



# Shareholder's Report 2019

## 2019-2020 Budget Vote May 21, 2019

Dear Community Members:

This Shareholders Report is truly a statement of community support. Your unwavering commitment to building successful schools year after year, and to helping to prepare each of our students to be READY when they walk across our graduation stage, makes all the difference to the students of the Skaneateles Central School District. This report outlines our measures of success, demonstrates the ways we invest in the future of our children, and explains our proposed 2019-2020 budget.

The Board of Education, along with the SCSD Administration, share a vision of providing the most positive and successful learning experiences for all of our students. This shared vision leads us to constantly challenge our thinking, and to provide the most innovative and academically sound opportunities for our students. Our goal is to prepare each student for the technological, interdependent and innovative world that we can't even imagine, but that they will experience. It is with the support of the community, that we are indeed able to help our students reach their fullest potential so that they possess the intellectual agility to navigate their futures successfully.

This year saw the beginning phases of Project 2021 and you will see construction projects beginning as early as this spring in the Waterman School. The next phases of rebuilding the Middle School Gymnasium and updating the High School Auditorium will start with construction next year. Our Program of Studies is expanding, our schools have never been more safe and secure with recent security upgrades, and our students are being afforded opportunities to learn about career paths and educational options as never before.

We invite you to attend our Annual Student Art Show at the District Office, which will be available during the School Budget and School Board Election Vote on May 21, 2019, from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm. Until then, if you have any questions about the budget, please do not hesitate to contact the District Office. Additional documents regarding our budget and spending can be found on our website on the Board of Education page.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Lynda Quick  
*Superintendent of Schools*

Susan Murphy  
*President, Board of Education*

### BUDGET VOTE and BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

May 21, 2019  
7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

District Office  
45 East Elizabeth Street  
Skaneateles, NY 13152

Join us all day for the  
District Art Show!



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#### BUDGET FACTS

**PROPOSED BUDGET**  
\$35,288,466

**SPENDING INCREASE**  
\$1,278,734 or (3.76%)

**ESTIMATED TAX LEVY INCREASE**  
\$667,602 or (2.68%)

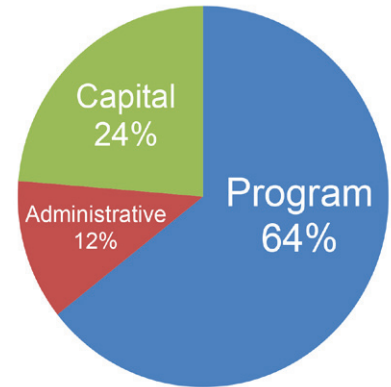
#### DIRECTIONS TO THE POLLING PLACE

- Please use the main entrance of the Skaneateles Central Schools District Office. Parking beside the building will be reserved for voters.
- You may wish to schedule your visit to avoid student and bus arrivals and dismissals, which occur between 8:20-9:00 a.m., and between 3:00-3:30 p.m.

# 2019-2020 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

<u>Budget Category</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
<b>PROGRAM</b>		
Legal	55,106	64,916
Occupational Education (9-12)	356,816	350,032
Programs for Students with Disabilities	2,720,692	3,133,580
Teaching - Regular School	9,348,708	9,258,129
Teaching - Special School	10,000	5,967
Computer Assisted Instruction	784,949	905,770
School Library - Audio Visual	434,560	441,952
Attendance - Regular School	2,000	2,000
Co-Curricular Activities	95,500	90,604
Guidance	466,208	447,223
Health Services	227,356	238,602
Interschool Athletics	742,643	790,640
Psychological Services	250,139	270,401
Pupil Personnel Services	5,048	4,349
Social Work	129,481	135,577
District Transportation	257,000	275,000
District Transportation - Contractual	1,089,000	1,150,165
Transportation Garage	40,750	35,750
Transfer to Non-Capital Funds	145,000	130,000
Employee Benefits	5,063,159	4,988,804
<b>Program Budget Total</b>	<b>22,224,115</b>	<b>22,719,460</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>		
Board of Education	29,720	33,190
District Office	857,705	841,522
Tax Collector	29,957	30,400
Public Information and Services	76,361	68,294
Personnel & Records Management Officer	83,000	80,794
Central Data Processing	392,000	395,139
Central Printing & Mailing	127,957	130,290
BOCES Administrative	239,100	270,328
Insurance & School Association Dues	133,000	-
Research & Development/ Inservice Training	227,975	261,767
Supervision	755,859	922,387
Curriculum Development	355,933	355,732
Employee Benefits	730,023	821,017
<b>Total Administrative Budget</b>	<b>4,038,589</b>	<b>4,210,859</b>
<b>CAPITAL</b>		
Maintenance of Plant	641,972	693,718
Operations of Plant	1,680,285	1,707,701
Insurance & School Association Dues	-	146,000
Special Items	10,000	10,000
Debt Service	4,806,107	5,195,486
Transfer to Capital Funds	100,000	100,000
Employee Benefits	508,664	505,205
<b>Total Capital Budget</b>	<b>7,747,028</b>	<b>8,358,147</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>34,009,732</b>	<b>35,288,466</b>

