

# THE OVERVIEW

*To prepare our students to be successful, contributing members of their communities, through excellence in education.*

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## Wellsville Secondary School Announces Valedictorian and Salutatorian

### *Sarah Carlton and Milla Litzburg lead the Class of 2020*

Wellsville Secondary School is pleased to announce the top two seniors for the Class of 2020.

The Wellsville Secondary School Valedictorian honor goes to **Sarah Carlton (left photo)**, the daughter of Dena Hess and Dana Carlton.

Sarah has earned this prestigious designation by accumulating a high school average of 99.53%. Sarah's academic record has kept her at the top of her class throughout her high school career and opened doors to many academic opportunities. Some of her academic achievements include the NYS Regents Award for Academic Excellence, the President's Award for Educational Excellence, the Big 30 Academic Team Scholarship Nominee, the University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Award, Rotary Student of the Month and DAR Good Citizen Winner. Sarah is a two-year member of the Wellsville Chapter of the National Honor Society. In addition to her academic accomplishments, Sarah has been a vital member of the Wellsville Girls' Soccer Team for four years. She has also been involved in International Club, SADD, Ski Club and Student Council.

Sarah plans to matriculate at the World of Life Bible Institute to pursue a career in psychology/counseling.



The honor of Salutatorian has been earned by **Milla Litzburg (right photo)**. Milla is the daughter of Michael and Nurlelah Litzburg. Milla has earned the title of Salutatorian by accruing an average of 99.05%. Milla's list of accomplishments include: University of Rochester Kodak Young Leader Award, the NYS Regents Award for Academic Excellence, the President's Award for Educational Excellence, Rotary Student of the Month and American Legion Auxiliary Empire Girls State Delegate.



Milla is a two-year member of the Wellsville Chapter of the National Honor Society. Milla has been active in Wellsville Girls' Soccer, Girls' Basketball and Track & Field for four years. Milla has also been involved in International Club, SADD, Ski Club and Student Council.

Milla will be attending the University of Rochester majoring in mathematics.



## Carlton Nominated for Big 30 Academic Team

The Principal's Association, comprised of both New York and Pennsylvania schools that lie in what is termed the "Big 30 Area" has formulated a selection process that will allow each school to nominate a student to be a participant on the "Big 30 Academic Team."

The Wellsville Secondary School is proud to announce **Sarah Carlton** has been chosen as our nominee for for the 2019-2020 school year.

The criteria for this award is based on academics, 90% (raw grades, courses studied and their difficulty, college entrance scores, and grade averages, on a scale of 100 being the best), and the other 10% is the student's involvement in and outside of school.

Sarah is a top academic student whose grades and college test scores are exemplary and who has received the highest accolades from her principal. Sarah is a positive contributor in school and in the community.

### WCS Mission Statement

*"Our mission is to prepare our students to be successful, contributing members of their communities through excellence in education."*

# THANK YOU



**Thank You, Mr. Giopulos!**  
*... for your many years of service to our school district. You will be missed, but we wish you a very happy retirement.*



**Student food delivery and pickup will continue through Friday, June 19th. Food pickup will continue at the Secondary School bus loop from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. weekdays beginning on Monday, June 22nd and continuing through the summer (excluding July 3rd) until Friday, August 28th.**

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# A Message from the Administration & Board of Education

Dear Residents,

The upcoming school year is difficult to plan for, with so much unknown in the present, the look and feel of school in the fall is difficult to anticipate. The outlook for state revenues is concerning. The Governor has stated that, in the absence of further federal stimulus funding, school budgets will be reduced by 20%. This is anticipated to be a shortfall of \$2.5 million for Wellsville. Thankfully, the District went into the COVID-19 crisis in a strong financial position. In response to the anticipated shortfall, and a decline in enrollment, we were able to reduce positions due to resignations and retirements.

These reductions realize a savings of \$470,000 in salary and benefits. In addition, the District will appropriate two million dollars in fund balance to offset the remainder of the shortfall. Keeping the economic impact on the community at the forefront of our concerns, **we plan to keep the tax levy flat with a 0% change to the tax levy.** Our hope is to continue matching employee reductions to changes in enrollment and to implement these through natural attrition by retirements, while preserving our programs.

We will continue to plan for the fall using the best and most appropriate guidance on how to open school. Wellsville will continue to be a hub for this community and will support your children and our students in reaching the future they deserve.

