CONSIDERING THE 2020-21 BUDGET:

Weighing What's Best for Students and Its Impact on Taxpayers

I hope this newsletter finds everyone staying safe and healthy in this time of uncertainty.

Since the order to close schools in New York State on March 16th, COVID-19 has truly turned the educational world upside down AND inside out. The traditional format of students attending classes with teachers providing instruction and immediate feedback has been temporarily replaced with instructional materials being sent to students to work on from their homes, while all NYS assessments this spring have been cancelled. During the same time frame, the cafeteria staff has worked hard to prepare meals in an empty cafeteria, while bus drivers have ensured their delivery.

In the midst of all these changes, the budget process has not escaped the grasp of COVID-19. If this were a "traditional" year, the budget hearing presentation and vote would have already taken place. However, the timeline and process for voting has changed. This year, all voting will take place via absentee ballots that must be received by the District by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, June 9th.



Despite these changes, Ellicottville Central School will maintain consistency with the budget process in this time of great uncertainty. Some of the questions / information you may hear in the news include:

- ➤ Will state aid still be cut this year? (The answer is "it could," but we have not been notified it will be cut or by how much. Currently, approximately 33% of our operating budget is supported with \$4,300,000 in state aid.)
- ➤ What will state aid look like for next year? The fact is, we do not know right now. While the Governor mentioned 20% in some press conferences, we have not received an official determination on this.

With so many unknowns, we will not be tempted to make changes to compensate for what we think may happen, because doing so would involve guessing. Instead, we will move forward with decisions based on the facts and information that is available. We will work within the parameters of the 2020-21 budget the Board of Education adopted in March. That budget is based on known facts and data. If the District were to make budget cuts now that end up being larger than necessary, we could possibly deny students opportunities, and we do not want to do that. We also want to stay within the tax cap. If we challenge the tax cap, we could find out that we "over-taxed" the public when final aid numbers are released, and we **do not** want to do that.

No matter what happens, the District will closely monitor both the aid received as well as spending. In a perfect world, between NYS and Federal Legislation, ECS will receive all the aid that was originally projected. However, if that does not occur, we will analyze our cash flow to determine where we will trim the budget if necessary. The District has options.

- ➤ If the there is a "small" gap between actual and anticipated revenue, we will be able to "trim" items and programs so as to minimize the effect on our educational programs.
- ➤ If the gap between actual and anticipated revenue is significant, then we may have to consider more drastic cuts, including staffing.
- ➤ In the event of a significant gap, the District may also look to borrow money. This would **ONLY** be considered as a last resort, as borrowing money could equate in a need to challenge the tax cap next year.
- ➤ We can also consider a combination of making cuts and borrowing money.

Please be assured, that we will take the responsibility to determine the best course of action. If funds are short, then we will consider all options, keeping in mind what is not only best for students, but what the impact will be for taxpayers as well.

We believe that the adopted budget is responsible, fair to the taxpayers, and provides solid educational opportunities for students. Among other things, this budget allows for:

- ➤ the addition of Modified Football.
- ➤ updates / replacement of software programs and agreements to ensure that students and staff are using programs that are not only current, but also meet the data privacy and security standards as set forth in NYS Education Law.

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2020-21 BUDGET CONTINUED:

- ➤ the replacement of student laptop computers that are no longer compatible with the demands of available software and the needs of students.
- ➤ Replacement of outdated copy machines that break down often, are expensive to repair, and operate inefficiently.

At the same time, we have taken measures to control spending:

- ➤ Based on enrollment numbers, we will reduce the number of classes in the elementary school by one (1). We do not have to cut a staff member to do this, as we will not replace a teacher that is retiring.
- ➤ We will make better use of software that uses remote storage and allows us to eliminate expensive maintenance on and/or replacement of servers.

