



# LOCKPORT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## 2021-2022 Budget and School Board Election Edition

In April, the Lockport City School District Board of Education adopted an expenditure budget for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$110,172,074. The details of the budget were presented to residents during the public budget hearing on Wednesday, May 5, 2021. The Budget Vote and Board of Education Election date is Tuesday, May 18, 2021. Highlights of the 2021-2022 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 91%.
- A 1.688% 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 maintenance of positions and programs to keep the district in compliance with NYS Education Department mandates and services for a diverse population of students.

The **Budget Notice for the 2021-2022 proposed budget** is included on the next 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 resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, 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 pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter to get a glimpse of what is happening in our schools.

The 2021-2022 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. All eligible citizens are encouraged to vote on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.



*The 2020-2021 Lockport Board of Education, from left to right: Karen S. Young, President; John A. Linderman, Vice President; Edward P. Sandell, Secretary; Michelle T. Bradley, Superintendent of Schools; Heather Hare; Kevin W. Pratt; Kyle Lambalzer; Leslie Tobin; Dr. Martha Kershaw and Renee Cheatham.*

**PLEASE VOTE • TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021 • 12 NOON – 9 P.M.**



# LOCKPORT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2021-2022 BUDGET NOTICE

## School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2020-2021 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-2022 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2021-2022 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$105,509,809	\$110,172,074	\$109,498,856
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-2022 School Year		\$4,662,265	\$3,989,047
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		4.42%	3.78%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$39,880,629	\$40,553,847	
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)	\$39,880,629	\$40,553,847	\$39,880,629
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$39,880,629	\$40,553,847	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$39,880,629	\$40,553,847	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$9,628,002	\$9,925,578	\$9,900,078
Program Component	\$82,120,054	\$85,445,176	\$84,875,108
Capital Component	\$13,761,753	\$14,801,320	\$14,723,670
*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 \$673,218. 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
		Capital Improvements Project, 2021	\$22,941,000
	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2021-2022 School Year		
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$638.03		

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-2022 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 18, 2021 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 absentee or machine ballot. 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.



## 2021-2022 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Please visit our website at [www.lockportschools.org/budget](http://www.lockportschools.org/budget) for more information regarding the 2021-2022 budget and Capital Project.

### PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to spend the sum of \$110,172,074 in the total amount set forth in the proposed budget during the 2021-2022 school year and to levy the necessary tax?

## BUDGET SUMMARY

Item	Amount	Item	Amount
Budget	\$110,172,074	Estimated True Value Tax Rate	\$21.267727
Budget Increase	\$4,662,265	Estimated True Value Tax Rate Increase	\$0.353240
Budget to Budget % Increase	4.42%	State Aid and Other Revenue	\$63,225,546
Tax Levy	\$40,553,847	Fund Balance and Reserve Use	\$6,392,681
Tax Levy Increase	\$673,218	Increase on \$100,000 Assessed Home w/Basic STAR	\$24.73
Tax Levy % Increase	1.688%	Incr. on \$100,000 Assessed Home w/Enhanced STAR	\$10.35

Tax rates and STAR increases are estimates based on 2020-2021 assessments, exemptions and equalization rates.

## REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

### 2021-2022 Revenue Comparison

	2020-2021 Budget	2021-2022 Proposed	2021-2022 Change
State Sources	\$ 55,254,677	\$ 59,863,262	\$ 4,608,585
Real Property Taxes	\$ 39,880,629	\$ 40,553,847	\$ 673,218
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 4,242,465	\$ 2,679,136	\$ (1,563,329)
Reserves	\$ 2,809,587	\$ 3,713,545	\$ 903,958
Other Revenue	\$ 2,772,451	\$ 2,812,284	\$ 39,833
Federal Sources	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	\$ -
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 105,509,809</b>	<b>\$ 110,172,074</b>	<b>\$ 4,662,265</b>

