

# WALTON

## CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### 2021-22 BUDGET NEWSLETTER

#### FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Although this has been far from a normal year for all of us, it is wonderful to be back in the Walton Central School District serving as your superintendent.

The goal of navigating the COVID-19 pandemic by strictly adhering to the safety guidelines required to operate the school district has certainly limited some of the events and operations that we are accustomed to providing.

However, our goal for the year was to provide a sense of normalcy in any area possible. I am proud of the efforts that all of our staff members have made and the ongoing support of our families and community.

The pride of our community shines through!

One of the key roles as your superintendent is oversight of budget development that is in line with the vision of our school, maintains or grows student opportunity, and is fiscally responsible.

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#### INSIDE THE BUDGET

##### What am I voting on?

- ☑ On a proposed \$22,292,000 budget for the 2021-22 school year, which calls for a 3.45% increase in overall spending compared to the 2020-21 school year;
- ☑ On a proposition to lease three school buses at a cost not to exceed a total of \$65,000 per year for five years;
- ☑ To fill three seats on the Walton Central School District Board of Education.
- ☑ The William B. Ogden Free Library is also seeking approval for a \$127,662 tax levy, an increase of \$1,887 compared to 2020-21.

##### Highlights

- ☑ Purchase equipment (tractor and attachments) for Operations and Maintenance;
- ☑ District is switching to a high-deductible health insurance plan to help control costs;
- ☑ Anticipated increase in New York State retirement contribution rates;
- ☑ \$100,000 Capital Outlay project;
- ☑ Lease of three new buses;
- ☑ Property tax levy increase of 0.65 % (within tax cap).

## Proposed School Budget 2021-22

**Proposed budget: \$22,292,000**

**Estimated tax levy increase: 0.65%**

**Estimated budget increase: 3.45%**

# 2021-22 WALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

## School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2020-21 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year	Contingent Budget for the 2021-22 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$21,549,412	\$22,292,000	\$22,040,000
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year		\$742,588	\$490,588
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.45%	2.3%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount, Net of Reserve	\$6,812,000	\$6,856,000	
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)	\$6,812,000	\$6,856,000	\$6,812,000
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$390,556	\$340,375	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$6,421,951	\$6,515,735	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$6,421,444	\$6,515,625	
I. Difference: G – H; (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)	\$507	\$110	
Administrative Component	\$3,649,863	\$3,535,493	\$3,535,493
Program Component	\$15,421,429	\$16,203,167	\$16,170,167
Capital Component	\$2,478,120	\$2,553,340	\$2,334,340
<p>*Should the proposed budget be defeated, the following items may be affected by a contingent budget – academic and extracurricular programs (including athletics), staffing, use of school facilities by outside groups, transportation, and non-essential maintenance and equipment purchases.</p>			
<b>**Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount</b>	Referendum for William B. Ogden Free Library funding		\$127,662
	Referendum to lease three school buses		\$65,000
		Under the Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year	
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>		\$359	
<p><sup>1</sup> The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.</p>			

# 2021-22 WALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

## School Budget Propositions

### Proposition 1

#### 2021-22 School Budget

Shall the submitted 2021-22 budget as presented by the Board of Education in the amount of \$22,292,000.00 be approved and be adopted and the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures be appropriated and the Board of Education be authorized to levy the necessary taxes to meet the estimated expenditures?

### Proposition 2

#### Bus Leasing

Shall the Board of Education of the Walton Central School District be authorized to lease and expend, including incidental costs and financing, an amount not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of \$325,000.00 for the entire term of the lease, and for a term not to exceed five (5) years, the following motor vehicles: three (3) sixty-five (65) passenger school buses; and to levy real estate taxes in annual installments to pay for leasing the vehicles; and that in anticipation of such tax, to issue obligations of the District?

