

SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2019-2020 PROPOSED BUDGET

Budget Vote and Board Member Election

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Jr./Sr. High School Library Lobby, 9:00 AM to 9:00 P.M.

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Schoharie Central School District

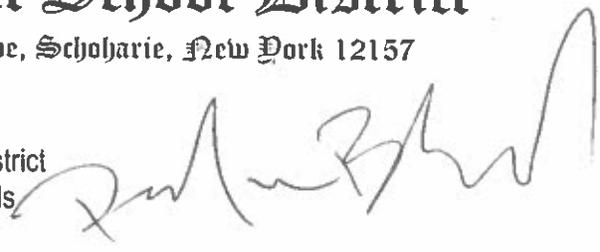
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Schoharie Central School District

PO Box 430, 136 Academy Drive, Schoharie, New York 12157

TO: Residents of the Schoharie Central School District
FROM: David M. Blanchard, Superintendent of Schools
DATE: April, 2019
RE: Introduction to Budget Document for 2019-2020



The Board of Education has adopted the Proposed Budget for the 2019-2020 school year. The Board approved this fiscally responsible and educationally sound plan which maintains and enhances the quality programs for which Schoharie Central School District is highly regarded, balanced with an understanding of the impact on the taxpayer.

After a series of meetings over the past four months, and obtaining input from the public at a forum in February and during Board meetings, the Board adopted next year's proposed budget in the amount of \$24,520,229 which is an increase of 2.93% (\$697,275) in addition to the 2018-2019 budget of \$23,822,954.

Most of the budget change is attributable to contractual adjustments to salaries and related benefits costs for employees required in negotiated agreements. Other causes are the normal cost increases to operate the school buildings and the transportation system, as well as services provided to students with special needs.

If approved by the voters on May 21, 2019, the 2019-2020 Budget would reflect an increase to the existing tax levy by 2.37%. This percentage change is in compliance with the allowable tax levy limitation.

The proposed budget continues to achieve the cost reductions and operating economies by: actively negotiating any increases in employee health insurance costs with benefit providers, increasing employee safety to reduce workers' compensation cost increases; educating many special education students in Schoharie Central classrooms; continuing the energy management programs that have reduced the consumption of electricity and heating oil and developing economically feasible equipment replacement schedules using alternative financing sources to decrease overall interest costs.

At a minimum, an annual cost of living increase in state aid is needed by the District just to maintain existing programs from year to year, to provide the opportunity for students to compete with pupils in other school districts around the State and the nation. Approximately 48% of the revenue for the 2019-2020 Budget is comprised of state aid; however, just a few years ago, over 53% of the revenue was from state aid. The State's restrictive funding formulas continue to deprive small, rural school districts such as Schoharie Central of the full amount of state aid that is needed.

The District remains focused on the value of Schoharie Central School by providing an excellent education for all students. When one examines the instructional program that is provided, citizens will see that the educational value the students receive versus the local tax share is very positive overall and is a solid return on the dollars that are invested.

If you have any questions regarding the 2019-2020 Budget for Schoharie Central School District, please contact me at 518-295-6679, or Sarah Blood, Business Administrator, at 518-295-6673.

Thank you.

SCHOHARIE CENTRAL S.D. 2019-2020

PROPOSED BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Considered by Voters on May 21, 2019

SUMMARY:

- Serves approximately 890 students in grades K-12.
- \$24,520,229 overall budget.
- Increase from 2018-19 adopted budget by \$697,275 (2.93%).
- Provides sufficient funding for teacher training and curriculum improvements to continue to help students meet state and federal learning standards and common core requirements.
- Continues to fund capital project debt service with offsetting amounts of revenue from state aid, interest earnings in the capital fund cash account, and cost savings from the energy performance project, thus stabilizing the local share (no increase in the local share in 2019-20 compared to 2018-19 for debt service costs).
- Tax levy would increase by a preliminary estimate of 2.37% in the 8 towns that comprise the school district. This levy change is in compliance with the New York State tax levy limitation requirement.
- Reflects adjustments from the baseline budget of the previous school year to provide necessary additional funding for:
 - Additional funding for College and Career Readiness programming
 - Investments in elementary supplies
 - Professional Development for teachers to meet the new State Standards
 - Advancements in software programs for online data safety
 - Development of Cultural Awareness Programming

Schoharie Central School District

Annual Election: May 16, 2017

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

Four district residents have filed petitions as candidates for two seats on the Schoharie Central School District Board of Education. The seats each carry a three-year, unpaid term, beginning July 1, 2019 until June 30, 2022.

Candidates for the position as a trustee on the Board of Education for the voting on May 21st are:

DANIEL GUASP
TERRY BURTON
TARA BARTON
ZACHARY DOHERTY

The candidates have been listed above in the same order their names will appear on the ballot, per the random drawing of the names conducted after the deadline for the submission of the petitions.

To vote in the school board election, on the 2019-19 school budget, the school bus purchase proposition, the capital reserve proposition, and the Library Tax, voters must be at least 18 years old, U.S. citizens, and residents of the school district for 30 days prior to May 21st.

PARKING ON ELECTION DAY

Voter parking is available and will be specifically designated in the main parking lot. There is parking and accessibility for physically disabled voters. Anyone needing additional assistance is requested to please call 295-6679 for other arrangements.

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER ELECTION**

The following persons have filed valid nominating petitions for three-year terms for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022 for the Schoharie Central School District Board of Education. The three seats are the terms held by Marion Jaqueway, Daniel Guasp and Terry Burton, whose terms expire on June 30, 2019. The ballot positions were determined at random by the drawing of lots.

Vote for **(3) THREE** only:

<OR>

Write in a person's name not on the ballot:

DANIEL GUASP

(Write-In Candidate)

TERRY BURTON

(Write-In Candidate)

TARA BARTON

(Write-In Candidate)

ZACHARY DOHERTY



SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Voting on May 21st, 2019

VOTER'S BALLOT

PROPOSITION #1 - SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2019-20

"Shall the Board of Education of the Schoharie Central School District be authorized to expend the sum of \$24,520,288 as the school district budget for the 2019-20 school year during the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, and to levy the necessary tax therefore, net of revenues and state aid?"

YES

NO

PROPOSITION #2 - SCHOOL BUS PURCHASES

Shall the Board of Education of the Schoharie Central School District be authorized to expend funds from the Transportation Capital Reserve Fund which was authorized by the voters on October 2, 2018 and established on April 17, 2019 ("Reserve Fund") pursuant to Education Law §3651(1), for the purchase of two (2) 65-Passenger Buses, one (1) 29-Passenger Van, one (1) Wheelchair Van, and one (1) Suburban Large SUV, and to expend from the Reserve Fund therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of Three Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand and Eighty Dollars (\$357,080)?

YES

NO

PROPOSITION #3 - LIBRARY TAX LEVY

Shall the Schoharie Central School District, Schoharie County, State of New York, be authorized to levy taxes in the amount of \$76,000 for the annual support of the Schoharie Free Library Association Library, 103 Knower Avenue, Schoharie, New York, and pay over such monies to the trustees of the Library for library services for the benefit of residents of the School District during the 2019-2020 fiscal year and each year thereafter until changed?

YES

NO

SCHOHAREI CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUS PURCHASE PROPOSITION – May 21, 2019

A proposition on the May 21, 2019 ballot will ask voters to consider authorizing the purchase of five replacement school buses—two 65-passenger bus, one 29-passenger van, one wheelchair van and one Suburban SUV—at an overall cost not to exceed \$357,080.

If the proposition is approved, the district would receive approximately 73.2 percent of the purchase price in state aid. The resulting net cost after trade-ins is about \$73,750. The school district would use its transportation capital reserve fund to purchase the buses. The proposed bus purchases are part of an ongoing bus replacement plan designed to ensure students are transported on buses that meet the latest safety standards. The plan also allows the district to trade in or phase out older, high-mileage vehicles to avoid the cost inefficiencies related to keeping them in service. If the proposition is defeated, the district estimates it would have to spend at least \$16,720 (the annual non-aided cost of the installment purchase) during the next two school years to repair or refurbish existing buses to keep them in service. Such repairs would have to meet New York State Department of Transportation requirements for school bus safety. Subsequent repairs to the buses would also be likely due to high-mileage and body-wear issues, resulting in additional costs. The district's existing buses would also continue to depreciate in value.