## THREE-PART BUDGET



**PROGRAM**  
**64.38%**

Instructional program costs such as salaries and benefits, transportation, BOCES services and athletics.

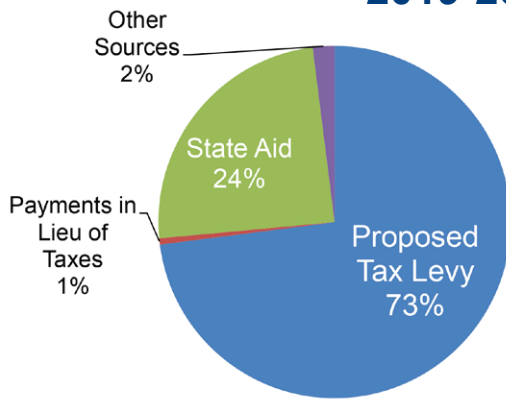
**ADMINISTRATIVE**  
**11.93%**

Salaries and benefits, as well as other operational costs of the District Office, each school's main office and the Board of Education.

**CAPITAL**  
**23.69%**

Operation and maintenance of buildings, debt service and associated employee salaries and benefits.

## 2019-2020 ESTIMATED REVENUES



The Skaneateles Central School District receives revenue to support its programming from multiple sources, as seen in this chart, with the proposed tax levy and New York State aid being the principal sources. State funding accounts for 24 percent of the district's projected revenue. The proposed tax levy of \$25,578,126, a 2.68% increase over the 2018-2019 tax levy (out of a possible 3.22%), makes up the remaining 73 percent of the revenue.

REVENUE CATEGORY	2018-2019	2019-2020
Proposed Tax Levy	24,910,524	25,578,126
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	205,296	204,571
State Aid	8,022,482	8,585,684
County Sales Tax	30,000	30,000
Interest/Penalties	75,000	108,000
Services/Charges	139,930	145,000
Sale of Equipment/Other	47,500	54,500
Refund of Prior Year Expenses	256,000	125,000
Federal Aid - Medicaid	30,000	30,000
Other Sources	93,000	102,585
<u>Interfund Transfers</u>	50,000	100,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>33,859,732</b>	<b>35,063,466</b>
Fund Balance	150,000	150,000
<u>Reserves</u>	0	75,000
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>34,009,732</b>	<b>35,288,466</b>

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

#### WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TAX LEVY AND THE TAX RATE?

The tax levy is the total amount of money a school district raises in taxes each year from all property owners in the district. Tax rates are calculated by dividing the total amount of the levy by the total taxable assessed value in a community. Tax rates are affected by changes in both municipal assessments and state equalization rates, which are determined every summer. The tax rate is used to calculate individual property tax bills.

#### WHAT IS AN EQUALIZATION RATE?

Equalization rates are intended to spread the tax burden across all municipalities (cities, towns and/or villages) within the school district as fairly as possible. The rates are intended to "equalize" or compensate for differing assessment practices. One municipality's assessments may be more recently updated than others, and property values don't change equally in all municipalities within the school district. A municipality's equalization rate is set by New York State to reflect the municipality's level of assessment. It is calculated by dividing total assessed value by total market value.

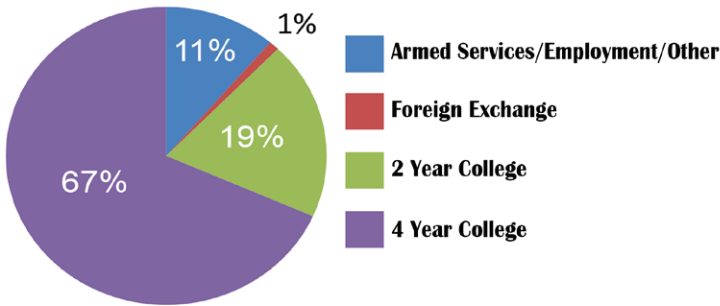
- An equalization rate of 100 means that the municipality is assessing the property at 100% of market value.
- An equalization rate of less than 100 means that the municipality's total market value is greater than its assessed value.
- An equalization rate of greater than 100 means that the municipality's total market value is less than its assessed value.

