



Enlarged City School District



# Budget 2020-21

Cortland Enlarged City School District  
May 26, 2020



**Cortland High School**



**Junior High School**



**Randall Middle**



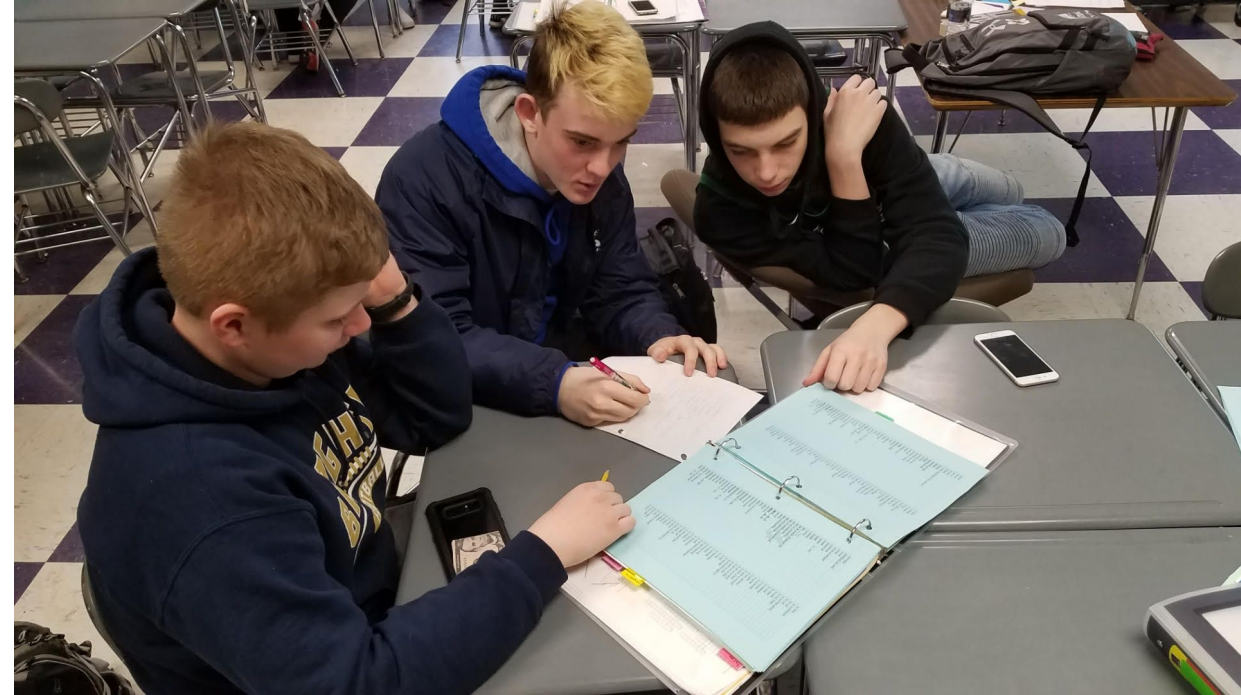
**Smith Intermediate**



**Barry Primary**

# Budget Process

- Students first
- Fiscal challenges create difficult decisions
- Planning with the future in mind
- Review operational efficiencies



# “World Ready” Graduates

- Preserve opportunities for students
- Responsibly expand student offerings and opportunities
- Offer relevant & engaging courses to prepare students for the future



# Fiscal Challenges

- Legacy costs are a concern
- Albany has not allowed the Foundation Aid Formula to run as required. That would give Cortland an additional \$2.5 million this year alone
- Previously we have been utilizing reserves without the ability to repay
- Tax Levy Limit - 2% is not really 2%
- COVID-19 impact unknown

# Planning with the Future in Mind

- Facilities to support 21st century learning
- Smart School Bond Act
- Returning students and staff to the classroom will require proper short-term and long-term planning