To be sure, this budget process will not be typical for the school. But, we are up for the challenge and we will provide the best education we can for students. Watch your mail for absentee ballots. If you or someone you know who is a qualified voter did not receive a ballot in the mail, please contact Melissa Sawicki right away at 716-699-2368 extension 1300. Please be sure your ballots are received by the District Office by 5:00

In the meantime, stay safe and healthy.

PM on Tuesday, June 9th.

Take care,

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Robert Miller Superintendent



Meet the BOE Candidate

One Open Seat on the Board of Education

Karl W. Northrup: My name is Karl W. Northrup and I am running for the School Board and asking for your support in the upcoming June 9th election. I have been a resident of the Ellicottville area my entire life. I graduated from ECS in 1996 and continued my education at New Mexico State University where I received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration in 2000. After college I started working at JD Northrup Construction Inc. where I continue to work, I have served as President and owner since 2008. I married my wife, Jill, in 2006 and we have three daughters who attend ECS: Ande, Karle, and Austyn.

I believe that my experience as a business owner, my connections to the

ECS community and being a parent to three students at ECS, would allow me to be a productive member of your school board. Through my experience as



a business owner and contractor I feel I can be an asset to the school board. As a lifelong resident with strong ties to this community I believe this allows me the advantage to understand the needs our students as well as our community. As a father to three daughters attending ECS in grades kindergarten through seventh I will be invested in the school district for several years to come. I will do my best to continue ECS in a positive direction.

Detailed Budget Statement

The Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District will have prepared and completed a detailed statement in writing of the amount of money which will be required during the ensuing 2020-2021 fiscal year for school purposes, specifying the several purposes and the amount for each. The amount of each purpose estimated necessary for payments to boards of cooperative education services shall be set forth in full with no deduction of estimated state aid. Said statement will be available, upon request, to taxpayers within this District during the hours of 7:00 A.M. Prevailing Time to 3:00 P.M. Prevailing Time from May 28, 2020 to June 9, 2018 exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, in the Business Office and District Office of Ellicottville Central School

Budget Copies

Copies of the budget will be available for review in the District's Business Office and the Superintendent's Office after the June 9, 2020 vote. Office hours are Monday-Friday (7:00 am - 3:00 pm exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and holidays).

Absentee Ballots

Voting for 2020-21 School Budget & School Board Members: All voting will be done via absentee ballot. All qualified voters who reside in the Ellicottville Central School District are eligible to receive an absentee ballot via US Mail. If you are a qualified voter and do not receive an absentee ballot via US Mail, please contact Ellicottville Central School @ 716-699-2368 (ext. 1300) between the hours of 7:00 am - 3:00 pm (Monday-Friday) to obtain a ballot. In order for a ballot to be counted, it must be received by the District Clerk no later than Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 5:00 pm EST.

- * A qualified voter is defined as:
- At least eighteen (18) years of age,
- · A United States citizen, and
- A resident of the school district for thirty (30) days immediately preceding the election and not otherwise prohibited from voting under the provisions of Section 5-106 of the Election Law (e.g. a person who has been adjudged to be mentally incompetent).

Ellicottville Central School District Budget Issue • May 2020

2020-2021 District School Budget Summary

ELLICOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE & BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

June 9, 2020 by Absentee Ballot ONLY

Absentee Ballots must be returned to the District Clerk by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, June 9, 2020

BASIC BUDGET - Proposition #1

Resolved: That the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District in the County of Cattaraugus, State of New York, BE AND IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EX-PEND THE SUM OF \$13,216,872 for the 2020/2021 school vear budget.

The Basic Budget will provide funds for all of the educationally related services and the maintenance of our school building.

Check One:	
\square YES	\square NO

SCHOOL BUS LEASE - Proposition #2

Resolved: This proposition will authorize the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District in the County of Cattaraugus, State of New York, to levy an additional (not to exceed) \$38,800 to lease 2 (two) 66 passenger IC school buses and \$15,200 to lease 1 (one) Trans Tech Wheelchair Accessible 22 passenger school bus for each of the next five years (five annual payments) commencing with the 2020/2021 school year.

