BUDGET WORKSHOP

2020 - 2021

CENTRAL SQUARE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT APRIL 13, 2020



CSSD'S 2019-20 BUDGET WITH 2020-21 PROJECTIONS

Restated with "Expense Based" and "Other Aids" calculated separately (from the January Executive Run)

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2020 – 2021 State Budget Adopted

- ✓ Foundation Aid for every district in 2020–21 will equal 2019–20 amounts
- ✓ A \$1.128 billion reduction in overall state aid, referred as a "Pandemic Adjustment"
 - This reduction is fully restored for each district by an equal amount of "Federal Cares Restoration" funding
- ✓ Rejection of the Executive's proposal to consolidate 10 categorical aids, including BOCES Aid
- ✓ Rejection of the proposed increase to the Community Schools set-aside, leaving the total at \$250 million
- ✓ An effective repeal of the employee paid time off for voting provision that was enacted in 2019
- ✓ Elimination of state fiscal share of certain costs related to Committee on Special Education (CSE) placements was passed

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SINCE...

Community Aid is gone, Foundation Aid is decreased by \$572,512

To address this decrease, the following is proposed:

- Eliminate previous additions
 - ✓ One Social Worker
 - ✓ One School Counselor
 - ✓ One School Psychologist
- Postpone Special Education initiative (no budget change)
- There is tremendous uncertainty in State Aid
 - State concerns about revenue shortfalls led to inclusion of multiple triggers for mid-year aid declines
 - Best case scenario includes a Foundation Aid freeze for 2020-21

Pandemic Adjustment

- ✓ The CARES Act (Federal stimulus) sent New York \$1.1 billion for public schools

 Central Square School District received \$953,913
- ✓ Money allocated to school districts based on share of Title I funds they received
- ✓ The State then cut each district's Foundation Aid by an amount equivalent to its stimulus money
- ✓ Unlikely to factor into potential mid-year reductions

Mid-Year Aid Reductions

- The budget contains a mechanism to match revenues received to revenues forecasted as well as budgeted and actual spending, and adjust overall state spending accordingly
- The three measurement periods for 2020 are:
 - April 1-30
 - May 1-June 30
 - July 1-December 31
- ❖ If revenues received are less than the forecast or actual spending is ahead of budgeted spending, then DOB can implement an across the board reduction
 - The legislature will have 10 days to develop its own plan through a concurrent resolution
- For districts, it is uncertain how potential mid-year cuts would be allocated
- There are currently too many unknowns to be able to answer this question
- Districts are being encouraged to wait to finalize their budgets until after the first review period ends **April 30.**

2020 ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE & SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION TIMELINE

March 31 – April 4

Districts must publish first of four legal notices of budget vote and board election.

April 27

Districts must transmit the Property Tax Report Card to the SED by the end of the next business day following its approval by the school board but not later than the 24th day before the budget vote.

May 5 - 12

School board must hold public hearing 7-14 days before vote.

May 13

Deadline for mailing budget notice.

(All dates will be adjusted)

April 20

School board candidate nominating petitions due in the district clerk's office.

April 30 – May 7

Districts must complete budget seven days before public hearing.

May 5 - 14

Last possible day for voter registration with school district boards of registration (five to 14 days before vote).

May 19 POSTPONED

Annual Fudget Vote & School Board Election

May 5 - 19

Copies of budget must be available to residents upon request during the 14 days before the vote and on voting day.