

# NV Valley Views

Budget 2021

NEWARK VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## A message from our Superintendent

This time last year, I wrote to you about the unprecedented crisis, and parallel challenges that we were facing as a community. Uncertainty and anxiety surrounded nearly every aspect of life, and this was equally true for schools.

Today, despite so much loss, the end of this health crisis appears to be in sight. Businesses are reopening, the economy is improving, and we are on the path to healing and resuming our lives. Much has changed, and some things may never look the same as they once did, but there is cause for optimism.

As we developed our budget for the coming year, the board worked hard to balance the needs of our kids, which remain as high as ever, with what we could reasonably ask our taxpayers to support. Recovering from the crisis of the past year will take time, and finding that balance remains a challenge. However, our aid picture is substantially better than it was projected to be just a few months ago, and although it is not perfect, it has helped a great deal.

We entered this budget season with an allowable levy limit increase of 1.9%. In finding the balance noted above, we carefully developed our budget with the existing and emerging needs of our students in mind. Thanks to our continued approach of conservative budgeting practices, and focus on the highest return on the investments we

make, we have again managed to maintain our annual levy increase at **0.3%, less than one-third of one percent.** This is 1.6% **below** our allowable levy limit, and 2.3% **below** the current Consumer Price Index.

Developing this budget remained an unusually difficult challenge this year, with many changes in aid due to new and different federal categories. However, we were able to achieve our budget without cuts to program, the addition of a .5 music teacher in our middle school, and the planned expansion of summer and after-school opportunities, as our kids recover from a most difficult year.

Looking ahead, we will undoubtedly face new and unpredictable fiscal challenges. Today's economy looks vastly different than it did pre-pandemic, and will likely continue to evolve. This will certainly be true of education as well.

We will continually prepare as best we can for these scenarios, and, as always, we will be here for our students to provide all that we possibly can.

Respectfully, and on behalf of the Board of Education,

Ryan Dougherty  
Superintendent of Schools

### Budget Snapshot

	Total	Change
Budget	\$26,725,723	3.03%
Tax levy	\$8,130,470	0.3%

### Important dates

	Date	Time
Public hearing	May 10	5:30p.m.(virtual)
Budget vote	May 18	Noon-8p.m.

### VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

Voting upon the budget and Board candidates will occur:

**May 18, 2021 – Noon-8:00 pm**  
**Newark Valley High School Auditorium**  
**68 Wilson Creek Road, Newark Valley**

To be eligible to vote, you must fulfill **ALL** of the following requirements:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be at least 18 years of age; and
- be a resident of the District for a least 30 days preceding the meeting at which you offer to vote.



# BUDGET AT A GLANCE

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES				
Budget component	2020/2021	2021/2022	\$ Change	% Change
Administrative	\$2,735,644	\$2,855,826	\$120,182	4.39%
Program	\$18,749,538	\$19,336,426	\$586,888	3.13%
Capital	\$4,454,297	\$4,533,471	\$79,174	1.78%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,939,479</b>	<b>\$26,725,723</b>	<b>\$786,244</b>	<b>3.03%</b>

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES				
Object of expense	2020/2021	2021/2022	\$ Change	% Change
Staff	\$10,352,764	\$10,724,363	\$371,599	3.59%
Equipment	\$85,784	\$105,000	\$19,216	22.40%
Purchased services	\$1,285,250	\$1,338,185	\$52,935	4.12%
Materials	\$857,520	\$842,354	\$(15,166)	-1.77%
Tuition	\$174,500	\$182,905	\$8,405	4.82%
Textbooks	\$42,968	\$11,923	\$(31,045)	-72.25%
B.O.C.E.S. Services	\$3,260,290	\$3,504,376	\$244,086	7.49%
Employee benefits	\$7,824,707	\$8,044,000	\$219,293	2.80%
Interfund transfers	\$2,055,696	\$1,972,617	\$(83,079)	-4.04%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,939,479</b>	<b>\$26,725,723</b>	<b>\$786,244</b>	<b>3.03%</b>

ESTIMATED REVENUE OFFSET				
Source of Revenue	2020/2021	2021/2022	\$ Change	% Change
State aid	\$16,171,329	\$16,623,170	\$451,841	2.79%
Other sources	\$304,000	\$433,000	\$129,000	42.43%
Appropriated fund balance	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$-	0.00%
Appropriated reserves	\$473,000	\$674,083	\$201,083	42.51%
Federal aid	\$35,000	\$15,000	\$(20,000)	-57.14%
Tax levy	\$8,106,150	\$8,130,470	\$24,320	0.30%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,939,479</b>	<b>\$26,725,723</b>	<b>\$786,244</b>	<b>3.03%</b>