Check One:	
\square YES	□NO

ELLICOTTVILLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY TAX -Proposition #3

Resolved: that the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District is hereby authorized to levy taxes annually in the amount of \$65,000 and to pay over such monies to the trustees of the Ellicottville Memorial Library.

Check One:	
\square YES	□NO

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER ELECTION

The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve a five-year term, beginning on July 1, 2020 and expiring on June 30, 2025.

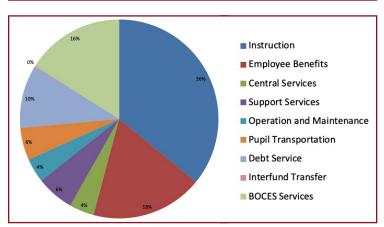
Vote for ONE (1) (Please check):		
☐ Karl Nortl	nrup 🗆	l(Write-in Candidate)
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ECS Summary of Estimated Revenues

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	2019-20	2020-21
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	9,000.00	5,791.00
Interest & Interest/Penalties on Real Property	12,000.00	13,249.00
Non-Resident Tuition	60,000.00	70,000.00
Other Student Related Fees/Charges	500.00	1,000.00
Rental of Real Property	112,000.00	118,000.00
Refund of Prior Year BOCES	100,000.00	90,000.00
Foundation Aid	2,834,273.00	2,834,273.00
Lottery Aid	175,000.00	180,000.00
Excess Aid Costs	125,000.00	125,000.00
Transportation Aid	140,000.00	165,000.00
Building Aid	939,543.00	573,653.00
GAP Elimination	0.00	0.00
BOCES & Special Services	353,013.00	390,000.00
Tuition for Students w/ Disabilities	0.00	0.00
Textbook, Library, & Software	39,227.00	37,943.00
Federal Medicaid Reimbursement	80,000.00	100,000.00
Pandemic Adjustment	0.00	-95,283.00
Federal CARES Restoration	0.00	95,283.00
Total Federal, State & Local Funding	\$4,979,556.00	\$4,703,909.00
Additional Funding		
Appropriated Fund Balance	450,000.00	540,000.00
Real Property Tax Levy	7,644,241.00	7,972,963.00
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Total Projected Basic Budget Revenues	\$13,073,797.00	\$13,216,872.00
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Appropriation for Public Library	32,042.00	65,000.00
Bus Lease	40,500.00	54,000.00
Total Budget Revenues	\$13,146,339.00	\$13,335,872.00
Total Tax Levy	7,716,783.00	8,091,963.00
(including all propositions)	7,710,703.00	5,071,703.00

ECS Summary of Estimated Expenditures

	2019-20	2020-21
Instruction	4,632,405.00	4,749,356.00
Employee Benefits	2,429,285.00	2,410,561.00
Central Services	527,776.00	533,203.00
Support Services	799,552.00	812,690.00
Operation and Maintenance	515,765.00	519,161.00
Pupil Transportation	684,426.00	699,055.00
Debt Service	1,395,410.00	1,355,876.00
Interfund Transfer	25,000.00	15,000.00
BOCES Services	2,064,178.00	2,121,970.00
Total Proposed Expenditures	\$13,073,797.00	\$13,216,872.00



Propositions (Voted as separate lines)	2019-20	2020-21
Basic Budget	13,208,690.00	13,216,872.00
Public Library	32,042.00	65,000.00
Bus Lease (2- 66 passenger buses, 1 Wheelchair bus)	40,500.00	54,000.00
Total Budget Expenditures	\$13,281,232.00	\$13,335,872.00



BOCES EXPENSES

The total of budgeted services to be purchased from BOCES is \$2,121,970 (approx.16%). All BOCES costs have been shown in a separate table rather than interspersed throughout the budget. The main areas include: personal services, public information, operation of plant, central services, special education, Career and Technical Education (CTE) services, library and technology. Most expenses in this area receive 36% in BOCES aid. Sharing costs through BOCES allows the District to obtain programs, learning opportunities and services in a more cost effective manner.