#### HOW DOES SCSD RANK IN ORDER OF TAX RATES ON HOUSEHOLDS COMPARED TO OTHER CENTRAL NEW YORK DISTRICTS?

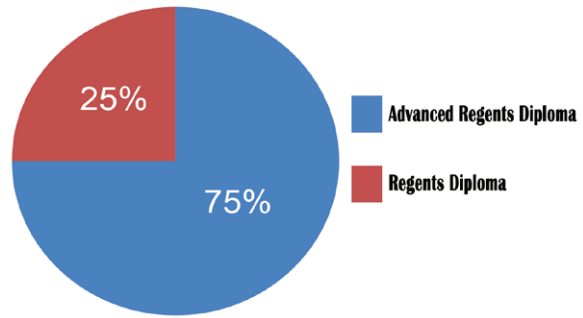
In a recent report by Syracuse.com, out of the 45 school districts in CNY, Skaneateles ranks 41/45, with a tax rate of \$14.65 (per every \$1000 of a home's assessed value). By comparison, neighboring district Jordan-Elbridge ranks 9/45 at a rate of \$26.08, Marcellus ranks 13/45 with a rate of \$24.57, Weedsport ranks 22/45 with a rate of \$22.03, and Auburn ranks 32/45 with a rate of \$18.76.

# OUR MEASURES OF SUCCESS

## Graduation Destinations Class of 2018



## Diplomas Earned by Class of 2018



2018 SAT SCORES

	Critical Reading	Math	Total
National Average	536	531	1067
State Average	534	534	1068
Skaneateles	593	583	1176

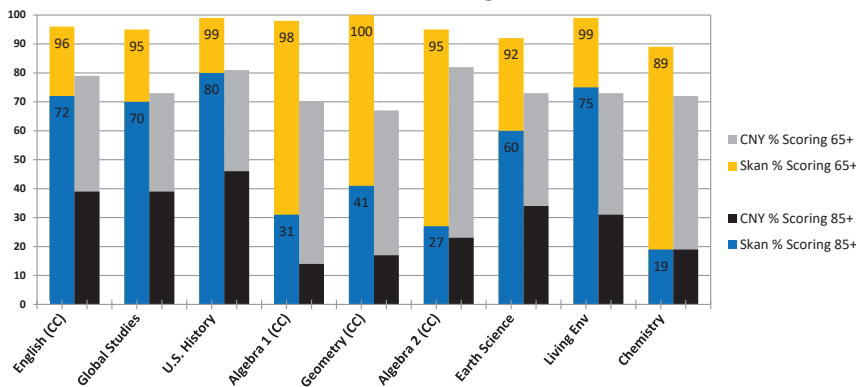


2018 ACT SCORES

	National Average	State Average	Skaneateles
	20.8	24.5	25.6

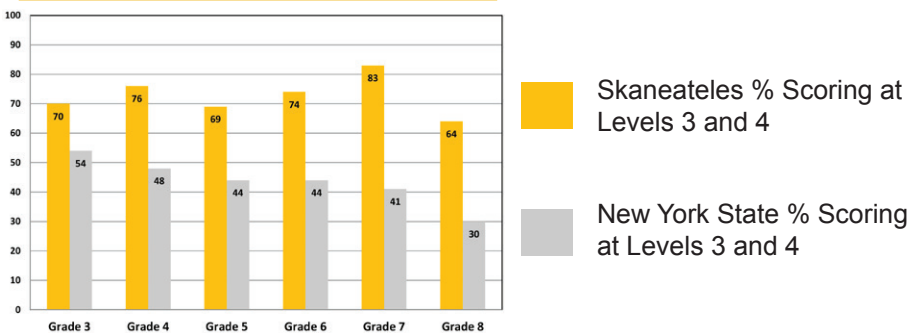
Seventy-five percent of our students took the SAT, with reading and math tests scoring in the ranges of 200-800. The ACT has four test areas of Math, English, Reading and Science, and a composite score ranging from 1 to 36. Sixty-eight percent of our students took the ACT.

