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2019 - 2020
BUDGET EDITION

Central Square School District Announces New Polling Sites/Voting Districts

Voting District 1

For voters:

Who live in Oswego County, west of Route 81 and all voters who live in Onondaga County

Vote at:

Central Square American Legion
3301 Fulton Avenue
Central Square, NY 13036

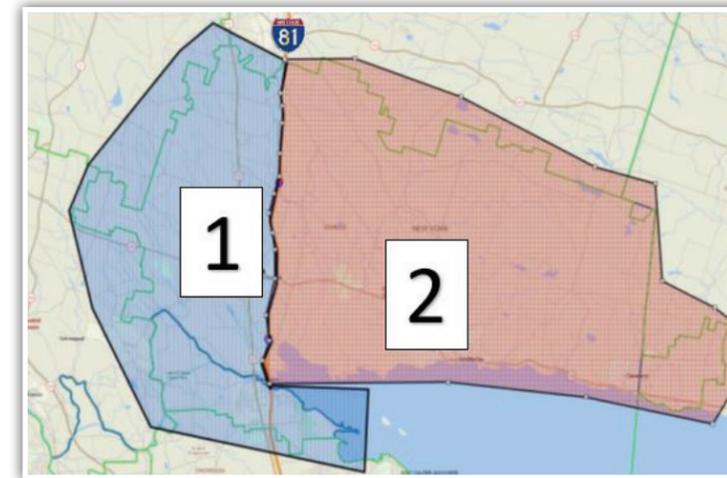
Voting District 2

For voters:

Who live in Oswego County, east of Route 81 and all voters who live in Oneida County

Vote at:

Constantia VFW
1560 State Route 49
Constantia, NY 13044



Budget Public Hearing
Monday, May 13 - 6:00 p.m.
Paul V. Moore High School

Meet The Candidates
Monday, May 13
Paul V. Moore High School

Immediately following the Public Hearing/Regular Meeting

Sponsored by the Student Leadership Task Force
The forum will be split into two sections including a platform statement followed by questions prepared in advance concerning our school district.

Budget



Tuesday, May 21, 2019
Polls Open 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

District 1: Central Square American Legion

District 2: Constantia VFW

Budget Fast Facts

✓ **Proposed Budget Increase**
6.75%

✓ **Proposed Tax Levy Increase**
2.72%

Scan the following QR Code to get immediate access to our budgetary documents from our District website



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 2019-2020 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 75,049,635	\$ 80,113,554	\$ 79,351,179
Increase/Decrease for the 2019-20 School Year		\$ 5,063,919	\$ 4,301,544
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		6.75%	5.73%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.44%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 28,066,912	\$ 28,829,287	
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)	\$ 28,066,912	\$ 28,829,287	\$ 28,066,912
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$ 487,415	\$ 457,672	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 27,579,497	\$ 28,371,615	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$ 27,579,497	\$ 28,371,615	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval)	0	0	
Administrative Component	\$ 7,505,096	\$ 7,940,552	\$ 7,940,552
Program Component	\$ 56,886,004	\$ 59,949,591	\$ 59,262,176
Capital Component	\$ 10,658,535	\$ 12,223,411	\$ 12,148,451

What does a contingency budget mean? If the proposed budget is defeated by district voters, the Board of Education may adopt a contingency budget or present a budget for a second vote. If the proposed budget is defeated twice by district voters, the Board of Education is legally bound to adopt a contingency budget. A contingency budget jeopardizes valuable programs and affects the positive direction of our school district. Our students' education is an investment in the future of our community which is beneficial to everyone.

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR* Tax Exemption Savings	\$564

Estimated Basic STAR* Exemption based on a hypothetical home within the school district with a full value of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

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

WHY DID WE CHANGE OUR POLLING LOCATIONS?

- Security – Having polling locations out of our school buildings allows us to ensure the safety of our students.

WHY DID WE EXTEND THE VOTING HOURS?

- Convenience – The District received feedback from a significant amount of voters asking if we could extend the voting hours so they could have the opportunity to vote before they went to work.

WHY DID WE CHANGE THE NUMBER OF POLLING LOCATIONS?

- Clarity – We want to eliminate any confusion regarding where people are registered to vote.

What will I be voting for on May 21?

The polls will be open on May 21 from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Voters will decide on the following items:

Proposition 1 – 2019-2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

That the Board of Education of the Central Square Central School District, County of Oswego, State of New York, be authorized to incur expenditures not exceeding \$80,113,554 (U.S. Dollars: Eighty Million, One Hundred and Thirteen Thousand, Five Hundred and Fifty Four) or so much as necessary for its General Fund operating expenses during the school fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, and to levy a tax on the taxable property of the School District sufficient to meet the amount of this sum not received from other sources.

