



FORT PLAIN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2021-22 SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE & BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE ELECTION



Proposed budget preserves programs with no tax levy increase

Fort Plain's proposed 2021-22 school budget continues all academic programming at current levels with no increase in the tax levy.

"Our goal is to always put forward a responsible budget that maintains high quality programming. This year, we can achieve this with zero impact on the tax levy," Superintendent John Bishop said.

Fort Plain celebrates all of our students for their great work. At the Jr./Sr. High School, Mr. Arndt's and Mr. Heroth's technology students are building their own skateboards (top photo).

At Harry Hoag School, learning how to create spreadsheets was even more fun for 5th graders in Mr. Heiser's class when their lesson included translating words into different languages (bottom photo).



More about the proposed budget and board election can be found at www.fortplain.org

SCHOOL BUS REFERENDUM

Voters will consider a referendum authorizing the district to acquire school vehicles at a maximum cost of \$275,000, with the funds to be drawn from the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund. The purchase 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 two members of the Board of Education for three-year terms running from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024. The candidates are Kimberly Keane and Teresa Karker.

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Polls will be open for in-person voting from 1-9 p.m. in the Harry Hoag gym. Absentee ballots may be obtained from the District Clerk from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Completed applications are due with the District Clerk at least seven days before the vote and election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the vote and election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. All completed absentee ballots must be received by the district no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

**May 18, 2021
VOTE**

1-9 p.m. in Harry Hoag Gym

BUDGET AT A GLANCE

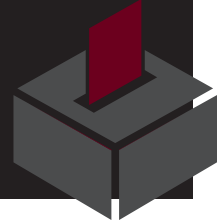
**2021-22 Proposed Budget
\$21,875,000**

**Spending Increase
\$500,000 (2.34%)**

**Tax Levy Increase
\$0 (0%)**

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 2020-21 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2021-22 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$21,375,000	\$21,875,000	\$21,875,000
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year		\$ 500,000	\$500,000
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.34%	2.34%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$5,765,920	\$5,765,920	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$85,000	\$85,000	
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)	\$5,850,920	\$5,850,920	\$5,850,920
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$5,855,928	\$5,900,944	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$5,765,920	\$5,765,920	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval--See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$90,008	\$135,024	
Administrative Component			
Program Component	\$2,103,356	\$2,168,125	\$2,168,125
Capital Component	\$16,590,550	\$17,101,554	\$17,101,554
	\$2,681,094	\$2,605,321	\$2,605,321

*** What happens if the 2021-2022 budget is not approved by the majority of voters?**

Under state law, school boards 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 2021-2022 tax levy at the 2020-2021 current-year amount (a 0% tax levy cap).

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 specific donations were raised for that purpose.
- Since the Proposed School Tax Levy is already the same as that of the prior year, no further reductions would be required.

** There are no Non Excludable Propositions.

*** While the \$275,000.00 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 a \$0.00 effect on the Tax Levy.

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$610

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-22 by the qualified voters of the Fort Plain Central School District, Montgomery County, New York, will be held at Harry Hoag School in said district on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the gymnasium, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by machine.

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

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