BOCES Expenses	2019-20	2020-21
Personnel Services	150,239.00	175,666.00
Public Information	53,712.00	54,609.00
Operation of Plant	21,724.00	22,829.00
Central Services	363,193.00	373,621.00
Instructional incl Special Education	1,007,395.00	1,038,754.00
CTE Services	264,349.00	281,304.00
Library/Computers/ Software	203,566.00	175,187.00
Total Budget Expenditures	\$2,064,178.00	\$2,121,970.00

INSTRUCTION

36% percent of the budget is directly related to the teaching and learning process. Salaries for teachers and support staff, classroom equipment and supplies, textbooks and some special education costs are included in this section.

Instruction	2019-20	2020-21
Teaching- Regular Day School	3,856,386.00	3,884,906.00
Includes salaries for teachers & s and supplies, conferences & text		m equipment
Handicapped Students	436,431.00	524,902.00
Provides for special education classes and related services for the Committee on Special Education		
Curriculum Development	13,500.00	13,500.00
Staff Supervision/ Instruction	308,088.00	307,548.00
Salaries for administration and clerical staff, expenses related to instructional improvement		
Summer School & Drivers Education	18,000.00	18,500.00
Total Budget Expenditures	\$4,632,405.00	\$4,749,356.00

ECS Summary of Estimated Expenditures

DEBT SERVICE

The District is currently paying for the Middle School/High School renovations and the Multi-Purpose Gym renovations/Roof Repairs. The debt service portion of the budget is approximately 10%. All capital projects receive 65.1% in Building Aid for the duration of the repayment of the debt.

Debt Service	2019-20	2020-21
Middle School/High School Renovations	545,685.00	544,128.00
Multi-Purpose Gym, Rennovations & Roof Repairs	849,725.00	811,748.00
Total Budget Expenditures	\$1,395,410.00	\$1,355,876.00

CENTRAL SERVICES

This area of the budget provides funds for the business and management operations of the district. Included are the salaries of administrative and clerical personnel. It also includes insurance, legal, auditing, mailing, financial, data processing, copiers and district printing costs.

This year central services represents 4% of the total budget.

Central Services	2019-20	2020-21
Board of Education/District Clerk/Meetings	27,785.00	29,719.00
Superintendent's Office	195,732.00	200,656.00
Administration and clerical salar	ries, supplies and exp	enses
Business Office/Audit/Tax Collection	185,509.00	187,628.00
Administration and clerical salaries, supplies & equipment as well as contractual expenses for auditing, printing, and mailing of tax bills.		
Printing and Mailing	30,050.00	26,500.00
Includes costs of all printing, dup	olication, and postage	2
Legal/Insurance/Dues/ Misc	85,200.00	85,200.00
Legal counsel, all property, student accident, and liability insurance, as well as dues, membership fees for required professional affiliations		
Property Tax Refunds	3,500.00	3,500.00
Refunds mandated by the Real Property Tax Office due to assessment changes		
Total Budget Expenditures	\$527,776.00	\$533,203.00

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Instruction Support Services provide our students with a variety of opportunities and services that will enhance their educational experiences. This area of the budget accounts for 6% and includes interscholastic sports, extra-curricular activities, library, computer technology, costs associated with college courses taught by ECS staff, health and guidance services. Instructional Support Services are very important to the academic, physical, emotional and psychological development of our students.