Proposition 2 – SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES

That the Board of Education of the Central Square Central School District be authorized to purchase and finance (10) student transportation vehicles at an estimated cost not to exceed \$1,152,363.10 all to include furnishings, fixtures and equipment required for such purposes and all other necessary costs incidental thereto, and to expend therefore \$1,152,363.10 which is estimated to be the total cost thereof, and levy a tax for the foregoing in the amount of \$1,152,363.10, which shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds and notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued at one time, or from time to time, in the principal amount not to exceed \$1,152,363.10, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said obligations when due.

Proposition 3 – SAFETY AND SECURITY PROJECT

Shall the Board of Education make safety and security enhancements in all District school buildings, including related site improvements, original furnishings, fixtures and equipment, architectural fees, and all other costs incidental to such work at a total estimated cost not to exceed \$11,995,000 and obtain the necessary funds by using any available state aid and the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the School District to be collected in annual installments in the years and in the amounts as the Board of Education shall determine and in anticipation of such tax bonds and notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued at one time, or from time to time, in the principal amount not to exceed \$11,995,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said obligations when due.

Selection of Board Members to fill three (3) open board seats (candidates listed on pages 4 & 5)

CSSD Board of Education Approves Resolution for a Capital Outlay Project at the April 24, 2019 Meeting

Under current SED law for projects that are wholly funded through capital outlay and which have a total cost of no more than \$100,000, district's base year capital outlay expenses can be reimbursed through building aid.

Central Square School District's budget proposal includes \$100,000 (found in the debt service category) for reconstruction of High School exterior doors to accommodate new access control hardware and security cameras that are connected to systems already in place.

Budget Highlights at a Glance

Proposal Keeps Levy Increase Within Tax Cap Limit

On Tuesday, May 21, Central Square Central School District residents will vote on an \$80,113,554 proposed budget for the 2019-20 school year. The budget calls for a 6.75% increase in spending over 2018-19 and carries a 2.72% tax levy increase, which falls within the maximum allowed for the district under the state's tax levy limit law.

New York's Property Tax Freeze Credit Program

Again this year, homeowners who qualify for New York State's STAR exemption will receive an additional state rebate check. The rebate is part of the Property Tax Freeze Credit,

which is a tax relief program that reimburses qualifying NYS homeowners for increases in local property taxes on their primary residences.

To qualify homeowners for the property tax rebate check, the District must continue to propose school budgets within the property tax cap and implement a Government Efficiency Plan to reduce costs by consolidating services. The proposed budget includes a tax levy that will meet the program requirements.

As a general rule, the freeze credit will fully reimburse eligible homeowners for increases to their taxes imposed by school districts that comply with the eligibility requirements. The rebate check will come from the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance and will automatically be mailed to eligible taxpayers.

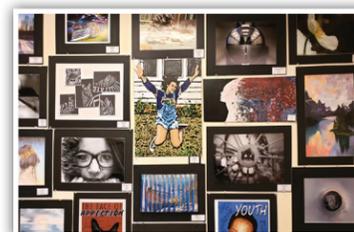
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Tax Levy
is under the
Tax Cap!

Art Accomplishments:



- 32 Paul V. Moore High School students and 7 from the middle school were chosen to have their artwork on display at the Salmon River Fine Arts Center in Pulaski, as part of their annual student art show. In addition, several of these students earned awards for their creations displayed in the exhibit.
- 8 of our students won Gold Key Awards, 8 won Silver Key Awards, and 11 won Honorable Mentions as part of the annual CNY Scholastic Art Program. The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, founded by Scholastic Inc. and remaining the largest student art competition in America, recognized these talented junior/senior high students out of the more than 5,670 student works submitted. One senior, Mark Rio, received a National Gold Medal. This student is ranked the top one percent of teen artists in the Nation who entered the competition. The National Ceremony to honor these teens and their educators will be held in June at Carnegie Hall in New York City.
- Students throughout the District had their artwork on display at the Northern Onondaga Public Library in Brewerton. A special reception was held to honor all of the students whose artwork was chosen for display.
- Paul V. Moore student Ben Volpi was one of the Jostens 2019 Photo Contest winners. Out of more than 6,000 photo entries, Ben's piece was selected from the Photo Illustration & Manipulation category and will also be displayed in a New York City gallery during Photog Fest 2019, October 11 through 13.



