School, including site improvements, original furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

Proposal Keeps Levy Increase at Zero Percent

On Tuesday, May 18, Central Square Central School District residents will vote on an \$85,963,942 proposed budget for the 2021-22 school year. The budget calls for a 5.70% increase in spending over 2020-21 and carries a 0% tax levy increase.

WHO CAN VOTE?

According to New York Education Law, in order to vote, you must be:

- ✓ 18 years of age
- ✓ A resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to vote
- ✓ A citizen of the United States
- ✓ A registered voter*

*You may register with the school District Clerk up to five (5) days prior to the annual election or with Oswego County Board of Elections up to ten (10) days prior to the election. The District Clerk, Pearl Horn, will conduct voter registration at the District Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Personal identification and proof of residency must be provided at the time of registration.

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings*

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2021-2022 School Year, the Estimated Basic STAR Savings:

\$564

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

Tax Levy is ZERO INCREASE!



Performing Arts at its Finest: Paul V. Moore Auditorium Renovations Complete

Spectators visiting Paul V. Moore High School auditorium will receive an enhanced experience for district-wide performing arts events following the completion of a two-year renovation project.

The 6,956-square-foot hall now features a new mezzanine, state-of-the-art stage rigging, lighting and 70 additional seats, bringing the total number of seats to 600.

“We have an amazing fine arts program here at Central Square and, to have the state-of-the-art auditorium we have now, it will complement the high level of programming we have here for our students,” Superintendent Tom Colabufo said.

Renovations to the auditorium, part of the \$40.8 million capital project approved in 2017, began in June 2019 and were completed in January 2021.



Tuesday, May 18, 2021
Polls Open 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.

The Central Square School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age. Further, the District does not discriminate on the basis of religion or creed, sexual orientation, military status, genetic status, marital status, domestic violence victim status, criminal arrest or conviction record, or any other basis prohibited by state or federal non-discrimination laws.

Three-Part Budget

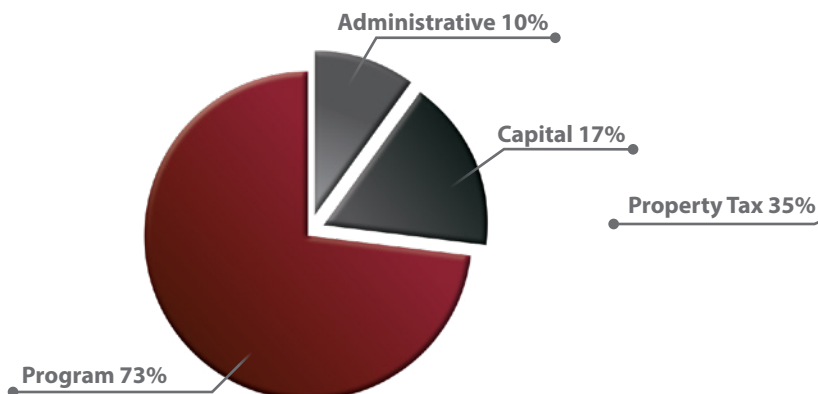
Full Budget information can be found on the District's website: www.cssd.org

All school districts are required by law to present their budgets in three component parts; program, administrative and capital. The program component represents the largest portion of the District's budget. Program costs include the salaries and benefits of all teachers and staff delivering pupil services.

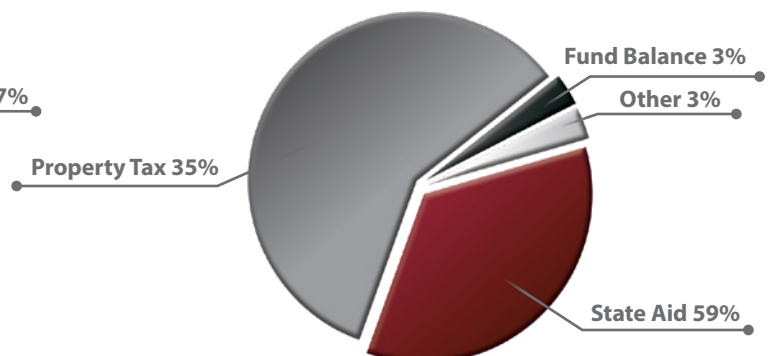
EXPENSE CATEGORY	2020-2021 Budget	2021-2022 Proposed	Dollar Change
PROGRAM EXPENDITURES	\$ 60,982,392	\$ 63,151,345	\$ 2,168,953
K-12 Instructional	\$ 53,344,835	\$ 55,313,076	\$ 1,968,241
Pupil Transportation	\$ 7,637,557	\$ 7,838,269	\$ 200,712
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES	\$ 8,016,158	\$ 8,190,277	\$ 174,119
School Supervision/Curriculum	\$ 3,050,730	\$ 3,161,533	\$ 110,803
Business & Finance	\$ 2,502,988	\$ 2,533,464	\$ 30,476
BOCES Services	\$ 1,962,680	\$ 1,982,430	\$ 19,750
Central Administration	\$ 418,338	\$ 435,208	\$ 16,870
Board of Education	\$ 81,422	\$ 77,642	(\$ 3,780)
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 12,327,307	\$ 14,622,320	\$ 2,295,013
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 7,057,307	\$ 7,172,320	\$ 115,013
Debt Service	\$ 5,270,000	\$ 7,450,000	\$ 2,180,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 81,325,857	\$ 85,963,942	\$ 4,638,085