### 2021-2022 Expenditure Comparison

	2020-2021 Budget	2021-2022 Proposed	2021-2022 Change
General Support	\$ 4,051,701	\$ 4,166,965	\$ 115,264
Operations & Maint.	\$ 6,051,971	\$ 5,963,635	\$ (88,336)
Instruction	\$ 60,253,526	\$ 61,650,409	\$ 1,396,883
Transportation	\$ 6,043,650	\$ 7,697,311	\$ 1,653,661
Employee Benefits	\$ 22,423,290	\$ 22,909,573	\$ 486,283
Debt Service	\$ 6,364,501	\$ 7,453,084	\$ 1,088,583
Interfund Transfers	\$ 321,170	\$ 331,097	\$ 9,927
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 105,509,809</b>	<b>\$ 110,172,074</b>	<b>\$ 4,662,265</b>

### PROPOSITION NO. 2

#### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, 2021

Shall the following bond resolution of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Lockport be approved, to-wit:

A BOND RESOLUTION, DATED MARCH 24, 2021, OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF LOCKPORT, NIAGARA COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE "DISTRICT"), AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT (1) TO UNDERTAKE (SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE VOTERS OF THE DISTRICT) A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT CONSISTING OF THE RECONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION, IN PART, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS AND UPGRADES TO, VARIOUS DISTRICT BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES AND THE SITES THEREOF (COLLECTIVELY, THE "PROJECT"), AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$22,941,000; (2) TO EXPEND OR APPLY TOWARD THE PROJECT \$3,167,000 FROM THE DISTRICT'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS RESERVE FUND - 2014; AND (3) TO ISSUE SERIAL BONDS OF THE DISTRICT IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,774,000 TO FINANCE THE BALANCE OF THE COST OF THE PROJECT, AND DELEGATING THE POWER TO ISSUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SALE OF SUCH BONDS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DISTRICT.

#### OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED PROJECT

This comprehensive project will be done in two phases over three years. The main focus is on Building Condition Survey items from the recently completed 2020 Building Condition Survey and renovation of art classrooms at North Park Junior High School in Phase One. Phase Two will complete the original vision of constructing two turf softball fields at the Beattie Avenue softball/baseball complex. Detailed components of the project can be referenced on our website at [www.lockportschools.org/capitalproject](http://www.lockportschools.org/capitalproject).

# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, 2021

This comprehensive project will be completed in two phases over three years. Listed below are the project scope items and related details. The main focus of the project is on Building Condition Survey items from the recently completed 2020 Building Condition Survey and renovation of art classrooms at North Park Junior High School. Phase Two will complete the original vision of constructing two turf softball fields at the Beattie Avenue softball/baseball complex.

## THE \$22,941,000 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT SCOPE OF WORK



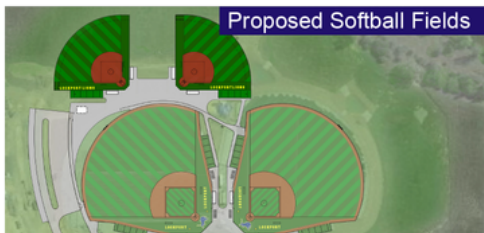
Existing Masonry



Repointing



Existing Art Room



Proposed Softball Fields



Existing Lockers

### Phase 1A: Anticipated Start Spring 2022 - End Fall 2022

#### John Pound Early Childhood Center

Parking lot upgrades, fence replacement

#### Anna Merritt Elementary School

Sidewalk replacements, hard wired carbon monoxide detector upgrades, masonry repairs

#### George Southard Elementary School

Locust Street and Beattie Avenue walking path repair, window panel replacement, masonry repairs, hard wired carbon monoxide detector upgrades

