

Forestville

Forestville Central School District 2021-2022 Budget Newsletter

Board President's Message



Carol Woodward
Board President

To Our School Community and Residents, We have been working diligently on the 2021-2022 school budget. Once again we are presenting for your consideration a very conservative budget. Each year we really take into consideration our community's ability to support our budget. We know that this has been such a tough year for everyone. Not only has it been difficult emotionally, it has been difficult financially. This budget proposal does not include any new positions. We are simply asking for your support to continue our instructional program as it is now.

We are not asking for any major upgrades to our buildings either.

We are just planning on maintaining what we have. We have two open seats with different term limits. David Caccamise has been a tremendous asset to our board is resigning so he can spend more time with his family. This is creating a term that will run from May 19, 2021 to June 30, 2023. We also have an open seat with a term that runs from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2025. This seat is open because Michelle Merritt's term has expired. We have two individuals running for these two seats: Michelle Merritt (incumbent) and Andrea Spengler. The person with the most votes will serve in the four-year term position. The other person will serve in the term starting on May 19th and ending on June 30, 2023.

Thank you so much for all your support this year. We really appreciate it.



Budget-At-A-Glance

2021-2022 Proposed Budget
\$13,028,780

Increase of \$156,286 or 1.21%

Proposed Tax Levy Increase of
\$52,013 or 1.29%

Budget Overview

- Preserves the current level of academic programs, student services and extracurricular activities while supporting curriculum
- Includes conservative use of reserve funds while maintaining the long-term financial integrity of the District
- Continue to limit spending on items that are mission critical only, while working to improve efficiencies
- Promotes partnerships with neighboring districts for educational collaborations and shared services
- In response to an ever increasing need for building improvements to ensure student safety, we have earmarked \$100,000 in the 2021-22 budget to cover capital outlay. We anticipate receiving approximately 86% of these costs back in state building aid the following year.
- We will be staying at or below the state imposed tax levy limit which allows our taxpayers to be eligible for the State's proposed tax rebate

Public Hearing

A public hearing for the voters of the District on the 2021-2022 budget will be held on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom, which voters may access and submit questions by contacting Kristin Irwin, District Clerk at kirwin@forestville.com. The hearing will be virtual unless a Governor's Executive Order does not continue the suspension of the in-person meeting requirement of Open Meetings Law to include May 6, 2021 or the public hearing for the budget, in which case the hearing would be held in person.

Budget Vote

All eligible voters will have an opportunity to vote on the budget on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria. Parking is available in the back parking lot. All voters must wear masks and follow the social distance guidelines.

Voting Information

Voter Registration Reminder

1. A citizen of the U. S.
2. Eighteen years of age or older and;
3. A resident of the Forestville Central School District for a period of 30 days or more preceding the annual vote and election.

Voter Information Voting Process

Your vote will be accepted using an optical scanning voting machine. Please bring photo identification with you when you come to vote on May 18.

Absentee Ballot Procedures

Absentee ballots for the Budget Vote/Board Member Election will be available by application to the District Clerk's Office for any qualified voter who will be unable to vote in person due to illness or physical disability, hospitalization, incarceration (unless incarcerated for conviction of a felony), or travel outside the District for employment or business reasons, studies or vacation on the day of the vote/election.

Applications for absentee ballots will be available from the District Clerk's Office on or after April 19, 2021. Applications must be received by the District Clerk by May 11, 2021 to be processed by mail or by 3:30 p.m. on May 14, 2021 in person. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Office, by mail or in person, prior to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 to be counted.

Military Voters

Applications for qualified military voters will be available from the District Clerk's Office. The District Clerk must receive a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 22, 2021. The voter may designate a preference to receive the application or ballot by mail, facsimile or electronic mail.

The 2021-2022 Proposed Budget Budget and Board of Education Election

Proposition #1 Budget

The budget proposition would authorize the appropriation of \$13,028,780 to meet estimated school district expenditures for the 2021-2022 school year. This represents an increase of 1.21% compared to the 2020-2021 adopted budget. Adoption of this budget would result in an anticipated tax levy increase of 1.29%, which is within the limits of the property tax cap as calculated in accordance with Chapter 97 of the Laws of New York and qualifying homes will be eligible for the state's STAR rebate.

Proposition #2 Bus Purchase

The bus purchase proposition seeks voter approval to purchase 2 (two) 2022 Blue Bird Vision 65-passenger school buses at an estimated cost of \$123,441.11.

Board of Education Election

Voters will elect two members to the Board of Education. Two at-large vacancies will be filled on the Board of Education by reason of expiration of the term of office of one incumbent and resignation of one incumbent. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected to a four-year term to commence on July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2025. The candidate receiving the second largest number of votes shall serve in the term starting on May 19, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2023.

Estimated 2021 School Tax Bill With Basic STAR subsidy applied:

Property's Full Market Value	Actual 2020-21	Estimated 2021-22	Difference
\$60,000	\$481	\$515	\$34
\$80,000	\$812	\$850	\$38
\$100,000	\$1,143	\$1,185	\$42

Real Property Tax Rebate: the District's proposed budget complies with the state property tax cap; Forestville homeowners may be eligible for a property tax rebate from the state.

