



# GERMANTOWN

## CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MAY 2021 — BUDGET EDITION

## BUDGET VOTE

TUESDAY  
MAY 18, 2021  
Noon – 9 p.m.

Kellner Community Activities Center  
50 Palatine Park Road,  
Germantown, NY 12526

0.82% TAX LEVY  
INCREASE

PROPOSED  
2021-22 BUDGET

\$16,331,182

### BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS:

- Providing a wider variety of elective opportunities to students
- Bringing back staff and programs that were cut due to the COVID-19 pandemic

### ALSO ON THE BALLOT:

- Board of Education Election (Two Seats)

## 2021-22 District Budget Priorities

A community vote on Germantown CSD's 2021-22 budget will take place Tuesday, May 18 from noon - 9 p.m. at the Kellner Community Activities Center at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine. The 2021-22 school budget totals \$16,331,182 and requires a 0.82% tax levy increase, which is within New York State's Property Tax Cap.

This year's proposed budget will focus on bringing more elective opportunities into the district for students to develop a wider skillset and explore a larger variety of career pathways as well as bring staff back into our district whose positions were cut due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's our goal to ensure our students graduate from Germantown Central Schools college- and career-ready," said District Superintendent Benjamin Bragg. "Providing more elective opportunities to our students will allow us to do just that. Granting students the chance to experience distinct curriculums will also help them make an informed decision for their career field or college major, which will save parents money in the long run."

Germantown Central School District is committed to bringing staff back into its building who were cut due to the COVID-19 pandemic should the budget vote pass. Bringing back staff would include the return of the school's Spanish program.

The community will also vote on two open seats on the Board of Education. One seat will be a full four-year term, and one seat will be a three-plus year term.



GCS students painted kindness rocks as part of a year-long program, *The Positivity Project*. *The Positivity Project* empowers students to build positive relationships, foster a positive culture and become their best selves through studying character strengths such as leadership, perspective, creativity, integrity, kindness and more.

# BUDGET COMPARISON

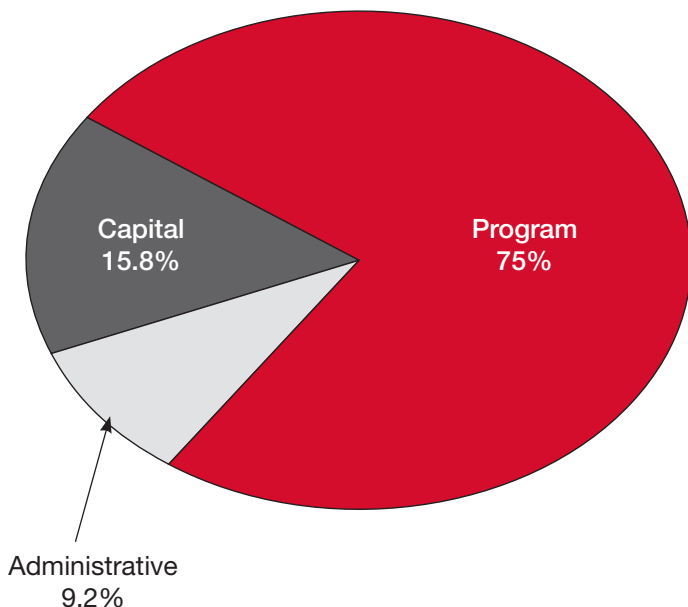
	2020-2021	2021-2022	Change	% of Budget
<b>PROGRAM</b>	\$11,735,318	\$12,243,843	\$508,525	75%
Teaching Regular School Inc. Summer School, Programs and Services for Students with Disabilities, Occupational Education, Instructional Technology, School Library, Guidance, Health Services, Social Work, Interscholastic Athletics, Co-Curricular Activities, Student Transportation, BOCES Support, Fringe Benefits				
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	\$1,634,089	\$1,501,111	-\$132,978	9.2%
Board of Education, Central Administration, Business Administration/Finance, School Principals, Special Education Administrator, Purchasing, Data Processing, Auditing, Legal Services, General Insurance, BOCES Support, District Share of BOCES Admin. Cost, Fringe Benefits				
<b>CAPITAL</b>	\$2,423,506	\$2,586,228	\$162,722	15.8%
Operation of Plant, Maintenance of Plant, Security, Utilities, Construction From Operating Funds, Principal and Interest on Debt, BOCES Support, Fringe Benefits				
<b>BUDGET TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,792,913</b>	<b>\$16,331,182</b>	<b>\$538,269</b>	<b>100%</b>

