



FORT PLAIN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

# 2020-21 SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE & BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE ELECTION



*The Jr./Sr. High School Technology & Design class engineered and constructed a community closet this year. This resource gives students in need a place to get clothing and toiletries. Students said they were inspired to do their best as they gave back to their community in a project that provided real-world experience.*



## Proposed budget stays under the property tax levy cap

Fort Plain's proposed 2020-21 school budget continues all academic programming at current levels while staying under the property tax levy cap.

"With the COVID-19 crisis at the forefront of our decision making, our goal was to develop a responsible budget that upholds the integrity of our academic programs and student support systems, while recognizing the fiscal responsibility to our taxpayers," Superintendent John Bishop said.

Programs continued through the extended building closure as the district provided rigorous distance learning with teacher support and technology devices. Nearly 500 meals were delivered to students daily.

**More about the proposed budget and absentee ballots can be found online at [www.fortplain.org](http://www.fortplain.org)**

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## SCHOOL BUS REFERENDUM

**Voters will consider a school bus referendum to purchase buses** at a cost not to exceed \$338,000 total. The referendum will not have an impact on the tax levy. It will allow the district to replace aging buses and minimize maintenance costs.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE ELECTION

**Voters will elect three members of the Board of Education** to three year terms starting July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023. The candidates are incumbents Jeffrey Jones, Todd McFee and David Przeszrzelski.

## VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

**Qualified voters have been automatically sent an absentee ballot in the mail.** All completed absentee ballots must be mailed and received by the district no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9.

**June 9, 2020  
VOTE  
BY ABSENTEE BALLOT ONLY**

## BUDGET AT A GLANCE

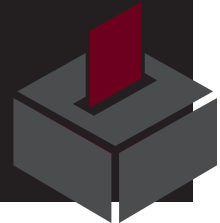
**2020-21 Proposed Budget  
\$21,375,000**

**Spending Increase  
\$425,000 (2.03%)**

**Tax Levy Increase  
\$102,508 (1.81%)**

## VOTER QUALIFICATIONS:

- US Citizen
- 18 years of age
- Resident of the district for at least 30 days



# 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	\$20,950,000	\$21,375,000	\$21,375,000
Increase/Decrease for the 2020-21 School Year		\$425,000	\$425,000
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.03%	2.03%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.81%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$5,663,412	\$5,765,920	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$85,000	\$85,000	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable**	-	-	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	-	-	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$5,748,412	\$5,850,920	\$5,748,412
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	-	-	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$5,814,768	\$5,855,928	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$5,663,412	\$5,765,920	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval -See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$151,356	\$90,008	
Administrative Component	\$2,080,004	\$2,103,356	\$2,103,356
Program Component	\$16,331,434	\$16,590,550	\$16,590,550
Capital Component	\$2,538,562	\$2,681,094	\$2,681,094

\* If the 2020-21 budget is not approved by voters, school boards, under state law, can submit a budget to voters a maximum of two times. If the budget is defeated twice, the board must adopt a contingent budget, which would cap the 2020-2021 tax levy at the current year amount (no change in the tax levy). If a contingent budget is adopted, any non-school related use of the buildings would require a charge to cover associated costs; most "downtown" bus runs would be suspended unless \$2,000 in donations were raised for that specific purpose; and \$102,508 would have to be removed from the Proposed Tax Levy, and added to Appropriated Fund Balance.

\*\* There are no Non Excludable Propositions.

\*\*\* While the \$338,000 Proposition for Authorization to Purchase Buses is a Permissible Exclusion to the School Tax Levy Limit, because 100% of the actual costs would be expended from the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund, it has no effect on the Tax Levy.

### Under the Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$617
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The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2020-2021 by the qualified voters of the Fort Plain Central School District, Montgomery County, New York, will be held by absentee ballot. Qualified voters on the school district's most recent years' poll lists will be automatically sent an absentee ballot with a prepaid return envelope. Ballots must be returned to the district by 5 p.m. on June 9.

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

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