Schoharie Central School District

BUDGET VOTE / BOARD MEMBER ELECTION
MAY 21, 2019

The Schoharie Central School District Board of Education has scheduled the vote on the 2019-2020 school district budget, the election of three members of the Board of Education, and voting on the school bus purchase, capital reserve propositions and Library Tax for Tuesday, May 21st from 9 AM to 9 PM at the regular polling place in the Lobby at the Jr./Sr. High School Library. The amount of the proposed budget is \$24,520,229, which is a 2.93% change from the 2018-19 adopted budget, which was \$23,822,954.

A state law requires the annual election/budget vote to be held on the 3rd Tuesday each May.

The bus proposition is to authorize the purchase of four replacement school buses at a total cost not to exceed \$357,080.

The Board member seats that will be considered are those held by Marion Jaqueway, Daniel Guasp and Terry Burton. The positions are unpaid and are for terms of three years during July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022. Candidates are elected "at-large".

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Appropriations

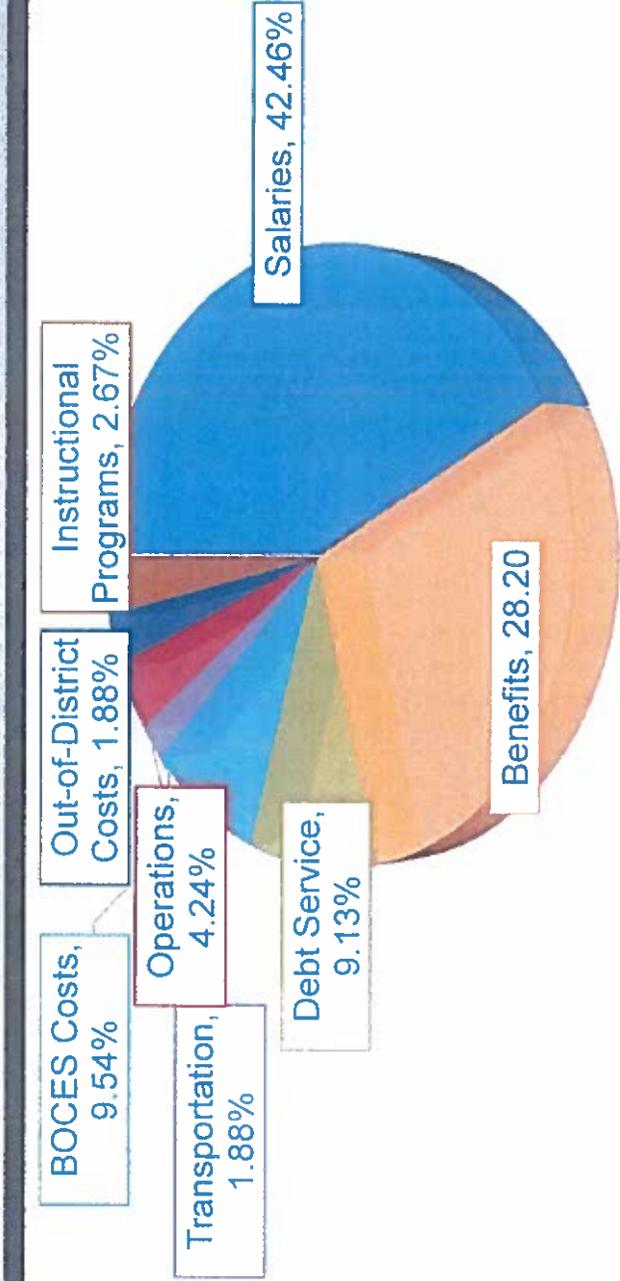
- + \$24,250,229
- + % Change for 19-20 is 2.93%
- + \$697,275 increase y/o/y

Revenues

- + Increase in State Aid of 5.13% or \$586,836
- + Tax Levy increase of 2.37% or \$200,605

2019-2020 APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET

Description	2018-19 Adopted Budget	2019-20 Tentative Budget	2019-20 \$ Change	2019-20 % Change	2019-20 % Share of Budget
Salaries	\$10,108,963	\$10,412,232	\$303,269	3.00%	42.46%
Benefits	\$6,789,330	\$6,913,690	\$124,360	1.83%	28.20%
Debt Service	\$2,087,011	\$2,238,657	\$151,646	7.27%	9.13%
BOCES Costs	\$1,932,931	\$2,339,518	\$406,587	21.03%	9.54%
Transportation	\$487,000	\$461,300	(\$25,700)	-5.28%	1.88%
Operations	\$921,210	\$1,040,700	\$119,490	12.97%	4.24%
Out-of-District Costs	\$705,000	\$460,000	(\$245,000)	-34.75%	1.88%
Instructional Programs	\$791,509	\$654,132	(\$137,377)	-17.36%	2.67%



Total Budget: \$24,520,229

ENHANCEMENTS TO EXISTING PROGRAMMING

- ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS PROGRAMMING
- INVESTMENTS IN ELEMENTARY SUPPLIES
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS TO MEET THE NEW STATE STANDARDS
- ADVANCEMENTS IN SOFTWARE PROGRAMS FOR ONLINE DATA SAFETY
- DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL AWARENESS PROGRAMMING

Schoharie Central School District

SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGET SUMMARY BY FUNCTION CODES

CENTRAL SERVICES/ADMINISTRATION:

Board of Education/District Clerk/Annual Meeting
 Central Administration
 Business Office/Finance/Auditing
 Legal Services
 Personnel Services
 Records Management
 Public Information Services
 Central Printing and Mailing; Admin.Data Processing
 Liability Insurance and Special Items
 Administrative and Capital Charge - BOCES

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE:

Facilities Operations and Utilities Costs
 Maintenance of Physical Plant and Grounds

INSTRUCTION:

School Building Supervision Regular Instruction
 In-Service Training
 Teaching- Regular School
 Special Education
 Occupational Education
 Library and Media: Computer Assisted Instruction
 Pupil Services
 Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Activities
 Interscholastic Athletics

TRANSPORTATION:

District Transportation
 Garage Building
 Contract Transportation

	ADOPTED 2018- 19 BUDGET	2019-20 Dollar Change	Percent Change	PROPOSED 2019-20 Percent Change	PROPOSED 2019-20 Percent of Total
Total Central Services	\$ 994,903	\$ 1,094,517	10.01%		4.46%
Total Operations & Maint.	\$ 1,194,994	\$ 1,304,352		8.86%	6.23%
Total Instruction	\$ 11,273,457	\$ 11,503,980	2.04%		46.92%
Total Transportation	\$ 1,275,254	\$ 1,306,186	2.43%		5.33%

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

NYS Employees Retirement	\$	425,000	\$	400,000	
NYS Teachers Retirement	\$	1,159,700	\$	1,100,000	
Social Security	\$	810,000	\$	810,000	
Workers' Compensation	\$	70,000	\$	70,000	
Unemployment Insurance	\$	29,000	\$	29,000	
Hospital-Medical-Perscriptions	\$	4,161,430	\$	3,973,037	
Other Benefits: Vision, Dental, Employer Contributions	\$	134,200	\$	467,500	
Total Employee Benefits	\$	6,789,330	\$	6,849,537	0.89%
					27.93%

DEBT SERVICE AND INTERFUND TRANSFERS:

Debt Service - School Construction/Renovations	\$	1,450,410	\$	1,603,608	
BONDS/BANS - Buses	\$	307,000	\$	290,448	
Installment Purchase (Energy Performance Project/Other)	\$	266,601	\$	266,601	
Transfers to other Funds/Misc	\$	63,000	\$	78,000	
Total Debt Service and Transfers	\$	2,087,011	\$	2,238,657	7.27%
					9.13%

Total Appropriations

Total Appropriations	\$	23,822,954	\$	24,520,229	100%
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REVENUES**LOCAL REVENUES:**

Interest Income; Charges for Services; Refunds;Sales	\$	370,700	\$	296,266	
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$	1,670,671	\$	1,600,000	
Subtotal	\$	2,041,371	\$	1,896,266	-7.11%
					7.73%

STATE AND FEDERAL AID:

Preliminary Estimate of State Aid	\$	11,448,763	\$	12,035,599	
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$	50,000	\$	60,000	
Subtotal	\$	11,498,763	\$	12,095,599	5.19%
					49.33%

SCHOOL TAX ITEMS:

Tax Levy and STAR AID	\$	8,450,098	\$	8,650,703	
Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT's)	\$	1,832,722	\$	1,877,661	
Subtotal	\$	10,282,820	\$	10,528,364	2.39%
					42.94%
Total Revenues	\$	23,822,954	\$	24,520,229	100%

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
2019-2020 PROPOSED BUDGET IN THREE PARTS**

The 2019-20 Proposed Budget for Schoharie Central School District in the amount of \$24,520,232, is a change from the previous year in the amount of \$697,278 (2.93 %).