## 2020-2021 Budget At-A-Glance

Proposed Budget \$32,213,231  
 Proposed Tax Levy 0.00%

**Budget Hearing -- Tuesday, May 26**  
 6 p.m., virtual presentation on the District's  
 website at [www.wellsvilleschools.org](http://www.wellsvilleschools.org)

**Vote -- Tuesday, June 9**  
 by Absentee Ballot ONLY

## Voting Qualifications

A person shall be entitled to vote at this meeting and election of School District Officers and upon other matters, which may be brought before such meeting, and election who is:

- a) A citizen of the United States;
- b) 18 years of age; and
- c) A resident within the District for a period of 30 days preceding the election.

Board of Education, Wellsville Central School District No. 1 of towns of Wellsville, Willing, Scio, Alma, Andover, and Independence, Allegany County, New York.

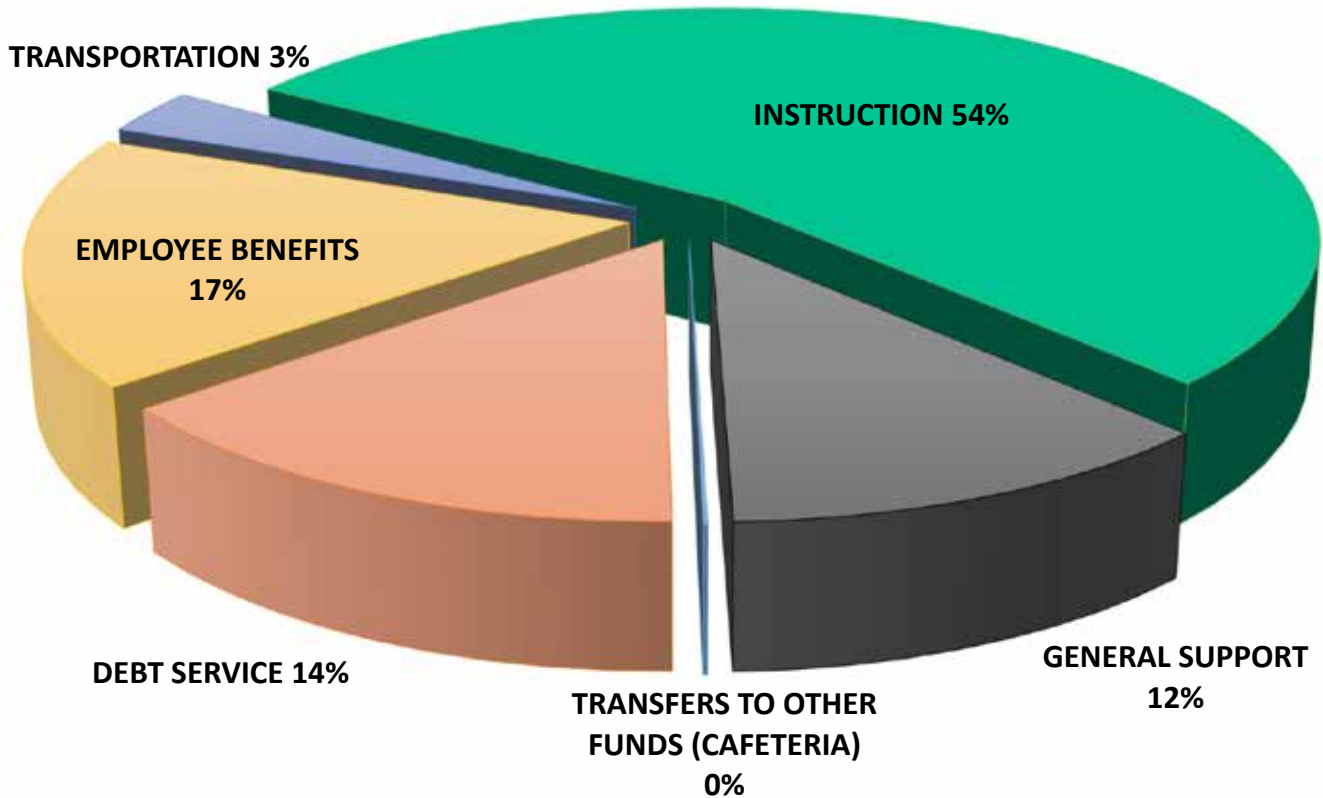
## 13-Year Comparison of Tax Levy Increases

Year	Change in Levy
2008-2009	3.76%
2009-2010	3.97%
2010-2011	4.00%
2011-2012	2.46%
2012-2013	1.50%
2013-2014	1.00%
2014-2015	0.00%
2015-2016	0.00%
2016-2017	0.00%
2017-2018	-0.50%
2018-2019	-0.50%
2019-2020	-1.00%
<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

