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THE MAROON MONTHLY

2020-2021

**PROPOSED BUDGET
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

Tuesday, May 26, 2020
6:45 PM, Via ZOOM

BUDGET VOTE & ELECTIONS

Tuesday, June 9, 2020
Return Absentee Ballot by 5:00PM

WHAT TO VOTE ON:

- Budget Proposition
 - Election of Board Members
 - Student Representative on Board of Education
- VOTE**

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2020-2021 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Overall budget up 2.3% compared to 2019-2020
- ✓ Tax Levy Increase of 1.67%
- ✓ Zero Increase in State Foundation Aid
- ✓ Net Reduction of 21 positions

**Auburn High School Valedictorian 2020
Div Patel**



Hey there, I'm Div Patel and I intend to attend the University of Rochester for a major in chemical engineering. As for a bit about myself, I enjoy reading about religions and science, meditating, and foreign language study. Above all, I am grateful to my family and all of my teachers and friends for having enriched my mind and given support throughout my life. Glory and love to all. May we all dwell in tranquility.

**Auburn High School Salutatorian 2020
Jadan Hand**



I'd like to extend a huge congratulations to the class of 2020! We are truly a class to remember. I'd also like to thank my wonderful family and friends, and incredible teachers. I wouldn't be where I am today without their continual support and encouragement throughout my journey. The foundation they helped me lay will continue to benefit me in the years to come. I will be attending Colgate University in the fall, and majoring in Molecular Biology. I hope to go into genetics research when I finish college.

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Jeffrey A. Pirozzolo

Dear Community Members,

Budget planning for the 2020-2021 school year has been extremely difficult to say the least. New York State is facing a \$15 billion loss in revenue as a result of COVID-19 and its devastating effect on the economy, and the revenue loss will undoubtedly impact the amount of aid school districts ultimately receive.

On April 1, Governor Cuomo announced that state aid to school districts for the 2020-2021 school year would be frozen at the 2019-2020 school year levels. However, the governor added a provision allowing him to be able to reevaluate the budget several times throughout the year and make reductions in school aid if necessary. In his daily press conferences, he has indicated that he may need to cut school aid by 20 percent unless the federal government steps in and provides aid to states. The first reevaluation period ended on April 30, but the state has yet to release any revised budget numbers. Planning a budget without knowing the amount of New York State revenue you have to work with is challenging.

Because we do not know for sure if state aid will be cut, the Auburn School District's proposed budget does not take the potential 20 percent cut into consideration and is based on the original aid amounts the governor announced. Therefore, the proposed budget expenditures for the 2020-2021 school year are \$80,725,559, which is up 2.3 percent, or \$1.8 million, from 2019-2020 due to inflation and other rising costs. To account for rising costs, the district will need to incorporate additional cost saving measures, as well as utilize \$1,047,897 of the district reserves. The 2020-2021 proposed budget does include a net reduction of 21 staff positions through a combination of retirements, resignations and layoffs, but the district will be able to maintain the programs our community values for our students, as long as there are no additional cuts to the amount of state aid we receive. It is important to note that because the proposed budget does not account for a potential 20 percent cut in state aid, which equates to approximately \$6.3 million for Auburn, there is a possibility that the district may need to lay off several more positions during the summer months and even throughout the school year if the governor does end up having to implement cuts. We are holding out hope that the federal government will step in and offer a stimulus package to offset any loss in state aid to our schools.

In addition, this proposed budget will also include a 1.67 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 Exemption	\$31	\$2.58
Basic Star Exemption	\$32	\$2.67
Enhanced Star Exemption	\$31	\$2.58

The school budget vote and board election will be held by absentee ballot only this year. There will be no in-person voting. Absentee ballots were automatically mailed to each registered voter in the district with a postage-paid return envelope. Additional absentee ballots may be requested by any other qualified voters by contacting the District Clerk, Shelly Major, at MichelleMajor@aecsd.education or (315) 255-8850. **In order to be counted, all completed absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2020.**











If you have any questions about the proposed budget for the 2020-2021 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.

2019-20 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ This year 13 seniors presented their Target Language Projects as the culminating activity for the **Seal of Biliteracy**.
- ✓ The **Genesee Alumni Scholarship Program** recently awarded scholarships to seven seniors who attended Genesee Elementary School. The scholarships were awarded based on community service, academic success and an essay in which the applicants shared memories of their time at Genesee. This is the eighth year of the scholarship, with over \$13,000 given out to thirty-five former Genesee students.
- ✓ Auburn High School's **PTECH** students participated in field trips each month. To name a few, they traveled to Byrne Dairy in Cortland, NY; Bo-Mer and Currier Plastics; Welch-Allyn; and NYS Fairgrounds in Syracuse, NY.
- ✓ The **Information Technology Department** has been instrumental in providing students and staff with the tools, supports, and resources needed to be successful during this unprecedented time. Additionally, the team has been working overtime to provide virtual support to our staff and students, assisting with over 3000 requests for technology support.

ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

-  The NYS Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Scholar Athlete Award was earned by 5 Fall teams: Girls Tennis, Boys Golf, Volleyball, Girls Soccer, Field Hockey; and 1 Winter team: Ice Hockey.
-  Fall golfers Christian Hogan, Ross Burgmaster, and Jack Leader qualified to participate in the NYS Boys Golf State Qualifier Tournament this Spring in Colgate.
-  The Girls Tennis team finished with a record of 13-1 and were Empire Division Co-Champions of the Salt City Athletic Conference (SCAC).
-  The Football team staged a 32-point comeback in an overtime win in the Semi-Final game of the Section tournament. They advanced to the Dome to compete in the Section III Championship, falling to Carthage. The team drew the wildcard to advance to the Regional round of the NYSPHSAA State football tournament, traveling to Mahopac, NY in Section One where they fell to Rye.
-  Teams qualifying to compete in the Section III tournament in the Fall season were: girls tennis, boys golf, girls volleyball, field hockey, girls soccer, girls swimming, girls and boys cross country, and football.
-  Kaylee Hodson of the Girls Bowling team had the highest average in the SCAC, earned State All Star Team honors, and qualified to participate in the NYSPHSAA State Championship. Unfortunately, the NYSPHSAA Winter Championship was canceled this year.
-  Wrestlers Luca Pirozzolo and Keyshin Cooper both earned titles as Section III Champions and qualified for the NYSPHSAA State Tournament. This was Pirozzolo's second trip to the NYSPHSAA Tournament where he went 2 and 2 this year; Cooper finished 7th overall in NYS in the 220 lb. Division I bracket, ending his career with an 84-13 record.
-  During the 2020-21 season Luca Pirozzolo surpassed Ryan Gadsby for the career school record in Wrestling wins, and he will be back next year to defend his two sectional titles.
-  Indoor Track athlete Jimmy Vasile (1600 Meter Run) earned the right to compete in the Section III State Qualifying Tournament held at OCC on February 25.
-  Teams qualifying to compete in the Section III tournament in the Winter season were: boys and girls bowling, boys and girls basketball, wrestling, boys and girls indoor track and boys swimming.

2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES

Program Component: 75.21% 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	2019-2020	2020-2021	Increase/(Decrease)
Legal	12,500	12,500	0
Teaching - Regular School	19,874,975	20,247,536	372,561
Programs - Students with Disabilities	12,132,676	12,636,488	503,812
Occupational Education	2,039,998	2,245,125	205,127
Teaching - Special Schools	310,500	321,500	11,000
School Library & Audiovisual	812,902	817,283	4,381
Computer Assisted Instruction	1,997,083	2,290,004	292,921
Guidance	724,513	771,255	46,742
Health Services	673,131	694,694	21,563
Co-Curricular Activities	188,914	193,802	4,888
Interscholastic Activities	588,938	600,951	12,013
District Transportation	198,930	212,332	13,402
Contract Transportation	2,574,932	2,516,023	(58,909)
Public Transportation	50	50	0
BOCES Contract Transportation	50,500	44,500	(6,000)
Employee Benefits	18,026,117	17,091,351	(934,766)
Interfund Transfers	15,000	17,500	2,500
Total Program Expense	\$60,221,659	\$60,712,894	491,235

Capital Component: 14.43% 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	2019-2020	2020-2021	Increase/(Decrease)
Operation	3,039,438	3,139,657	100,219
Maintenance	1,105,772	1,146,063	40,291
Employee Benefits	1,708,060	1,575,094	(132,966)
Debt Service	4,585,583	5,686,490	1,100,907
Interfund Transfers	100,000	100,000 *	0
Total Capital Expense	\$10,538,853	\$11,647,304	1,108,451

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

Senior signs line Lake Ave to recognize Auburn High School's Class of 2020



On May 15, staff and administrators gathered at Auburn High School to install nearly 300 signs along Lake Ave to recognize and honor the class of 2020. Each sign has the name and photo of a graduating senior. The signs span the entire length of the Auburn High School property on Lake Ave from Sand Beach Rd to Fleming St. The purpose of the signs is to acknowledge that the seniors have had their capstone high school year cancelled and have overcome the unprecedented challenges of virtual learning and school closure with both class and dignity.

