

# 2012-2013 Budget News

**VOTE: May 15, 2012**

Baker High School Auditorium, 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**O**n Tuesday, May 15, Baldwinsville voters will decide on a \$92,416,182 spending plan for next year. This newsletter details the district's 2012-2013 budget proposal. The proposed tax levy increase is 0.65%, or \$317,097, which is an increase of approximately \$14.43 for a \$100,000 assessed property value. The tax levy increase of 0.65% is the district's tax levy limit.

Despite the continuing national and state economic crises, the Board of Education and the district's administrators and staff members are committed to continuing to provide students with the best possible education, balancing our students' needs with the financial ability of the community to support those needs.

**For details on the proposed budget, please attend the public budget hearing on May 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of Durgee Junior High School. The budget vote will be held in the auditorium of Baker High School on May 15 from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**PUBLIC BUDGET MEETING**  
**May 8, 2012**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Durgee Jr. High Cafe**

**Who can vote?**

To be eligible to vote, you must be:

- 1.) Eighteen years of age or older;
- 2.) A citizen of the United States; and
- 3.) A resident of the district for 30 days prior to the vote.

**Absentee Ballots**

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**REMINDER: NO SCHOOL MAY 18**  
**There is no school for all students on May 18. It will be a professional development day for staff.**

# Budget Expenditures

**S**tate law requires the 2012-2013 budget to be presented in three parts: program, capital and administrative. Please see page 4 for information on the projected tax impact, and page 5 for budget highlights.

	2012-13 proposed budget	2011-12 final appropriation	Dollar difference	Percent difference
<b>Program</b>	\$71,302,680	\$70,417,002	+ \$885,678	+1.26%

The program component is intended to provide every student with educational experiences and opportunities to foster the full development of his or her potential. This budget category includes all instructional personnel and programs: regular school, special education, library, media, instructional technology, guidance, student health services, school psychologists, attendance and census costs, music, co-curricular activities, athletics, in-district and out-of-district pupil transportation, and staff development.

<b>Capital</b>	\$13,545,461	\$13,948,658	-\$403,197	-2.89%
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The capital component is intended to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for students, staff and the community. This budget category includes all personnel, equipment, supplies and materials for the operation and maintenance of district facilities. Any judgments and claims, refunds of real property taxes, and all payments of principal and interest on short- and long-term obligations are included in this category.

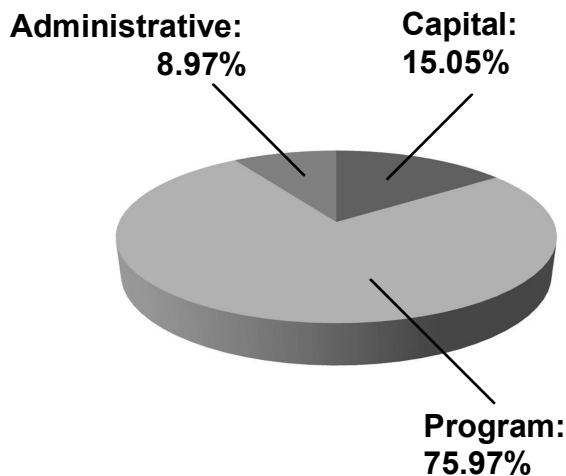
<b>Administrative</b>	\$7,568,041	\$ 8,313,589	-\$745,548	-8.97%
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The administrative component is intended to provide the necessary support for district functions. This category includes all expenses for the Board of Education, superintendent, business office, auditor, tax collection, fiscal agent, legal services, personnel office, records management, public information, central printing and mailing, property and casualty insurance, school association dues, BOCES administrative share, and supervision of instruction.

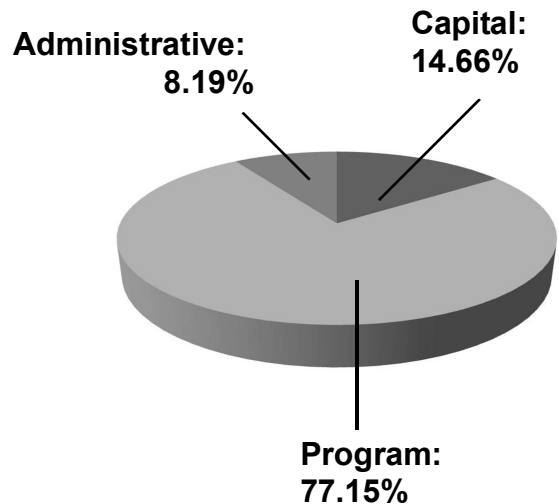
<b>Total Budget</b>	\$92,416,182	\$92,679,249	-\$263,067	-.28%
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## Appropriations Comparisons

