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THE MAROON MONTHLY

2021-2022

PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

6:45 PM, Auburn High School Library

BUDGET VOTE & ELECTIONS

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

7:00 AM TO 9:00 PM

Return Absentee Ballot by 5:00PM

WHAT TO VOTE ON:

- Budget Proposition
- Election of Board Members



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2021-2022 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

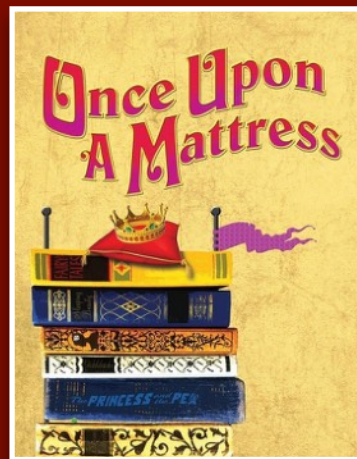
- ✓ Overall budget up 3.9% compared to 2020-2021
- ✓ Tax Levy Increase of 2.85%
- ✓ \$1.5 Million Increase in State Foundation Aid
- ✓ Net Increase of 11 positions

Auburn Junior High School Presents:



Students are working hard on this year's Auburn Junior High Musical, "Peter and the StarCatcher." The performance will be Friday, May 21 and Saturday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 23 at 2:00 p.m. Limited seating tickets will be available online only for both the in-person performance at the Auburn Junior High School Auditorium and the online streamed version.

Auburn High School Presents:



Students are busy practicing on this year's Auburn High School Musical, "Once Upon A Mattress." The show is scheduled for Friday, June 4 and Saturday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 6 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets will also be available to purchase online, and hopefully there will be both live in-person at the Auburn High School Auditorium, as well as streamed viewing capabilities.

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Jeffrey A. Pirozzolo

Dear Community Members,

What a whirlwind of a year this has been for our school district and our community. The pandemic has certainly taken its toll on school districts and communities everywhere, but I am proud to say that we have prevailed.

Once again, our board of education and administrators have put a considerable amount of time and effort into budget planning for the upcoming school year. As always, the goal is to implement a budget that provides high-quality curriculum and instruction for our students, while not overspending.

The district’s proposed budget expenditures for the 2021-2022 school year are \$83,861,951, which is up 3.9%, or \$3.1 million, from 2020-2021 due to additional instructional staff being hired, as well as inflation. For the first time in over 10 years, our school district will receive a reasonable amount of foundation aid from the state. For the 2021-2022 school year, our district will receive \$1,475,000 additional foundation aid, which is an increase of 4.7%. That amount accounts for a little more than half of the increased budget expenditures, and for the remaining increased expenses, the district will incorporate additional cost saving measures, as well as utilize \$1,435,965 of the district’s fund balance.

Our school district will also be receiving over \$10 million in federal aid through the American Rescue Plan. Unfortunately, there are specific guidelines for using these funds. The federal aid cannot be used for our regular budget expenditures throughout the school year, and it must be spent within the next three years. The guidelines state that the funds should be used to address “learning loss” caused by the pandemic as well as building and technology infrastructure.

The 2021-2022 proposed budget includes a net increase of 11 staff positions. With the addition of these positions, as well as the federal stimulus monies we are slated to receive, the district will be able to provide more frequent art and music sessions, provide more social and emotional supports to our students, focus more intensely on improving our graduation rate, and much more.

This proposed budget will include a 2.85 percent tax levy increase, which is within the tax cap limit set by New York State.

Tax increase based on projected tax rates and a property assessment of \$100,000

| | Annually | Monthly |
|---|-----------------|----------------|
| No STAR, Basic STAR, and Enhanced STAR Exemption | \$53 | \$4.42 |

If you have any questions about the proposed budget for the 2021-2022 school year, please do not hesitate to contact the district office at (315) 255-8822 or budget@aecsd.education.

Thank you for your continued support of the Auburn Enlarged City School District’s educational programming. We constantly strive to ensure that we provide high quality curriculum and instruction that meets the unique needs of each of our students.










Sincerely,

Jeffrey A. Pirozzolo
Superintendent of Schools
Auburn Enlarged City School District

2020-21 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ All Community Based Pre-K sites have offered in-person instruction 5 days per week since the beginning of school.
- ✓ Auburn P-Tech students will participate in the P-Tech Engineering Wars this year! During this culminating activity, Auburn PTECH scholar teams will demonstrate the functionality and performance of their design in response to a challenge set forth by C&S Companies CEO, John Trimble. After kick-off, students will be given only 8 days to create a design concept/rationale, submit technical drawings, and build their apparatus.
- ✓ Twenty-three teachers have participated in the Inaugural Cohort of our Personalized Learning Fellowship. These teachers spent a year in professional development that pushed them to reflect and reimagine what was possible for every student and redesign the classroom experience!
- ✓ Auburn has formed a Diversity Task Force and has reviewed all of our English Language Arts Curriculum for Cultural Responsiveness and are using that information to inform curriculum work and purchasing.
- ✓ We transformed our Helpdesk into a support and learning hub that grew to supporting over 4200 students and their families overnight. The IT department has done a magnificent job keeping everyone up and running during this challenging and unprecedented school year.
- ✓ The IT department obtained and distributed over 4500 laptops, 400 hotspot units, 300 webcams, 250 external microphones, and 2000 headsets for both our students and teaching staff to enable an optimal remote/hybrid learning environment. They also fully supported live and on-demand streaming of all our home athletic events this school year.

ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

-  COVID-19 has impacted both the academic and athletic aspects of school this year. The NYS Department of Health determined the risk level of all sports, and this determined in which seasons sports were played. Traditional “Fall” sports of Football and Volleyball were pushed to a “Fall-2” Season in March and April. Girls Swimming was also pushed to the Fall 2 season because most SCAC league teams did not have pool access in September.
-  There were no NYSPHSAA Section III or State Tournaments in the 2020-21 Fall, Winter or Fall-2 seasons due to individual Districts making independent decision as to whether they would compete and at which levels, incomplete league schedules, and COVID-19 related closures. This led to many sports not playing traditional opponents or presenting typical awards.
-  We are grateful that Auburn student-athletes were able to practice and compete this Fall, Winter and Fall-2 seasons. Although it was a unique experience, the opportunities offered to our students by the Auburn district and coaches were invaluable.
-  **NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award:** This state level award was won by the Girls Tennis, Girls Soccer, Field Hockey, and Ice Hockey teams.
-  The Girls Tennis team finished the season with an overall record of 12-2.
-  The Girls Cross Country team earned the SCAC Empire Championship. Their league and overall record was 6-1. Kyleen Brady had an undefeated season and was named to the Syracuse.com All-CNY Girls Cross Country Team. The Boys Cross Country team league record was 6-1 and overall record was 7-1.
-  The Boys basketball team finished the season with an overall record of 5-5. Team players listed as Section III Stat Leader Boards (through March 21) were DeSean Strachan (Scoring & Steals), Troy Churney (Rebounds & Assists & Blocks & Steals), and Jordan Wilson (Assists & Blocks).
-  The Girls basketball team finished the season with a league record of 5-2, and an overall record of 6-3. Team players listed as Section III Stat Leader Boards (through March 21) were: Leah Middleton (3-point Scoring), Peyton Maneri (Scoring & Assists), Kylie Guarino & Doray DiLallo (Blocks)..
-  The Auburn Football team was undefeated in the Fall-2 season. Unable to compete against ESM due to COVID, the Auburn squad defeated Central Square, West Genesee, J-D, CBA and F-M (in a triple OT thriller) to end the season with a 5-0 record.

2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES

Program Component: 75.45% of Budget

The Program component provides funding for the instruction of and educational support services of district students, including regular, special, and occupational education, guidance and health services, and cocurricular and interscholastic activities. Also included are the costs of transporting students to and from the five elementary, one junior high, and one high school.

| Program | 2020-2021 | 2021-2022 | Increase/(Decrease) |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Legal | 12,500 | 10,000 | (2,500) |
| Teaching - Regular School | 20,247,536 | 21,428,495 | 1,180,959 |
| Programs - Students with Disabilities | 12,636,488 | 13,126,078 | 489,590 |
| Occupational Education | 2,245,125 | 2,253,766 | 8,641 |
| Teaching - Special Schools | 321,500 | 322,097 | 597 |
| School Library & Audiovisual | 817,283 | 847,144 | 29,861 |
| Computer Assisted Instruction | 2,290,004 | 2,570,931 | 280,927 |
| Guidance | 771,255 | 888,847 | 117,592 |
| Health Services | 694,694 | 700,547 | 5,853 |
| Co-Curricular Activities | 193,802 | 193,078 | (724) |
| Interscholastic Activities | 600,951 | 615,892 | 14,941 |
| District Transportation | 212,332 | 217,225 | 4,893 |
| Contract Transportation | 2,516,023 | 2,799,000 * | 282,977 |
| Public Transportation | 50 | 50 | 0 |
| BOCES Contract Transportation | 44,500 | 41,500 | (3,000) |
| Employee Benefits | 17,091,351 | 17,240,865 | 149,514 |
| Interfund Transfers | 17,500 | 17,500 | 0 |
| Total Program Expense | \$60,712,894 | \$63,273,015 | \$2,560,121 |

* Includes funding for the first year of a five-year contract for transportation services, the total cost of which is estimated at \$16,702,951.

Capital Component: 13.96% of Budget

The Capital component provides funding for the operation and maintenance of the district's buildings and grounds, as well as for the costs of natural gas and electricity, water, sewer, and telephone services. Also included is funding for debt service - principal and interest payments on capital projects, installment purchases, leases, and interfund transfers.

| Capital | 2020-2021 | 2021-2022 | Increase/(Decrease) |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Operation | 3,139,657 | 3,207,447 | 67,790 |
| Maintenance | 1,146,063 | 1,243,718 | 97,655 |
| Employee Benefits | 1,575,094 | 1,662,756 | 87,662 |
| Debt Service | 5,686,490 | 5,489,936 | (196,554) |
| Interfund Transfers | 100,000 | 100,000 * | 0 |
| Total Capital Expense | \$11,647,304 | \$11,703,857 | \$56,553 |

* For Capital Project not to exceed \$100,000

Third graders in the Remote Academy have been spending time learning about astronomy and have just wrapped up their science unit on forces and motion. They were invited to a live Zoom session where they got the chance to interact with **Rocket Scientist, Mrs. Feldman**. Mrs. Feldman taught students about the importance of space exploration and what it's like to be a rocket scientist! The third graders were then given the opportunity to ask questions they had about space and even the teachers learned something new! It was a **successful event** and fun was had by all who joined!



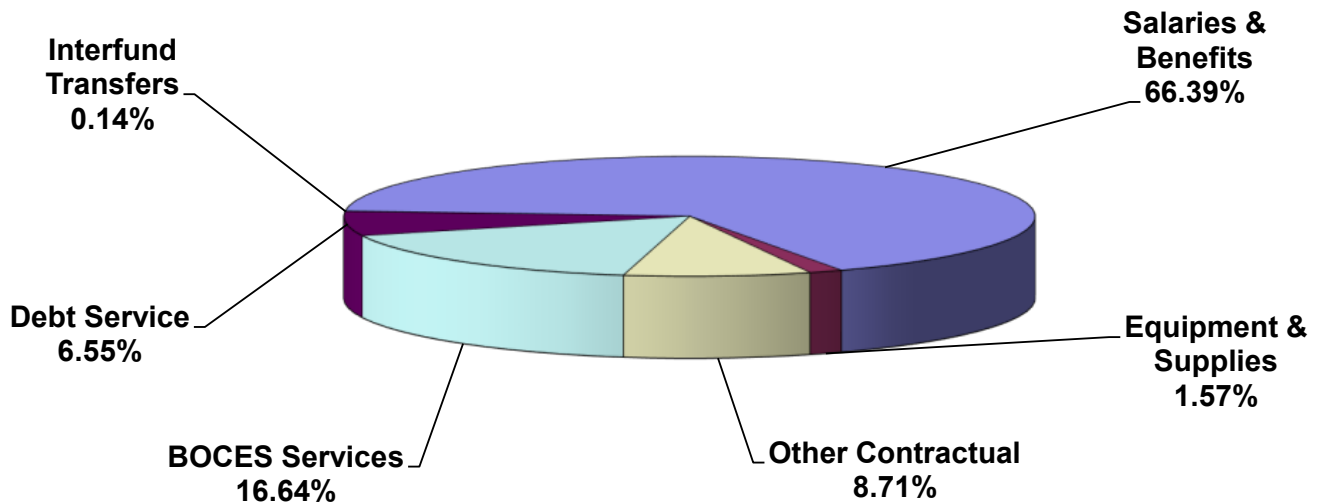
2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES

Administrative Component: 10.59% of Budget

The administrative component provides funding for general support and management activities, including central administration and business office operations such as payroll, auditing, tax collection and purchasing, as well as legal and personnel functions. Also included in this component are the costs for administration and supervision at each of the district's schools.

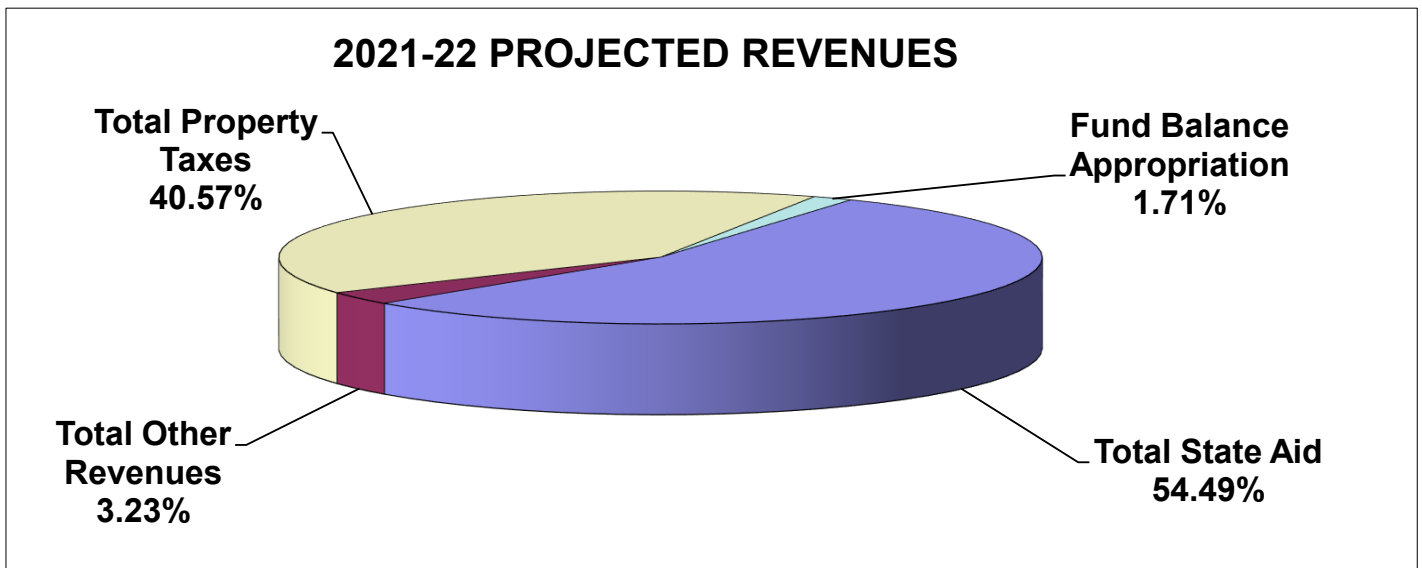
| Administrative | 2020-2021 | 2021-2022 | Increase/(Decrease) |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Board of Education | 19,100 | 19,100 | 0 |
| District Clerk | 11,950 | 11,950 | 0 |
| District Meeting | 15,200 | 15,200 | 0 |
| Central Administration | 264,876 | 268,365 | 3,489 |
| Business Administration | 275,354 | 279,370 | 4,016 |
| Auditing | 41,000 | 37,000 | (4,000) |
| Treasurer | 128,999 | 132,596 | 3,597 |
| Tax Collection | 6,950 | 7,000 | 50 |
| Purchasing | 11,000 | 11,000 | 0 |
| Fiscal Agent Fees | 10,000 | 7,500 | (2,500) |
| Legal | 160,000 | 150,000 | (10,000) |
| Personnel | 743,700 | 804,357 | 60,657 |
| Public Information & Service | 66,115 | 67,572 | 1,457 |
| Central Storeroom | 41,424 | 42,621 | 1,197 |
| Central Printing & Mailing | 628,750 | 624,750 | (4,000) |
| Central Data Processing | 448,000 | 435,000 | (13,000) |
| Unallocated Insurance | 257,000 | 283,000 | 26,000 |
| Board Membership Dues | 28,000 | 26,700 | (1,300) |
| Assessments on School Property | 70,000 | 70,000 | 0 |
| BOCES Admin. Charges | 932,500 | 945,500 | 13,000 |
| Curriculum Development, Supervision | 385,931 | 539,595 | 153,664 |
| Supervision - Reg. School | 1,690,953 | 1,912,170 | 221,217 |
| Research Planning & Evaluation | 164,000 | 194,000 | 30,000 |
| Inservice Training | 40,000 | 41,000 | 1,000 |
| Programs - Students with Disabilities | 334,225 | 268,842 | (65,383) |
| Health Services | 94,205 | 101,167 | 6,962 |
| Employee Benefits | 1,496,129 | 1,589,724 | 93,595 |
| Total Administrative Expense | \$8,365,361 | \$8,885,079 | \$519,718 |
| Total Budgeted Expenses | \$80,725,559 | \$83,861,951 | \$3,136,392 |

