



Beacon

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MAY 2021

Spring 2021 Budget Newsletter

Dear Beacon City School District Community:

I am honored to be the Superintendent of the Beacon City School District and I am thrilled to be finishing my fourth year in the position. I am incredibly proud of the many ways the Beacon City School District stepped up to help our students and community during this challenging past year. We were the largest district in Dutchess County to open its doors for in-person instruction back in September. Thanks to our supportive community and amazing staff, we offered remote learning and in-person learning to all of our students this past year. Our students also participated in musicals, athletics, and enrichment clubs both in-person and virtually. It was very powerful to see our school district and community rise to the challenges of the past year.

Our budget proposal for the coming year allows us to plan for a full return to in-person school for our students next year while also maintaining and strengthening several of the following important initiatives for our students:

- Small class sizes at the elementary level
- Instrumental music beginning in the fourth grade
- Expanded Pre-k programs in the district
- A wide range of course offerings at Beacon High School including 7 AP courses and 7 Dutchess Community College courses
- A strong athletics program with many offerings from modified to the varsity level
- Clubs and extracurriculars at all levels of school
- 1:1 Chromebook initiative for all of our students

If the budget vote does not pass, the district would have to implement a contingency budget. The contingency budget would force us to make \$900,000 of cuts across all areas of the district and it would have a negative impact on the student experience in our district. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns and we hope to have your support with our budget.

Sincerely,

Matt Landahl
Superintendent

2021-2022 Proposed
Budget Increase

1.23%

2021-2022 Proposed
Tax Levy Increase*

2.17%

*Within the 2020-21 Tax Levy Limit

- BUDGET VOTE
- BUS PURCHASE
- STADIUM LAND SALE
- ELECT FOUR (4) BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

VOTE
May 18, 2021
6am - 9pm

Voting Locations:
Beacon HS/Glenham ES

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-22 by the qualified voters of the Beacon City School District, Dutchess County, New York, will be held at **Beacon High School** and **Glenham Elementary School** in said district on **Tuesday, May 18, 2021** between the hours of **6:00am and 9:00pm**, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

Budget Summary	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET	INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET	\$7,868,906	\$8,270,622	\$401,716
Board of Education	\$43,500	\$44,700	\$1,200
Central Administration	\$328,400	\$344,570	\$16,170
Curriculum Development & Supervision	\$597,500	\$628,000	\$30,500
Supervision - General & Special Education	\$2,553,700	\$2,776,012	\$222,312
General Support	\$2,429,349	\$2,457,666	\$28,317
Employee Benefits	\$1,916,457	\$2,019,674	\$103,217
PROGRAM BUDGET	\$55,911,388	\$57,353,150	\$1,441,762
Teaching General Education	\$18,414,934	\$18,810,259	\$395,325
Teaching Special Education	\$11,841,237	\$11,999,473	\$158,236
Occupational Education & Alternative Education	\$818,000	\$815,000	(\$3,000)
School Library & Computer Assisted Learning	\$3,106,183	\$2,969,742	(\$136,441)
Pupil Services	\$2,809,608	\$3,050,939	\$241,331
Interscholastic Athletic & Co-curricular Activities	\$688,000	\$685,160	(\$2,840)
Pupil Transportation	\$3,459,928	\$3,540,278	\$80,350
General Support	\$349,320	\$349,320	0
Community Services	\$151,000	\$151,000	0
Interfund Transfers	\$240,000	\$240,000	0
Employee Benefits	\$14,033,178	\$14,741,979	\$708,801
CAPITAL BUDGET	12,117,706	11,206,228	(\$911,478)
Operations and Maintenance	\$4,646,300	\$4,749,820	103,520
Judgments, Claims, & Tax Assessment reductions	\$70,000	\$70,000	0
Debt Service	\$6,616,568	\$5,564,541	(1,052,027)
Employee Benefits	\$784,838	\$821,867	37,029
TOTAL BUDGET	\$75,898,000	\$76,830,000	\$932,000

REVENUE	\$75,898,000	\$76,830,000	\$932,000
Local Property Taxes	\$41,620,205	\$42,545,478	925,273
State Aid	\$30,420,025	\$30,696,952	276,927
Interest and Earnings	\$10,000	\$50,000	40,000
Interest, penalties, PILOTS	\$250,000	\$250,000	0
Use of Reserves	\$2,700,200	\$2,500,000	(200,200)
Miscellaneous	\$897,570	\$787,570	(110,000)

Voters will be asked to decide the following:

PROPOSITION #1: 2021 -2022 BUDGET

SHALL the budget for the Beacon City School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021, in the amount of \$76,830,000 be adopted, and the necessary taxes to meet such expenditures be levied and collected?

