



PROPOSED BUDGET 2018-19

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Byron-Bergen Community,

The Byron-Bergen Central School District Board of Education unanimously adopted the proposed 2018-19 budget during its April 12 meeting.

Each year's budget process requires meticulous data analysis and extensive collaboration between the Board of Education, administrators, teachers, and staff and this year is no different. We are pleased to present the proposed 2018-19 Byron-Bergen Central School Budget of \$22,998,010. The proposed budget aligns with our goal of continuous academic improvement and supports innovation and college and career readiness.

The following are on the ballot for May 15:

Proposition 1: 2018-19 Proposed Budget

The \$22,998,010 proposed budget projects a 1.01% increase. The budget was balanced utilizing Fund Balance, Reserves, and various reductions in spending. *The tax levy is at Byron-Bergen's "allowable" tax levy limit (cap) of 2.77%. 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

This proposition includes purchasing two buses and trading in three. The state aid ratio is approximately 85%, making the net local share per bus \$17,550. The estimated average cost for the bus proposition is \$2.02 per year on a house valued at \$100,000.

Board of Education Trustee Election:

Two Board of Education trustees will be elected to serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2018. See page 6 for candidate 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 8 at 7 p.m. in the Junior/Senior High School Auditorium.

The public budget presentation, bus purchase proposition, and additional resources are posted on our website at www.bbschools.org/DistrictBudget.aspx. 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 15.

Debra List
Board of Education President

Mickey Edwards
Superintendent of Schools

Wrestling Club Annual Chicken Barbecue

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 • 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.

BUDGET VOTE

TUESDAY, MAY 15

12 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

Jr./Sr. High School Wrestling/Fitness Room





Three Part Budget Summary of Expenditures

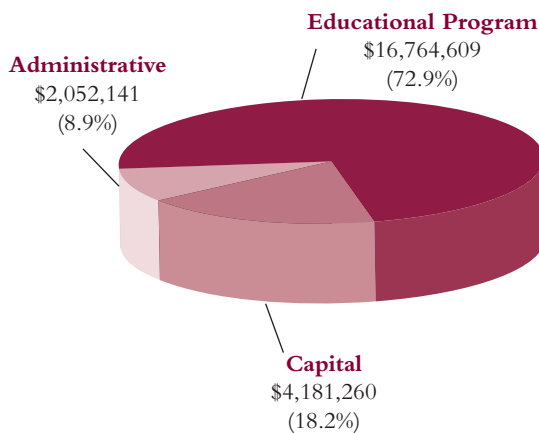
New York State law requires that school districts present the proposed budget in three parts: administrative, educational program, and capital.

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, and employee benefits attributable to salaries included in these functions.

Total Budget: \$22,998,010



Component	Actual Budget 2017-18	Proposed Budget 2018-19
ADMINISTRATIVE		
Board of Education	\$28,975	\$16,873
Central administration	\$240,675	\$240,345
Finance	\$305,583	\$309,300
Legal services	\$41,825	\$111,500
Public information	\$0	\$64,873
Other central services	\$70,570	\$35,167
Other special items	\$430,360	\$269,006
Curriculum, development & supervision	\$104,900	\$108,272
Supervision regular & special schools	\$506,954	\$512,471
Employee benefits	\$358,213	\$384,334
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	\$2,088,055	\$2,052,141

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM		
Teaching regular school	\$5,928,129	\$6,158,195
Teaching special school	\$2,773,138	\$2,525,688
Pupil personnel services (attendance, counseling, health, psychologist, clubs, athletics, recreation/ civic activities)	\$2,892,244	\$2,898,891
Pupil transportation	\$1,163,740	\$1,109,018
Garage building	\$159,275	\$112,000
Contract transportation and community service	\$14,420	\$4,270
Employee benefits	\$3,693,300	\$3,956,547
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM	\$16,624,246	\$16,764,609

CAPITAL		
Operations of plant	\$1,090,367	\$1,049,915
Maintenance of plant	\$523,865	\$597,820
Other special items	\$0	\$165,108
Principal/interest payments	\$2,072,477	\$2,028,183
Transfer to capital and federal funds	\$115,000	\$100,000
Employee benefits	\$253,487	\$240,234
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$4,055,196	\$4,181,260

