

BCSD Dateline

Publication of the Bedford Central School District



Spring 2019

Special School Budget Issue

Budget Facts

Total Proposed 2019-2020 Budget	\$ 138,551,898
Budget to Budget Increase	2.42%
Tax Levy % Increase	3.81%
Tax Levy % Cap	3.81%

Approval of this budget includes a 4-year Computer Instructional Purchase Agreement (\$200,000)

What this Budget Does

- Complies with the NYS property tax levy cap
- Maintains elementary class sizes within policy guidelines
- Supports the implementation of effective and consistent ELA practices across elementary schools
- Continues to promote inclusive instructional practices for all students
- Continues to expand high school course offerings
- Continues to promote technology innovation and use for students and teaching
- Provides increased access to the DLBE program at MKES for BCSD students
- Supports analysis, future planning and decision making on the 2018 Demographic Study
- Continues to support emergency management planning
- Includes debt service payments from the 2013 Voter Approved Bond Referendum



Science Olympiad Students

Calculate your own estimated annual school tax as a result of the BCSD proposed tax levy.
Go to <https://www.bcsdny.org/Page/66>

2019-20 Property Tax Calculators

Calculate your own estimated annual school tax increase as a result of the Bedford Central School District proposed tax levy increase.

Please Remember

to vote on **Tuesday, May 21, 2019**
in the elementary school
serving your attendance area.
Polls are open from 7 am—9 pm.



Dear Bedford Central School District Residents,

On April 17th, our Board of Education adopted the proposed 2019-20 BCSD budget that will be presented to you, the voters, on May 21, 2019.

We are pleased to put forth to our community a balanced budget that we believe serves our students, families, and school community. For the past two years, we have been able to provide slow, incremental, and sustainable program growth and improvements. We continue to maintain the growth and improvements made over the past two years; and are mindful that we need to remain vigilant about balancing the educational needs of our students with deference to our taxpayers.

This budget continues several multi-year initiatives which are important objectives of our Success Plan. These include, among others, continuing:

- our work to improve elementary literacy programs and practices;
- to promote inclusive educational programs and practices in our schools and classrooms;
- to improve safety and security in our schools; and,
- to enhance communication and stakeholder engagement.

Additionally, over the past year, the District has worked with a demographer to conduct a study that includes an enrollment projection component, a building space and capacity analysis, and a program/school configuration component. The 2019-20 budget includes resources to support broad community stakeholder awareness, outreach and engagement to gather input and feedback on various alternatives to manage enrollment and space in BCSD. This process is anticipated to result with Board of Education approval of a plan in the Spring of 2020 to most efficiently and effectively utilize our facilities while providing the best educational program.

In summary, this budget continues our efforts to provide outstanding educational programs for students and maintains our path to sustained fiscal health. The budget supports our mission to continue to improve programs and services for students, upholds BCSD's guidelines for elementary class sizes, is within the allowable NY State Property Tax Cap, limits spending to anticipated revenue growth, meets State and Federal mandates, and plans for the effective management of reserve funds to be maintained at acceptable levels. We take our fiduciary responsibilities very seriously.

For additional information about any of these items, see our budget presentations on our website: <https://www.bcsdny.org/Page/2068>.

With Respect and Appreciation,

The BCSD Board of Education and Dr. Christopher M. Manno, Superintendent of Schools

