

# PAW PRINTS

Budget Issue

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North Warren Central School District

April 2019

## Superintendent's Message

On Tuesday, May 21, 2019, our community will vote on the annual school budget, capital project proposition and Board of Education members. The Board of Education and administration worked diligently to formulate a budget that provides all students with quality programs and opportunities while staying within the tax cap limitations.

This past school year there have been many updates to the North Warren campus. Wall padding in the elementary gymnasium was replaced. The main gymnasium floor was refinished and relined including a new Cougar logo, and by the end of the 2018-2019 school year the locker room floors and gymnasium hallway floors will be replaced.

In addition to the budget, voting will include a proposition to expend funds from the capital reserve account in an amount not to exceed \$551,000. This project is funded through reserves that have been set aside for specific building projects. Expenses incurred by this project will have no effect on the tax levy and are not included in the general fund budget. The scope of the project includes conversion of parking lot lighting at the main building and bus garage to LED exterior fixtures, which will be more energy- and cost-efficient. Upgrades to the baseball field include the construction of an accessible walkway and added safety netting. An elevator will be installed in an existing shaft in the elementary wing, along with associated electrical and cooling requirements. The technology room will receive an upgrade to the ventilation system to allow for a full welding program, a much needed resource for students interested in this skilled trade.

The proposed spending plan for 2019-2020 is \$13,581,290. an increase of 1.22% over last year's budget, resulting in a .96% increase to the tax levy. The plan reduces an elementary teacher through attrition, includes the purchase of two new buses and one new van, a dishwasher unit for the kitchen, a new motherboard for the sound system in the auditorium and seal coating/resurfacing of the parking lot.

Along with the vote on May 21st, there will be a student art show, 4th - 12th grade Spring concert and the annual North Warren Teachers Association basket raffle.

Thank you for your continued support of the school and our programs.

Michele G. French  
Superintendent of Schools

## TO THE VOTERS OF THE NORTH WARREN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

- BUDGET HEARING

The Budget Hearing of the North Warren Central School District will be held in the school library in Chestertown, New York, on Monday, May 13th, 2019 starting at 7:00 PM to discuss the 2019-2020 proposed school budget.

- PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2019-2020 will be held on Tuesday, May 21st, 2019 from 12:00 noon until 8:00 PM in the gymnasium of the school in Chestertown, NY.

Qualified voters will be acting on the following:

*RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the North Warren Central School District is authorized to expend in the 2019-2020 school year the sums set forth in the estimate of general fund appropriations: \$13,581,290.*

*SHALL the Board of Education of the North Warren Central School District be authorized to expend funds from the Capital Reserve Fund which was established on June 9, 2014 ("Reserve Fund") pursuant to Education Law §3651, for the following capital improvement projects: upgrades to and the construction of an Accessible Walkway to the District's Baseball Field, conversion of parking lot lighting at the main campus and the bus maintenance facility to LED Exterior fixtures, installation of an elevator in the school's existing empty elevator shaft, and providing for interior ventilation of the Technology Classroom Welding equipment and cooling for the existing IT closet, and any ancillary or related work required in connection with such projects, and to expend from the Reserve Fund therefore, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$551,000.*

*There are two (2) vacancies on the Board of Education. Candidates run as "at large" candidates. The following district residents will appear on the ballot as Board candidates:*

*Dave Iasevoli, Paul Buckman, Jason Willette, Katelyn Hill*

- THE TAX LEVY

Please note that the tax levy is the amount of money the school district must generate from local property taxes to fund the proposed school budget. The tax levy is set by the Board of Education in August. What is presented is an estimate of what the levy might be. The Tax Rate is that percentage of equalized value required to generate funds to meet the levy.

### QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE

A person shall be entitled to vote at the annual meeting of the School District who is:

1. A citizen of the United States
2. Eighteen years of age
3. A permanent resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which he or she offers to vote

### REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Requests for an application for an absentee ballot should be made in writing to District Clerk, NWCS, 6110 State Route 8, Chestertown, New York 12817.

If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the District Clerk must receive the signed application at least seven (7) days prior to the election; or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered in person.

The District Clerk must receive the ballot no later than 5:00 PM on the day of the election.

