



# Argyle Central School Special Edition of The Bagpiper

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## *2020-2021 School Budget*

The Argyle Central School District is proposing a budget of \$13,305,750 and a tax levy increase of 1.97%, for a total tax levy of \$4,860,000 for the 2020-21 school year.

Although the NYS Tax Cap formula allows the district to increase our 2020-21 tax levy by 3.37%, the district is opting for a tax levy increase of 1.97%. The Argyle community has always supported our school and our Board of Education recognizes the difficult situation this pandemic has created for many families in our community.

Should NYS not reduce state aid projections, the 2020-21 budget as presented maintains our current academic, sports, and extracurricular programs and reflects the district's efforts to put forward a quality educational program with a tax levy increase consistent with our previous budgets.

*Here are some facts about this budget:*

- The proposed budget is \$58,736 less than the 2019-20 budget.
- The proposed tax levy increase of 1.97%, or \$94,000 is significantly less than the 2020-21 allowable property tax cap limit of 3.37%, or \$160,679.
- The 2020-21 budget dedicates \$350,000 of fund balance toward the cost of the 2019 capital project.

The Argyle CSD 2020-21 Budget Vote and Board of Education Elections will be held June 9th with all voting being done via absentee ballot and will occur only by mail. Absentee ballots will be forwarded to all qualified voters of the district who are currently on the Washington County Board of Elections registration of voters. Absentee ballots must be received by the district by mail by June 9, 2020 before 5:00 pm.

Anyone who meets the definition of a "qualified voter," but does not believe he/she will be on the Washington County Board of Election registration of voters, must contact the District Clerk as soon as possible to ensure timely receipt of an absentee ballot for the 2020 annual meeting/election.

The chart below shows Argyle CSD's historical budget information. In addition to the proposed 2020-21 budget information, the chart also includes the school budget, state and federal aid, and tax levy percentage increases for the last 5 years.

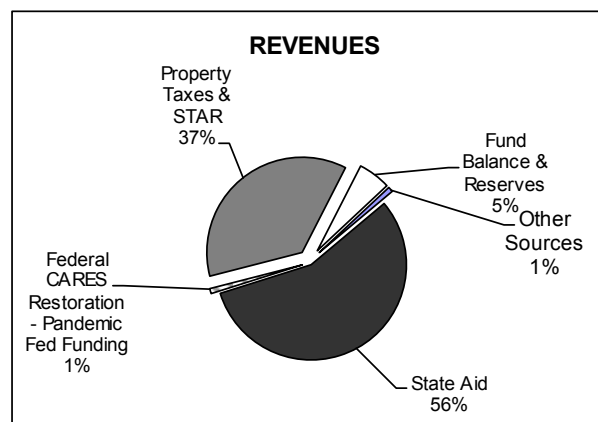
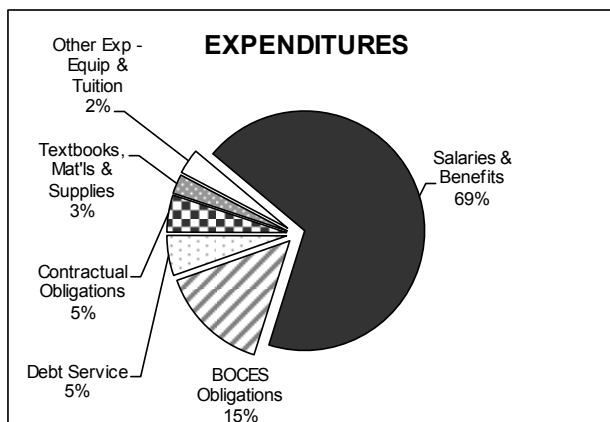
	<b>SCHOOL BUDGET</b>	<b>STATE &amp; FEDERAL AID</b>	<b>TAX LEVY % INCREASE</b>
<b>2016-2017</b>	\$ 11,679,000	\$ 6,850,000	0.42%
<b>2017-2018</b>	\$ 12,065,500	\$ 7,075,000	2.49%
<b>2018-2019</b>	\$12,749,000	\$7,360,000	2.33%
<b>2019-2020</b>	\$13,364,486	\$7,769,236	-1.33%
<b>2020-2021</b>	\$13,305,750	\$7,598,287	1.97%

