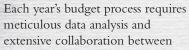
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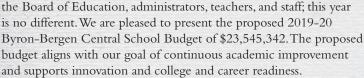
PROPOSED BUDGET 2019-20

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Dear Byron-Bergen Community,

The Byron-Bergen Central School District Board of Education unanimously adopted the proposed 2019-20 budget during their April 9, 2019 meeting.





The following Propositions and Election of Board Candidates are on the ballot for May 21, 2019:

Proposition 1: 2019-20 Proposed Budget

The \$23,545,342 proposed budget projects a 2.38% increase. The budget was balanced utilizing the increase of State aid, Fund Balance, and Reserves. The proposed tax levy is less than Byron-Bergen's "allowable" tax levy limit (cap) of 3.20% for the 2019–20 school year. The Board of Education authorized a tax levy limit of 2.91%. This will enable us to go out under law with a simple majority vote. If the towns/villages in our District stay at or under their allowable tax caps, residents will receive a Property Tax Relief Credit.

Proposition 2: Bus Purchase Proposition

This proposition includes purchasing 2 buses and 1 minivan. The State aid ratio is approximately 85%, making the net local share per bus \$17,850 and \$3,525 for the minivan. The estimated average cost for the bus proposition is \$2.16 per year on a house valued at \$100,000.

Wrestling Club Annual Chicken Barbecue

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 • 4-7 p.m. Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria

Presale tickets \$10 (\$11 at the door)

For tickets, see any wrestler or contact Rich Hannan at 494-1220 ext. 2003.

Proposition 3: Capital Reserve - 2019

This proposition is asking for voters to authorize the District to create an account to set aside money for long-term or large scale projects (such as a future capital project). If the District has unspent money remaining at the end of the school year, the Board would be authorized to transfer some of the extra money into the Capital Reserve account. By law, the "life" of a Capital Reserve can be no more than 10 years. The total amount of money that can be transferred with Board authorization during these 10 years cannot exceed \$2,000,000 unless the voters approve a future proposition increasing the cap. In addition, these monies cannot be used by the District for any other purpose. The District currently has \$52,093.05 in a capital reserve which is ending and we would like to transfer these monies into a new capital reserve.

Proposition 4: School Vehicle Reserve - 2019

Proposition 4 is asking for voters to authorize the District to create an account to set aside money for future school vehicle purchases. If the District has unspent money remaining at the end of the school year, the Board would be authorized to transfer some of the extra money into the School Vehicle Reserve account. The total amount of money which could be transferred cannot exceed \$500,000 unless the voters approve a future proposition increasing the cap. Funding this reserve and using it to purchase vehicles in the future would save the District money. We would not incur such costs as attorney fees, financial advisor fees, or interest on the monies borrowed. In addition, the District is still able to receive the 85% in aid from New York State on the purchase of the vehicles.

Board of Education Trustee Election:

Three Board of Education trustees will be elected to serve a three year term beginning July 1, 2019. See page 6 for candidate's information.

We encourage you to review the information on the following pages to learn more about the budget, propositions, and Board candidates. Community members will also have an opportunity to learn more about the Budget and candidates at a public hearing on May 7, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium.

The budget presentation, bus purchase proposition, and additional resources are posted on our website at www.bbschools.org/budget. Please feel free to contact our Business Office at (585) 494 –1220 if you have any questions. Thank you for your continual support and we encourage you to exercise your right to vote on May 21st.

Debra List Board of Education President Mickey Edwards Superintendent of Schools



Three part budget expenditures

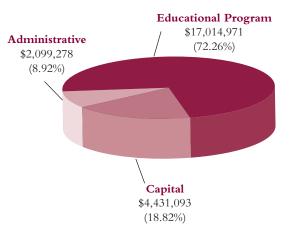
New York State law requires that school districts present the proposed budget in three parts: administrative, educational program, and capital.

Administrative component – includes expenses for the Board of Education, central administration, instructional supervision, curriculum development, legal services, central data processing, printing, mailing, storage, and employee benefits attributable to salaries included in these functions.

Educational program component – includes expenditures for instructional programs, school library/audiovisual, attendance, counseling, health services, interscholastic athletics, student transportation, and employee benefits attributable to salaries included in these functions.

Capital component – includes expenses for operations and maintenance, grounds, security, utilities, principal and interest payments for debt service, transfers to capital fund for Capital Outlay Project at the Elementary School which will be reinforcing security measures in the entranceway, and employee benefits attributable to salaries included in these functions.