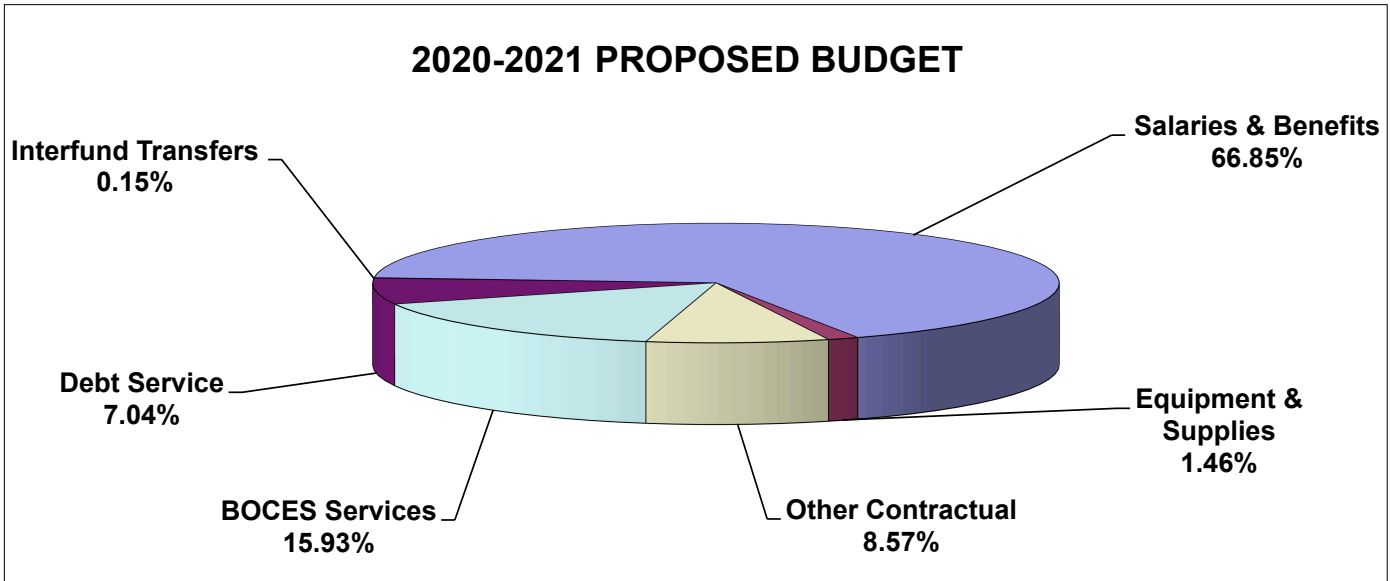
The signs were facilitated through generous donations made by the Auburn High School staff, faculty and student clubs as well as several organizations such as the Auburn Teachers Association, Auburn Administrators Association, Auburn Sports Boosters, Auburn Beautification Commission, Auburn Police Department Union (New York Finger Lakes Region Police Officers Local No. 195), Majorpalooza, and A & M Graphics.

2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES

Administrative Component: 10.36% 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.