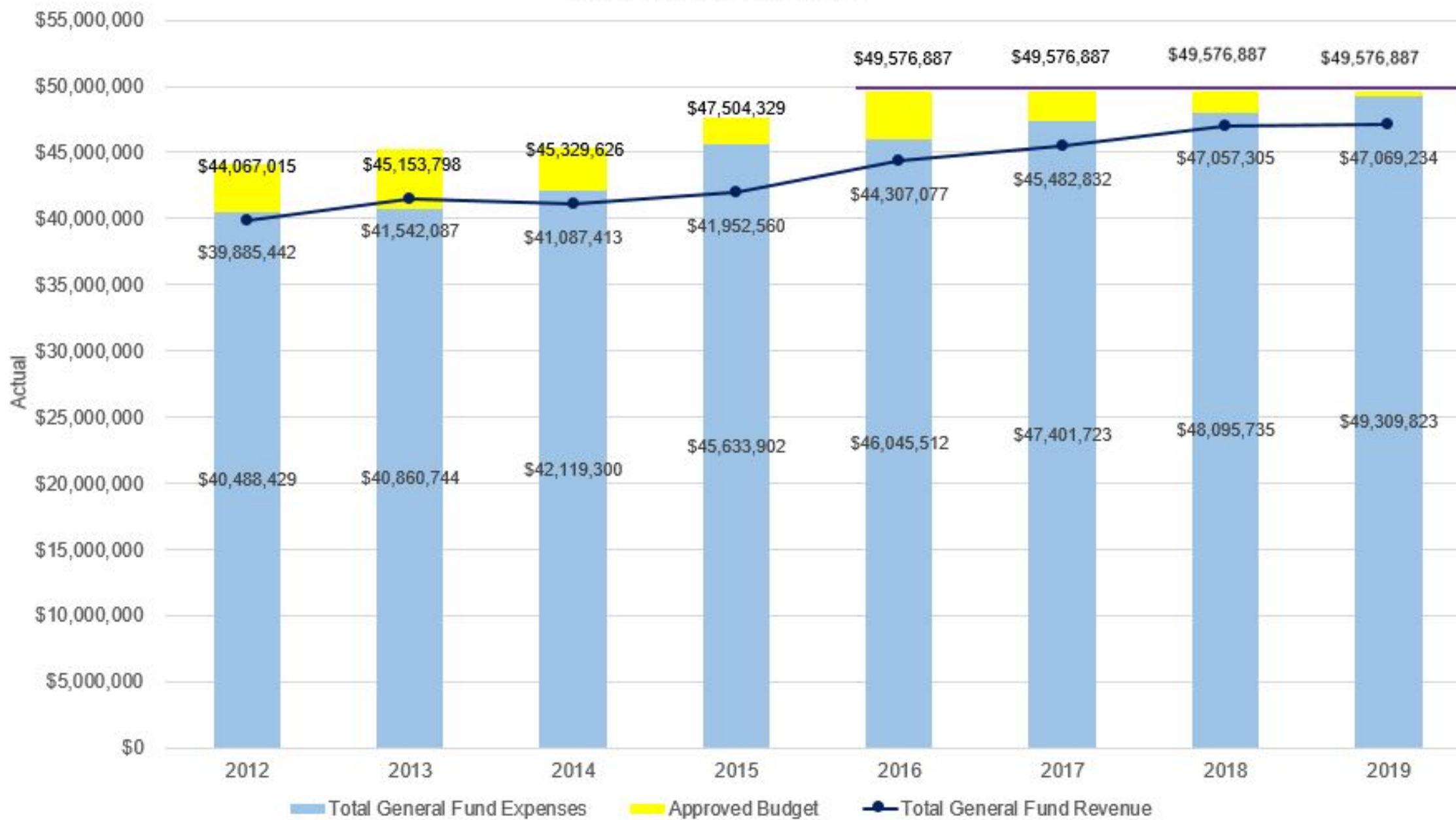


## Sources of Revenue

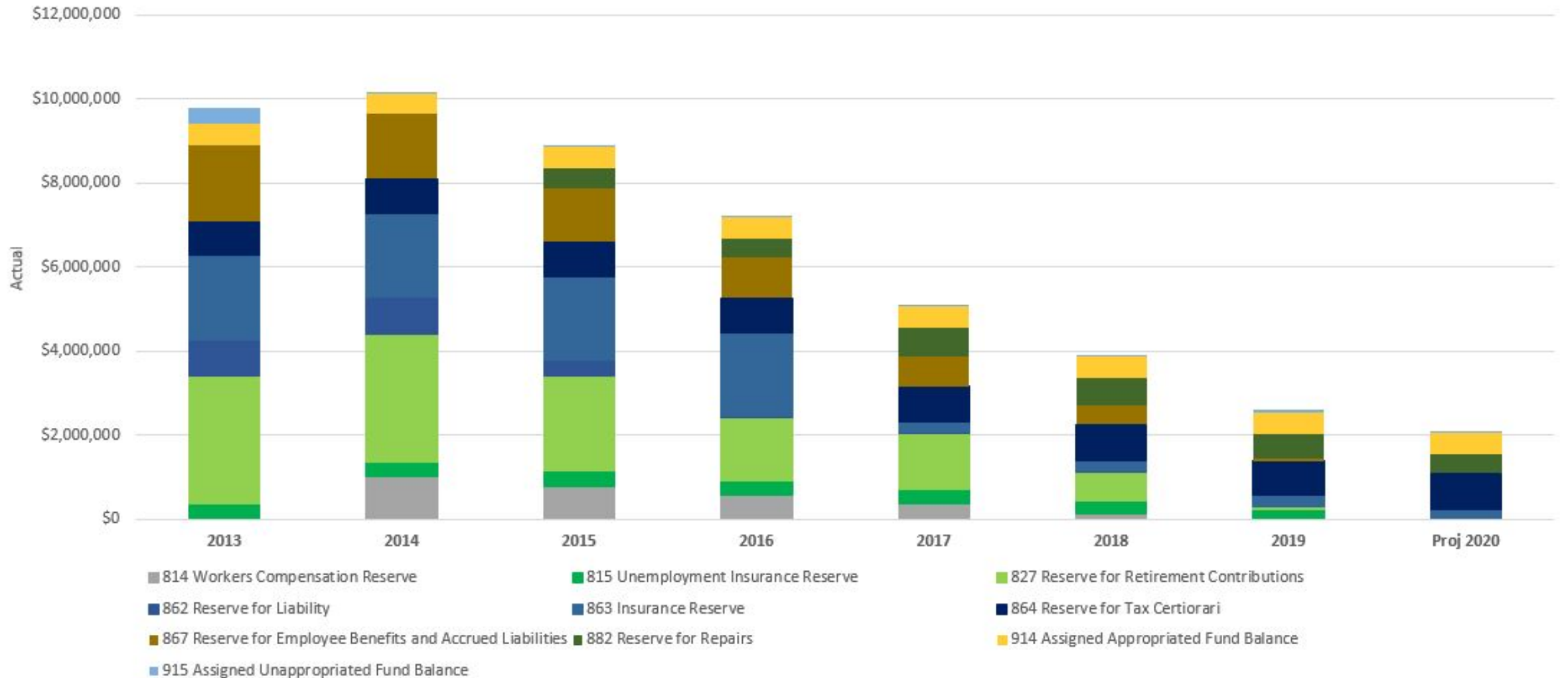
	2019-20 Budget	2019-20 Percent	2020-21 Proposed	2020-21 Percent	Dollar Change
State Aid	\$29,702,387	60.0%	\$30,835,771	61.46%	\$1,133,384
Other Revenue	\$1,550,650	3.1%	\$1,583,150	3.16%	\$32,500
Reserves	\$764,171	1.5%	\$0	0.0%	-\$764,171
Property Taxes	\$17,559,679	35.4%	\$17,751,080	35.38%	\$191,401
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$49,576,887</b>		<b>\$50,170,001</b>		<b>\$593,114</b>

# General Fund Revenue vs General Fund Expenses

Including Approved Budget



## Fund Balance and Reserves without Capital



# State Aid

- No increase in Foundation Aid this year
- Expense driven aid reimburses a percentage of the items and services that we pay for (BOCES, capital, transportation, etc.)
- Budget increase is supported by Building aid due to auditorium project being completed