Redhawks Soar at Annual Battle of the Books Competition

Although unpredictable winter weather threatened to thwart this year's Battle of the Books competition, the District was determined to give our students the opportunity to display all their hard work and reading fortitude.

Level 1, grades 3-4, included winners from each elementary school. The A.A. Cole Elementary winning team was "The Fluent FluffBalls", consisting of Madigan Murphy, Shelby Mosher and Chloe Gibbs. The Brewerton Elementary winning team was the "Brewerton Book Bombers" consisting of Kyle Orlando, Adam Smith and Zachary Walma. The Hastings-Mallory winning team was "The Hawaiian Readers" consisting of Amelia Gill, Jenika-Rayne Burt and Payton Hunter. The Millard Hawk winning team was "The Reading Buddies" consisting of Cas Smolnik, Ben Lennox and Landon Parkhurst.

Level 2, grades 5-6, also included winners from each elementary school. The A.A. Cole winning team was "Team Emojis 2.0" consisting of Lana Roah and Paul Newton. The Brewerton winning team was the "Dominating Reading Cupcakes" consisting of Saige Hayden, Averie Sheehan and Geneva Uzunoff. The Hastings-Mallory winning team was "The Owlettes" consisting of Abigail Fazzino, Madison Helvie and Chloe Holland. The Millard Hawk winning team was "The Wonder Readers" consisting of Myla Wojtaszek, Miranda Kellogg and Sophia Austin.

Level 3, grades 7-8, the Central Square Middle School winning team was "The Golden 8 Balls" consisting of Zachary Card, Sidney Foote and Jordan Vryhoff.

Battle of the Books is a voluntary reading incentive where teams of up to three students read books from a list of ten, selected specifically for the battle each year, and then answer 16 questions about those books. Teams earn points for both the correct book title and author.



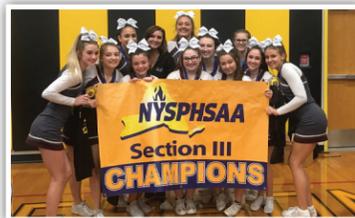
Maximizing our Resources to Support Student Success

Our mission at Central Square is to empower all students to excel as citizens in a changing world. To accomplish this, we focus on developing a well-rounded student who not only excels academically, but whom is also exposed to numerous clubs and activities, the finest music, art and athletic programs, as well as a clear focus on preparing each of them for college and/or the workforce following graduation from Paul V. Moore High School. Our students continue to experience tremendous success.

Sports Accomplishments:



- 14 out of 20 teams achieved the Scholar Athlete recognition.
- 4 League Champions (Boys Cross Country, Rifle, Cheer and Boys Indoor Track).
- 7 out of 20 teams competed in Sectionals.
- 3 Section Champions (Rifle, Cheer and Boys Indoor Track), with Rifle winning States in the 3-position category.
- 1 Coach of the Year recognition (Tim LaRose/wrestling).
- State Qualifiers: 1 Wrestler, 2 Indoor Track Athletes, 1 Boys' Golf Athlete, and 1 Boys' Bowling Athlete.
- 861 total student athletes participated (280 Modified/581 JV and Varsity), including Unified Sports Teams in Basketball and Bowling where students with and without disabilities played side by side.



Music Accomplishments:



- The Redhawk Regiment Winter Drum Line consisted of 25 students in grades 9-12 and they placed third in their class at the SRC Arena earning Bronze Medals in the New York State Percussion Circuit State Finals Competition. Paul V. Moore senior Katie Stewart received a scholarship from the New York State Percussion Circuit, which is a tremendous honor.
- 81 members in grades 8-12 took part in the Redhawk Regiment Marching Band, and placed fourth in their class out of 8 at the New York State Finals Field Band Competition and placed second out of 8 in the US Band's Yamaha Cup Finals, earning the following awards: Best Percussion, Best General Effect, Best Color Guard and Cadets Award of Excellence for achievement in creativity, performance and overall effect.
- 16 students in grades 6-9 were involved in the competitive Junior Varsity Guard, placing second and earning Silver Medals in the Mid-York Color Guard Circuit Finals Competition.
- 20 students in grades 6-12 were involved in the Varsity Winter Guard, earning a Gold Medal in all Mid-York Guard Circuit competitions during the season, as well as earning first place at Regional Competitions in Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.
- The Middle School Percussion Ensemble consisted of 13 students in grades 6 and 7 and earned first place Gold Medals for their performance at State Finals in the New York State Percussion Circuit.
- Our Music Theater Department consisted of more than 100 students who were all responsible for the amazing success of this year's performances "It's a Wonderful Life" and "The Sound of Music," that packed the auditorium for three nights, leaving spectators in awe of our talented students.
- Senior Gillian Julien earned a scholarship for her outstanding solo performance from the Oswego County Music Educators' Association.
- Seniors Isabella Russ and Jarred King earned NYSFBC Scholarship Awards.