This budget was developed keeping in mind the impact on the local property tax payer, along with the need to continue mandatory and essential aspects of the school curriculum, and activities such as student transportation, food service, and operations/maintenance.

The primary goal of this budget is to properly fund the education of the children of Schoharie Central School. It will continue the district's focus on student achievement and in providing opportunities for children. This budget will maintain a safe and reliable transportation fleet. It will maintain a safe building environment. This is a budget where the real bottom line is to prepare students to be able to graduate as self-confident, conscientious, contributing individuals who will continue as lifelong learners.

School districts are required to present their proposed budget in three components, as follows:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT: Includes the expenses associated with the Board of Education, the Office of the Superintendent, Business Office and the salary and benefit costs for all administrators. Also included are costs for the BOCES administrative budget and communications, unallocated insurance, central data processing, printing, mailing, legal costs, and auditing costs.

PROGRAM COMPONENT: The program component is the largest of the budget cost centers. Included are all salaries and benefit costs related to the instructional program (i.e., teachers and support staff). Purchases related to equipment, supplies and materials, and contractual services appear here. Additionally, transportation operating expenses are recorded here.

CAPITAL COMPONENT: Provides for the expenditures of the district debt service, lease purchase agreements and school bus purchases. The expenses associated with the custodial and maintenance operations are also recorded here.

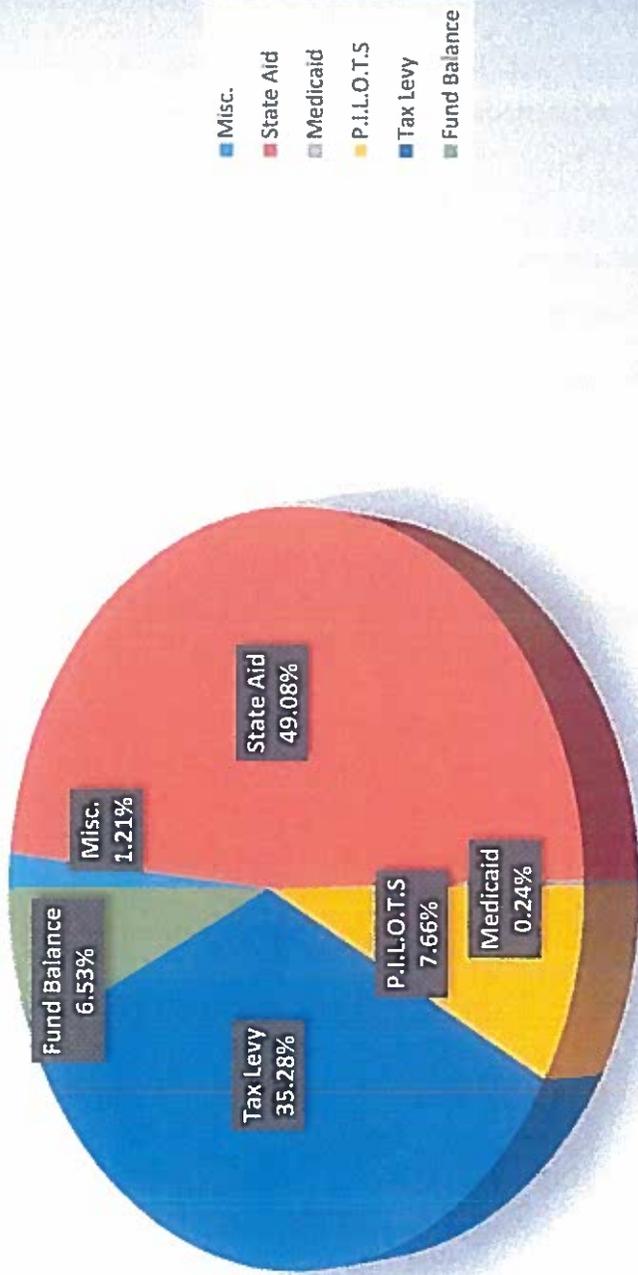
COMPARING COMPONENTS	2018-19	2019-20	\$ CHANGE	%
Administrative Component	\$2,070,206	\$1,573,130	-\$497,076	-27.29%
Program Component	\$17,692,092	\$19,256,090	\$1,563,998	8.47%
Capital Component	\$4,060,656	\$3,691,008	-\$369,648	-\$9.54%
TOTAL	\$23,822,954	\$24,520,228	\$697,274	

Schoharie CSD residents will have the opportunity to vote on the 2019-20 budget on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at the HS Library Lobby, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

2019-20 REVENUE BUDGET

Description	2018-19 Adopted	2019-20 Tentative	\$ Change	% Change	% Share
Misc.	\$370,700	\$296,266	\$-74,434	-20.08%	1.21%
State Aid	\$11,448,763	\$12,035,599	\$586,836	5.13%	49.08%
Medicaid	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$10,000	20.00%	0.24%
P.I.L.O.T.S	\$1,832,722	\$1,877,664	\$44,942	2.45%	7.66%
Tax Levy	\$8,450,098	\$8,650,703	\$200,605	2.37%	35.28%
Fund Balance	\$1,670,671	\$1,600,000	\$-70,671	-4.23%	6.53%
Total	\$23,822,954	\$24,520,232	\$697,278	2.93%	

2018-19 Proposed Revenues



Schoharie Central School District

2019-20 SCHOOL TAX RATE INFORMATION

The following is important information regarding 2019-2020 school tax rate information.

- Official tax rates will not be determined until August, at which time the Board of Education officially sets the tax levy. The tax bills are mailed during the first week of September.
- Tax rates are subject to equalization rates, which are set by New York State. Equalization rates are used to convert assessed values to what is termed the “true value” or equalized value, upon which the tax rate per \$1,000 is based. Many equalization rates may not be finalized until August.
- Tax rates are also subject to the school assessment roll, which is in draft form in May and does not become finalized until July.
- Taxpayers who applied for the S.T.A.R. (School Tax Assessment Relief) program would have a very small school tax bill increase on their primary residence property if they are registered for the basic STAR assessment reduction or the enhanced STAR assessment reduction.

Any preliminary school tax impact discussed during the time before the public vote on the budget is subject to change by the above factors.

The change in the tax levy for the 2019-20 budget is an increase of 2.37%, which is in compliance with the Tax Levy Limitation requirement.

TREND OF TAX LEVY AND TAX RATES

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-2020
	3.20%	3.15%	2.88%	1.53%	1.31%	-10.24%	-0.19%	1.35%	2.37%
	2.45%	4.38%	2.36%	-17.90%	0.69%	0.17%	-0.22%	-0.159%	TBD

School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2018-19 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2019-20 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 23,822,954	\$24,520,229	\$24,313,358
Increase/Decrease for the 2019-20 School Year		\$697,275	\$490,404
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.93 %	2.06%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.44%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$8,450,098	\$8,650,703	
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)	\$8,450,098	\$8,650,703	\$200,605
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$275,930	\$325,826	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$8,174,168	\$8,324,877	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$8,174,168	\$8,324,877	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$2,070,206	\$1,573,130	\$1,835,659
Program Component	\$17,692,092	\$19,256,091	\$18,786,691
Capital Component	\$4,060,656	\$3,691,008	\$3,691,008

Should the District adopt a contingency budget, the tax levy would be the same as it was for 2018-1. Expenses would be reduced by \$206,871. Equipment and software, including replacement computers and software associated with Standards Based curriculum would not be purchased.

** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount
Purchase of School Bus Vehicles	\$357,080
Library Levy	\$76,000

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Under the Budget Proposed
for the 2019-20 School Year

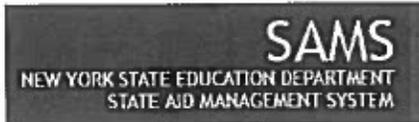
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$674

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2019-20 by the qualified voters of the Schoharie Central School District, Schoharie County, New York, will be held at Schoharie Central School(s) in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 between the hours of 9:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Jr./Sr. High School school(s), at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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

Entity Name: SCHOHARIE CSD
 BEDS Code: 541201
 Claim Year: 2018-2019 SET VALUES



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District Name: SCHOHARIE CSD
 Contact Person: SARAH BLOOD

District Code: 541201
 Telephone: (518) 295-6673
 Tel Extension:

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Property Tax Report Card

****Please use Chrome or Firefox browsers when entering the Business Portal to complete the PTRC. Internet Explorer is NOT recommended.****

Note: Some data elements of the Property Tax Report Card have been revised or renamed to more closely follow the Property Tax Cap calculations districts complete on the Office of the State Comptroller website. Please see the Help text above for definitions. Additional guidance on the Property Tax Levy Limit is available on the Office of Educational Management Services website: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/mgt/serv/propertytax/taxcap/>.

Please also submit an electronic version (PDF or Word) of your school district's 2019-20 Budget Notice to: emscmgts@nysed.gov. This will enable us to help correct any formula or data entry discrepancy quickly.

Form Due - April 29, 2019

Form Preparer Name: SARAH BLOOD
 Preparer's Telephone Number: 518-295-6677

Shaded Fields Will Calculate	Budgeted 2018-19 (A)	Proposed Budget 2019-20 (B)	Percent Change (C)
Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions	23,822,954	24,520,232	2.93 %
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount ¹	8,450,098	8,650,703	
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	0	0	
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable ²	0	0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	0	0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A+B+C+D)	8,450,098	8,650,703	2.37 %
F. Permissible Exclusions to the <u>School Tax</u> Levy Limit	275,930	619,850	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions ³	8,174,168	9,031,343	
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)	8,174,168	8,030,853	
I. Difference: (G-H) (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval) ²	0	1,000,490	
Public School Enrollment	908	915	0.77 %
Consumer Price Index			2.44 %

¹ Include any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

² Tax levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion under the School Tax Levy Limit and may affect voter approval requirements.

³ For 2019-20, includes any carryover from 2018-19 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2018-19 (D)	Estimated 2019-20 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	4,588,000	2,335,970
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	1,670,671	1,600,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	952,918	980,809
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	4.00 %	4.00 %

Schedule of Reserve Funds

Reserve Type	Reserve Name	Reserve Description *	3/31/19 Actual Balance	6/30/19 Estimated Ending Balance	Intended Use of the Reserve in the 2019-20 School Year
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Note: Be sure to click on the Save button at the bottom after each additional Reserve you add under Capital, Property Loss, Liability, or Other Reserve.

Capital + (add) - (delete)	TRANSPORTATION	For the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued.	554,970	554,970	Purchase of Buses
Capital + (add) - (delete)	CAPITAL PROJECT	For the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued.	0	0	To offset the local property tax needed for project.
Repair	REPAIR	For the cost of repairs to capital improvements or equipment.	100,000	100,000	To pay the cost of repairs to capital improvement
Workers Compensation	WORKERS	For self-Insured Workers Compensation and benefits.	156,144	165,000	To offset any unbudgeted appropriation for
Unemployment <u>Insurance</u>	UNEMPLOYMENT	For reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund.	33,620	35,000	To offset any unbudgeted appropriation for
Reserve for Tax Reduction		For the gradual use of the proceeds of the sale of school district real property.			
Mandatory Reserve for Debt Service		For proceeds from the sale of district capital assets or improvement, restricted to debt service.			
Insurance	INSURANCE	For liability, casualty, and other types of uninsured losses.	232,000	235,000	To account for liability/casualty insurance claims
Property Loss + (add)		To cover property loss.			
Liability + (add)		To cover incurred liability claims.			
Tax Certiorari		For tax certiorari settlements.			
Reserve for Insurance Recoveries		For unexpended proceeds of insurance recoveries at fiscal year end.			
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	COMPENSATED	For accrued 'employee benefits' due to employees upon termination of service.	859,652	846,000	To account for the payment of accrued vacation
Retirement Contribution	RETIREMENT	For employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Employees' Retirement System.	389,690	400,000	To account for possible employer contributions
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		For unpaid taxes due certain city school districts not reimbursed by their city/county until the following fiscal year.			
Single Other Reserve + (add)					

* NYSED Reserve Guidance: http://www.p12.nysed.gov/mgt/serv/accounting/docs/reserve_funds.pdf

OSC Reserve Guidance: <http://osc.state.ny.us/localgov/pubs/listacctg.htm#reservefunds>

**Provide a brief, but specific, statement of the planned use and appropriation for the reserve in SY 2019-20. Mention any capital expenditures that will need to be voted upon in the upcoming Budget Vote.

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School Administrator Salary Disclosure Form

Form Due May 13, 2019

2019-2020 Salary Threshold = \$138,000

In response to legislative efforts to encourage greater cost sharing in service provision and local government administration, we now provide a section for districts that share administrative staff to highlight these efforts for the upcoming school year. Each sharing district should identify in the form the other district(s) with which they will be sharing administrative staff for school year 2019-2020.

If you will be sharing a Superintendent, list the other district (or districts) in the text box. If you will be sharing other administrative staff required to be reported, please send an email to EMSCMGTS@nysed.gov indicating the title of the staff persons(s) as well as the other district(s) involved in the cost-sharing.

The salaries, benefits and other compensation reported in the form should reflect only the financial support or commitment that your district will be making. They should not reflect the total amounts budgeted to be paid by all participating districts over the school year.

Report Estimated Salaries in the Budget for the 2019-2020 School Year

Sections 1608 and 1716 of the Education Law
(Please read the instructions and definitions before completing this form.)

Title	Salary	Employee Benefits	Other Remuneration
1. Superintendent of Schools	152,000	45,077	4,200

Please list the district or districts with which you will be sharing a superintendent (if applicable):

Associate, Assistant and Deputy Superintendents
(Example Titles: Associate Superintendent for Instruction, Deputy Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Business, etc.)

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The New York State School Report Card Fiscal Accountability Supplement for SCHOHARIE CSD

New York State Education Law and the Commissioner's Regulations have required the attachment of the NYS School Report Card to the public school district budget proposal. The regulations required that certain expenditure ratios for general education and special education students be reported and compared with ratios for similar districts and all public schools. The required ratios for this district are reported below.

2016-2017 School Year		General Education	Special Education
This School District	Instructional Expenditures	\$10,535,104	\$4,102,398
	Pupils	866	125
	Expenditures Per Pupil	\$12,165	\$32,819
Similar District Group	Instructional Expenditures	\$8,563,600,218	\$3,606,900,434
	Pupils	741,547	112,197
	Expenditures Per Pupil	\$11,548	\$32,148
Total of All School Districts in NY State	Instructional Expenditures	\$33,589,192,945	\$15,340,293,380
	Pupils	2,646,512	467,779
	Expenditures Per Pupil	\$12,692	\$32,794
Similar District Group Description: Average Need/Resource Capacity			

Instructional Expenditures for General Education are K-12 expenditures for classroom instruction (excluding Special Education) plus a proration of building level administrative and instructional support expenditures. These expenditures include amounts for instruction of students with disabilities in a general-education setting. District expenditures, such as transportation, debt service and district-wide administration are not included.

The pupil count for General Education is K-12 average daily membership plus K-12 pupils for whom the district pays tuition to another school district. This number represents all pupils, including those classified as having disabilities and those not classified, excluding only students with disabilities placed out of district. Pupils resident in the district but attending a charter school are included. For districts in which a county jail is located, this number includes incarcerated youth to whom the district must provide an education program.

Instructional Expenditures for Special Education are K-12 expenditures for students with disabilities (including summer special education expenditures) plus a proration of building-level administrative and instructional support expenditures. District expenditures, such as transportation, debt service and district-wide administration are not included.

