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2019-20 Budget Edition

Dear Spencer-Van Etten Community:

The 2019-2020 school year proposed budget, which will be on the ballot on May 21st, is \$22,481,697 and is an increase of \$753,170 over the 2018-19 budget of \$21,728,527. The tax levy increase is 1.79%, with no capital exclusion, and is due to the Tax Base Growth Factor, provided to us by the State, of 0.47%, and the Allowable Levy Growth Factor of 2.0%. The tax levy increase is within the calculated Property Tax Levy Cap and requires a simple majority to pass.

Thank you for your support of our schools, athletics and programs. We value the strong partnership our school has with the community.

Respectfully,

Diahann Hesler, Superintendent

Together We Achieve... Fiscal Responsibility



Spencer-Van Etten Board of Education 2018-19

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Student Liaison
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Diahann Hesler, Superintendent
 Laurie Cooper, District Clerk

May 21, 2019

Budget Vote & Board Election
 S-VE High School Auditorium Lobby
 12:00p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

***Bring ID**
 Questions? Please call 589-7100



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Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 21, 2019
 S-VE High School Auditorium Lobby
 12:00pm – 8:00pm

Proposition 1

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Spencer-Van Etten Central School District be authorized to expend the sums listed in the budget presented April 24, 2019 in the amount of \$22,481,697?

Board of Education Election

Please vote to fill two (2), three year terms on the Spencer-Van Etten Central School District Board of Education. **Write-ins may be offered and will be included in the election, although a combined total of no more than two persons may be voted for.** The following individuals filed a petition for a position on the Board of Education.

Sean Vallely, Incumbent

Karen Johnson, Incumbent

Spencer-Van Etten Central School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2018-19 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2019-20 School Year *				
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 21,728,527	\$ 22,481,697	\$ 21,987,810				
Increase/Decrease for the 2018-19 School Year		\$ 753,170	\$ 259,283				
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.47%	1.19 %				
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.44%					
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 6,782,677	\$ 6,904,101					
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)	\$ 6,782,677	\$ 6,904,101	\$6,782,677				
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 0	\$ 0					
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 6,782,677	\$ 6,904,101					
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$ 6,782,677	\$ 6,904,101					
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 0	\$ 0					
Administrative Component	\$ 2,306,259	\$ 2,515,669	\$ 2,340,169				
Program Component	\$ 15,404,051	\$ 15,891,986	\$ 15,633,599				
Capital Component	\$ 4,018,217	\$ 4,074,042	\$ 4,014,042				
<p>* If the Board of Education adopts a contingency budget, equipment and certain administrative expenditures of \$493,887 will be removed as required by Section 2023 of the Education Law. One requirement with a contingency budget is no public use of any and all district facilities, indoor and outdoor, unless the cost is fully paid prior to activity.</p> <p>** 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)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Description</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>n/a</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Description	Amount	n/a	
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Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹		Under the Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year	\$ 500				

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2019-20 by the qualified voters of the Spencer-Van Etten Central School District, Tioga County, New York, will be held at Spencer-Van Etten High School in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 between the hours of 12:00pm and 8:00pm, prevailing time in the Spencer-Van Etten High School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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

Looking Ahead

Please check our Calendar of Events on our website to find the most current events, dates and times.

- May 17th **Grandparents Day** at the Elementary School at 1:30pm
- May 21st **BOE Election & Budget Vote** at the High School Auditorium Lobby from noon – 8:00pm
- May 23rd **BOE Workshop** at the Middle School Library at 7:00pm
- May 28th **Shakespeare** at the High School at 6:00pm
- June 2nd **Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner and Ceremony** at the High School at 2pm and 3pm
- June 4th **Concert for grades 9-12** at the High School Auditorium at 7:00pm
- June 6th **Concert for grades Pre-K – 2** at the Elementary School at 9am and 1:45pm
- June 10th **Scholarship & Special Recognition Ceremony** at the High School at 6:30pm
- June 12th **Concert for grades 5-8** at the High School Auditorium at 6:30pm & 7:30pm
- June 12th **District Art Show** at the High School Gymnasium at 5:30pm
- June 13th **BOE Meeting** at the High School Library at 7:00pm
- June 18th **Concert for grades 3 & 4** at the High School Auditorium at 6:30pm
- June 28th **Graduation** at the High School Gymnasium at 7:00pm



