

City School District Lackawanna



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Annual Budget Vote Tuesday, May 21, 2019 from Noon to 9 p.m. • www.lackawannaschools.org

District's Voice has been Heard in Our State Capital

Dear Families:

With my first full year as your Superintendent nearing completion, I am pleased with the progress we are making. Your overwhelming and continual support to our children and school district is apparent. As a graduate, resident and your neighbor, I continually and carefully balance the needs of our students, while being fiscally responsible to you, our community.



Keith E. Lewis

Our proposed school district budget for the 2019-2020 school year is \$57,438,809. This budget is tax cap compliant. In fact, the increase to the tax levy is 5% below the amount permitted under tax cap legislation. After careful consultation and review with you the community, our teachers, administrators, support staff, and Board of Education, this proposed budget allows us to provide much needed support in the following areas: an additional ENL teacher (English as a New Language), a Minority Group Specialist (Community Liaison), an increase to our music and speech offerings/supports for the Middle and High School Campus, while increasing our contractual bus fleet by two more buses. Additionally, Truman and Martin Road Elementary will no longer be sharing the same bus runs (they will be separated by building) and Truman will have door to door drop-off and pick-up service.

Also, we hope that you have noticed that our buildings and grounds have been open and available in the evenings and weekends to our children and community through various partnerships.

Considering the aforementioned additional supports, please be advised that as a District, we are aware and have heard your thoughts and ideas regarding other new initiatives. We believe that this will allow us to build upon our existing programs, while being fiscally prudent. A major factor that has contributed to allowing our school district to move forward with the new initiatives was our significant increase in our Foundation Aid Funding. We receive a large percentage of our funding from New York State. A portion of our full funding from the state is Foundation Aid, which directly impacts programming.

After the Governor's proposed small increase in Foundation Aid, we strongly advocated to the Senate and Assembly our concerns, needs, and suggestions for our District. They heard us! Personally, I would like to recognize our local leaders, Senator Tim Kennedy and Assembly Members Sean Ryan and Patrick Burke. I would be remiss if I did not mention Senator Shelley Mayer from Yonkers, who is the Senate's Education Chairperson. Without these four state officials and their continued leadership, direction, professionalism, and constant advocacy, we certainly could not have achieved the funding which was provided. These efforts allowed us to limit the burden on you, the local taxpayer. Our elected friends and officials in Albany have helped change the path for our District with this funding!

In closing, I feel that we are fortunate to be part of a community that places such a high value on investing in our students and schools. We are shaping our youth, who will be our future leaders. Please learn more about our budget and participate in the Annual School Budget Vote on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 from 12 P.M. to 9 P.M. Steeler Pride!

Warm Regards,

Keith E. Lewis
Keith E. Lewis
Superintendent of Schools

ON THE BALLOT

Prop. 1

Proposed budget: \$57,438,809

- Tax cap compliant six years in a row.
- Tax levy increase of 1.87% is below the rate of inflation (2.44%).
- Levy increase is 5% below the amount permitted under tax cap legislation.

Two Board of Education Seats
(three-year term)

Where and when do I vote?

- Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2019
- Time: 12 to 9 p.m.
- Location: See Page 4 for your polling site.

Juniors Selected to Attend Boys State

High School juniors Theodore Heath and Anthony Olejniczak will represent the Matthew Glab Post 1477 at the prestigious American Legion Empire Boys State Program this summer. They were selected by Post 1477 members due to their academic success, leadership qualities, character, and community involvement.

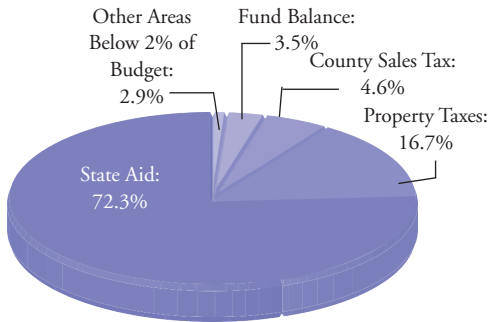
Boys State is a week-long program at SUNY Morrisville that immerses high school youths in citizenship and leadership training. They learn the practical aspects of state government, and participate in physical fitness and teamwork activities.