Total Budget: \$23,545,342





Component	Actual Budget 2018-19	Proposed Budget 2019-20	
ADMINISTRATIVE			
Board of Education	\$16,873	\$23,750	
Central administration	\$240,345	\$253,173	
Finance	\$309,300	\$310,483	
Legal services	\$111,500	\$114,500	
Public information	\$64,873	\$83,200	
Other central services	\$35,167	\$38,000	
Other special items	\$269,006	\$269,517	
Curriculum, development & supervision	\$108,272	\$110,298	
Supervision regular & special schools	\$512,471	\$521,363	
Employee benefits	\$384,334	\$374,994	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	\$2,052,141	\$2,099,278	

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM		
Teaching regular school	\$6,158,195	\$6,251,513
Teaching special school	\$2,525,688	\$2,970,643
Pupil personnel services (attendance, counseling, health, psychologist, clubs, athletics, recreation/civic activities)	\$2,898,891	\$2,594,413
Pupil transportation	\$1,109,018	\$1,188,727
Garage building	\$112,000	\$81,315
Contract transportation and community service	\$4,270	\$4,000
Employee benefits	\$3,956,547	\$3,924,360
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM	\$16,764,609	\$17,014,971

CAPITAL		
Operations of plant	\$1,049,915	\$1,024,280
Maintenance of plant	\$597,820	\$705,799
Other special items	\$165,108	\$167,433
Principal/interest payments	\$2,028,183	\$2,195,855
Transfer to capital and federal funds	\$100,000	\$100,000
Employee benefits	\$240,234	\$237,726
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$4,181,260	\$4,431,093

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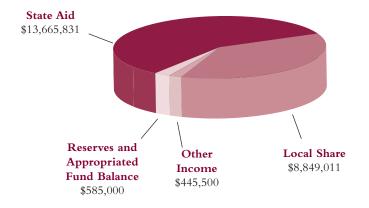
Component	Actual Budget 2018-19	Proposed Budget 2019-20	Dollar Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Increase (Decrease)
Administrative	\$2,052,141	\$2,099,278	\$47,137	2.30%
Educational Program	\$16,764,609	\$17,014,971	\$250,362	1.49%
Capital	\$4,181,260	\$4,431,093	\$249,833	5.98%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$22,998,010	\$23,545,342	\$547,332	2.38%

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2019-20 **Revenue**

Revenue Sources	Actual Budget 2018-19	Proposed Budget 2019-20	
Local property tax & STAR	\$8,599,072	\$8,849,011	
Other tax items	\$40,217	\$51,000	
Sales tax	\$35,000	\$35,000	
Charges for services	\$45,000	\$16,000	
Use of money & property	\$36,000	\$50,000	
Other revenue	\$204,500	\$254,000	
State aid	\$13,438,221	\$13,665,831	
Federal aid	\$40,000	\$39,500	
Reserves	\$260,000	\$285,000	
Appropriated fund balance	\$300,000	\$300,000	
TOTAL	\$22,998,010	\$23,545,342	

Total Revenues: \$23,545,342



2019-20 Proposed Expenditures

Proposed Expenditures	Actual Budget 2018-19	Proposed Budget 2019-20
Board of Education, Central Administration & District Office	\$678,018	\$701,906
Maintenance	\$1,647,735	\$1,730,079
Printing, postage, liability insurance, BOCES administrative cost	\$534,154	\$558,150
Supervision	\$593,578	\$631,661
Instruction – regular and summer school	\$6,158,795	\$6,296,013
Instruction – special education	\$2,539,788	\$2,970,643
Occupational education	\$907,346	\$770,180
Audio/Visual, Technology & Student services	\$1,523,103	\$1,298,303
Co-curricular/Interscholastic	\$480,907	\$481,430
Transportation & community service	\$1,225,288	\$1,274,042
Employee benefits	\$4,581,115	\$4,537,080
Transfer to Debt Service Fund for Debt Payment	\$2,028,183	\$2,195,855
Transfer to Capital Fund for Capital Outlay Project at the Elementary School for Security	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL	\$22,998,010	\$23,545,342

School bus proposition

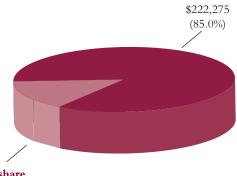
The district will have a proposition to purchase replacement school buses on the ballot on May 21, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$261,500. The proposition includes the purchase of 2 buses and 1 minivan. If approved, the district will purchase two (2) 70 passenger buses and (1) minivan. With the purchase of these vehicles, the district will continue to have the fleet of 30 school vehicles on a 9 year replacement schedule.