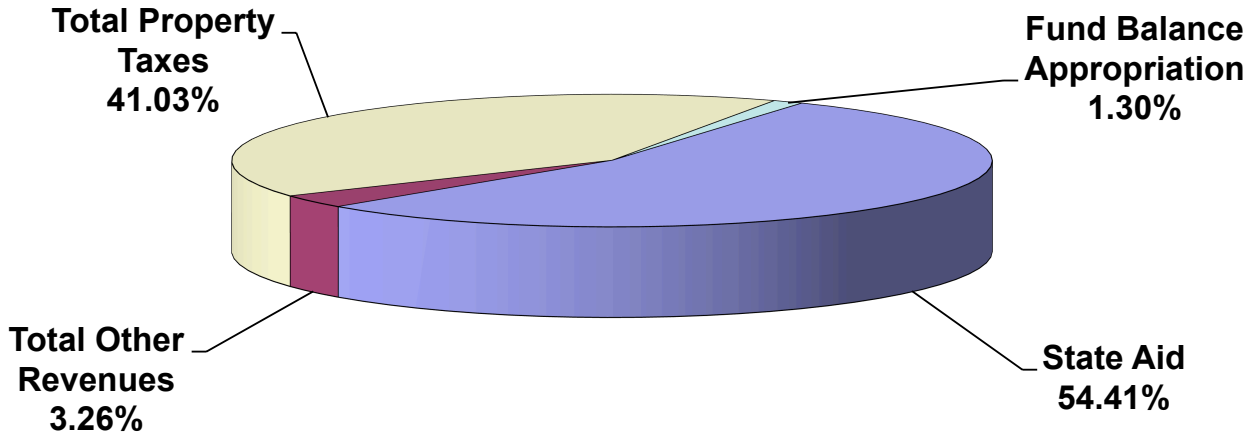
Administrative	2019-2020	2020-2021	Increase/(Decrease)
Board of Education	19,000	19,100	100
District Clerk	12,000	11,950	(50)
District Meeting	15,200	15,200	0
Central Administration	252,397	264,876	12,479
Business Administration	277,627	275,354	(2,273)
Auditing	43,500	41,000	(2,500)
Treasurer	124,434	128,999	4,565
Tax Collection	29,605	6,950	(22,655)
Purchasing	11,000	11,000	0
Fiscal Agent Fees	10,000	10,000	0
Legal	115,000	160,000	45,000
Personnel	704,751	743,700	38,949
Public Information & Service	15,000	66,115	51,115
Central Storeroom	40,230	41,424	1,194
Central Printing & Mailing	589,250	628,750	39,500
Central Data Processing	520,325	448,000	(72,325)
Unallocated Insurance	222,000	257,000	35,000
Board Membership Dues	28,000	28,000	0
Assessments on School Property	80,000	70,000	(10,000)
BOCES Admin. Charges	809,500	932,500	123,000
Curriculum Development, Supervision	414,632	385,931	(28,701)
Supervision - Reg. School	1,640,509	1,690,953	50,444
Research Planning & Evaluation	164,000	164,000	0
Inservice Training	23,000	40,000	17,000
Programs - Students with Disabilities	331,809	334,225	2,416
Health Services	91,957	94,205	2,248
Employee Benefits	1,585,323	1,496,129	(89,194)
Total Administrative Expense	\$8,170,049	\$8,365,361	195,312
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$78,930,561	\$80,725,559	1,794,998



2020-2021 PROJECTED REVENUES

State Aid	2019-2020	2020-2021	Increase/Decrease
Operating State Aid	39,155,104	39,864,287	709,183
Building Aid	3,231,252	4,066,031	834,779
Total State Aid	\$42,386,356	\$43,930,318	1,543,962
Other Revenues	2019-2020	2020-2021	Increase/Decrease
Tuition	50,000	75,000	25,000
Interest	7,500	100,000	92,500
Miscellaneous Revenues	720,800	688,150	(32,650)
Prior Year Refunds	800,000	850,000	50,000
Property Rental	68,000	66,000	(2,000)
Medicaid Reimbursement	250,000	325,000	75,000
Indirect Costs - Other Funds	100,000	525,000	425,000
Total Other Revenues	\$1,996,300	\$2,629,150	632,850
Property Taxes	2019-2020	2020-2021	Increase/Decrease
Tax Levy	31,973,596	32,506,722	533,126
Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)	559,309	611,472	52,163
Total Property Taxes	\$32,532,905	\$33,118,194	585,289
Appropriated Fund Balance	2019-2020	2020-2021	Increase/Decrease
Fund Balance Appropriation	2,015,000	1,047,897	(967,103)
Total Projected Revenues	\$78,930,561	\$80,725,559	1,794,998

2020-21 PROJECTED REVENUES



Casey Park School

L-R: Mrs. Mennerich and Mrs. Colella conduct Zoom meetings with their first grade class in order to stay connected and continue learning! Breanne Nedza working on greenhouse project; Trynleigh Naumilket with "Thank You Nurses" sign; and a flower project by Trynity Nelson.



2018-19 NYS Fiscal Accountability Summary for the Auburn School District (Based on 2017-2018 School Year)

Instructional Costs per Pupil	General Education	Special Education		Auburn	Similar Districts	All Public Schools NYS
Auburn	\$9,565	\$30,035				
Similar Districts	\$12,125	\$32,531				
All Public Schools NYS	\$13,370	\$32,280				
			Total Expenditures per Pupil	\$17,746	\$22,630	\$25,845

PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

2020-21 Property Tax Report Card			
		Budgeted 2019-20 (A)	Proposed Budget 2020-21 (B)
050100 - Auburn Enlarged City School District Contact Person: Lisa Green Telephone Number: 315-255-8808			
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions		78,930,561	80,725,559
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount		31,973,596	32,506,722
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)		31,973,596	32,506,722
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit		877,358	665,071
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions		31,096,238	31,841,651
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)		31,096,238	31,841,651
I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval)		0	0
Public School Enrollment		4,052	4,119
Consumer Price Index			1.81%
		Actual 2019-20 (D)	Estimated 2020-21 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance		6,290,437	5,257,932
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance		2,015,000	1,047,897
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance		3,157,222	3,229,022
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget		4.00%	4.00%

#FixAndFundIt

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

Schedule of Reserve Funds

Reserve Type	Reserve Name	Reserve Description	3/31/20 Actual Balance	6/30/19 Estimated Ending Balance	Intended Use of the Reserve in the 2019-2020 School Year
Capital	2018 Capital Reserve Fund	To pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued.	700,000	702,000	None
Capital	2018 Turf Capital Reserve Fund	To pay the cost of replacing the athletic field turf, for which bonds may be issued.	250,189	251,189	None
Unemployment Insurance	Unemployment Insurance Reserve	To pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund.	151,330	0	\$151,500 to pay 2020-2021 Unemployment Claims
Insurance	Insurance Reserve Fund	To pay liability, casualty, and other types of uninsured losses.	456,570	457,570	None
Liability	Liability Reserve Fund	To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover liability claims incurred.	499,142	500,142	None
Tax Certiorari	Tax Certiorari Reserve	To establish a reserve fund for tax certiorari settlements	1,950,075	1,833,678	\$121,397 appropriated for budget; other amounts to pay Certiorari Claims as they are Settled
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.	264,778	265,000	To pay Accrued Benefits as appropriate
Retirement Contribution Sub-Fund	Retirement Contribution Reserve Sub-Fund (TRS)	To fund employer retirement contributions to the NYS Teachers' Retirement System	554,000	555,000	None
Retirement Contribution	Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund	To fund employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Employees' Retirement System	1,464,353	693,353	\$775,000 to pay 2020-2021 Retirement Claim

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



Missing just a few days of school a month can hurt a child's math and reading skills or even their chance of graduating. Please help us reduce chronic absence. Find out more at www.everystudentpresent.org/parents

June 2020

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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.

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

The NYS Report Card and the Fiscal Supplement: <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 Fiscal Supplement that are located at this website.

CHECK IT OUT



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 2020-2021
Basic STAR tax savings	\$555

For ALL Owner-occupied Residences:

All taxpayers are eligible for a Basic STAR exemption for owner-occupied, primary residences. For 2020-2021 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, 2020, with income not exceeding \$88,050.

STAR provides qualifying households with up to a \$69,800 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 2020-2021.

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

Basic STAR	\$32
Enhanced STAR	\$31

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.

Follow us on Twitter!



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- AJHS: @auburn_jrhigh
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- 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
2019-20 School Year:

June 17: Last Full Day for Elementary, Auburn Junior High School and Auburn High School Students
***AHS Graduation Ceremony TBD**

Watch: CLASS of 2020 VIDEOS:

- Future Plans for the Class of 2020
 - National Decision Day, May 1st
- Link: [AHS Class of 2020](#)**

Watch: Virtual Awards Ceremony for AHS Juniors and Seniors
Wednesday, June 3, 6:00PM

Link: [AHS Live Events](#)

MEET THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES



Eli Hernández Eli Hernández is running for a third term on the Board of Education. He has been living in Auburn for the past 20 years with his wife Rina. His son Enrique will be attending AHS and his daughter, Mariela will be at AJHS. Eli was a Spanish teacher for the Auburn Enlarged City School District from 2000 to 2010. While there, he created a chapter of the National Spanish Honor Society, he served as cross country, indoor, and outdoor track and field coach, and was the Spanish Club Advisor. Mr. Hernandez currently serves as the principal of Delaware Primary School in the Syracuse City School District, where he is building a bilingual school. Mr. Hernández earned his Doctorate in Executive Leadership from St. John Fisher College in March 2020. Eli’s professional experience as a teacher, administrator and community leader have enhanced his contributions to the school board and he believes he can continue to make a positive impact as a board member.