### 2011-2012



### 2012-2013



# Budget Revenues

## Non-Property Tax Revenues

Account	2011-2012	Estimated 2012-2013
In lieu of tax	\$2,088,714	\$1,589,954
County sales tax	\$446,875	\$223,438
Tuition -- other districts	\$50,000	\$50,000
Interest income	\$140,000	\$110,000
State aid (including BOCES aid)	\$28,118,605	\$28,528,045
State aid -- building aid	\$4,630,242	\$5,611,868
Federal Jobs Money	\$ 1,800,000	\$0
All other income	\$ 356,500	\$355,500
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$37,630,936</b>	<b>\$36,468,805</b>

## Real Estate Property Tax

Budget	\$92,679,249	\$92,416,182
Less: Estimated revenues	\$37,630,936	\$36,468,805
Less: Appropriated fund balance	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Less: Appropriation from reserves	\$4,864,790	\$5,446,757
<b>Amount to be raised by tax levy:</b>	<b>\$48,683,523</b>	<b>\$49,000,620</b>

## 2012-2013 Budget Reductions

In November, the Board of Education and district administrators began the challenging task of developing a budget for 2012-2013. The district usually begins this process in January. However, in anticipation of a substantial reduction in revenues, the board felt it was necessary to begin the process earlier in order to have adequate time to make a thorough examination of all budget components, to research opportunities for cost reductions, and to receive input from staff and community members.

The 2012-2013 budget initially had a \$4.3 million gap. The board's and the district's goal was to close the gap while preserving instruction and programs and keeping the tax levy increase at the district's limit of 0.65%. They examined all areas of the budget for cost reductions, looking to make small cuts across the entire budget rather than reduce or eliminate one or a few programs. Reductions to the budget total \$1,702,018. The following are the reductions:

- ▶ Three full-time K-6 positions due to decreased enrollment: \$233,676
- ▶ 7.5 positions across all curricular areas: \$622,478
- ▶ One full-time special education position: \$90,465
- ▶ 6 teaching assistants: \$190,965
- ▶ One full-time health teacher: \$81,769
- ▶ One full-time LAN tech position: \$71,211
- ▶ One .5 school psychologist: \$39,163
- ▶ Move psychologist and social worker to federal grant: \$159,776
- ▶ Reduction in late bus runs: \$15,000
- ▶ Group bus stops for Durgee & Baker students: \$30,000
- ▶ Breakage from retirements: \$71,956
- ▶ Reduction in Facilities, seasonal worker and custodial worker - 1 full-time position: \$29,559
- ▶ Miscellaneous facilities reductions: \$66,000
  - \*Reduction in mowing
  - \*No access to buildings on thirteen holidays
  - \*No access to buildings after 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays
  - \*No access to buildings on Sundays
  - \*If a building needs to be open beyond times listed above, the group or organization using the building must pay all associated costs.

**Copies of the budget can be reviewed in the district business office at  
29 East Oneida Street, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

# Tax Impact

## Estimated Tax Rate

In Lysander and VanBuren, the tax rate is projected to increase by 0.65% as assessments are not expected to rise. The estimated tax rate will be as shown below. Please note that the district will not receive assessments and equalization rates for the towns of Van Buren, Lysander and Clay until August. At that time, **the actual tax levy and tax rates will be calculated.**

	Change in tax bill on a \$100,000 house, without STAR (no change in assessed value)	Change in tax bill on a \$100,000 house, with STAR (no change in assessed value)	Estimated tax rate increase
<b>Lysander and VanBuren</b> (assuming equalization rate remains at 100%)	<b>\$14.43</b>	<b>\$14.43</b>	<b>+0.65%</b>
<b>Clay</b> (assuming equalization rate remains the same)	<b>\$14.43</b>	<b>\$14.43</b>	<b>+0.65%</b>

## About Equalization Rates

An equalization rate represents the average level of assessment in each community. For example, an equalization rate of 50% means that, on average, the property is being assessed at 50% of its market value. The equalization rates are determined by the New York State Board of Equalization and Assessment. One of the most important uses of the equalization rate is to divide the tax levy fairly among municipalities in the same school district. In the Baldwinsville Central School District, the municipalities are the towns of Lysander, Van Buren and Clay.