Byron-Bergen receives approximately 85 % State transportation aid on school bus purchases, which means the district will receive \$222,275 in aid with the remaining \$39,225 local share being financed over five years (\$7,845 each year). The impact of \$7,845 on the levy is less than \$0.021 per thousand of assessed value or \$2.16 on a \$100,000 home per year.

Summary of bus proposition:

- Proposition amount = \$261,500
- Proposed # of vehicles = 3
- State transportation aid = \$222,275
- Local share = \$39,225
- Local share per bus = \$17,850
- Local share per van = \$3,525
- Tax increase for a \$100,000 home = \$2.16/year

Bus Proposition Funding Source



Local share \$39,225

(15.0%)

State aid



School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	2018-19 Adopted Budget	2019-20 Proposed Budget	2019-20 Contingency Budget
Total budgeted amount, not including separate propositions	\$22,998,010	\$23,545,342	\$23,241,904
Increase/decrease for the 2019-20 school year		\$547,332	\$243,894
Percentage increase/decrease in proposed budget		2.38 %	1.06%
Change in the consumer price index		2.44%	
A. Proposed levy to support the total budgeted amount	\$8,599,072	\$8,849,011	
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)	\$8,599,072	\$8,849,011	\$8,599,072
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$35,338	\$124,451	
G. School tax levy limit, excluding levy for permissible exclusions	\$8,563,734	\$8,724,560	
H. Total proposed school year tax levy, excluding levy to support library debt and/or permissible exclusions $(E-B-F+D)$	\$8,563,734	\$8,724,560	
I. Difference: G – H (negative value requires 60.0% Voter approval – See note below regarding separate propositions)	\$0	\$0	
Administrative component	\$2,052,141	\$2,099,278	\$2,074,040
Educational Program component	\$16,764,610	\$17,014,971	\$16,736,771
Capital component	\$4,181,260	\$4,431,093	\$4,431,093

Estimated Basic STAR exemption impact

Town	2019-20 School Year
Batavia	\$717
Bergen	\$717
Byron	\$731
Clarendon	\$717
Elba	\$722
LeRoy	\$717
Riga	\$680
Stafford	\$717
Sweden	\$680



^{*}The Basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

True Value Tax Rate

Tax	Actual 2018-19	Estimated 2019-20	\$ Change	% Change
Estimated true value tax rate per \$1,000 full valuation	\$23.84	24.29	\$0.45	1.89%

Final tax rates are established in August, when the tax rolls are prepared. These figures ate only projections subject to adjustments. Projections are based upon the latest assessed values provided by the individual town accessors, and equalization by the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services.

PROPOSED BUDGET 2019-20



What will you see at the polls?

Proposition #1 - 2019-20 School Budget

RESOLVED that the proposed budget of expenditures of the Byron-Bergen Central School District for the school year 2019-20, totaling \$23,545,342 and for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditures adopted by the Board of Education, be and the same hereby is approved and the amount thereof shall be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, after first deducting the monies available from State aid and other sources as provided by law.

Proposition #2 - Acquisition of School Buses

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Byron-Bergen Central School District is hereby authorized to acquire two (2) 70 passenger school buses and (1) minivan at a cost not-to-exceed \$261,500, which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof, expend such sums for such purpose, levy the tax necessary therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education, taking into account State-Aid received, and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, to issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time, or enter into a lease-purchase agreement to acquire said vehicles.

Proposition #3 - Capital Reserve 2019

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Byron-Bergen Central School District (the "District") is hereby authorized and directed to establish a reserve fund pursuant to Education Law Section 3651 to be known as the "Capital Reserve-2019," for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, additions, alterations, renovations or other improvements to existing District's buildings and facilities, the construction of new buildings or facilities or the acquisition of lands or interests in lands for District purposes, including the acquisition and installation of machinery, equipment, apparatus or furnishings required for the purposes of such buildings and facilities, and playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation areas, parking areas, roadways, sidewalks and other site improvements connected to such buildings and facilities, with the ultimate amount of such reserve fund not exceeding Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) plus any accrued earnings on amounts deposited in such reserve fund, the probable existence of said reserve fund being ten (10) years, but said reserve fund to continue in existence for its stated purpose until liquidated in accordance with Education Law, and the source from which funds shall be obtained for said reserve fund being (i) current and future unappropriated fund balances from the General Fund of the District, as directed by the Board of Education, and (ii) any other appropriations authorized by the voters from time to time, and (iii) the transfer to said Capital Reserve Fund of the entire balance, in the amount of approximately \$52,093.05, plus interest earnings on deposit in said District's existing New Millennium Capital Reserve Fund established in accordance with Education Law Section 3651 pursuant to a proposition approved by the qualified voters of said District on March 13, 2007.