	2018-2019 budget	2019-2020 proposed
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>		
Board of Education	\$ 18,875	\$ 21,100
Central Administration	178,300	184,145
Business & Finance	350,480	373,605
Operations & Maintenance	1,005,135	984,275
Special Items	143,150	141,600
Sup'v. & Instructional Improvement	300,000	325,325
Instructional Services, Regular School	3,551,000	3,560,760
Programs & Services and Special Education	2,647,345	2,647,905
Transportation	894,115	954,425
Employee Benefits	3,666,800	3,737,400
Interfund Transfers	662,250	650,750
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 13,417,450</b>	<b>\$ 13,581,290</b>

**ESTIMATED REVENUES**

Property Taxes	\$ 8,679,450	\$ 8,771,290
STAR Aid	375,000	370,000
Tax Items/Interest	25,000	30,000
Charges for Service/Miscellaneous	35,000	12,000
State Aid	3,958,000	3,950,000
Medicaid Reimbursement	70,000	88,000
Fund Balance	275,000	360,000
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 13,417,450</b>	<b>\$ 13,581,290</b>

Total spending increase	1.22%
Total estimated tax levy increase, including STAR	0.96%

A copy of the budget and attachments may be obtained during the fourteen days immediately preceding the annual meeting, except Saturday, Sunday, or holidays, at the district office between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

***The STAR Program***

The STAR Program is still in existence and continues to help taxpayers. If you have any questions about this program, please contact your local property assessor in Chestertown at 494-3515 or in Brant Lake at 494-4198.

	2018-2019 budget	2019-2020 proposed
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>	\$ 13,800	\$ 16,000
Includes costs for workshops, NYSSBA conference expenses, law books, etc. Board members serve without pay		
<b>DISTRICT CLERK</b> , district meeting, voting machine	\$ 5,075	\$ 5,100
<b>TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>	\$ 18,875	\$ 21,100
<b>CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION</b>		
Salaries for superintendent and confidential secretary	\$ 169,800	\$ 176,145
Materials & supplies, equipment, contractual expenses	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,000
<b>TOTAL CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$ 178,300	\$ 184,145
<b>BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION</b>		
Salaries for business mgr., account clerk, central district treasurer	\$ 134,130	\$ 146,055
Materials & supplies, equipment, contractual and BOCES	\$ 28,300	\$ 31,200
<b>AUDITING</b> , independent & claims auditors	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,850
<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b> , salary, supplies, and tax bills	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,300
<b>TOTAL FINANCE</b>	\$ 187,430	\$ 204,405
<b>LEGAL</b> , attorney's fees	\$ 25,000	\$ 28,000
<b>PERSONNEL</b> , security staff & equipment	\$ 69,550	\$ 71,700
<b>RECORDS MANAGEMENT</b>	\$ 1,500	\$ -
<b>DATA PROCESSING/PUBLICATIONS/PRINTING</b>	\$ 67,000	\$ 69,500
BOCES print shop, postage, database support		
<b>TOTAL STAFF &amp; CENTRAL SERVICES</b>	\$ 163,050	\$ 169,200
<b>SPECIAL ITEMS</b>		
Insurance: includes liability, fire, and student accident, BOCES administration, facilities & capital fees	\$ 140,650	\$ 139,100
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL ITEMS</b>	\$ 140,650	\$ 139,100
<b>SUPERVISION AND INSTRUCTIONAL IMPROVEMENT</b>		
Salaries for administration and secretaries, operation of offices	\$ 263,000	\$ 285,375
Support for instructional programs including in-service training and staff and curriculum development	\$ 37,000	\$ 39,950
<b>TOTAL SUPERVISION AND INSTRUCT. IMPROVEMENT</b>	\$ 300,000	\$ 325,325
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	\$ 262,100	\$ 267,150
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT</b>	\$ 1,250,405	\$ 1,310,425
<b>INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES</b>		
Salaries for elementary & secondary teachers, aides, subs	\$ 3,412,800	\$ 3,406,780
Equipment, materials & supplies, contractual expenses	\$ 88,200	\$ 95,400
Textbooks: state textbook aid will cover major portion of expenses	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
BOCES services, including Arts in Education	\$ 15,000	\$ 23,580
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES</b>	\$ 3,551,000	\$ 3,560,760
<b>LOCAL PROGRAMS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>		
Salaries for speech therapist, special education teachers, OT & PT, teaching assistants, and materials & supplies	\$ 821,050	\$ 871,800
Cost of special education students at BOCES, other placements	\$ 447,900	\$ 364,000
<b>VOCATIONAL EDUCATION</b> at BOCES centers	\$ 258,000	\$ 275,000

