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School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2018-19 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2019-20 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 84,115,075	\$86,034,274	\$ 85,763,544
Increase/Decrease for the 2019-20 School Year		\$ 1,919,199	\$ 1,648,469
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2 %	1.9%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.44%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 29,253,417	\$ 29,458,867	
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)	\$ 29,253,417	\$ 29,458,867	205,450
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 1,410,533	\$ 684,401	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 27,977,269	\$ 28,774,466	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$ 27,842,884	\$ 28,774,466	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$134,385	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$7,243,157	\$ 7,697,979	\$ 454,822
Program Component	\$ 64,063,865	\$ 66,098,145	\$ 2,034,280
Capital Component	\$ 12,808,053	\$ 12,238,150	\$ -569,903

Should the district go to a contingency budget, the district would cut non-contingent items from the budget. There would be no purchase of new equipment, unless the purchase was deemed for health & safety reasons, no new capital expenditures, except in emergency situations, no non-essential maintenance, and outside organizations would be charged for facility use.

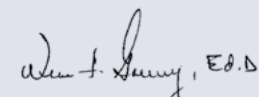
Letter from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dean Goewey

Since becoming superintendent of schools, we have made tough decisions that have enabled the district to avoid fiscal stress and create a responsible budget philosophy that focuses on our district's mission and vision. We make decisions based on critical staffing needs and the programs that support all our children. As an Oswego resident and tax payer, I continue to be intimately aware of our district's history relative to budgeting and spending. As a parent of three Oswego City School District graduates, I recognize the importance of extracurricular activities, such as sports, music and clubs. I also understand that our primary responsibility is to the instructional program for all students. These lenses provide the insight from multiple perspectives that I need to build a budget with the Board of Education that is responsible to our community, our district and our children.

As I have shared throughout the budget season across our community, I always try to strike a delicate balance between providing a quality core instructional program with being financially responsible to our district and community. The community has heard me say over the last four years that it is critically important to build a revenue-based budget that avoids the use of reserves or fund balance, as these are non-sustainable revenue sources that create problems in the future. The 2019-2020 budget is fully revenue based.

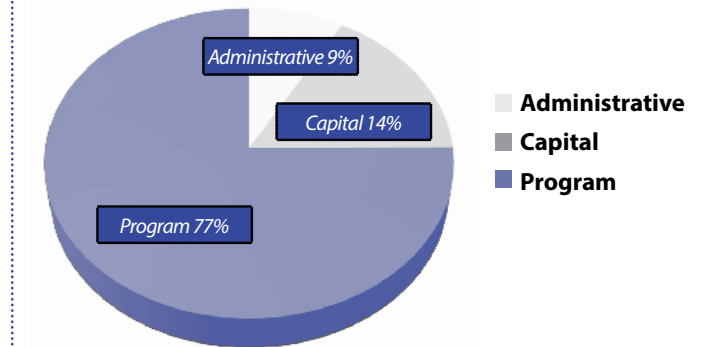
The great news again this year is that this budget includes important instructional positions and programs that support our mission and vision. These additions to the 2019-2020 budget will have a positive impact on teaching and learning! We are putting forth a budget for the 2019-2020 school year of \$86,034,274. Although this is a 2% larger budget than the current year, it is a very small budget increase for a district our size and includes many great opportunities for children. This budget is in alignment with our .007% tax cap.

Voting will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21 at four sites throughout the district. School district residents will cast their votes at the Scriba Fire Station, St. Paul's Church, Elim Grace Church and the Oswego Town Hall.


Dr. Dean F. Goewey
Superintendent of Schools

Budget at a Glance

Each year, the school budget is divided into three components: program/ instruction, capital and administration.



Program (77%)

Program represents the largest portion of the school budget, as it involves the bulk of what helps the OCS D educational system and its staff members to lead students into becoming fully prepared and life ready.

Capital (14%)

This portion of the school budget is primarily centered on operations and maintenance. Debt service and specialty items also are included.

Administrative (9%)

Instructional support is vital for OCS D's operations. This portion of the budget is comprised of general support, instructional supervision and employee benefits attributed to each of those areas, including retiree benefits.

Basic STAR Exemption Impact

Three factors that determine the tax rate on your home include tax levy, equalization rates and property assessment. The tax levy is set by the school district in May; equalization rates are established by the New York State Office of Real Property Services in August and each respective town establishes assessments and equalization rates, but these are just estimates. Therefore, tax rates are not finalized until late August, at which time school tax bills are printed and mailed.

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings Based on a Hypothetical Home Within the School District with a Full Value of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000).

	Budget Proposed for the 2019-2020 School Year
Basic STAR Tax Savings ¹	\$614

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

What Will Be Voted Upon?

Voters will cast ballots on propositions pertaining to the 2019-2020 Oswego City School District operating budget, two (2) Board of Education seats, the purchasing of new school buses, the Oswego School District Public Library, and two (2) library trustees.

BUDGET This year's proposed budget is \$86,034,274.

BOARD ELECTIONS Two local residents have submitted petitions to serve on the Oswego City School District Board of Education. The candidates are: Heather DelConte and Lynda Sereno. The two candidates receiving the most votes would each serve a three-year term to commence July 1, 2019.