Athletic Hall of Fame

The Spencer-Van Etten Central School District established an S-VE Athletic Hall of Fame to honor eminent individuals, enhance a sense of school and community pride and preserve tradition and excellence of S-VE Athletics. The S-VE Athletic Hall of Fame will be inducting Ashlinn Barber, Danielle Doane, Jeff Foote, Harold Shoemaker and the 1967 S-VE Football Team on Sunday June 2nd. There will be an early dinner reception in their honor at 2:00pm in the S-VE High School Cafeteria served by student athletes. The community is invited to attend the meal at the cost of \$12/meal but space must be reserved by calling the District Office at 589-7100 no later than May 24th, 2019. Following the meal, there will be an induction ceremony in the S-VE High School Auditorium. The ceremony is free to attend and will begin at 3:00pm. We encourage all to attend!

Graduates of Distinction

The Graduates of Distinction recognition honors Spencer-Van Etten graduates for outstanding lifetime achievement. Honorees are graduates who are exemplary citizens having distinguished themselves through their communities, professions or careers. This may include service to humanity, exceptional career achievement or a lifetime of accomplishment. Nominees may have succeeded at the local, regional, national or international levels in any appropriate area of endeavor, including academia and education, arts, business, media, public service, philanthropy, medicine, military, science or sports. To be eligible for this honor, nominees must have graduated from Spencer-Van Etten at least ten years prior to the nomination date. Nominations will be reviewed by a Superintendent's Committee and forwarded to the Board of Education for approval. Nominations must be received by July 1, 2019. Please go to our website to print off an application at www.svecsd.org/GraduateofDistinction.cfm. The induction ceremony will take place November 2019.

Alumni Career Day and Job Fair

Alumni returned to S-VE, as per the efforts of Student Council students and the Career Development Council, to present at our Alumni Career Day in April. This year, alumni represented careers in the Carpenter's Union, metal fabrication, Tioga County Sheriff's Department, audio engineering, animal science, radiologic technology, culinary and more! If you're a graduate from S-VE and interested in speaking to our students next year, please reach out to Erika at ebrown@svecsd.org so she can share your contact information with those who plan the event.

A Job Fair was also held that day, with 24 employers set up to promote employment opportunities for juniors and seniors. Both events provided exposure to students about future career opportunities.



Celebrating Sustainability

Sustainability, one of our district wide initiatives, was celebrated throughout Green Week, April 22-26. Students and staff cleaned up around the schools and planted seeds, flowers, and trees. Mr. Rick Rogers presented to all students, district wide, regarding the difference each of us can make and the importance of composting and recycling.

In July, our Sustainability Coordinator, Brenda Anderson, along with Rick Rogers and Superintendent Hesler are scheduled to present about our S-VE Sustainability Initiative at the Rural Schools Conference!



Ag Tech/Mechanics

S-VE will be offering a new Career & Technical Education program this fall in conjunction with GST BOCES. We will host a satellite Ag Tech/Mechanics program to incoming juniors at S-VE High School. This hands-on technical program will be a nice addition to our existing Agricultural program. Students from neighboring districts are also welcomed to attend and can contact Mrs. Jewell to register.

Documents Available to the Public

The documents listed below can be obtained during the 14 days immediately preceding the budget vote and board election at the following locations: on the District's website at www.svecsd.org, at the District Office, at all three Spencer-Van Etten Schools and at each public library within the district during normal operating hours.

- Proposed Budget in Three Components
- Proposed Revenue
- Property Tax Report Card
- School Academic Report Card
- District's Financial Accountability Summary
- Administrative Compensation Information
- Exemption Impact Reports by County



Qualification of Voters

In order to vote in any School District Meeting, a person must meet the following qualifications:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be 18 years of age
- Be a resident of the School District for a period of 30 days or more, prior to the meeting at which he/she offers to vote.
- And not otherwise prohibited from voting (i.e. mentally incompetent or a convicted felon)

Residents offering to vote will be asked for identification upon registration.

A more detailed Budget Brochure is available in any school office.



Questions and Answers

Question: Who establishes the budget that residents vote on?