## Lisa Jensen

I have been a Newark Valley resident since 2010. I have two grown children, one granddaughter and my youngest son is presently attending the Newark Valley High School. My husband and I were drawn to the area because of the small town atmosphere, quality of education and wonderful community pride. I've met many wonderful NV district residents, teachers and staff through community functions along with the activities my son has been involved in such as sports, band and Boy Scouts NV Troop 30. I work for The Dunn Group Insurance & Real Estate agency as the Personal Lines Department Manager and have been employed there for the past 18 years. Currently, my husband is an assistant Scout Master with our local boy scout troop while I assist with the Eagle Scout congratulatory letters and taking on the troop website administration responsibilities.

As a second term board member, I welcome the chance to continue serving our community and the Newark Valley School District. Together, we strive to do what is best for our students while keeping the tax contributions to an acceptable level for the taxpayers. As a parent, property owner and taxpayer, I understand the concerns of our district.



## Stuart Wandell

Dear Newark Valley School District Community Members,

I'm writing today to express my interest in serving as a member on the Board of Education for the Newark Valley School District. I was born and raised in the Newark Valley area. I was very fortunate to attend such a caring and compassionate school district that helped me through rough times such as losing my father at a young age. The teachers, support staff, and administrators were a second family to me and helped me through this difficult time.

I also was very involved in athletics at Newark Valley High School, and I understand the importance of our students being involved in co-curricular activities. I believe this is an area that our school excels at. The amount of elective programs, clubs, and athletics that are offered to our students are outstanding and I am strongly in favor to

## James Phillips

James "Jim" Phillips has been a resident of Newark Valley for 25+ years and has already graduated 6 children and 3 grandchildren from the Newark Valley School District. Jim has 4 grandchildren in the district, grades Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd. As a father and grandfather, he takes great interest in our community and school district. And, as a property owner and taxpayer, he also cares a great deal about ensuring that our school district continues to advance, while acting fiscally responsible.

Mr. Phillips has been very active in the community, coaching NTYL Youth Football for the past 20+ years, coaching NTYL wrestling, and has also coached youth softball in the past. While he is dedicated to the wonderful academic programs Newark Valley offers, he is also very devoted to ensuring the success of our athletic teams and the experience of our student athletes. Jim takes great pride in watching the boys and girls he coaches continue on to compete on our school's teams and still remains in touch with many of them.

Jim has greatly enjoyed his time as a member of the Board and would really like to continue in this capacity. He feels that while this has certainly been a positive experience for him, he and his fellow board members have also had the opportunity to implement necessary changes to our district. He looks forward to the chance to continue serving our community and the Newark Valley School District for the next three years.

continue to build on these programs while remaining fiscally responsible.

My loyalty to this community has grown even more now that I'm raising my family here and have a daughter who attends Newark Valley Middle School. I also understand the financial challenges families face in the area and I appreciate the fact that our current Board of Education and Superintendent have done their best to limit the burden on the community while still demanding and receiving excellence from our School District. I would like to take an active role in bringing more positive changes to our district. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stuart Wandell

## VALEDICTORIAN

### Maris Aylesworth

Binghamton  
University  
Biochemistry



## SALUTATORIAN

### Kaila McNally

Rochester Institute  
of Technology  
Applied Math



## BUDGET:

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to expend the sum of \$26,725,723.00 for the 2021-2022 school year and to levy the necessary tax therefore?

### PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the Board of Education of the Newark Valley Central School District, located in the counties of Tioga, Tompkins, Cortland and Broome, State of New York, be authorized to finance the costs of the acquisition of three (3) school buses at a maximum cost of \$380,000 and to authorize and issue serial bonds in the principal amount of \$342,000 and to levy real estate taxes for the cost of such purpose?

### PROPOSITION NO. 2

If Proposition No. 1 is adopted, shall the Board of Education of the Newark Valley Central School District, located in the counties of Tioga, Tompkins, Cortland and Broome, State of New York, be authorized to expend \$38,000 from moneys in a voter approved capital reserve fund established by the School District on May 12, 1993, as amended on May 21, 2002, for the purchase of School District vehicles, including school buses and any other preliminary and incidental costs related thereto in and for the School District?



**NEWARK VALLEY**  
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Newark Valley, NY 13811

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