2019-2020 Summary Proposed Budget

	2018-19 Budget	2019-20 Budget	Increase (Decrease)
I. General Support			
Board of Ed/Clerk/Elections	68,097	88,121	20,024
Superintendent/Business Office	1,446,544	1,459,323	12,779
Legal/Prof. Personnel Services	795,835	800,296	4,461
Operations & Maintenance	9,051,864	7,440,432	(1,611,432)
Data Processing/Storeroom	605,279	645,013	39,734
Insurance/Fees/School Dues	485,469	485,469	0
Refunds of Property Taxes	250,000	250,000	0
BOCES Administration	1,046,745	1,075,364	28,619
Total General Support	\$13,749,833	12,244,018	(1,505,815)
II. Instruction			
Supervision/Planning/Training	5,069,331	5,254,816	185,485
Teaching & Instructional Services	42,792,489	43,171,939	379,450
Special Education	14,434,366	14,842,460	408,094
Library/Media; TV; Computer	2,466,573	2,587,933	121,360
Pupil Personnel Services	5,094,030	5,310,790	216,760
Co-Curricular/Athletics	894,753	942,436	47,683
Total Instruction	\$70,751,542	72,110,374	1,358,832
III. Transportation			
District Transportation	174,237	220,966	46,729
Contract Transportation	9,156,849	9,826,023	669,174
Total Transportation	\$9,331,086	10,046,989	715,903
IV. Undistributed			
Employee Benefits	33,724,216	34,584,968	860,752
Debt Services/IPAs	7,364,728	8,907,549	1,542,821
Transfer to Other Funds	358,000	658,000	300,000
Total Undistributed	\$41,446,944	44,150,517	2,703,573
Total Budget	\$135,279,405	138,551,898	3,272,493

Budget Distribution:

Where Does the Money Go?

School Districts are required by NYS to present their budget in a format that divides costs into three categories: Program, Capital and Administrative.

Program Costs: Teachers and instructional support staff, programs for students with disabilities, instructional media including library and television, computer instruction, pupil services including guidance, health, psychological and social work services, co-curricular and athletics activities, student transportation, any benefits and legal fees that may be associated with these areas

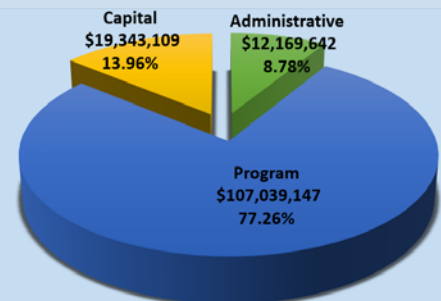
Capital Costs: Operations and maintenance, security, budgeted capital projects, tax refunds, principal and interest on debt, installment purchases and leases, and benefits and legal fees that may be associated with these areas

Administrative Costs: Costs for Board of Education, District Clerk, elections, Superintendent's office, Business and Finance, Human Resources, public information, central supplies and printing, data processing, unallocated insurance, school association dues, BOCES administrative fees, curriculum development, building administration, and benefits and legal fees that may be associated with these areas

Guiding Principles for the 2019-2020 Budget

BCSD is committed to:

- Long term fiscal health
- Outstanding programs for students
- Limiting projected expense increases
- Managing Responsible Levels of Reserves



Contingent Budget Impact

In the event voters twice defeat a budget, NYS requires a contingent budget that places limits on the overall budget as well as its administrative portion. The result must be a 0% tax levy change from 2018-19 to 2019-20 as follows:

Tax Levy Capped at 0% Increase
\$121,107,096

Estimated Non-Tax Revenue
\$12,485,656

Estimated Reserves/Fund Balance
\$350,000

**Estimated Contingent Budget
\$133,942,752**

This would require reducing the proposed budget by another **\$4,609,146** requiring:

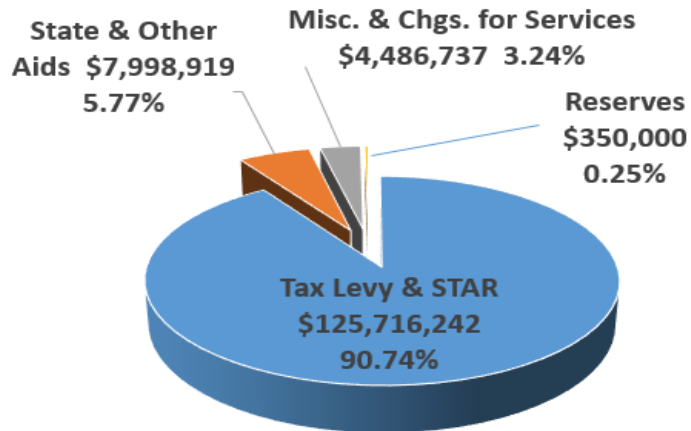
- Mandated elimination of *non-contingent* items that cannot be part of a contingent budget (\$943,610)
- Estimated reduction of other program and staffing costs to meet the contingent budget target (\$3,665,536)



Budget Funding Sources

From where does the \$138,551,898 come?

