

## Breaking it Down -- the Three Part Budget

**Total Budget: \$183,278,876**

7.3%  
of budget

### ADMINISTRATIVE \$13,454,751

The Administrative component of the 2020-21 budget provides for overall general support and management activities of WCSD, including the district clerk and superintendent's office, board of education (members serve without pay), district central office and all associated costs, and BOCES' administrative costs.

77.5%  
of budget

### PROGRAM \$142,047,488

The Program component of the 2020-21 budget provides funding for the instruction of and educational support for all WCSD students, including transportation.

15.2%  
of budget

### CAPITAL \$27,776,636

The Capital component of the 2020-21 budget provides funding for all costs related to facilities' maintenance, debt services, and transfers to capital funds.



Per Pupil Expenditures***			
	General Education	Special Education	All Students
Webster	\$10,938	\$43,607	\$20,155
Similar NYS Districts	\$11,910	\$32,854	\$23,507
All NYS Districts	\$13,370	\$32,280	\$25,845

\*\*These are the most recent per pupil expenditure numbers as provided by New York State School Report Card for Fiscal Responsibility based on 2017-18 expenditure ratios.

## What is the Major Factor Influencing this Year's Budget Proposal?

The major factor influencing the budget proposal this year is the state's growing deficit due to the Coronavirus pandemic. This has led to a freeze on state aid to schools, with additional cuts of 10% to 20% possible if the state does not receive Federal stimulus aid. This would be a loss of between \$5 million and \$10 million in state aid for Webster. We have been able to balance the budget thus far without making staff or program reductions, but these will be inevitable if state aid is reduced to this extent. The budget we are presenting is within the tax cap. If, as we anticipate, state support is reduced, we will make the necessary reductions to stay within the cap.



## What Happens if the Webster Central School District Budget is Defeated?

If the 2020-21 budget is not approved by a simple majority, the board of education must decide whether to offer the same or a revised budget for a second vote. Under the governor's current executive order, it is unclear when a second vote would be allowed or authorized. If the district must adopt a contingency budget, \$1,895,630 in contingency expenditures must be reduced and no new taxes would be allowed to be levied. Under the new law, if WCSD adopts a contingency budget, the district must further reduce \$2,028,617 in expenditures to comply with the 2011 tax cap legislation.

## Board Candidates

Community residents will be asked to elect three individuals to the board of education: two (2) individuals for three (3) year terms, beginning July 1, 2020, and one (1) individual for an unexpired term of one (1) year. The unexpired term is that of a former board member and the term expires on June 30, 2021.

The two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes will be deemed elected and will begin their terms of office on July 1, 2020, for a three-year term. The candidate receiving the next highest number of votes will take office immediately upon filing his or her official oath of office with the district clerk and serve for the remainder of the unexpired term through June 30, 2021.

Board members serve without pay and are listed alphabetically, as they will appear on the ballot.

### CANDIDATES

Mike Alt  
Jennifer Birdsong-Ng  
Maria Cortes  
John Hutchings  
Shanna LaDelfa  
Janice Richardson  
Mike Suffoletto

For full candidate bios and photos, please visit:  
[www.websterschools.org/budget](http://www.websterschools.org/budget)  
> Board of Education Candidates Election.



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

Per Executive Order by Absentee Ballot Only



Our thoughts continue to be with the entire One Webster community during a time that is unlike anything most of us have experienced in our lifetimes. We are grateful to our district community

for the innumerable, exemplary ways that you have reached out to others throughout this worldwide health crisis. Thank you.

Webster Central School District's (WCSD) Board of Education and administration invite you to review the proposed \$183,278,876 spending plan for 2020-21 as outlined in this budget information page. New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo has issued that voting for

school district budgets and board of education candidates will be by absentee ballot only this year. Each WCSD household will receive two (2) absentee ballots for voting purposes. Per the executive order, all ballots must be returned to the district clerk by Tuesday, June 9 at 5:00 p.m. to be considered valid. You will receive two ballots in a separate mailing from the district. Should your household include more than two voters and you would like additional absentee ballots, please contact the district clerk at Cynthia\_Cushman@webstercsd.org or call 216-0001. If you have already reached out, there is no need to do so again.