Patrick Mahunik Patrick Mahunik, a proud graduate of Auburn High School, resides in the city of Auburn with his wife, Amy Mahunik, and their five children. Matthew (21) and Patrick, Jr. (19) have graduated from Auburn High School; and Connor (17), Ryan (15) and Emma (12) are current students in Auburn schools. Patrick holds a Bachelor’s and Master’s degree in education and a Certificate of Advanced Study in School Building and School District Leadership. Patrick has been an educator for 23 years. He has worked as a middle school Social Studies teacher for 11 years and a school administrator for 12 years. During his tenure he has created Central New York’s first project-based learning school, Innovation Tech, at Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES; has developed programs to ensure student success in area school districts; and is currently the acting Director of Secondary Education at Newfield Central School District. Patrick has served as a Cayuga County Legislator for twelve years serving as Minority Leader, Chairman of Health and Human Services, Chairman of Judicial and Public Safety, Chairman of the Ways and Means committee, Deputy Chairman and was selected to be the Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature in 2018. In his role as Chairman of the Legislature and Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee he was directly involved in developing and overseeing the Cayuga County budgets of up to 150 million dollars and regularly collaborated with state and federal level elected officials. He also served on numerous boards, including the Cayuga/ Seneca Action Agency Programs, the Cayuga Community College Board of Trustees, and President and coach of Auburn CYO basketball. He looks forward to the opportunity of continuing his public service as a member of the Auburn Board of Education.



Rhoda Overstreet-Wilson Rhoda Overstreet-Wilson is currently the Executive Director at Westminster Manor. Rhoda is a community activities and child advocate. Rhoda is active on several community boards. She is the board president for Booker T Washington Community Center, Vice President for the Auburn Chapter of the NAACP, and is Human Rights Commissioner for Auburn. Rhoda began her doctoral studies in the Executive Leadership in Education program at St. John Fisher College in the summer of 2017; Rhoda successfully defended her dissertation Spring 2020. Rhoda is married to Roy Wilson and has two children, Jahmere and Dejuan Wilson.



Joseph Sheppard (Current School Board Vice President) My name is Joe Sheppard. I grew up in the city of Auburn, graduating from Auburn High School with the Class of 1998. I moved back to the area with my wife, Kristan (AHS Class of '99) and two children a little less than 6 years ago after going to school and working in various theatres in cities across the Country from Minneapolis to Miami, to D.C. We moved back to the area in order to give our children the same great opportunities that we had growing up in this great community. This desire is also what led me to running for a seat on the Auburn Board of Education three years ago. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the students, staff and community of the Auburn Enlarged City School district over the past three years, and I look forward to continuing this service. During my time as a member of this board, I have learned a great deal regarding the complexities of how a school district runs and I welcome the challenge of utilizing and growing this knowledge further in the challenging years that no doubt lie ahead.

Current AECSD Board Members/Term Expires:

William Andre	2022
Jeffrey Gasper	2022
Sam Giangreco	2021
Eli Hernandez	2020
Ian Phillips	2021
Kathleen Rhodes, Pres.	2021
Rhoda Overstreet-Wilson	2020
Joseph Sheppard, VP	2020
Danielle Wood	2022

✓ VOTE FOR ANY THREE CANDIDATES

Candidates for the Board of Education had until May 11th 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. Return the Absentee Ballot form by Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at 5:00PM.

INFORMATION ON VOTING/SAMPLE BALLOT

At this year's school election the District will be using Absentee Ballots. The ballot is two-sided with the Proposed Budget 2020-2021 on one side and the School Board Candidates on the reverse side.

OFFICE	School Board Member (Vote for any THREE)			
A	1A <input type="radio"/> Eli HERNANDEZ	2A <input type="radio"/> Patrick MAHUNIK	3A <input type="radio"/> Rhoda OVERSTREET-WILSON	4A <input type="radio"/> Joseph SHEPPARD
Write-in	Write-in	Write-in	Write-in	Write-in

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE AUBURN SCHOOL ELECTION - JUNE 9, 2020 INSTRUCTIONS: (1) Mark only with a pen or felt tip marker having blue or black ink. (2) To vote for a candidate whose name is printed on this ballot fill in the oval <input type="radio"/> to the right of the candidate's name, like ● (3) To vote for a person whose name is not printed on this ballot write or stamp his or her name on a blank "Write-In" area under the names of the candidates for that office. (4) To vote YES or NO on a proposition fill in the oval <input type="radio"/> below the proposition. (5) Any other mark or writing, or any erasure made on this ballot outside the voting squares or blank spaces provided for voting will void this entire ballot.	STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF CAYUGA (6) Do not overvote. If you select a greater number of candidates than there are vacancies to be filled, your ballot will be void for that public office. (7) If you tear, or deface, or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and obtain another. Do not attempt to correct mistakes on the ballot by making erasures or cross outs. Erasures or cross outs may invalidate all or part of your ballot. Prior to submitting your ballot, if you make a mistake in completing the ballot or wish to change your ballot choices, you may obtain and complete a new ballot. You have a right to a replacement ballot upon return of the original ballot. (8) Please vote BOTH sides of this ballot	Ballot ID: 1001 AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Proposition # 1 Proposed Budget 2020-2021
RESOLVED, that the proposed budget of expenditures of the Auburn Enlarged City School District for the 2020-2021 school year be and the same hereby is approved in an amount not to exceed \$80,725,559 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 <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

