



BCSD Special Bulletin

Meeting Our District's Challenges – Together



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 third year in the position. The last few months have presented unimaginable challenges to our district, community, and our nation. I am very proud of the many ways the Beacon City School District stepped up to help our students and community during this challenging time.

Coming Together as a District

Since the time that our physical school buildings were closed in early March, the Beacon City School District has provided:

- 100,000 breakfasts and lunches to students and families in need. Dozens of staff and volunteers worked together to make this possible.

- We also partnered with community agencies to provide dinners and groceries to families in need.
- Laptops for all of our students within the first two days of school closure back in March.
- Wifi hotspots to dozens of families in need of the internet to complete distance learning.
- Alternate graduation plans for our seniors which will allow us to celebrate all of our graduates in a variety of special ways.

A supportive community and our district budget made these things possible in the midst of this very challenging time. Thank you for helping to make this possible.

Moving Forward Together

Our budget proposal for the coming year takes into account the strong possibility

of drastically reduced financial aid from the state and also the potential and unknown costs of reopening our buildings during this pandemic. It also preserves all of the following important initiatives for our students:

- Small class sizes at the elementary level
- Instrumental music beginning in the fourth grade
- A wide range of course offerings at Beacon High School including seven AP courses and seven 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. This contingency would force us to make \$1.3 million of cuts across all areas of the district and it would have a negative impact on the student experience in our district.

Looking to the Future

The Beacon City School District community has been powerfully supportive of our efforts the past few years and that support has enabled us to make very positive strides as a school district.

We will work very hard to continue to make positive steps during this difficult time and beyond.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Matt Landahl
Superintendent of Schools



We Celebrate the Class of 2020!

The Beacon High School family has been working very hard during this pandemic to create some memorable ways for our Senior Class to celebrate the end of their academic journey:

Cap & Gown Distribution

Caps and gowns were delivered at the end of May to each Senior's home by school bus, along with a senior t-shirt, PTSO gift, and an entry ticket to attend the Graduation Virtual Video Premiere.

Graduation Celebratory Walk

At the beginning of June, seniors were assigned times for a personalized walk across the graduation stage setup on our High School athletic turf field. Graduates were videotaped walking the stage, had their photo taken by Dawn Sela Photography, Inc., and each Senior was

provided a gift of a personalized lawn sign from community members.

Senior Scholarship Awards

Scholarship winners will be posted on our District website by June 15th. Seniors are awarded scholarships based on their personal qualities and academic abilities. Please take the time to write a thank you note to your scholarship donors.

Graduation Virtual Video Premiere

Final footage of our Seniors walking across the stage, along with pre-recorded speeches and other commencement activities, will be presented at a Graduation Virtual Video Premiere:

Wednesday, June 24th, 8:30pm
Hyde Park Drive-In Theatre
4114 Albany Post Rd, Hyde Park, NY

Prior tickets required. One vehicle per graduating student only.

The tech department will also post this virtual graduation commencement on the district website.

Matteawan Marque Sign

Seniors' names and the colleges they will be attending are being displayed on the marque sign at the end of Matteawan Road. They are posted as soon as the college information is reported to the guidance department, usually in alphabetical order. If you do not wish to have your student's information posted please email Lori LaDue at ladue.l@beaconk12org.

For the most current Graduation information, please visit our District website at www.beaconk12.org

District Calendar

The following is a list of important dates for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year:

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

School Budget Vote - Absentee Ballots must be received by 5pm

Monday, June 22, 2020

Board of Education Meeting Retirement and Tenure Recognition

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Graduation Virtual Video Premiere Hyde Park Drive-In Theatre, 8:30pm

Please visit the District Calendar on our website for the latest information at www.beaconk12.org



**Absentee Ballots must be received by
TUESDAY • June 9th**

Beacon's 2020-2021 School Budget
Meets NYS Tax Cap requirements
Maintains Programs, Activities & Athletics
Including Community Facility Use

For more budget info. visit our website: www.beaconk12.org

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SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

As required by
New York State Law

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for 2019-2020 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2020-2021 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2020-2021 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$73,563,000	\$75,898,000	\$74,595,947
Increase/Decrease for the 2019-20 School Year		\$2,335,000	\$1,032,947
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.17%	1.4%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.44%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$40,338,152	\$41,640,205	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable			
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **			
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy			
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$40,338,152	\$41,640,205	\$40,338,152
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$796,172	\$888,482	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$39,541,980	\$40,751,723	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$40,338,152	\$41,640,205	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$7,669,308	\$7,868,906	\$7,685,627
Program Component	\$54,668,812	\$55,911,388	\$54,960,363
Capital Component	\$11,224,880	\$12,117,706	\$11,949,957

*Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2020-2021 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

**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)

Basic STAR Exemption Impact

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2020-2021 School Year
	\$585

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2020-2021 by the qualified voters of the Beacon City school district, Dutchess County, New York, will be held by absentee ballots only on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. All ballots must be received by the Beacon City School District by 5:00pm Tuesday June 9, 2020.

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

**Contingency Budget:
What if the Budget Does Not Pass?**

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 \$1,302,053**. Since other costs have increased, this would mean **significant cuts in programs and activities**, which may include:

- Cap class sizes at 35
- 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