Safety and Security Capital Project Vote May 21, 2019, 6am - 9pm

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. Address and prioritize safety related infrastructure work identified in the 2018 physical assessments.
2. Address and secure main entry access sequences with secure vestibules/check-in.
3. Continue partnership with Security Experts for development of policies, procedures, training, and Emergency Preparedness Plans.
4. Deliver a project that will have a minimal tax impact for the community.

PROJECT SCOPE

	DOLLARS (MILLIONS)
BREWERTON ELEMENTARY	\$1.224m
HASTINGS-MALLORY ELEMENTARY	\$2.253m
AA COLE ELEMENTARY	\$2.206m
MILLARD HAWK ELEMENTARY	\$2.022m
CENTRAL SQUARE INTERMEDIATE	\$0.763m
MIDDLE SCHOOL	\$1.236m
HIGH SCHOOL	\$2.291m

TOTAL \$11.995M

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QUESTIONS?
CONTACT SUPERINTENDENT
THOMAS J. COLABUFO
AT 315-668-4220 EXT 70221

Estimated Tax Impact : \$21 per year/\$100,000 assessed value*

*Assuming the Town Assessment and Equalization Rate are unchanged

Students Celebrate Another Season of Success at CSSD

Our students continue to exhibit the very qualities that we as a District seek to promote on a daily basis for all students, such as being an effective communicator and collaborator, innovative and critical thinker, grit and perseverance to keep working hard to overcome obstacles and setbacks. They continue to constantly grow, not just as individuals, but as a team.

With this in mind, the District continues to strive to support our mission "To empower all students to excel in a changing world." It is through enrichment and academic challenges and experiences such as those listed below, that help students to explore, cultivate and apply what they learn in the classroom to strengthen their future pathways.

Among the plethora of medals, awards and recognitions earned by students and staff, the backbone of the District remains the support of our amazing community.



Below, 33 Paul V. Moore High School students earned a variety of academic awards in the annual Region 9 DECA competition. They competed against over 450 students from around the CNY region in various categories.



Below, Paul V. Moore High School's mock trial team wears victorious smiles after their first-place win at the Oswego County Mock Trial Championships, held recently at the Oswego Public Safety Center, as they advance to the regional competition.

Above, Redhawks Robotics team, The Robo Eagles, smile with their robot contender, as they were awarded the tournament's Robot Skill Champions, the Think Award, and the Teamwork Award at the Robotics World Championships at the New York State Championships.



Above, members of the Central Square team were named overall champions for the school year, after the final Oswego County Academic Youth (OCAY) League competition, earning the highest overall team score after all four competitions.



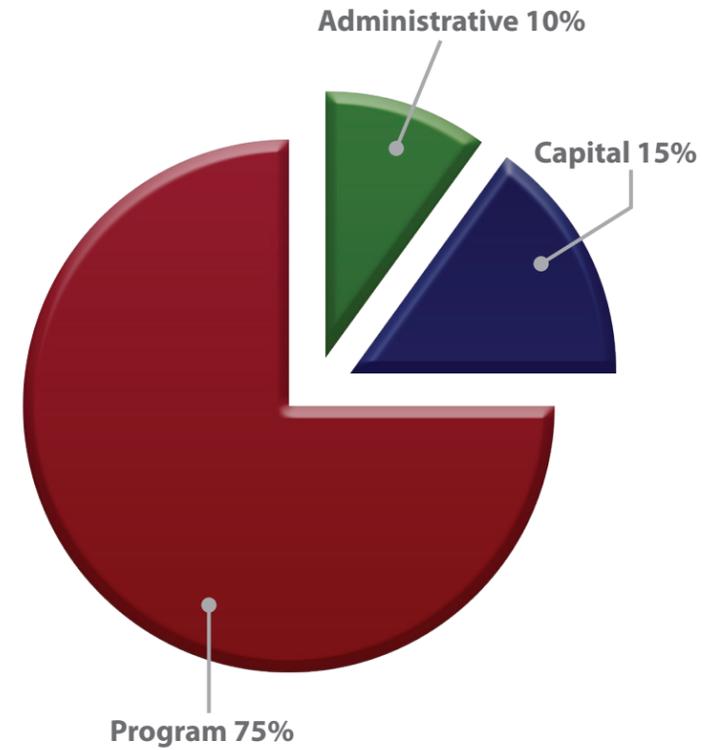
Three-Part Budget

All school districts are required by law to present their budgets in three component parts; program, administrative, and capital. The program component represents the largest portion of the District's budget. Program costs include the salaries and benefits of all teachers and staff delivering pupil services.