The pupil count for Special Education is a count of K-12 students with disabilities for the 2016-17 school year plus students for whom the district receives tuition from another district plus students for whom the district pays tuition to another district. Students attending the State schools at Rome and Batavia, private placements and out-of-state placements are included.

Instructional Expenditures Per Pupil is the simple arithmetic ratio of Instructional Expenditures to Pupils. The total cost of instruction for students with disabilities may include both general- and special-education expenditures. Special-education services provided in the general-education classroom may benefit students not classified as having disabilities.

2016-2017 School Year	This School District	Similar District Group	Total of All School Districts in NY State
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$23,737	\$22,738	\$24,712

Total Expenditures Per Pupil is the simple arithmetic ratio of Total Expenditures to Pupils. Total Expenditures include district expenditures for classroom instruction, as well as expenditures for transportation, debt service, community service and district-wide administration that are not included in the Instructional Expenditure values for General Education and Special Education. As such, the sum of General Education and Special Education Instructional Expenditures does not equal the Total Expenditures.

The numbers used to compute the statistics on this page were collected on the State Aid Form A, the State Aid Form F, the School District Annual Financial Report (ST-3), and from the Student Information Repository System (SIRS).

The New York State School Report Card Information about Students with Disabilities for SCHOHARIE CSD

New York State Education Law and the Commissioner's Regulations has required the attachment of the NYS School Report Card to the public school district budget proposal. The regulations required reporting students with disabilities by the percent of time they are in general education classrooms and the classification rate of students with disabilities. These data are to be compared with percentages for similar districts and all public schools. The required percentages for this district are reported below.

Student Counts as of October 4, 2017	This School District		Similar District Group	Total of All School Districts in NY State
	Count of Students with Disabilities	Percentage of Students with Disabilities	Percentage of Students with Disabilities	Percentage of Students with Disabilities
80% or more	72	53.73%	57.27%	58.68%
40% to 79%	45	33.58%	18.92%	11.47%
Less than 40%	8	5.97%	16.60%	19.09%
Separate Settings	8	5.97%	4.57%	5.34%
Other Settings	1	0.75%	2.64%	5.42%

The source data for the statistics in this table were reported through the Student Information Repository System (SIRS) and verified in Verification Report 5. The counts are numbers of students reported in the least restrictive environment categories for school-age programs (ages 6-21) on October 4, 2017. The percentages represent the amount of time students with disabilities are in general-education classrooms, regardless of the amount and cost of special education services they receive. Rounding of percentage values may cause them to sum to a number slightly different from 100%.

School-age Students with Disabilities Classification Rate

2017-18 School Year	This School District	Similar District Group	Total of All School Districts in NY State
Special Ed Classification Rate	15.13%	13.55%	15.26%

This rate is a ratio of the count of school-age students with disabilities (ages 4-21) to the total enrollment of all school-age students in the school district, including students who are parentally placed in nonpublic schools located in the school district. The numerator includes all school-age students for whom a district has Committee on Special Education (CSE) responsibility to ensure the provision of special education services. The denominator includes all school-age students who reside in the district. In the case of parentally placed students in nonpublic schools, it includes the number of students who attend the nonpublic schools located in the school district. Source data are drawn from the SIRS and from the Basic Education Data System (BEDS).

Similar District Group Description: Average Need/Resource Capacity

Equalized Total Assessed Value 559,168,462

School District - 434201 Schoharie

Exemption Code	Exemption Name	Statutory Authority	Number of Exemptions	Total Equalized Value of Exemptions	Percent of Value Exempted
12100	NYS - GENERALLY	RPTL 404(1)	1	26,873	0.00
13100	CO - GENERALLY	RPTL 406(1)	8	22,274,006	3.98
13500	TOWN - GENERALLY	RPTL 406(1)	24	1,965,113	0.35
13510	TOWN - CEMETERY LAND	RPTL 446	6	164,060	0.03
13650	VG - GENERALLY	RPTL 406(1)	21	1,686,305	0.30
13730	VG O/S LIMITS - SPECIFIED USES	RPTL 406(2)	1	34,109	0.01
13740	VG O/S LIMITS - SEWER OR WATER	RPTL 406(3)	3	1,863,565	0.33
13800	SCHOOL DISTRICT	RPTL 408	5	18,683,422	3.34
13850	BOCES	RPTL 408	1	1,947,080	0.35
13870	SPEC DIST USED FOR PURPOSE EST	RPTL 410	2	645,685	0.12
18020	MUNICIPAL INDUSTRIAL DEV AGENC	RPTL 412-a	13	100,352,951	17.95
25110	NONPROF CORP - RELIG(CONST PRO	RPTL 420-a	14	6,068,383	1.09
25120	NONPROF CORP - EDUCL(CONST PRC	RPTL 420-a	2	118,596	0.02
25130	NONPROF CORP - CHAR (CONST PRO	RPTL 420-a	6	855,298	0.15
25230	NONPROF CORP - MORAL/MENTAL IM	RPTL 420-a	1	48,579	0.01
25300	NONPROF CORP - SPECIFIED USES	RPTL 420-b	22	3,259,517	0.58
26400	INC VOLUNTEER FIRE CO OR DEPT	RPTL 464(2)	7	7,379,125	1.32
27350	PRIVATELY OWNED CEMETERY LAND	RPTL 446	3	7,305	0.00
28110	NOT-FOR-PROFIT HOUSING COMPAN)	RPTL 422	1	1,115,452	0.20
28540	NOT-FOR-PROFIT HOUS CO - HOSTE	RPTL 422	1	299,742	0.05
41300	PARAPLEGIC VETS	RPTL 458(3)	1	170,543	0.03
41400	CLERGY	RPTL 460	5	8,123	0.00
41690	VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMB	RPTL 466-c,d,e,f,g,h&i	16	48,335	0.01
41700	AGRICULTURAL BUILDING	RPTL 483	14	423,453	0.08
41720	AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT	AG-MKTS L 305	237	10,521,970	1.88
41730	AGRIC LAND-INDIV NOT IN AG DIS	AG MKTS L 306	163	6,190,378	1.11
41800	PERSONS AGE 65 OR OVER	RPTL 467	54	1,913,972	0.34
41804	PERSONS AGE 65 OR OVER	RPTL 467	4	34,358	0.01
41805	PERSONS AGE 65 OR OVER	RPTL 467	9	329,468	0.06
41806	PERSONS AGE 65 OR OVER	RPTL 467	9	102,253	0.02
41834	ENHANCED STAR	RPTL 425	479	30,462,133	5.45
41854	BASIC STAR 1999-2000	RPTL 425	1,133	34,564,144	6.18
42100	SILOS, MANURE STORAGE TANKS,	RPTL 483-a	25	205,921	0.04

Equalized Total Assessed Value 559,168,462

School District - 434201 Schoharie

Exemption Code	Exemption Name	Statutory Authority	Number of Exemptions	Total Equalized Value of Exemptions	Percent of Value Exempted
42130	FARM OR FOOD PROCESSING LABOR	RPTL 483-d	1	36,410	0.01
44114	FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS - NEW CO	RPTL 457	5	192,953	0.03
44214	HOME IMPROVEMENTS	RPTL 421-f	10	161,371	0.03
47460	FOREST LAND CERTD AFTER 8/74	RPTL 480-a	7	522,113	0.09
47610	BUSINESS INVESTMENT PROPERTY F	RPTL 485-b	3	185,556	0.03
48660	HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND CO	P H F I L 577,654-a	2	2,978,811	0.53
Total Exemptions Exclusive of System Exemptions:				257,847,431	46.11
Total System Exemptions:				0	0.00
Totals:				257,847,431	46.11

Values have been equalized using the Uniform Percentage of Value. The Exempt amounts do not take into consideration, payments in lieu of taxes or other payments for municipal services.

Amount, if any, attributable to payments in lieu of taxes: _____

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District budget highlights

2019-20 Proposed Budget:
\$24,520,229

Budget Change:
\$697,275
2.93%

Tax Levy Increase:
\$200,605
2.37%
*(Below the district's
3.68% tax levy limit)*



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BUDGET NOTICE

Residents to vote May 21 on 2019-20 budget

Schoharie Central School District residents will vote on a proposed \$24,520,229 budget for the 2019-20 school year on Tuesday, May 21, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the lobby of the Jr./Sr. High School library, 136 Academy Drive, Schoharie.