2017-2018 Skaneateles CSD Regents Exam Results

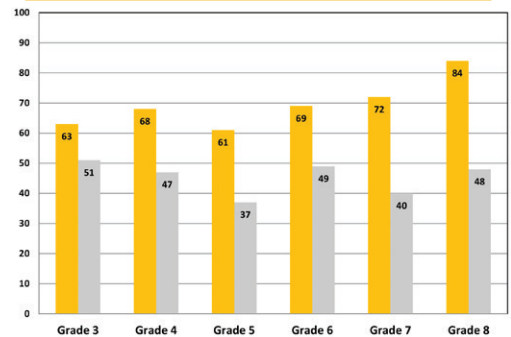


Regents Exams provide a basis for evaluating the quality of instruction and learning that has taken place. Students must pass five Regents Exams in order to graduate and eight to receive the Advanced Regents diploma.

## 2017-2018 NYS 3-8 Math Results



## 2017-2018 NYS 3-8 ELA Results



Scores on the ELA and Math assessments place students at one of four levels. Those at Level 4 excel in standards for their grade; those at Level 3 are proficient in standards; those at level 2 are partially proficient and those at Level 1 are well below proficient in standards for their grade. The increased rigor of Common Core-aligned tests is apparent statewide as seen in the 3-8 graphs as well as in the Algebra 1 (CC) bar in the Regents Exam Results bar graph above.

## THE FOCUS OF OUR INVESTMENTS

**1340**

Number of K-12 Students

**97%**

Graduation Rate

**40%**

Of 3rd Graders Playing Instruments

**81**

Students in Odyssey of the Mind

**53**

Interscholastic Sports Teams

**\$35,288,466**

Proposed 2019-2020 Budget

**100%**

Of Students and Teachers Trained in SRP Emergency Protocol

**24**

High School Clubs

**11**

Musical Groups

**1**

Community



On pages two and three, you were able to see the breakdown of the projected costs (expenditures), our income (revenue), and what we will need to support the difference (fund balance and reserves) for the proposed budget of \$35,288,466 with a total tax levy of \$25,578,126 for 2019-2020. An increase of \$667,602 or 2.68% in the tax levy is needed for 2019-2020.

So what is the community getting in return for the requested investments? We hope many features in this report answer that question. Here are some other examples of enhancements and improvements:



### High School

- 12 Advanced Placement courses.
- 40 elective courses.
- Career exploration and job shadowing programs.
- Graphic Media courses.
- Driver's Education.
- Online course offerings.
- Expanded Social Studies Electives

### Middle School

- Expansion of World Language into sixth grade.
- New pilot science program in sixth grade.
- Enhanced Library Media Services; including Break Out EDU, book fairs, reading promotions & Maker Space activities.
- Additional Clubs & Activities, A/V Production Lab, Fall and Spring Fling student events promoting wellness.
- Reconfigured sixth grade schedule providing an extra hour of ELA & Math instruction each week for students.

### Elementary (Waterman & State Street)

- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs with every student spending time in STEM lab about once per week for hands-on STEM activities.
- Odyssey of the Mind and Math Olympiad programs continue to excel in fifth grade, with OOTM teams competing at state and national levels.
- Expanded K-5 Pilot Science program, *Smithsonian STC*.
- Elementary Principals now in each Waterman and State Street Schools.

# WHAT WILL YOU SEE WHEN YOU VOTE?

## QUALIFICATIONS OF VOTERS:

- At least 18 years of age.
- Citizen of the United States.
- A resident of the Skaneateles Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the date of the vote.

## PROPOSITION 1

### *2019-2020 Budget*

Shall the Board of Education of the Skaneateles Central School District, Counties of Cayuga and Onondaga, New York, be authorized to expend the sum of \$35,288,466 for the 2019-2020 school year and levy the necessary tax when due?

## PROPOSITION 2

### *Bus Proposition*

Shall the Board of Education of the Skaneateles Central School District, Onondaga County, New York, be authorized to purchase and finance four student transport vehicles, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto, and expend a total sum not to exceed \$435,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District, in the principal amount not to exceed \$435,000, shall be issued?