REVENUE CATEGORY	2020-2021 Budget	2021-2022 Proposed	Dollar Change
State Aid	\$ 46,767,930	\$ 50,306,015	\$ 3,538,085
Tax Levy	\$ 29,922,927	\$ 29,922,927	0
Fund Balance	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 1,500,000
Other	\$ 3,135,000	\$ 2,735,000	(\$ 400,000)
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 81,325,857	\$ 85,963,942	\$ 4,638,085

Proposed Expenditures



Proposed Revenues



Central Square School District Polling Sites and Voting Districts

Voting District 1

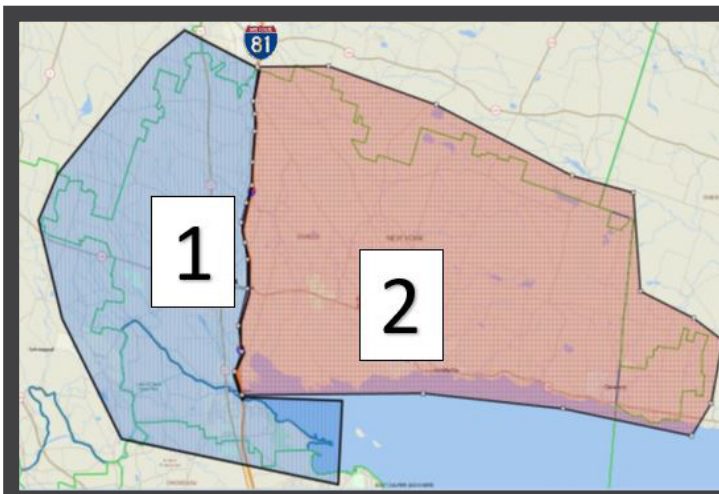
For voters: Who live in Oswego County, west of Route 81 and all voters who live in Onondaga County

Vote at: Central Square American Legion
3301 Fulton Avenue
Central Square, NY 13036

Voting District 2

For voters: Who live in Oswego County, east of Route 81 and all voters who live in Oneida County

Vote at: Constantia VFW
1560 State Route 49
Constantia, NY 13044



What if I do not know where to vote?

Please call the District Clerk at 315-668-4220, x70221.

MEET THE CANDIDATE NIGHT

THERE ARE THREE (3) OPEN BOARD SEATS

Your local school board influences the direction that determines how your community's children are educated and how your tax dollars are spent. Voting for school board members is a simple but powerful way to support student success and strengthen your community.

Three (3) candidates are running for three (3) seats on the Central Square Central School District Board of Education. Each seat carries a three-year, unpaid term, starting July 1, 2021.

Chance Nickerson
Allison Douglas
Lorraine Wood

MAY 10, 2021

Paul V. Moore High School



Chance Nickerson



Allison Douglas



Lorraine Wood

To view candidates' bios, please visit: cssd.org/budget



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2020-2021 Board of Education

Andrew Martin, *Board President*

Kristy Fischmann, *Vice President*

Randy Hoyt

Michael Lawyea

Timothy McCarthy

Chance Nickerson

Steven Patch

Catherine Sundet

Lorraine Wood

BOX HOLDER
LOCAL POSTAL PATRON

CENTRAL SQUARE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT: 2021-22 BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal

	Budget Adopted for the 2020-21 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2021-22 School Year*
Total budgeted amount (Not Including Separate Propositions)	\$ 81,325,857	\$ 85,963,942	\$ 85,868,982
Increase/decrease for the 2021-22 school year		\$ 4,638,085	\$ 4,543,125
Percentage increase/decrease in proposed budget		5.70%	5.59%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%	
A. Proposed tax levy to support the total budgeted amount	\$ 29,922,927	\$ 29,922,927	
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)	\$ 29,922,927	\$ 29,922,927	\$ 29,922,927
F. Permissible exclusions to the school tax levy limit	\$ 1,062,263	\$ 425,536	
G. School tax levy limit, excluding levy for permissible exclusions	\$ 28,860,664	\$ 29,497,391	
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)	\$ 28,860,664	\$ 29,497,391	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval)	0	0	
Administrative Component	\$ 8,016,158	\$ 8,190,277	\$ 8,190,277
Program Component	\$ 60,982,392	\$ 63,151,345	\$ 63,151,345
Capital Component	\$ 12,327,307	\$ 14,622,320	\$ 14,527,360

* What does a contingency budget mean? If the proposed budget is defeated by district voters, the Board of Education may adopt a contingency budget or present a budget for a second vote. If the proposed budget is defeated twice by district voters, the Board of Education is legally bound to adopt a contingency budget. A contingency budget jeopardizes valuable programs and affects the positive direction of our school district. Our students' education is an investment in the future of our community which is beneficial to everyone.

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR** Tax Exemption Savings	\$ 564

Estimated Basic STAR** Exemption based on a hypothetical home within the school district with a full value of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

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