2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET



2021-2022 PROJECTED REVENUES

| State Aid | 2020-2021 | 2021-2022 | Increase/Decrease |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Operating State Aid | 39,864,287 | 42,255,387 | 2,391,100 |
| Building Aid | 4,066,031 | 3,440,976 | (625,055) |
| Total State Aid | \$43,930,318 | \$45,696,363 | 1,766,045 |
| Other Revenues | 2020-2021 | 2021-2022 | Increase/Decrease |
| Tuition | 75,000 | 125,000 | 50,000 |
| Interest | 100,000 | 75,000 | (25,000) |
| Miscellaneous Revenues | 688,150 | 679,450 | (8,700) |
| Prior Year Refunds | 850,000 | 900,000 | 50,000 |
| Property Rental | 66,000 | 81,500 | 15,500 |
| Medicaid Reimbursement | 325,000 | 300,000 | (25,000) |
| Transfers From Other Funds | 525,000 | 545,000 | 20,000 |
| Total Other Revenues | \$2,629,150 | \$2,705,950 | 76,800 |
| Property Taxes | 2020-2021 | 2021-2022 | Increase/Decrease |
| Tax Levy | 32,506,722 | 33,431,783 | 925,061 |
| Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) | 611,472 | 591,890 | (19,582) |
| Total Property Taxes | \$33,118,194 | \$34,023,673 | 905,479 |
| Appropriated Fund Balance | 2020-2021 | 2021-2022 | Increase/Decrease |
| Fund Balance Appropriation | 1,047,897 | 1,435,965 | 388,068 |
| Total Projected Revenues | \$80,725,559 | \$83,861,951 | 3,136,392 |



AJHS Student Qualifies for National Spelling Bee Preliminaries

Emma Sroka, a seventh grader at Auburn Junior High School, has won the Syracuse.com regional spelling bee. Emma has now qualified to compete in the preliminary competition for the Scripps National Spelling Bee. The first virtual competition will be taking place on Saturday, June 12th.

We are wishing Emma the best of luck!

2019-20 NYS Transparency Report for the Auburn School District

| | Auburn | All Public Schools NYS |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Total Expenditures per Pupil | \$15,910 | \$22,835 |



The Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee has put this website together as a way to get information out to the community regarding the Foundation Aid issues affecting the district.

For more information please visit: fixandfundit.org

2021-22 Property Tax Report Card

050100 - Auburn Enlarged City School District

Contact Person: Lisa Green

Telephone Number: 315-255-8808

| | Budgeted 2020-21 (A) | Proposed Budget 2021-22 (B) |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions | 80,725,559 | 83,961,951 |
| A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount | 32,506,722 | 33,431,783 |
| B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable | | |
| C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable | | |
| D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable | | |
| E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D) | 32,506,722 | 33,431,783 |
| F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit | 665,071 | 1,082,529 |
| G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions | 31,841,651 | 32,349,254 |
| H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D) | 31,841,651 | 32,349,254 |
| I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval) | 0 | 0 |
| Public School Enrollment | 4,119 | 3,958 |
| Consumer Price Index | | 1.23% |
| | Actual 2020-21 (D) | Estimated 2021-22 (E) |
| Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance | 5,832,581 | 5,839,000 |
| Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance | 1,403,328 | 1,347,897 |
| Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance | 8,953,238 | 7,905,341 |
| Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget | 11.09% | 9.43% |

Schedule of Reserve Funds

| Reserve Type | Reserve Name | Reserve Description | 3/31/21 Actual Balance | 6/30/21 Estimated Ending Balance | Intended Use of the Reserve in the 2021-2022 School Year |
|------------------------------------|---|---|------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Capital | 2018 Capital Reserve Fund | To pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued. | 701,718 | 703,000 | None |
| Capital | 2018 Turf Capital Reserve Fund | To pay the cost of replacing the athletic field turf, for which bonds may be issued. | 250,803 | 252,000 | None |
| Unemployment Insurance | Unemployment Insurance Reserve | To pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund. | 149,972 | 151,000 | None |
| Insurance | Insurance Reserve Fund | To pay liability, casualty, and other types of uninsured losses. | 456,999 | 458,000 | None |
| Liability | Liability Reserve Fund | To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover liability claims incurred. | 499,612 | 501,000 | None |
| Tax Certiorari | Tax Certiorari Reserve | To establish a reserve fund for tax certiorari settlements | 2,272,913 | 2,269,000 | To pay Tax Certiorari Settlements as appropriate |
| Employee Benefit Accrued Liability | Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve (EBALR) Fund | For the payment of accrued 'employee benefits' due to employees upon termination of service. | 255,390 | 256,000 | To pay Accrued Benefits as appropriate |
| Retirement Contribution Sub-Fund | Retirement Contribution Reserve Sub-Fund (TRS) | To fund employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Teachers' Retirement System | 554,443 | 556,000 | None |
| Retirement Contribution | Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund | To fund employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Employees' Retirement System | 690,731 | 693,000 | None |

WEBSITE

The NYS Report Card and the Financial Transparency Report:

<https://data.nysed.gov>

For information about the performance of each public school in the district and across New York State, download The NYS Report Card, The NYS Assessment Data, and The Financial Transparency Report that are located at this website.