Proposition #4 - School Vehicle Reserve 2019

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Byron-Bergen Central School District (the "District") is hereby authorized and directed to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Education Law Section 3651, to be known as the "School Vehicle Reserve-2019," for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, the purchase of school buses and vehicles by the District, with the ultimate amount of such reserve fund not exceeding Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) plus any accrued earnings on amounts deposited in such reserve fund, the probable existence of said reserve fund being ten (10) years, but with such reserve fund continuing in existence for its stated purpose until liquidated in accordance with the Education Law, and the sources from which funds shall be obtained for said reserve fund being (i) current and future unappropriated fund balances from the General Fund of the District, as directed by the Board of Education, and (ii) any other appropriations authorized by the voters from time to time.

Election of Board Candidates - To elect Three (3) Members of the Board of Education for a three (3) year term commencing on July 1, 2019 and expiring on June 30, 2022 and to succeed Kimberly Carlson, Yvonne Ace-Wagoner, and Jennifer VanValkenburg

- 1. Kimberly Carlson
- 2.Yvonne Ace-Wagoner
- 3. Jennifer Van Valkenburg

Voter Eligibility and absentee voting information

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- at least 18 years of age,
- have lived in Byron-Bergen Central School District for at least 30 days prior to vote.
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All occupants of houses or apartments who meet the criteria may vote, as may any college student whose primary address is in the district. Pre-registration is not required.

Byron-Bergen Central School District Budget, Proposition Vote, and **Board Candidate Election**

> Tuesday, May 21, 2019 12 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Meet the Board of Education Candidates

Statements as prepared by the candidates



KIMBERLY CARLSON

I am seeking re-election to the Byron-Bergen Board of Education. I want to continue to be a part of a tremendous effort to offer our students a quality education and encourage their future endeavors, as well as work together with the Board to do so within the school budget. I have been involved with the Character Ed Committee in the Junior/Senior High School, which gives me insight into the effort being made to teach our kids to "Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Accountable, and Be Your Best Self." I have also served on the SOAR Committee which allows our students to collaborate with other districts to share in athletics and music.

My husband Keith and I have lived in Byron for 19 years and are enjoying raising our three sons, who all attend Byron-Bergen.

I work Per Diem as an OB/GYN sonographer. My husband owns a small business that I help him with. This gives me perspective on the financial challenges that small business owner's and community members face.

It is a very delicate balance as the school is faced with unfunded mandates, the need to keep our schools safe and in good condition, while wanting to offer our children the best education that we can. I will strive to be a fiscally responsible board member.

The children of our district are my biggest priority. Many face overwhelming challenges. My hope is that the school would be a place where our students feel safe, valued, and cared for as they are preparing for life.

Thank you so much for the opportunity I've had. I would be honored to serve the students and community again.



IENNIFER VANVALKENBURG

My name is Jenn Van Valkenburg and I am seeking re-election to the Byron-Bergen Board of Education. I have served two 3-year terms on the Board so far and would really like to continue my service for another term. On the Byron-Bergen School Board, I have served on the Audit, Budget, Building and SOAR committees. I want to continue to help make positive changes for Byron-Bergen, and also promote the mission of B-B of inspiring, preparing, and supporting our students.

I am a 1990 Byron-Bergen graduate and got my undergraduate and Masters Degree at SUNY Geneseo. I have been a special education teacher at Pavilion Central School for 25 years and have served on the Board of

Directors at the Gillam Grant Community Center for 14 years. My husband Dan and I have two freshman daughters; Ella in high school and Dana at University of Buffalo. We feel that Byron-Bergen prepared Dana for a successful transition to college and that Ella is being challenged as well. I am proud of all that our small school has to offer despite what sometimes seems like a limited amount of resources. I believe that our B-B Board of Education continually attempts to find ways to grow and change. If re-elected, I will do my best to listen and make thoughtful decisions regarding the various issues that affect our students, school, and community. On May 21, I would appreciate your vote. Thank you for your consideration.



YVONNE ACE-WAGONER

I am seeking re-election on the Board of Education to continue serving the Byron-Bergen Community and do what is best for all children in the District. As a rural district, we face challenges, in equitable funding versus other larger districts in our state. Children deserve the same opportunities and high-quality education no matter where they live. Although our District has faced economic challenges we have found creative ways to provide the best possible education and programs to students. A strong Board of Education and engaged community is critical to continue this mission. As a Project Manager by trade I bring a business perspective with experience in budget management and

my volunteer experiences include advocacy which are both important skills in the current educational climate.