# Tax Levy Limit

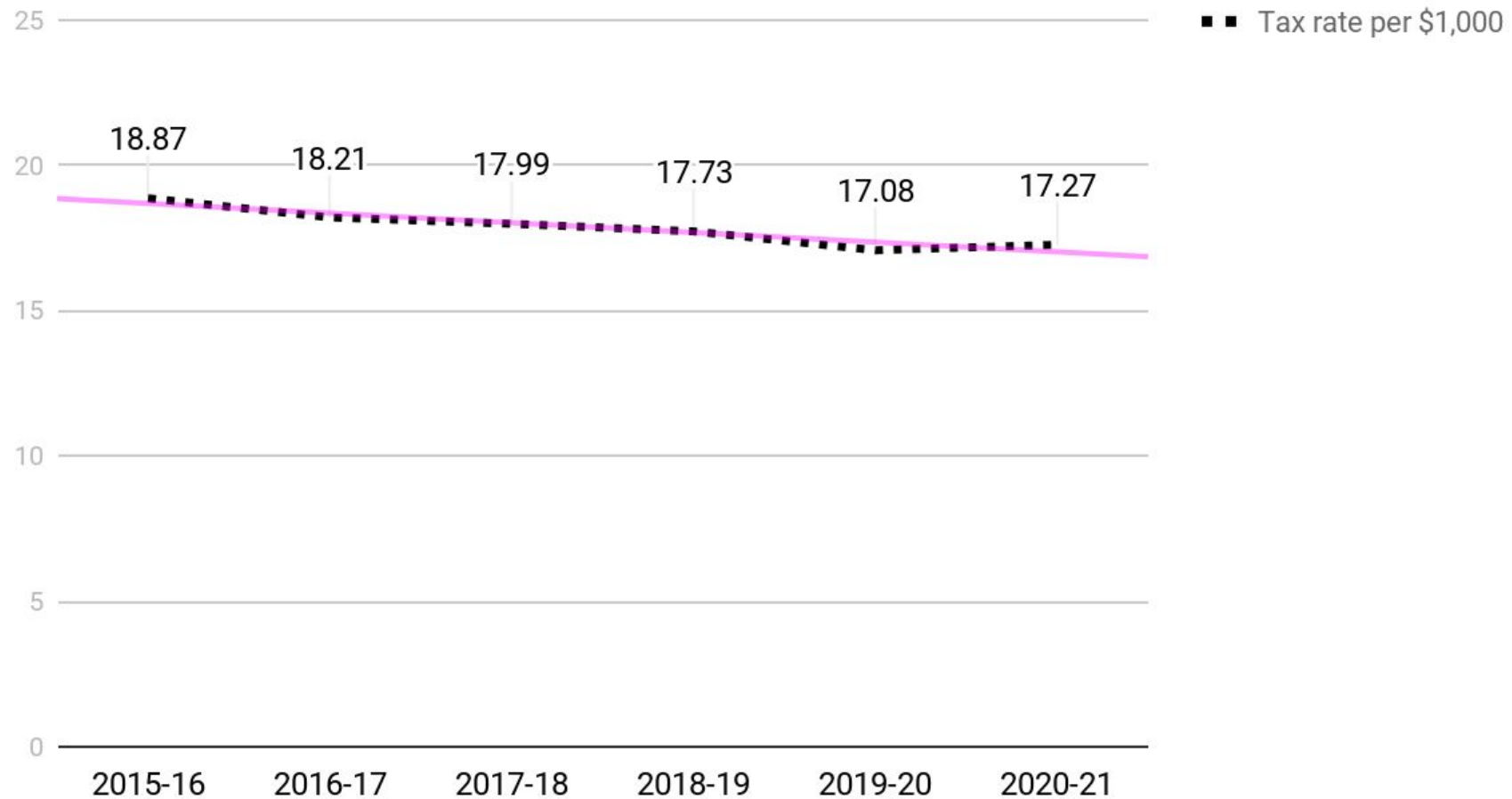
- 2% tax levy limit is a complex calculation
- CECSD calculation resulted in a 1.09% tax levy limit for 2020-21
- Revenue increase of \$191,401
- Exclusions from 2019-20 to 2020-21
- No tax levy increase in 2016-17 or 2017-18
- We could not continue to balance the budget by using reserves

# Tax Rate for 20-21

- Amount of tax residents are anticipated to pay
- Tax rate projected to be \$17.27 for per \$1,000 assessed value
- For example, if your property is assessed for \$70,000 your tax without exemptions would be approximately \$1,209
- This results in an increase of approximately \$13.30/year on your tax bill

# Tax Rate per thousand

## True Tax Rate



# STAR Savings

- Primary residence of the homeowner
- Income guidelines
- Enhanced program for those over 65
- The local assessors are involved with this program

