



SENECA FALLS

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Budget Facts

\$29,733,095

**2020-21
School Year Total
Spending Proposal**

1.95%

**Proposed Tax
Levy Increase**

**Bus Proposition
Purchase of 3
buses and 1 van**

**Board of
Education Election
3 Vacancies**

**Absentee Ballots
Must be Received
by June 9**

-2.7%

**Budget to Budget
Spending Change
from 2019-20**

2020-2021 Property Tax Report Card

	Budget Adopted 2019-20	Budget Proposed 2020-21	Percent Change
Total Budget Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$30,557,644	\$29,733,095	-2.7%
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$13,200,486	\$13,457,895	
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$-	\$-	
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable	\$-	\$-	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	\$-	\$-	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A+B+C+D)	\$13,200,486	\$13,457,895	1.95%
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$0	\$187,068	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Exclusions	\$13,429,697	\$13,613,584	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purpose, Excluding Permissible Exclusions Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E-B-F+D)	\$13,200,486	\$13,270,827	
I. Difference: (G - H)	\$229,211	\$342,757	
Public School Enrollment		1,242	
Consumer Price Index	1.0244	1.0181	

SFCSD BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION NOTICE

There are three vacancies on the Board of Education. The three candidates will have terms of three years (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023). BOE Candidates and statements can be accessible through the district website:

<https://www.senecafallscsd.org/domain/12>

BUS PURCHASE PROPOSITION:

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE

Approval of the Proposition authorizes the expenditure of up to \$410,000 for the purchase of three buses and one passenger van. Funds for the purchase will come from the Capital Bus Reserve (No additional tax impact).

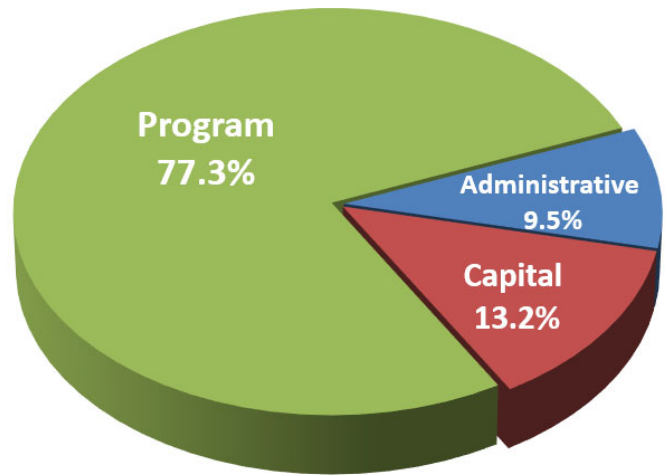




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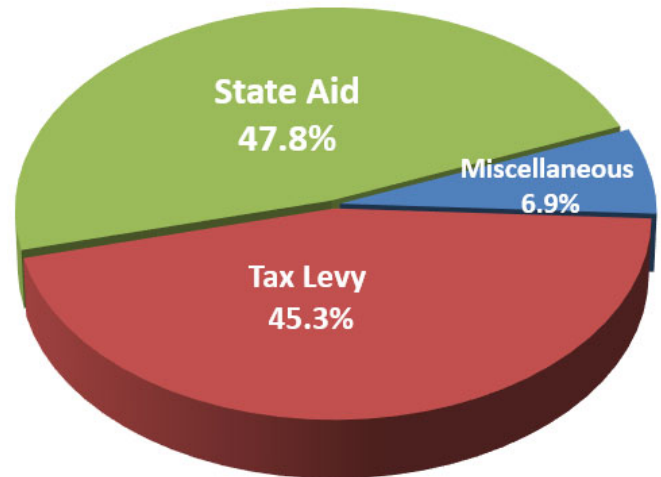
2020-21 DISTRICT REVENUE BUDGET

Revenue	2020-21 Proposed
NY State Aid	
NY State Aid	\$14,208,957
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$75,000
Local Sources	
Tax Levy (Including PILOTS)	\$13,457,895
Debt Service Fund	\$88,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$555,873
Appropriated Reserves	\$390,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$0
Federal Aid	
Federal Cares Act	\$357,370
Federal Grants	\$600,000
TOTAL	\$29,733,095



THE 2020-2021 THREE-PART BUDGET PROPOSAL

All public schools in New York State are required to report appropriations in three official categories: Program, Capital, and Administrative. The following data shows how the Seneca Falls' budget breaks down:



PROGRAM	2020-21 Proposal
Curriculum & Instruction	\$16,483,250
Transportation	\$1,331,197
Employee Benefits	\$4,971,598
General Program Support	\$30,303
Interfund Transfers	\$155,000
TOTAL	\$22,971,348

THE PROGRAM BUDGET :

The salaries and benefits of all teachers, guidance counselors, aides, monitors, psychologists, nurses, social workers, and speech therapists. Also included are textbooks and equipment, library costs, transportation, co-curricular programs and interscholastic athletics.

CAPITAL	2020-21 Proposal
Debt Service	\$1,889,894
Operation of Plant	\$959,152
Maintenance of Plant	\$373,268
Benefits	\$705,357
TOTAL	\$3,927,671

THE CAPITAL BUDGET :

Operations and maintenance costs, including salaries and benefits for custodial staff, debt service from capital projects, utilities, cleaning supplies, tax certiorari, and court-ordered costs.