My overall goal as a School Board member is to ensure the District is doing what is best for students. This includes offering the best possible programs led by talented, enthusiastic teachers. I want to continue advocating for our rural District whenever possible. Byron-Bergen is a familyfocused, tight-knit community that truly exudes the old adage "It takes a village." I would be honored to continue to be a voice for the community and be a part of preparing students to be well-rounded, caring, compassionate, productive members of our community.

PROPOSED BUDGET 2019-20



Answering your tax-related questions

Q. What is Byron-Bergen Central School's budget for next year?

A. The proposed budget is \$23,545,342. This represents a budget-to-budget increase of 2.38%.

Q. What is Byron-Bergen's allowable tax levy limit?

A. Under the law, Byron-Bergen can establish a maximum tax levy limit of 3.20% for a simple majority vote. The proposed tax levy increase for 2019-20 is 2.91%; we are in compliance with the law.

Q. How will the property tax relief credit be calculated?

A. The property tax relief credit will be a percentage of a homeowner's STAR benefit, with lower income receiving a higher percentage benefit.

Q. Is the STAR program still in effect?

A. Yes. The STAR program is in effect. Basic STAR entitles the eligible homeowner to a \$30,000 reduction in taxable value, which is a 30% decrease in school taxes. The homeowner eligible for the Enhanced Senior STAR will see a \$68,700 reduction in taxable value, which represents a 68.7% decrease in school taxes. (These values are based on a principal residence valued at \$100,000). Starting April 2019, taxpayers have an option to switch to the STAR credit instead of receiving the STAR exemption on the school tax bill. For more information, please see the following NYS website at www.tax.ny.gov/star/default.htm.

Q. How do new homeowners apply for their STAR benefit?

A. For homes purchased after August 1, 2015, the homeowner will need to register for the STAR credit through New York State rather than applying with your assessor. For these homeowners a STAR credit will be received in the form of a check from New York State directly.

Q. What affect does an increase in property assessments have on my school taxes?

A. Increases in property assessments can cause an increase in your tax bill to be greater than the proposed 2.91%. Please note, the school is not involved in any increases/decreases with your property assessment. If you have any questions with regard to your assessment, you should address your town tax assessor.

Q. Why is the School presenting Proposition #3, asking for voters to establish a reserve fund titled "Capital Reserve-2019"?

A. NYS Education law requires us to receive voter approval to create and fund any Capital Reserve. A Capital Reserve is similar to a "savings account" where money is held and allowed to earn interest. Any money held in a Capital Reserve can only be used towards a Capital Project. Capital Project work and use of money from a Capital Reserve must be authorized by the voters. The purpose of Capital Reserve is to lower the amount of money a school borrows to pay for the cost of a Capital Project. Lowering the amount of money borrowed, lowers the amount of interest paid.

Q. Why is the School presenting Proposition #4, asking for the voters to establish a reserve fund titled "School Vehicle Reserve-2019"?

A. NYS Education law requires us to receive voter approval to create and fund a School Vehicle Reserve. Much like the Capital Reserve, the School Vehicle Reserve is similar to a "savings account" where money is held and allowed to earn interest. Once enough money is accumulated, the School would use the funds accumulated to purchase future school buses outright and stop borrowing money. Using cash to purchase future school vehicles used to transport students, enables the school to save money by eliminating attorney fees, financial advisor fees and interest incurred on borrowing money.



Music Notes For Spring 2019



Jr./Sr. High School Drama Club presents

The Drama Club this year is featuring original scenes written, directed, and acted by the members of Drama Club! The performance, entitled "Haven't Scene It Until Now," features 60 minutes worth of original material. The students not only write their own scripts, but they also cast and direct each scene for a totally student-driven production. In addition, students engage in acting, directing, and writing workshops to develop their skills. "Haven't Scene It Until Now" will be presented on Friday, May 3, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 4, at 2:00 p.m. in the Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$3.00 each, available in the Jr./Sr. High School Office. Come support our writers, directors, and actors, and get a chance to experience original performances created by our Byron-Bergen Junior and Senior high school students!

Sr. High Spring Band Concert

May 14 - 7 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Auditorium

Sr. High Spring Vocal Concert

May 21 - 7 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Auditorium

Grades 7-8 Spring Concert

May 30 - 7 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Auditorium

Memorial Day Parade's

May 27 Bergen - 9:30 a.m. Byron - 11 a.m.

Grades 5-6 Spring Concert

June 6 - 7 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Auditorium

Bergen Park Days Parade

June 8 - 12 p.m.

Grade 4 Spring Concert

June 11 - 7 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Auditorium



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