#### Roy B Kelley Elementary School

Hard wired carbon monoxide detector upgrades and flooring repairs

#### Emmet Belknap Intermediate School

Masonry repairs

#### Lockport High School West at Charlotte Cross

Masonry repairs and flooring repairs

#### State Road Maintenance Building

Parking lot upgrades

### Phase 1B: Anticipated Start Spring 2023 - End Fall 2023

#### Charles Upson Elementary School

Secure entry improvements, hard wired carbon monoxide detector upgrades, parking lot addition and renovations

#### Emmet Belknap Intermediate School

Ceiling replacements, flooring replacements, plumbing upgrades, elevator upgrades, fence replacement, HVAC upgrades, electrical upgrades, secure entry improvements, and hard wired carbon monoxide detector upgrades

#### North Park Junior High School

HVAC upgrades, art room renovations, roofing replacements, ventilation upgrades, ceiling replacement, masonry repairs, electrical upgrades, plumbing upgrades, flooring and stair repairs, asbestos abatement, sink replacement, auditorium sound upgrades, and rubberized track surface

### Phase 2: Anticipated Start Spring 2024 - End Winter 2024

#### Lockport High School

Ceiling and wall panel replacements, locker replacement, HVAC upgrades, computer lab renovations, ventilation improvements, electronic message board replacement, turf softball field additions at Beattie Avenue, masonry repairs, exterior stair replacement, hard wired carbon monoxide detector upgrades and secure entrance renovations

#### Administration Building

Board room floor and ceiling renovations

#### District Wide Improvements

Cell phone coverage updates





# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, 2021 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

VISIT THE WEBSITE: [WWW.LOCKPORTSCHOOLS.ORG/CAPITALPROJECT](http://WWW.LOCKPORTSCHOOLS.ORG/CAPITALPROJECT)

## ***Q. Why is the Lockport City School District proposing a capital improvement project?***

The Board of Education is committed to providing a safe learning environment, properly maintained facilities and competitive athletic venues for our students and community. The District recently completed a Building Condition Survey and is updating the existing long range facility plan. Items of high importance were identified. In order to address these items, a Capital Improvement Project was developed. The project contains the following three components: Building Condition Survey items, academic environment improvements, and physical education program and athletic field enhancements.

## ***Q. What work is necessary?***

The work has been categorized into three components as mentioned above:

- Building Condition Survey items

These items are similar to items found in our homes, which we repair or replace over time to keep our buildings in a safe condition. Upgrading mechanical equipment, replacing exterior insulated panels, upgrading an outdated elevator, and exterior facade repairs are included within this project component.

- Academic environment improvements

These improvements include renovated art classrooms at North Park Junior High School and a computer lab at Lockport High School to enhance learning experiences.

- Physical education program and athletic field enhancements

Upgrades include a rubberized surface to the North Park Junior High School track and installing two turf softball fields adjacent to the recently completed turf baseball fields on Beattie Avenue.



## ***Q. How were the components of the project selected?***

Every five years, all school districts must have a registered Architect and Engineer perform an evaluation of the condition of their buildings and grounds. This is called a Building Condition Survey (BCS). This survey identifies areas where work is needed or mandated by current building codes. After studying and prioritizing these items, the Facilities Committee has recommended to the entire Board of Education a plan developed to address the work in phases thereby minimizing the impact on taxpayers. This project includes high priority items identified in the BCS in addition to completing the turf softball fields on Beattie Avenue as part of the original vision of the Board of Education.

## ***Q. How will this Capital Improvement Project be funded?***

The Capital Improvement Project will have no additional local tax impact. The District will be reimbursed approximately 89% of all eligible projects, and the local share of the cost is expected to be tax neutral due to the retirement of District debt following the 2022-2023 fiscal year as well as the use of District capital reserve funds.

## ***Q. How can more information be obtained?***

Please visit [www.lockportschools.org/capitalproject](http://www.lockportschools.org/capitalproject) or call (716)478-4811 for more information.