	2018-2019 budget	2019-2020 proposed
<b>LIBRARY &amp; AUDIOVISUAL:</b> Salaries for librarian, library materials, books, and periodicals, BOCES media center services	\$ 107,500	\$ 108,990
<b>COMPUTER ASSISTED INSTRUCTION:</b> Salaries for Coordinator and Technicians, hardware, software, materials & supplies, internet connections, BOCES services	\$ 495,680	\$ 512,475
<b>GUIDANCE, PSYCHOLOGIST, HEALTH SERVICES</b> Includes salaries for counselors & staff, psychologist, and nurses, as well as testing, reference, and medical supplies, contractual cost for student & employee physicals	\$ 323,950	\$ 315,050
<b>INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS AND CO-CURRICULAR</b> Supplies & equipment for sports, officials' fees, plays, field trips, graduation, coaches	\$ 193,265	\$ 195,790
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE:</b> Census	\$ -	\$ 4,800
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMS &amp; SERVICES</b>	\$ 2,647,345	\$ 2,647,905
<b>TRANSPORTATION:</b> All NWCS students are eligible Salaries for transportation supervisor, mechanic, dispatcher, bus drivers, and substitutes	\$ 477,200	\$ 538,000
Equipment, materials & supplies, auto parts, gasoline, oil, tires, insurance	\$ 157,780	\$ 176,425
<b>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION</b>	\$ 634,980	\$ 714,425
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	\$ 3,146,900	\$ 3,207,490
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM COMPONENT</b>	\$ 9,980,225	\$ 10,130,580
<b>OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE</b> Salaries for custodians and substitutes	\$ 382,000	\$ 398,000
Contractual expenses, repairs, plowing, utilities	\$ 339,625	\$ 347,825
Equipment and materials & supplies	\$ 283,510	\$ 238,450
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE</b>	\$ 1,005,135	\$ 984,275
<b>TAX REFUNDS:</b> refunds for prior tax years	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
<b>NEW BUSES/VEHICLES</b>	\$ 259,135	\$ 240,000
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	\$ 257,800	\$ 262,760
<b>INTERFUND TRANSFERS</b> Special Aid: NWCS share of summer handicapped education	\$ 11,000	\$ 15,000
Debt Service Fund	\$ 636,250	\$ 635,750
Unemployment Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
Reserve for Repairs	\$ 15,000	\$ -
<b>TOTAL INTERFUND TRANSFERS</b>	\$ 662,250	\$ 650,750
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL COMPONENT</b>	\$ 2,186,820	\$ 2,140,285
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	\$ 13,417,450	\$ 13,581,290

## 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	\$ 13,417,450	\$ 13,581,290	\$ 13,095,410
Increase/Decrease for the 2019-20 School Year		\$ 163,840	\$ 322,040
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.22 %	-2.47%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.44%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	9,054,450	9,141,290	
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	-	-	
<b>E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)</b>	<b>9,054,450</b>	<b>9,141,290</b>	
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 125,344	\$ 110,390	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 9,004,136	\$ 9,142,216	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$ 8,929,106	\$ 9,030,900	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 75,030	\$ 111,316	
Administrative Component	\$ 1,250,405	\$ 1,310,425	\$ 1,288,950
Program Component	\$ 9,980,225	\$ 10,130,580	\$ 10,014,875
Capital Component	\$ 2,186,820	\$ 2,140,285	\$ 1,791,585

\*\* List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount:

Description	Amount
Electrical upgrades, elevator installation, field accessibility upgrade, classroom ventilation upgrades to be funded through Capital Reserve account	\$ 551,000

NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: [emscmgts@nysed.gov](mailto:emscmgts@nysed.gov)

Under the Budget Proposed  
for the 2019-20 School Year

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

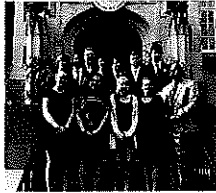
\$ 196.00

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2019-20 by the qualified voters of the North Warren Central school district, Warren County, New York, will be held at North Warren Central school in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 pm, prevailing time in the atrium, 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.

## MOAS To Washington, DC

The Model Organization of American States class visited Washington D.C March 21st-24th. The primary purpose of the trip was to meet with the ambassador and assistant ambassadors from the Embassy of the Republic of Guyana. The visit took place on March 22nd. The MOAS students met with Ambassador Dr. Riyad Insanally and his staff for over an hour. The students asked their prepared questions as well as follow-up questions and engaged in conversation pertaining to their committee topics. Information gathered from this meeting assists our students with resolutions they are creating for the June North Country High School Model Organization of America States at SUNY Plattsburgh. The class made good use of their time in Washington D.C. touring memorials and monuments, the United State Holocaust Memorial Museum, various Smithsonian museums as well as Arlington Cemetery.