In addition to the budget information provided on this page, please be sure to visit our website at [websterschools.org/budget](http://websterschools.org/budget) for even more budget-related information; for board of education candidates' information go to [websterschools.org/budget](http://websterschools.org/budget) > Board of Education

Candidates Election. This year, WCSD presents a spending plan that maintains all academic and extracurricular programs for our students. For the ninth consecutive year, your district has remained under New York State's tax levy limit formula.

We appreciate you taking the time to complete your absentee ballot to vote on the proposed budget and elect three candidates to the board of education. Stay safe and well!



Carmen Gumina, Superintendent



Tammy Gurowski, President, Board of Education

## Webster Central School District 2020-21 Budget Notice

Webster Central School District 2020-21 Budget Notice	Budgeted 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	\$ 177,554,272	\$ 183,278,876	\$ 181,383,246
Increase/Decrease for the 2019-20 School Year		\$ 5,724,604	\$ 3,828,974
Percentage Increase in Each Proposed Budget		3.22%	2.16%
Change in Consumer Price Index		1.81%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 107,168,590	\$ 111,092,837	
B. Tax 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	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)</b>	<b>\$ 107,168,590</b>	<b>\$ 111,092,837</b>	<b>3.66%</b>
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$ 2,257,711	\$ 3,171,531	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 104,910,879	\$ 107,921,305	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)	\$ 104,910,879	\$ 107,921,305	
I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval) **	\$ -	\$ -	
Administrative Component	\$ 13,070,153	\$ 13,454,751	\$ 12,963,939
Program Component	\$ 138,086,814	\$ 142,047,488	\$ 140,890,797
Capital Component	\$ 26,397,304	\$ 27,776,636	\$ 27,528,509

The contingency budget is based upon the following assumptions: The required Tax Levy will default to the previous year's tax levy allowing for reductions in appropriations to allow for some expenses such as, legally prohibited expenses for the purchase of equipment, confidential employee salary increases, public use of facilities, allocations to the repair reserve fund are excluded. The actual changes in appropriations under a contingency budget would be determined by the BOE if necessary.

**List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with propositions not eligible for exclusion may affect property tax levy limit and voter approval requirements.)	Amount	Description
	Proposition #1 - School Buses - Total \$1,663,000	9 International 66 Capacity Conventional Buses, 1 International 64 Capacity Conventional Bus with wheelchair unit, 4 MicroBird 30 Pupil Mini Buses, and 1 MicroBird Mini Bus with wheelchair unit

Basic STAR Exemption Impact	Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings - The basic School Tax Relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.	\$625.25

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2020-21 by the qualified voters of the Webster Central School District, Monroe County, New York will be held via absentee ballot on June 9, 2020. Ballots will be mailed via postal service to voters' homes and must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 to be valid.

**Transportation Limits**  
The 2020-21 budget proposal maintains funding for the district's current transportation limits of .25 miles for elementary (K-5) students and .70 miles for secondary (6-12) students. New York State standards are set at two miles for elementary students and three miles for secondary students.

### Absentee Ballots

Two absentee ballots will be mailed to all Webster CSD homes beginning after the Memorial Day holiday, with return to the district clerk by 5:00 p.m. on June 9 to be valid. Please note this change from what was previously advertised. If your household needs more than two ballots, please contact the district clerk at [cynthia\\_cushman@webstercsd.org](mailto:cynthia_cushman@webstercsd.org) or (585) 216-0001. No need to do so again if you have already.

### Voter Eligibility

- Be a resident of the Webster Central School District 30 days prior to the vote
- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be at least 18 years of age