

# Forestville

## Forestville Central School District 2020-2021 Budget Newsletter

### Board President's Message



**Carol Woodward**  
Board President

To our school community and residents, earlier this year, our financial and administrative team began working on the school budget. The 2020-2021 school budget will be presented to our residents in our school community. Formulating a budget that meets our needs, while remaining fiscally responsible requires detailed decision challenges when we are living in a normal setting. Our district is now challenged to present a budget with so many unknowns of our financial status in the near future. The team is now striving to propose while remaining aware of the changes that may occur. The Board of Education is confident that our team is proposing a budget that continues to be fiscally responsible, while striving to ensure we educate and prepare our students for their future, as successfully as possible. Be aware that we have continued to raise our test scores and graduation rates which is a reflection of the great work our school team has achieved. Please note that the District's budget vote and Board of Education member election will be held by absentee ballot only. All qualified voters of the District are eligible to vote by absentee ballot. We have two Board of Education member positions for the school board that will be on the ballot. Dave Caccamise and Amy Drozdziel are running for school board. The Budget Vote is June 9, 2020 and the deadline for the District to receive your absentee ballots are that day at 5:00 p.m.



### Budget-At-A-Glance

**2020-2021 Proposed Budget**  
**\$12,872,494**

**Decrease of \$281,140 or -2.14%**

**Proposed Tax Levy Increase of**  
**\$68,173 or 1.72%**

### Budget Overview

- State Aid remains flat at last year's level
- Governor Cuomo has decided that there will be measurement periods in which state aid may be cut throughout the school year
- We are unsure of the amount of funding we will actually receive this school year
- To stay within budget and not exceed the tax cap, we have already been forced to make several cuts to our budget in the following areas:
  - Technology
  - Buildings and Grounds
  - Cafeteria
  - Business Office
  - Transportation
  - Instruction
- We are also using reserves and fund balance
- We will be staying below the state imposed tax levy limit which allows our taxpayers to be eligible for the State's proposed tax rebate

### Public Hearing

A virtual budget hearing will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. to provide the opportunity for you to express your comments to the Board of Education.

### Absentee Ballot Vote

All eligible voters will have an opportunity to vote on the budget by submitting their absentee ballot on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.

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## Voting Information

### Absentee Ballots

If you have not received an absentee ballot, please call our District Clerk, Kristin Irwin at (716) 965-6539.

On Friday, May 1, 2020, another executive order was issued, which set the date of school budget votes and board elections for June 9th. In addition, the Executive Order establishes that for the upcoming vote there will be no physical polling sites. Instead, this year's school budget vote will be held entirely through the use of absentee ballots. Forestville Central School District will be mailing an absentee ballot to qualified voters. There will be a self-addressed stamped envelope for you to return your completed ballot to the District Clerk, Kristin Irwin. Absentee ballots must be received by the district clerk by 5:00 p.m. on June 9.

If you are a qualified to vote for the school budget and board elections and you need an absentee ballot, please call our District Clerk, Kristin Irwin at (716) 965-6539.

### Voter Qualifications:

In order to qualify to vote on the District's Budget and Board Members elections you must meet all of the following qualifications:

- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Be 18 years of age or older
- Be a resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to the budget vote date (Tuesday, June 9)
- Not be prohibited from voting under NYS Education Law

### The 2020-2021 Proposed Budget Budget and Board of Education Election

#### Proposition #1 Budget

The budget proposition would authorize the appropriation of \$12,872,494 to meet estimated school district expenditures for the 2020-2021 school year. This represents an decrease of -2.14% compared to the 2019-2020 adopted budget. Adoption of this budget would result in an anticipated tax levy increase of 1.72%, 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.

#### 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 the expiration of the term of office of two incumbents. The candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected to a term to commence on July 1, 2020 and expiring on June 30, 2024.

## Estimated 2020 School Tax Bill With Basic STAR subsidy applied:

Property's Full Market Value	Actual 2019-20	Estimated 2020-21	Difference
\$60,000	\$515	\$533	\$18
\$80,000	\$862	\$886	\$24
\$100,000	\$1,209	\$1,238	\$30

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

2019-2020	2020-2021	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$3,969,051	\$4,037,224	\$68,173	1.72%

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

2019-2020	2020-2021	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$17.34	\$17.63	\$0.29	1.67%

## Proposed 2020-2021 Revenues

### Tax Levy

2019-2020	2020-2021	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$3,969,051	\$4,037,224	\$68,173	1.72%

