



## 2021-22 PROPOSED BUDGET NEWSLETTER

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### BUDGET HEARING

**MAY  
11<sup>TH</sup>  
AT 6:00 PM  
AT MOUNTAIN VIEW  
CAMPUS**

#### BUDGET VOTE AND BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

**MAY  
18<sup>TH</sup>  
12PM - 8PM  
AT LAKE VIEW CAMPUS**

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THE DISTRICT OFFICE  
(518) 873-6371  
7530 COURT ST.  
ELIZABETHTOWN, NY

### Dear Boquet Valley CSD Families,

We are pleased to announce the return of in-person voting for this year's school budget vote and Board of Education elections. **The vote will take place on Tuesday, May 18th, 2021 at The Lake View Campus from 12:00-8:00pm. Absentee ballots may be requested from District Clerk, Jana Atwell at 518-873-6371**

Your Boquet Valley Central School District Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools, and Administration have spent months working cooperatively to develop a spending plan to meet the educational needs of our students while balancing those costs with the community's ability to support the plan. The total proposed budget for the 2021-2022 school year is \$15,118,683 a 0.61% decrease in spending over the current 2020-21 budget.

This proposed budget will result in a tax levy increase of 0.98%. The proposed 2021-22 tax levy increase is within the State Tax Cap Threshold as calculated for BVCS D. What this means to a taxpayer with an average home value of \$100,000 is an estimated total increase in taxes of \$14.29.

In addition to the Budget Proposition, the voters will be asked to elect two (2) members to the Board of Education to fill three-year terms commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2024. The candidates are: Marietta Brady, Karen Brown, Brianne Drummond, Evan George and Micah Stewart.

Voters will also be asked to consider a proposition to appropriate and expend in the 2021-2022 fiscal

year two hundred twenty-six thousand dollars (\$226,000.00) from the existing Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing two (2) sixty-five (65) passenger school buses at a maximum cost of two hundred twenty-six thousand dollars (\$226,000.00) to pay for the buses in full. Further details can be found on page 6.

The past 13 months have been extraordinary. The efforts made by our employees, our students, and the BVCS D families during this time are sincerely appreciated. **You are invited to attend our annual Budget Hearing on Tuesday, May 11th, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Mountain View Campus.** The budget will be presented and reviewed in detail for the public. Please email the district clerk with any questions or comments to [jatwell@boquetvalleycsd.org](mailto:jatwell@boquetvalleycsd.org). **Voting on the 2021-2022 proposed school budget and propositions, and Board Member elections will conclude on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at 8:00pm.**

Sincerely,

Joshua R. Meyer, *Superintendent*

Philip Mero, *Board of Education President*

## LAKE VIEW CAMPUS



What an amazing year we have had here at Lake View. When we began this adventure with the discussion of our re-opening plan our goal was to create as much normalcy as possible for our students in an abnormal year. Due to the efforts of parents, students, teachers, staff and the community we have been able to provide a great learning environment for our students. Our inaugural year as a pure elementary school has allowed us to schedule and provide opportunities for our students to learn and enhance their educational experiences in amazing ways.

With our ability to run as a pure elementary school we have been able to work behind the scenes on specific programming for our youngest learners. Our teachers have been working collaboratively with grade level teams and Academic Intervention Specialists are working to mitigate the COVID slide. Our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports team has been working hard at establishing our GROW program that will provide additional avenues to support and recognize all the greatness our students show every day. Lake View's elementary school schedule allows us to ensure our elementary students have access to a wide range of learning experiences. Music, Art, Technology, Physical Education and Character Education are all parts of our instruction design. These opportunities help our students find a passion that enhances their engagement to school.



Despite some limitations of COVID protocols our students have been energetic and involved in their learning and our numerous school wide activities. Our school wide celebrations included:

- In December we celebrated Winter Solstice and the turning point of the year as each day following offers more sunshine.
- Our 100th day of school was celebrated in February with a variety of classroom celebrations and student recognition.
- Read Across America – This month long celebration began with Dr. Seuss week and continued throughout the month of March.
- We celebrated our diversity as students celebrated and recognized Down Syndrome's mixed up socks day, purple for recognition of Epilepsy and Light it up Blue for Autism Speaks.