## Two Candidates Running for Two Seats on School Board

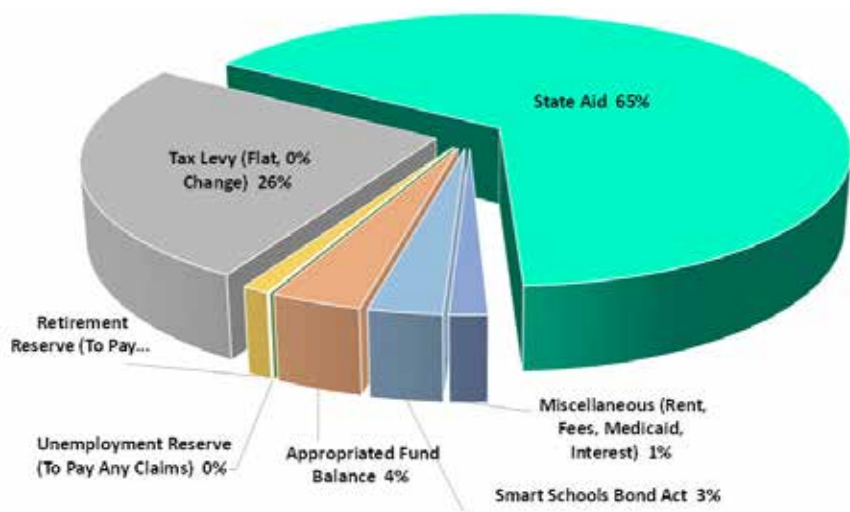
Two candidates are running for election to the Wellsville Central School Board of Education. The Board has two (2) three-year terms of office set to expire at the end of June. These two candidates will appear on the ballot for the June 9, 2020, school board election in the following order: 1) *Kristopher Green* 2) *Alan Mosher*

## 2020-2021 Proposed Expenditure Summary



Description	2020 - 21 Proposed Budget	2019 - 20 Budget	\$ CHANGE
BOARD OF EDUCATION	23,525	23,525	\$ -
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	220,337	212,688	\$ 7,649
FINANCE	278,517	274,231	\$ 4,286
STAFF (PERSONNEL, LEGAL)	627,555	599,744	\$ 27,811
CENTRAL SERVICES (Operations & Maintenance, Printing & Mail)	2,134,442	2,106,404	\$ 28,038
SPECIAL ITEMS (Insurance, BOCES Admin.)	493,302	526,470	\$ (33,168)
<b>TOTAL GENERAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>3,777,678</b>	<b>3,743,062</b>	<b>\$ 34,616</b>
SUPERVISION	1,257,832	1,216,620	\$ 41,212
TEACHING	6,858,680	6,518,926	\$ 339,754
SPECIAL APPORTIONMENT PROGRAMS (Special & Occupational Education)	6,145,647	5,751,499	\$ 394,148
SPECIAL SCHOOLS	85,541	106,542	\$ (21,001)
INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA	1,802,545	958,996	\$ 843,549
PUPIL SERVICES	1,153,751	1,224,073	\$ (70,322)
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>17,303,996</b>	<b>15,776,656</b>	<b>\$ 1,527,340</b>
TRANSPORTATION	1,013,557	1,007,031	\$ 6,526
<b>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>1,013,557</b>	<b>1,007,031</b>	<b>\$ 6,526</b>
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	5,514,532	5,338,283	\$ 176,249
DEBT SERVICE	4,573,468	4,104,881	\$ 468,587
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS (CAFETERIA)	30,000	30,000	\$ -
<b>TOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED</b>	<b>10,118,000</b>	<b>9,473,164</b>	<b>\$ 644,836</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>32,213,231</b>	<b>29,999,913</b>	<b>\$ 2,213,318</b>

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## 2020-2021 Proposed Revenue Summary

Tax Levy (Flat, 0% Change)	\$	8,222,073
State Aid	\$	21,079,705
Miscellaneous (Rent, Fees, Medicaid, Interest)	\$	480,000
Smart Schools Bond Act	\$	928,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$	1,143,453
Unemployment Reserve (To Pay Any Claims)	\$	20,000
Retirement Reserve (To Pay Pension Fund)	\$	340,000
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>32,213,231</b>

### LEGAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Wellsville Central School District, Allegany County, New York, has been adjourned by Executive Order of the Governor of the state of New York, and will be held virtually on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time for the presentation of the 2020-2021 budget of said School District. Information regarding virtual attendance will be posted on the District's website at [www.wellsvilleschools.org](http://www.wellsvilleschools.org). The proposed budget will be available for review on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, on the District website at [www.wellsvilleschools.org](http://www.wellsvilleschools.org). If you are unable to access the budget from the District website, please contact the District Clerk.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the annual vote of the qualified voters of the Wellsville Central School District, Allegany County, New York (the "School District"), has been adjourned by Executive Order of the Governor of the State of New York and will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, to vote upon the following items:

To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2020-2021 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the School District.