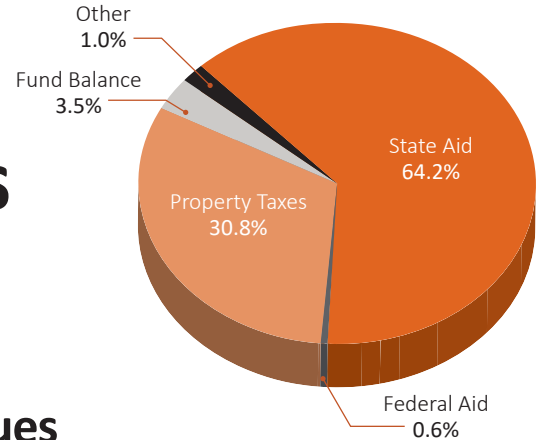
### Proposition 3

#### Library

Shall the Board of Education of the Walton Central School District levy taxes annually so that the amount of such taxes paid to the William B. Ogden Free Library be increased from the current \$125,775 to the sum of \$127,662 in accordance with the New York State Education Law §259?

## Inside the 2021-22 budget

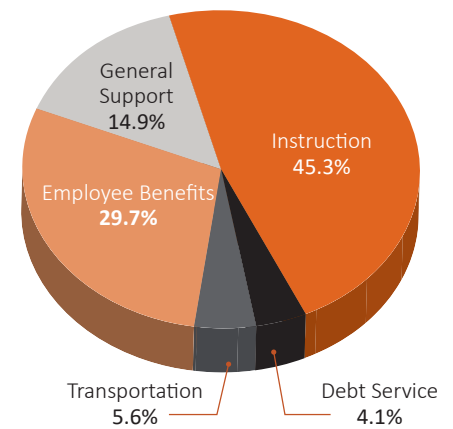
### Where the money comes from



### Projected Revenues

Revenues	Approved 2020-21	Proposed 2021-22	\$ Change	% Change
State Aid	\$13,865,312	\$14,302,500	\$437,188	3.15%
Federal Aid	\$100,000	\$125,000	\$25,000	25%
Property Taxes	\$6,812,000	\$6,856,000	\$44,000	0.65%
Fund Balances	\$525,000	\$775,000	\$250,000	47.62%
Other	\$247,100	\$233,500	-\$13,600	-5.50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,549,412</b>	<b>\$22,292,000</b>	<b>\$742,588</b>	<b>3.45%</b>

### Where the money is spent



### Projected Expenditures

Expenditures	Approved 2020-21	Proposed 2021-22	\$ Change	% Change
General Support	\$3,296,851	\$3,324,916	\$28,065	0.85%
Instruction	\$10,288,404	\$10,087,337	-\$201,067	-1.95%
Pupil Transportation	\$1,185,941	\$1,254,471	\$68,530	5.78%
Debt Service	\$910,188	\$910,025	-\$163	0%
Employee Benefits	\$5,768,028	\$6,615,251	\$847,223	14.69%
Interfund Transfers	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,549,412</b>	<b>\$22,292,000</b>	<b>\$742,588</b>	<b>3.45%</b>

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**DISTRICT  
BUDGET VOTE**

Tuesday, May 18  
12-9 p.m. at the  
school bus garage

**BOE  
ELECTION**

Three (3) Seats  
Available. Vote for  
up to three (3).  
Candidates are  
listed  
alphabetically

- Ronda L. Williams
- Two open seats

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My hope and belief is that you will find the 2021-22 budget meets those expectations. This budget maintains current programming.

In recent weeks, you may have heard of the federal funds being provided to school districts. While there is a specified funding amount for each school district, the funds are grant-based and do not impact the general fund budget presented to you for consideration.

As part of those funds, we are adding two social workers to the district to provide students with increased social and emotional support.

Details on the rest of the grant funding utilization will be provided as they become available.

The federal funds, if received, have

been indicated to be a nearly four-year commitment from the government with specific utilization requirements that, upon receipt, will be used to plan accordingly.

I am looking forward to a time in the future when we can all be in person for all of our wonderful school and community events that Walton has to offer. While challenging to navigate this pandemic, this has been a wonderful year at WCS!

Thank you for your continued support, and as always, I am available to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

Michael MacDonald, Ed.D  
Superintendent of Schools

**Qualifications for Voters**

Pursuant to Section 2012 of the Education Law, a person qualified to vote in the annual school district election must be:

- Eighteen years of age;
- A citizen of the United States;
- A resident within the District for a period of 30 days prior to the election.

You do not have to be a registered voter or own property in order to vote. The District may require proof of residency, such as a driver's license, voter registration card, or a utility bill.