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# SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOLS

## PRE-KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 6

### JOHN POUND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



*Just like we are diverse and unique,  
so are the baby chicks we created.*

### CHARLES UPSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



*Students are using their Foundations Charts  
to write their opinion pieces.*

### ROY B. KELLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



*Reading About Diversity  
These new books were recently added  
to the Roy B. Kelley library.*

### ANNA MERRITT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



*Fourth grade students have been exploring fraction and  
measurement concepts using Math and Science manipulatives.*

### GEORGE SOUTHARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



*George Southard fourth graders grow herbs in their Tower  
Garden as part of the Farm to School program.*

### EMMET BELKNAP INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



*Founding members of our newly established video Morning  
Announcement Crew. They create videos for Wednesday  
mornings and are working to expand that.*



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# SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOLS

## GRADES 7-12

### LOCKPORT HIGH SCHOOL



Taste the Rainbow "Spirit Week" featured students showing off their bright colors.



DECA students operate the school store at LHS.

### LOCKPORT HIGH SCHOOL WEST AT CHARLOTTE CROSS

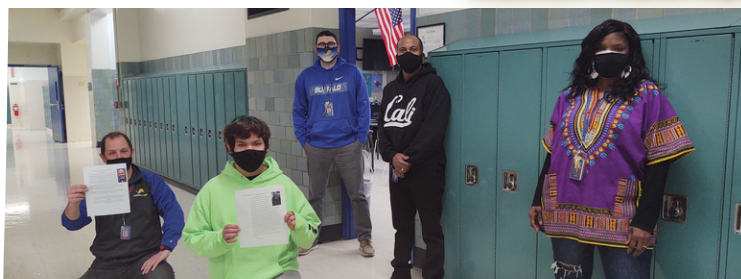


Celebrating graduation at LHSWCC.

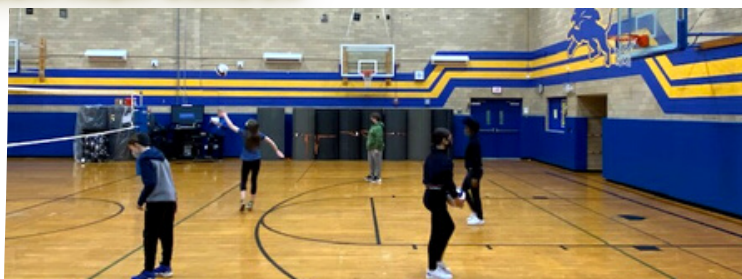


Lockport High School West is on track to reach nearly three hundred graduates in June 2021.

### NORTH PARK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



Highlighting local and national African American trailblazers for their contribution to African-American and American History.



NPJHS physical education class learning to set and volley.



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## **BUDGET VOTE \* TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021**

### **POLLING PLACES**

**12 NOON - 9 P.M.**

### **POLLING PLACES**

#### **1st Ward**

Lockport High School, West Gym  
250 Lincoln Avenue  
(Park by the Fitness Center at the back of the school. Use  
Door #7)

#### **2nd Ward**

Board of Education Building Board Room  
130 Beattie Avenue

#### **3rd Ward**

North Park Annex Building, Conference Room  
400 Corinthia Street

#### **4th Ward**

Lockport High School, West Gym  
250 Lincoln Avenue  
(Park by the Fitness Center at the back of the school.  
Use Door #7)

#### **5th Ward**

Board of Education Building Board Room  
130 Beattie Avenue

#### **All Towns**

Lockport High School, West Gym  
250 Lincoln Avenue  
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Use Door #7)

### **VOTER QUALIFICATIONS**

- CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES
- AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD
- MUST BE A REGISTERED VOTER WITH  
NIAGARA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**Not sure where to vote?**

**Call 478-4828 for information**

## *Mission Statement*

*We believe: All people can learn. Schools create conditions for success: academically, socially, emotionally, physically and aesthetically. Teaching and learning are the shared responsibilities of home, school and the community. Our mission is to assure comprehensive learning for all so that each person will be a lifelong learner.*