To authorize the School District to purchase two (2) 72 passenger conventional buses at a total

maximum cost of \$290,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary to be raised by taxes on the taxable property of the said school district and to issue obligations of the school district, therefore, in accordance with the education law and local finance law.

To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education for three (3) year terms commencing July 1, 2020, and expiring on June 30, 2023, to succeed Alan Mosher and Constance Synakowski, whose terms expire on June 30, 2020.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, exclusive of public monies, and the tax exemption report may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours beginning Tuesday, May 19, 2020, (except Saturday, Sunday or holidays) at the Wellsville Central School District Office. A copy will also be available on the District's website at [www.wellsvilleschools.org](http://www.wellsvilleschools.org). If you are unable to access the statement from the District website, please contact the District Clerk.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of Board of Education shall be filed with the District Clerk of said School District between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at her office in the Wellsville Central School, not later than Monday, May 11, 2020. To constitute as filing, each petition shall be directed to the District Clerk, and must state the name, age

and residence of the candidate, and left outside the District's office; alternatively, candidates can complete and submit forms and e-mail them to [dyoumans@wlsv.org](mailto:dyoumans@wlsv.org).

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any vacancies on the Board of Education are not to be separate offices in the nominating petition and are to be arranged alphabetically and direction given that as many candidates be voted as there are vacancies to be filled. Take further notice that pursuant to Section 2034 of the Education Law, the candidates who receive a plurality of votes cast respectively for several offices are to be declared elected. The two (2) candidates with the highest plurality will receive three (3) year terms.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk and via an e-mail to the District Clerk at [dyoumans@wlsv.org](mailto:dyoumans@wlsv.org). Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on and after Thursday, June 4, 2020 and said list will be posted at the polling place at the election. To view the list, please contact the District Clerk at 585-596-2170 to make an appointment.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the School District, if they meet the criteria for same. Military voters, as defined by Education Law 2018-d, may request an application to register as a qualified voter from the District Clerk. Military voter registration application forms must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the twenty-sixth (26th) day before the election. A military voter may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration, military ballot application or military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail in their request for such registration, ballot application, or ballot. Such designation shall remain in effect until revoked or changed by the military voter.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the annual vote and election. Pursuant to Executive Order of the Governor of the State of New York, the District will send absentee ballots to all qualified voters who reside in the District whose names appeared on the District's registration rolls as of May 4, 2020. If you are a qualified voter of the School District and do not receive an absentee ballot, please contact the District Clerk.

Dawn Youmans, District Clerk, Wellsville Central School District No 1 of towns of Wellsville, Willing, Scio, Alma, Andover, and Independence, Allegany County, New York.

## Wellsville 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	\$ 29,999,913	\$ 32,213,231	\$ 32,083,631
Increase/Decrease for the 2019-20 School Year		\$ 2,213,318	\$ 2,083,718
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		7.38 %	6.95 %
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.81%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 8,222,073	\$ 8,222,073	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable			
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)	\$ 8,222,073	\$ 8,222,073	\$ 8,222,073
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 944,676	\$ 881,178	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 8,597,884	\$ 8,425,961	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$ 8,222,073	\$ 8,222,073	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 375,811	\$ 203,888	
Administrative Component	\$ 3,602,438	\$ 3,725,685	\$ 3,678,685
Program Component	\$ 20,092,591	\$ 21,723,841	\$ 21,664,241
Capital Component	\$ 6,304,884	\$ 6,763,705	\$ 6,743,705

\* Provide a statement of 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.

Contingency Budget does not include district equipment or storeroom supplies.

\*\* 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
Proposition 2 – Authorization to borrow for the purchase of 2 buses	\$290,000

NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: [amscmgt@nysed.gov](mailto:amscmgt@nysed.gov)

Under the Budget Proposed  
for the 2020-21 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings<sup>1</sup>

\$ 638

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2020-21 by the qualified voters of the Wellsville Central School District, Allegany County, New York, will be held entirely by absentee ballot of qualified voters on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 5:00 pm per the New York State Governor's Executive Order 202.26.

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



***Teachers and Staff Stand in for Fifth Graders to Honor Veterans***

Wellsville Elementary School teachers and staff are shown placing flags on the graves of Veterans for Memorial Day. Grade 5 Teacher Stephanie Viglietta said, "For more than 20 years, this has been a tradition for our fifth graders to do. With Covid-19, about 15 adults from the school came out to keep the tradition alive."



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## Online Learning Becomes a Reality

**IN PHOTOS - Elementary School students are shown online learning from home with their parents..**



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