

Auburn

Enlarged City School District
2020 - 2021 BUDGET



DATE: TUESDAY, June 9, 2020
ABSENTEE BALLOT ONLY

PLEASE VOTE

- The school budget vote and board election will be held by absentee ballot this year. There will be no in-person voting. Absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2020.
- In order to vote: you do not need to be a registered voter; you must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years old and a resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to June 9th.
- Absentee ballots will be mailed to each registered voter in the district.
- Additional absentee ballots may be requested by any qualified voters in the district by contacting the District Clerk, Shelly Major, by email at MichelleMajor@aecsd.education or by calling her at (315) 255-8850.

2020-21 Budget is \$80,725,559

- Budget is up 2.3% (or \$1.8 million) from 2019-2020
- No Increase in NYS Foundation Aid
- Use of \$1,047,897 of Reserves in this Budget

Staffing Changes in this Budget (Net Reduction = 21 Positions)

- Reductions:
 - 2 General Education Teachers – Elementary
 - 2 Special Education Teachers – Elementary
 - 1 Speech Therapist
 - 1 Administrator (Director of Curriculum & Professional Development)
 - 1 Building Maintenance Mechanic
 - 1 Custodian
 - 1 Network Administrator
 - 25 Teacher Aides
- Additions:
 - 7 Special Education Teachers
 - 6 Teaching Assistants



Educational Programs

- With this budget, we are able to maintain programs that our community values:
 - **Six Instructional Teams** at Auburn Junior High
 - **Project Lead the Way Engineering and Biomedical** Programs at Auburn High
 - **Project Lead the Way Gateway** at Auburn Junior High
 - **Technology Instruction** at the Elementary level
 - **AP and Cayuga Advantage** Courses at Auburn High
 - **All Extracurricular Sports and Music** Programs District-Wide
 - **Project Lead the Way/AP Computer Science** at Auburn High
 - **Computer Literacy Instruction** at Auburn Junior High
 - **Expanded Reading Instruction and Support** in all elementary schools

Tax levy increase of 1.67%

- Average Increase in Taxes, from last year, on a \$100,000 home:
 - No Star Exemption - \$31/year (or \$2.58/month)
 - Basic Star Exemption - \$32/year (or \$2.67/month)
 - Enhanced Star Exemption - \$31/year (or \$2.58/month)



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the “Tax Levy Limit” and why are taxes going up by less than 2%?

- NYS adopted a tax levy limit commonly referred to as “the 2% tax cap”. Each district must calculate their individual tax levy limit by using a formula defined by NYS. Auburn’s tax levy limit for 2020-21 is 1.67%.

Is the District exceeding the tax cap?

- No; the proposed budget includes a 1.67% tax levy increase, which is within the tax cap limit set by New York State, thus not requiring a super majority for approval.

What happens if we go to a Contingency Budget?

- NYS has not issued guidance on a re-vote if the proposed budget is voted down. In prior years, the Board of Education would decide whether to have a second vote on the same budget or a revised budget. If defeated a second time, NYS requires that the district adopt a Contingency Budget. If that happens, the proposed budget would be reduced by eliminating all unaided equipment expenditures (for example: plows, trucks, lawnmowers, athletic equipment, office computers), and fees for community use of buildings would be implemented. Additionally, there can be no increase in the district’s tax levy from the prior year. That means \$533,000 in property tax revenue would have to be cut from the budget, as well as \$290,000 in non-aided equipment purchases.

Key Statistics

The Auburn Enlarged City School District does its best to ensure that it provides high-quality curriculum and instruction that meets the unique needs of each student while not overspending. The comparison below illustrates that:

	<u>Auburn</u>	<u>Similar Schools</u>	<u>NYS Average</u>
Total Expenditures per Pupil (per 2018-19 NYS Fiscal Accountability Summary)	\$17,746	\$22,630	\$25,853

Visit the NYS Property Tax Report Card at <https://data.nysed.gov>

District Enrollment (2019-20) 4,119

Students Receiving Free or
Reduced-Price Meals (2019-20) 54%



Number of Employees (General Fund budget only)	Faculty	<u>340.45</u>	61.4%
	Support staff	192.30	
	Admin/Supervisors	<u>22.25</u>	
	Total	<u>555.00</u>	
		<u>2020-21</u>	

Vote Tuesday, June 9, 2020