ADMINISTRATIVE	2020-21 Proposal
School Operations	\$1,101,130
Central Administration	\$278,054
Supervision	\$881,398
Benefits & Community	\$573,494
TOTAL	\$2,834,076

THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET :

The salaries and benefits of administrators, supervisors and administrative clerical staff, public information and printing, curriculum and staff development, school board-related costs, tax collection, and legal services.

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Seneca Falls CSD Fiscal Accountability Report *(NYS Education Department: 2018-2019 School Report Card)*

Seneca Falls CSD	General Education	Special Education
Instructional Expenditures	\$11,244,037	\$8,089,358
Pupils	1,238	178
Expenditures per Pupil	\$9,082	\$45,446

Similar District Group (Avg. Needs)	General Education	Special Education
Instructional Expenditures	\$8,760,789,980	\$3,724,876,702
Pupils	735,579	113,376
Expenditures per Pupil	\$11,910	\$32,854

All School Districts	General Education	Special Education
Instructional Expenditures	\$35,199,223,413	\$15,660,696,162
Pupils	2,632,781	485,151
Expenditures per Pupil	\$13,370	\$32,280

Total Expenditures per Pupil *(Includes all district expenditures)*

Seneca Falls CSD	Similar District Group	New York State
\$23,637	\$23,507	\$25,845

Property Tax Levy

New York State law requires school districts to establish a tax cap, or maximum allowable levy limit. Each school district determines its cap from a complicated formula. Allowable Levy is set at the Cost of Living, CPI (1.81%) or the state's tax cap of 2%, whichever is less. The SFCSD proposed 1.95% Tax Levy increase is below the Maximum Allowable Levy Limit of 4.55%.

Tax Levy Limit through 6/30/19	\$13,200,486
Tax Base Growth Factor	1.0003
Allowable Levy Growth (lower of CPI or 2%)	1.81%
Allowable Tax Levy Limit + Exclusions	\$13,800,652 4.6%
BOE Proposed Levy for 2020—2021	\$13,457,895 1.95%
Amount below Tax Levy Limit + Exclusions	\$342,757

	SENECA FALLS	FAYETTE	TYRE
Basic STAR	\$27,000 <i>(Decreased \$750)</i>	\$30,000	\$30,000
Enhanced STAR	\$62,820 <i>(Decreased \$730)</i>	\$69,800 <i>(Increased \$1100)</i>	\$69,800 <i>(Increased \$1100)</i>
Assessment Level	89% <i>(Decreased from 90%)</i>	100%	100%
Tax Rate	\$26.54 <i>(True Value \$23.63)</i>	\$23.63 <i>(True Value)</i>	\$23.63 <i>(True Value)</i>

Town School Tax Bills Using the Basic and Enhanced STAR Exemption:

The tax bills to the left are estimates from data from the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance. The Seneca Falls CSD does not develop the equalization rates and STAR exemption amounts. The Town of Seneca Falls properties are expected to have an equalization rate of 89%. The Town of Fayette and Tyre have completed a re-evaluation of property over the past two years, bringing their equalization rates to 100%. The 2020-21 exemptions can be found at: www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/star45.htm.

Tax rates are set for each town and approved by SFCSD Board of Education in July or August.

**HOW DO I VOTE?**

As per the State of New York Executive Order No. 202.26, the annual vote and election has been rescheduled to Tuesday, June 9, 2020 and will be held by Absentee Ballot. Follow the instructions in the ballot and mail the ballot back or deliver it to District Office (98 Clinton Street) drop box by 5:00 PM on June 9, 2020.

A qualified voter of the School District shall be:

- (1) A citizen of the United States of America
- (2) Eighteen years of age or older
- (3) A resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require that any person offering to vote at the Annual School District Meeting and Election provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to NYS Education Law Section 2018-C.

A Virtual Budget Hearing will be held via Zoom at 6:00 PM on Monday, June 1, 2020. All Budget Information will be posted on the SFCSD Website www.senecafallscsd.org. If you have not received your Absentee Ballot by June 2, 2020, Please contact the District at (315) 568-5818.



**ABSENTEE BALLOTS
MUST BE RECEIVED
BY 5:00 PM ON
TUESDAY, JUNE 9**

BUDGET NOTICE WITH CONTINGENCY

In the event, the budget is not approved, the District may conduct a second vote or adopt a contingency budget.

A contingency budget would include reductions required by Section 2023 of the Education Law, including the use of school facilities and fields.

State-Required School District Budget Notice	Budget Adopted 2019-20	Budget Proposed 2020-21	Contingency Budget 2020-21
Total Budgeted Amount, without Propositions	\$30,557,644	\$29,733,095	\$29,527,199
Increase/Decrease for the 2020-21 School Year		-\$824,549	-\$1,030,445
Percent Change in Budget		-2.70%	-3.37%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.81%	
School Tax Levy Limit plus Exclusions		\$13,800,652 (4.55%)	
Proposed School Year Tax Levy (w/ exclusions)		\$13,457,895 (1.95%)	\$13,200,486
Proposed School Year Tax Levy	\$13,200,486	\$13,457,895	\$13,200,486
Administrative Component	\$2,658,742	\$2,834,076	\$2,628,180
Program Component	\$23,238,466	\$22,971,348	\$22,971,348
Capital Component	\$4,660,436	\$3,927,671	\$3,927,671
Reductions for Contingency = \$205,896			



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