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# 2019-2020 PROPOSED BUDGET

#### **BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 7:00 PM, AUBURN HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

#### **BUDGET VOTE & ELECTIONS**

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 7:00 AM TO 9:00 PM

#### WHAT TO VOTE ON:

- Budget Proposition
- •Election of Board Members



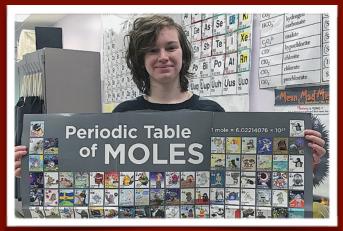
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## 2019-2020 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Overall budget up 3.3% compared to 2018-2019
- √ Tax Levy Increase of 2.23%
- ✓ Increase in State Foundation Aid of 3.3%, or \$991,000
- √ Reduction of 3 positions

#### Successful Students!



Sly Taylor, a sophomore in the ACS Auburn High School Chemistry Club and in Enriched Regents Chemistry, had two pieces of science art work chosen to be published on the official "Mole Periodic Table" in honor of the International 150yr Anniversary of the Periodic table contest sponsored by the American Chemical Society.



Wanda Sincebaugh with her daughter 5th grader Lauren Sincebaugh at the Book and Breakfast event at Owasco Elementary School,

# MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

#### Jeff A. Pirozzolo

Dear Community Members,

Planning a school district budget is no easy feat. Our board of education and administrators put a considerable amount of time and effort into planning a budget that provides high-quality curriculum and instruction that meets the unique needs of each student while not overspending. In this district our spending per pupil is \$18,273, which is \$6,439 less than the New York State average per pupil spending and \$3,594 less than similar school districts in the state spend per pupil.

The district's proposed budget expenditures for the 2019-2020 school year are \$78,930,561, which is up 3.3 percent, or \$2.5 million, from 2018-2019. Though the amount of foundation aid the district will be receiving from New York State increased by \$991,000, it is still substantially below the amount of aid our district should be receiving according to New York State's flawed foundation aid formula. Therefore, the district still needs to incorporate additional cost saving measures and utilize \$2.015 million of the district reserves in order to avoid another deficit. In addition, this budget will also include a 2.23 percent tax levy increase, which is within the tax cap limit set by New York State.

The 2019-2020 budget does include some staffing reductions, but all reductions will be achieved through retirements, and there will be no programming cuts. The staffing reductions include two general education elementary teacher positions and one combined Art/AIS teacher position moving to replace a full time retiring elementary art teacher position.

With the 2019-2020 proposed budget, the district will be able to maintain programs that our community values. There will continue to be six instructional teams at Auburn Junior High School, *Project Lead the Way* Engineering and Biomedical programs at Auburn High School, *Project Lead the Way* Gateway programming at Auburn Junior High School, technology instruction at all elementary schools, AP and Cayuga Advantage courses at Auburn High School, and all extracurricular sports and music programs district-wide. In addition, the district will be able to add programming with this proposed budget. Additional programming includes *Project Lead the Way* AP Computer Science at Auburn High School, computer literacy instruction at Auburn Junior High School, and expanded reading instruction and support in all elementary schools.

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

	Annually	Monthly
No Star Exemption	\$41	\$3.42
Basic Star Exemption	\$51	\$4.25
Enhanced Star Exemption	\$41	\$3.42

If you have any questions about the proposed budget for the 2019-2020 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.









# 2018-19 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ AECSD's **Seal of Biliteracy Plan** was approved by the NYS Education Department. The Seal of Biliteracy is a designation earned upon graduation indicating a high level of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages. AECSD has had 9 students earn this highly valuable designation.
- ✓ Over 110 students in grades 3 6 participated in the CNY Perennial Math Tournament, a problem-solving competition. Of those students, 9 individual participants and 5 school teams earned 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in their divisions, moving them onto the national competition in May.
- ✓ At each elementary school, the READ 180 program was expanded so that an additional 150 students were provided personalized literacy instruction. Over the last 4 years, 560 students have participated in this blended learning opportunity where they have achieved or exceeded individual and grade-level literacy goals.
- ✓ Through the National Science Foundation, four AECSD teachers were selected for 1 of 20 available NOYCE Fellowships. Through this rigorous program, these teachers will deepen their mastery of STEM content as well as earn advanced certificates in Teacher Leadership and Digital Teaching and Learning.
- √ The Project Lead the Way Biomedical Program at AHS is now in its fourth year with the addition of the Medical Innovations course. There are a total of 168 students taking advantage of the learning opportunities provided through PLTW. Another 370 students are participating in Cayuga Advantage courses, which allows them to earn college and high school credit simultaneously. An additional 140 students are enrolled in an Advanced Placement class.
- ✓ Across our district, students have been learning how to become **Promethean Panel "experts"**. By the end of May, over 100 students in grades 3-12 will have participated in a Promethean Panel (an interactive display for classrooms) training, similar to teachers in the district. Students will be able to operate the panels for a substitute and work with fellow students during collaborative or extended learning opportunities.

# ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

- The NYS Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Scholar Athlete Award was earned by 6 Varsity teams this past Fall and Winter seasons.
- Fall golfer Ross Burgmaster qualified to participate in the NYS Boys Golf State Qualifier Tournament this spring in Colgate
- The Girls Tennis team was undefeated with a record of 14-0 and earned the Salt City Athletic Conference (SCAC) Empire Division League title for the second consecutive year.
- The Football team finished second in the Class A South Division, earned a home quarter-final Sectional game, and then traveled north where they lost in the tournament semi-finals to Indian River, the eventual Section III Class A Champions.
- The Girls Bowling Team earned 1st place in the SCAC Empire Division and had five players qualify to participate in the NYS Bowling State Qualifier Tournament.
- The Ice Hockey team finished 6<sup>th</sup> in league play, qualified for Sectionals and defeated Oswego before losing 4-3 in the semi-final round of the Tournament to Skaneateles, the eventual NYS Champions. Johnny Malandruccoo earned NYS First Team All Star honors and was named to the Post Standard All-CNY team.
- Boys Basketball participated in the Section III Championship Tournament and Kaleb Cook became the career scoring leader for Auburn Boys Basketball, scoring 1626 points.
- Girls Basketball finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the SCAC Empire Division, qualified for the Section III Tournament and defeated Indian River before losing in the semi-finals at OCC to Bishop Ludden. Stefanie Gera joined the Auburn 1,000 point club, scoring 1,126 points during her Auburn career. The NYS Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Scholar Athlete Award was earned by 6 Varsity teams this past Fall and Winter seasons.
- The Wrestling team qualified 11 student-athletes for participation in the Section III Class AA Tournament and Auburn boasted 5 finalists and 2 class champions (Luca Pirozzolo and Lucas Hogan). Eight wrestlers qualified for the Section III Tournament. Luca Pirozzolo earned his 100<sup>th</sup> career victory during the season, the Section III Sportsmanship Award, and was the first Auburn wrestler in 42 years to bring home a Sectional Championship Title (132 lbs) and represent Section III and Auburn at the NYS Championship.

#### 2019-2020 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES

Program Component: 76.30% 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.

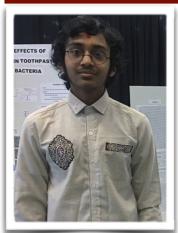
Program	2018-2019	2019-2020	Increase/(Decrease)
Legal	7,500	12,500	5,000
Teaching - Regular School	19,364,113	19,874,975	510,862
Programs - Students with Disabilities	10,636,839	12,132,676	1,495,837
Occupational Education	1,891,365	2,039,998	148,633
Teaching - Special Schools	297,250	310,500	13,250
School Library & Audiovisual	836,684	812,902	(23,782)
Computer Assisted Instruction	1,894,603	1,997,083	102,480
Guidance	671,322	724,513	53,191
Health Services	607,903	673,131	65,228
Co-Curricular Activities	184,680	188,914	4,234
Interscholastic Activities	573,879	588,938	15,059
District Transportation	171,600	198,930	27,330
Contract Transportation	2,572,827	2,574,932	2,105
Public Transportation	50	50	0
BOCES Contract Transportation	55,200	50,500	(4,700)
Employee Benefits	17,644,811	18,026,117	381,306
Interfund Transfers	10,000	15,000	5,000
Total Program Expense	\$57,420,626	\$60,221,659	2,801,033

Capital Component: 13.35% 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	2018-2019	2019-2020	Increase/(Decrease)
Operation	2,960,362	3,039,438	79,076
Maintenance	1,089,702	1,105,772	16,070
Employee Benefits	1,737,929	1,708,060	(29,869)
Debt Service	4,707,222	4,585,583	(121,639)
Interfund Transfers	100,000	100,000 *	0
Total Capital Expense	\$10,595,215	\$10,538,853	(56,362)

<sup>\*</sup>For Capital Project not to exceed \$100,000



AHS junior, Div Patel, competed in the Senior division at the 40th CNY Science and Engineering Fair sponsored by the MOST (Museum of Science and Technology) and won a \$12,000 scholarship to SUNY Cortland for his research on "Using Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells for the Bioengineering of a Kidney." Students get the lifelong benefit of understanding science in a unique, hands-on way by actually performing an experiment of their own design or engineering a device or process. Div has been a top student throughout his academic career frequently with an overall 100 average. He is a member of many after school clubs including the American Chemical Society Auburn Chemistry Club Chapter, Science Honor Society, Honor Society, Model UN, History club, Zontas Club, International club, and Italian club. Div competes in Varsity Indoor and Outdoor Track and has won the Scholar Athlete Medallion.

