



Valley Views

Budget 2020

NEWARK VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Unprecedented times require renewed commitment, doing more with less

This is, without a doubt or question, the most unusual budget message I have ever written in my 10 years at Newark Valley.

As a community, we have been faced with a monumental crisis both in public health and the economy. Developing a budget this year has been one of the greatest challenges our district has ever encountered. Despite that, both I and the board recognize that many people have faced challenges far greater than this over the past months.

All of us have had to adjust to life in ways we never could have imagined just a few weeks ago. My sons, one of whom is a senior this year, and one who is in third grade, have been shattered by the personal loss they have had to endure. I know this is true for all of you in one way or another, and I am distressed and disheartened by our collective loss.

As we developed our budget for the coming year, the board worked hard to balance the needs of our kids, which will be greater than ever next year, with what we could reasonably ask our taxpayers to support. None of us has ever encountered a situation like this, and finding that balance was a struggle. Furthermore, on top of the state aid cuts we have already endured, we are faced with unprecedented uncertainty when it comes to future state aid. The governor has exercised his authority to make rolling aid cuts as he sees fit to balance the state budget.

We entered this budget season with an allowable levy limit increase of 2.5%. To all of us, this was unrealistic. Despite a reduction to our budget expenditures, the loss of state aid, both now and potentially in the future, placed us in a very difficult situation. Regardless, we needed

to find an acceptable balance, and through a series of painful cuts and reductions, we managed to reduce our annual increase to **0.3%, less than one-third of one percent.**

This was not an easy task, and it will require the reduction of materials, supplies, and several positions. Fortunately, we were able to manage these position reductions through attrition. Still, they are painful and were not expected just a few months ago. That being said, the administrative team has worked for months to ensure that the impact on programs for our kids will be minimal. This will require more from less of us, but it is what needs to be done in times like this.

We remain hopeful that we will receive aid from the federal government to restore what we have lost, but, until then, we will redouble our efforts to provide our kids with everything they need to be successful.

We recognize that this is going to be a long road to recovery in many different ways. Much like the recovery from the 2008 recession, our fiscal position will likely remain fragile for years to come. We have had to carry on and continue our work in an uncertain environment, with many questions and few answers. One thing, though, remains certain: We will always provide our kids with the best we possibly can. Although circumstances change, and there is much unknown for the future, we will be here for our students.

Respectfully, and on behalf of the board of education,

Ryan Dougherty
Superintendent of Schools

Important dates

	Date	Time
Public hearing	May 26	3 p.m.(virtual)
Budget vote	June 9	absentee ballot only

Budget Snapshot

	Total	Change
Budget	\$25,939,479	-4.87%
Tax levy	\$8,106,250	0.32%



BUDGET AT A GLANCE

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES				
Budget Component	2019/2020	2020/2021	\$ Change	% Change
Administrative	\$2,706,495	\$2,735,644	\$29,149	1.08%
Program	\$18,634,077	\$18,749,538	\$115,461	0.62%
Capital	\$5,926,895	\$4,454,297	\$(1,472,598)	-24.85%
TOTAL	\$27,267,467	\$25,939,479	\$(1,327,988)	-4.87%

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES				
Object of Expense	2019/2020	2020/2021	\$ Change	% Change
Staff	\$10,417,702	\$10,352,764	\$(64,938)	-0.62%
Equipment	\$178,702	\$85,784	\$(92,918)	-52.00%
Purchased Services	\$1,346,575	\$1,285,250	\$(61,325)	-4.55%
Materials	\$954,320	\$857,520	\$(96,800)	-10.14%
Tuition	\$176,000	\$174,500	\$(1,500)	-0.85%
Textbooks	\$43,726	\$42,968	\$(758)	-1.73%
B.O.C.E.S. Services	\$3,173,064	\$3,260,290	\$87,226	2.75%
Employee Benefits	\$7,538,000	\$7,824,707	\$286,707	3.80%
Interfund Transfers	\$3,439,378	\$2,055,696	\$(1,383,682)	-40.23%
TOTAL	\$27,267,467	\$25,939,479	\$(1,327,988)	-4.87%

