



OSWEGO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET INFORMATION

LETTER FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS DR. DEAN GOEWY



Each year during the budget development process, we must make tough decisions that enable the district to avoid fiscal stress and create a responsible budget philosophy that focuses on our district's mission and vision. This year's pandemic has created unique challenges for us all, from our day-to-day lives to the budget process. However, one thing remains the same:

all the decisions that we make are based on critical staffing needs and the programs that support all our children.

We strive to strike a delicate balance between providing a quality core instructional program with being financially responsible to our district and community, and this \$88,505,455 budget includes important instructional positions and programs that support our mission and vision. This spending plan provides critical educational programs that will help create students who are fully prepared and life ready.

We encourage you to exercise your right to vote this year. Voting will be conducted by absentee ballots only, due to the coronavirus pandemic. All absentee ballots must be returned to the district office by 5 p.m. June 9.

Be well,

Dean F. Goewey, Ed.D.

Dr. Dean F. Goewey
Superintendent of Schools

Candidates for the Board of Education - Vote for up to 3



Pamela Dowd



James MacKenzie

Library Trustee - Vote for 1



Cynthia Fatiga

* Please note that there is no Library Proposition this year due to the fact that the library will not be increasing the tax levy for 2020/2021.

QUALIFIED VOTERS FOR DISTRICT VOTES MUST POSSESS THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be at least eighteen (18) years of age
- Be a resident of the District for a period of at least 30 days prior to the day of the vote
- Who is not otherwise ineligible to vote under the provisions of section 5-106 of the Election Law

Proposition No. 1 – School Budget for 2020-2021



Shall the Board of Education adopt a budget for the Oswego City School District in the amount of \$88,505,455.00 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020.

Proposition No. 2 – Purchase of Transportation Vehicles



Shall the bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Oswego (the "School District") on May 12 2020, which authorizes (a) the purchase two (2) 7-passenger sports utility vehicles at a maximum estimated cost of \$37,000 each, and one (1) full-size wheelchair school bus at a maximum estimated cost of \$146,000, at a total combined maximum estimated cost not to exceed \$220,000; (b) the issuance of up to \$220,000 serial bonds of the School District to pay the cost thereof; (c) the issuance of obligations of the District in a principal amount that may exceed the District's constitutional debt limit; (d) the pledge of School District's faith and credit for payment of bond anticipation notes and such bonds; and (e) 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 – Establishment of Capital Reserve Fund



Shall the Board of Education (the "Board of Education") of the City School District of the City of Oswego (the "School District") be authorized and directed to establish a new Capital Reserve Fund, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3651 of the New York Education Law, to be known as the "2020 Capital Reserve Fund"; to be funded in a maximum amount not to exceed \$10,000,000; with a probable term of 10 years; which shall be used to pay the cost of the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, rehabilitation, repair, furnishing or equipping of School District buildings and facilities and related improvements, and the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required for the purposes for which such improvements are to be used, with the Capital Reserve Fund amount to be raised (a) by transfer of the remaining balance of the School District's existing capital reserve fund, in the amount of \$75,042, and (b) from various other sources including, but not limited to, state aid reimbursement, cost saving measures resulting in unexpended funds or unappropriated fund balance and other legally available funds of the District, in such amounts as determined annually by the Board of Education?

BUDGET VOTE & SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

WHEN: June 9, 2020

HOW: Everyone must vote by absentee ballot

In accordance with Executive Order 202.26, absentee ballots will be mailed by the District to qualified voters. If you believe you should have received an absentee ballot but do not, please contact the District Clerk at 315.341.2001 or kcanale2@oswego.org.

Completed ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 PM on June 9, 2020



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Dr. Dean Goewey, Superintendent

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mrs. Heather DelConte, *President*

Mrs. Kathleen Allen, *Vice-President*

Mr. Brian Chetney

Mr. Tom Ciappa

Mr. Brandon Lagoe

Mrs. Lynda Sereno

Mr. Samuel Tripp

Ruhma Khawaja, *Student Representative*

Non-Profit Organization
Carrier Route Sort

**BULK RATE
POSTAGE
PAID**

Permit No. 315
Oswego, NY 13126

Current Resident

School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal

| | Budget Proposed 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) | \$86,034,274 | \$88,505,455 | \$88,212,155 |
| Increase/decrease for the 2020-21 school year | | \$2,471,181 | \$293,300 |
| Percentage increase/decrease in proposed budget | | 2.91% | .0% |
| Change in the Consumer Price Index | | 1.81 | |
| A. Proposed tax levy to support the total budgeted amount | \$29,253,417 | \$47,193,448 | |
| 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 | \$47,193,448 | \$17,940,031 |
| F. Total Permissible Exclusions to the school tax levy limit | \$1,410,533 | \$1,083,222 | |
| G. School tax levy limit, excluding levy for permissible exclusions | \$27,977,269 | \$46,110,238 | |
| H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D) | \$27,842,884 | \$46,110,226 | |
| I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) ** | \$134,385 | \$12 | |
| Administrative component | \$7,697,979 | \$8,281,323 | \$583,344 |
| Program component | \$66,098,145 | \$68,213,184 | \$2,115,039 |
| Capital component | \$12,238,150 | \$12,010,948 | -\$227,202 |

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

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

Under the Budget Proposed for
the 2020-21 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$606

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

Pursuant to Executive Order 202, the annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2020-2021 by the qualified voters of the Oswego City School District, will be held remotely on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. All voting must be made by absentee ballots received by the District no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2020. Ballots will be counted at the Frederick Leighton Elementary.