



Congratulations to the Class of 2021

Graduation is a significant milestone for our families, and especially for our seniors. The Schenectady City School District wants to recognize all students in the graduating class of 2021 for their hard work and perseverance in these difficult and uncertain times. We wish them the best of luck in the next chapter of their lives. **#SchenectadyProud**

Polling Places & Election Districts

For more information on polling places and election districts, call the Schenectady City School District's Clerk of the Board at 518-370-8100, ext. 40105.

- Yates Elementary
725 Salina Street 12308
- Schenectady High School
1445 The Plaza 12308
- Howe Elementary
1065 Baker Ave. 12309
- Paige Elementary
104 Elliott Avenue 12304
- Woodlawn Elementary
3311 Wells Avenue 12304
- Mont Pleasant Middle School
1121 Forest Road 12303
- Fulton School Building
408 Eleanor Street 12306
- MLK Jr. Elementary School
918 Stanley Street 12307



Voter Eligibility

You are eligible to vote if you are a U.S. citizen, 18 years or older and a resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to the vote.

Voter Registration

Qualified residents can register with the Schenectady County Board of Elections until 5 p.m. on the day of the vote. For more information, call the Board of Elections at (518) 377-2469.

Absentee Ballots

Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the district clerk seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed, or on the day before the vote if the ballot is to be picked up. All absentee ballots must be received by 5 p.m. on the day of the vote.

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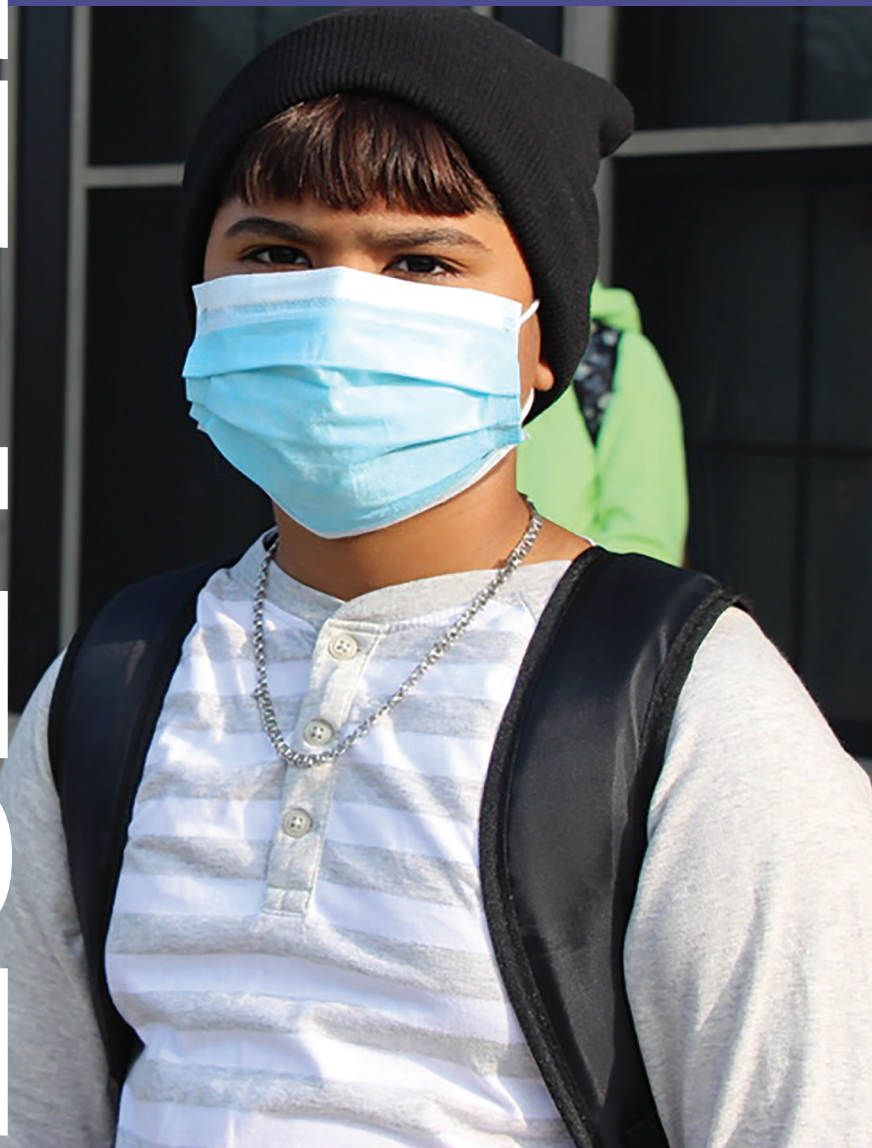
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2021-22



Budget Vote

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021

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2021-22 Budget Vote Tuesday, May 18

On Tuesday, May 18, residents of the Schenectady City School District will head to the polls to vote on a \$218,831,646 budget proposal for the 2021-22 school year that increases spending \$14.1 million, or 6.9%, over the current year and carries a 0% tax levy increase for the third consecutive year. The proposed budget restores all services and programs that were in place prior to the pandemic, and includes the addition of 40 positions, that support improving attendance and academic outcomes, and keeps the district's efforts to ensure equity and inclusion at the forefront.