# Basic STAR Savings

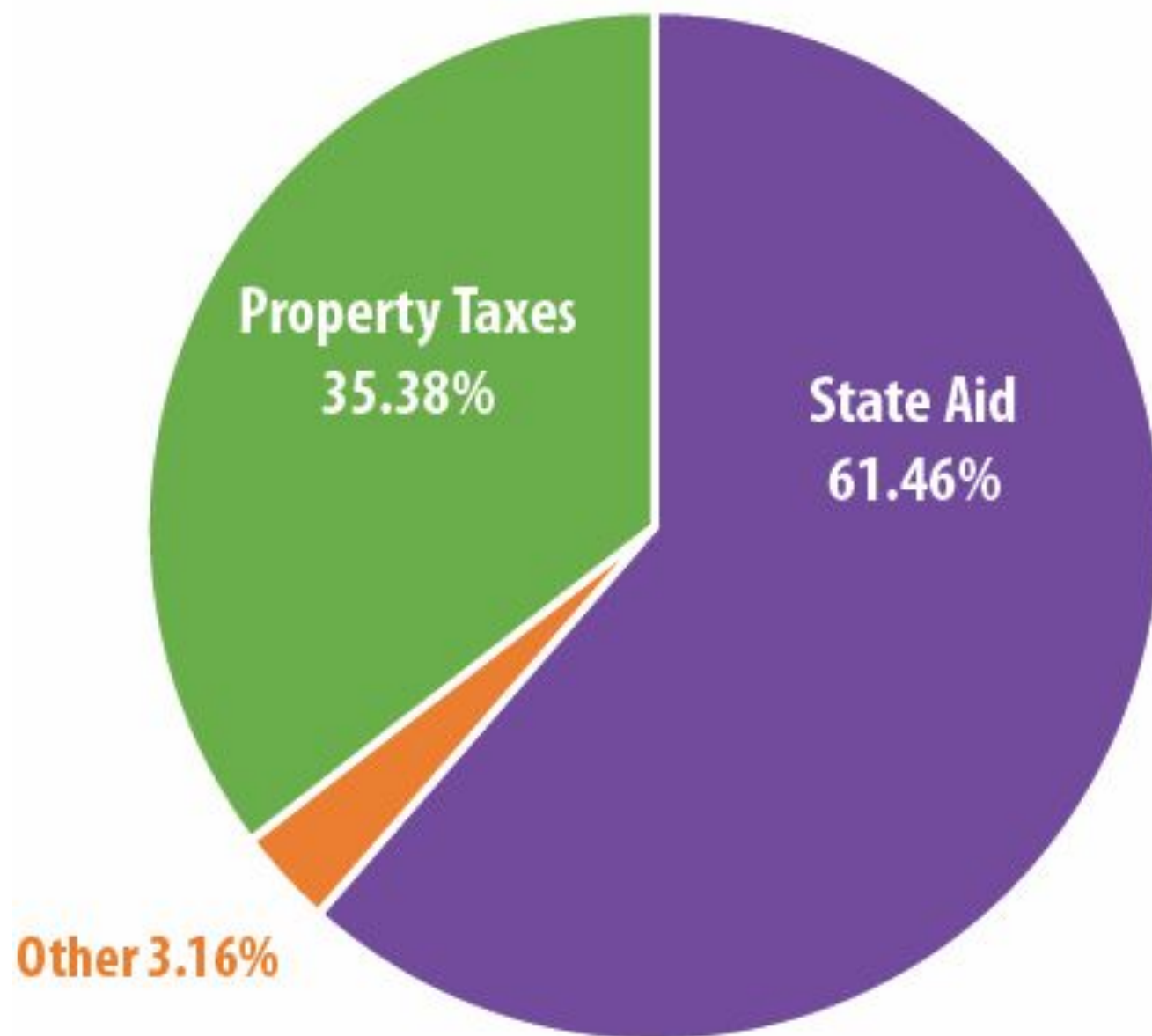
- Basic Star credits you with up to \$535 of savings toward school taxes
- \$70,000 home with a projected tax rate of \$17.27 per \$1,000 of assessed value tax bill will be approximately \$1,209
- (Tax rate/thousand) x assessed value

$$(\$17.27/\$1,000) \times \$70,000 = \$1,209$$

Less star savings:

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{\quad 535} \\ \$ \quad 674 \end{array}$$