Due to his awareness and deep understanding of world issues and his concern for others, Div is an active volunteer. He does international service projects yearly with Zontas such as creating sandals and dresses for children in Uganda, overnight bags for local domestic violence shelter residents and comfort dolls for ill children at Syracuse's Golisano Children's Hospital, and also tutors his peers in many subjects.

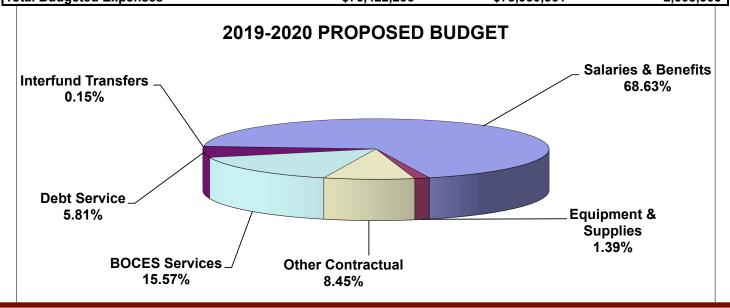
Div takes challenging classes, taking advantage of our district's AP program, College credits program and both Project Lead the Way Biomedical and Technology programs.

# 2019-2020 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES

Administrative Component: 10.35% of Budget

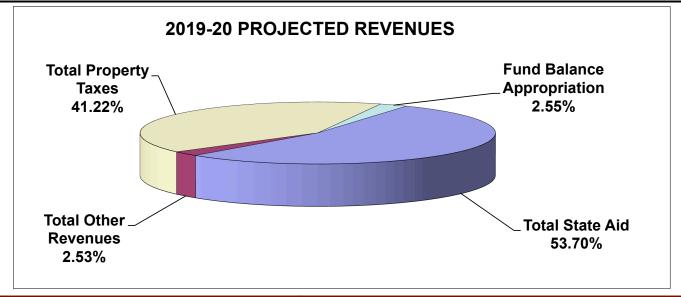
The administrative component provides funding for general support and management activities, including central administration and business office operations such as payroll, auditing, tax collection and purchasing, as well as legal and personnel functions. Also included in this component are the costs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

Administrative	2018-2019	2019-2020	Increase/(Decrease)
Board of Education	13,500	19,000	5,500
District Clerk	10,550	12,000	1,450
District Meeting	15,200	15,200	0
Central Administration	247,008	252,397	5,389
Business Administration	265,715	277,627	11,912
Auditing	40,000	43,500	3,500
Treasurer	120,391	124,434	4,043
Tax Collection	29,406	29,605	199
Purchasing	11,000	11,000	0
Fiscal Agent Fees	15,000	10,000	(5,000)
Legal	115,000	115,000	0
Personnel	727,112	704,751	(22,361)
Public Information & Service	20,000	15,000	(5,000)
Central Storeroom	38,482	40,230	1,748
Central Printing & Mailing	574,750	589,250	14,500
Central Data Processing	641,000	520,325	(120,675)
Unallocated Insurance	222,000	222,000	0
Board Membership Dues	26,500	28,000	1,500
Assessments on School Property	80,000	80,000	0
BOCES Admin. Charges	766,000	809,500	43,500
Curriculum Development, Supervision	448,280	414,632	(33,648)
Supervision - Reg. School	1,618,133	1,640,509	22,376
Research Planning & Evaluation	102,000	164,000	62,000
Inservice Training	59,000	23,000	(36,000)
Programs - Students with Disabilities	340,768	331,809	(8,959)
Health Services	89,764	91,957	2,193
Employee Benefits	1,769,856	1,585,323	(184,533)
Total Administrative Expense	\$8,406,415	\$8,170,049	(236,366)
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$76,422,256	\$78,930,561	2,508,305