ESTIMATED REVENUE OFFSET				
Source of Revenue	2019/2020	2020/2021	\$ Change	% Change
State Aid	\$17,758,487	\$16,171,329	\$(1,587,158)	-8.94%
Other Sources	\$363,500	\$304,000	\$(59,500)	-16.37%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$800,000	\$850,000	\$50,000	6.25%
Appropriated Fb - Vehicles	\$81,790	\$-	\$(81,790)	100.00%
Appropriated Reserves	\$153,440	\$473,000	\$319,560	208.26%
Federal Aid	\$30,000	\$35,000	\$5,000	16.67%
TAX LEVY	\$8,080,250	\$8,106,150	\$25,900	0.32%
TOTAL	\$27,267,467	\$25,939,479	\$(1,327,988)	-4.87%





Randy Kerr

I grew up in Richford, NY, attended the Eastman Elementary school, and graduated from Newark Valley in 1980. After college I began work at IBM and am currently an operations manager responsible for world-wide revenue and gross-profit process, consolidation, and reporting. I have three sons, all of whom attended NVCS.

I have been a Newark Valley School Board member since 1991 and have served many years as the Board's President. I have served on many committees in the District, in our BOCES Region, and in the State. I have been on the regional executive committee for many years and serve as the chairman of the regional Legislative Committee. I am also our District's representative on the regional Health Insurance Consortium, where I serve on the Rates Committee and the regional Worker's Compensation Consortium, for which I also serve as chairman.

I sincerely enjoy serving on the Newark Valley School Board and try to represent the residents of our district and the children in our schools by being actively involved in district committees and educational issues locally, area wide, and state wide. It is especially enjoyable to get into our buildings and see our education in action, to interact with our students, and to hear what they are doing. We have many impressive programs and students!

My goals for our school district are similar to those I had my first year on the Board:

- Having high expectations for all students and the support structure in place to achieve those expectations
- Providing the best possible educational programs and facilities at supportable costs
- Being a leader in educational programs and value
- Involving a caring staff and making a strong community-school
- Creating solutions to ease the local tax burden

Much has been done in each of these areas over my tenure on the School Board and challenges are sure to continue each year. With strong staff, strong educational leadership, and strong community involvement, we can continue to improve in all of these areas. We must keep the focus on our children, our community, and how we can best achieve our goals in both good and difficult times. Educational excellence, community pride, and the development of our children as good citizens should help drive our decisions.

Sue Watson

I have been a resident of the NV School District since 1997 and both my daughters graduated from Newark Valley. I grew up in Vestal and graduated from Ithaca College. Currently, I work at United Health Care as a Sr. Network Account Manager for the NYS Empire Plan. I currently serve as the Vice President of the Board as well as a member of the Audit Committee, Health Insurance Consortium, Worker's Compensation Consortium and the Resource Development Team. In addition, I am also the Vice President for the Broome-Tioga School Boards Association.

In the 12 years since I joined the Board, we have seen a transition in leadership and staffing, as well as many changes in instruction. The continued focus and goal is to always do what is best for the students. In addition to consistently ranking high in our academic achievements within the region, we strive to offer students the chance to grow and find their passion with the abundance of extra-curricular activities offered, beginning as early as the elementary grades. Ranging from strong athletic opportunities to clubs that showcase our students' talents, we continue to develop the social and academic equilibrium for students to prepare them for the future.

Our greatest task continues to be how to balance our annual budget -- to provide the best for our students and keep the tax contribution to an acceptable level to the taxpayers. I believe the NV Board has shown success in both these areas, and I look forward to serving another term as a Board Member and continue to contribute to the changes and growth of the District in the future.

Thank you.



Our 2020 Valedictorian and Salutatorian



Sarah Mertson
Valedictorian

College: SUNY Geneseo

Major: Bio-Physics



Kayla Malarkey
Salutatorian

College: Florida Southern College

Major: Biology with a focus on
pre-health and marine biology



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