## Message from the Superintendent

Dear District Residents,

The Beekmantown Central School District Board of Education requests voter consideration of a proposed \$44,594,793 spending plan for the 2020-2021 school year. Voting on the budget, transportation and selection of three (3) Board members will take place Tuesday, June 9, 2020 by mailed absentee ballots only.

The School District Budget Notice (other side) details important information that helps explain the 2020-2021 budget and highlights comparisons between this plan and the budget adopted in 2019-2020.

In crafting our budget, the district continued to be mindful of our students, employees and taxpayers. As such, we propose a tax levy increase of 2.76%. In 2019-2020 our tax levy increase was 2.56% and 2.94% in 2018-2019.

The district presented the 2020-2021 spending plan via a public hearing on May 28, 2020. Due to internal spending controls, continued extensive grant writing, reductions in some areas and reconfiguration in other areas, along with a decrease in state aid, we remain focused on providing the most outstanding programmatic offerings for our students allowed under the current funding structure.

As part of the district's ongoing bus replacement plan, a proposition to purchase four (4) buses at an estimated cost not to exceed \$472,066. This purchase is reimbursed back to the district at a ratio of 75.1% by NYSED. The district will trade or sell four (4) school buses to offset the remaining balance.

Our employees, administration and Board of Education remain committed to building a world class educational system for students so they can become *quality contributors to society and self*. The details of the proposed budget are posted on our district website <a href="https://www.bcsdk12.org">www.bcsdk12.org</a> and can be viewed by clicking on the budget information link found under Quick Links.

In closing, I wish to thank our school community for your continued support of our students and your outstanding school district.

Sincerely,

Daniel W. Mannix

Superintendent of Schools

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## **School District Budget Notice**

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2019-20 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2020-21 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 46,024,284	\$ 44,594,793	\$ 44,006,555
Increase/Decrease for the 2020-21 School Year		(\$1,429,490)	(\$2,017,728)
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		-3.11 %	-4.4%
Change in the Consumer Price Index	]	1.81%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	21,275,401	21,863,639	
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)	21,275,401	21,863,639	21,275,401
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$314,482	\$398,340	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$20,960,919	\$21,465,299	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$20,960,919	\$21,465,299	
Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$3,823,202	\$3,847,632	\$3,704,632
Program Component	\$34,048,697	\$34,657,332	\$34,412,162
Capital Component	\$8,152,385	\$6,089,828	\$5,889,761

<sup>\*</sup> Assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2020-21 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law includes expenditures considered essential to maintain the education programs, preserve property and ensure the health and safety of students and staff with an emphasis for expenditures in general considered absolutely necessary to operate and maintain schools, except for those items which the status themselves either provide mandates for or give discretion to the Board of Education. Items which are statutorily considered non-contingency expenses include but are not limited to items such as student supplies, certain non-collectively bargained wage increases, certain equipment, certain vehicles, non-essential transportation, community use of facilities resulting with additional expenses to the district and community education programs.

\*\* 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

NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$486

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2020-21 by the qualified voters of the Beekmantown Central School District, Clinton County, New York, will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 by **absentee ballot only**, the district mailed ballots to all eligible voters. Ballots must be received by 5:00 pm June 9, 2020.

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