



# LOCKPORT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Pride in Our Past, Faith in Our Future*

[www.lockportschools.org](http://www.lockportschools.org)

**Budget  
Issue**

## BUDGET VOTE

May 21, 2019  
Noon - 9 P.M.

## POLLING PLACES

### 1st Ward

Lockport High School, Door #7  
250 Lincoln Avenue

### 2nd Ward

BOE Administration Building  
130 Beattie Avenue

### 3rd Ward

North Park Annex Building  
400 Corinthia Street

### 4th Ward

Lockport High School, Door #7  
250 Lincoln Avenue

### 5th Ward

BOE Administration Building  
130 Beattie Avenue

### Towns of

### Lockport, Cambria, and Pendleton

Lockport High School, Door #7  
250 Lincoln Avenue

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## Voter Qualifications

- Citizen of the United States of America
- At least 18 years old
- Must be a registered voter with Niagara County Board of Elections

## 2019-20 Budget and School Board Election Message

In April, the Lockport City School District Board of Education adopted an expenditure budget for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$102,727,720. The details of the budget were presented to residents during the public budget hearing on Wednesday, May 8, 2019. The Budget Vote and Board of Education Election date is Tuesday, May 21, 2019 from noon to 9pm. Highlights of the 2019-2020 budget include:

- the continuation of current programs and personnel to support students in meeting or exceeding New York State graduation requirements. The most recent graduation rate for Lockport High School is 89%.
- a 2.250% increase to the tax levy, which is the maximum allowable tax levy limit increase for our district. Since the inception of this law, the Lockport City School District Board of Education has always stayed within or below the calculated tax levy limit.
- the addition of four special education teachers; two teacher aides; one speech teacher; one social worker; two school counselors; one reading teacher; one assistant custodian; and one building maintenance mechanic. These positions will help the district to be in compliance with NYS Education Department mandates, enhance services for a diverse population of students, and keep our facilities well maintained.



1st Row (seated) Trustee Karen Young, Vice President Marietta Schrader, Superintendent Michelle Bradley, President John Linderman and Secretary Edward Sandell. 2nd Row (standing) Trustee Kevin Pratt, Trustee John Craig, Ph.D., Trustee Kyle Lambalzer, Trustee Heather Hare and Trustee Thomas Fiegl

The **Budget Notice for the 2019-2020 proposed budget** is included on the back page of this newsletter. Information relating to further reductions, if necessary, for a **contingent budget** is included in the budget notice.

As our school district continues to navigate through challenging fiscal times, we continue to carefully review expenditures and revenues in order to improve student achievement and sustain our shared mission of preparing Lockport students to be **college and career ready**. Please turn to page 3 of this newsletter to get a glimpse of what is happening in our schools.

The 2019-2020 school budget is again one that preserves quality and comprehensive educational programs for students, and is mindful of the financial challenges faced by community members. Thank you for your past support of capital improvement projects and budgets. **Please refer to the left hand side of the budget newsletter cover page for polling locations.** All eligible citizens are encouraged to vote on **Tuesday, May 21, 2019.**

## CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

There are three, 3-year terms open for the Board of Education beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022 and one, 1-year term open for the Board of Education beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. Voters will have the opportunity to elect four trustees. Those candidates who receive the first, second, third and fourth largest number of votes during the May 21, 2019 vote will be appointed as new trustees in July.



# 2019-20 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Please visit our website at [www.lockportschools.org](http://www.lockportschools.org) for more information regarding the 2019-20 budget.

## PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to spend the sum of \$102,727,720 in the total amount set forth in the proposed budget during the 2019-20 school year and to levy the necessary tax?

Yes  No

## BUDGET SUMMARY

Item	Amount	Item	Amount
Budget	\$102,727,720	Estimated True Value Tax Rate	\$23.821494
Budget Increase	\$3,443,050	Estimated True Value Tax Rate Increase	\$0.524803
Budget to Budget % Increase	3.47%	State Aid and Other Revenue	\$58,462,600
Tax Levy	\$39,281,826	Fund Balance and Reserve Use	\$4,983,294
Tax Levy Increase	\$864,554	Increase on \$100,000 Assessed Home with Basic STAR	\$36.74
Tax Levy % Increase	2.25%	Increase on \$100,000 Assessed Home with Enhanced STAR	\$16.43

Tax rates and STAR increases are estimates based on 2018-19 assessments, adjustments, exemptions and equalization rates.