#### 2019-2020 PROJECTED REVENUES

State Aid	2018-2019	2019-2020	Increase/Decrease
Operating State Aid	38,005,995	39,155,104	1,149,109
Building Aid	3,342,308	3,231,252	(111,056)
Total State Aid	\$41,348,303	\$42,386,356	1,038,053
Other Revenues	2018-2019	2019-2020	Increase/Decrease
Tuition	50,000	50,000	0
Interest	5,000	7,500	2,500
Miscellaneous Revenues	660,450	720,800	60,350
Prior Year Refunds	800,000	800,000	0
Property Rental	86,000	68,000	(18,000)
Medicaid Reimbursement	250,000	250,000	0
Indirect Costs - Other Funds	100,000	100,000	0
Total Other Revenues	\$1,951,450	\$1,996,300	44,850
Property Taxes	2018-2019	2019-2020	Increase/Decrease
Tax Levy	31,274,768	31,973,596	698,828
Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)	527,735	559,309	31,574
Total Property Taxes	\$31,802,503	\$32,532,905	730,402
Appropriated Fund Balance	2018-2019	2019-2020	Increase/Decrease
Fund Balance Appropriation	1,320,000	2,015,000	695,000
Total Projected Revenues	\$76,422,256	\$78,930,561	2,508,305





The Environmental Maker Faire Group, "The Brains of Bradford" received Proclamation Letters from The Office of the Mayor Honorable Michael D. Quill. Their designs were recognized by The City Council and Mr. Michael Talbot, DPW Superintendent. The Owasco Elementary School 5th grade students are Bryan Wells, Haiden Klop, Landon Paul and Jeffrey Tifft with Mayor Quill.



Casey Park 6th graders learned how to program LEGO robots in the Innovation Lab with Tony Abbatiello and Renee Lawrence, both instructors from BOCES. The students' goal was to program their robot to travel 1 meter. Then students were challenged to program their robots to turn around and travel back 1 meter. Students were engaged and learned that programming requires many adjustments, even if the task seems easy!

L-R: Dominique Newkirk and Bella Bouma

# 2017-18 NYS Fiscal Accountability Summary for the Auburn School District (Based on 2016-2017 School Year)

Instructional Costs per Pupil	General Education	Special Education
Auburn	\$9,762	\$28,728
Similar Districts	\$11,718	\$31,389
All Public Schools NYS	\$12,692	\$32,794

	Auburn	Similar Districts	All Public Schools NYS
Total Expenditures per Pupil	\$18,273	\$21,867	\$24,712

# PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

2018-19 Property Tax Rep	ort Card	
050100 - Auburn Enlarged City School District		
Contact Person: Lisa Green Telephone Number: 315-255-8808	Budgeted 2018-19 (A)	Proposed Budget 2019-20 (B)
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	76,422,256	78,930,561
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	31,274,768	31,973,596
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)	31,274,768	31,973,596
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	584,325	601,043
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	30,690,443	31,372,553
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt	30,690,443	31,372,553
Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval)	0	0
Public School Enrollment	4,133	4,052
Consumer Price Index		2.44%

	Actual 2018-19 (D)	Estimated 2019-20 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	5,019,001	3,699,001
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	1,320,000	2,015,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	3,056,674	3,157,222
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	4.00%	4.00%



#### 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/

Schedule of Reserve Funds					
Reserve Type	Reserve Name	Reserve Description	3/31/19 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.	0	0	None
Capital	2018 Turf Capital Reserve Fund	To pay the cost of replacing the athletic field turf, for which bonds may be issued.	150,000	150,100	None
Unemployment Insurance	Unemployment Insurance Reserve	To pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund.	150,570	75,795	\$75,000 to pay 2019-2020 Unemployment Claims
Insurance	Insurance Reserve Fund	To pay liability, casualty, and other types of uninsured losses.	255,281		\$200,000 to pay 2019-2020 Property Insurance Premium
Liability	Liability Reserve Fund	To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover liability claims incurred.	277,739	38,139	\$240,000 to pay 2019-2020 Stop Loss Premium
Tax Certiorari	Tax Certiorari Reserve	To establish a reserve fund for tax certiorari settlements	2,176,007		\$500,000 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.	263,448	263,823	To pay Accrued Benefits as appropriate
Retirement Contribution	Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund	To fund employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Employees' Retirement System	1,730,237	734,237	\$725,000 to pay 2019-2020 Retirement Claim; \$275,000 appropriated for budget



