

# SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for 2018-19 School Year	Budget Proposed for 2019-2020 School Year	Contingency Budget 2019-2020 School Year
Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions	\$21,483,701	\$21,346,689	\$21,248,739
Increase for the 2019-2020 School Year		(\$137,012)	(\$234,962)
Percentage Increase in Proposed Budget		(0.64%)	(1.09%)
Change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI)		2.44%	
<b>A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount</b>			
	\$10,970,032	\$11,068,762	
<b>B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable</b>			
	\$0	\$0	
<b>C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable**</b>			
	\$0	\$0	
<b>D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy</b>			
	\$0	\$0	
<b>E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)</b>			
	\$10,970,032	\$11,068,762	0.90%
<b>F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit</b>			
	\$530,275	\$336,195	
<b>G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions</b>			
	\$10,439,757	\$10,732,567	
<b>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)</b>			
	\$10,439,757	\$10,732,567	
<b>I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**</b>			
	\$0	\$0	
Administrative component	\$1,579,608	\$1,663,754	\$1,663,754
Program component	\$15,344,411	\$16,019,612	\$15,995,612
Capital component	\$3,259,682	\$3,663,323	\$3,589,373

\*\* Separate propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: two (2) 65-passenger school buses and three (3) school mini-vans at a maximum cost not to exceed \$322,000.

## BASIC STAR EXEMPTION IMPACT

Estimated Basic STAR\* Exemption Savings Based on a Hypothetical Home Within the School District with a Full Value of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) and a Basic Star exemption of \$30,000. \*The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2019-2020 School Year

Basic STAR tax savings \$324

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2019-2020 by the qualified voters of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, Warren and Saratoga Counties, New York, will be held at the Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School, 27 Hyland Drive, Lake Luzerne, NY on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, between the hours of 12 Noon and 8 p.m., prevailing time (or for as long as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 8 p.m. to cast their ballots) at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

In accordance with Chapter 258 of the Laws of 2008 added to Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law, a report of tax exemptions, showing how much of the total assessed value on the final assessment rolls used in the budgetary process is exempt from taxation, will be annexed to the budget document and posted on the district website.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2019-20 BUDGET

Current 2018-2019 school budget	\$21,483,701
Proposed 2019-2020 school budget	\$21,346,689
Decrease from current year	\$137,012
Percentage decrease in the proposed budget	0.64%
Estimated increase in tax levy	0.90%

### Public Hearing

A Public Hearing on the proposed 2019-20 budget for the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District shall be held in the Elementary School Large Group Instructional Room of the Hadley-Luzerne Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School, 27 Hyland Drive, Lake Luzerne, NY, on Monday, May 13, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., prevailing time.

### Copies of the Budget

Copies of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the school district's budget for the 2019-20 school year, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the district during business hours beginning Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at the School Business Office and the main office of each school building between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., prevailing. Copies shall also be available at the Annual District Meeting.

### Absentee Ballots

Applications for absentee ballots for election of a board member and voting on the budget and propositions may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on May 21, 2019.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk at the Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School on each of the five days prior to the day of election, except

Sunday, May 19, 2019, and only by appointment on Saturday, May 18, 2019. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list by making his/her challenge and reasons known to the Chief Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

### Voter Registration

Personal registration of voters is required pursuant to Section 2014 of Education Law or Article 5 of Election Law. If a voter has already registered pursuant to Section 2014 of Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, he or she is eligible to vote at this election. If a voter is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register.

Personal registration for all qualified voters of the District shall occur at the District Office, Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School, during business hours of the school, but no later than May 16, 2019. At this time, any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed in the Register, provided that during registration, the prospective voter is known or can prove to the satisfaction of the District that he or she is entitled to vote in the election.

Please note: the Register prepared pursuant to Education Law shall be filed in the Office of the District Clerk and shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District on each of five days prior to the day of the election - except Sunday, May 19, 2019 - from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. prevailing time and by appointment on Saturday, May 12, 2019.