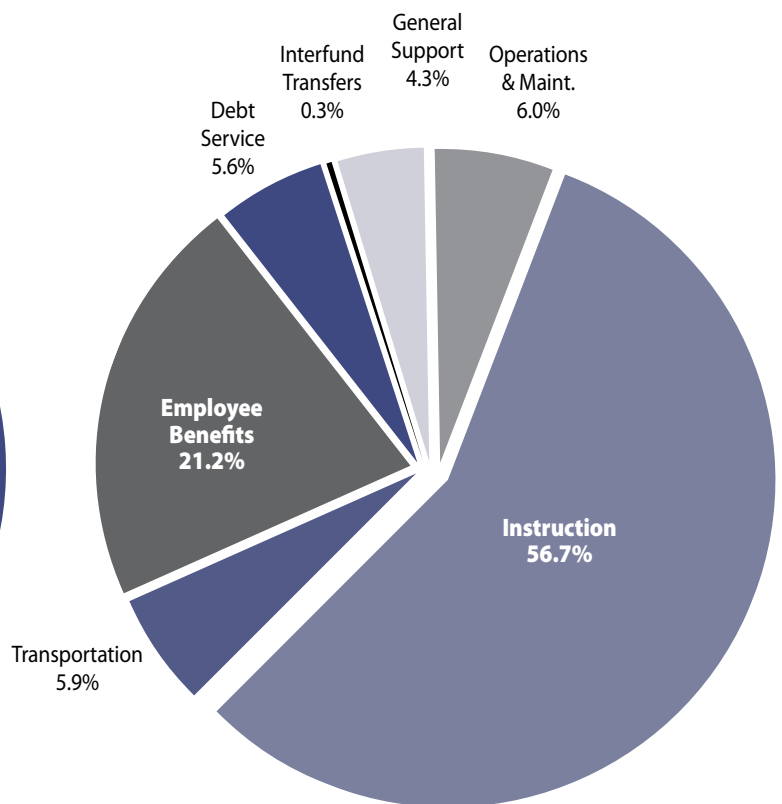
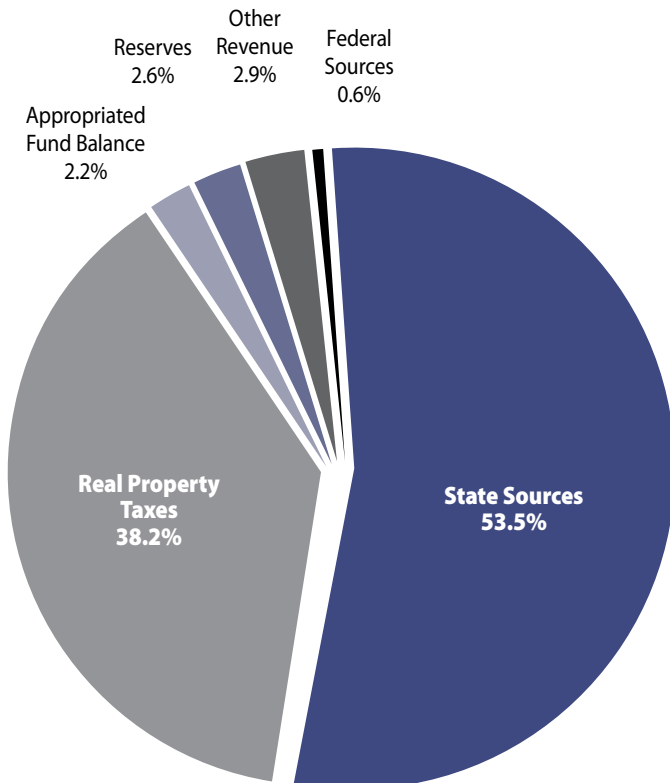
## REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

### 2019-20 Revenue Comparison

	2018-19 Budget	2019-20 Proposed	2019-20 Change
State Sources	\$53,340,379	\$54,902,184	\$1,561,805
Real Property Taxes	\$38,417,272	\$39,281,826	\$864,554
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,963,911	\$2,302,581	\$338,670
Reserves	\$2,677,658	\$2,680,713	\$3,055
Other Revenue	\$2,405,450	\$3,010,416	\$604,966
Federal Sources	\$480,000	\$550,000	\$70,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$99,284,670</b>	<b>\$102,727,720</b>	<b>\$3,443,050</b>