We are excited for the additional opportunities these final months will provide to continue to build memorable moments with our students. As we get closer to the end of the year, and appropriate guidelines are shared, we will provide additional information to parents and families regarding end of year events like Moving Up Day, Kindergarten Celebrations and future school activities. We will also celebrate the beginning of the educational journey for our newest Griffings through our Kindergarten Registration and our Kindergarten Screening.





# MOUNTAIN VIEW CAMPUS

Boquet Valley teachers, staff, students, and families continue to come together in unity, strength, and collaboration to share learning and extra curricular experiences during these challenging times. Though most of what we've been able to offer, whether academic or sports related, has been an individual sport so to speak, we've been able to offer quite a bit given these unprecedented circumstances.

We are fortunate that we've been able to be practicing in-person learning for the majority of our school year. Being in-person has enabled us to celebrate some typical events in atypical ways. Each month we've celebrated our students practicing their Essential Skills. Starting in November, students earned turkey feathers for practicing leadership, perseverance, teamwork, agility, networking, or goal setting. Students work to understand these skills and how to implement them into their own lives with a different theme each month. Our CFES Brilliant Pathways liaison has been able to come to Boquet Valley to work with students to enhance their knowledge and experiences with this important set of skills.



We were able to celebrate our National Honor Society members with a small socially distanced ceremony in October, and have another one planned for May. During December, lights adorned the high school hallway with an individual inspirational message written to each one of our students. With sports being in flux, while we waited to get the go ahead, students participated in archery, weight lifting and socially distanced basketball clinics. Students are able to receive academic support after school with a new tutoring program.

Students in the Future Business Leaders of America and North Country Model United Nations participated in and will participate in an upcoming virtual conference and the art club is putting together a virtual show.

Our seniors are readily being accepted into the colleges of their choice and making their career or military plans. We look forward to the upcoming months in hopes that we will be able to offer more in-person experiences.



## EARLY BRIDGES

This school year has gone by so fast! The Youngest Griffins sure do love learning and coming to school. We have focused on health and safety throughout the year while we continue to develop our emergent skills through play in Language Arts, Math and Social Emotional development.

This year in Language & Literacy: We have focused on letter recognition, letter formation, and letter phonetic sounds. We have learned 17 of the 26 letters. Each week a new letter is introduced and all of the letters are reviewed daily. The books we've read have gone along with the monthly themes which include: Who we are, friends, family, food, neighborhoods, transportation, animals, nature and ready for kindergarten. We have also worked on high frequency words to ensure the emergence of reading skills for kindergarten.

This year in Math We have focused on learning number 0-10. This has included the recognition of the number, the formation of the number, the counting of the numbers and comparison of amounts. We have also worked on 2D and 3D shapes in order to name them and know the



shape's characteristics. We have also learned how to sort objects by attributes and naming the direction by location. They have learned how to create patterns and extend the patterns. To complete the year we will work on weight, length and time. The students will use all their learned skills to read data by creating pictographs and begin using the counting of numbers to start adding concepts.

Along with the Math and ELA academic instruction we continue to develop and grow socially and emotionally. We have focused on learning through play and listening to social emotional stories. The social emotional stories focus on self while connecting to the monthly theme in literacy. We have also received a full year of instruction in all the elementary specials. Mrs. Mero, Mrs. Barber, Mr. Snyder and Mr. G have provided us with instruction in Music, Art, PE, and Technology to develop our senses of exploration while increasing our academic interests and performance. The focus of Early Bridges is to teach the young Griffins that they are learning academic success through play, practice, their friends, their behavior, and their environment.

## THE OFFICE OF STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

The Office of Student Support Services believes in providing interventions and support to students who need it. Children have different learning styles, and respond differently to instructional materials. Data and students' needs continue to drive our work of ensuring we have the best program and environment for student learning. We strive to make sure each and every student achieves at their highest level. Through this pandemic we have provided therapies, accommodations, modifications, and supports both face to face and remotely. One of our programmatic goals is to provide our students with the best education and meet each and everyone of our students' individual needs in accordance with their learning styles, IEPs, and 504s.



We strive to continuously improve our programs and services, so our students have the best educational experience possible in our district.