LIBRARY CHOICES Pursuant to state law, the Oswego City School District Public Library appears on the ballot alongside the district's operating budget. The library and district budgets are not related and one does not affect the other. Voters will also select two members to the library board. The candidates are: Heather Wallace and William Schickling.

The entire proposed budget is on our website, www.oswego.org, with video presentations, in cooperation with Oswego High School television station WBUC, featuring Superintendent Dr. Dean Goewey, which have been broadcast on Spectrum Channel 16 on a regular basis.

Non-Discrimination Notice

The Oswego City School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs, activities, employment, and admissions, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Dr. Robert Duffy, Ed.D, District Coordinator. They can be reached by calling (315) 341-2014 or by mail at 1 Buccaneer Boulevard Oswego, NY 13126. Inquiries concerning the application of the OCS D non-discrimination policies may also be referred to the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), 32 Old Slip, 26th Floor, New York, NY 10005, telephone (646) 428-3800 (voice) or (800) 877-8339 (TTY).

Overview of 2019-2020 Budget

Revenue

	2018-19 Budget	2019-20 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Property Taxes	29,253,417	29,458,867	205,450	0.0%
PILOTS	20,722,571	20,956,249	233,678	1.0%
State Aid	30,422,836	32,777,908	2,355,072	8%
Other Revenue	2,716,251	2,841,250	124,999	5%
Fund Balance	1,000,000	0	0	-100%
Reserves	0	0	0	0%
TOTAL	84,115,075	86,034,274	1,919,199	2%

Expenditure Component Budget

	2018-19 Budget	2019-20 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Administrative	7,243,157	7,697,979	454,822	6%
Capital	12,808,053	12,238,150	(569,903)	-4%
Program	64,063,865	66,098,145	2,034,280	3%
TOTAL	84,115,075	86,034,274	1,919,199	2%

PLEASE
VOTE MAY 21 2019

School District Vote: May 21, 2019



Proposition No. 1 - School Budget for 2019 – 2020

Shall the Board of Education adopt a budget for the Oswego City School District in the amount of \$86,034,274.00 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019?



Proposition No. 2 - Purchase of Buses

Shall the bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Oswego (the "School District") on April 2, 2019, which authorizes (a) the purchase of one (1) 34-passenger mini school bus at a maximum estimated cost of \$56,213; one (1) 34-passenger mini school bus with wheelchair lift at a maximum estimated cost of \$69,625; three (3) 66-passenger full size school buses at a maximum estimated cost of \$113,667 each; three (3) 66 passenger full size school buses (gasoline) at a maximum estimated cost of \$108,684 each; and one (1) full size wheelchair bus (gasoline) at a maximum estimated cost of \$118,109, at a total combined maximum estimated cost not to exceed \$911,000; (b) the issuance of up to \$911,000 serial bonds of the School District to pay the cost thereof, which amount may exceed the District's constitutional debt limitation; (c) the pledge of School District's faith and credit for payment of bond anticipation notes and such bonds; and (d) the levy of taxes on the taxable real property in the School District to be collected in annual installments to pay debt service on such obligations, be approved?



Proposition No. 3 - Public Library Vote

Shall the annual proposition be approved authorizing an annual appropriation of \$1,334,525.00 to operate the Oswego School District Public Library, and to support and maintain such library, which sum shall be raised annually by tax upon the taxable property of the Oswego City School District until changed by further vote of a majority vote of the electors of the Oswego City School District and shall be levied and collected yearly as are other general taxes?
Library Trustee – Five (5) Year Term (Vote for Two (2))

*The school district is obligated by law to place a proposition for library taxes on the ballot when requested by the library trustees. However, the library is a separate legal entity with its own funding and budget. Any money collected through taxation goes directly to the library and is for the sole purpose of library operations and programs.

Candidates for the Board of Education Vote for up to 2		Library Trustee Vote for 2	
Heather DelConte	Lynda Sereno	Heather Wallace	William Schickling



Polls Will be Open from 9 A.M. - 9 P.M.

On Tuesday, May 21, voters from throughout the Oswego City School District will be going to the polls to decide upon the proposed 2019-2020 budget and elect two members to the Oswego City School District Board of Education.

Election District No. 1

Location of polling place:
SCRIBA FIRE STATION
5618 State Route 104E
Oswego, NY 13126
Who will vote here: Scriba and Volney (Oswego City School District residents only)

Election District No.2

Location of polling place:
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH
50 E. Mohawk Street
Oswego, NY 13126
Who will vote here: Ward 2, Ward 4 and Ward 6

Election District No.3

Location of polling place:
ELIM GRACE CHURCH
340 W. First Street
Oswego, NY 13126
Who will vote here: Ward 1, Ward 3, Ward 5 and Ward 7

Election District No. 4

Location of polling place:
OSWEGO TOWN HALL
2320 County Route 7
Oswego, NY 13126
Who will vote here: Oswego Town and Town Of Minetto (Oswego City School District residents only)

To be entitled to vote in the Oswego City School District a person must:

Can I Vote?

1. Be a citizen of the United States
2. Be 18 years of age or older
3. Be a resident of New York State and the Oswego City School District for 30 days preceding the May 21, 2019 voting day
4. Be a registered voter in their school election district

Anyone with questions regarding voting and budget information should contact Superintendent Dr. Dean Goewey at (315) 341-2001 or dgoewey@oswego.org or District Clerk Karen Canale at (315) 341-2001 or kcanale2@oswego.org.