CHECK IT OUT IT

May 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|---|--|--|--|
|  | April 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 | June 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 |  | For updated events please check the online calendar at our website: www.aecsd.education |  | 1 |
| 2  | 3 | 4  | 5 | 6  | 7 | 8 |
| Teacher Appreciation Week Be Kind to Animals Week | | Teacher Appreciation Day | Bike to School Day Cinco de Mayo | | HS Report Cards | |
| 9  | 10 | 11  | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| Mother's Day | | Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM | School Nurse Appreciation Day | | | Armed Forces Day |
| 16 | 17 | 18  | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| Asian American Heritage Month | | School Board Election & Budget Vote 7AM-9PM | Board of Education Mtg. Tubman @ 5:15PM | | Peter and the StarCatcher AJHS Musical AJHS Auditorium 7:30PM Limited Seating | Peter and the StarCatcher AJHS Musical AJHS Auditorium 7:30PM Limited Seating |
| Peter and the StarCatcher 2:00PM AJHS | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| | | |  | | | |
| 30 National Physical Fitness and Sports Month | 31 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day | Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM | Flower Moon | |  | Download & Print: May Calendar Page |

I'm Lucky! AJHS PBIS Positive Spring Broadcast



The Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) team asked teachers and students at Auburn Junior High School to participate in a school wide wellness activity, "I'm Lucky", where participants were asked to design a sign to highlight what they were feeling thankful and lucky for. The slideshows were highlighted on the "AJHS Morning Show" during the month of March and April. The link to watch is [I'm Lucky Student Video](#) and is also on the school website. Thanks to all who participated in this program and Mrs. Franco for her special talents.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)



Students who are applying to colleges, please be aware that procedures for the confidentiality of student records within the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) have recently changed. FERPA permits school officials to disclose all education records, including disciplinary records, to another institution at which the student seeks or intends to enroll. This now also applies to post-secondary institutions (colleges), upon request.

NYS SCHOOL TAX RELIEF PROGRAM (STAR)

Basic STAR Exemption Impact

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption savings based on a hypothetical home within the school district with a full value of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)

| | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Proposed Budget 2021-2022 |
| Basic STAR tax savings | \$555.00 |

For ALL Owner-occupied Residences:

All taxpayers are eligible for a Basic STAR exemption for owner-occupied, primary residences. For 2021-2022 the STAR program continues to provide qualifying households with a \$30,000 exemption on the full value of their property. For a home with a full value of \$100,000, qualifying residents will realize an estimated \$555 in Basic STAR tax savings.

For Senior Citizens:

The Enhanced STAR program for senior citizens provides eligible seniors an exemption from school property taxes for owner-occupied, primary residences. To be eligible for this exemption, a property owner must be 65 years of age or older on December 31, 2021, with income not exceeding \$90,550.

STAR provides qualifying households with up to a \$70,700 exemption on the full value of their property. Qualifying residents owning a home with a full value of \$100,000 will recognize an estimated \$1,181 in Enhanced STAR tax savings in 2021-2022.

Projected Total Tax Increase for a \$100,000 full value house with:

| | |
|---------------|-------------|
| Basic STAR | \$53 |
| Enhanced STAR | \$53 |

ESTIMATED SCHOOL TAX IMPACT:

Projections for the tax rates on each of the four towns and city comprising the Auburn Enlarged City School District are dependent upon the assessed value of the District, NYS equalization rates for each municipality and the local tax levy amount. Property assessments are still subject to change and equalization rates are not completed by the State until summer.

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- AJHS: @auburn_jrhigh
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- Genesee: @auburn_genesee
- Herman: @auburn_herman
- Owasco: @auburn_owasco
- Seward: @auburn_seward

ATTENTION:

All events and activities are subject to change. Please check the website for the latest updates:
www.aecsd.education

END OF YEAR SCHEDULE

For Students in the AECSD
2020-21 School Year:

AHS Senior Prom

Friday, June 11 & Saturday, June 12
The Lodge, Skaneateles

Watch: **CLASS of 2021 VIDEO:**

- Future Plans for the Class of 2021

Link: [AHS Class of 2021](#)

June 9: Last full day of classes for Auburn High School Students

June 17: Last Full Day for Elementary, and Auburn Junior High School

June 21: Half Day for Elementary

June 22: Half Day for Elementary

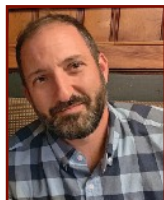
AHS Graduation Ceremony 6:00PM

Friday, June 25 @ Holland Stadium

NEW YORK STATE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY:

You can go online to find out if any sexual offenders live near you. The New York State Sex Offender Registry is available at www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/index.htm whereby you can search for Level 2 and Level 3 sex offenders.

MEET THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES



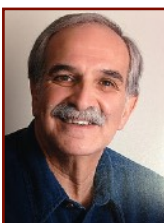
Matteo Bartolotta I have been a resident of Auburn for almost 20 years. My wife, Kristen, and I have four daughters, all of whom attended/attend the Auburn School District. Our oldest daughter will be graduating from Saint John Fisher College in May with a Masters degree in Library/Media Specialist. Our second oldest daughter is completing her senior year at Auburn High School and will be attending Mercyhurst University. Next Fall we will have a sophomore at the high school and an 8th grader attending the junior high. As a local businessman, for 27 years, a father of four, and the husband of an educator, I firmly believe I have a very unique perspective to offer the school board. I am running for a seat on the Auburn Enlarged City School District Board of Education because I have a vested interest in our school community as a whole. Providing equitable educational opportunities and making sound fiscal decisions will be my mission if elected on May 18th.



Rachel Cyzc I am running for the AECSD Board of Education and seeking to keep the children at the focus of every Board decision. I am married and we have six children ranging from 9-19 years of age. In our home we have a diversity of cultural backgrounds which gives me a unique and fresh perspective. I spent the past 10 years advocating for kids in our district, navigating policies and procedures for children with unique learning challenges. I have a degree in education. I would like to see more transparency and accountability in how our budget and curriculum are best meeting the needs of our children. I am an advocate for school safety. I would like to help bridge the gap between life long educators and our community and support policies and procedures that open up communication within the district.



Nate Garland Nate is a native of Cayuga County by birth and an Auburnian by choice. After moving back to Cayuga County in 2012 to serve as an Assistant District Attorney, Nate and his wife Kristin were drawn to Auburn by its sense of community and relocated here in 2017 with son Atticus (11) and daughter Josephine (9). As the Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Auburn, Nate advises municipal boards and the Auburn City Council on matters within their areas of governance. If elected, Nate hopes to combine this expertise with his genuine drive to improve the school experience for students and teachers alike by lowering class sizes.



