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## PROPOSED BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Strengthens an outstanding educational program while being fiscally responsible
- Requires no increase in the community's collective tax contribution
- Supports the District's ability to prepare for varied teaching and learning contingencies
- Enhances social-emotional resources for students

## 2020-21 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget  
**\$111,472,680**

Proposed  
Budget-to-Budget  
Increase  
**1.18%**

Proposed 2020-21  
Tax Levy Change  
**0%**

## KLSD LEARNING ENVIRONMENT EVOLVES; TAX LEVY REMAINS FLAT

Dear KLSD Community,

We hope this letter finds you well in these challenging times. We appreciate your partnership in continuing to support the work of our schools and students in ways we could not have imagined when we started this school year.

Thanks to your support, our school budgets ensure that our staff can continue to prepare our students for a rapidly changing future. This year's proposed budget does so *without increasing the community's collective tax contribution*.

We are experiencing a rate of change that makes clearer than ever the importance of helping students develop the skills to work creatively and collaboratively, to communicate effectively, to adapt, and to be resourceful. We aim to ensure that our learning environment—regardless of the form it takes—continues to promote effective and supportive teaching practices, the attainment of our educational goals, the establishment of meaningful relationships, a sense of school community, and physical and emotional safety and well-being for all.

We believe the budget outlined on these pages reflects our community's commitment to providing an excellent learning environment and our responsibility to prepare the next generation in a fiscally responsible manner. The proposed tax levy is flat. This budget ensures that Katonah-Lewisboro is well-positioned to foster an engaging, relevant learning environment in our classrooms, our schools, and beyond.

This year, New York State has directed that school budget votes will be conducted by absentee ballot. We have mailed ballots to all registered Katonah-Lewisboro voters, and we await your response via the mail. Please follow the steps outlined on the back of this newsletter to vote and return your ballot as soon as possible. **To be counted, your ballot must be received not later than 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2020.**

In these unprecedented times, we thank you for entrusting us to act on your behalf and for taking time to vote. We hope that you continue to remain safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Schiff, *President*  
Julia Hadlock, *Vice President*  
Rory Burke, *Trustee*  
Terrence Cheng, *Trustee*