The proposed budget provides funding to maintain Schoharie Central School District's educational programs and services and reflects input received from local residents.

The Board of Education adopted the proposed budget after receiving feedback on local educational priorities during the community budget forum, monthly board meetings and from district residents and staff.

The proposed budget calls for a spending increase of 2.93 percent (\$697,275) over this school year's budget. Adjustments to employee salaries and benefits per negotiated agreements account for most of the budget increase.

A state aid increase of \$586,836 (5.13 percent) over the current school year is also included in the proposed budget.

Additional funding would be provided for the district's college and career readiness program, the development of cultural awareness programs for students and staff, and professional

development for teachers in the state's learning standards. Additional funding would also be provided for elementary supplies and advanced online data safety software.



Tax levy change is within limit

The proposed 2019-20 budget would increase the tax levy by \$200,605 (2.37 percent) and decrease reliance on the district's fund balance.

The tax levy increase is below

the district's maximum levy limit ("cap"), which means approval of the budget requires a simple majority vote of 50 percent plus one vote.

School tax rates, which determine the amount of money property owners pay per \$1,000 of assessed value, will be set in August after the district receives town property assessments and state equalization rates.

Elections and propositions

In addition to voting on the proposed budget on May 21, district residents will elect candidates to fill three open seats on the Board of Education (see page 5).

They also will consider propositions to allow the district to purchase two school buses, two vans and a Suburban SUV (see page 4), and to levy taxes for the Schoharie Free Library (see page 7).

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Budget Q&A

What budget am I voting on?

On May 21, voters will be asked to authorize the total dollar amount of appropriations for the day-to-day activities involved in providing education for all Schoharie students during the 2019-20 school year. The proposed \$24,520,229 budget is a \$697,275 or 2.93 percent, increase from the budget for the current school year.

What is a tax levy limit?

Although often referred to as a "2 percent tax cap," New York's tax levy "cap" law does not restrict any proposed tax levy increase to 2 percent. Under the law, a school district must follow an eight-step formula to calculate its individual "tax levy limit." That limit then determines what level of voter support is required for budget approval.

The law excludes certain portions of a school district's tax levy from the calculation. A district can add these exclusions to its tax levy limit, increasing the amount of taxes the district is allowed to levy while still needing only a simple majority of voters (50 percent plus one) for budget approval.

A proposed tax levy increase above the limit requires budget approval by a super majority of voters (60 percent). Schoharie's proposed budget includes a \$200,605 tax levy increase, which is below to the district's tax levy limit.

How is the tax levy different from a tax rate?

The tax levy is the total amount of money that the district raises from local taxpayers, while the tax rate is the amount of tax residents pay per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

School tax rates are determined in August after the district receives town property assessments and state equalization rates.

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2019-20 proposed school budget - CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"The Schoharie Central School District is mindful of the fact that education is expensive, yet resources remain sparse in upstate New York.

"We need to do a lot for our students so they will be college and career ready, but we work knowing our region is fiscally conservative," said Superintendent David M. Blanchard. "As a result, the district needs to be fiscally conservative.

"Our Board of Education and administration look for efficiencies wherever possible, and we balance the nature of our region with working to offer as many opportunities as possible for our students."

"The Board appreciates the involvement of community members, students, faculty and staff in developing a

budget for our schools," said Board of Education President Marion Jaqueway.

"Their participation is vital to our providing an educational program and learning environment that ensure a positive future for all of our students. I would also like to thank the school district and community for supporting me for nine years on the Board. It was my privilege to serve them."



Business Administrator Sarah Blood explains the draft 2019-20 budget at the community forum in March.

Budget Summary

DESCRIPTION	2018-19 BUDGETED	2019-20 PROPOSED BUDGET	\$ CHANGE YEAR TO YEAR
Central Services	\$994,903	\$1,094,517	\$99,614
Operations & Maintenance	\$1,402,999	\$1,527,352	\$124,353
Instruction	\$11,273,457	\$11,503,980	\$230,523
Transportation	\$1,275,254	\$1,306,186	\$30,932
Employee Benefits	\$6,789,330	\$6,849,537	\$60,207
Debt Service/Other	\$2,087,011	\$2,238,657	\$151,646
Total Expenses	\$23,822,954	\$24,520,229	\$697,275

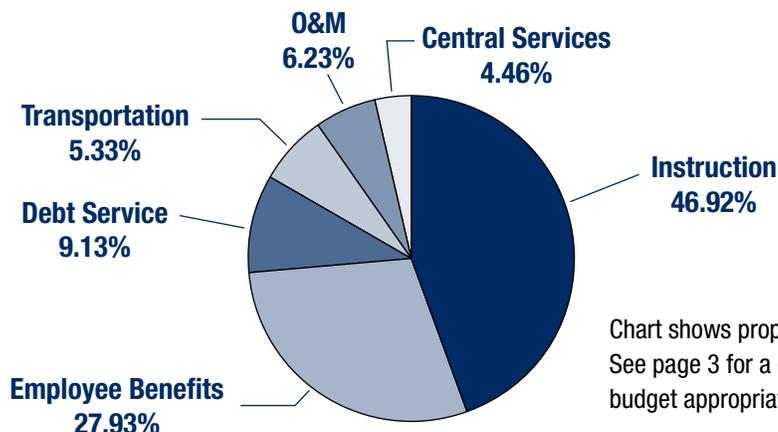


Chart shows proposed budget summary. See page 3 for a detailed breakdown of budget appropriations.

Budget Appropriations: Where does the money go?

Central Services: 4.46% of total proposed budget			
	Adopted Budget 2018-19 (\$)	Proposed Budget 2019-20 (\$)	Percent Change
Board of Education/District Clerk/Annual Meeting	15,278	28,487	
Central Administration	195,047	202,234	
Business Office/Finance/Auditing	296,745	377,446	
Legal Services	47,000	50,000	
Personnel Services	43,500	45,500	
Records Management	6,022	3,000	
Public Information Services	62,400	67,000	
Central Printing & Mailing, Admin. Data Processing	142,300	130,850	
Liability Insurance & Special Items	90,500	89,000	
Administrative & Capital Charge – BOCES	96,111	101,000	
Total Central Services	\$994,903	\$1,094,517	10.01%
Operations & Maintenance: 6.23% of total proposed budget			
Facilities Operations and Utilities Costs	1,194,994	1,304,352	
Maintenance of Physical Plant & Grounds	208,005	223,000	
Total Operations & Maintenance	\$1,402,999	\$1,527,352	8.86%
Instruction: 46.92% of total proposed budget			
School Building Supervision Regular Instruction	486,870	453,112	
In-Service Training	19,761	25,000	
Teaching – Regular School	5,762,534	5,745,644	
Special Education	2,774,455	2,810,490	
Occupational Education	498,000	540,000	
Library & Media/Computer Assisted Instruction	666,220	835,197	
Pupil Services	759,301	741,037	
Co-curricular/Extra-curricular Activities	60,116	69,200	
Interscholastic Athletics	246,200	284,300	
Total Instruction	\$11,273,457	\$11,503,980	2.04%
Transportation: 5.33% of total proposed budget			
District Transportation	1,000,554	1,014,574	
Garage Building	267,700	286,612	
Contract Transportation	7,000	5,000	
Total Transportation	\$1,275,254	\$1,306,186	2.43%
Employee Benefits: 27.93% of total proposed budget			
NYS Employees Retirement	425,000	400,000	
NYS Teachers Retirement	1,159,700	1,100,000	
Social Security	810,000	810,000	
Workers' Compensation	70,000	70,000	
Unemployment Insurance	29,000	29,000	
Hospital, Medical, Prescriptions	4,161,430	3,973,037	
Other Benefits: Dental, Vision, Employer Contributions	134,200	467,500	
Total Employee Benefits	\$6,789,330	\$6,849,537	0.89%
Debt Service/Interfund Transfers: 9.13% of total proposed budget			
Debt Service – School Construction/Renovations	1,450,410	1,603,608	
Bonds/BANs – Buses	307,000	290,448	
Installment Purchase (Energy Performance Project/Other)	266,601	266,601	
Transfers to Other Funds/Miscellaneous	63,000	78,000	
Total Debt Service/Interfund Transfers	\$2,087,011	\$2,238,657	7.27%
Total Appropriations	\$23,822,954	\$24,520,229	2.93%

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How can a STAR exemption reduce my school taxes?