Salvatore J. Giangreco Sam, a lifelong resident of Auburn, is married to Sheila Rhodes Giangreco with 6 children, (Tracy Kulis, Carene Kulis, Susan Bray, Mandi Mehl, Heather Giangreco, Kevin Giangreco), 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. He is currently a three-term incumbent seeking a 4th term on the AECSD School Board, having also served 2 terms as Vice President. Sam presently chairs the Facilities Committee and is committed to seeing the Capital Project through its entirety. Sam chaired the City of Auburn Planning Board and was the longest serving city member of the Emerson Park Committee. He is a 4th Degree member of Knights of Columbus and the former lead musician of the Blue Lights Band for over 35 years. Sam is a 1969 graduate of Mount Carmel and attended CCC majoring in liberal arts. Sam retired from AECSD after 35 years as a senior custodian/maintenance worker. He was employed by Seneca Cayuga ARC as a skills enhancement specialist III and Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES for 6 years as a job coach for the Community Experience Program and is currently a private care giver. Priorities: Provide tools and programs for every student to succeed in a safe and secure environment, hire dedicated teachers to provide the best education possible for all students, and advocate and encourage parents' involvement in their students' education.



Patrick Mahunik I am a proud graduate of Auburn High School, and I reside in Auburn with my wife, Amy, and our five children. Our two oldest, Matthew and Patrick are Auburn graduates; and our three youngest, Connor, Ryan, and Emma are current students at AECSD. I hold a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Education and a CAS in School Building and District Leadership. I have been an educator for 24 years. I have served as a middle school Social Studies teacher, and a school administrator. I have worked collaboratively with teachers to create CNY's first project-based learning school, Innovation Tech. In my new role as Director of Secondary Education, I continue to work with teachers, staff, students and families to develop programs that ensure success for all students. I served as a County Legislator for 12 years. I have served as Minority Leader, Chairman of several committees, Deputy Chairman and Chairman of the Legislature. I have been involved in developing and overseeing budgets and regularly collaborated with local, state and federal officials. I have been the President and coach of Auburn CYO basketball; was a founding member of the St. Baldrick's fundraiser, raising over \$500,000 in 5 years; the Cayuga/Seneca Action Agency Programs; and the Cayuga Community College Board of Trustees. My experiences and public service provide me with the qualifications to confidently sit as a Board of Education member. I have a vested interest in the children of AECSD. I would be honored to sit in a seat that would allow me to support a well-rounded, quality education experience for all children.



Ian Phillips I'm proud to be completing my first term as a Board member and thankful for the opportunity to continue to give back to this district for all it has afforded me. I've spent my professional life advocating for kids and schools. First, as a parent advocate in Philadelphia, then as a middle school teacher in Detroit, and currently with New York State United Teachers. I've been able to help create and lead our district Advocacy Committee which has put a spotlight on more than a decade of state underfunding. Thankfully this year, for the first year in many years, we are adding back programs for our students and adding back needed staff to bring our students up to speed from all they've missed over the last year. I'm running for school board because I want to support the learning of our students and innovative educators that support them along the way.



Kathleen Rhodes Kathleen is a retired teacher and school administrator. She worked for the Cayuga Onondaga BOCES as a special education teacher for 18 years, the Union Springs School District for 2 years and 13 years for the Auburn Enlarged City School District as a teacher and administrator. She is a 1971 graduate of Auburn High School. She earned An Associates degree from Cayuga Community College, Bachelors of Science and Masters Degree in Education from Nazareth College and earned her Degree of Advanced Studies from SUNY Cortland. Kathleen is a life long resident of Auburn and has deep family ties to the community. She is married to Brent Rhodes and has 2 children, Andrew 36 and Katie 35, both graduates of Auburn High School. She has worked on the board for the past 9 years. She was a BOE vice president for 4 years and board president for 2 years.

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Isabelle Wellaur A resident of the Auburn School District for 15 years, I have been blessed with a wonderful husband, Michael, and together we are raising four incredible children, Lea (18) Chloë (14) Michael (12) and Tymere (2). I am a small business owner, offering yoga and deep tissue massage therapy. As a family, we are active in our schools, community and church. My eldest daughter has spent her senior year serving on the School Board as a student representative and walking alongside her during this experience has given me a window into the process and provided me with a tremendous appreciation of the many responsibilities of the board. I believe fresh perspectives and a strong voice offering solution oriented strategies would benefit our students and teachers. I see the value in prioritizing resources for the betterment of our children while being fiscally responsible to our district families. I feel my love for children, passion for public school education, desire to serve our community and commitment to strengthening the bridge between the board and the administration would be an asset to the Auburn BOE.

Current AECSD Board Members/Term Expires:

| | |
|-------------------------|------|
| William Andre | 2022 |
| Jeffrey Gasper | 2022 |
| Sam Giangreco | 2021 |
| Eli Hernandez, VP | 2023 |
| Ian Phillips | 2021 |
| Kathleen Rhodes | 2021 |
| Rhoda Overstreet-Wilson | 2023 |
| Joseph Sheppard, Pres | 2023 |
| Danielle Wood | 2022 |

✓ VOTE FOR ANY THREE CANDIDATES

Candidates for the Board of Education had until April 28th to announce their candidacy for the Board. These photographs and biographies were the only ones provided by potential or verified candidates at the time of publication.

Please remember to vote. Polls are open from 7:00AM to 9:00PM, on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

INFORMATION ON VOTING/SAMPLE BALLOT

BOARD CANDIDATES - VOTE FOR ANY THREE

WRITE IN

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| | <input type="radio"/> | Kathleen Rhodes | | |
| | <input type="radio"/> | Nate Garland | | |
| | <input type="radio"/> | Rachel Cxyz | | |
| | <input type="radio"/> | Patrick Mahunik | | |
| | <input type="radio"/> | Matteo Bartolotta | | |
| | <input type="radio"/> | Sam Giangreco | | |
| | <input type="radio"/> | Ian Phillips | | |
| | <input type="radio"/> | Isabelle Wellauer | | |

At this year's school election the District will be using the optical scan voting machines used by the Cayuga County Board of Elections for the past several years during their primary and general elections. The ballot is two-sided with the Proposed Budget 2021-2022 on one side and the School Board Candidates on the reverse side.