Liz Geregthy, *Trustee*  
Scott Posner, *Trustee*  
Bill Rifkin, *Trustee*

Andrew Selesnick  
*Superintendent of  
Schools*

# 2020-21 PROPOSED EXPENSES

ITEM	BUDGET 2019-20	PROPOSED BUDGET 2020-21	DOLLAR DIFFERENCE	% DIFFERENCE	% OF TOTAL BUDGET
Board of Education	\$66,962	\$71,025	\$4,063	6.07%	0.06%
District Clerk and Voting	\$126,982	\$128,595	\$1,613	1.27%	0.12%
Central Administration	\$451,749	\$450,768	\$(981)	-0.22%	0.40%
Finance	\$1,057,524	\$1,041,340	\$(16,184)	-1.53%	0.93%
Personnel Services	\$474,296	\$478,757	\$4,461	0.94%	0.43%
Legal Services/Attorney Fees for General Counsel, Labor Counsel and CSE Litigation	\$520,587	\$539,000	\$18,413	3.54%	0.48%
Public Information	\$95,366	\$89,700	\$(5,666)	-5.94%	0.08%
Operations and Maintenance/Buildings and Grounds	\$6,547,978	\$6,706,772	\$158,794	2.43%	6.02%
Printing, Mailing, Data Processing, Records Management, Warehouse	\$674,864	\$648,222	\$(26,642)	-3.95%	0.58%
Insurance	\$175,773	\$183,500	\$7,727	4.40%	0.16%
Tax Certioraris/Judgements and Claims	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$-	0.00%	0.04%
Special Items/BOCES Administration/Capital Unclassified	\$729,656	\$749,273	\$19,617	2.69%	0.67%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,971,737</b>	<b>\$11,136,952</b>	<b>\$165,215</b>	<b>1.51%</b>	<b>9.99%</b>
Curriculum Development	\$856,644	\$1,022,482	\$165,838	19.36%	0.92%
Building and Department Supervision	\$4,574,402	\$4,574,520	\$118	0.00%	4.10%
Innovation Grants and Staff Development	\$478,032	\$652,288	\$174,256	36.45%	0.59%
Teaching Regular School	\$30,463,353	\$30,856,009	\$392,656	1.29%	27.68%
Special Education Program	\$13,035,996	\$12,733,952	\$(302,044)	-2.32%	11.42%
Adult Education/Driver's Education	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$-	0.00%	0.01%
School Library/Audio-Visual/Educational Television	\$847,086	\$884,331	\$37,245	4.40%	0.79%
Instructional Computer Software/Hardware	\$2,508,786	\$2,570,558	\$61,772	2.46%	2.31%
Co-Curricular Activities	\$446,000	\$468,000	\$22,000	4.93%	0.42%
Interscholastic Sports	\$1,020,350	\$1,139,735	\$119,385	11.70%	1.02%
Other Pupil Services	\$4,237,188	\$4,595,462	\$358,274	8.46%	4.12%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$58,474,337</b>	<b>\$59,503,837</b>	<b>\$1,029,500</b>	<b>1.76%</b>	<b>53.38%</b>
Pupil Transportation/Recreation	\$4,588,714	\$4,516,755	\$(71,959)	-1.57%	4.05%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,588,714</b>	<b>\$4,516,755</b>	<b>\$(71,959)</b>	<b>-1.57%</b>	<b>4.05%</b>
Employee Benefits	\$31,948,323	\$31,640,629	\$(307,694)	-0.96%	28.38%
Debt Service	\$2,710,161	\$2,684,507	\$(25,654)	-0.95%	2.41%
Interfund Transfer	\$1,475,800	\$1,990,000	\$514,200	34.84%	1.79%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$36,134,284</b>	<b>\$36,315,136</b>	<b>\$180,852</b>	<b>0.50%</b>	<b>32.58%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL BUDGET CATEGORIES</b>	<b>\$110,169,072</b>	<b>\$111,472,680</b>	<b>\$1,303,608</b>	<b>1.18%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## PROPOSITION # 1: KLSD BUDGET

The first proposition on the ballot is the Katonah-Lewisboro School District's operating budget for the 2020-21 school year. The proposed budget supports and strengthens the outstanding academic program offered within the Katonah-Lewisboro School District while being fiscally responsible. It includes no increase in the community's collective tax contribution.

## PROPOSITION # 2: BUS REPLACEMENT

In addition to the general fund budget proposal, you will have an opportunity to weigh in on a proposition to transfer funds from the 2019-20 general fund to the capital fund to replace four 66-passenger school buses, one 72-passenger bus and two 30-passenger buses for a total cost not to exceed \$725,600. If approved, there would be no

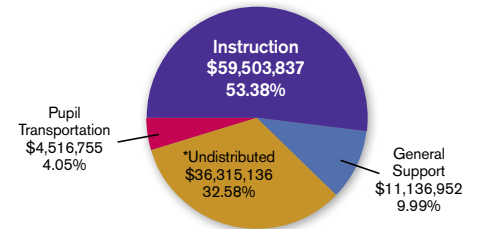
impact on taxes and no additional debt would be incurred.

The replacement of buses and vans on a rotational basis is very important to maintaining safe, dependable transportation. Each of the district's vehicles is inspected by the NYS Department of Transportation twice a year. Our decision to replace the vehicles is based on the inspectors' insights.

