

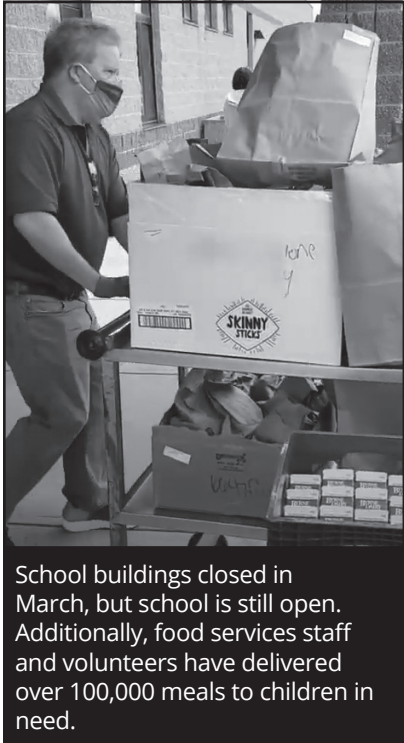


Guilderland

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

VOTE 2020

2020-21 SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE & BOE ELECTION BY ABSENTEE BALLOT ONLY



School buildings closed in March, but school is still open. Additionally, food services staff and volunteers have delivered over 100,000 meals to children in need.

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Proposed budget preserves educational programs and services

Per Governor Cuomo's executive order, all qualified voters in the Guilderland Central School District will be mailed an absentee ballot to cast their vote on the proposed \$103 million budget for the 2020-21 school year. The proposal is a 0.91% increase in spending over the current year. If approved, the tax levy would increase by 2.25%, which is at the district's limit and requires a simple majority for passage. Ballots must be received no later than 5 p.m. on June 9 by mail or via the secure drop box located at the district office.

Because of COVID-19 and the worsening financial condition of New York State, the school district had to make difficult decisions

about the budget. Superintendent Dr. Marie Wiles states, "While we had to make some reductions, we were able to do so without eliminating any opportunities for our children. When our kids are able to return to school, they are going to need strong academic programs and high-quality services to support them."

In addition to the budget, residents will:

- Decide on a \$983,300 bus proposition to replace aging vehicles.
- Elect five members to the Board of Education.

Find more information about the proposed budget and Board candidates online:

www.guilderlandschools.org

TAX RATE BY TOWN	2019-20 TAX RATE	2020-21 ESTIMATED TAX RATE	INCREASE
Guilderland	\$16.7630	\$17.1406	\$0.38
Bethlehem	\$17.6445	\$18.0420	\$0.40
New Scotland	\$18.2199	\$18.6303	\$0.41
Knox	\$29.9326	\$30.6069	\$0.67

*Based on projected equalization rates and assessment levels for next year, which are subject to change once final information becomes available in August. Tax rates are per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Calculate your specific estimated tax bill at: <https://www.guilderlandschools.org/budget-taxes> (click on "calculate your taxes")

VOTE by 5 P.M.
Tuesday
June 9, 2020
BY ABSENTEE BALLOT
ONLY

BUDGET AT A GLANCE

2020-21 Proposed Budget
\$103,032,695

Spending Increase
\$925,320 (0.91%)

Tax Levy Increase
\$1,652,054 (2.25%)

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS:

- US Citizen & 18 years of age
- Registered to vote with Albany County or the School District



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 Increase/Decrease for the 2020-21 School Year	\$102,107,375	\$103,032,695	\$101,380,641
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		\$925,320	(\$726,734)
Change in the Consumer Price Index		0.91%	-0.71%
		1.81%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$73,338,941	\$74,990,995	
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)	\$73,338,941	\$74,990,995	\$73,338,941
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$1,579,887	\$1,518,595	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$71,944,480	\$73,472,400	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$71,759,054	\$73,472,400	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval -See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$185,426	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$11,158,721	\$11,500,371	\$11,225,093
Program Component	\$78,207,598	\$79,814,367	\$78,733,491
Capital Component	\$12,741,056	\$11,717,957	\$11,422,057

* In the event of a defeated budget, the 2020-21 tax levy may not increase beyond the amount of the 2019-20 tax levy. Guilderland Central School District would have to reduce the proposed budget by \$1,652,054, potentially affecting school programs, services and staffing. It must also exclude non-contingent items such as student supplies, certain equipment purchases and free community use of school facilities.

** 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
School Buses & Equipment	\$983,300

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 School Year	
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$541

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2020-21 by the qualified voters of the Guilderland Central School District, Albany County, New York will be held by absentee ballot only on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. Ballots must be received by the district no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. Ballots may be mailed in using the postage-paid return envelope or dropped off at the secure drop box located at the District Office. By law, all return envelopes must be signed by the voter and returned by 5 p.m. on June 9 in order to be counted.

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



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