

## 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	\$11,714,000	\$12,345,678	\$12,289,178
Increase for the 2020-21 School Year		\$631,678	\$575,178
Percentage Increase in Proposed Budget		5.39%	4.91%
Change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI)		1.81%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$5,088,635	\$5,226,988	
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)	\$5,088,635	\$5,226,988	\$5,088,635
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$166,776	\$193,656	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$4,921,859	\$5,033,332	
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)	\$4,921,859	\$5,033,332	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$0	\$0	
Administrative component	\$1,575,580	\$1,558,013	\$1,556,013
Program component	\$8,880,901	\$9,200,969	\$9,166,469
Capital component	\$1,255,520	\$1,586,696	\$1,566,696

\*\*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.) acquire school buses and vehicles at a maximum aggregate cost of approximately \$200,000

## BASIC STAR EXEMPTION IMPACT

Estimated Basic STAR* Exemption Savings Based on a Hypothetical Home Within the School District with a Full Value of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) and a Basic Star exemption of \$30,000. *The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 School Year
Basic STAR tax savings	\$400

## BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

Executive Order (202.26), declared by Governor Cuomo due to the COVID-19 virus, moved the annual School District Budget Vote and Board of Education Election to June 9, 2020. Voting will be by absentee ballot only.

**As a poll registration district, absentee ballots will be mailed to all individuals who participated in the district's budget vote and elections at least once in the past four years. If you believe your household will not receive a ballot and you would like to participate in this year's vote and election, please contact the District Clerk via email: [sgregorio@fortannschool.org](mailto:sgregorio@fortannschool.org). Ballots must be completed and returned by June 9, 2020 at 5:00 PM. (Statewide Uniform Voting Day)**

To be legally qualified to vote in the Fort Ann School District Budget Vote and Board of Education Election, you must: 1) Be a U.S. Citizen 2) Be a district resident for 30 days or more on June 9, 2020 3) Be at least 18 years old as of June 9, 2020 4) Not otherwise be disqualified under the Election Law.

### Public Hearing

The district is holding a virtual public hearing on the proposed 2020-2021 school budget on Thursday, May 28, 2020, at 12:00 pm and can be viewed on our website: [www.fortannschool.org](http://www.fortannschool.org).

### Copies of the Budget

The statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for the 2020-2021 school year, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by visiting our website [www.fortannschool.org](http://www.fortannschool.org), beginning May 26, 2020.

### Questions or concerns?

Please contact the district office: 518-639-5594 x 52049  
 Superintendent Froats: [kfroats@fortannschool.org](mailto:kfroats@fortannschool.org)  
 District Clerk: [sgregorio@fortannschool.org](mailto:sgregorio@fortannschool.org)

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**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT**  
 Kevin A. Froats

### BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

James Seeley, President  
 Pamela White, Vice President  
 James Allen  
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 Paul Greene  
 Diana Sustar  
 Alison West



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## CARDINAL CONNECTION

Fort Ann Central School District

2020-2021 BUDGET NEWS

The Fort Ann Central School District Board of Education is proposing a budget of \$12,345,678 for the 2020-21 school year. This is an overall budget-to-budget increase of \$631,678 or 5.39%, resulting in an estimated 2.72% increase in the tax levy.

The annual budget vote is on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. Voting will be only by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots will be mailed to all qualified voters of the district and need to be completed and returned by June 9, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

In an executive order on May 1, 2020, Governor Cuomo shared that this year's Annual School Budget Vote and Trustee Election will take place on June 9, exclusively by absentee ballot, due to the COVID-19 public health crisis.

Developing the annual school budget is among the most important activities in which the Board of Education engages in. Given the new reality that we are experiencing with COVID-19, we know that we will continue to face new challenges in the coming school year to meet the varying needs of our students. As a result, public school programs and educational initiatives continue to be among the most significant investments that any community makes collectively.

The Fort Ann Central School District's top priority is to provide access and opportunity for all students to succeed at higher levels while adjusting our financial responsibilities to meet the needs of our community. We realize that our spending plan, educational programs, and initiatives will need to be closely monitored and adjusted as we face the many challenges that will present themselves due to the economic, academic, and social-emotional impact of the pandemic. The proposed 2020-2021 School Budget is a conservative attempt to continue program improvement and support the professional learning that relates to these programs.

The Fort Ann Central School District Board of Education has adopted a proposed budget of \$12,345,678 for the 2020-2021 school year. Under the proposal, a 2.72% tax increase would maintain the quality Pre-K-12 education program we currently offer to our students.