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

# **May 2019**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WORK HARD	EAT	April 2019 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6	NYS Math Assessments AJHS Grades 7 & 8 Elementary Grades 3-6	NYS Math Assessments AJHS Grades 7 & 8 Elementary Grades 3-6	NYS Math Assessments AJHS Grades 7 & 8 Elementary Grades 3-6	SAT Exam AHS 7:45AM
DREAM	FEEL	7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	NYSSMA Solo Festival @ AJHS	Genesee PTP Mtg. 6:00PM	NYSSMA Solo Festival	NYSSMA Solo Festival
BIG.	900	21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	AJHS Title 1 Parents 5PM AJHS PTO Mtg. 6:00PM		HS End Marking Period 5	
Cinco de Mayo 5	<b>~</b> 6	<b>**</b> 7	Bike to School Day	9	10	FIRST 11
	Casey Park Spring Concert Band/Chorus/Orch. 6PM NYS Math Assessments Gr. 7 District Parent Council Mtg.	Teacher Appreciation Day	School Nurse Appreciation Day Casey Park CPTO Mtg. 5:30PM	Herman Spring Concert	SAN A	AHS Junior Prom
Teacher Appreciation Week Be Kind to Animals Week	6:30PM @ Tubman	NYS Math Assessments Gr. 7	AHS Band Concert 7:00PM	Band/Choral/Orch. 6PM	HS Report Cards	Springside Inn 7-11PM
_ 12	13	14	15	16	17	O 18
200	Kindergarten Registration at Casey Park	Kindergarten Registration at Genesee	Kindergarten Registration at Herman Avenue	Kindergarten Registration at Seward	Kindergarten Registration at Owasco	
Mother's Day	Herman PTO Mtg. 4:30PM Owasco OPT Mtg 3:30PM	AJHS Band & Jazz Concert 7:00PM Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM	AHS Spring Orchestra Concert 7:00PM Senior Farewell		AEF Alumni Hall of Distinction 7:00PM Hilton Garden Inn	Armed Forces Day
19	20	10to 21	22	_ 23	24	25
Asian American	Seward Spring Concert 6:00PM @ AHS Auditorium	School Board Election	AHS Fall Sports Physicals Girls 2:20PM	STOP THE BLEED	NO SCHOOL	have
Heritage Month  National Physical Fitness	PTA Meeting Seward	& Budget Vote 7AM-9PM AHS Fall Sports Physicals	Board of Education Mtg. Tubman @ 5:15PM	www.nationalstopthebleedday.org  AJHS Spring Choral Concert	NO SCHOOL	a good day
and Sports Month	6:00PM	Boys 2:20PM Genesee Concert 6:00PM	Owasco Spring Concert at AHS Auditoriium, 6PM	7:00PM		Ü
<b>26</b>	27	28	29	30	31	June 2019 S M T W T F S
Preservation Month	NO SCHOOL Memorial Day		Sports Physicals 6th Gr. Casey Park 1:00PM District Elementary Track Meet 3:30PM	AJHS Orchestra Concert	For updated events please check the online calendar at our website:	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22
Better Hearing and Speech Month	Memorial Day Parade AJHS, AHS Marching Bands	Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM	AHS Choral Senior Farewell Concert 7:00PM	7:00PM	www.aecsd.education	23 24 25 26 27 28 29

#### **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 <a href="https://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/index.htm">www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/index.htm</a> whereby you can search for Level 2 and Level 3 sex offenders.

#### WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

# The NYS Report Card and the Fiscal Supplement: <a href="https:data.nysed.gov">https:data.nysed.gov</a>

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.



## 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 2019-2020
Basic STAR tax savings	\$556

# For ALL Owner-occupied Residences:

All taxpayers are eligible for a Basic STAR exemption for owner-occupied, primary residences. For 2019-2020 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 \$556 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, 2019, with income not exceeding \$86,300.

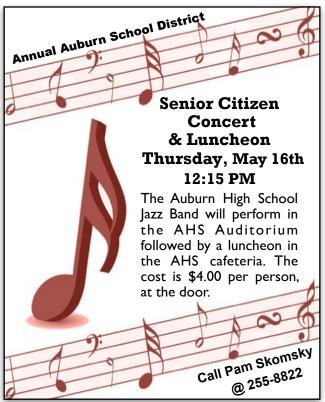
STAR provides qualifying households with up to a \$68,700 exemption on the full value of their property. Qualifying residents owning a home with a full value of \$100,000 will recognize an estimated \$1,181 in Enhanced STAR tax savings in 2019-2020.

