

Auburn

Enlarged City School District

2021 - 2022 BUDGET



**DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021
7:00 AM TO 9:00 PM**

PLEASE VOTE

- 4 voting sites: Auburn Junior High School, Casey Park, Owasco and Seward Elementary Schools.
- In order to vote: you do not need to be a registered voter; you must be a citizen of the United States; you must be at least 18 years old and a resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to May 18th.
- Absentee ballots are available at the Harriet Tubman Administration Building at 78 Thornton Avenue. (must be returned by 5:00 pm on election day).
- Public hearing at the Auburn High School library at 6:45 pm on Tuesday, May 11, 2021

2021-22 Budget is \$83,861,951

- Budget is up 3.9% (or \$3.1 million) from 2020-2021
- NYS Foundation Aid is increased by \$1.476 million
- Use of \$1.436 million Fund Balance in this Budget

Staffing Changes in this Budget (Net Increase of 11 Positions)

- +1 General Education Teacher - Elementary
- +1 School Counselor – Elementary
- +1 Art Teacher
- +1 Music Teacher
- +1 Dean of Students – Elementary (Owasco/Herman)
- +2 Instructional Coaches – High School
- +3 Teachers in Reserve – If Needed
- - 1 Special Ed Director (2 Directors restructured into 1 Executive Dir)
- +1 Executive Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (partially grant-funded)
- +1 Attendance Clerk – High School



Educational Programming/Services

- With the addition of the above positions as well as federal stimulus monies we are slated to receive, we will be able to:
 - Provide more frequent art and music sessions
 - Provide more social emotional/mental health resources and support to our students
 - Focus more intensely on improving our graduation rate and lowering our dropout rate
 - Provide our students with equitable access to educational opportunities and services
 - Better ensure that our students are performing at grade-level in both Reading & Math
 - Provide summer and after-school programming to address disrupted learning, experienced over the past year due to COVID-19
 - Prepare and address the possibility of increased class sizes at the elementary level
 - Provide increased professional learning opportunities for staff

Tax levy increase of 2.85% (Doesn't exceed NYS-mandated tax cap)

Average Increase in Taxes, from last year, on a \$100,000 home:

- \$53/year (or \$4.42/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 2021-22 is 2.85%. Districts are authorized to exceed the tax levy limit, but in order to do so, 60% of the voters must approve the budget (instead of a simple majority).

Is the District exceeding the tax cap?

- No; the proposed budget includes a 2.85% 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?

- If the proposed budget is voted down, the Board of Education will 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 \$925,061 in property tax revenue would have to be cut from the budget, as well as \$298,200 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>NYS Average</u>
Total Expenditures per Pupil (per 2019-20 NYS Fiscal Transparency Report)	\$15,910	\$22,835

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

District Enrollment (2020-21) 3,958

Students Receiving Free or Reduced-Priced Meals (2020-21) 54%

Number of Employees
(General Fund budget only)

	<u>2020-21</u>	
Faculty	355.05	63.1%
Support staff	183.60	32.6%
Admin/Supervisors	<u>24.40</u>	4.3%
Total	563.05	

Number of Buildings 7 school buildings, 1 admin building



Vote *Tuesday, May 18, 2021*