Instructional Support	2019-20	2020-21
Guidance Services	208,908.00	218,785.00
Includes salaries and other costs	for our guidance pro	gram
Library/AV	11,140.00	11,100.00
Covers cost of operating the element of the control		
Computer/Technology/ CAI/Networking	180,588.00	176,712.00
Costs associated with technolog	y, supplies, software	and support staff
Health Services	58,006.00	58,729.00
Includes the salary of the nurse, school doctor, supplies and other costs associated with the health office		
Psychological Services	57,262.00	50,674.00
Student testing expenses and supplies, along with the School Psychologist salary		
Extra-Curricular Activities	36,000.00	41,000.00
Salaries of advisors and expenses for student activity groups such as Student Council, Language Club, etc.		
Interscholastic Athletics	247,648.00	255,690.00
Includes coaching salaries, official fees, equipment, fitness room expenses & supplies for all sports programs		
Total Budget	\$799,552.00	\$812,690.00



Expenditures

ECS Summary of Estimated Expenditures

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The items listed below comprise 18% of the budget and are either prescribed by law or have been negotiated with employee bargaining units. As a public school system, retirement benefits to all employees are mandated, as well as, Social Security and Worker's Compensation. All full-time employees have the opportunity for health insurance benefits.

Employee Benefits	2019-20	2020-21	
NYS Employees' Retirement System	188,602.00	184,443.00	
NYS Teachers' Retirement System	480,000.00	484,000.00	
Social Security	445,000.00	452,000.00	
Unemployment Insurance	14,000.00	19,925.00	
Health Insurance	1,246,603.00	1,233,278.00	
Workers' Compensation	55,080.00	36,915.00	
Total Budget Expenditures	\$2,429,285.00	\$2,410,561.00	

TRANSPORTATION

The district will expend 5% of the total budget to provide regular daily transportation for our students, as well as, for those attending various special education programs in other school districts. Transportation costs for the Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs at the BOCES North Center, after school academic programs and all interscholastic sports are also contained in this area of the budget. The district continues to monitor and implement a long range plan to lease all new buses for a revolving five year time period.

Transportation	2019-20	2020-21				
Salaries	358,570.00	349,997.00				
Equipment	13,375.00	42,310.00				
Insurance/Utilities/ Contractual	42,950.00	42,950.00				
Insurance for vehicles and utility expenses for the bus garage						
Contract Transportation	10,000.00	10,000.00				
Supplies	44,345.00	43,500.00				
Includes parts for repairs and supplies for bus garage maintenance						
Fuel/Oil/Tires	87,500.00	77,500.00				
Bus Lease (9 buses)	127,686.00	132,798.00				
Total Budget Expenditures	\$684,426.00	\$699,055.00				

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

This part of the budget supports the maintenance of all district facilities, athletic fields and other outdoor areas. 4% of the budget is committed to staff salaries, utility costs, contractual services, supplies, equipment and materials for general maintenance/repair of facilities.

Operation & Maintenance	2019-20	2020-21
Salaries	253,365.00	265,107.00
Equipment	14,600.00	18,254.00
Contract Expenses/Repairs	40,200.00	43,200.00
Supplies	72,600.00	72,600.00
Utilities	135,000.00	120,000.00
Total Budget Expenditures	\$515,765.00	\$519,161.00

EXPLANATION OF THREE PART BUDGET PRESENTATION

Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1997 require public school boards of education to present the proposed budget in three parts. As a result, this presentation is organized around the following components; administrative, capital, and program:

Administrative Component: Includes expenses associated with the operation of the school board, superintendent's office, and business office. It also includes salaries and benefits for all certified administrators and supervisors who spend a majority of their time performing administrative duties, consulting costs not directly related to instructional programs, and all other activities that are administrative in nature.

Capital Component: Includes debt service for all facilities financed by bonds and notes of the district; lease expenditures; costs resulting from judgments in tax certiorari proceedings; awards from court judgments; administrative orders and settled claims; cost of construction, acquisition, reconstruction, rehabilitation, and improvements of school buildings; all expenses associated with custodial and maintenance salaries; and benefits, service contracts, supplies, utilities, maintenance, and repair of school facilities.

Program Component: Includes salaries and benefits of teachers and any school administrator or supervisor who spends a majority of their time performing teaching duties, and all transportation operating expenses.

