



2020-21 Budget

Total Budget:

\$44,692,702

Two Board of
Education Seats

Bus Proposition:
\$370,000

Vote

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

By absentee ballot only

Ballots need to be
received by 5 p.m.

For information on how to get
an absentee ballot,
go to www.hfcsd.org

Budget Hearing

Virtual Hearing

Monday, June 1, 2020

7 p.m.

www.hfcsd.org

2020-21 Proposed Budget Remains Under Property Tax Cap

Due to a recently enacted executive order from Governor Cuomo, the process for school district budget votes, and the election of school board members, has changed.

This year all eligible voters will be sent an absentee ballot and return addressed envelope (postage included) along with this newsletter to conduct their vote. **The absentee ballot and return envelope need to be filled out, signed, and sent back to the return address to cast your vote on the 2020-21 budget, school bus purchase and board of education members. The ballots need to be received by the District no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9.**

The 2020-21 proposed budget, which has a decrease of \$34,219 (or 0.08 percent) under the current year's budget, will result in a tax levy increase of 1.9 percent.

The tax levy increase falls well below the New York State property tax cap of 3.4 percent for the District. Additionally, voters will also elect two members to the Board of Education and vote on a proposition to purchase four school buses.

The budget accounts for increases in health insurance premiums, contractual salary obligations, transportation contracts, TRS employer contributions, and two new special education classrooms to meet upcoming IEP requirements. It also provides for programs and services that will be necessary to assist students and staff with their transition back into the school setting.

Hudson Falls Central School District will save money through twelve retirements, a returning special education placement, renegotiated service contracts, a reduction in BOCES services, and lower bond principal and interest payments.

Full STEAM ahead at HFMS



Above: Hudson Falls middle-schoolers work together to design a life-sized cell.

At Hudson Falls, we believe our role is to inspire students to actively discover and persevere. We work to build a curriculum that is forward-thinking with STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) integrated into everyday learning.

2020-21 Proposed Budget Information

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT	2019-20 Budget	2020-21 Budget	Dollar Difference
Board of Education	\$ 7,800	\$ 7,800	0
Central Administration	230,662	226,945	(3,717)
Finance	371,086	381,010	9,924
Legal	9,000	9,000	0
Personnel	22,400	22,569	169
Public Information	58,000	59,705	1,705
Central Services	29,546	31,010	1,464
Special Items	562,541	606,062	43,521
Curriculum Development	205,745	192,100	(13,645)
Supervision - Regular School	1,235,746	1,271,670	35,924
Supervision - Non-Instructional	166,960	171,969	5,009
Instruction	153,241	151,212	(2,029)
Benefits	1,183,756	1,201,513	17,757
Total Administrative Component	\$ 4,236,483	\$ 4,332,565	\$ 96,082
PROGRAM COMPONENT	2019-20 Budget	2020-21 Budget	Dollar Difference
Legal	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000	0
Central Services	204,589	241,010	36,421
Instruction	20,399,155	20,299,435	(99,720)
District Transportation	1,699,557	1,799,442	99,885
Garage Building	48,944	46,644	(2,300)
Benefits	9,927,081	9,977,700	50,619
Total Program Component	\$ 32,315,326	\$ 32,400,231	\$ 84,905
CAPITAL COMPONENT	2019-20 Budget	2020-21 Budget	Dollar Difference
Plant Operation	\$ 1,485,384	\$ 1,467,500	(17,884)
Plant Maintenance	835,930	884,000	48,070
Special Items	5,000	5,000	0
Benefits	985,115	1,004,818	19,703
Debt Service	4,863,683	4,598,588	(265,095)
Total Capital Component	\$ 8,175,112	\$ 7,959,906	\$ (215,206)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 44,726,921	\$ 44,692,702	\$ (34,219)

2020-21 Three-Part Budget Summary

Administrative expenditures cover expenses related to district management. The Administrative expenses comprise **9.69%** of the overall budget.

Program expenditures include items directly related to instruction. These include salaries, benefits, and transportation. The Program budget comprises approximately **72.50%** of the total budget.

Capital expenditures account for **17.81%** of the total budget. They include the cost of maintenance, operation, utilities, transportation, and debt service. Central Services, under both the Administrative and Program components, include the cost of copiers, central printing and mailing, and central data processing.

Building projects allow the District to address facilities' needs that would otherwise not be possible without the off-setting revenue. Thanks to the support of the community, the District has been able to leverage our Building Aid to offset the increase in the Capital component of the budget.

REVENUE SUMMARY

Revenues	2019-20	PROPOSED 2020-21	CHANGE
State Aid	\$29,857,875	\$29,641,792	\$(216,083)
Property	\$12,466,546	\$12,703,410	\$236,864
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$96,000	\$96,000	\$0
Interest Earnings	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$10,000
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0
Summer School Tuition	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$0
Gifts and Donations	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
Appropriated Balance	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$0
Appropriated Services	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0
Employee Benefit Reserve	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
Transfer from Debt Service	\$200,000	\$135,000	\$(65,000)
Total	\$44,726,921	\$44,692,702	\$(34,219)

HUDSON FALLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
P.O. Box 710
Hudson Falls, NY 12839

ABSENTEE BALLOT – June 9, 2020

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS - 2 POSITIONS OPEN

This space for
write-in
 candidates→

Five-Year Term Last Incumbent: Timothy Keenan	
Timothy Keenan	

Five-Year Term Last Incumbent: Amanda Landsman	
Amanda Landsman	

Vote for **ONE**
 candidate
 per position→

PROPOSITION I - BUDGET

Be It Resolved, the Board of Education of the Hudson Falls Central School District is authorized to expend the sums set forth in the budget in the total amount of \$44,692,702 during the school year 2020-2021, and to levy the necessary tax therefore.

YES

NO

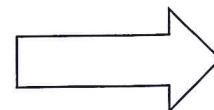
PROPOSITION II - PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES

Be It Resolved, the Board of Education of the Hudson Falls Central School District is hereby authorized to purchase two 66-passenger school buses and two 65-passenger school buses, at a total cost not to exceed \$370,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by the Education law and Local Finance law, and in participation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

YES

NO

Instructions on Back



Hudson Falls Central School District

VOTE: Tuesday, June 9, 2020

The purpose of this vote is to elect two members to the Board of Education, for a term of five years. Also to vote on the budget and a transportation proposition.

HOW TO VOTE

1. Mark in pen or pencil.
2. To vote, make a single cross mark (X) or a single check mark (✓) in the voting square.
3. To vote for a person whose name is **not** printed on this ballot, write his or her name in the blank space **above** the candidate's name as a "write-in" candidate.
4. Any other mark or any erasure on this ballot is unlawful.
5. Fold and place your ballot in the enclosed "ballot" envelope, seal it, and sign the back where indicated.

NOTE: YOU MUST SIGN THE VOTER STATEMENT ON THE BACK SIDE OF THE ENVELOPE.

6. Enclose it in the large envelope addressed to the School District Clerk and mail it.