



# HARPURSVILLE



#1  
Matthew Lyon



#2  
Sara Williams



#3  
Karina Seeley



#4  
Kaitlyn Dattoria



#5  
Logan Culver



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Mackenzie Whidden



#7  
Riley Livermore



#8  
Idaeah Campbell



#9  
Kaylee Shear



#10  
Tanner Hanson

## Top 10 Seniors

### Budget Snapshot

|  | Total        | Change |
|--|--------------|--------|
| Budget   | \$20,490,462 | 0.88%  |
| Tax levy   | \$4,355,877  | 2.32%  |
| Tax levy limit   | \$4,355,877  | 2.32%  |
| Average tax rate*  | \$15.33      | \$0.35 |
| Annual cost increase for home assessed at \$50K: \$17.36**   |              |        |
| *per \$1,000 assessed value **estimated using last year's equalization rate, assessed values, etc. |              |        |

Harpursville celebrates  
 the Top 10 students  
 from the Class of 2020

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## A message from the superintendent

Dear residents,

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and healthy. This has been a springtime to remember (or forget), to say the least, and I think it suffices to say that this school year has turned out to be like none other.

There has been some good, quite a bit actually, that's come out of all of this. As I've stated in my weekly newsletters to our families, I could not be more proud of our school community than I've been over the past many weeks. We have come together in immeasurable and innumerable ways that we can all feel very good about. Furthermore, we have established some outstanding building blocks upon which we will be able to create an amazing future for our students, our school and our community. It is with a future-minded perspective that I share some information with you regarding the district's proposed budget for the 2020-2021 school year.

First, the fiscal stability that we've been able to re-establish in the district over the past several years has really helped us to navigate the budget cycle this year. When we started the budget planning process, it was straightforward and we were in an outstanding position with the budget for the next school year. As you know, however, our district is highly dependent on state aid, so once the pandemic hit our state and significantly impacted the economy, state aid projections became extraordinarily impacted too. Usually, once the legislature finalizes the state budget by April 1 each year, schools see an additional state aid increase projected above and beyond the governor's initial executive proposal. Obviously, this was not the case this year as the state's financial condition has been dramatically impacted. And so, like most schools, we were dealt a significant reduction in projected state aid to wrestle with in order to develop a balanced and responsible budget for the next school year. I am pleased to inform you that through the hard work of the board of education and the administration, we were able to establish a sound budget for the 2020-2021 school year while keeping all positions and programs intact for the start of the next school year. This is excellent news for our students and for our school community.

At its meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, the Harpursville Board of Education voted to approve a budget of \$20,490,462. This is an increase of 0.88% from the 2019-2020 budget. The district is also staying within the allowable tax levy limit of 2.32%, which equates to \$98,584.

Please allow me to point out a couple of items with respect to the revenue side of the budget that you will see in your review:

- For all practical purposes, foundation aid (our main source of operating revenue) was flat-lined from last year to this year. The minor increase in state aid that you will notice is almost entirely due to the projected increases in the expense-driven aids (i.e. things like BOCES, transportation aid, and excess cost aid).
- Once again, we are not planning to use any of our restricted reserves as a means of balancing the budget for next year. This is excellent financial news for the district both now and for the future.
- You will notice an increase of \$93,000 in the category of "appropriated fund balance." This is related to the capital outlay project that we are going to be able to manage through this budget. This is also excellent news for the district both now and in the future as the establishment of the capital outlay will promote those continued opportunities in subsequent years at very little cost to the district - but the benefits will be immense!

On the expenditure side of the budget, we continue to work hard to control expense growth and I think you will see that reflected in the respective information. In fact, year-over-year expense growth has been held at less than 1% while being able to maintain all of the many instructional and programmatic benefits that we've come to enjoy in our district.

Please allow me to point out a couple of items with respect to the expenditure side of the budget that you will see in your review:

- When examining expenditures, you might notice what looks like a very large decrease in the "equipment" line. This is related to the one-year, one-time work that was done on the technology infrastructure upgrades this past school year through e-rate grant funds. In other words, it's nothing to be alarmed by. There was a corresponding reduction in revenue as a result of this expense decrease.



Michael Rullo,  
superintendent



- The increase of \$100,000 in the transfer line is related to the capital outlay project that I mentioned in the revenue section above. We will receive building aid of approximately 93% on this expense: thus, the link between this number in the expense section and the \$93,000 in the revenue section of the budget, respectively.

Most of the other items are rather standard year-to-year adjustments that occur. However, if there is something that you're wondering about, please don't hesitate to reach out to us for the information. There is also quite a bit of additional budget information on our website, so please feel free to peruse those documents. All of the budget presentations and related documents from the budget development process are provided - under the "District" drop-down, you will see a link to "Budget & Tax Information." Furthermore, please feel free to call me or School Business Administrator Joseph McLaughlin at 607-693-8112 with any questions.