Answer: The Board of Education approved the 2019-20 Budget on April 24th to be voted on by the residents of the district May 21, 2019. Residents vote on the budget and not the tax levy.

Question: Does the district establish the tax on true value rate?

Answer: No. The true value rate is the tax levy divided by the total assessed value of the entire school district. The district only controls the tax levy piece of the formula. The assessed values are controlled by each town and equalization rates are established by the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance.

Question: What percentage of voter approval is required for this budget to pass?

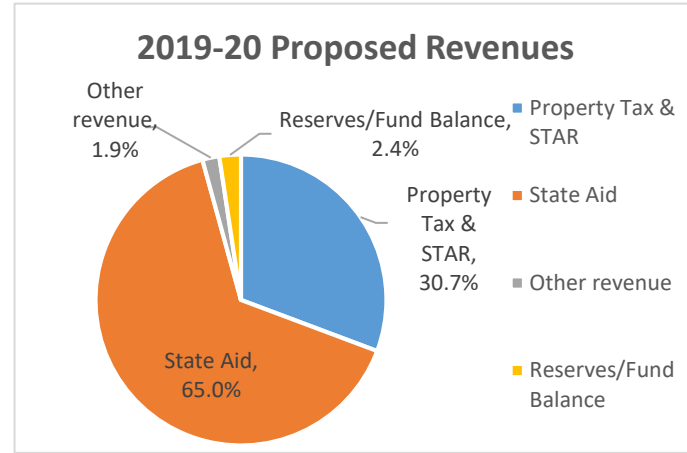
Answer: The District has a calculated maximum property tax cap limit of \$6,904,101 or 1.79% increase, which requires a simple majority vote of 50% to approve.

Question: What is the impact if the school budget is defeated?

Answer: One requirement with a contingency budget is no public use of any and all district facilities, indoor and outdoor, unless the cost is fully paid prior to activity. There will be no equipment purchases and no non-emergency capital expenditures. The tax levy will remain the same with no increase over the 2019-20 school year.

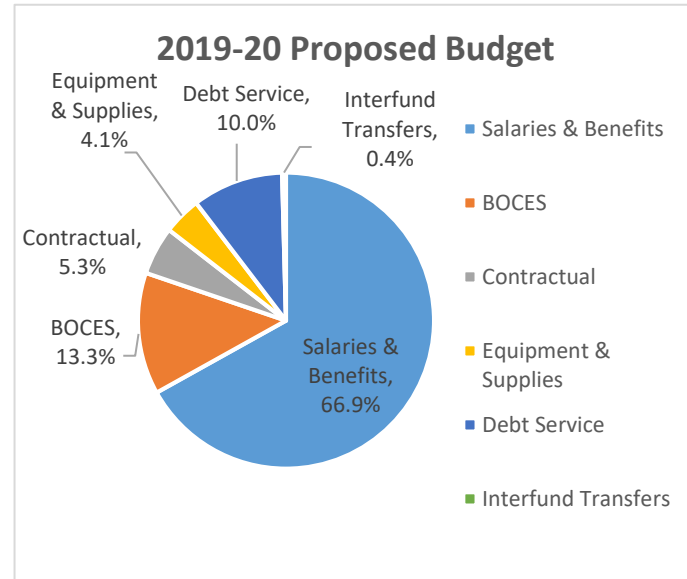
Revenues...where the money will come from:

Revenues	2018-19 Budget	2019-20 Proposed
Property Tax & STAR	\$ 6,782,677	\$ 6,904,101
State Aid	\$ 14,313,482	\$ 14,616,785
Other revenue	\$ 395,500	\$ 423,206
Reserves/Fund Balance	\$ 236,868	\$ 537,605
	\$ 21,728,527	\$ 22,481,697



Expenditures... what it will be spent on:

Expenditures	2018-19 Budget	2019-20 Proposed
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 14,657,201	\$ 15,044,108
BOCES	\$ 2,696,757	\$ 2,991,770
Contractual	\$ 1,141,352	\$ 1,185,992
Equipment & Supplies	\$ 898,570	\$ 927,142
Debt Service	\$ 2,234,647	\$ 2,237,685
Interfund Transfers	\$ 100,000	\$ 95,000
	\$ 21,728,527	\$ 22,481,697



Three-Part Budget

Program:		
2018-19	\$ 15,404,051	70.89%
2019-20	\$ 15,891,986	70.69%
Capital:		
2018-19	\$ 4,018,217	18.49%
2019-20	\$ 4,074,042	18.12%
Administrative:		
2018-19	\$ 2,306,259	10.61%
2019-20	\$ 2,515,669	11.19%
Total:		
2018-19	\$ 21,728,527	100.00%
2019-20	\$ 22,481,697	100.00%

The Program Component provides funding for instruction and educational support services for students. Funds for transportation are also included in this component.

