

# EAGLE SPOTLIGHT

**GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

**BUDGET 2020-21**



**GALWAY**  
Central School District

## Virtual Budget Hearing

Thursday, May 28, 2020  
6:30 p.m., [www.galwaycsd.org](http://www.galwaycsd.org)

## Voting Day

Tuesday, June 9, 2020  
by Absentee Ballot

- Proposed School Budget
- Bus Proposition
- 2 School Board Positions

## Eligibility to Vote

- Citizen of the United States,
- 18 years of age or older on the day of the vote,
- Resident within the district for a period of 30 days prior to the vote
- Registered to vote

## Register to Vote

If you are registered to vote in the general election, then you are registered to vote in the school election. If you are unsure if you are registered to vote, please call the Board of Elections Office for the county in which you reside.

## Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots will be mailed to registered voters of the Galway Central School District, along with a postage paid return envelope. If you have not received an absentee ballot by June 5, please call the District Clerk, Linda Dumblewski, at 518-882-1033 Ext. 3224.



## Vote Tuesday, June 9, 2020 by Absentee Ballot

The Galway Central School District Board of Education has adopted a fiscally responsible and educationally sound budget that provides financial excellence and stability, especially during this time of the coronavirus pandemic.

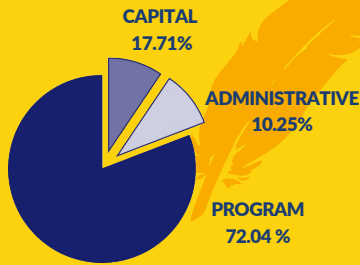
Galway CSD is proposing a budget of \$22,948,831 for the 2020-21 school year. This is an overall budget-to-budget increase of \$649,701 or 2.91%, resulting in an estimated 1.99% increase in the tax levy, which is well below the district's maximum allowable tax levy cap of 4.21%.

The majority of the budget-to-budget increase is due to additional debt service payments for the capital improvement project. Of that amount, \$696,133 will be reimbursed to the district by the state in the form of NYS Building Aid at a rate of 77%. Other increases the district faced were offset by reductions in all other line items.

The novel coronavirus presents challenges we must face together to continue educating students in a safe, sustainable manner. As a result, the proposed budget has been trimmed from what was originally presented at the April 23, 2020 Board of Education meeting. The budget outlined inside reflects an additional reduction of \$440,950 in strategic areas to allow the district to withstand pending revenue decreases while keeping the core of our excellent instructional program intact. The budget also uses \$1,374,599 from the fund balance to offset the tax levy.

The proposed budget sustains the fiscal capacity of the school district in order to equitably provide programs and services for our students not only for next year, but for many years to come.

As a reminder, this year's voting will be done by absentee ballot only. All absentee ballots must be returned to the district by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. For voters' convenience, a drop box will be located outside the gym entrance of the Galway Junior/Senior High School on June 9 until 5 p.m. at which time the vote counting process will commence.



# Expenditure Summary

## Estimated Expenditures by Function

### Meet the Candidates

There are two vacancies on the Galway CSD Board of Education. The vacancies are for four-year terms of office that are effective July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2024. These seats are currently held by Michelle Bombard and Karen English, who are both seeking reelection.

The candidates are listed in order on the ballot per a random drawing of names:

- Michelle Bombard
- Karen English

#### Michelle Bombard

Dr. Bombard, Galway HS Class of 1993, has been practicing companion animal medicine in the Saratoga area for over 19 years. She has been an associate veterinarian at Malta Animal Hospital since 2014 and is an active member of the local, state, and national veterinary medical associations. She and her husband, Mark, have two sons in the district.

#### Karen English

Karen English is an Information Technology Specialist III with the NY Statewide Financial System. She has been a resident of West Charlton for over 30 years. She and her husband, Greg, have three children who attended Galway Central School District.

ADMINISTRATIVE	2019-20	2020-21	Change
Board of Education	\$29,414	\$22,370	(\$7,044)
Central Administration	\$202,778	\$214,844	\$12,066
Business/Finance/Audit	\$341,488	\$359,406	\$17,918
Legal Services	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
Personnel Services	\$2,892	\$2,850	(\$42)
Public Information	\$60,060	\$50,000	(\$10,060)
Printing/Mailing/Data	\$262,265	\$235,000	(\$27,265)
Unallocated Insurance	\$122,000	\$100,000	(\$22,000)
School Association Dues	\$19,845	\$12,000	(\$7,845)
BOCES Admin.	\$140,000	\$138,000	(\$2,000)
Supervision Regular School	\$494,820	\$466,150	(\$28,670)
Employee Benefits	\$536,182	\$560,440	\$24,258
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,286,744</b>	<b>\$2,236,060</b>	<b>(\$50,684)</b>

PROGRAM	2019-20	2020-21	Change
Curriculum Development	\$110,369	\$103,050	(\$7,319)
Planning and Evaluation	\$7,069	\$7,069	\$0
Staff Development	\$128,115	\$113,000	(\$15,115)
Regular Instruction	\$5,770,171	\$5,710,571	(\$59,600)
Special Education	\$2,069,884	\$2,085,990	\$16,106
Occupational Education	\$573,516	\$564,944	(\$8,572)
Special School Programs	\$55,675	\$44,000	(\$11,675)
Library/Media/Technology	\$978,797	\$965,279	(\$13,518)
Pupil Services Group	\$528,838	\$538,310	\$9,472
Co-Curricular	\$82,590	\$69,200	(\$13,390)
Interscholastic Athletics	\$291,390	\$228,600	(\$62,790)
Transportation	\$1,010,517	\$1,082,380	\$71,863
Garage	\$221,509	\$214,050	(\$7,459)
Contract Transportation	\$55,000	\$0	(\$55,000)
Employee Benefits	\$4,338,198	\$4,228,777	(\$109,421)
Other Fund Transfers	\$135,000	\$130,000	(\$5,000)
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,356,638</b>	<b>\$16,085,220</b>	<b>(\$271,418)</b>