Proposed Budget

	Bud	lget Component	S	2019-20	2020-21	
	Administrative	Capital	Instructional	Total	Total	Increase/ (Decrease) \$
GENERAL SUPPORT						(Decrease) 4
*includes BOCES services						
Board of Education	29,719			27,785	29,719	1,934
Central Administration	200,656			195,732	200,656	4,924
Finance	187,627			185,509	187,627	2,118
Legal/Personnel/Public Info	250,275			223,951	250,275	26,324
Central Services-Operation of Plant	259,295	541,145		778,398	800,440	22,042
Central Printing	26,500			30,050	26,500	(3,550
Insurance/Refunds/Dues/Unclassified	65,200	3,500		68,700	68,700	(
BOCES Central Data/Admin/Capital	135,091			122,284	135,091	12,807
TOTAL GENERAL SUPPORT	\$1,154,363	\$544,645	\$0	\$1,632,409	\$1,699,008	\$66,599
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT						
*includes BOCES services						
Curriculum/Supervision/Inservice	313,739			312,273	313,739	1,466
Staff Development	,		117,192	115,205	117,192	1,987
Instructional Program-Teaching			5,607,005	5,456,532	5,607,005	150,473
Instructional Program - Media/Tech			344,003	395,294	344,003	(51,291)
Guidance/Health/Psychological			349,398	345,315	349,398	4,083
Co-Curricular/Interscholastic Activities			305,190	291,648	305,190	13,542
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT	\$313,739	\$0	\$6,722,788	\$6,916,267	\$7,036,527	\$120,260
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION						
District Transportation		0	699,900	684,426	699,900	44,500
TOTAL STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	0	0	\$699,900	\$684,426	\$699,900	\$15,474
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS						
NYS Teacher Retirement System	48,400		435,600	480,000	484,000	4,000
NYS Employee Retirement System	18,444	3,687	162,312	188,602	184,443	(4,159)
Social Security	47,000	14,100	408,900	445,000	470,000	25,000
Worker's Compensation	5,906	5,168	25,841	55,080	36,915	(18,165)
Unemployment Insurance	2,900	, , ,	2,100	5,000	5,000	(
Health Benefits	123,020	24,604	1,082,579	1,246,603	1,230,203	(16,400)
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$245,670	\$47,559	\$2,117,332	\$2,420,285	\$2,410,561	\$(9,724)
TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS			15,000	25,000	15,000	(10,000)
TOTAL TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	0	0	\$15,000	\$25,000	\$15,000	\$(10,000)
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DEBT SERVICE		011 715	<u> </u>	0.10.70-	011 710	(2= 2==
New Capital Project- Multipurpose Gym		811,748		849,725	811,748	(37,977)
MS/HS renovation & construction		544,128		545,685	544,128	(1,557)
Boilers Interest & Principal		0		0		(
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		\$1,355,876		\$1,395,410	\$1,355,876	\$(39,534)
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	\$1,713,772	\$1,948,080	\$9,555,020	\$13,073,797	\$13,216,872	\$143,075

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NYSED ACCOUNTABILITY SUMMARY (2018–19)

INFORMATION ABOUT EXPENDITURE RATIOS (2017-18)

(Data are lagged a year.) Commissioner's Regulations require that certain expenditure ratios for general-education and special-education students be reported and compared with ratios for similar districts and all public schools. The required ratios for this district are reported to the right.

The numbers used to compute the statistics on this page were collected on the State Aid Form A, the State Aid Form F, the School District Annual Financial Report (ST-3), and from the Student Information Repository System (SIRS).

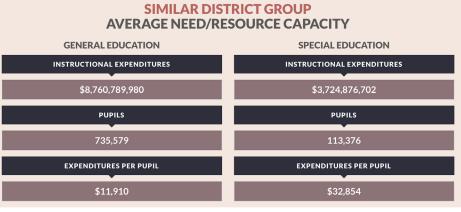
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