# 2021-22 BUDGET NOTICE

## Boquet Valley Central School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2020-21 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2021-22 School Year *									
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 15,211,449	\$15,118,683	\$15,066,863									
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year		\$-92,766	\$-144,586									
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		-.61 %	-.95%									
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%										
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$7,594,433	\$7,669,235										
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0										
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$0	\$0										
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0	\$0										
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$7,594,433	\$7,669,235	\$7,594,433									
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$22,940	\$0										
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$7,571,493	\$7,669,235										
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$7,571,493	\$7,669,235										
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0										
Administrative Component	\$1,728,699	\$1,744,568	\$1,741,683									
Program Component	\$11,426,582	\$11,694,379	\$11,652,969									
Capital Component	\$2,056,168	\$1,679,736	\$1,672,211									
<p>Contingency budget figures contained herein are estimates. Final decisions regarding contingency budget appropriations will be made by the Board of Education, if necessary, pursuant to section 2023 of the Education law. This is an estimate of the reductions in each component. Since the Contingency Budget may not include a levy higher than the prior year's levy (0% levy growth), the difference of \$22,982 would have to be made up by using fund balance or ordinary contingent expenses may have to be reduced to ensure there is no tax levy increase.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Management/Confidential Salaries &amp; Equipment</td> <td>Administrative</td> <td>\$2,885</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Management/Confidential Salaries &amp; Equipment</td> <td>Capital</td> <td>\$7,525</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Management/Confidential Salaries &amp; Equipment</td> <td>Program</td> <td>\$41,410</td> </tr> </table>				Management/Confidential Salaries & Equipment	Administrative	\$2,885	Management/Confidential Salaries & Equipment	Capital	\$7,525	Management/Confidential Salaries & Equipment	Program	\$41,410
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Under the Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year

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

\$405 or \$420

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-22 by the qualified voters of the Boquet Valley Central school district, Essex County, New York, will be held at Lake View Campus in said district on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 pm, prevailing time in the Lake View Campus school, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot. **Districts should include information according to Executive Orders and as advised by legal counsel.**

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

# 2021-22 PROPOSED BUDGET

## THREE PART BUDGET

	Proposed Budget 2021-22	Adopted Budget 2020-21	Change (\$)	Change (%)
<b>Program Component</b>	11,387,519.00	\$11,426,582	-39,063.00	-0.34%
<b>Administrative Component</b>	1,697,204.00	\$1,728,699	-31,495.00	-1.82%
<b>Capital Component</b>	2,033,960.00	\$2,056,168	-22,208.00	-1.08%
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>\$15,118,683</b>	<b>\$15,211,449</b>	<b>-\$92,766</b>	<b>-0.61%</b>

## BUDGET HISTORY

Year	Budget Amount	% Budget Increase	Tax Levy	Tax Levy % Increase
<b>2021-22</b>	\$15,118,683	-0.61	\$7,669,235	0.98
<b>2020-21</b>	\$15,211,449	0.90	\$7,594,433	4.15
<b>2019-20</b>	<b>\$15,075,669</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$7,291,850</b>	<b>N/A</b>

## TAX RATE COMPARISON

School District	\$Rate/Thousand
School District 1	\$23.28
School District 2	\$21.32
School District 3	\$20.88
School District 4	\$20.86
School District 5	\$19.41
School District 6	\$17.70
School District 7	\$17.50
School District 8	\$17.42
School District 9	\$17.42
<b>Boquet Valley CSD</b>	<b>\$14.13</b>
School District 11	\$12.17
School District 12	\$12.16
School District 13	\$10.02
School District 14	\$9.48
School District 15	\$8.15
School District 16	\$6.98
School District 17	\$6.53