Boys State representatives Theodore Heath and Anthony Olejniczak with Post 1477 members Bob Koza, Bernard Romanowski and Dave Krypel, HS Principal Debbie Biastre and Guidance counselor Tim Regan.

Balancing the Budget

PROJECTED REVENUES



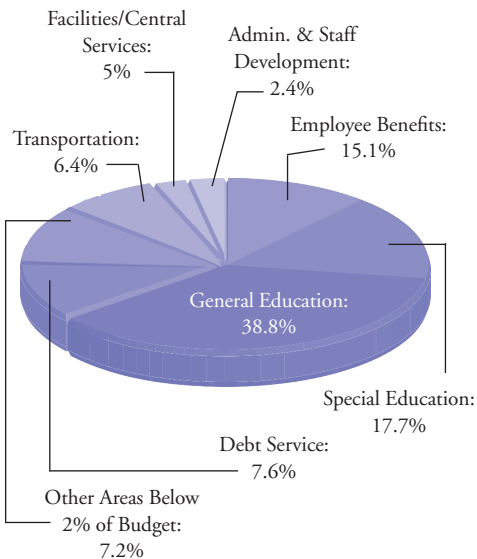
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Revenues at a Glance

REVENUES	BUDGETED 2018-19	PROPOSED 2019-20	YEAR-TO-YEAR CHANGE	PERCENT OF REVENUE
State Aid	\$37,928,893	\$41,553,907	\$3,625,014	72.3%
Real Property Taxes	\$9,409,441	\$9,585,040	\$175,599	16.7%
Erie County Sales Tax	\$2,438,000	\$2,650,000	\$212,000	4.6%
NYS Tax on Consumer Utility Bills	\$495,170	\$522,000	\$26,830	0.9%
Medicaid Reimbursements	\$346,000	\$348,000	\$2,000	0.6%
Other Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$120,000	\$130,617	\$10,617	0.2%
Other Revenues	\$601,930	\$665,000	\$63,070	1.2%
Total Revenue	\$51,339,434	\$55,454,564	\$4,115,130	N/A
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,935,595	\$1,984,245	\$48,650	3.5%
Revenues & Fund Balance	\$53,275,029	\$57,438,809	\$4,163,780	100.0%

PROJECTED EXPENDITURES



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Expenses at a Glance

EXPENDITURES	BUDGETED 2018-19	PROPOSED 2019-20	YEAR-TO-YEAR CHANGE	PERCENT OF BUDGET
Board of Education	\$73,825	\$72,700	-\$1,125	0.1%
Office of the Superintendent	\$225,450	\$250,120	\$24,670	0.4%
Business Office/Finance	\$444,907	\$441,110	-\$3,797	0.8%
Legal/Personnel/Public Relations	\$324,597	\$504,982	\$180,385	0.9%
Facilities/Central Services	\$2,755,827	\$2,875,441	\$119,614	5.0%
District: Other	\$387,386	\$420,714	\$33,328	0.7%
Admin. & Staff Development	\$1,354,985	\$1,354,697	-\$288	2.4%
General Education	\$20,610,860	\$22,263,241	\$1,652,381	38.8%
Special Education	\$10,116,884	\$10,155,329	\$38,445	17.7%
Occupational Education	\$548,274	\$561,560	\$13,286	1.0%
Instructional Media Resources	\$722,258	\$755,802	\$33,544	1.3%
Pupil Services	\$916,464	\$963,824	\$47,360	1.7%
Transportation	\$3,281,147	\$3,649,515	\$368,368	6.4%
Employee Benefits	\$8,585,582	\$8,673,589	\$88,007	15.1%
Debt Service	\$2,784,083	\$4,351,185	\$1,567,102	7.6%
Interfund Transfers	\$142,500	\$145,000	\$2,500	0.3%
Total Appropriations	\$53,275,029	\$57,438,809	\$4,163,780	100.0%

2019-20 Budget Notice



Lackawanna City Mayor Geoffrey M. Szymanski read to Truman students for the Community Leaders Read Program.

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Budget Vote: Tuesday, May 21, 2019, Noon to 9 p.m.