- Property Tax Levy & STAR
125,716,242
- State & Other Aids
\$7,998,919
- Service Charges & Misc.
\$4,486,737
- Use of Reserves
\$350,000



Average Change Per Year including 2019-20

Year	Budget-to-Budget	Tax Levy
Last 5 YRS	1.85%	2.13%
Last 10 YRS	1.93%	2.06%
Last 20 YRS	4.18%	4.49%

Budget-to-Budget & Tax Levy Change History

YEAR	Budget-to-Budget	Tax Levy
2019-2020	2.42%	3.81%
2018-2019	4.81%	2.99%
2017-2018	1.79%	1.92%
2016-2017	(0.31%)	1.31%
2015-2016	0.55%	0.62%
2014-2015	1.15%	1.41%



Bedford

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Core Values

Students First

Passion for Learning & Engagement

Curiosity & Creativity

Rigor & Critical Thinking

Safety & Support Core Values

Relationships, Respect & Membership

Self-Awareness & Independence

Transparency

Mission

The Bedford Central School District shall cultivate curiosity and a passion for learning by providing challenging educational opportunities for all students so they may achieve their full potential as productive and contributing members of society.

Vision

Inspiring and Challenging Our Students

2021 LONG-RANGE STRATEGIC PLAN

IMPROVE PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

Continuously Improve Curriculum and Programs for All Students

Promote Inclusion for All

Monitor and Assess Student Achievement

Continuously Improve Instructional Technology

Promote Professional Growth and Development

Promote Consistent Best Instructional Practices

Improve Enrichment Programs

IMPROVE CLIMATE & SAFETY

Continuously Improve Safety, Security, and Supervision

Continuously Refine and Improve Emergency Management Planning

Promote Social and Emotional Wellness for Our Students

Continuously Promote Character Development

Continuously Promote Student Voice and Input

IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Continuously Engage in Consistent and High-Quality Communication

Continuously Communicate Success and Student Progress & Achievements

Continuously Strengthen the District's Relationships with Our Towns

Continuously Seek Out Ways to Capitalize Upon and Leverage the Expertise and Resources Within Our School Community

IMPROVE FISCAL & OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT

Continuously support, retain, and attract high quality educators

Evaluate Elementary School Configurations and Execute Recommendations of the 2016-17 Space and Enrollment Advisory Committee

Continuously Engage in Legislative Advocacy Work on Behalf of BCSD

Achieve Negotiated Contracts with All Bargaining Units

Evaluate Residency Procedures and Concerns and Implement Corrective Actions

Address Facilities and Capital Improvement Needs per the Long-Range Facilities Plan.

Estimated Tax Rates & Tax Rate Changes

Town	2018-2019 Tax Rates (per \$1000 A.V.)	Estimated 2019-2020 Tax Rates (per \$1000 A.V.)	Estimated \$ Increase (Decrease) per \$1000 A.V. for '19-'20	Estimated % Increase (Decrease) for '19-'20
Bedford	\$142.92	\$141.95	(\$0.97)	(0.68%)
Mount Kisco	\$ 84.79	\$95.10	\$10.31	12.16%
Pound Ridge	\$ 82.10	\$86.29	\$ 4.19	5.11%
New Castle	\$ 76.84	\$81.01	\$ 4.17	5.42%
North Castle	\$668.43	\$684.61	\$16.18	2.42%

At-Large BoE Seats

Voters may vote for **three** candidates.

School Board Candidates

Jessica Cambareri

Michelle Brooks

Beth Staropoli

Joseph Malichio

John Boucher

The vacancies on the Board of Education are for at-large seats. The three highest vote getters will fill the three open seats.

Absentee Ballot and Registration Information

Applications for Absentee Ballot are available on the website (bcsdny.org)

May 13—Deadline for submitting application if ballot is to be mailed to voter

May 20—Deadline for submitting application if ballot is to be delivered personally to voter

May 21—Absentee Ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5 pm

Voter registration

Information is available on the District's website and from the Westchester County Board of Elections (995-5700). To find out if you are registered to vote, you may call the District Clerk at 241-6011 or West. County Board of Elections. *Vote in the Elementary School serving your attendance area.*



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