



**2021 - 2022  
Budget**

*Budget Vote May 18, 2021*

# STATE AID

- Enacted NYS budget increases our state aid by \$1,854,002
- Total state aid
  - 2021-22 \$46,865,817
  - 2020-21 \$45,011,815
  - 2019-20 \$46,609,277

# TAX CAP

- There are several factors in determining the tax cap (*maximum allowable tax levy*), not just inflation
- Every school district's cap is different
- Our cap for 2021-22 is 1.37%
- The proposed budget will have a tax increase of 1.85%
- Since this exceeds the cap, it will require 60% of the voters to vote yes in order for it to pass

# **TAX CAP**

- **Why go over tax cap?**
  - **The additional cost to have students in school five days a week this year has been almost \$7 million**
  - **Most of this has come from our reserves and is required by law to be paid back to our reserves**
  - **We need to be prepared to have all the necessary health and safety protocols in place next year**

# **TAX LEVY**

- The average increase in school taxes under the proposed budget will be \$222
- The increase with a tax cap compliant budget would be \$164
- Difference of \$58 for the year

# STAFFING CHANGES

## *ELEMENTARY*

- RESTORATION OF HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM IN KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 3

## *SECONDARY*

- RESTORATION OF MATH LABS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL
- ADDITION OF ELECTIVES ACROSS DISCIPLINES IN GRADES 7 - 12

# **STAFFING CHANGES**


- **ADDITION OF 1.0 SOCIAL WORKER AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEVEL**
- **ADDITION OF A 504 ELEMENTARY CHAIRPERSON**
- **ADDITION OF MUSIC TECHNOLOGY TEACHER POSITION**

# **POLLING LOCATIONS**

**VOTING FOR THE BUDGET WILL AGAIN BE AT WARD MELVILLE HS, RC MURPHY JHS AND PJ GELINAS JHS**

- ▶ **RESIDENTS WHO LIVE IN THE ARROWHEAD, NASSAKEAG & MINNESAUKE ATTENDANCE ZONES WILL VOTE AT WARD MELVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**
- ▶ **THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE MOUNT ATTENDANCE ZONE VOTE AT MURPHY JHS**
- ▶ **THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE SETAUKET ATTENDANCE ZONE VOTE AT GELINAS JHS**

# SUMMARY

	2020-21	2021-22	\$ Increase	% Increase
BUDGET	218,840,108	222,659,523	3,819,415	1.75%
TAX LEVY	162,004,770	165,001,858	2,997,088	1.85%

**Because the tax levy increase exceeds the tax “*cap*”, this budget requires a super majority (60%) of the voters to approve it in order for it to pass.**

# **WHAT IF THE BUDGET DOESN'T PASS?**

**If the voters do not approve the budget, the Board of Education has the following options:**

- **Present the same budget for a second vote**
- **Present a revised budget for a vote**
- **Go straight to contingency**
  - *This means no increase to the tax levy at all*
  - *Requires \$3 million in budget reductions*
  - *A failed second vote results in no increase to the tax levy and requires the same \$3 million in budget reductions*

**REMEMBER TO  
VOTE!!!**

**TUESDAY, MAY 18  
6:00 AM – 9:00 PM**