TOTAL BUDGET	\$22,767,497	\$22,998,010
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Component	Actual Budget 2017-18	Proposed Budget 2018-2019	Dollar Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Increase (Decrease)
Administrative	\$2,088,055	\$2,052,141	\$(35,914)	(1.72)%
Educational Program	\$16,624,246	\$16,764,609	\$140,363	.84%
Capital	\$4,055,196	\$4,181,260	\$126,064	.31%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$22,767,497	\$22,998,010	\$230,513	1.01%

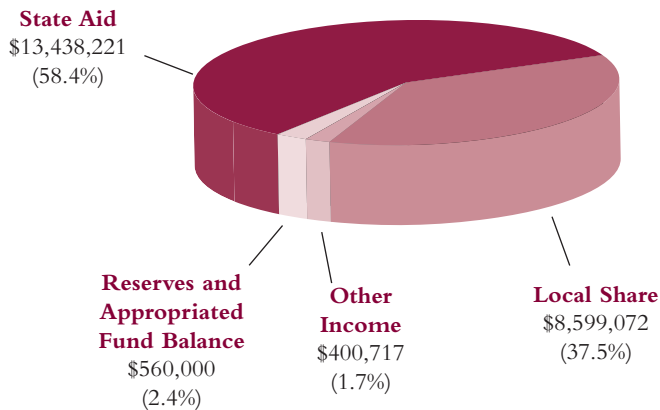




2018-19 Revenue

Revenue Sources	Actual Budget 2017-18	Proposed Budget 2018-19
Local property tax & STAR	\$8,379,841	\$8,599,072
Other tax items	\$33,000	\$40,217
Sales tax	\$35,000	\$35,000
Charges for services	\$45,000	\$45,000
Use of money & property	\$36,000	\$36,000
Other revenue	\$107,500	\$204,500
State aid	\$13,563,969	\$13,438,221
Federal aid	\$12,187	\$40,000
Reserves	\$255,000	\$260,000
Appropriated fund balance	\$300,000	\$300,000
TOTAL	\$22,767,497	\$22,998,010

Total Revenues: \$22,998,010



2018-19 Proposed Expenditures

Proposed Expenditures	Actual Budget 2017-18	Proposed Budget 2018-19
Board of Education, Central Administration & District Office	\$611,959	\$678,019
Maintenance	\$1,580,694	\$1,647,735
Printing, postage, liability insurance, BOCES administrative cost	\$489,030	\$534,154
Supervision	\$585,050	\$593,578
Instruction – regular	\$5,977,933	\$6,158,795
Instruction – special education	\$2,712,838	\$2,539,788
Occupational education & summer school	\$988,367	\$907,345
Audio/Visual, technology & student services	\$1,466,159	\$1,523,103
Co-curricular/Interscholastic	\$497,555	\$480,907
Transportation & community service	\$1,317,435	\$1,225,288
Employee benefits	\$4,355,000	\$4,581,115
Debt service	\$2,070,477	\$2,028,183
Inter-fund transfer	\$115,000	\$100,000
TOTAL	\$22,767,497	\$22,998,010

School bus proposition

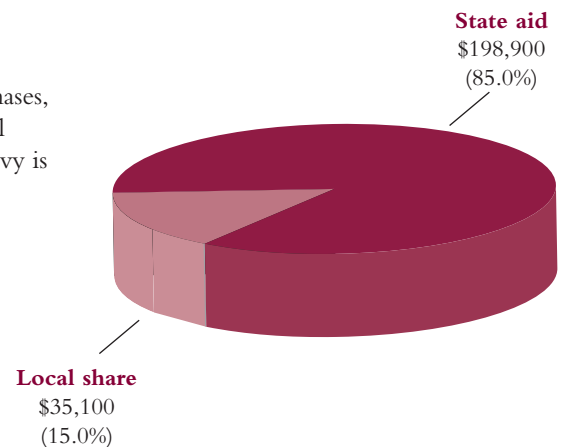
The district will have a proposition to purchase replacement school buses on the ballot on May 15 in an amount not to exceed \$234,000. The proposition includes the purchase of two buses. If approved, the district will purchase two (2) 70-passenger buses. With the purchase of buses annually, the district will continue to have a fleet of 31 buses on a nine-year replacement schedule.

Byron-Bergen receives approximately 85% state transportation aid on school bus purchases, which means the district will receive \$198,900 in aid with the remaining \$35,100 local share being financed over five years (\$7,020 each year). The impact of \$7,020 on the levy is less than \$0.02 per thousand of assessed value, or \$2.02 on a \$100,000 home per year.

