

Hoosick Falls Central School District 2019-2020 Budget



Proposed budget carries a 1.36% INCREASE to tax levy Maintains existing academic and extracurricular programs

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2019-2020 Budget Brief Summary:

Proposed budget
\$23,305,428

Tax levy increase
1.36%

A school bus
proposition carries
NO impact on taxes

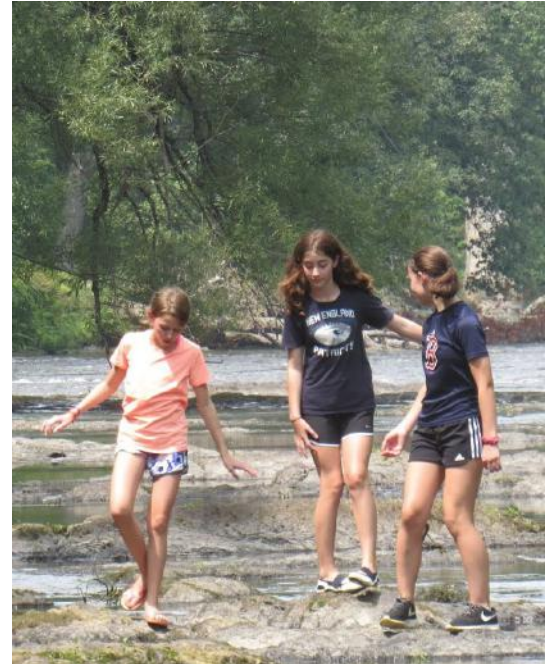
Election for three open
seats on the Board of
Education

Polls are open
Tuesday, May 21st
from 9am to 9pm in the
High School Gym

On Tuesday, May 21st, residents of the Hoosick Falls Central School District will go to the polls to vote on a proposed \$23,305,428 budget for the 2019-2020 school year. Throughout the budget process we thoroughly reviewed student results with consideration of the related service costs to maintain successful programming. Our goal is to develop a spending plan that is mindful of the community's fiscal capacity while at the same time providing ample learning opportunities for students.

The proposed 2019-2020 spending plan maintains this delicate balance by keeping our spending at about the same level as last years' budget. **Total spending will increase by a nominal 0.1% from last year or \$27,000. We are spending less than we did in the 2017-18 school year. If approved, the budget will increase the tax levy by 1.36%, which is below the tax cap.**

The budget will maintain programming levels that allow students to reach their fullest potential. We will continue vocational learning opportunities as well as college and AP level courses so that students can realize college and career readiness. Class sizes will be maintained at the elementary level so that all learners can succeed. We will continue to offer after school learning through clubs and activities that connect our students and raise their interests. Our work in Social Emotional Development is being realized with students becoming more reflective with less conflict.



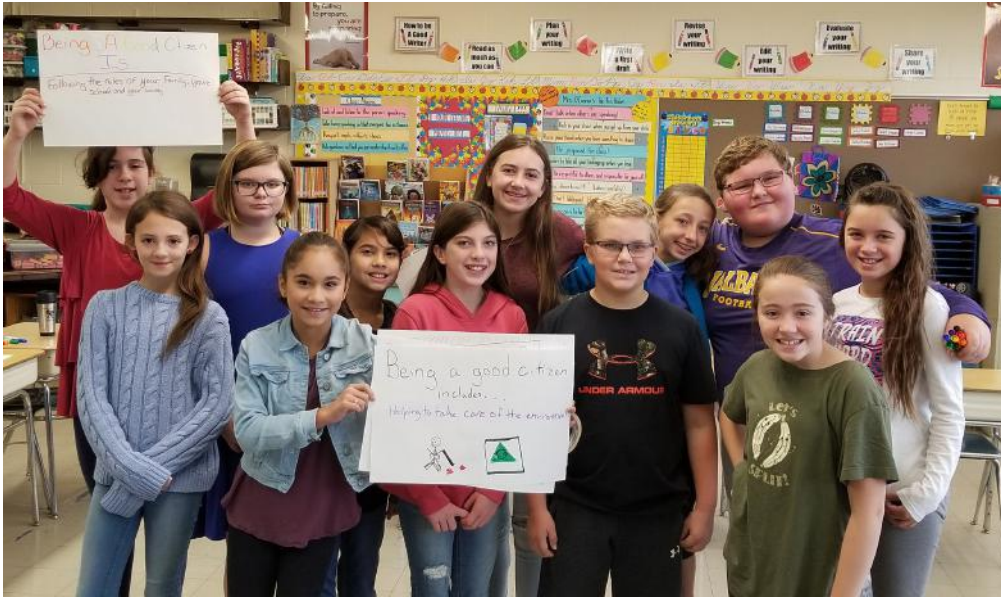
As school board members, we realize the great responsibility we have in developing a spending plan and having the public vote on its merits. Our work in leading our school has many challenges during these fiscally trying times, but our children have benefited from continued community support.

