



2020-2021 Proposed Budget Increase To Tax Levy 1.9%

Total Proposed Expenditures

Component Area	2019-20 Budgeted	2020-21 Proposed	Change
Program	\$32,347,306.00	\$33,465,645.00	\$1,118,339.00
Capital	\$7,325,666.00	\$7,310,196.00	(\$15,470.00)
Administration	\$3,547,678.00	\$3,517,098.00	(\$30,580.00)
Total	\$43,220,650.00	\$44,292,939.00	\$1,072,289.00

Total Proposed Revenues

Revenue Sources	2019-20 Budgeted	2020-21 Proposed	Change
New York State Aid	\$25,082,077.00	\$25,222,282.00	\$140,205.00
Local Sources/E-Rate/Misc.	\$606,000.00	\$606,000.00	\$0.00
Tax Levy/STAR	\$16,544,339.00	\$16,858,679.00	\$314,340.00
Reserves	\$308,234.00	\$925,978.00	\$617,744.00
Fund Balance	\$680,000.00	\$680,000.00	\$0.00
Total	\$43,220,650.00	\$44,292,939.00	\$1,072,289.00

Who Is Eligible To Vote?

Residents living in the Homer Central School District can vote during the School Budget and Board of Education election on June 9, 2020.

A qualified voter is one who is:

1. a citizen of the United States of America,
2. eighteen years of age or older,
3. a resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election, and
4. who is not disqualified from voting per Election Law.

Board of Education Candidates

The following seats are up for a vote on the Board of Education: Trustees for term of three (3) years,

Sonia Apker, Julie McChesney, Luke Morenus, names of last incumbents.

How will a 1.9% Increase to the Tax Levy Affect My Tax Bill?

These figures are estimated based on 2019-20 Property Assessments and have been calculated without Exemptions (STAR, Agriculture, Clergy, etc.). Estimated increase to taxes is based on \$.39 per \$1,000 assessed.

Assessed Value of Property	Estimated Increase To Taxes
\$100,000	\$39.00
\$200,000	\$78.00
\$300,000	\$117.00
\$400,000	\$156.00
\$500,000	\$195.00

If you need additional Absentee Ballots or if you fill in the ballot incorrectly, you may obtain a new ballot by contacting the District Clerk, Kelli Yacavone, at 607-749-7241 ext. 5022 or at budgetvote@homercentral.org. Please make sure to provide your name and address.

Returning Your Absentee Ballot

All Absentee Ballots must be returned to the Homer Central School District by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

All Absentee Ballots must be returned in the district provided envelopes. Voters must place their Absentee Ballot in the Certification Envelope and return it signed in the district provided Postage Paid Envelope.

**PROPOSITION I
2020-21 Budget**

Shall the Board of Education of the Homer Central School District be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the same amount of \$44,292,939.00 to levy the necessary tax therefore.

PROPOSITION II

Bus Leasing and Purchase of Vehicles

Shall the following resolution be adopted: resolved that, pursuant to chapter 472 of the session laws of 1998, the Board of Education of the Homer Central School District is hereby authorized to lease and expend therefore, including costs incidental thereto an amount not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of eight hundred and twenty thousand dollars (\$820,000) and for a term not to exceed five (5) years, the following motor vehicles: seven (7) sixty-six (66) passenger school buses and one (1) fifty-four (54) passenger wheelchair bus.

and
The Board of Education of the Homer Central School District is hereby authorized to purchase and expend therefore, including costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) the following motor vehicles: two (2) vans; and, that such sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax collected in annual installments; and that in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the district shall be issued.

**PROPOSITION III
Library Funding**

Shall the Board of Education of the Homer Central School District be authorized to maintain the annual levy of taxes for the use of the Phillips Free Library at one hundred ninety-six thousand, one hundred sixty-five dollars (\$196,165), and to pay over such monies annually to the trustees of the Phillips Free Library of Homer, New York.

As a courtesy to our local library, the Homer Central School District provides tax collection and voting day services, as well as space for library-provided information in the budget newsletter. The school district does not participate in the creation of the library budget.

What happens if the 2020-21 Budget is defeated?

If the budget is defeated, it will go directly to a contingent budget with no re-vote. The contingent budget may not increase the current tax levy by any amount, which would be a zero percent tax increase.

How will a contingent budget affect the school district?

Under a contingent budget, there will be no instructional or non-instructional equipment purchases and no community use of facilities unless groups or organizations pay all associated costs. Further cuts from programs and administration would be required to conform to spending caps.

Capital Outlay Project

Again this year, the Homer Central School District has included \$100,000 in the budget to undertake a Capital Outlay Project. For the 2020-21 school year, we will be addressing energy efficiency measures.

2020-21 Homer Central 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	\$43,220,650	\$44,292,939	\$43,978,597								
Increase/Decrease for the 2020-21 School Year		\$1,072,289	\$757,947								
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.48%	1.75%								
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.81%									
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$16,544,339	\$16,858,679									
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)	\$16,544,339	\$16,858,679	\$16,544,339								
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0									
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$16,920,665	\$17,187,380									
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$16,544,339	\$16,858,679									
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval -)	\$376,326	\$328,701									
Administrative Component	\$3,547,678	\$3,517,098	\$3,482,756								
Program Component	\$32,347,306	\$33,465,645	\$33,285,645								
Capital Component	\$7,325,666	\$7,310,196	\$7,210,196								
Statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2020-2021 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated. If the proposed budget is defeated, the Board of Education shall adopt a contingency budget. The Contingency Budget may decrease expenditures in the areas of; building improvements, equipment, non-contractual salary increases, free use of buildings, student classroom supplies, and any other non-contingent areas that are not necessary for the health and safety of the School District.											
** 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)											
			Under the Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 School Year								
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹			\$ 582								
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The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2020-21 by the qualified voters of the Homer Central School District, Cortland County, New York, will be held remotely via Absentee Ballot on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. All Absentee Ballots must be returned to the District Clerk by 5:00 PM on June 9, 2020.