## 2020-21 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

ADMINISTRATIVE	Budget 2019-20	Proposed 2020-21	\$ Change
Board of Education	\$8,750	\$6,309	(\$2,441)
Central Administration	\$204,569	\$212,762	\$8,193
Finance	\$231,730	\$221,120	(\$10,610)
Legal	\$98,550	\$123,550	\$25,000
Public Information	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$0
Central Services	\$92,604	\$62,319	(\$30,285)
Special Items	\$144,690	\$146,736	\$2,046
Instruction	\$338,534	\$345,328	\$6,794
Employee Benefits	\$432,152	\$415,889	(\$16,263)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,575,579</b>	<b>\$1,558,013</b>	<b>(\$17,566)</b>

PROGRAM	2019-20	2020-21	\$ Change
Curriculum & Development	\$45,000	\$62,800	\$17,800
Teaching	\$4,757,653	\$4,920,406	\$162,753
Instructional Media	\$510,205	\$512,340	\$2,135
Pupil Services	\$490,443	\$462,649	(\$27,794)
Pupil Transportation	\$614,606	\$657,430	\$42,824
Culture and Recreation	\$2,000	0	(\$2,000)
Community Service	\$4,000	\$2,000	(\$2,000)
Employee Benefits	\$2,445,244	\$2,560,344	\$115,100
Interfund Transfers	\$13,750	\$23,000	\$9,250
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$8,882,901</b>	<b>\$9,200,969</b>	<b>\$318,068</b>

CAPITAL	2019-20	2020-21	\$ Change
Plant Operations	\$545,500	\$575,765	\$30,265
Plant Maintenance	\$105,500	\$139,000	\$33,500
Employee Benefits	\$114,582	\$140,495	\$25,913
Debt Service	\$389,938	\$631,436	\$241,498
Transfer to Other Funds	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,255,520</b>	<b>\$1,586,696</b>	<b>\$331,176</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$11,714,000</b>	<b>\$12,345,678</b>	<b>\$631,678</b>

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2020-21 BUDGET

Current 2019-2020 school budget	\$11,714,000
Proposed 2020-2021 school budget	\$12,345,678
Increase from current year	\$631,678
Percentage increase in the proposed budget	5.39%
Estimated increase in tax levy	2.72%

## 2020-21 REVENUE SUMMARY

ESTIMATED REVENUES	Budget 2019-20	Proposed 2020-21	\$ Change
Real Property Taxes	\$5,088,635	\$5,226,988	\$138,353
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$16,938	\$16,938	\$0
Interest & Penalties	\$6,427	\$6,427	\$0
Charges for Services	\$4,000	\$0	(\$4,000)
Other Districts & Government	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Used of Money & Property	\$19,268	\$44,619	\$25,351
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$153,816	\$103,000	(\$50,816)
State Aid	\$5,830,916	\$6,326,706	\$495,790
Federal Aid	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
Reserves	\$79,000	\$0	(\$79,000)
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$495,000	\$600,000	\$105,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$11,987,328</b>	<b>\$12,345,678</b>	<b>\$358,350</b>



## PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

	2019-20 Budget	2020-21 Budget	Percent Change
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I. Difference (G - H); (negative value requires 60% voter approval)	\$0	\$0	
Public School Enrollment	500	476	
Consumer Price Index	2.44%	1.81%	
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$1,145,220	\$1,143,000	
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$495,000	\$600,000	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$815,582	\$424,000	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	2.09%	3.43%	

## ON THE BALLOT

### 2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

SHALL the Board of Education of the Fort Ann Central School District, Washington County, New York, be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the budget in the total amount of \$12,345,678 and to levy the necessary tax therefore?

(Vote for any One)

YES

NO

### PROPOSITION I - SCHOOL BUSES

SHALL the Board of Education of the Fort Ann Central School District be authorized to: (1) acquire school buses and vehicles at a maximum aggregate cost of approximately \$200,000; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds, notes and/or installment purchase contracts of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$200,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due? (Vote for any One)

YES

NO

### ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education, each to a three (3) year term commencing on July 1, 2020 and expiring on June 30, 2023, to fill seats currently held by Alison West and Cathy Graham.

(Vote for any Two)

Alison West \_\_\_\_\_

Cathy Graham \_\_\_\_\_

Write-In:



Budget Vote | Tuesday, June 9, 2020

## A Tribute to the Graduating Class of 2020