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

Basic STAR	\$51
Enhanced STAR	\$41

#### **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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#### END OF YEAR SCHEDULE

For Students in the AECSD 2018-19 School Year:

#### AUBURN HIGH SCHOOL

June 12: Last Full Day for Students

June 13, 14, 17: Local Exams

June 18 - 25: Regents Exams

June 26: Rating Day - No Students

#### JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

June 21: Last Full Day for Students

June 24: Half Day -

Students Released 11:00AM

#### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

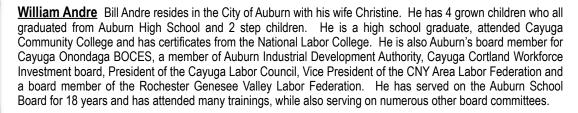
June 21: Last Full Day for Students

June 24: Half Day -

Students Released 12:00PM

#### MEET THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES







<u>Jeffrey Gasper</u> Jeff Gasper resides in the City of Auburn with his wife and four children and has been on the AECSD board of education for the past three years. Their children attend Seward Elementary, Auburn Junior High, and Auburn High School. Jeff has been active on the Audit Committee, Long Range Planning Committee, Facilities Committee, and has been a school board representative of AIDA (Auburn Industrial Development Agency) since first elected. Jeff has assisted the district with their Smart Schools project and has been heavily engaged with the district's design and engineering firms on the latest Capital Improvement project since elected. Jeff has traveled to Albany to meet with state education representatives to better understand the state's financial workings and has attended additional school board related training over the past three years.



Brianne Neabel Bri Neabel has lived in Auburn almost all of her life, growing up in this community and graduating from Auburn High School. She went on to receive her Bachelor's degree from St. Bonaventure University. Bri lived in North Carolina for a few years with her husband while he served in the Army but then moved back to Auburn to raise their daughter, Elivia, in their hometown and to be closer to family. Currently, Bri owns a dog grooming salon and is enjoying being near family in the City she's happy to call home. She looks forward to an opportunity to be a part of the conversation to try to help the children of our community reach their fullest potential.



<u>Danielle Wood</u> Given my strong love and participation in arts and music, I am proud of the education I received during my career at Auburn schools. I began volunteering three years ago in my children's school, the YMCA, and subsequently, Herman Avenue Elementary. Attending District Parent Council Meetings, holding a position on Herman Ave. PTO, and joining efforts on Auburn's Advocacy Committee are some of the endeavors I've committed to. I have seen firsthand how our teachers and students are suffering as a direct result of being underfunded by our state. An almost lifelong Auburn resident, I am a stay-at-home mom with a small business. I am married to Justin with three children, Kellan (6), Ailey (4), and Marlowe (2).

#### **Current AECSD Board Members/Term Expires:**

William Andre	2019
Frederick Cornelius	2019
Jeffrey Gasper	2019
Sam Giangreco	2021
Eli Hernandez	2020
Ian Phillips	2021
Kathleen Rhodes, Pres.	2021
Rhoda Overstreet-Wilson	2020
Joseph Sheppard, VP	2020

# **VOTE FOR ANY THREE CANDIDATES**

Candidates for the Board of Education had until May 1st to return their petitions for running 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 on Tuesday, May 21, 2019. Polls are open 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

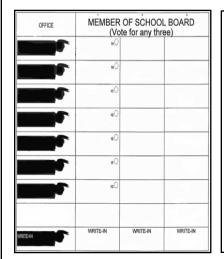
#### ABSENTEE VOTING

Qualified school district voters who are unable to vote in person on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 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.

# INFORMATION ON VOTING MACHINES/SAMPLE BALLOT

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 2019-2020 on one side and the School Board Candidates on the reverse side.



# OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE AUBURN ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION - MAY 21, 2019

**INSTRUCTIONS:** (1) Mark only with a pen having blue or black ink or with a pencil having black lead. (2) To vote for a candidate whose name is printed on this ballot fill in the square to the right of his or her name. (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 proposal fill in the square opposite your vote. (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. (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 or party position. (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.

#### PROPOSITION #1 PROPOSED BUDGET 2019-2020

RESOLVED, that the proposed budget of expenditures of the Auburn Enlarged City School District for the 2019-2020 school year be and the same hereby is approved in an amount not to exceed **\$78,930,561** 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.



## Z- Club/STEM Club at Herman

Fifteen students from Herman Avenue second, third, and fourth grade classes were fortunate to have an exciting after-school opportunity that incorporated tutoring as well as STEM activities. Mrs. Franchina and Mrs. Crosby, along with many AHS Z-Club members, provided students with an enrichment opportunity after school for six weeks that

allowed students to work on their math and reading skills, while also participating in activities that enhanced and reinforced STEM skills. High school students partnered with an elementary student to work on homework, play math games, work with robotics or other STEM challenges. Elementary students looked forward to working with their "high school buddies" each week. As one student stated, "This is so much fun, I don't want it to end!" Thank you to Mrs. Liccion and the participating Z-Club students for helping to make this after school activity a success for our elementary students at Herman Avenue!