**Expenditure Budget to Three Components per Section 2601A of the Education Law**

**ARGYLE CENTRAL SCHOOL—2020-2021 BUDGET**

<u>Function or Account</u>	<u>SBM Code</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Administrative</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Capital</u>
Board of Education	1099.0	17,780	17,780		
Central Administration	1299.0	211,000	211,000		
Finance	1399.0	171,200	171,200		
Legal Services	1420.0	10,000	10,000		
Personnel	1430.0	2,500	2,500		
Public Information	1480.0	24,000	24,000		
Operation of Plant	1620.0	571,350	25,200		546,150
Maintenance of Plant	1621.0	242,500			242,500
Other Central Services	1699.0	37,500	37,500		
Other Special Items	1998.0	92,700	92,700		
Curriculum Dev. & Supervision	2010.0	4,100	4,100		
Supervision Regular Schools	2020.0	252,400	252,400		
Instruction (Net of Supervision)	2999.0	6,829,670	47,653	6,782,017	
Purchase of Buses	5510.21	122,000			122,000
Other District Transportation	5510.0	577,450	26,750	550,700	
Garage Building	5530.0	16,200		16,200	
Contract Transportation	5540.0	50,000		50,000	
Employee Benefits	9098.0	3,350,000	277,223	2,930,415	142,362
Debt Service	9898.0	593,400			593,400
Other Transfers	9951.0	130,000		30,000	100,000
<b>Total Budget</b>		<b>13,305,750</b>	<b>1,200,006</b>	<b>10,359,332</b>	<b>1,746,412</b>

	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>Proposed Budget 2020-2021</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 9,303,315	\$ 9,143,915	(159,400)	(1.71%)
BOCES Obligations	1,887,925	1,967,850	79,925	4.23%
Debt Service	762,400	734,400	(39,000)	(5.12%)
Contractual Obligations	696,830	669,475	(27,355)	(3.93%)
Textbooks, Mat'ls & Supplies	340,210	347,110	6,900	2.03%
Other Exp—Equip. & Tuition	373,806	454,000	80,194	21.45%
	<u>\$13,364,486</u>	<u>13,305,750</u>	<u>(58,736)</u>	<u>(0.44%)</u>
<b>Revenues</b>				
State Aid	\$ 7,769,236	7,483,848	(285,388)	(3.67%)
Federal CARES Restoration—Pandemic Fed Funding		114,439	114,439	
Property Taxes & STAR	4,766,000	4,860,000	94,000	1.97%
Fund Balance & Reserves	725,000	732,713	7,713	1.06%
Other Sources	104,250	114,750	10,500	10.07%
	<u>\$13,364,486</u>	<u>13,305,750</u>	<u>(58,736)</u>	<u>(0.44%)</u>



## Argyle 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	\$ 13,364,486	\$ 13,305,750	\$ 13,163,250
Increase/Decrease for the 2020-2021 school year		(58,736)	(201,236)
Percentage increase in each proposed budget		-0.44%	-1.51%
Change in the consumer price index (CPI)		1.81%	
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, including Levy to Support Library Debt, if applicable	4,766,000	4,860,000	4,766,000
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	4,766,000	4,860,000	
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	-	-	
<b>E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C + D)</b>	<b>4,766,000</b>	<b>4,860,000</b>	<b>1.97%</b>
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	-	52,438	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	4,766,141	4,874,241	
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)	4,766,000	4,807,562	
I. Difference: (G-H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval—See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	141	66,679	
Administrative Component	1,270,722	1,200,006	1,200,006
Program Component	10,425,808	10,359,332	10,356,332
Capital Component	1,730,956	1,746,412	1,606,912

\*Statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2020-21 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated. Contingent items in the budget that would be excluded include: athletic uniforms, custodial equipment, bus/van purchase.

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)

Description	Amount
Argyle Free Library appropriation	\$ 62,174

### Basic STAR Exemption Impact

Basic STAR Exemption Impact	Budget Proposed for the 2020-21 Year
<b>Estimated Basic STAR tax savings<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$ 484</b>

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2020-2021 by the qualified voters of the Argyle Central School District, Washington County, New York will be held at Argyle Central School in said District on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, by Executive Order (202.26) due to the COVID-19 virus. All ballots need to be completed and returned via US Mail and received by the school district by June 9, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

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

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## POSTAL PATRON

**If you have any questions regarding the proposed budget, please call a member of the Board of Education.**

● Pamela Ellis, *President*  
518-638-6065

● David Holck, *Vice President*  
518-638-8906

● Travis Dessaint  
202-641-6600

● Thomas Genovese  
518-638-1048

● Rodney Saunders  
518-636-9059

### VOTER ELIGIBILITY

- A resident of the District for at least thirty days prior to the vote
- A United States citizen
- Eighteen (18) years of age or older

### ABSENTEE BALLOTS

**(Voting is by absentee ballot only)**

Absentee Ballots are available to eligible voters. Call 638-8243, ext. 304 or email [districtclerk@argylecsd.org](mailto:districtclerk@argylecsd.org) for information on obtaining a ballot.

### DETAILED BUDGET INFORMATION

If you would like a more detailed budget, please contact Ronald Black, Business Manager at 638-8243, ext. 308.

### VOTING WHERE AND WHEN

***Budget Vote by  
Absentee Ballot Only***  
Tuesday, June 9, 2020  
Ballots must be returned  
by US Mail and received  
by the school district by  
June 9, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

### PROPOSITIONS

1. 2020-2021 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$13,305,750
2. Argyle Free Library Proposition of \$62,174
3. **Board Candidate - Thomas Genovese (Biography Available on ACS Website)**  
One 5-Year Term  
(July 1, 2020—June 30, 2025)