I do want to take just a moment to provide you with information on how the annual budget vote and election for the board of education will occur this year. As you are likely aware, the governor ordered that all school budget votes and board member elections must be done by absentee ballot this year. No in-person voting is allowed; thus, using the best information we have available to us in determining who the qualified voters of the district are, we will be mailing an absentee ballot to each qualified voter of the district. The absentee ballots should arrive in the not-too-distant future and in plenty of time for a qualified voter to cast their vote and get their ballot returned. Any qualified voter who does not receive a ballot should contact the district clerk, Tabaitha Rhodes, at

tabbyr@hcs.stier.org or (607)693-8112, to make arrangements to receive an absentee ballot. Each qualified voter will receive a packet containing a ballot, an attestation statement/envelope, and a postage-paid return envelope. All ballots must be received by the deadline of 5 p.m. on June 9 in order to be counted in the vote. It is important that ballots are put in the mail with plenty of lead time in order to be received by the district within the aforementioned time line. There will also be a secure drop-box near the entrance to the district office for anyone wishing to exercise this option for their ballot.

In closing, our students and our schools always benefit from the support provided by the entire community. This includes the support of our annual budget over the past many years in order to ensure that our students have the best opportunities for learning and growth that we can provide. The board and I are appreciative of the support our community has demonstrated – thank you! We continue to work diligently to be good stewards of the district's resources and, moreover, to continue taking the best possible care of our students.

Thanks for all that you do to support our school and thank you for your consideration of the proposed 2020-2021 budget. Best wishes to you and your family!

Yours in education,

Michael J. Rullo  
**Go Hornets!**



## 2020 board election

One (1) seat on the Harpursville Central School District Board of Education is up for election this year. The seat, currently occupied by Michael Rhodes, is a five-year

position with a term ending June 30, 2025.

Those seeking the seat include:

### Michael Rhodes

Hello. My name is Michael Rhodes and I am asking for your support as I plan to run for school board once again. I am a lifelong member of this school community and I have enjoyed working with HCS in support of local students. Three of my five-year term working as a member of the school board, I have performed duties of board president as voted on by the board members. I am asking for your vote once again and thank you for your continued support of myself, our school board and our entire school district.





## 1 - Matthew Lyon

Matt will be attending the Thomas J. Watson School of Engineering at Binghamton University, majoring in biomedical engineering. He is already thinking about how he can use his talents to help others and has a goal of designing and building prosthetics that are both efficient and affordable. Matt is proud of his high academic achievement and class rank and shares that his favorite memory was winning the MAC championship for baseball in his junior year. Congratulations, Matt!

## 2 - Sara Williams

Sara will be attending Binghamton University to major in computer engineering. She is hoping to someday become an engineer for a big tech company. During high school, Sara has been involved with the Technology Club and considers one of her biggest accomplishments to be traveling to Kentucky to compete at the world competition for VEX robotics last year. Congratulations, Sara!

## 3 - Karina Seeley

Karina will be attending Alfred State College of Technology in the fall, majoring in business administration. Her ultimate career goal is to work in either human resources or finance. Karina participated in the New Visions Business Academy at Broome-Tioga BOCES during her senior year where she created and ran a very successful company with her peers. Congratulations, Karina!

## 4 - Kaitlyn Dattoria

Kaitlyn has offers of acceptance from SUNY Binghamton, SUNY Broome, and the University at Buffalo but is still considering her options. Either way, she will major in nursing. During her senior year, Kaitlyn has been part of the New Visions Health Science Academy at Broome-Tioga BOCES, which has given her tremendous insight into the health field. Congratulations, Kaitlyn!

## 5 - Logan Culver

Logan will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology, majoring in computer engineering. He ultimately hopes to work as a software engineer. During high school, Logan has been an active member of the Technology Club and considers making it to the state championship in Robotics and competing at Vex Worlds last year to be among his biggest accomplishments. Congratulations, Logan!

## 6 - Mackenzie Whidden

Mackenzie is planning to study psychology at Appalachian State in North Carolina in the fall. A favorite memory for her was winning the homecoming spirit week two years in a row. Congratulations, Mackenzie!

## 7 - Riley Livermore

Riley will be attending Binghamton University, majoring in psychology. Riley has made lots of good memories with friends over the years and is especially proud of earning a spot in the top ten of the Class of 2020. Congratulations, Riley!

## 8 - Idaeah Campbell

Idaeah will be attending SUNY Broome, majoring in health studies. From there, she plans to transfer to another institution and eventually become a physical therapist. Idaeah is especially proud of her perseverance and graduating a year early because of her hard work. Congratulations, Idaeah!

## 9 - Kaylee Shear

Kaylee is still considering which college to attend, but she knows she will be studying biology. Her dream job would be working with turtle conservation. Kaylee shares two major accomplishments from high school: last spring when her softball team made it to section finals, and her decision to take on a rigorous college level course load in her senior year. Favorite memories for Kaylee include homecoming, pep rallies, MUD (moving up day), and every softball season. Congratulations, Kaylee!