PROPOSITION #1
PROPOSED BUDGET 2021-2022

RESOLVED, that the proposed budget of expenditures of the Auburn Enlarged City School District for the 2021-2022 school year be and the same hereby is approved in an amount not to exceed \$83,861,951.00 and the amount thereof shall be raised by a levy of 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

YES NO

ABSENTEE VOTING

Qualified school district voters who are unable to vote in person on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, may vote in the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote by absentee ballot. Those who are ill, hospitalized, physically disabled, away on business or vacation, or who are detained in jail, awaiting action by a grand jury, awaiting trial or confined for an offense other than a felony may use an absentee ballot to vote. Registered sex offenders must use an absentee ballot to vote.

To receive an absentee ballot, individuals must first fill out an application for the ballot. If you are unable to personally vote at your polling location, applications are available in the district office and on our website and may be filed up to one day before the date of the vote. Applications for absentee ballots may be requested from: Michelle Major, District Clerk, Auburn Enlarged City School District, 78 Thornton Avenue, Auburn, NY. Telephone: 315-255-8850.

HOW TO VOTE IN SCHOOL ELECTIONS

**School Board Election and Budget Vote to be held:
Tuesday, May 18, 2021. Polls are open 7:00AM to 9:00PM**

Qualified voters must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old, and a resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to the date of the vote. You do not need to be a registered voter. All absentee ballots must be received by the district no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 18th.

For more information on voting in school elections, call (315) 255-8850.

WHERE TO VOTE IN SCHOOL ELECTIONS

**School Board Election and Budget Vote to be held:
Tuesday, May 18, 2021. Polls are open 7:00AM to 9:00PM**

Where you live determines where you vote in school elections. The chart below shows the general area for each election district and the polling place for each election district. For more information on voting in school elections, call 315-255-8850.

| District | Area | Polling Place |
|----------|--|------------------------------|
| 1 | Legislative District 10 | Casey Park Elementary School |
| 2 | Legislative District 11 and portion of Sennett within the Auburn School District | Auburn Junior High School |
| 3 | Portion of Owasco within the Auburn School District | Owasco Elementary School |
| 4 | Legislative Districts 12, 13, 14 & 15 and portions of Fleming and Aurelius within the Auburn School District | Seward Elementary School |

DISTRICT GOALS

High Quality Curriculum and Instruction

The Auburn Enlarged City School District will develop a framework and implement high quality curriculum, instruction, and balanced assessment model for all students. All staff will implement evidence-based practices including high yield instructional strategies that increase higher order thinking, collaboration and creativity, and student engagement.

Leadership and Innovation

All members of the Auburn Enlarged City School District and community are valued and seen as contributors to the goals of the district. Allocation of resources will support job-embedded professional development dedicated to promoting creative problem solving and critical thinking. We will seek to leverage emergent ideas and insights to realize measurable achievement gains for educators and students.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

The Auburn School District is fortunate to receive support from a variety of local sources, including businesses and community organizations.

- A** The District collaborates with Cayuga Community College, Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES, Early Childhood Center, YMCA, Headstart, Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency, Montessori School of the Finger Lakes and the E. J. Gavras Center to provide *Prekindergarten programming for 3 and 4 year olds in Auburn*. These programs prepare our students for a strong academic start when they enter kindergarten.
- A** Auburn Education Foundation is a major supporter of innovative projects in the District. This past year the AEF sponsored Innovation Labs in each of our elementary schools, providing students in grades K-6 with a foundation in critical-thinking and problem-solving skills.
- A** The School District partners with Cayuga Community College (CCC) and the Manufacturer's Association of Central New York (MACNY) to support the Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) program. This six year program offers eligible high school students an opportunity to take classes at CCC for an Associate's Degree in Mechanical or Electrical Technologies.

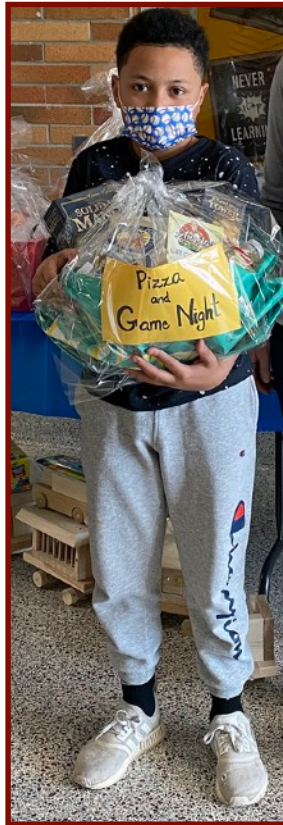


DRIVE SAFELY!

Driver's Ed will be offered this summer to current sophomores and juniors. As details become available, students will be notified via email, Text Remind and Google Classroom. If you have questions, please contact Annie Hoff at 315-255-8338.

Casey Park News

Casey Park's staff enjoyed the beautiful weather during part of our faculty meeting this month as we practiced sequential circles. Sequential circles is a restorative practice strategy that allows all participants to speak and helps build connections and trust in our learning environments. Our staff practiced sequential circles and then had the opportunity to create a lesson plan to implement this strategy with their students.



One of our PBIS incentives has been our basket raffle. Each month teachers submit names of students who have been engaged in their classroom and who are meeting PBIS expectations. Each of those names is entered into a random name picker and winners are chosen each month. Winners for the month of March are Mason, grade 5 (left) and Carson, grade 2 (below).



The Remote Academy: Mrs. Tabone's Remote Kindergarten class celebrating the 100th day of school on Wednesday, February 24th. It is a kindergarten tradition to celebrate it in grand style.