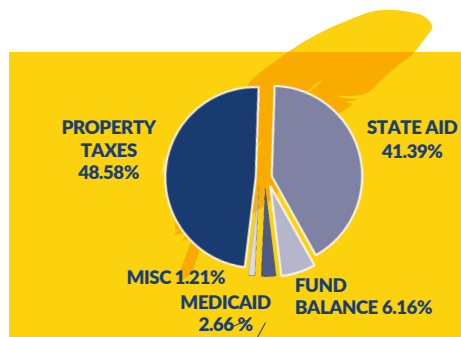
CAPITAL	2019-20	2020-21	Change
Operations and Utilities	\$1,137,026	\$1,067,950	(\$69,076)
Maintenance	\$413,886	\$453,260	\$39,374
Refund of Taxes	\$1,323	\$1,000	(\$323)
Employee Benefits	\$0	\$305,695	\$305,695
Debt Service	\$2,103,513	\$2,799,646	\$696,133
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,655,748</b>	<b>\$4,627,551</b>	<b>\$971,803</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$22,299,130</b>	<b>\$22,948,831</b>	<b>\$649,701</b>



# Revenue Summary

## Estimated Revenues

	2019-20	2020-21	Change
Real Property Tax	\$10,832,597	\$11,048,166	\$215,569
State Aid (without Building Aid)	\$8,464,598	\$7,847,067	(\$617,531)
NYS Building Aid	\$764,709	\$2,235,338	\$1,470,629
Fund Balance Allocation	\$1,374,599	\$1,374,599	\$0
Medicaid and Transfers	\$593,549	\$166,875	(\$426,674)
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$269,079	\$276,786	\$7,707
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$22,299,130</b>	<b>\$22,948,831</b>	<b>\$649,701</b>



## Class of 2020 Top 10

Galway Junior/Senior High School Principal Michael Miller is proud to announce the Top 10 graduates for the Class of 2020. Congratulations to:

Valedictorian Alex Malanoski  
 Salutatorian Kaylee Bagdan  
 Rachel Wnuk  
 Walter Ellsworth  
 Anna Gardner  
 Ryan Lovell  
 Paige Brink  
 Ruth Reichard  
 Rachel Germain  
 Vanessa Colangelo

Please keep an eye out for our next newsletter, which will feature pictures and biographies of the Top 10 students, along with the Class of 2020's plans for the future.



## School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for 2019-20 School Year	Budget Proposed for 2020-21 School Year	Contingency Budget 2020-21 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$22,299,130	\$22,948,831	\$22,822,331
Increase for the 2020-21 School Year		\$649,701	\$523,201
Percentage Increase in Proposed Budget		2.91%	2.35%
Change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI)		1.81%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$10,832,597	\$11,048,166	
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)	\$10,832,597	\$11,048,166	\$10,921,666
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$522,668	\$695,174	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$10,629,699	\$11,288,679	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)	\$10,309,929	\$10,593,505	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$319,770	\$240,513	
Administrative component	\$2,286,744	\$2,236,060	\$2,236,060
Program component	\$16,356,638	\$16,085,220	\$16,028,720
Capital component	\$3,655,748	\$4,627,551	\$4,557,551

\* Pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law, should the proposed budget be defeated, certain equipment in the capital and program components would be reduced: non-aided equipment, certain uniforms, transfers to other monetary funds (such as food service fund), minor maintenance, salary adjustments for non-associated personnel.

## Basic STAR Exemption Impact

The Estimated Basic STAR exemption savings is 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.	<b>Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 School Year</b>
Basic STAR tax savings	\$516.00



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## Property Tax Report Card

	2019-20 Budget	2020-21 Budget	Percent Change
Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions	\$22,299,130	\$22,948,831	2.91%
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B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$10,832,597	\$11,048,166	1.99%
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$522,668	\$695,174	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$10,629,699	\$11,288,679	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, <u>Excluding</u> Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)	\$10,309,929	\$10,593,505	
I. Difference (G - H); (negative value requires 60% voter approval)	\$319,770	\$240,513	
Public School Enrollment	788	837	6.22%
Consumer Price Index			1.81%
	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Estimated	
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$4,274,561	\$4,355,292	
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,741,232	\$1,825,000	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$884,577	\$912,000	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	3.99%	3.97%	
*Please note that this Property Tax Report Card presentation is in accordance with NYS Education Law sections 1608, 1716(7) and 2601-a(3).			

**Proposition #1:**

**Proposed School Budget**

Shall the proposed budget of expenditures for the Galway Central School District for the 2020-21 school year in the amount of \$22,948,831, and for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditures adopted by the Board of Education, be approved and the amount thereof be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, after first deducting monies available from State Aid and other sources as provided by law?

**Proposition #2:**

**Purchase of School Buses**

Shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to: (a) purchase one 72-passenger school bus and two 20-passenger buses at the maximum aggregate cost not to exceed \$252,000; (b) expend such sum for such purpose, and (c) fund the acquisition of the school bus vehicles not to exceed the total amount of \$252,000 from available unallocated fund balance of the district?

**Two Vacancies on the Board of Education**