

**BUDGET WORKSHOP #1
PRELIMINARY INFORMATION
REGARDING THE 2020-2021
BUDGET
January 29, 2020**

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“CATS Can, and CATS Will!”

BUDGET GOALS

- Create a budget that grows programs, maintains appropriate levels of staffing and continue to offer a quality instructional program to students who have various educational needs.
- Ensure the estimates in the proposed budget includes estimates of appropriations based on actual needs.
- Use available information on state and local revenues and estimate expenditures
- Form estimates using conservative methods to maintain the fiscal stability of the district

BUDGET PRIORITIES

Ensure that our students have the appropriate level of teachers, support staff, social workers, guidance counselors and administrators in each building

Continue high quality professional development including focus on project based learning, technology, and special education

Continue with the current levels of extra curricular activities and sports offerings for students

Maintain our summer remediation program at our Elementary and Middle Schools.

BUDGET PRIORITIES

Maintain our Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs at CES

Maintain the same level of funding for books, supplies, materials and technology that is in the 2019-20 school budgets for our schools.

Continue to subscribe to the CTE program offerings at Questar III BOCES, Tech Valley, Bard Early College, and the Bridge Program.

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Approval
of the
Budget
Calendar



Business Office
and
Executive Team
Input



Review of
Governor's
Preliminary
Budget
Proposal



CCSD
Community
Stakeholder
Feedback



Make
Adjustments
as
Needed



Board of
Education
Analysis and
Adoption

ACADEMIC RETURN ON INVESTMENT

All District stakeholders must continuously asks questions about our programs and related budgets. Is the budget bringing the District what it is intended to accomplish? The same question must be asked of every department that supports the educational program.

1. Are the results of my spending satisfying the need?
2. Is student achievement improving as a result of the program and related funding?
3. Does the overall purchasing my department add to the overall needs of the District or is there a better alternative?

Budget Development Calendar

- 01/29/20** **BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING #1**
- 02/12/20** **BOARD OF EDUCATION** - Follow-up to 01/29/20 Meeting
- 03/01/20** **TAX LEVY LIMITATION INFORMATION**
- 03/04/20** **BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING #2**
- 03/18/20** **BOARD OF EDUCATION** – Regular Business Meeting
- 04/20/20** **PROPOSITION/PETITION DEADLINE** –
- 04/21/20** **BOARD OF EDUCATION** – Budget Adoption
- 04/22/20** **PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD** - submit to SED and local newspaper.
- 05/05/20** **BUDGET DOCUMENT** – Must be made available to the public.
- 05/06/20** **BUDGET HEARING** - (Part of Regular Board of Education Meeting)
- 05/19/20** **ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE & ELECTION** - 1 PM. - 9 PM

TAX CAP GROWTH FACTOR

- The Tax base growth factor that we must utilize for the Catskill School District in our Tax Cap Formula is 1.0078. This is a result of slight growth the property tax base.
- The tax cap formula also includes an allowable inflation growth factor of 1.018 for the 2020-21 school year This is because the CPI-U is 1.8%
- These two factors, in concert with the permissible exclusions from the tax levy, and any changes in PILOT agreements, form the basis for the tax levy limit calculation to comply with the Property Tax Cap.

BUDGET PARTICULARS

- The same amount of designated fund balance \$915,330
- Revenues based upon Governors Budget Proposal
- Estimated Tax cap 3.11%
- A Tax Levy amount of \$19,482,309 would be the maximum amount allowable without a supermajority based upon current estimates and exclusions

STATE AID PROPOSAL

	2019-2020	2020-2021	Difference
Foundation aid	10,753,448	12,161,089	1,407,641
			0
Universal Pre K	115,007	115,007	0
BOCES	989,941	0	-989,941
Special Services			0
High Cost Excess Cost	285,709	141,180	-144,529
Private excess cost	854,474	945,053	90,579
Hardware and Technology	18,388	0	-18,388
software, library, textbook	114,795	0	-114,795
transportation inc summer	1,611,878	1,475,489	-136,389
building	3,639,630	3,604,280	-35,350
			0
High Tax aid	188,575	0	-188,575
			0
	18,571,845	18,442,098	-129,747

TEACHERS' RETIEMENT SYSTEM (TRS)

- Employer contribution rate increase from 8.86 to 9.75%
- This will require a contribution increase of at least an additional \$122,000
- This represents at least a 10% contribution in employer cost

WHAT ITEMS ARE NEEDED TO FINALIZE THE BUDGET

- Final Health Insurance Rate Increase amounts
- Legislative Aid amounts
- Refinement of BOCES and department budgets
- Retirements and replacements savings

QUESTIONS

COMMENTS

CONCERNS