We are proud of the district and privileged to be school board members as we continue our work with all members of our community.

-Board of Education

The HFCS Mission:

The mission of the Hoosick Falls Central School is to develop responsible citizens who possess the knowledge, skills and values to be successful participants in a global society



Voter Qualifications:

Voters must be a United States citizen, at least 18 years of age, and a resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to the vote.

Absentee Ballots:

If you cannot be present to vote on May 21, and would like an absentee ballot, please call the District Office at 518-686-7012 x 1600.

Completed absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote, May 21, 2019.

Changes in STAR Benefit Program

If you currently receive your STAR benefit as a reduction on your school tax bill, please note that New York State has changed the program. NYS has changed the income levels and percentage growth allowable for the STAR exemption program. There is a table posted on our website highlighting the changes.

Please visit www.hoosickfallscsd.org or Contact Emily Sanders, School Business Administrator for more information at 518-686-7012 Ext. 1604



Budget Category	2018-2019	2019-2020	Budget Difference
Expense (Spending)			
Instruction	\$11,686,849	\$12,070,783	\$383,934
Benefits	\$7,163,726	\$6,782,103	\$(381,623)
General Support	\$ 2,298,736	\$2,343,607	\$44,871
Pupil Transportation	\$1,233,028	\$1,203,936	\$(29,092)
Debt Service/Transfers	\$895,167	\$904,999	\$9,832
Total Expense	\$23,277,506	\$23,305,428	\$27,922
Revenue (Income)			
State Aid	\$11,523,119	\$12,125,653	\$602,534
Tax Levy	\$9,560,716	\$9,690,742	\$130,026
Misc.	\$182,651	\$359,193	\$176,542
Fund Balance	\$2,011,020	\$1,129,840	\$(881,180)
Total Revenue	\$23,277,506	\$23,305,428	\$27,922

School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2018-19 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2019-20 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 23,277,506	\$ 23,305,428	\$ 23,245,428
Increase/Decrease for the 2019-20 School Year		\$ 27,922	\$ -32,078
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		.12%	-.14%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.44%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	9,560,716	9,690,742	
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)	9,560,716	9,690,742	9,630,742
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 164,791	\$ 169,640	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 9,395,925	\$ 9,521,102	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$ 9,395,925	\$ 9,521,102	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Administrative Component	\$ 2,642,279	\$ 2,539,511	\$ 2,539,511
Program Component	\$ 18,091,053	\$ 18,197,474	\$ 18,137,474
Capital Component	\$ 2,544,174	\$ 2,568,443	\$ 2,568,443

* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2019-20 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law - reduction in equipment totaling \$60,000.

School Districts must exclude non-contingent items such as supplies, certain equipment purchases except those deemed necessary for health and safety reasons or that are state aidable, and community use of school facilities (unless rental fees cover the full cost of facilities use).

** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount
Bus Purchase	\$ 230,000

NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmqt@nysed.gov

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹
\$ 581

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2019-20 by the qualified voters of the Hoosick Falls Central School District, Rensselaer and Washington Counties, New York, will be held at Hoosick Falls High School in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 between the hours of 9:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Hoosick Falls High School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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

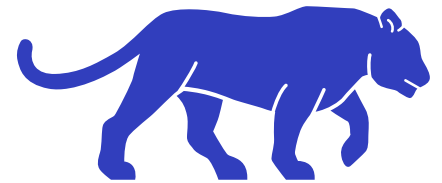
Also on the May 21st ballot

Board of Education

Three seats are up for election on the Hoosick Falls Board of Education. Candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to the Board for three-year terms beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022. Three candidates are running unopposed for the three open seats: Joseph Patire, Andrew Beaty, and Rachel Boisvert.

Bus Proposition

The proposition is to purchase three (3) school buses at a maximum cost of \$230,000. The District will receive an estimated 80% in state aid over a five-year term. The balance will be paid using the School Bus Capital Reserve, therefore this proposition will have no impact on taxes.



Please vote May 21st





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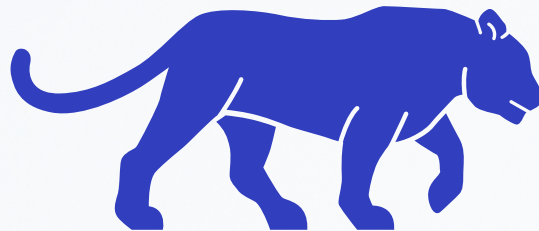
Board of Education

John Helft, President
Rachel Boisvert, Vice President
Andrew Beaty
Jackolyn Houghton
Maggie Kinney
Emily Marpe
Joseph Patire

Superintendent of Schools

Kenneth A. Facin

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Remember to vote!
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High School Gymnasium