Tax Rate Impact per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

Estimated Tax Levy

2020-2021	2021-2022	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$4,037,224	\$4,089,237	\$52,013	1.29%

Tax Rate Impact per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation (Full Value)

2020-2021	2021-2022	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$16.54	\$16.75	\$0.21	1.27%

Proposed 2021-2022 Revenues

Tax Levy

2020-2021	2021-2022	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$4,037,224	\$4,089,237	\$52,013	1.29%

State Aid

2020-2021	2021-2022	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$7,746,588	\$7,943,607	\$197,019	2.54%

Other Revenue

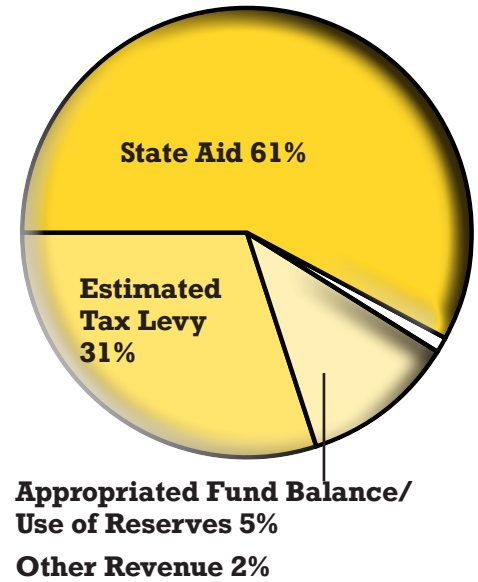
2020-2021	2021-2022	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$165,200	\$307,615	\$142,415	86.21.00%

Appropriated Fund Balance/Use of Reserves

2020-2021	2021-2022	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$945,562	\$688,321	(\$257,241)	-27.21%

TOTAL REVENUE

2020-2021	2021-2022	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$12,872,494	\$13,028,780	(\$156,286)	+1.21%



Proposed 2021-2022 Expenditures

Program Component \$9,089,130

The Program Component represents the largest portion of expenditures. This component maintains all current programs and services and supports the District's mission and vision. This component provides funding for instruction and educational support services for all students. Transportation, health, library, co-curricular activities, and athletics are also included in this component.

2020-2021	2021-2022	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$8,954,678	\$9,089,130	\$134,452	1.50%

Capital Component \$2,348,498

The Capital Component includes costs associated with the operation and maintenance of District facilities, including utilities, building and equipment repairs, and grounds maintenance. Funds are also included for principal and interest payments on capital projects.

2020-2021	2021-2022	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$2,325,842	\$2,348,498	\$22,656	0.97%

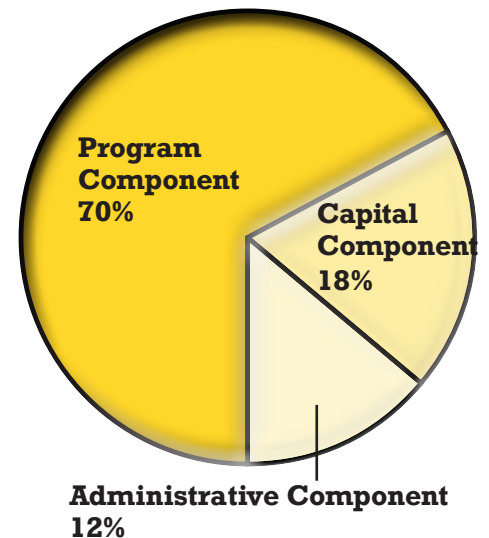
Administrative Component \$1,574,866

The Administrative Component provides for the general support and management of the school buildings and the District.

2020-2021	2021-2022	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$1,591,974	\$1,574,866	(\$17,108)	-1.07%

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

2020-2021	2021-2022	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$12,872,494	\$13,028,780	\$156,286	1.21%



Board of Education
 Carol Woodward, President
 David Caccamise, Vice President
 Sylvester Cleary
 Mervin Fry
 Amy Drozdziel
 Michael LoManto
 Michelle Merritt

Superintendent
 Renee Garrett
District Treasurer
 Jennifer Fitzgerald
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Elementary Principal
 Lindsay Marcinelli

Head Bus Driver
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Director of Technology
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School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2020-21 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2021-22 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$12,872,494	\$13,028,780	\$12,899,945
Increase/Decrease for the 2018-19 School Year		\$156,286	\$128,835
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.21%	+1.00%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.70%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$4,037,224	\$4,089,237	
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)	\$4,037,224	\$4,089,237	\$4,037,224
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$4,037,224	\$4,089,237	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$4,037,224	\$4,089,237	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$1,591,974	\$1,574,866	\$1,571,986
Program Component	\$8,954,678	\$9,105,416	\$9,083,484
Capital Component	\$2,325,842	\$2,348,498	\$2,244,475

* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2019-20 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.
 All appropriations for non-essential equipment will be eliminated.
 All appropriations for non-health and safety related capital improvements would be eliminated.
 All non-contractual increases will be eliminated

Description	Amount
Acquisition of School Buses	\$247,000

** 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)

Non-Discrimination Statement

The Forestville Central School District does not discriminate in its employment and admission to programs and activities as applicable, on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, economic status, marital status, veterans' status, political affiliation, domestic victim status, use of a guide dog, hearing dog or service dog, disability, or other classifications protected under federal or state law, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The designated district compliance officers will coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act, and the New York State Human Rights Law.

The Forestville Central School District Compliance Officers are: Superintendent, 12 Water Street, Forestville, NY 14062 (716) 969-6539, MS/HS Principal, 4 Academy Street, Forestville, NY 14062 (716) 968-2711, Elementary Principal, 12 Water Street, Forestville, NY 14062 (716) 968-2742.

Complaints may also be filed with the Office for Civil Rights, New York Office, U.S. Department of Education, 39 Old Slip, 28th Floor, New York, NY 10005-2900, phone: (646) 428-3800, fax (646) 428-3843, email: OCR.NewYork@ed.gov.

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-2022 by the qualified voters of the Forestville Central School District, Chautauqua County, New York, will be held Forestville Elementary school(s) in said district on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 1:00 pm prevailing time OR between the hours of 1:00 pm and 8:00 pm, prevailing time in the Forestville Elementary school(s), at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgt@nysed.gov

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2020-2021 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$511.00

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