### 2019-20 Expenditure Comparison

	2018-19 Budget	2019-20 Proposed	2019-20 Change
General Support	\$4,228,106	\$4,369,664	\$141,558
Operations & Maint.	\$5,479,296	\$6,205,268	\$725,972
Instruction	\$54,518,769	\$58,215,808	\$3,697,039
Transportation	\$6,200,414	\$6,055,175	\$(145,239)
Employee Benefits	\$22,913,740	\$21,832,349	\$(1,081,391)
Debt Service	\$5,632,506	\$5,777,971	\$145,465
Interfund Transfers	\$311,839	\$271,485	\$(40,354)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$99,284,670</b>	<b>\$102,727,720</b>	<b>\$3,443,050</b>





# Lions Pride



## John Pound Early Childhood Center



The students of the Lockport Community Universal Pre-kindergarten at John Pound Early Childhood Center are shown here learning about animals. As part of the study on animals, students look at a magazine on animals together.

## Roy B. Kelley Elementary School



Pawsome kindergarten pups are 101 days smarter at Roy B. Kelley Elementary School. WE LOVE LEARNING!

## North Park Junior High School



North Park Junior High School eighth grade students participating in a stock market simulation activity.

## Anna Merritt Elementary School



Anna Merritt Elementary School's third grade students practicing their coding skills with Osmo. This program is designed for students to give them the best possible introduction to the world of coding on their iPads.

## George Southard Elementary School



George Southard Elementary School PTA makes cards with Kindness Club members.

## Lockport High School



Students at LHS experience high level and engaging academics while also enjoying the spirit of being a Lockport Lion during Winterfest 2018-2019.

## Charles Upson Elementary School



A Charles Upson Elementary School student spends some time delving into a great stack of books.

## Emmet Belknap Intermediate School



Emmet Belknap Intermediate School students and staff promoted nutrition and physical activity by participating in the NFL's Fuel Up to Play 60 Program.

## Lockport High School West at Charlotte Cross



LHSWCC students learn teamwork at Camp Kenan in Barker, NY.

# Lockport City School District

130 Beattie Avenue  
Lockport, NY 14094

## Board of Education

John A. Linderman, *president*  
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Thomas W. Fiegl  
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Deborah A. Coder

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Lockport City School District Budget Notice <b>OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL</b>	Budget Adopted for the 2018-19 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2019-20 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$99,284,670	\$102,727,720	\$101,863,166
Increase/Decrease for the 2019-20 School Year		\$3,443,050	\$2,578,496
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.47%	2.60%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.44%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount, Net of Reserve	\$38,417,272	\$39,281,826	
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	
<b>E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)</b>	<b>\$38,417,272</b>	<b>\$39,281,826</b>	<b>\$38,417,272</b>
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$38,417,272	\$39,281,826	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/ or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$38,417,272	\$39,281,826	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$9,335,523	\$9,605,324	\$9,579,824
Program Component	\$77,488,603	\$79,763,927	\$78,996,623
Capital Component	\$12,460,544	\$13,358,469	\$13,286,719

\*Statement of Assumptions pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law. If the proposed budget is defeated, the Board of Education will need to reduce the overall tax levy by \$864,554. This reduction would impact many non-mandated areas which could include the reduction of enhanced program offerings, the increase in walking limits for students to State guidelines, the reduction of support staff positions, the reduction of extra-curricular offerings and the elimination of intramural sports. Additionally, community use of the buildings will be subject to a user fee under State Education guidelines.

\*\* List 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)

Description	Amount
n/a	\$0

NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$714.64

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2019-20 by the qualified voters of the Lockport City School District, Niagara County, New York, will be held at Lockport HS (1st Ward, 4th Ward, All Towns), Board of Ed Bldg. (2nd Ward, 5th Ward), North Park Annex Bldg. (3rd Ward) in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 between the hours of 12:00 PM and 9:00 PM, prevailing time in the Lockport City School(s), at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine. Not sure where to vote? Call 478-4828.

<sup>1</sup> The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.