### State Aid

2019-2020	2020-2021	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$7,750,187	\$7,266,321	(\$483,866)	-6.24%

### Other Revenue

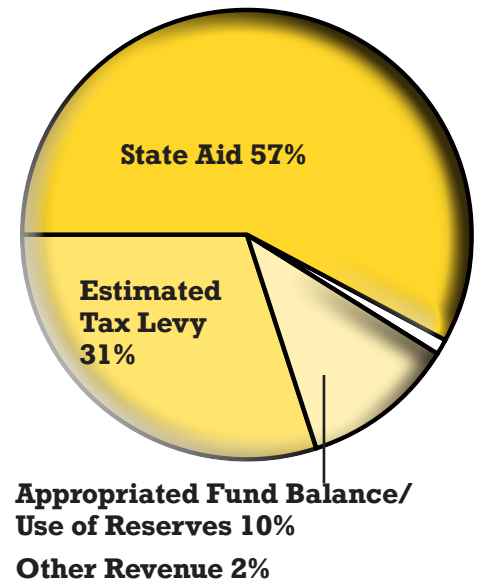
2019-2020	2020-2021	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$165,200	\$307,565	\$142,365	86.18%

### Appropriated Fund Balance/Use of Reserves

2019-2020	2020-2021	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$1,269,196	\$1,261,334	(\$7,862)	-0.62%

### TOTAL REVENUE

2019-2020	2020-2021	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$13,153,634	\$12,872,494	(\$281,140)	-2.14%



## Proposed 2020-2021 Expenditures

### Program Component \$8,954,678

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.

2019-2020	2020-2021	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$8,967,057	\$8,954,678	(\$12,379)	-0.14%

### Capital Component \$2,454,135

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.

2019-2020	2020-2021	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$2,454,135	\$2,325,842	(\$128,293)	-5.23%

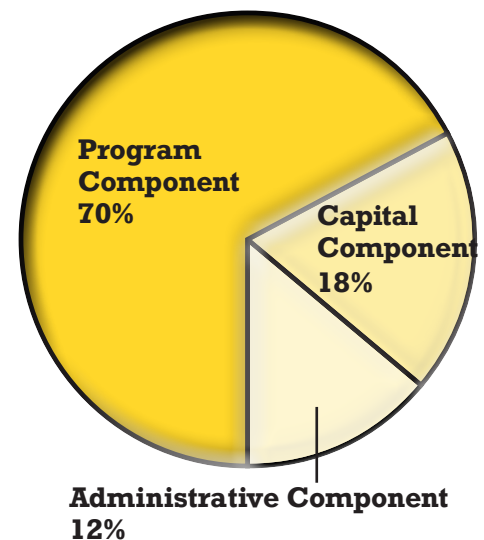
### Administrative Component \$1,732,442

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

2019-2020	2020-2021	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$1,732,442	\$1,591,974	(\$140,468)	-8.11%

### TOTAL EXPENDITURES

2019-2020	2020-2021	Increase/(Decrease)	% Change
\$13,153,634	\$12,872,494	(\$281,140)	-2.14%



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 Carol Woodward, President  
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## School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2019-20 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2020-21 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$13,153,634	\$12,872,494	\$12,743,659
Increase/Decrease for the 2018-19 School Year		(\$281,140)	(\$409,975)
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.14%	-3.12%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.81%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$3,969,051	\$4,037,224	
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)	\$3,969,051	\$4,037,224	\$3,969,051
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$3,969,051	\$4,037,224	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$3,969,051	\$4,037,224	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$1,732,442	\$1,591,974	\$1,589,094
Program Component	\$8,967,057	\$8,954,678	\$8,932,746
Capital Component	\$2,454,135	\$2,325,842	\$2,221,819
<p>* 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.</p> <p>All appropriations for non–essential equipment will be eliminated.</p> <p>All appropriations for non-health and safety related capital improvements would be eliminated.</p> <p>All non-contractual increases will be eliminated</p>			
<p>** 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)</p>			
Description		Amount	

### 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) 965-6539, MS/HS Principal, 4 Academy Street, Forestville, NY 14062 (716) 965-2711, Elementary Principal, 12 Water Street, Forestville, NY 14062 (716) 965-2742.

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 2020-2021 by the qualified voters of the Forestville Central School District, Chautauqua County, New York, will be held by absentee ballot only. All qualified voters must submit their properly completed absentee ballots to the District Clerk, Kristin Irwin no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 9.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Kristin Irwin at (716) 965-6539.

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

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

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2020-2021 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>
\$520.00