

North Colonie

CENTRAL SCHOOLS

2020-21 BUDGET

VOTE:
Tuesday, June 9
Ballots due by 5 p.m.
 All voting will be done by absentee ballot.
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ON THE BALLOT
NORTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET:
 \$118 million budget for 2020-21 school year

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS
 Two five-year seats on the Board of Education. See www.northcolonie.org for candidate information.

PROPOSED BUDGET \$117,979,501	ESTIMATED TAX RATE DECREASE 0.90%	TAX LEVY INCREASE \$88,215,013 (0.47%)
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2020-21 Proposed Budget Highlights

Vote to be held June 9 by absentee ballot

The North Colonie Central School District is proposing a \$117,979,501 budget, which is a 1.43% increase over the current year. The proposed budget eliminates 12.7 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions in the district through staff attrition, however, no staff members are being cut. The spending plan also includes expenses allocated for a safe return to school and maintains educational programs at their current level.

“The pandemic has created unprecedented budgeting challenges for school districts across the state,” said Superintendent Joe Corr. “Nevertheless, we remain mission focused, ensuring academic excellence in a safe learning environment.”

Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced periodic assessments of the state budget and warned of further budget reductions for schools statewide. The proposed budget was developed anticipating and accounting for potential funding cuts throughout the year.

More details of the 2020-21 proposed budget can be found on the district website.

REVENUES

	2019-20 Adopted	2020-21 Proposed
Real Property Tax + STAR	\$87,799,018	\$88,215,013
Payment in Lieu of Taxes & Penalties	\$252,280	\$493,372
State Aid and Federal Aid	\$21,965,092	\$20,593,256
Interest and Earnings	\$700,000	\$50,000
All Other Revenue	\$760,350	\$740,000
Medicaid Assistance	\$150,000	\$150,000
Fund Balance	\$2,000,000	\$5,240,000
Student Fees & Tuition	\$1,641,360	\$1,412,860
Charges to Other Districts for Services	\$1,050,000	\$1,085,000
TOTAL	\$116,318,100	\$117,979,501

EXPENDITURES

	2019-20 Adopted	2020-21 Proposed
Instruction	\$64,705,570	\$63,764,854
General Support	\$12,002,749	\$12,660,707
Transportation	\$6,052,349	\$5,937,238
Employee Benefits	\$28,310,335	\$30,436,414
Debt Service/Transfers	\$5,247,097	\$5,180,288
TOTAL	\$116,318,100	\$117,979,501

Absentee Ballot Information

Qualified voters on the most recent years' school district poll list will be automatically sent an absentee ballot. Anyone who meets the definition of a "qualified voter" but does not believe they will be on the school district's poll list (which includes names of residents who voted in a school election within the past five years), please contact District Clerk Jane Dawson by email at DistrictClerk@ncolonie.org or by calling (518) 785-8591, ext.3126 as soon as possible to ensure timely receipt of an absentee ballot for the 2020 school election.

By the Numbers

School Closure Edition

30,000+

meals provided

800

chromebooks distributed to students

4,750

meals distributed weekly (average)

60

maintenance/custodial staff working during the school closure

27

food service workers making meals daily

550

employees working from home to keep students learning

40+

employees volunteer daily to transport meals and chromebooks

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

By law, all voters must be U.S. citizens, age 18 or older and residents of the North Colonie Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the vote.

Required School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal

	Budget Adopted 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	\$116,318,100	\$117,979,501	\$116,033,284
Increase/Decrease for the 2020-21 School Year		\$1,661,401	\$(284,816)
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.43%	(0.24)%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.81%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$87,799,018	\$88,215,013	
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)	\$87,799,018	\$88,215,013	\$86,268,796
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$4,049,509	\$2,185,996	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$83,797,102	\$86,029,017	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$83,749,509	\$86,029,017	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$47,593	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$16,139,194	\$16,429,113	\$16,053,200
Program Component	\$85,347,023	\$86,194,210	\$85,701,706
Capital Component	\$14,831,883	\$15,356,178	\$14,278,378

* It is anticipated that a contingent budget would require \$1,946,217 in reductions including the elimination of most equipment and modifications within the administrative budget.

** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount
Not Applicable	\$0

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$493

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2020-21 by the qualified voters of the North Colonie Central School District, Albany County, New York, will take place on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, exclusively by absentee ballot per the Executive Order issued by New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo.

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

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