The Capital Component pays for maintaining building and grounds, including electricity, heat, repairs, phone services and the principal and interest payments on serial bonds.

The Administrative Component provides for overall general support and management activities including business office operations, payroll, accounts payable, purchasing, tax collection, general administration, personnel, legal representation, public information, insurance, and auditing services. Cost of administration and supervision of each of the three schools is also included here.

Proposed 2019-20 Breakdown of Expenditures

DISTRICT SUPPORT	2018-19 Budget	2019-20 Proposed
9.15% of budget		
Board of Education	\$ 24,008	\$ 31,101
Central Administration	\$ 208,989	\$ 193,738
Business Administration	\$ 595,359	\$ 623,876
BOCES Administration Charge	\$ 260,358	\$ 258,617
BOCES – Capital Expenses	\$ 98,234	\$ 102,108
Liability/Property Insurance	\$ 105,048	\$ 110,712
Supervision of Schools & Curriculum Development	\$ 616,467	\$ 736,027
SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,908,463	\$ 2,056,179

INSTRUCTION	2018-19 Budget	2019-20 Proposed
45.04% of budget		
Teaching/Regular School	\$ 5,369,332	\$ 5,409,726
Special Education	\$ 2,324,966	\$ 2,581,912
Library/Media/Computer Instruction	\$ 1,088,650	\$ 1,125,853
Pupil Services	\$ 584,215	\$ 607,386
Co-Curricular Activities	\$ 110,858	\$ 120,860
Athletics	\$ 264,759	\$ 279,428
SUBTOTAL	\$ 9,742,780	\$ 10,125,165

CENSUS	2018-19 Budget	2019-20 Proposed
0.05% of budget		
SUBTOTAL	\$ 0	\$ 11,100

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	2018-19 Budget	2019-20 Proposed
3.89% of budget		
Transportation	\$ 840,923	\$ 841,721
Garage Building	\$ 21,637	\$ 32,961
SUBTOTAL	\$ 862,560	\$ 874,682

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	2018-19 Budget	2019-20 Proposed
6.36% of budget		
Operation of School Buildings	\$ 1,021,842	\$ 1,023,026
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds	\$ 378,947	\$ 405,904
SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,400,789	\$ 1,428,930

DEBT SERVICE	2018-19 Budget	2019-20 Proposed
9.95% of budget		
School Construction Bonds, Principal and Interest	\$ 2,081,369	\$ 2,088,094
School Bus Bonds, Principal and Interest	\$ 0	\$ 0
Energy Performance Contract	\$ 153,278	\$ 149,591
SUBTOTAL	\$ 2,234,647	\$ 2,237,685

INTERFUND TRANSFER	2018-19 Budget	2019-20 Proposed
0.42% of budget		
School Food Service	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000
Special Education Summer School	\$ 35,000	\$ 30,000
SUBTOTAL	\$ 100,000	\$ 95,000

BENEFITS	2018-19 Budget	2019-20 Proposed
25.14% of budget		
Health Insurance, Flex, & HRA	\$ 3,539,436	\$ 3,792,798
Teachers' Retirement	\$ 749,816	\$ 641,733
Employees' Retirement	\$ 302,547	\$ 306,882
Social Security (FICA)	\$ 694,949	\$ 717,123
Workers' Compensation	\$ 160,000	\$ 167,000
Unemployment	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,000
Disability Insurance	\$ 5,900	\$ 5,900
Deferred Compensation/Other Benefits	\$ 11,640	\$ 11,520
SUBTOTAL	\$ 5,479,288	\$ 5,652,956

TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	2018-19 Budget	2019-20 Proposed
	\$ 21,728,527	\$ 22,481,697