## 2020-21 Revenue Summary



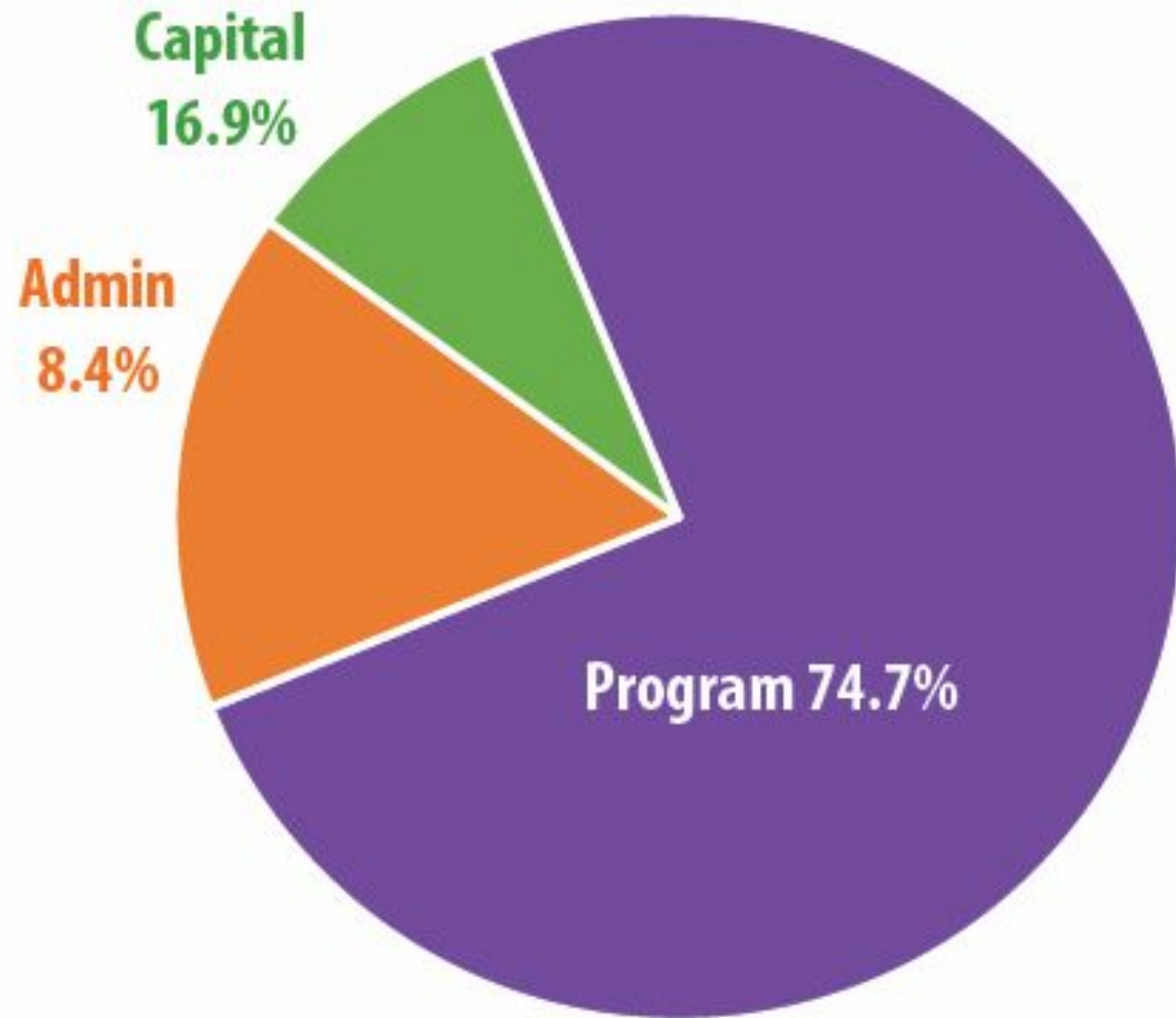
# Budget Increase 1.20%

<b>Cost Containment Measures</b>	<b>Cost Drivers</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Attrition</li><li>● Energy efficiency</li><li>● Grade configuration efficiencies</li><li>● Continuous review</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Contractual obligations</li><li>● Health insurance increase</li><li>● Specialized programming</li></ul>

## Three Part Budget Summary

	2019-20 Budget	2019-20 Percent	2020-21 Proposed	2020-21 Percent	Dollar Change
Administration	\$4,368,143	8.8%	\$4,227,971	8.4%	-\$140,172
Program	\$37,206,691	75.1%	\$37,454,236	74.7%	\$247,545
Capital	\$8,002,053	16.1%	\$8,487,794	16.9%	\$485,741
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$49,576,887</b>		<b>\$50,170,001</b>		<b>\$593,114</b>

## 2020-21 Spending Summary



# 3 Part budget

**Three-part budget:** School districts must, by law, divide their budgets into three parts: administrative, capital and program. Each year districts must show how much each part has changed in relation to the whole budget. The three parts are as follows:

**Administrative Budget Component:** These expenditures include office and administrative costs, salaries and benefits for certified school administrators, legal fees, insurance, school board expenses, the business office, and recruitment.

**Capital Budget Component:** This includes all school bus purchases, debt service on buildings, tax certiorari and court-ordered costs, facility costs (including salaries and benefits of the custodial and maintenance staff), service contracts, maintenance supplies and equipment, and utilities.

**Program Budget Component:** This portion includes salaries and benefits of teachers and staff that directly work with students daily. Instructional costs such as supplies, technology, textbooks, co-curricular activities, athletics, and transportation operating costs.