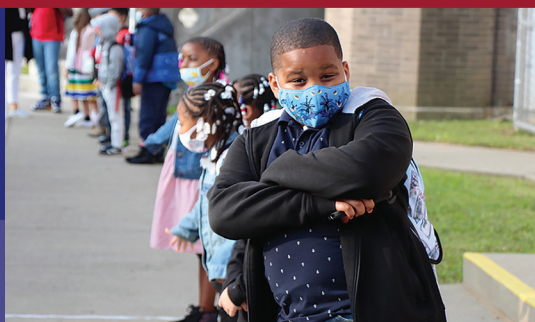
A transfer to capital of \$425,000 is also included in the budget to provide \$250,000 for removal and replacement of the de-humidification unit at the Schenectady High School Pool, \$100,000 for removal and replacement of 23 doors and new door locks throughout Central Park Middle School, and \$75,000 to complete repairs on the exterior ramp by the Schenectady High School pool. Additionally, the proposal includes funding for the district's building condition survey, long range planning, and an increased principal payment on debt service.

An \$11.8 million increase in state aid covers rollover expenses, which includes \$8.2 million in contractual increases, health insurance costs, teacher and employee retirement system increases, and other annual increases in expenses. An additional \$3.6 million in programs and services over the current year budget will also be covered by state aid. Due to this significant increase in Foundation Aid, the tax levy remains unchanged in 2021-22 and lower than it was in any year between 2012 and 2019.

The 2021-22 plan is developed with the assumption that there will be a full return to in person teaching and learning in September with all programs and services restored to pre-pandemic levels. The plan also assumes all district buildings will be re-opened with their original grade levels and configurations.

Voters will also elect two candidates to the Board of Education.

For more info on Board of Education candidates and the 2021-22 school budget, please visit: www.schenectady.k12.ny.us.



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	\$204,653,930	\$218,831,646	\$218,831,646
Increase/decrease for the 2021-22 school year		14,177,716	14,177,716
Percentage increase/decrease in proposed budget		6.9%	6.9%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support Total Budgeted Amount, Net of Reserve	\$51,442,923	\$51,442,923	
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)	\$51,442,923	\$51,442,923	
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$687,778	\$1,067,807	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$52,019,831	\$51,899,077	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt, and/or Permissible Exclusions (E-B-F+D)	\$50,755,145	\$50,375,116	
I. Difference: (G-H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval)	\$1,264,686	\$1,523,961	
Administrative Component	\$23,985,113	\$20,797,032	\$20,797,032
Program Component	\$155,371,467	\$169,430,908	\$169,430,908
Capital Component	\$25,297,350	\$28,603,706	\$28,603,706

*Should the district be faced with a contingency budget, the district would be subject to restrictions and limitations in areas where money could be spent. there would be no expenditures for non-contingent items such as equipment and student supplies. There would also be mandated charges for the use of school facilities by outside organizations.

**List separate propositions that are not included in the total budgeted amount: (Tax levy associated with propositions not eligible for exclusion may affect property tax levy limit and voter approval requirements).

The annual budget vote for fiscal year 2021-22 by the qualified voters of the Schenectady City School District, Schenectady County, New York, will be held Tuesday, May 18, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Description	Amount
UNDER THE BUDGET PROPOSED FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR	

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption savings

\$653

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

EXPENDITURES

	2020-21	PROPOSED 2021-22
Leadership and General Support	\$17,256,097	\$19,498,474
School Programs and Personnel	\$133,106,603	\$140,709,299
Undistributed	\$54,291,230	\$58,623,873
TOTAL	\$204,653,930	\$218,831,646

REVENUES

	2020-21	PROPOSED 2021-2022
Local Revenue	\$631,500	\$1,064,981
Federal Sources	\$747,700	\$5,337,406
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$4,222,331	\$3,785,000
State Aid (all forms)	\$141,270,432	\$148,560,742
Utility Sales Taxes	\$2,070,000	\$2,120,000
Penalty on Taxes	\$700,000	\$850,000
Other Revenue	\$795,450	\$700,000
Refund Prior Year Expense	\$803,000	\$700,000
Estimated Local Property Tax Levy	\$51,442,923	\$51,442,923
Interfund Transfers	\$325,000	\$325,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,645,594	\$3,945,594
TOTAL	\$204,653,930	\$218,831,646

Included in the Budget:

The proposal calls for 40 new positions to support the addition of a middle school 8-period day, improve attendance, decrease elementary class sizes, expand capacity of the educational equity and instructional support team, and put additional focus on restorative practices.

12 Full-time Positions to support an 8-period day at the middle school level, (\$1,080,000)
In an effort to increase equitable opportunities for middle school students.

5 Attendance Deans, (\$450,000)

6 Teachers to decrease elementary class sizes, (\$540,000)

5 Assistant Directors in the areas of literacy, ELA, math, science and social studies, (\$600,000)
To address a need to intensify efforts and prioritize the area of curriculum and instruction.

5 Full-time Positions that focus on equity, diversity and inclusion, (\$540,000)
The positions include four specialists focusing on family and community, systems improvement, staff engagement, student engagement, and one project manager.

5 Restorative Practice Coaches, (\$450,000)

Instructional Program Materials and Professional Development, (\$20,000)

Proposed Budget Increases Spending While Holding the Tax Levy Flat



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