# Do You Need a Dress or Suit for Prom?

The Dress Room (C315) at AHS is open to all students during Lunch Mods (5-7), from April 22 - June 7, with a teacher present to assist you. Your choice to participate will be kept private between the teacher and you. Accessories and menswear are also available. Everything is free; when you are done with it you can return it or keep it. We are grateful to everyone who donated to help us build this room.

If you're interested in having your hair and makeup done for prom, please see Ms. Loiacono or Ms. Fiermonte to schedule an appointment.

Junior Prom – Saturday, May II, Springside Inn 7-II PM Senior Prom – Friday, June 14, The Lodge 7-II PM



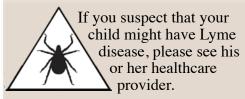




Driver's Ed will be offered this summer to current sophomores and juniors. A minimum of a driver's permit is required for participation. Applications are now available in the AHS Counseling Office. The application deadline is <u>Friday</u>, <u>May 31</u>, <u>2019</u>. If more students apply than there are spaces for (24 spaces), enrollment in this program will be determined by:

- a) Current juniors, then current sophomores
- b) Daily attendance for the school year to date.

Admitted students will be required to attend a mandatory student/parent meeting sometime in June, date and time to be determined. Please note: You need to be present for every class/driving session. No absences are allowed. For further information, contact Annie Hoff at 255-8338.



# **Diagnosing Lyme Disease**

Your child's healthcare provider may treat him or her for Lyme disease based on symptoms or may decide to run blood tests. Blood testing for Lyme disease is more accurate 4-6 weeks after the start of the illness than in the first days or weeks of illness.

# **Treating Lyme Disease**

People treated with antibiotics in the early stages of Lyme disease usually recover rapidly and completely.

Children who are diagnosed with Lyme disease should be treated with antibiotics promptly. A typical treatment course for children of all ages with early Lyme disease would be 10 to 21 days of doxycycline, amoxicillin, or cefuroxime.

Treating early in the course of disease is important to prevent rare complications of Lyme disease, such as joint, heart, or nerve problems.

For More information visit www.cdc.gov/Lyme and www.cdc.gov/Ticks

US Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

## Reasons to suspect that your child might have Lyme disease



- You live in or have recently visited an area where Lyme disease is common.
- You recently found a tick on your child (although these very small ticks can go unnoticed).
- Your child has rash, fever, chills, exhaustion, joint swelling, muscle pain, new heart palpitations, or drooping on one or both sides of the face.

# Protect yourself and your family

- Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus, para-menthane-diol, or 2-undecanone. Always follow product instructions.
- Wear clothing treated with permethrin.
- Shower as soon as possible after spending time outdoors.
- Check for ticks daily. Ticks can hide under the armpits, behind the knees, in the hair, and in the groin.
- Tumble clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks on dry clothing after you come indoors. If the clothes are damp, additional time may be needed.

# Looking ahead to recovery

Make sure your child rests and takes antibiotics as prescribed. Recovery may take several weeks or longer.

Some people wonder if there is a test to confirm that they or their family members are cured, but no such test exists. Retesting for Lyme disease is not recommended because blood tests might be positive for months or years after treatment. A positive test doesn't mean that your child is still infected. It simply means that his or her immune system remembers the infection.

#### COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

# WHERE TO VOTE IN SCHOOL ELECTIONS

# School Board Election and Budget Vote to be held: Tuesday, May 21, 2019; polls are open 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM

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. 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.

For more information on voting in school elections, call 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.

#### 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.



# SAVE THE DATE!

# KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION - PART II

- Do you reside in the Auburn Enlarged City School District (AECSD)?
- Will your child be five years old on or before December 1, 2019?
- Have you completed Part I of the Kindergarten Registration process by submitting your registration packet to the AECSD?

YES? Then you and your soon-to-be Kindergartener are ready for the next step in the registration process – a visit to your child's new school! See below for the dates and times scheduled for your neighborhood elementary school!