## How is the \$50,170,001 utilized?

	2019-20	2020-21
INSTRUCTION	\$26,153,083	\$26,410,741
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$13,598,688	\$13,527,192
OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$2,817,048	\$2,765,501
DEBT SERVICE/TRANSFERS	\$4,439,524	\$4,893,146
TRANSPORTATION	\$1,159,203	\$1,193,794
DISTRICT SUPPORT	\$1,409,341	\$1,379,627
Total	\$49,576,887	\$50,170,001

Instruction		2019-2020 Budget	2020-2021 PROPOSED Budget
<b>52.64%</b>	<b>of the total Budget</b>	52.76%	52.64%
Teaching Regular School		\$12,708,127	\$ 12,477,665
BOCES OCC Ed		\$ 960,000	\$ 763,900
Social Work		\$ 469,554	\$ 388,624
Special Education		\$ 6,426,038	\$ 7,285,223
Curriculum Development		\$ 208,705	\$ 232,507
Teaching, Administration		\$ 1,292,317	\$ 1,348,440
Library		\$ 595,360	\$ 523,902
Technology		\$ 1,328,961	\$ 1,249,013
Guidance & Attendance		\$ 411,017	\$ 499,348
Health Services		\$ 246,517	\$ 285,096
Psychological Services		\$ 290,705	\$ 236,659
Co-Curricular Activities		\$ 194,908	\$ 194,908
Athletics		\$ 647,091	\$ 621,434
Summer School		\$ 157,000	\$ 68,000
CVC		\$ 103,967	\$ 109,706
Inservice		\$ 112,816	\$ 126,316
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$26,153,083</b>	<b>\$26,410,741</b>
<b>Percentage Change</b>			<b>0.99%</b>

<b>Employee Benefits</b>		2019-2020 Budget	2020-2021 PROPOSED Budget
<b>26.96%</b>	<b>of the total Budget</b>	27.43%	26.96%
Health Insurance		\$8,061,691	\$8,145,709
Teachers' Retirement		\$1,900,666	\$1,886,944
Employees' Retirement		\$690,742	\$685,194
Social Security		\$1,685,000	\$1,747,314
Workers' Compensation		\$280,000	\$339,940
Unemployment		\$15,000	\$15,000
Other Benefits		\$965,589	\$707,091
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$13,598,688</b>	<b>\$13,527,192</b>
<b>Percentage Change</b>			<b>-0.53%</b>

Operations and Maintenance		2019-2020 Budget	2020-2021 PROPOSED Budget
<b>5.51%</b>	of the total Budget	5.68%	5.51%
Custodial Services		\$ 2,059,000	\$ 2,064,353
Maintenance		\$ 758,048	\$ 701,148
Total		\$2,817,048	\$2,765,501
Percentage Change			-1.83%

<b>Debt Service and Transfers</b>		<b>2019-2020 Budget</b>	<b>2020-2021 PROPOSED Budget</b>
<b>9.75%</b>	<b>of the total Budget</b>	8.96%	9.75%
Construction		\$3,806,000	\$4,234,325
Buses		\$468,524	\$493,821
Interfund Transfers		\$65,000	\$65,000
Capital Outlay		\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$4,439,524</b>	<b>\$4,893,146</b>
<b>Percentage Change</b>			<b>10.22%</b>

Transportation		2019-2020 Budget	2020-2021 PROPOSED Budget
<b>2.38%</b> of the total Budget		2.34%	2.38%
Transportation		\$ 1,059,336	\$ 1,093,927
Garage		\$ 93,367	\$ 93,367
BOCES		\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500
Total		\$1,159,203	\$1,193,794
Percentage Change			2.98%

<b>District Support</b>		<b>2019-2020 Budget</b>	<b>2020-2021 PROPOSED Budget</b>
<b>2.75%</b>	<b>of the total Budget</b>	<b>2.84%</b>	<b>2.75%</b>
Board of Education		\$ 47,129	\$ 47,129
Central Administration		\$ 246,203	\$ 247,234
Business Administration		\$ 381,933	\$ 395,533
Auditing		\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
Treasurer		\$ 79,701	\$ 47,250
Tax Collection		\$ 10,300	\$ 10,300
Legal Services		\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Personnel		\$ 120,575	\$ 121,681
Insurance		\$ 195,000	\$ 197,000
BOCES Administration/Capital		\$ 228,500	\$ 213,500
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,409,341</b>	<b>\$1,379,627</b>
<b>Percentage Change</b>			<b>-2.11%</b>

# Voting Process

- Voting is by absentee ballots only
- All absentee ballots must be received at the Kaufman Center, 1 Valley View Drive, on or before 5pm on June 9th
- Every vote counts!