Proposition #2 Student Board Member
RESOLVED, "Should a high school senior student be designated to serve as an ex officio member of the Board of Education, and thereby be entitled to sit with Board Members at all its public meetings, and participate therein, but without the authority to vote on matters before the Board or to attend executive sessions?"
YES NO <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

ABSENTEE VOTING

All qualified school district voters must vote in the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote on June 9th by absentee ballot. All registered voters in the district will be mailed an absentee ballot to their home via U.S. mail. If you are unregistered, but still a qualified voter, or do not receive a ballot, but would like to vote, you may request an absentee ballot. To receive an absentee ballot, individuals must first fill out an application for the ballot. 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 13021
Telephone: (315) 255-8850

HOW TO VOTE IN SCHOOL ELECTIONS

School Board Election and Budget Vote to be held:

Tuesday, June 9, 2020, by absentee ballot only. Ballots must be returned by 5:00PM.

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 June 9th.


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

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.

Connecting During CovidHome Instructions/Tips/Sample Letter Artwork



Connecting Students & Senior Citizens

Would you like to brighten up the day for a local senior citizen or become a Pen Pal to one? The purpose of this website is to connect students and Senior Citizens through letters, cards and drawings.

To find out how please visit:
studentseniorconnection.org

Created by Ian Phillips, Victoria Calarco and Anne Mlod

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.

Systems Thinking

The Auburn Enlarged City School District will continually create benchmarks for success that align targeted resources to evaluate and enrich the quality of our instructional programs. Each student will be provided equitable access to meet and exceed the standards for college and career readiness.



DRIVE SAFELY!

Driver's Ed will be not be offered this summer to current sophomores and juniors due to COVID-19 conditions.

Any updates to classes resuming will be posted on our website www.aecsd.education



Virtual Teaching & Learning

Over sixty Auburn elementary students were able to participate in a virtual author visit organized by the Auburn Elementary Librarians. Author/illustrator **Daniel Jude Miller** talked about his journey to become an author/illustrator, read excerpts from his books and answered questions. To read more about him and his books go to <http://djudemiller.com/>.

Auburn Elementary Librarians also set up a zoom visit for Auburn students with **Mythbusters, Jr.** star Elijah Horland. He spoke about his experience on the Mythbusters, Jr. show as well as things he had created. You can watch Mythbusters, Jr. on the Science channel: <https://www.sciencechannel.com/tv-shows/mythbusters-jr/>



We were unable to hit the links this past season, but we were still able to have a team photo. We wish our seniors (in grey) the best of luck in their future endeavors: Claire Brundage, Maddy Dean, Meg Fuller, Hailey Shepherd, and Makenna Wilson. To our returning players, hopefully things will be getting greener: Amelia Bartolotta, Marisa Carnicelli, Alyssa Cook, Lea DiGiovanni, Abby Franchina, Maia Guzalak, Jasmin Kotula, Sophie Lesch, and Caitlin Lowe.

Steve Franchina, AHS Golf Coach



Genesee Elementary School Mascot Entertains Students

On March 16th, Genesee Elementary School second grade teacher Judy Garrett accompanied the school mascot, Pride, on visits to over twenty Genesee families for a socially-distanced dance party. Pictured are Jaden and Cameron Jones, along with other students living at Melone Village, doing the Cha Cha Slide with Pride. Watch the 3-minute video [here](#).



Registration Update



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

- Do you reside in the Auburn Enlarged City School District (AECSD)?
- Will your child be five years old on or before December 1, 2020?
- Have you completed Part I of the Kindergarten Registration process by submitting your registration packet to the AECSD?

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

Remote Registration Process for New Students During COVID-19

Online student registration is currently open for new students enrolling in pre-kindergarten through Grade 12 for the 2020-2021 school year. Like many school districts, Auburn Enlarged City School District is adapting to the ever-changing environment during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Registration Process that will be followed during this time is online.

Please register your students using the enrollment form located at the following link:

<https://www.familyid.com/programs/auburn-csd-2020-2021-student-registration>

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

Questions?