Monday	May 13, 2018	Casey Park Elementary 101 Pulaski Street	315-255-8798
Tuesday	May 14, 2018	Genesee Elementary 244 Genesee Street	315-255-8678
Wednesday	May 15, 2018	Herman Ave Elementary 2 N. Herman Avenew	315-255-8718
Thursday	May 16, 2018	Seward Elementary 52 Metcalf Drive	315-255-8601
Friday	May 17, 2018	Owasco Elementary 66 Letchworth Street	315-255-8721



Registration and screening will take approximately <u>one</u> <u>hour</u>. Be sure you have already submitted your completed registration packet to the AECSD prior to this visit, and please bring your medical packet.



9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. If your child's last name begins with A - L



1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. If your child's last name begins with M - Z

Questions? Please call the applicable elementary school for more information.



# Universal Pre-Kindergarten Registration 2019-20

Submit your enrollment forms as soon as possible - spots are limited.

For further information, please call: Mary Cregg at 315-255-8825 or visit our website: <a href="https://www.aecsd.education/preschools">www.aecsd.education/preschools</a>



# AEF Class of 2019 Alumni Hall of Distinction



Auburn Education Foundation proudly announces members of the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction Class of 2019. The Alumni Hall of Distinction was established to recognize, honor and celebrate graduates who have distinguished themselves through outstanding academic, professional, personal, and/or civic achievements and to inspire students to pursue a path toward personal success.

**Michael Lynch – East High 1969 –** evolutionary biologist and leader in the study of evolution at the Center for Mechanism of Evolution at Arizona State University

**Brian McKeon- Auburn High School 1981**– senior national security official with over 30 years of federal government experience, including top positions at the White House, the Pentagon and the U.S. Senate

**Tricia Purdy Messinger- Auburn High School 1996** – Senior Vice President and head of UnitedHealth Groups External Affairs, a top five Fortune 500 Company

Julie Jordan DiPalma- Auburn High School 1997 – award-winning owner of Law Offices of Jordan DiPalma, specializing in special injury and wrongful death litigation

**John Liberatore- Auburn High School 2003-** PhD from Eastman School of Music, assistant professor of composition and theory at Notre Dame University, renowned composer and pianist

These five distinguished alumni will be honored for their achievements and inducted into the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction at an hors d'oeuvres and dessert reception Friday, May 17th, 7:00 PM at the Hilton Garden Inn. Tickets are \$35 and are available on the website <u>auburnedfoundation.org</u> or checks can be mailed to AEF, PO Box 592, Auburn, NY 13021

# Let's Eat Out

Spring is the time of year when Auburn Education Foundation plants the seeds that will allow our funds to GROW! With that in mind, be watching for us at any of the upcoming school spring concerts where we will be selling tickets for a chance to win one of more than TWENTY gift cards to area restaurants! Get your taste buds ready to enjoy some delicious dining at places such as Lasca's, Prison City, Sherwood Inn, Springside Inn, and more!

The vast majority of the gift cards are valued at \$25.00 with some as high as \$50.00, and we are selling chances for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. You can also purchase tickets in the Business Office of the Tubman Administration Building at 78 Thornton Ave. The drawing to determine winners will be held on Saturday, June 22.

Your support is greatly appreciated as we continue our efforts to fund educators' creative ideas and help our children to blossom!



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#### POSTAL CUSTOMER/BOX HOLDER

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted 2018-2019 School Year	Budget Proposed 2019-2020 School Year	Contingency Budget 2019-2020 School Year
Total Budgeted Amount	\$76,422,256	\$78,930,561	\$78,231,73
Increase/Decrease for the 2019-2020 School Year		\$2,508,305	\$1,809,47
Percentage increase (decrease) in Proposed Budget		3.28%	2.37°
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.44%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support Total Budgeted Amount	\$31,274,768	\$31,973,596	
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)	\$31,274,768	\$31,973,596	\$31,274,76
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$584,325	\$601,043	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$30,690,443	\$31,372,553	
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)	\$30,690,443	\$31,372,553	
I. Difference: (G-H); Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$8,406,415	\$8,170,049	\$8,116,45
Program Component	\$57,420,626	\$60,221,659	\$59,826,42
Capital Component	\$10,595,215	\$10,538,853	\$10,288,8
* 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 2018-2019 tax levy; reduction of \$698,828, in	oronerty tax revenue		
- Administrative component subject to cap	property tax revenue		
- Implementation of fee for community use of school facilities			
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Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings (1)		\$556.00	<b>V</b>
The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2019-2020 by the qualified voters of the Au			w York,
will be held at Auburn Junior High, Casey Park Elementary, Owasco Elementary and			
Tuesday, May 21, 2019, between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:00 pm, at which time th	e polis will be opened to vol	Le by voting ballot of machin	<del>С</del> .
(1) The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the	Real Property Tax Law		

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