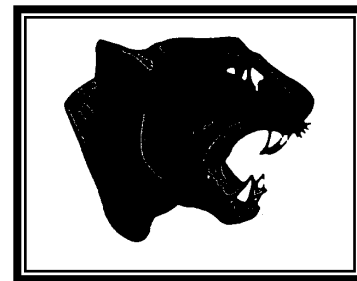


Special Budget Bulletin

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CROWN POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL 2020-2021 BUDGET



MAY 2020



Dear Residents,

Enclosed is our up-to-date budget information. This year's budget process was unique due to the uncertainty of financial concerns for New York State amid the COVID19 Pandemic. Our spending and revenues are contingent upon our NYS Aid payments. We plan to adjust accordingly to ensure a responsible budget to our taxpayers in support of the education of our students.

Our Board of Education, on May 19th, adopted a school budget in the amount of \$7,512,014. This is the same budget amount as last year. The State of New York passed its budget March 31st at the same level of Foundation Aid as last year as well, but with very important financial stipulations that may affect Aid all year.

With a commitment of fiscal responsibility, we are prepared to do more with less. Our efforts to maintain a high quality education for our students is still our top priority. This year's spending plan is based on a tax levy increase of 1.97% which reflects in total a \$32,660 local increase district wide, below the Property Tax Cap limit allowed. Balancing potential State Aid Revenue cuts with realistic requests for taxpayer support is very important. Please read on for more details on our 2020-2021 spending plan.



ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING

Tuesday, June 2, 2020
7:00 pm, School Auditorium

Mail in completed Absentee Ballot envelope, CPCS Ballot and Hammond Library Ballot to be received by 5pm June 9th

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Proposed Budget in Review

The Crown Point School Board continues to make important fiscal decisions. There has been no other more challenging Budget Year than this. Crown Point Central School is nearly 70% State Aid reliant. With the threat of NYS Aid Cuts up to 20%, and the possibility of Federal Stimulus Aid to help lessen the blow, we are at this point in time 'on hold' with revenue projections. Likewise, our expenses will need to be adjusted based on funding. We are prepared to do what it takes to keep our school functioning at the highest level possible for our students! An extraordinary example of this is shown by the fact that every CPCS employee has agreed to give up their raises for the 2020-21 school year. In addition, the Crown Point Teachers Association has agreed to give up half pay for Advisors, Clubs and Sports to maintain extracurricular programs for our students and athletes. These programs are crucial for each student to be successful and to receive a well-rounded education. All Areas of the Budget are under consideration should we need to reduce expenses further.

How Much Will My Taxes Go Up?

In the past 12 years, the actual Crown Point tax rate has been reduced by \$2.72 per thousand, (from \$13.18 to \$10.46). We look to you to continue to support the Crown Point Central School based on our previous efforts to remain fiscally responsible. The proposed tax levy increase is 1.97%. In terms of dollars and cents, the tax rate on a home assessed at \$100,000 would increase by approximately:

- \$0.20 per thousand
- \$1.64 per month
- \$19.70 per year
- 5 cents per day

The actual amount of any tax increase is determined by the total tax assessments and the final equalization rates.

Auditorium Renovation Update

We appreciate your support to renovate our Auditorium. It looks amazing and now functions even better as a student centered learning area. In August 2019 our project began! Throughout the fall, the renovations transformed our sound system, added technology, installed fixed seating and created a climate controlled learning and events space. Our project concluded in January 2020. The finished product was slated to be unveiled in March at our Drama Production and at our Spring Concert.

We can't wait to show it off to you when we can!!



“What We Can Do”

With the 2020-21 Proposed Budget, we believe we can:

- *Provide a High Quality Education for all CPCS Students
- *Provide Social and Emotional Learning Skills for Students
- *Meet Grad Requirements / Offer College Electives
- *Offer Remediation and Intervention Services
- *Offer Activities and Sports Programs to our Students
- *Offer After School Program with Community Schools Aid
- *Maintain our National Model School and School of Distinction Status

We sincerely thank you for your past support of the Crown Point Central School.

Shari L. Brannock, Superintendent

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More Information Available

Our Budget Vote is by Absentee Ballot only this year. All votes received by 5 pm, on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, will be counted if properly executed. Voters registered with CPCS or Essex County prior to May 27th will be mailed a ballot. It is very important to read and complete the Absentee Ballot Envelope. Place your signed Absentee Envelope, with completed ballots inside, into the return postage paid envelope provided. Mail it to be received by 6/9. We appreciate the opportunity to provide you more information or to discuss our proposed budget in detail. Please contact Mrs. Shari L. Brannock, at 597-4200 x7. Thank you.