# What Will You See on the Ballot Sheets?

- Vote for School Board Candidates
- Proposition 1 - Budget
- Proposition 2 - Student buses
- Proposition 3 - Student Member to the Board of Education
- Proposition 4 - Sale of Parker Elementary School
- Proposition 5 - Cortland Free Library

# BOE Candidates - 2 seats open



**Janet  
Griffin**



**Doreen  
Hettich-Atkins**



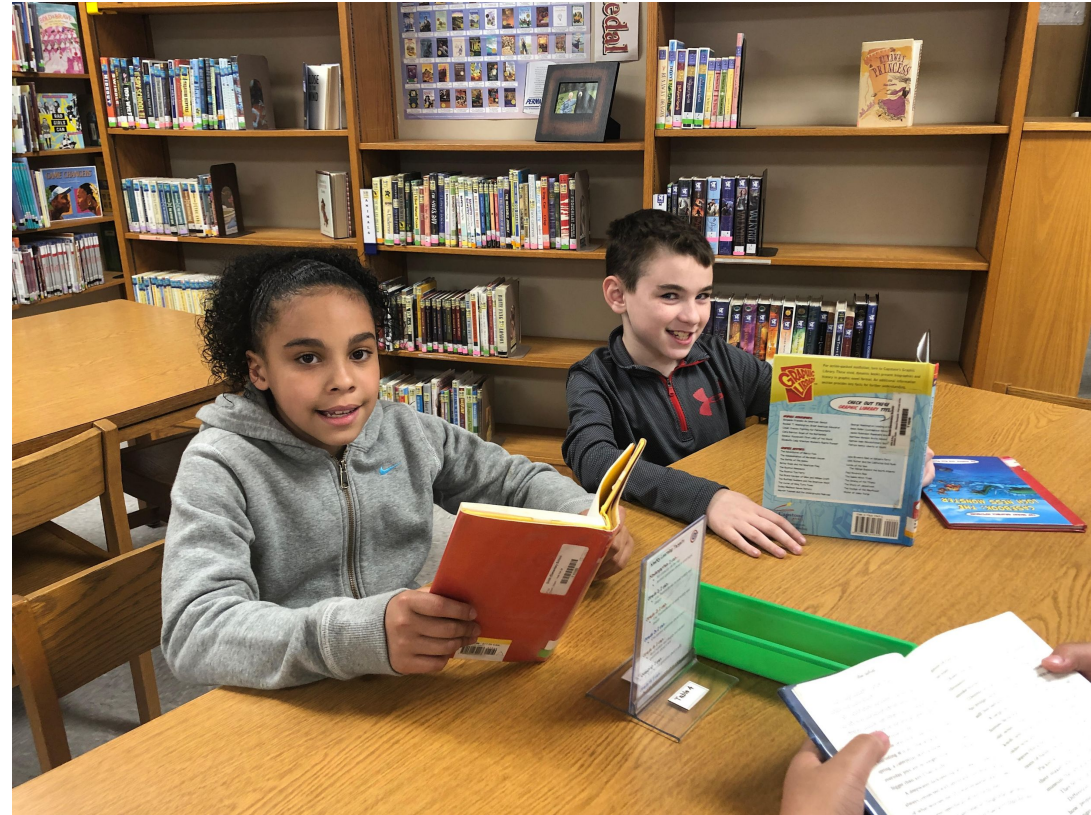
**Lorilee  
Megivern**



**Lauren  
Mossotti-Kline**

# Proposition 1: Budget

- 1.20% Budget increase
- 1.09% Tax Levy increase
- Budget increases offset by spending reductions have kept the overall budget flat for the last 5 years. This is the first increase in our budget since 2015-16



# Proposition 2: Student Buses

- To approve the purchase of four 66 passenger buses
- The district is on a 5 year replacement for all large buses. This maximizes our trade value, ensures all buses are equipped with the most up to date safety features & reduces maintenance costs
- The state reimburses us 88 cents for every dollar we spend on new buses



# Proposition 3: Student Member to the Board of Education

- A high school senior can be added to the Board of Education as a non-voting member
- This is permitted by New York Education Law
- The student will have to have attended the Cortland High School for at least two years

# Proposition 4: Sale of Parker Elementary School

- The district is offering to sell the school to the City of Cortland
- The sale price has been set at \$91
- The price is modest because the state will reduce our building aid by one dollar for each dollar we receive in the sale
- Due to the aid being reduced by the sale price the district will receive the same revenue either from the sale proceeds or from NYS building aid
- Selling the building for this amount makes sense for our taxpayers and our community

# Proposition 5: Cortland Free Library

- Cortland Free Library sets its own budget and tax levy
- CECSD is obligated to collect this tax
- Library funds are only collected by the District and passed on to the library

# Discussion & Questions



# Please Vote by absentee ballot

- Absentee ballots must be received by 5pm on June 9th



**1.2%  
BUDGET  
INCREASE**

**1.09%  
TAX LEVY  
INCREASE**

**Budget Vote  
By Absentee  
Ballot  
June 9, 2020**

# Thank you for your support