**Hadley-Luzerne**  
Central School District (SMTES)

PO Box 200, 27 Hyland Drive  
Lake Luzerne, New York 12846  
518-696-2378

### Board of Education

Eddie Joe Moulton, President  
Mary Visscher, Vice President  
Lia Braico  
Susan Hoffman  
Gregory Novotarski

### Administration

Beecher Baker, Superintendent  
Jonathan Baker, Elementary School Principal (PK-6)  
Burgess O'vitt, Junior-Senior High School Principal  
T. Gregory Dale, School Business Administrator  
Jennifer Sanford, Director of Special Education

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The Hadley-Luzerne Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, sex, age, handicap, or as otherwise decreed by Law, and is in compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Inquiries concerning this policy of equal opportunity should be made to the Title IX and Section 504/DASA Coordinator at 518-696-2378.

Hadley-Luzerne Central School District  
**NON-PROFIT ORG.**  
Lake Luzerne, NY 12846  
PERMIT #7

POSTAL CUSTOMER  
\*\*\*\*\*ECRWSS\*\*\*\*\*

If you have not voted on a school budget in the past four years, or in the local elections, please come to the Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School to register or call 518-696-2378x1108. (Qualified voters are residents of the district who are registered to vote.)

# 2019 Budget

Hadley-Luzerne Central School District

May 2019

The Hadley-Luzerne Central School District Board of Education is proposing a budget of \$21,346,689 for the 2019-2020 school year. This is an **overall budget-to-budget decrease of \$137,012** or 0.64%, resulting in an estimated 0.90% increase in the tax levy.

The annual budget vote is on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, from noon to 8 p.m. at the Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School in the Large Group Instruction Room (LGI), 27 Hyland Drive, Lake Luzerne.

The proposed budget for the 2019-2020 school year fully supports and protects the students, families, and taxpayers of the district. It stays within tax cap limitations, preserves programs for students, utilizes all available resources to keep costs at a minimum, explores cost savings options, strategically manages reserves and fund balances, and adds both an elementary school counselor and special education teacher to meet student needs.

As Superintendent, I want to reassure the Hadley-Luzerne School Community of our ongoing commitment to the social and emotional health of our students. The new elementary school counseling position is a part of our multi-faceted approach to meet student needs. The counselor's role is to implement programs that address preparation, intervention, and strategies in all aspects of our students' lives. The program teaches knowledge, attitude, and skills to excel academically, and prepares students for future careers, while also assisting with social and emotional development.

The district has been working to create programs in-house that meet the needs of all students rather than outsourcing at tremendous costs. The addition of a new special education teacher will not only cut costs on out of district placements, but allow for HL students to be taught on campus, encouraging familiarity with our students.

The district has also been working with Hudson Headwaters Health Network to secure another health center on campus. This is in response to the closing of the Glens Falls Hospital school-based facility last summer. We feel it is imperative to ensure all students have readily available healthcare while on campus, above and beyond the school nurse.

Hadley-Luzerne is currently in the construction phase of a capital project that was approved in December of 2016. Currently, the roofs of the Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School are being repaired and we are renovating the auditorium and the HVAC system in the JR./SR. High School. The projected completion date for this capital project is September of 2019.

Sincerely,

Beecher Baker Sr., Superintendent of Schools

## 2019-2020 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

Line Item	Budget 2018-19	Proposed 2019-2020	\$ Change
Instruction	\$10,161,681	\$11,111,816	\$950,136
Employee Benefits	\$5,687,258	\$5,688,732	\$1,474
General Support	\$2,691,085	\$2,477,450	(\$213,635)
Transportation	\$1,120,693	\$1,157,968	\$37,275
Debt Service	\$1,767,985	\$870,723	(\$897,262)
Transfers	\$55,000	\$40,000	(\$15,000)
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$21,483,701</b>	<b>\$21,346,689</b>	<b>(\$137,012)</b>