School District Budget Notice

	Budget Adopted for 2018-19 School Year	Budget Proposed for 2019-20 School Year	Contingency Budget for 2019-20 School Year*
Total budgeted amount, not including separate propositions	\$ 53,275,029	\$ 57,438,809	\$ 57,332,433
Increase/decrease for the 2019-20 School Year		\$ 4,163,780	\$ 4,057,404
Percentage increase/decrease in proposed budget		7.82%	7.62%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.44%	
A. Proposed tax levy to support the total budgeted amount, net of reserve			
	\$ 9,409,441	\$ 9,585,040	
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)			
	\$ 9,409,441	\$ 9,585,040	\$ 9,409,441
F. Total permissible exclusions			
G. School tax levy limit, excluding levy for permissible exclusions			
	\$9,409,441	\$ 9,594,285	
H. Total proposed school year tax levy, excluding levy to support library debt and / or permissible exclusions (E - B - F + D)			
	\$9,409,441	\$ 9,585,040	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative value requires 60.0% Voter approval - see note below regarding separate propositions) **			
	\$0	\$ 9,245	
Administrative Component	\$4,252,441	\$ 4,597,449	\$ 4,597,449
Program Component	\$43,561,992	\$ 45,710,725	\$ 45,658,349
Capital Component	\$5,460,596	\$ 7,130,635	\$7,076,635

* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2019-20 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

Equipment (except related to health and safety) and all other non-contingent items pursuant to Sec. 2023 of NYS Education Law, are removed. In addition, a contingency budget is subject to a cap on the administrative portion of the budget, with a zero percent cap on tax levy growth.

** 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)	Description	Amount
	None	None

	Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$330

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2019-20 by the qualified voters of the Lackawanna City School District, Erie County, New York, will be held at various locations in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 between the hours of noon and 9 p.m., prevailing time in the various polling places listed, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine.

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

Please remember to come vote on the 2019-2020 budget and to elect two (2) members to the Board of Education.



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EXPERIENCE LACKAWANNA CITY SCHOOLS!

Lackawanna City Schools invites students to find their passions, cultivate their skills and achieve success after graduation.

Our District offers:

- 100% NYS certified teachers
- Social workers and/or school counselors at each building
- Bully prevention and character education programs
- Steeler Community Service Day
- Kindergarten and Pre-K Reading programs
- Student-Run bookstores and healthy bistro
- Dozens of community partners who aid in programming
- Health and Wellness Committee
- 25 sports programs with updated facilities
- Approved higher education courses through local colleges
- Parent engagement teams and themed Family Nights

POLLING PLACES

There will be **NINE** polling sites for the Budget Vote and School Board Election:

- **First Ward**
 - 1st District Bocce Court, 175 Madison Ave.
 - 2nd District Community Development Club House, 80 Steelawanna Ave.
 - 3rd and 4th Districts St. Anthony's Church, 306 Ingham Ave.
 - 5th District Queen of Angels Church, 144 Warsaw St.
- **Second Ward**
 - 1st and 5th Districts VFW Weber Post, 2909 South Park Ave.
 - 2nd, 3rd and 4th Districts Queen of Angels Church, 144 Warsaw St.
- **Third Ward**
 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Districts McKinley School, 245 S. Shore Blvd.
 - 4th District VFW Weber Post, 2909 South Park Ave.
 - 5th District Ridgewood Village Co-Op Offices, 9 Winstead Rd.
- **Fourth Ward**
 - 1st District Matthew Glab Post, 1965 Abbott Rd.
 - 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Districts Senior Citizens Center, 230 Martin Rd.

RIGHT TO REQUEST AN EVALUATION OF A CHILD FOR DISABILITIES

Effective July 1, 2015, all parents and child guardians in the District must be made aware of their rights regarding referral evaluation of their child for the purpose of special education services or programs that are available. Parents and child guardians should go to www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/policy/parentguide.html for information relating to a parent's guide to special education in New York State for children ages three (3) through twenty-one (21) years of age. If you have any questions, please also feel free to contact Julie Andreozzi, Principal of Special Education for the Lackawanna City School District, by calling (716) 821-5610, ext. 7736; faxing (716) 821-5627; or emailing jandreozzi@lackawannaschools.org.

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