## DETAILED EXPENDITURES TABLE

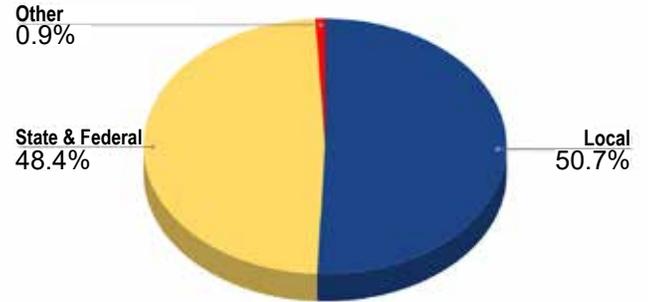
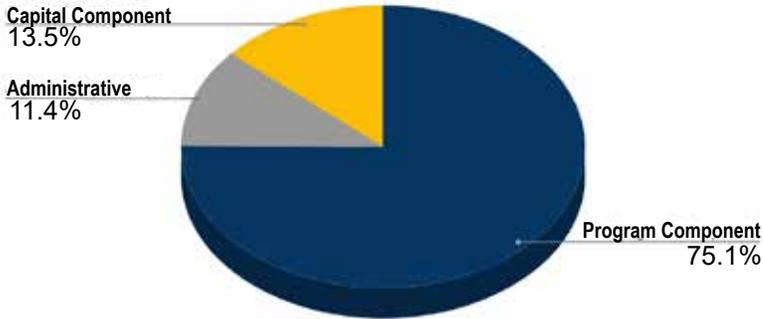
Expenditures	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	\$ Difference
BOCES Services	\$2,611,993.00	\$2,748,525.00	\$2,594,971.00	-\$153,554.00
Debt Services	\$210,426.00	\$299,363.00	\$291,044.00	-\$8,319.00
Fuels (Fuel Oil, Propane)	\$119,694.00	\$149,376.00	\$154,087.00	\$4,711.00
Fuel-Diesel & Gasoline-Buses	\$77,267.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$0.00
Insurance-Health	\$3,290,675.00	\$3,360,395.00	\$3,347,704.00	-\$12,691.00
Insurance-HRA	\$33,000.00	\$33,000.00	\$28,606.00	-\$4,394.00
Insurance-Employer Funded FSA	\$7,125.00	\$11,700.00	\$11,700.00	\$0.00
Insurance Health Buyout	\$125,238.00	\$114,899.00	\$119,782.00	\$4,883.00
Insurance-Medicare Reimbursement	\$160,800.00	\$185,477.00	\$189,112.00	\$3,635.00
Insurance-Liability	\$69,340.00	\$60,534.00	\$67,695.00	\$7,161.00
Retirement-Employees (ERS)	\$187,587.00	\$201,483.00	\$202,413.00	\$930.00
Retirement- Teachers (TRS)	\$516,112.00	\$464,881.00	\$468,008.00	\$3,127.00
Salaries-General Fund	\$5,554,958.00	\$5,745,962.00	\$5,733,139.00	-\$12,823.00
Social Security	\$488,087.00	\$469,957.00	\$475,995.00	\$6,038.00
Transportation & Maintenance Equipment	\$257,000.00	\$145,300.00	\$226,000.00	\$80,700.00
Equipment-Other	\$5,166.00	\$82,478.00	\$49,247.00	-\$33,231.00
Materials & Supplies	\$247,238.00	\$174,963.00	\$199,311.00	\$24,348.00
Community Schools Setaside	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00
Other	\$1,013,963.00	\$818,156.00	\$814,869.00	-\$3,287.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,075,669.00</b>	<b>\$15,211,449.00</b>	<b>\$15,118,683.00</b>	<b>-\$92,766.00</b>

## BVCSD STATE AID TABLE 2020-21 and 2021-22

Description	2020-21 Original Revenue Estimate	2021-22 Proposed Revenue	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Real Property Taxes	7,594,433.00	7,669,235.00	74,802.00	0.98%
Int. & Penal. on Real Property	25,900.00	25,900.00	0.00	0.00%
Other Day School Tuition	13,000.00	0.00	-13,000.00	-100.00%
Admissions (from Individual)	0	0	0	0
Interest and Earnings	30,000.00	20,000.00	-10,000.00	-33.33%
Rental of Real Property	4,000.00	0.00	-4,000.00	-100.00%
Reimburs of Medcar Part	40,100.00	0.00	-40,100.00	-100.00%
Gifts and Donations	11,000.00	88,000.00	77,000.00	700.00%
Other Unclassified Rev.	88,996.00	0.00	-88,996.00	-100.00%
Basic Formula Aid-Gen Aid	3,500,435.00	3,610,276.00	109,841.00	3.14%
Excess Cost Aid	1,161,413.00	1,167,752.00	6,339.00	0.55%
Transportation Aid	408,637.00	404,683.00	-3,954.00	-0.97%
Building Aid	196,111.00	184,251.00	-11,860.00	-6.05%
High Tax Aid	209,232.00	209,232.00	0.00	0.00%
BOCES Aid (Sect 3609a Ed	505,867.00	536,437.00	30,570.00	6.04%
Textbook Aid (Incl Txtbk/	24,671.00	24,407.00	-264.00	-1.07%
Computer Software Aid/	6,471.00	6,396.00	-75.00	-1.16%
Computer Hardware Aid	2,993.00	3,255.00	262.00	8.75%
Library A/V Loan Program	2,700.00	2,669.00	-31.00	-1.15%
Small Government Assistan	252,252.00	252,252.00	0.00	0.00%
Other State Aid	682,838.00	682,838.00	0.00	0.00%
Interfund Trans. for Debt	5,100.00	5,100.00	0.00	0.00%
Appropriated Reserves-T&M	145,300.00	226,000.00	80,700.00	55.54%
Appropriated Fund Balance	300,000.00	0.00	-300,000.00	-100.00%
	<b>15,211,449.00</b>	<b>15,118,683.00</b>	<b>-92,766.00</b>	<b>-0.61%</b>