## Board of Education: Candidates for Election (Vote For Two)

On May 21, residents will elect two members of the Board of Education to each serve a three-year term. Below are candidates that filed nominating petitions for the available seats:



### **THOMAS E. LAMBDIN**

Town of Residence: Skaneateles

Since being elected to the BOE in 2010, **Thomas E. Lambdin** has worked with seventeen Skaneateles school board members, four district superintendents and many parents, residents, administrators, faculty and staff members. Tom and his wife, Claudia, have two children who

completed grades K-12 at Skaneateles and who now attend college. Tom is a Principal Engineer for Baker Hughes in Skaneateles and earned his BA from Hamilton College and his MS in Computer Science from Union College.



### **DANIELLE FLECKENSTEIN**

Town of Residence: Skaneateles

An active volunteer in the community for over 10 years, **Danielle Fleckenstein** has been a member of the Skaneateles Central School District's Superintendent and Principal Search Committees. Currently serving as the Executive Director of Girls on the Run in Upstate NY, Danielle has two children

in the District, aged 11 and 9. Danielle earned her MBA from Suffolk University and believes that maintaining a balance of fiscal responsibility, while offering a variety of educational and extracurricular opportunities, is vital to the District's success.

**ABSENTEE BALLOT:** Residents who will not be in the area on May 21 may apply for an absentee ballot at the District Office. If the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the application must be submitted at least seven days prior to the vote. If the absentee ballot is to be picked up by the voter in person, applications will be accepted until May 20. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 21.

## GETTING TO SCHOOL SAFELY, EFFECTIVELY & EFFICIENTLY

The continuation of our Bus Replacement Plan will be on the May 21 school budget ballot (See Proposition 2 on page six).

Now in year four, this plan involves the ongoing replacement of an aging fleet and will result in improved safety for students, improved approval ratings for bus inspections, and ultimately, fewer buses in total.

Cost savings measures like the Bus Replacement Plan help to accomplish our ultimate goal of providing the best educational programs for students, while being fair to taxpayers.



### Under the 5-Year Bus Replacement Plan:

- Trade-in value will increase when buses are traded in at the end of warranty, while still “young” with good value.
- With newer buses, money and time spent on maintenance will decrease.
- The number of “out-of-service” buses at any given time will decrease, resulting in enough “road ready” buses to meet our needs, thereby decreasing the number of buses needed in the fleet.
- Costs and expenditures will be much more predictable.
- New purchases will include four gasoline fueled buses, which cost less and do not require diesel exhaust fluid.



**Thank You to Our Partners:** In Skaneateles, our schools are strengthened by the ongoing support and innovation of our extremely dedicated partners. We are grateful for their amazing commitment to our students!

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|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| • Our Alumni         | • Skaneateles Music Guild    | • Skaneateles Chamber of Commerce  |
| • Booster Clubs      | • Parent Advisory Committees | • Skaneateles Education Foundation |
| • Ecumenical Council | • Parent Teacher Committees  | • Town & Village of Skaneateles    |

## Local Postal Patron

### 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	\$ 34,009,732	\$35,288,466	\$34,620,864										
Increase/Decrease for the 2019-20 School Year		\$1,278,734	\$611,132										
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.76%	1.80%										
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.44%											
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	24,910,524	25,578,126											
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)	\$24,910,524	\$25,578,126	\$24,910,524										
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$2,139,390	\$2,200,180											
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$22,936,719	\$23,513,423											
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$22,771,134	\$23,377,946											
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$165,585	\$135,477											
Administrative Component	\$4,038,589	\$4,210,859	\$4,109,497										
Program Component	\$22,224,115	\$22,719,460	\$22,343,220										
Capital Component	\$7,747,028	\$8,358,147	\$8,168,147										
<p>* 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.</p> <p>The 2019-2020 tax levy would equal the 2018-2019 tax levy. The Administrative Component of the 2019-2020 budget would be capped at 11.87%, which is the percentage of the 2018-2019 Administrative Component. The Program and Capital components of the 2019-2020 budget would need to be reduced by \$566,240 which would include cutting all equipment, the transfer from capital fund and potentially athletic transportation costs. In the event of a contingent budget, the actual allocation of the components may differ from the budget displayed above.</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" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Description</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>BUS PROPOSITION</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$435,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Description	Amount	BUS PROPOSITION	\$435,000						
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NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: [emscmqts@nysed.gov](mailto:emscmqts@nysed.gov)

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$442

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2019-20 by the qualified voters of the Skaneateles school district, Onondaga County, New York, will be held at said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the District Office, 45 E. Elizabeth St., 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.