# REVENUE ESTIMATES

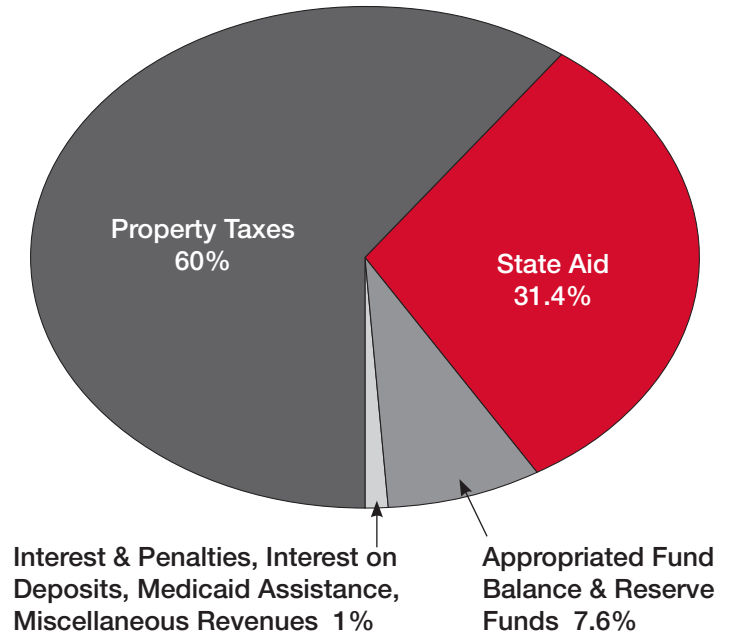
	2020-2021	2021-2022	Change	% of Revenues
Property Taxes	\$9,652,267	\$9,731,282	\$79,015	60%
State Aid*	5,049,046	5,127,872	78,826	31.4%
Appropriated Fund Balance & Reserve Funds	800,600	1,245,028	444,428	7.6%
Interest & Penalties (for late payment of taxes)	20,000	20,000	0	<1%
Interest on Deposits	45,000	45,000	0	<1%
Medicaid Assistance	45,000	45,000	0	<1%
Miscellaneous Revenues	181,000	117,000	-\$64,000	<1%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$15,792,913</b>	<b>\$16,331,182</b>	<b>\$538,269</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* Does not include Federal Stimulus Funds

## 2021-22 Expenses



## 2021-22 Revenues



# GERMANTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2020-21 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2021-22 School Year *										
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 15,792,913	\$ 16,331,182	\$ 16,143,484										
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year		\$ 538,269	\$ 350,571										
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.41%	2.22%										
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%											
<b>A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount</b>													
	\$ 9,652,267	\$ 9,731,282											
<b>B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable</b>													
	\$ -	\$ -											
<b>C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **</b>													
	\$ -	\$ -											
<b>D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy</b>													
	\$ -	\$ -											
<b>E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)</b>													
	\$ 9,652,267	\$ 9,731,282	\$ 9,652,267										
<b>F. Total Permissible Exclusions</b>													
	\$ 596,052	\$ 555,600											
<b>G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions</b>													
	\$ 9,056,215	\$ 9,175,682											
<b>H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)</b>													
	\$ 9,056,215	\$ 9,175,682											
<b>I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **</b>													
	\$ -	\$ -											
<b>Administrative Component</b>													
	\$ 1,634,089	\$ 1,501,111	\$ 1,497,311										
<b>Program Component</b>													
	\$ 11,735,318	\$ 12,243,843	\$ 12,215,445										
<b>Capital Component</b>													
	\$ 2,423,506	\$ 2,586,228	\$ 2,430,728										
<p>If the proposed 21-22 budget were defeated by the voters in May, the Board of Education may hold a second budget vote in June or immediately adopt a contingency budget. Contingency would require the school district to eliminate, a transfer to the capital fund in the amount of \$100,000 for a planned construction project. In addition, most 21-22 proposed equipment purchases in all three parts of the budget, totaling \$83,898, would have to be eliminated. The administrative portion of the budget would also need to be reduced by another \$3,800. The required reductions total \$187,698.</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; margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Description</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>No separate propositions.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Description	Amount	No separate propositions.	\$		\$		\$		\$
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Under the Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year