# TAX RATE PROJECTION SUMMARY

	Budget 2019-2020	Proposed Budget 2020-2021	Dollar Difference	% Change from Previous Year
Total Expenditures	\$110,169,072	\$111,472,680	\$1,303,608	1.18%
Total Revenue Other than Property Taxes	\$12,220,575	\$13,524,183	\$1,303,608	10.67%
Amount to Be Raised by Taxes	\$97,948,497	\$97,948,497	\$-	0.00%

## Proposed Expenditure Budget

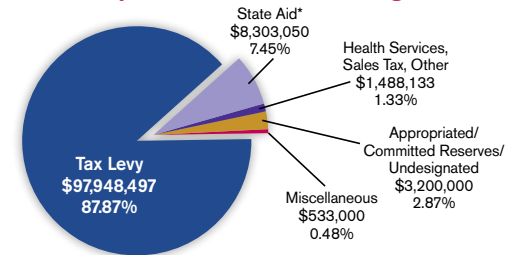


\* Undistributed includes Debt Service, Inter-fund Transfers and Employee Benefits.

Tax Rates	2019-20 Rate/\$1,000 of Assessed Value	2020-21 Rate/\$1,000 of Assessed Value	% Change from Previous Year
Bedford	\$189.3069	\$183.1098	-3.27%
Lewisboro	\$205.9157	\$211.1507	2.54%
North Salem	\$20.6364	\$20.2703	-1.77%
Pound Ridge	\$115.0943	\$109.8067	-4.59%

The rates shown above are estimates based upon preliminary assessment values available at the time the budget was adopted by the Board of Education. Once assessments are finalized, tax rates will be adjusted.

## Proposed Revenue Budget



\* State Aid is subject to reduction through the year in light of the financial crisis.

# KATONAH-LEWISBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2019-20 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2020-21 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	\$110,169,072	\$111,472,680	\$110,068,177
Increase/Decrease for the 2020-21 School Year		\$1,303,608	(\$100,895)
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.18 %	-.09%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.81%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$97,948,497	\$97,948,497	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$-	\$-	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$-	\$-	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$-	\$-	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$97,948,497	\$97,948,497	\$97,948,497
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$1,929,023	\$1,967,747	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$96,902,978	\$98,076,535	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$96,019,474	\$95,980,750	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$883,504	\$2,095,785	
Administrative Component	\$13,765,879	\$14,106,187	\$13,790,796
Program Component	\$83,393,392	\$83,745,275	\$83,544,339
Capital Component	\$13,009,801	\$13,621,218	\$12,733,042

\* A contingent budget would require reductions totaling \$1,404,503 from the general fund budget. Because the proposed flat tax levy already meets the requirement of a Contingent Budget, further expenditure reductions may be balanced by reductions in other revenue categories. If necessary, the expenditure reductions would be made by the Administration and the Board of Education pursuant to Section 2023 of Education Law.

\*\* List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements.)

Description	Amount
Bus replacement/purchase - Proposition #2 (to be funded through use of surplus) - replacement of 4 sixty-six passenger buses, 1 seventy-two passenger bus, and 2 thirty passenger buses	\$725,600

### Under the Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$1,740
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The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2020-21 by the qualified voters of the Katonah-Lewisboro School District, Westchester County, New York, will be held remotely, by Absentee Ballot only. All registered voters will receive a ballot to return in the postage-paid envelope to be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 PM on June 9, 2020.

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



# VOTER INFORMATION

This year, New York State has directed that school budget votes will be conducted by absentee ballot. We have mailed ballots to all registered voters. If you have not received your ballot by May 31, please contact District Clerk Kimberly Monzon at [kmonzon@klschools.org](mailto:kmonzon@klschools.org).

To vote, follow these four steps.

1. Indicate your votes on the ballot regarding the school district budget, bus proposition and Board of Education election.
2. Seal your ballot in the specially marked envelope.
3. Sign the back of the envelope to indicate that you have read it.
4. Place that envelope in the postage-paid return envelope and put in the mail.

To be counted, a ballot must be received by our District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on June 9.

The complete proposed budget is available at [klschools.org](http://klschools.org).



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# VOTE NOW

Mail-in ballot must be received by the District Clerk on or before **Tuesday, June 9, by 5:00 p.m**

- ✓ School district budget
- ✓ Bus proposition

✓ Election of two school board members to fill vacancies created by the expiration of the terms of Bill Rifkin and Scott Posner.