Homeowners can reduce their school property taxes through a School Tax Relief (STAR) exemption or rebate. New applicants must apply online for this state tax break (Visit www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/).

How is my tax bill calculated?

Individual school tax bills are calculated using:

- the assessed value of each property (provided by towns);
- equalization rates;
- any applicable exemptions (e.g., STAR); and
- the proportionate share of the tax levy.

Why does the district use BOCES services?

By joining together, school districts are able to secure services through the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) that may be more costly if a district were to purchase the services on its own. Such services include career and technical education, health and safety, public information, special education, instructional technology and support services. Schoharie qualifies for a 57 percent reimbursement rate from the state for its BOCES expenses in the year following the expenditures.

What happens if the budget is defeated?

If a school district's proposed budget is defeated by voters on May 21, a school board has three options:

- Put the same budget up for a second vote on June 18.
- Put a revised budget up for a vote June 18.
- Adopt a contingent budget.

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What is a contingent budget?

If the Board of Education presents a budget — revised or not — for a second vote and it is defeated, the board must adopt a contingent budget for 2019-20. The contingent budget must include a tax levy amount that is no greater than the tax levy amount set by the Board of Education for 2018-19. Certain expenditures would not be allowed in a contingent budget, such as non-aided purchases of equipment, consumable supplies for students, non-essential maintenance, public use of school facilities (unless user fees are paid) and transfers from the operating budget to other monetary funds. The administrative component of the budget would also be subject to certain restrictions.

How can I vote if I can't be there on May 21?

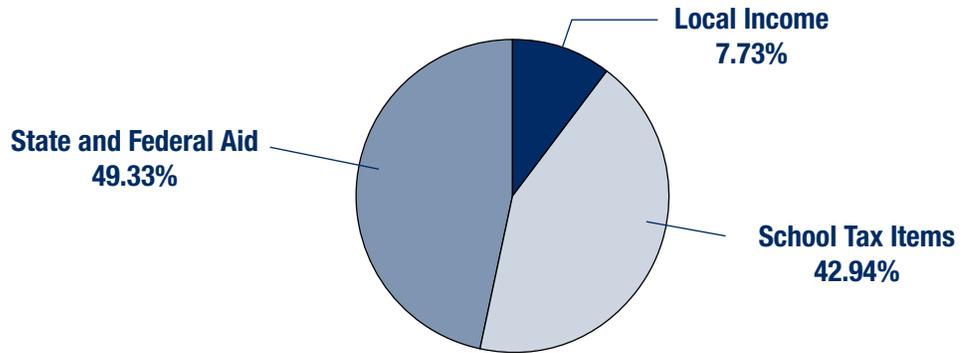
Eligible district residents who are unable to go to the polls on May 21 can cast their votes by absentee ballot. For an application, call the Schoharie Central School District office at (518) 295-6679 or visit the office at 136 Academy Drive, Schoharie. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven 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. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk at the polling place, no later than 5 p.m. on May 21.

What if I have questions about the budget vote?

For more information, call the Schoharie Central School District office at (518) 295-6679 or visit the district's website at www.schoharieschools.org.

Budget Revenue: Where does the money come from?

DESCRIPTION	2018-19 BUDGETED	2019-20 PROPOSED BUDGET	\$ CHANGE YEAR TO YEAR
Local Revenues			
Interest, Charges, Refunds, Other	\$370,700	\$296,263	(\$74,437)
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,670,671	\$1,600,000	(\$70,671)
State and Federal Aid			
State Aid	\$11,448,763	\$12,035,599	\$586,836
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$10,000
School Tax Items			
School Tax Levy/STAR	\$8,450,098	\$8,650,703	\$200,605
Payments In Lieu of Taxes	\$1,832,722	\$1,877,664	\$44,942
Total Revenue	\$23,822,954	\$24,520,229	\$697,275



Residents to vote on bus purchase proposition

A proposition on the May 21 ballot will ask voters to consider authorizing the purchase of five replacement school buses—two 65-passenger buses, one 29-passenger van, one wheelchair van and one Suburban SUV—at an overall cost not to exceed \$357,080.

If the bus purchase proposition is approved, the district would receive approximately 73.2 percent of the purchase price in state aid. The resulting net cost after trade-ins would be about \$73,750. The school district would use its transportation capital reserve fund to purchase the buses, resulting in no additional cost to taxpayers.

Why does the district purchase buses every school year?

The proposed bus purchases are part of an ongoing bus replacement plan designed to ensure students are transported on buses that meet the latest safety standards. The plan also allows the district to trade in or phase out older, high-mileage vehicles to avoid the cost inefficiencies related to keeping them in service.

What happens if the bus proposition is defeated?

If the proposition is defeated, the district estimates it would have to spend at least \$16,720 during the next two school years to repair or refurbish existing buses to keep them in service. Such repairs would have to meet New York State Department of Transportation requirements for school bus safety. Subsequent repairs to the buses would also be likely due to high-mileage and body-wear issues, resulting in additional costs. The district's existing buses would also continue to depreciate in value.

Residents to elect three to Board of Education

On May 21, residents will vote to fill three seats on the Board of Education for three-year terms beginning July 1, 2019. The seats are currently held by Terry Burton and Daniel Guasp, who are running for re-election, and Marion Jaqueway, who is not running for re-election. Their terms expire June 30, 2019.

The Board is comprised of seven residents who serve overlapping, unpaid terms of three years each. Together, they establish district policies, approve an annual budget proposal, approve or disapprove the superintendent's recommendations on personnel matters and contracts, review courses of study and textbooks, and act as a communication link between residents and the school district. Board of Education candidate information is provided below.



Daniel Guasp is seeking his third term on the Board. A Schoharie High School graduate, he earned an associate's degree in computer information systems at SUNY Cobleskill. Guasp is a manager overseeing warehouse operations at Crisafulli Bros. in Albany. He has been active on the high school Building Leadership Committee and SCS Facilities Planning Committee and is a play set building volunteer. He is a past Schoharie Little League coach. Daniel lives in Schoharie with his wife, Lauren, and their children Jaydan and Joshua, both of whom attend Schoharie Central Schools.



Terry Burton is seeking his fourth term on the Board. He is a lifelong resident of the Schoharie Central School District and has been a teacher in the Middleburgh School District for 25 years. Burton is a 1986 Schoharie High School graduate with a bachelor's degree in secondary education from SUNY New Paltz and a master's degree in elementary education from Sage College. He is a member of the Schoharie County School Boards Association, and represents Area 8 at New York State School Boards Association roundtables. Terry and his wife, Cynthia, have a son who attends Schoharie High School and a daughter who attends Middleburgh High School.



Tara Barton is seeking her first term on the Board of Education. She has lived in Schoharie for more than 20 years with her husband, Shane, and children, Mitchell, Mackenzie and Quin, who attend Schoharie Central Schools. Tara is a lifelong Schoharie County resident who was born and raised in Sharon Springs. She holds a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Education from SUNY Cortland and is certified to teach preschool through 12th grade. Tara has been employed by the Sharon Springs Central School District as a teacher since 1991, with an eight-year hiatus when she was a stay-at-home mom.



Zachary Doherty is seeking his first term on the Board. He and his wife, Loren, live in Schoharie with their children River and Willow, who attend Schoharie Elementary, and Noah and Caleb, who attend preschool at SCS. Doherty is vice president and co-owner of Doherty Construction. He graduated early from Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School, studied photovoltaics at Hudson Valley Community College and earned North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners certification. He is a partner and worship team member at Fusion Community Church, participates in community food and clothing drives and donates time and materials for construction projects to help those in need.

Three-part budget

New York state requires school districts to present budgets in three parts. The proposed 2019-20 Schoharie Central School District budget to be voted on May 21 includes the following:

Program Budget

\$19,256,091 – The salaries and benefits of all certified faculty and staff, teacher aides, monitors and nurses. Also included are in-service training, library costs, transportation, co-curricular programs and interscholastic athletics.