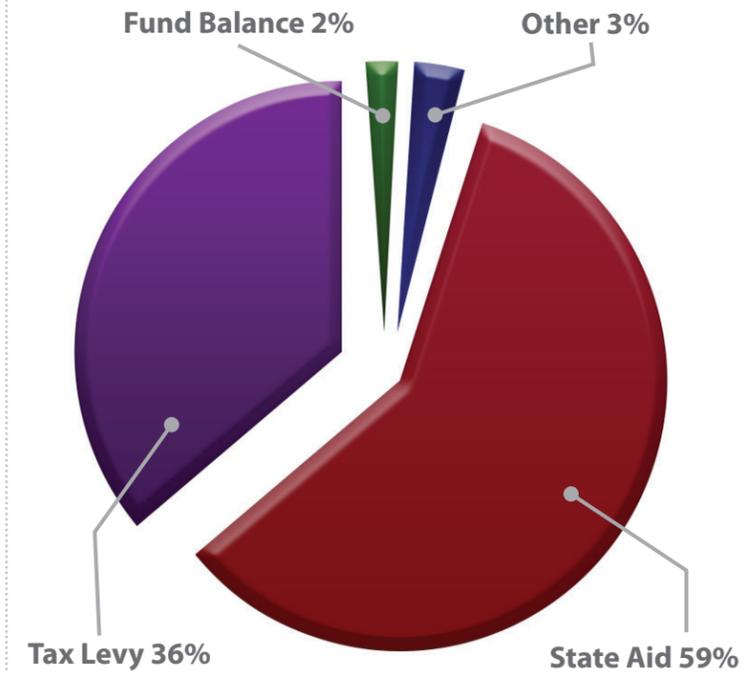
Expense Category	2018 - 19 Budget	2019 - 20 Proposed	Dollar Change
PROGRAM EXPENDITURES	\$ 56,886,004	\$ 59,949,591	\$ 3,063,587
K-12 Instructional	50,276,669	52,823,252	2,546,583
Pupil Transportation	6,609,335	7,126,339	517,004
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES	\$ 7,505,096	\$ 7,940,552	\$ 435,456
School Supervision/Curriculum	2,971,657	3,133,110	161,453
Business & Finance	2,242,196	2,366,924	124,728
BOCES Services	1,831,100	1,942,430	111,330
Central Administration	380,816	417,986	37,170
Board of Education	79,327	80,102	775
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 10,658,535	\$ 12,223,411	\$ 1,564,876
Operations & Maintenance	6,801,667	7,003,411	201,744
Transfers - Debt Service/Other Funds	3,856,868	5,220,000	1,363,132
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 75,049,635	\$ 80,113,554	\$ 5,063,919

Revenue Category	2018 - 19 Budget	2019 - 20 Proposed	Dollar Change
State Aid	\$ 44,967,723	\$ 47,709,267	\$ 2,741,544
Tax Levy	28,066,912	28,829,287	762,375
Fund Balance	1,000,000	1,500,000	500,000
Other	1,015,000	2,075,000	1,060,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 75,049,635	\$ 80,113,554	\$ 5,063,919

Proposed Expenditures



Proposed Revenues



Full Budget information can be found on the District's website: www.cssd.org



Tuesday, May 21
Polls Open 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Your local school board influences the direction that determines how your community's children are educated and how your tax dollars are spent. Voting for school board members is a simple but powerful way to support student success and strengthen your community.

MEET THE CANDIDATE NIGHT } MAY 13, 2019

Paul V. Moore High School

THERE ARE THREE (3) OPEN BOARD SEATS

Four (4) candidates are running for three (3) seats on the Central Square Central School District Board of Education. Each seat carries a three-year, unpaid term, starting July 1, 2019.



Randy Hoyt



Timothy McCarthy



Cathie Sundet



Jamie Coppola

WHO CAN VOTE?

- According to New York Education Law, in order to vote, you must be:
- ✓ 18 years of age
 - ✓ A resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to vote
 - ✓ A citizen of the United States
 - ✓ A registered voter*

*You may register with the school District Clerk up to five (5) days prior to the Annual Election or with Oswego County Board of Elections up to ten (10) days prior to the election. The District Clerk, Pearl Horn, will conduct voter registration at the District Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Personal identification and proof of residency must be provided at the time of registration.