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

Check the website for future updates: www.aecsd.education



Universal Pre-Kindergarten Registration 2020-21

Submit your enrollment forms as soon as possible - spots are limited. For further information, please call: Tina Brechue at (315) 255-8825 or visit our website: www.aecsd.education/preschools



Auburn Education Foundation Update



Sail on silver girl.

Sail on by.

Your time has come to shine.

All your dreams

are on their way.

See how they shine.

If you need a friend

I'm sailing right behind ...

A Bridge Over Troubled Water
By Paul Simon

These lyrics are very familiar to a generation of baby boomers. They are as relevant today as they were when written, a few decades ago.

The Auburn Education Foundation is proud to honor all students, and to pay a special tribute to the AHS 2020 graduating class. Indeed, these are troubled times that have taken away much of the joy of being a senior. However, you are an outstanding generation that will rise above the crisis that is obstructing your view.

Congratulations to the Class of 2020! Your time has indeed come to shine.

Auburn Education Foundation continues to support students and teachers, and will be there on the other side of the COVID-19 crisis. Like all teachers and students, we have adapted somewhat to the times, conducting business meetings virtually through Zoom. It has been a learning experience for most members of the board. We have struggled with the technology, but have forged ahead, driven by our commitment to the teachers and students in the Auburn Enlarged City School District,

The AEF Board of directors recently approved the recipients of the **LaDue and DeSoccio scholarships**. These students will be honored during the virtual awards ceremony on Wednesday, June 3rd at 6:30PM online at [AHS Live Events](#).

Teachers who submitted grant applications and whose applications were approved have been notified. The projects will be fully funded in the fall, and will not negatively impact our next round of grant applications, due October 15. We encourage all teachers to consider submitting grant applications by either the fall or the spring deadlines. We are also looking for a signature project that can help the greatest number of students during what promises to be a tight school budget.

The AEF Alumni Hall of Distinction Class of 2019 honorees have been selected and notified. They are:

Dr. Marc Brown '71

Susan Taylor-Brown, PhD '72

Martha Gallo '75

Brian Kreydatus '87

William Snee '71

Jared Tuxill '89

The date of this annual event has been postponed to Friday, September 18, at the Hilton Garden inn. Tickets are available for purchase online at our website: <http://auburneducation.org>

Our **restaurant raffle** will not take place this year. Other events will be scheduled as the crisis eases.

Now more than ever, AEF is committed to partner with the district to provide support to the district teachers to innovative, creative programs that will enrich the educational experiences of all students. We rely on the generosity of our community. We are grateful for the continuous community support we continue to receive.

AEF is "sailing right behind" all our amazing teachers and students.



EVERYONE COUNTS! The U.S. Census 2020 is happening now, and the 2020 Census count impacts the federal funds that our community will receive for programs and services that are critical for our students. For more information, please visit our U.S. Census 2020 page on our website: www.aecsd.education



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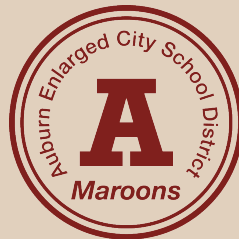
Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted 2019-2020 School Year	Budget Proposed 2020-2021 School Year	Contingency Budget 2020-2021 School Year
Total Budgeted Amount	\$78,930,561	\$80,725,559	\$80,192,433
Increase/Decrease for the 2020-2021 School Year		\$1,794,998	\$1,261,872
Percentage increase (decrease) in Proposed Budget		2.27%	1.60%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.81%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support Total Budgeted Amount	\$31,973,596	\$32,506,722	
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)	\$31,973,596	\$32,506,722	\$31,973,596
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$877,358	\$665,071	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$31,096,238	\$31,841,651	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E-B-F+D)	\$31,096,238	\$31,841,651	
I. Difference: (G-H); Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$8,170,049	\$8,365,360	\$8,212,293
Program Component	\$60,221,659	\$60,712,895	\$60,532,836
Capital Component	\$10,538,853	\$11,647,304	\$11,447,304
* 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 2019-2020 tax levy; reduction of \$533,126, in property tax revenue			
- Administrative component subject to cap			
- Implementation of fee for community use of school facilities			
		Under the Budget Proposed for the 2020-2021 School Year	
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings (1)		\$555.00	
The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2020-2021 by the qualified voters of the Auburn Enlarged City School District, Cayuga County, New York, will be held by absentee ballot only on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. Absentee ballots must be received by the district no later than 5:00 p.m on June 9.			
(1) The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.			

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