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

\$ 402

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-22 by the qualified voters of the Germantown Central School District, Columbia County, New York, will be held at Kellner Community Activities Ctr., 50 Palatine Park Rd. in said district on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00pm, prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot.

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

## Program, Administrative and Capital Budget Components

When portraying the proposed budget in three component parts (Administrative, Program and Capital) school districts are required to allocate a reasonable share of employee fringe benefits to each of the three components. In the 2020-21 proposed budget, all fringe benefits were allocated incorrectly to the program component. Thus, the component totals for 2020-21 were recalculated and do not match the numbers reported in the 2020-21 Budget Newsletter.

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CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Germantown, NY 12526

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## LOCAL POSTAL CUSTOMER

### Board of Education

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Donald Coons, *Vice President*  
Ralph DelPozzo  
Heather Lincoln  
Lester Olsson  
Andrea Provan  
Teresa Repko

### Superintendent

Benjamin Bragg

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

*Voters will elect candidates to fill two (2) open seats on the Board of Education. One seat is a four (4) year term, and the other seat is a three-plus (3+) year term. The candidate with the highest number of votes will fill the full four (4) year term. The following candidate will be listed on the ballot: Linda Anderson.*

### LINDA ANDERSON

Linda Anderson has been a resident of Germantown for the past 47 years and is a graduate of Germantown CSD. She has raised four children who also graduated from GCS, and her granddaughter is currently a pre-K student in the district. Linda recently retired from GCS after more than 30 years of service to the district. Her love for the district is evident through the countless hours she has spent dedicating her time to volunteering as a PTSA and Booster Club member. Linda is a huge sports enthusiast and truly enjoys watching the Clippers whether they are on the basketball court, softball, baseball or soccer fields. Linda is also an advocate for the arts, as she watches the students transform into their character on stage. Linda hopes to continue serving the district as a Board of Education member.

*\* The second seat open for election to the Board of Education will be open to write-in votes, as there is only one candidate running and two open seats.*

## VOTER INFORMATION

### When and where is the vote?

**TUESDAY, MAY 18 • NOON – 9 P.M.**

Kellner Community Activities Center  
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**Who is eligible to vote?** Anyone who is a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older and is a resident of the Germantown Central School District for a period of 30 days or more prior to the day of the vote or is registered to vote with either the School District or the Columbia County Board of Elections.

**How can I vote by absentee ballot?** An eligible voter who is unable to go to the polls on May 18 can cast their vote by absentee ballot. Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained at the District Office. If you would like your ballot to be mailed to you, applications must be received by District Clerk Elizabeth Liberti at least seven days prior to the vote. Applications must be received by the District Clerk by May 17 if the ballot will be picked up personally by the voter.

Completed absentee ballots must be received at the office of the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on May 18. Those who do not wish to vote in person due to COVID-19 may request an application for an absentee ballot.

**What if I have questions?** The district website, [www.germantowncsd.org](http://www.germantowncsd.org), has additional budget resources including budget presentations. You can also call the District Office at 518-537-6281.