Summary of bus proposition:

- Proposition amount = \$234,000
- Proposed # of buses = 2
- State transportation aid = \$198,900
- Local share = \$35,100
- Local share per bus = \$17,550
- Tax increase for a \$100,000 home = \$2.02/year

Bus Proposition Funding Source





School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	2017-18 Adopted Budget	2018-19 Proposed Budget	2018-19 Contingency Budget
Total budgeted amount, not including separate propositions	\$22,767,497	\$22,998,010	\$22,734,402
Increase/decrease for the 2018-19 school year		\$230,513	\$(33,095)
Percentage increase/decrease in proposed budget		1.01%	(.15)%
Change in the consumer price index		2.13%	
A. Proposed levy to support the total budgeted amount	\$8,529,841	\$8,599,072	
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)	\$8,529,841	\$8,599,072	\$8,366,964
F. Total permissible exclusions	\$356,633	\$35,338	
G. School tax levy limit, excluding levy for permissible exclusions	\$8,173,208	\$8,563,734	
H. Total proposed school year tax levy, excluding levy to support library debt and/or permissible exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$8,173,208	\$8,563,734	
I. Difference: G - H	\$0	\$0	
Administrative component	\$2,088,055	\$2,052,141	\$2,050,025
Educational Program component	\$16,624,246	\$16,764,610	\$16,633,895
Capital component	\$4,055,196	\$4,181,260	\$4,050,482

Estimated Basic STAR exemption impact

Town	2018-19 School Year
Batavia	\$738.00
Bergen	\$738.00
Byron	\$738.00
Clarendon	\$738.00
Elba	\$757.00
LeRoy	\$738.00
Riga	\$713.00
Stafford	\$738.00
Sweden	\$698.00



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

True Value Tax Rate

Tax	Actual 2017-18	Estimated 2018-19	\$ Change	% Change
Estimated true value tax rate per \$1,000 full valuation	\$24.03	\$24.70	\$0.67	2.77%

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



Answering your tax-related questions

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

- A.** The proposed budget is \$22,998,010. This represents a budget-to-budget increase of 1.01%.

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

- A.** Under the law, Byron-Bergen can establish a maximum tax levy limit of 2.77% for a simple majority vote. The proposed tax levy increase for 2018-19 is 2.77%; 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 a 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. Homeowners eligible for the Enhanced Senior STAR will see a \$66,800 reduction in taxable value (for the 2018-19 school year), which represents a 66.8% decrease in school taxes. (These values are based on a principal residence valued at \$100,000).

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 2.77%. 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 contact your town tax assessor.

What will you see at the polls?

Proposition #1 – RESOLVED that the proposed budget of expenditures of the Byron-Bergen Central School District for the school year 2018-19, totaling \$22,998,010 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 – RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Byron-Bergen Central School District is hereby authorized to acquire two (2) 70-passenger school buses, at a cost not to exceed \$234,000, 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.

For the purpose of electing two (2) members of the Board of Education for terms of three (3) years expiring June 30, 2021.

1. Amy Mathisen
2. Debra List
3. William Forsyth

Voter eligibility and absentee voting information

You are eligible to vote if you are:

- a United States citizen,
- at least 18 years of age,
- have lived in Byron-Bergen Central School District for at least 30 days prior to vote.

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.

***A photo ID and proof of residency must be shown**



Meet the Board of Education Candidates

Statements as prepared by the candidates

AMY MATHISEN

"Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school."

— Albert Einstein



I am a local small business owner and I have lived in the Byron-Bergen Central School District for 44 years. I don't currently hold a public position. My children have attended district schools: Autumn (Class of 2023) and Trevor (Class of 2020).

I would like to be on the Board of Education to give the students, parents, farmers, and those who just live in this district someone they can count on to be their voice. I want to be informed so that I can inform all the people of the district.

My business background, accounting degree, and my ability to work with numbers should be an asset to our district. Honesty and asking the tough questions have always been my strengths. Compromise is something I do daily with my family and in my businesses. Sometimes it is tough, and I am not always liked at the end of the day, but I do not give up on finding good solutions.

There are many things in our school district that I feel need attention. We have made some steps towards improvement, but I feel I need to be involved. I am not sure what I will be able to change, if anything, but I do feel that I need to try. Over the past year and a half, I've learned that one person can make a difference, and I am stepping up. I hope that others will, too.