## About "STAR," School Tax Relief Program

The state's School Tax Relief Program, or STAR, provides a basic exemption that allows property owners with income under \$500,000 to receive a \$30,000 full-value exemption on their school tax bills. Senior citizens with incomes of less than \$36,400 gross are eligible for larger exemptions on a sliding scale; senior citizens with incomes of less than \$79,050 (not including IRA distributions) are eligible for the state's "enhanced" exemption of \$60,100.

## Proposition Two: Annual Bus Purchase

In addition to voting on the 2012-2013 budget proposal, district residents are also asked to vote on one additional ballot item:

### Annual bus purchase and replacement program

The bus fleet consists of 79 large (54-70 passenger) buses, 27 medium (15-48 passenger and wheelchair capable) buses, and seven 8-passenger buses. Large buses are used for about 12 years, the medium buses for about 10 years, and the 8-passenger buses for about 7 years. In order to maintain a consistent replacement schedule, approximately 11 to 14 buses should be replaced per year. However, given the economic pressure facing the district, we are proposing the purchase of fewer buses.

### The district would like to purchase:

- ▶ Four 65-passenger buses
- ▶ One 30-passenger bus
- ▶ Two short wheel chair buses
- ▶ One long wheel chair bus



**The total maximum cost of Proposition 2 = \$931,000**  
**Less State aid = \$782,040**  
**Local cost = \$148,960**



# Budget Highlights

The 2012-2013 budget seeks to support the district's long-range plan, which strives to provide quality academic programs and maintain facilities while remaining fiscally responsible to taxpayers.



## Program Highlights

- ▶ Offer a large number of college-credit courses at the high school at no cost to the student. The district has significantly increased the number of students taking college level courses.
- ▶ Maintain most existing student program opportunities (instructional and extra-curricular)
- ▶ Continue to minimize the number of displaced students
- ▶ Maintain effective class sizes
- ▶ Increased the number of students receiving Advanced Designation diplomas
- ▶ Continue the district's data-analysis process
- ▶ Ensures continued improvement in teaching through the district's mentoring program and other professional development initiatives.

## Technology

In the area of technology, the budget continues to support ongoing needs in the district to include general network hardware and software upgrades, the programmed replacement of older equipment and installation of various peripheral instructional equipment to include video projectors, SMART Boards, Symposiums, other presentation devices, and mobile computing devices, such as iPads.

## Equipment and Maintenance

The budget supports the district's cleaning and preventative maintenance program and the community use of buildings. It also supports necessary repairs, including building infrastructure, mechanical and electrical repairs, HVAC upgrades, athletic field maintenance, and energy conservation upgrades. Examples of new equipment include lawn maintenance and athletic field equipment, and building maintenance and floor care equipment.

# Contingent Budget

## What happens if the budget is defeated?

If the budget is defeated, the Board of Education has three options:

- 1.) Put the same budget back before voters;
- 2.) Reduce the budget and ask voters to approve that budget; or
- 3.) Go directly to a contingent budget with no re-vote.

If the budget is defeated twice, the board must adopt a contingent budget. The contingent budget may not increase the current tax levy by any amount, which would be a zero percent tax cap.

### How will a contingent budget affect the school district?

Under a contingent budget, there will be no instructional or noninstructional equipment purchases and no community use of facilities unless groups or organizations pay all associated costs.

**For more  
information on the  
budget visit  
[www.bville.org](http://www.bville.org)**

## Annual Budget Vote May 15, 2012

**6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**Baker Auditorium**

- ▶ 2012-2013 Budget Proposition - \$92,416,182
- ▶ Tax levy increase - 0.65%
- ▶ School Bus Purchase Proposition - \$931,000
- ▶ Three seats on the Board of Education

### Voter Qualifications:

- ▶ Eighteen years of age or older;
- ▶ A citizen of the United States; and
- ▶ A resident of the school district for 30 days prior to the vote.

### Absentee Ballot:

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## Public Budget Hearing May 8, 2012

**7:00 p.m.**

**Durjee Junior High  
School Cafeteria**

# School Board Elections

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## Board of Education Candidates

The order of the candidates is ***the order in which they will appear on the ballot***. Three seats on the Board of Education are up for election. They are for three-year terms. The three candidates who receive the three highest vote totals will be elected to the three-year terms.