## Proposed Budget 2020-2021

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### Voter Qualifications

1. Citizen of the United States
2. Be eighteen years of age or older
3. Be a resident of the District for a period of 30 days prior to the election at which he or she votes
4. Be qualified to register to vote at an election in accordance with the provisions of the election law

## PROPOSITIONS

**PROPOSITION:** Shall the Board of Education appropriate and expend in the 2021-2022 fiscal year two hundred twenty-six thousand dollars (\$226,000.00) from the existing Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established by a proposition approved by the qualified voters of the Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School District on May 20, 2014, for the purpose of purchasing two (2) sixty-five (65) passenger school buses at a maximum cost of two hundred twenty-six thousand dollars (\$226,000.00) to pay for the buses in full?



### How do the propositions impact taxes?

The propositions, if approved, will be funded out of our existing reserves meaning that there is no impact to tax payers.



### How are School District Tax Caps calculated?

School districts are subject to the Tax Cap legislation. Each school district's calculation will be different based on their specific data. The district starts with the prior year tax levy and then adds a growth factor established by the State to the levy, and then the district subtracts prior year exemptions and adds or subtracts changes in PILOT programs. Once the growth factor exemptions and PILOT numbers are added/subtracted to the prior year levy, it is then multiplied by 2.0% or CPI, whichever is less. This establishes a tax levy limit, which is the limit before adding exemption amounts to the levy. Then the district will add exemptions such as Capital Debt Service and retirement amounts in excess of 2% to the levy to come up with a Maximum Allowable Levy, which is the amount of levy that requires a simple majority vote to pass. Any proposed tax levy in excess of the limit requires a super majority (60%) to pass. The Maximum Allowable Limit for Boquet Valley CSD this year is 0.98%. The District is proposing a 0.98 tax levy increase.

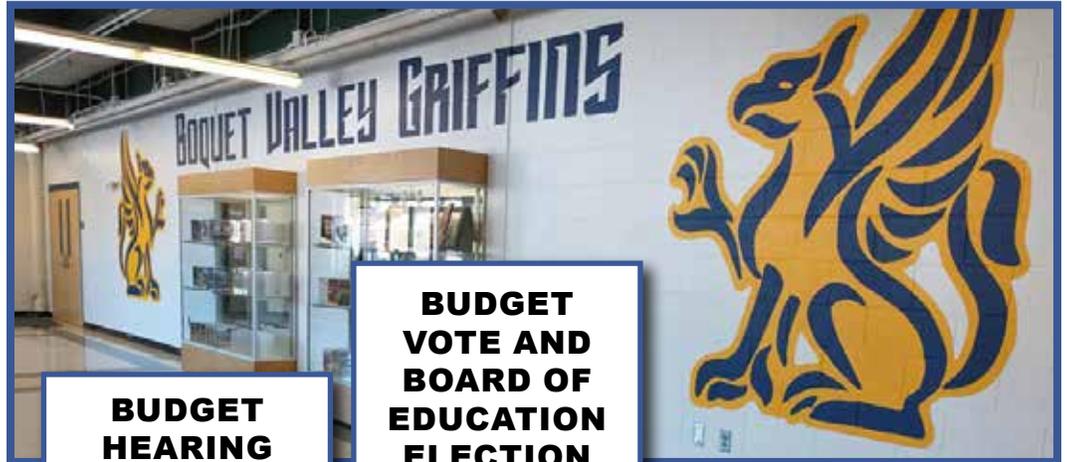


### What is the 2021-22 Contingency Budget?

The State laws establish a school's contingency budget as a budget with a zero percent increase in the tax levy. Also, the administrative component of the budget may not exceed the prior year percentage as compared to the program component.

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