Capital Budget

\$3,691,008 – Debt service on building additions and renovations, bus purchases, property assessment challenges and court-ordered costs, and operations/maintenance costs, including staff.

Administrative Budget

\$1,573,130– The salaries and benefits of all professional staff members who spend 50 percent or more of their time in administration, finance and supervision. Also included are clerical staff, public information, curriculum development and supervision, research, planning and evaluation, legal services, and school board-related costs.

District residents may vote on the proposed 2019-20 budget, bus purchase proposition, Schoharie Free Library tax levy proposition and Board of Education candidates from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, at Schoharie Jr./Sr. High School, 136 Academy Drive, Schoharie.

Capital project update

Schoharie's capital repair and renovation project was approved by the district's voters in May 2017 to both address needed repairs to school buildings and align them with the current and future educational needs of students.

With more than 83 percent of the \$19.8 million capital project covered by state building aid, and with the establishment of a capital reserve fund, SCS can accomplish such goals with minimal impact on taxpayers.

A facilities planning committee that includes numerous community members was involved in the project.

What's been done

During the summer and fall of 2018, the elementary school fire alarm system was updated, high school boilers and piping were replaced, and campus-wide public address and security systems were upgraded. A new badge and visitor identification system was installed for both schools and the district office.

Work continues

Bids were requested for the next phase of the capital project work earlier this spring for consideration and approval by the Board of Education.

Work begins this spring in the high school.

Learn more

For more information, visit the district's website at www.schoharieschools.org.

Sharpening our focus on educational equity

The Schoharie Central School District is entrusted by its residents to provide an educational program and services that meet the needs of its students. The proposed 2019-20 school year budget includes funding to help ensure educational equity for all who attend Schoharie schools. More than treating everyone as an equal, equity is giving every student what they need to be successful.

"It is our mission to prepare students to succeed in today's global society," said Superintendent David M. Blanchard. "It is also our responsibility to prepare our graduates for the world they will encounter after high school, whether they attend college or technical school, pursue a career, enter military service or reach for other goals."

An excellent range of opportunities

"Indeed, according to the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and New York State Education Department (SED) standards, Schoharie is in good standing and earned the highest rating for its graduation rate and preparing students for college, career and civic readiness," he said.

"We provide students with an excellent range of opportunities including career and technical education, Advanced Placement and University in the High School programs. We are proud of these strengths.

"However," Blanchard noted, "the same ESSA and SED reports show the district needs to improve in a number of areas. Schoharie needs to better serve the educational needs of students in grades K-12 who are economically disadvantaged, have disabilities or are multiracial; these determinations were based on academic performance as measured by Regents exams and other assessments. In the high school, the district also must address chronic absenteeism."

Generation Ready

Given these findings, Schoharie Central School District is embarking on efforts to ensure educational equity across the entire school population. The district is partnering with Generation Ready, a New York-based company that works with school districts to tackle issues including equity and cultural proficiency.

A school district is culturally proficient when its practices and policies enable it to engage effectively with those of diverse backgrounds and cultures. This spring, Generation Ready will survey students, staff, parents and guardians to gauge Schoharie Central School District's level of cultural proficiency. Training will be offered for staff and students at all grade levels.

Beginning next fall, a period of instruction will be added to the seventh grade curriculum that will focus on diversity, learning about racism and embracing differences.

"All of our students need to see their lives reflected in the education they receive in Schoharie, and our district needs to adapt to the needs of the entire student population," said Superintendent Blanchard. "Our elementary school has already embraced the No Place for Hate and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) programs, and we will build on that good work.

"The district's partnership with Generation Ready and efforts to promote equity and cultural proficiency across all grades will reinforce our strengths, address our weaknesses and foster a positive and inclusive environment that allows each of our students to reach their full potential."

Hannah Meyer, Madeline Phelan are Co-Valedictorians

Hannah Meyer and Madeline Phelan have been named Co-Valedictorians of Schoharie Jr./Sr. High School's Class of 2019. Both students have attended Schoharie Central School since kindergarten.

Hannah is president of the Class of 2019 and of Schoharie's chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), captain of the varsity cheer team, and member of Key Club, select choir and National Honor Society.

She also participates in the 4-H legislative intern program, has been involved in school musicals for four years, including playing a leading role in "Cinderella," and earned a Schenectady Light Opera Outstanding Performers Award.

After graduation, Hannah plans to study political science and pre-law at Syracuse University, where she's committed to the Renée Crown University Honors Program. In the future, she plans to pursue a J.D. in law and Ph.D. in political science.

Outside of school, Hannah works as a retail clerk at Howe Caverns and seasonal landscaper at The Birches at Schoharie. She and her family live in the Town of Wright.

Madeline Phelan

Madeline has served as Class of 2019 treasurer, varsity club president, Key Club vice president, select choir member and varsity soccer team captain. She has been honored as a Western Athletic Conference (WAC) 1st Team Soccer All-Star and WAC Defensive Most Valuable Player. She has served as a system soccer referee and plays on travel teams.

Madeline is a National Honor Society member and was awarded a New York State Scholarship for Academic Excellence earlier this year. She also has been active in school musicals for the past four years, performing in and serving as choreographer for "Bye Bye Birdie," "Singing in the Rain," "Cinderella" and "Newsies."

Madeline volunteers after school in a Schoharie Elementary kindergarten classroom and with the peer tutoring program. A dancer since age three, she has trained in ballet, jazz, tap, modern, lyrical, acrobatic and belly dancing.

After graduation, Madeline plans to attend college to become a high school math teacher. She and her family live in the Village of Schoharie.

Residents to vote on library funding

New York State Education Law allows libraries to place a funding proposition on school district ballots and requires school districts, at the libraries' request, to levy and collect taxes for libraries. The amount of the tax levy collected by a school district for a library remains the same each year until the library requests a proposition to change that amount.

On May 21, Schoharie Central School District residents will be asked to vote on a proposition to increase the annual tax levy for the Schoharie Free Library Association from \$66,000 to \$76,000. If the proposition is approved, Schoharie Central School District would annually levy and collect taxes in the new amount for the library beginning in the 2019-20 fiscal year.

Taxes levied for the Schoharie Free Library go directly to the library to fund services provided to Schoharie Central School District residents. The library is a separate legal entity with its own funding and budget. The amount authorized for library services is listed as a separate line on tax bills.



Class of 2019 Co-Valedictorian
Hannah Meyer:

"I would like to thank my family and dedicated teachers at Schoharie Central School. Their constant encouragement has given me the confidence to achieve nothing but the best again and again. I am incredibly grateful for their support, as it has helped push me to where I am today."



Class of 2019 Co-Valedictorian
Madeline Phelan:

"I would like to thank my parents for always pushing me to give 110 percent effort in everything I do, as well as all my supportive teachers."



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Schoharie Central School District – Overall Budget Proposal

	Budget Adopted for the 2018-19 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2019-20 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$23,822,954	\$24,520,229	\$24,313,358
Increase/Decrease for the 2019-20 School Year		\$697,275	\$490,404
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.93%	2.06%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.44%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$8,450,098	\$8,650,703	
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)	\$8,450,098	\$8,650,703	\$8,450,098
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$275,930	\$325,826	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$8,174,168	\$8,324,877	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/ or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$8,174,168	\$8,324,877	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$2,070,206	\$1,573,130	\$1,835,659
Program Component	\$17,692,092	\$19,256,091	\$18,786,691
Capital Component	\$4,060,656	\$3,691,008	\$3,691,008

* Should the District adopt a contingency budget, the tax levy would be the same as it was for 2018-19. Expenses would be reduced by \$206,871. Equipment and software, including replacement computers and software associated with Standards Based curriculum, would not be purchased.

** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount
Purchase of School Bus Vehicles	\$357,080
Schoharie Free Library Levy	\$76,000

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$674.00

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

School districts are required by state law to mail this School District Budget Notice to all households in the district.

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2019-20 by the qualified voters of the Schoharie Central School District, Schoharie County, New York, will be held at the Jr./Sr. High School in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the Lobby at the High School Library, during which time the polls will be open for voting by ballot or machine.