### Burrill Wells



Burrill Wells is a fifth generation Baldwinsville resident and a 1983 graduate of Baker High School. He holds a BA in French from SUNY Oswego and a Master of Public Administration from Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. He has lived and studied abroad in Europe and South America. He is a NYS certified teacher of French and has seven years teaching experience at the secondary and college levels. While teaching, Burrill was selected to study French cultural issues at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania through a grant sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. He received a scholarship from the New York State Association of Foreign Language Teachers to study French and Québec culture at the University of Québec at Montréal. He also has experience in the labor and non-profit sectors and is currently the Syracuse Health Care Organizer and Advocate for Citizen Action of New York and the Public Policy and Education Fund of New York. He served on the

Board of Education from 1994 - 2008, and rejoined the board in 2009. He served as board vice president for four years and is currently serving his first year as president. He has been a member of several board committees including the Facilities Committee, Audit Committee, Transition Committee, Budget Advisory Committee, Mentoring Committee, Redistricting Committee, Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Policy Committee and the Facilities Feasibility Study Committee. In addition, Burrill served one term on the Baldwinsville Village Board of Trustees where he was a member of the Public Works Committee and chaired the Labor Relations Committee.

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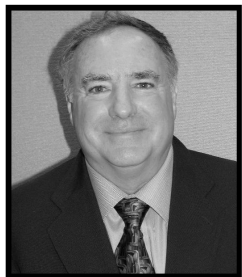
### Cindy Cronin



Cindy (Vicat) Cronin is seeking a second term on the Board of Education. She has served on the board since July 2009. Cindy grew up in Baldwinsville and is a 1981 graduate of Baker High School. She holds a BA in international political economy from Wells College and a Master of Business Administration from Syracuse University. She lived in France for 10 years. She has 18 years of successful sales and management experience in the video post-production and telecommunications industries. She is a National Board Certified teacher and has been teaching for nine years. Since 2003, she has been teaching French and business in the Syracuse City School District at Nottingham High School, where she chairs the International Business and Relations Career Academy and is a member of the School Leadership Team. She has also served on the Landmark Theatre Board. She lives in the Village of Baldwinsville with her husband Don, son Thomas Albouy, and her daughter Carsyn.

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### Jim Goulet



Jim Goulet is seeking a second term on the Board of Education. He has served on the board since July 2009. Jim is a lifetime resident of Baldwinsville and a 1968 graduate of Baker High School. He holds a BS in Resources Management from SUNY-ESF and teaching certification through SUNY Oswego. Jim was a science teacher in Baldwinsville for 32 years, and he also successfully coached the girls' varsity cross country, indoor track and spring track teams for 97 seasons. Jim served as league chair for cross country, indoor track and spring track for many years and was also the Section III chair for indoor track for over 30 years. He was the head women's track coach for the Central Region for the Empire State Games for 27 years. In retirement, he served as the head coach for the SUNY-ESF cross country program and was a member of the Village Zoning Board of Appeals, the SUNY-ESF Alumni Board of Directors and the OCC Arena & Athletic Center Task Force. Jim is also an 8-year member of the

Board of Directors of the Friends of Beaver Lake Nature Center. He has been married to his wife Jean for 39 years, and their two sons, Eric and Dan, are Baker graduates.

# POINTS OF PRIDE 2011 - 2012



▶ The district is ranked 38th out of 431 Upstate districts by Business First

- ▶ National Merit Honors
  - \* Finalists - 2
  - \* Commended Students - 5

- ▶ AP Scholar Awards
  - \* Scholar w/Distinction - 18
  - \* Scholar w/Honor - 14
  - \* Scholar Award - 36



▶ Baker High School's technology program named CNYTEE's 2011-2012 Program of the Year

▶ 2012 CNY Scholastic Art Awards - 27 students

▶ Named a Best Community for Music Education

▶ Baldwinsville Marching Band - 2012 Gator Bowl Sweepstakes Champions

▶ All-State Music Festival - 4 students

▶ Area All-State Music Festivals - 36 students

▶ All-County Music Festivals - 117 students

▶ Section III Champions:

- \* Girls volleyball
- \* Boys soccer (co-champs)
- \* Boys wrestling
- \* Kevin Paul, wrestling @ 106 lbs.
- \* Pat Nasoni, wrestling @ 195 lbs.
- \* Gina Carnovale, indoor track, 300-m dash
- \* Dan Burke, swimming, 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard backstroke

▶ Class AA Regional Champions - Girls Volleyball

▶ Scholar/Athlete Team State Champion - Ice Hockey



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