PROPOSITION #2: BUS PURCHASE

SHALL the bond resolution authorizing the purchase of school buses at a maximum cost of \$395,000; authorizing the issuance of \$395,000 bonds (5 year maximum maturity) and, with respect to such bonds, providing for a tax levy therefor in annual installments; pledging the District's faith and credit for debt service; delegating powers with respect to bonds and notes; and providing for an estoppel procedure, be approved?

PROPOSITION #3: STADIUM LAND SALE

SHALL the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District be authorized to sell a +/- 33 acre portion of a 64.75 acre parcel fronting on Route 9D (identified on the Dutchess County Tax Map as Section 6055, Block 1, Lot 182629), upon which the Dutchess Stadium, Intermodal Transportation Facility and associated parking facilities have been erected, to Dutchess County for the sum of \$627,000, and such other terms and conditions as are set forth in the Contract of Sale negotiated between the parties?

ELECTION OF FOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

The Beacon Board of Education will have four (4) candidates running for four seats at the Election and Budget vote on Tuesday, May 18, 2021:

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| 1. John Galloway Jr. | 3. Jasmine Johnson |
| 2. Flora Stadler | 4. Elissa Betterbid |

The terms are as follows:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two members for three year terms commencing: July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2024 • One member for a three year and six week term commencing: May 18, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One member for a one year and six week term commencing: May 18, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2022 |
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Budget Notice

	Budget Adopted for the 2020-2021 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-2022 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2021-2022 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$75,898,000	\$76,830,000	\$75,924,727
Increase/Decrease for 2021-2022 School Year		\$932,000	\$26,727
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.23 %	0.04%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23 %	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$41,640,205	\$42,620,478	
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)	\$41,640,205	\$42,620,478	\$41,640,205
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$888,482	\$871,497	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$40,751,723	\$41,748,981	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)	\$40,751,723	\$41,748,981	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	0	0	
BUDGET COMPONENTS:			
Administrative	\$7,868,906	\$8,270,622	\$7,913,490
Program	\$55,911,387	\$57,353,150	\$56,805,009
Capital	\$12,117,706	\$11,206,228	\$11,206,228

*Statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2021-2022 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated: If the budget does not pass and goes to contingency, "cost of living" increases are not allowed. Therefore the operating budget would have to be cut by approximately \$900,000. Since other costs have increased, this would mean significant cuts in programs and activities, which may include: Increase class sizes. Eliminate non-core classes such as art, music and electives. Cuts to Athletics, Clubs, and Student Activities at all levels. Cut non-mandatory equipment purchases. Charge full cost of facility use to all non-school organizations. Reduce/eliminate school related building use after hours.

**List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with propositions not eligible for exclusion may affect property tax levy limit and voter approval requirements.)

Description	Amount
Bus Proposition	\$395,000
Estimated Basic STAR Tax Savings	\$577

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

PROPOSITION 2 – SCHOOL BUS PURCHASE

Two 72-passenger buses
 Three 20-passenger vans
 Total - \$395,000
 Will be financed over 5 years to match State Aid - 61.6%



2 Polling Locations for the Beacon City School District:

Voters who reside within the boundaries of the City of Beacon:

Beacon High School
 101 Matteawan Road, Beacon, New York, 12508

Voters who reside within the boundaries of the Town of Fishkill or the Town of Wappinger:

Glenham Elementary
 20 Chase Drive, Fishkill, New York 12524



Beacon City School District
10 Education Drive, Beacon, NY 12508

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Newburgh, NY 12550
Permit No. 8112

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Beacon schools, while still responsibly following safety precautions due to covid-19, are thrilled that in addition to academics, students have been able to participate in a variety of enrichment opportunities. Sports, clubs, music, and more add significant benefits for students of all ages.

Pictured are the Beacon High School boys' basketball team, girls' soccer team, and the band practicing outdoors at Rombout Middle School.

BEACON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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BOARD of EDUCATION

Ms. Meredith Heuer, *President*
Ms. Elissa Betterbid, *Vice President*

BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Kristan Flynn
Mr. John Galloway, Jr.
Ms. Jasmine Johnson
Ms. Flora Stadler
Mr. Anthony Tseng
Mr. Anthony White
Mr. Craig Wolf

Ms. Kelly Pologe
Clerk of the Board

SUPERINTENDENT of SCHOOLS

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