Now Accepting Registrations for 2021-2022

- Do you reside in the Auburn Enlarged City School District (AECSD)?
- Will your child be five years old on or before December 1, 2021?

★ **ONLINE REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN FOR NEW
STUDENTS**

Online student registration is currently open for new students enrolling in pre-kindergarten through grade 12 for the 2021-22 school year. Please visit our district website at www.aecsd.education and click on the appropriate link to register your child now! Registrations are also being accepted in person at the Harriet Tubman Administrative Offices, 78 Thornton Ave. Kindergarten packets can be picked up at the Administrative Offices or at any of the five elementary schools.



Genesee Elementary

244 Genesee Street (315) 255-8678

Casey Park Elementary

101 Pulaski Street (315) 255-8798

Herman Avenue Elementary

2 North Herman Avenue (315) 255-8718

Seward Elementary

52 Metcalf Drive (315) 255-8638

Owasco Elementary

66 Letchworth Street (315) 255-8721



We will not have a formal Kindergarten registration like we typically do in each building this spring due to COVID-19.



Questions?

For more information please contact Tina Brechue, AECSD Central Registration Pre-K through 12th grade (315) 255-8825 or email: tinabrechue@aecsd.education



NOW OPEN!

Open Enrollment for Auburn Enlarged City School District's 2021-2022 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program

The Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program is an integral component of our district and includes a UPK program for our 4 year-old learners and a 3PK program for 3 year-olds. Together, these programs offer comprehensive educational services to Auburn School District residents who will be 3 or 4-years of age on or before December 1st, 2021 and are available at **no cost** for eligible children.

A list of our Universal Pre-Kindergarten program locations (sites) below contains information regarding which sites offer 3PK and/or UPK and which sites provide full-day and/or half-day programs. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are welcome and encouraged to visit any of these participating sites before completing your child's registration. Kindly contact the site to arrange a visit.



| Site | Program * | Full/Half Day* | Contact |
|--|-------------|--|--------------|
| Cayuga Community College – 81 Wall St. | 3PK and UPK | Full-day | 315-294-8603 |
| Cayuga Onondaga BOCES – 1879 W. Genesee St. Rd. | 3PK and UPK | Full-day | 315-255-0075 |
| Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency - 89 York St. and sites at several AECSD schools | 3PK and UPK | Full-day | 315-252-0038 |
| Early Childhood Center – 1110 Corporate Dr. | 3PK and UPK | Full-day | 315-255-0233 |
| E. John Gavras Center – 182 North St. | 3PK and UPK | Full-day | 315-255-2746 |
| Montessori School of the Finger Lakes – 6734 Pine Ridge Rd. | 3PK and UPK | Full-day | 315-252-2225 |
| YMCA – 27 William St. | 3PK and UPK | Full-day & Half-day 3PK Full-day UPK | 315-253-5304 |

**Program offerings, and full/half day classes per site are subject to change*

Parents/guardians can register their child online and upload the supporting documentation.

Please register your student using the online enrollment form located at the link on the Auburn Enlarged City School District website www.AECSD.education under Student Registration or <https://www.familyid.com/auburn-csd-student-registration-programs/auburn-csd-2021-2022-upk-registration>

Parents/guardians who prefer to submit their student's registration in person may also pick up a 2021-2022 registration packet at any of the UPK sites listed above and also at any Auburn Elementary School or our Administrative Offices. **Completed applications should be submitted to your child's current Pre-Kindergarten site or to the Harriet Tubman Administrative Offices at 78 Thornton Ave.**

Need more information about the 2021-2022 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program?
Please contact Tina Brechue at 315-255-8825 or Michelle Kolceski at 315-255-8613.






Auburn Enlarged City School District
Harriet Tubman Administration Building
78 Thornton Avenue
Auburn, NY 13021

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
AUBURN, NY 13021
PERMIT NUMBER 42
ECRWSS

POSTAL CUSTOMER/BOX HOLDER

| Overall Budget Proposal | Budget Adopted 2020-2021 School Year | Budget Proposed 2021-2022 School Year | Contingency Budget 2021-2022 School Year |
|---|---|--|--|
| Total Budgeted Amount | \$80,725,559 | \$83,861,951 | \$82,936,890 |
| Increase/Decrease for the 2021-2022 School Year | | \$3,136,392 | \$2,211,331 |
| Percentage increase (decrease) in Proposed Budget | | 3.89% | 2.74% |
| Change in the Consumer Price Index | | 1.23% | |
| A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support Total Budgeted Amount | \$32,506,722 | \$33,431,783 | |
| 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) | \$32,506,722 | \$33,431,783 | \$32,506,722 |
| F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit | \$665,071 | \$1,082,529 | |
| G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions | \$31,841,651 | \$32,349,254 | |
| H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, <u>Excluding</u> Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E-B-F+D) | \$31,841,651 | \$32,349,254 | |
| I. Difference: (G-H); Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval | \$0 | \$0 | |
| Administrative Component | \$8,365,360 | \$8,885,079 | \$8,656,595 |
| Program Component | \$60,712,895 | \$63,273,015 | \$62,826,438 |
| Capital Component | \$11,647,304 | \$11,703,857 | \$11,453,857 |
| * The following assumptions were made in projecting the Contingency Budget: | | | |
| - No purchase of new equipment in excess of categorical aid | | | |
| - No tax levy amount in excess of 2020-2021 tax levy; reduction of \$925,061 in property tax revenue | | | |
| - Administrative component subject to cap | | | |
| - Implementation of fee for community use of school facilities | | | |
| | | Under the Budget Proposed for the 2021-2022 School Year |  OTE |
| Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings (1) | | \$555.00 | |
| The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-2022 by the qualified voters of the Auburn Enlarged City School District, Cayuga County, New York, will be held at Auburn Junior High, Casey Park Elementary, Owasco Elementary and Seward Elementary in said district on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:00 pm, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine. | | | |
| (1) The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law. | | | |

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