## 2019-2020 REVENUE SUMMARY

Line Item	Budget 2018-19	Proposed 2019-2020	\$ Change
Property Tax	\$10,970,032	\$11,068,762	\$98,730
State Aid	\$8,794,087	\$8,371,345	(\$422,742)
Federal Aid	\$90,000	\$90,000	0
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,216,332	\$1,216,332	0
Reserves	0	0	0
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	\$12,000	\$12,000	0
Charges for Services	\$75,000	\$75,000	0
Use of Money & Property	\$23,000	\$60,000	\$37,000
Sale of Property & Comp for Loss	\$13,250	\$13,250	0
Miscellaneous	\$290,000	\$440,000	\$150,000
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$21,483,701</b>	<b>\$21,346,689</b>	<b>(\$137,012)</b>

## ESTIMATED TAX RATES

Per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation

Town	Actual 2018-19	Proposed 2019-20	\$ Change Per \$1000	% Change
Day	\$16.23	\$16.39	\$0.15	0.90%
Edinburg	\$21.02	\$21.20	\$0.19	0.90%
Hadley	\$13.03	\$13.15	\$0.12	0.90%
Lake Luzerne	\$10.72	\$10.81	\$0.10	0.90%
Stony Creek	\$1,071.79	\$1,081.44	\$9.64	0.90%
Warrensburg	\$10.72	\$10.81	\$0.10	0.90%

Please Note: These Estimated Tax Rates for 2019-2020 are subject to change. They are based on assessed value and equalization rates from 2018-19.

## PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

	2018-19 Budget	2019-2020 Budget	Percent Change
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I. Difference (G - H); (negative value requires 60% voter approval)	\$0	\$0	
Public School Enrollment	694	680	
Consumer Price Index	1.26%	2.44%	
	2018-19 Budget	2019-2020 Budget	
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$2,764,666	\$2,514,666	
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,323,712	\$1,323,712	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$2,104,912	\$1,551,712	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	9.79%	7.26%	

More information regarding the proposed school budget is available in the main offices of the school buildings and in the District Office (SMTES), 27 Hyland Drive, Lake Luzerne, NY 12846 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. You may also visit the district website at [www.hlcs.org](http://www.hlcs.org).

## PROPERTY TAX AND STAR PROGRAM

Based on a property with a current tax of \$1,000, using the tax-on-true rates for the district and a proposed increase of 0.90%

STAR Program provides property tax relief for homeowners on their primary residence. The enhanced or basic STAR exemption is the amount that your assessment will be reduced prior to the levy of school taxes. Basic STAR exemption amounts vary by municipality, and range from \$300 in Stony Creek to \$30,000 in Lake Luzerne. Enhanced STAR exemption range is \$690 in Stony Creek to \$68,700 in Lake Luzerne. For clarity, the calculations included here are based upon a \$30,000 Basic exemption. Additionally, tax on true figures were also used in the calculations. Please contact your local assessment office for STAR information specific to your town.

## ON THE BALLOT

### 2019-2020 PROPOSED BUDGET

RESOLVED, to adopt the annual budget for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$21,346,689 and to authorize the requisite portion therefore to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the district.

YES   
NO

### ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Vote to elect two (2) members to the Board of Education to three (3) year terms, commencing on July 1, 2019 and expiring on June 30, 2022.

#### (Vote for any Two)

Gregory Novotarski   
Susan Hoffman

### PROPOSITION 1 - TWO (2) SCHOOL BUSES AND TWO (2) MINI-VANS

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hadley Luzerne Central School District is hereby authorized to purchase two (2) 65 passenger school buses and two (2) school mini-vans at a total cost not to exceed \$322,000, and that the sum of \$322,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by the Education Law and the Local Finance Law, and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District may be issued.

YES   
NO



Recently, 'No Place for Hate' transformed the High School into a colorful display of kindness, friendship, and hope. Hallways were lined with Post-it notes reminding passersby to "never compare yourself" and that "you make others happy." Students were wrapped-up in countless positive affirmations and messages.

'No Place for Hate' is a program designed to help schools take the lead on improving and maintaining a positive culture where students can thrive.

The idea for this event came from a group of students who are committed to educating others on the importance of acceptance. These students are committed to combating bias and bullying as a means to stop the escalation of hate.

 **Budget Vote** | Tuesday, May 21, 2019 | Noon - 8 p.m.  
Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School



Fifth Annual Hadley-Luzerne Mini-Marathon Dance Participants.