## NW Kids Heart Challenge raises \$4,331.27

North Warren elementary students participated in the annual American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge on Friday, April 5th, 2019. Students who signed up to complete the challenge had a chance to be a Heart Hero by learning about heart health through numerous jump rope activities, getting active, having fun and saving lives.

The American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge (formerly Jump Rope For Heart) partners with Physical Education Teachers to bring early awareness of heart-healthy habits to local schools. The Kids Heart Challenge encourages heart-healthy behavior as students pledge to be more physically active, drink more water, do good deeds and provides kids the opportunity to make a difference in their community while raising funds for the American Heart Association and kids with special hearts.

With a theme of Join our Heart Heroes, the students earned thank you gifts from the American Heart Association based on how much they raised. The prizes were cumulative, so depending on how much they raised, they could receive several prizes.



## Cougar Bites

- 9 students inducted into the National Honor Society
- 3 students inducted into Technical National Honor Society
- 2 seniors, Sydney Gagnon and Chloe Howe, received the Post Star Teen Excellence Award. They both also received scholarships
- 23 Students participate in AP or college level classes
- Brandon Olden advanced to States in Cross Country
- All fall sports teams and Girls and Boys Basketball teams had advanced to Sectional play
- 25 students in grades 3-6 competed in Battle of the Books

## NWTA Pancake Breakfast

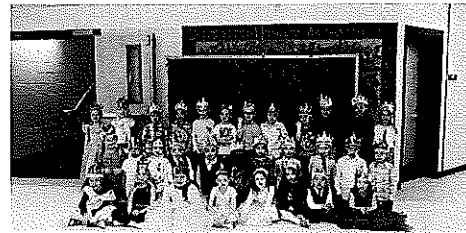
On Saturday, March 23rd, the North Warren Teachers Association held its 12th Annual Free Community Pancake Breakfast and Spring Food Drive in the school cafeteria. NWTA members cooked sausage and pancakes, kept the coffee and juice flowing, and served 115 breakfasts! A sizable donation of food and cash was collected and donated to our local food pantries. Thank you to all who attended.

## High School Musical Jr

Over sixty students in grades 5-12 performed the Disney musical "High School Musical Jr." on March 16th and 17th to packed audiences. Students rehearsed for over three months to prepare the show and by all accounts did a fantastic job. Congratulations!

## Kindergarten Royalty

The Kindergarten classes recently held their Royal Ball as a finale to their "Kings and Queens" theme in Language Arts.



## NWCS Eighth Grade visited Ellis Island!

At last, our busload of "immigrants" made it to Ellis Island. Their arrival, originally planned for November of 2018, was washed out due to a horrible storm which closed Ellis Island. Hopes dashed, they persevered! On April 12th, our "immigrants" posed happily in front of the Ellis Island Immigration Processing Center for a fun filled day of exploring this amazing monument and its role in our nation's history. Team Fischer and Team Kubaryk, assisted by brave chaperones, toured Ellis Island while fulfilling the tasks of their scavenger hunt. A sunny picnic lunch with views of Manhattan followed by a visit with Lady Liberty rounded out the trip.



## Art Show

*The Annual North Warren K - 12 Student Art Show will be on display in the school gymnasium on May 21st from 12:00 PM. All parents are welcome to visit before the Spring Concert from 4:30 - 6:40 PM. Please stop by and see the art work our talented North Warren students have created this year!*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Basket Raffle

North Warren Central School will hold its 15th Annual Basket Fundraiser on Tuesday, May 21st. This year the proceeds will be used for the North Warren Teachers Association Scholarship Fund. Tickets will be sold between 12 and 7 PM. The winners will be announced at the Spring Concert that night. You do not have to be present to win. For more information please contact Deanne Peters at 494-3015.

May 7	Kindergarten Parents Night 6:00 PM
May 9 & 10	Kindergarten Roundup
May 11	Junior Prom
May 13	Regular Board of Education Meeting 6:30 PM
May 13	Budget Hearing 7:00 PM
May 14	Meet the Candidates 7:00 PM
May 21	Annual Budget Vote & Elections 12:00 - 8:00 PM
May 21	4 - 12 Spring Concert 6:30 PM
May 21	K - 12 Art Show 12:00 PM to 6:45 PM
May 23	Academic Awards 6:30 PM
May 27	Memorial Day
May 28	No School - Unused snow day
June 2	Race the Cougar 9:00 AM
June 13	Spring Sports Awards & Annual Athletic Recognition 7:00 PM
June 18	Regents Testing Begins
June 25	Last Day for Students

### Board of Education

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