DEBRA LIST

I am seeking re-election so that I may continue to serve and advocate for our students, school, and community. I have lived in our district for 30 years and my six children are all proud Byron-Bergen school graduates. I've volunteered for the past 21 years, representing Byron-Bergen at both the state and local level. I am actively involved on many school committees, attend seminars on education, was on the Board at Gillam Grant Community Center, and currently serve on the GVSBI (Genesee Valley School Boards Institution), and the Genesee Valley School Board Association as vice president. I have been Byron-Bergen school board president for the last five years.



There are always constant challenges that face our schools and communities; among these currently are funding, safety, security, and mental health issues. As a district, we work hard to make timely, and sometimes difficult decisions on these matters that are always in the best interest of our students, faculty, staff, and district.

With a positive climate at our school, our graduation rates have risen to 97%. We now have more students involved in arts, clubs, and sports. We have added elective classes, driver's education, and started a new FFA chapter. We have also been able to make improvements to our buildings, grounds, and technology.

Providing our students with the tools and programs needed to be successful after graduation, as well as being fiscally responsible to the community are my priorities. Every decision I help to make is always done with what's best for the kids in mind. I would like to continue with this important work with the Board and respectfully ask for your support in doing so. Thank you.

WILLIAM FORSYTH

I, William Forsyth, am seeking re-election to the Byron-Bergen Board of Education. My wife, Lisa, and I have been residents of Byron for almost 50 years.



I graduated from Byron-Bergen in 1984 and I continue to have many close ties to the school and community. My son, Connor (2013), and daughter, Lauren, (2015) are also Byron-Bergen graduates.

I am a carpenter/superintendent with Manning Squires Hennig, where I have been employed for the past 27 years. My main responsibilities are to ensure that the buildings and projects we construct are safe, built with quality, completed in a timely manner, and remain on budget. These are qualities that I also bring to the table as a school board member, especially with the current implementation of our new Capital Project.

I have been fortunate to have served on the Board of Education for the past six years. During this time, our District has welcomed new administrators, who, along with the Board of Education, faculty, and staff have brought a strong, positive focus to our schools. This time has proven to be educational for me as I have been exposed to the many school policies and procedures on state, federal, and district levels. I am proud to work with our current Board whose goals are to create a positive, safe, and supportive place that focuses on the needs of all students and excels at preparing and educating them for their futures.

Maintaining an open relationship with our community to ensure all people have a voice is important to me. Our school is a place that brings us together to recognize and celebrate our students' accomplishments.

I would be truly honored to be re-elected to the Byron-Bergen Board of Education. I will continue to be committed to working hard for the students and members of the community. #BBPRIDE



UPCOMING EVENTS

Drama Club's "Born to be Wild"

Jr./Sr. High School Drama Club presents the hilarious comedy "Born to Be Wild" by Bryan Starchman. In this play, the animals of the world have voices! The actors play various animals with human personalities, covering a range of creatures (cats, farm animals, insects, birds, and others) and situations. Have you ever wondered why your cat acts like she's queen of the world? Or why flamingos stand on one leg? What does small talk sound like when praying mantises go on a date? Come to the production and find out, as 16 of Byron-Bergen's talented actors bring their creative talents to all of these creatures.

Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased in the main office during normal school hours starting Monday, April 16, or at the door. "Born to be Wild" is presented with permission from, and all material provided by, Eldridge Plays & Musicals, PO Box 4904, Lancaster, PA, 17604 (info@histage.com).

May 4-7 p.m. and May 5-2 p.m.

Jr./Sr. High Auditorium

Sr. High Spring Band Concert

May 15-7:30 p.m.

Jr./Sr. High Auditorium

Grades 7-8 Spring Concert

May 31-7:30 p.m.

Jr./Sr. High Auditorium

Grade 4 Spring Concert

June 12-7 p.m.

Jr./Sr. Auditorium

Sr. High Spring Vocal Concert

May 22-7 p.m.

Jr./Sr. High Auditorium

Grades 5-6 Spring Concert

June 5-7 p.m.

Jr./Sr. High Auditorium



B-B School Budget Presentation Meet the Board of Education Candidates Night

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

7 p.m.

Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium

B-B Budget Proposition, Bus Proposition, & Board Candidate Election

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

12 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Jr./Sr. High School Wrestling/Fitness Room
(Northwest corner of High School)





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