## 10 - Tanner Hanson

Tanner will be attending SUNY Broome, majoring in criminal justice. He has a good foundation in this field after participating in the Criminal Justice program at Broome-Tioga BOCES over the last two years. Tanner is ultimately hoping to serve as a court officer. Looking back on his high school experiences, Tanner says his biggest accomplishment was when his robotics team took first place in the state competition, and his best memories are of playing golf with friends. Congratulations, Tanner!

# Outstanding!



## Grade 7

Maxamus Allen  
Lilly Bagg  
Robert Boyer IV  
Daniel Clapper  
Ciara Colley  
Marcus Daniels  
Andrew Fowler  
Cobey Garrow  
Bella Gent  
Maddix Murphy  
Jeanette Steele  
Madalyn Willumson  
Blaze Zylko

## Grade 8

Bradley Bennett  
Tristin Daniels  
Ryan Kane  
Garrett Lancaster  
Hannah Livermore  
Kylee Noyes  
Linasia Spinelli  
Sophia Wright



## Grade 9

Sadielyn Combs  
Nolan Crocker  
Twyla Dodd  
Jonathon Gillette  
Caden Hurlburt  
Keira Licata  
Sawyer Lusk  
Jaylyn Merrill  
Aaron Moore  
Alayna Thomas Atkinson  
Hanna Whitman

## Grade 10

Austin Baker  
Cayden Brown  
McKena Giles  
Alexandra Hosmer  
Madison Kelly  
Jordan LaVergne  
Chelsea Merrill  
Nelson Merrill  
Dominic Schwartz  
Brandi Thorne  
Cheyanne Wallace

# Congratulations!

## Principal's List - Third quarter 4/17/2020

### Grade 7

Abigail Afify  
Lily Barriger  
Jaelin Brown  
Lloyd Byers Jr.  
Gaidyn Dahlgren  
Abigail Fargo  
Karlee Gross  
Kaylee Hines Heier  
Elizabeth Ives  
Emma McWherter  
Jonathan Prentice  
Jonathan Prince  
Devon Rowe  
Ephram Rowe  
Molly Stack  
Hailey Weeks  
Madison Wolbert

Matthew Sanchez  
Jacob Wolbert

### Grade 9

Autumn Bolster  
Trena Byers  
Madison Fleming  
Joseph Florance  
Amber Kachmar  
Sophia Konidis  
Kaylynn Marade  
Alana Nannery  
Madison Nesbit  
Allena Rowe  
Morgan Rutherford  
Cooper Smith  
Jayden Yereb

Mackinze Meisner  
Zachary Pike  
Joshua Powell  
Jacob Risoli-Clark  
Caidence Ryder  
Thomas VanVorce  
Rheanna Wilcox  
Benjamin Williams  
Sarah Young

### Grade 11

Cross Brown  
Majesti Brown  
Sara Brown  
Kevin Killmeier JR  
Tara Liddle  
Stephen McKnight  
Colton Sakowsky  
Payton Villecco  
Victoria Whidden  
Sasha Whitney  
Joshua Wolbert

Dominique Faiella  
Jaime Gilmore  
Tanner Hanson  
Madeline Liddle  
Matthew Lyon  
Brennan Mann  
Selena Morelock  
Aiden Nannery  
Ashley Rooker  
Eva Mae Rychlicki  
Megan Sculley  
Karina Seeley  
Kaylee Shear  
Rachael Snow  
Destinee Thompson  
Zachary Turck  
Yasmine Warner  
Mackenzie Whidden  
Sara Williams

### Grade 8

Gracie Bomboy  
Trinity Brewster  
Aliyah Campbell  
Aubree Eberly-Robinson  
Emily Higgins  
Logan James  
Addison Lawrence  
Casey Lusk  
Tavish Miner  
Brendan Pike  
Liam Quick  
Brayden Sakowsky

### Grade 10

Ryan Akulis  
Kayleigh Cluck  
Kyle Colsten  
Justin Fargo  
Nico Hadlick  
Connor James  
Makayla Kelly  
Jesse LaDue  
Hailey Lancaster  
Makenna Lowe  
Abigail Lyon  
Emma Marvin  
Ghia Medovich

### Grade 12

Kyle Avery  
Derryk Bradtke  
Idaeah Campbell  
Kristin Cogshall  
Logan Culver  
Kaitlyn Dattoria  
David Dibble  
Aylisia Dunaway





# 2020-2021 three-part budget proposal

|                       |                     |               |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| <b>Administrative</b> | <b>\$2,045,998</b>  | <b>9.99%</b>  |
| <b>Program</b>        | <b>\$15,268,941</b> | <b>74.52%</b> |
| <b>Capital</b>        | <b>\$3,175,523</b>  | <b>15.50%</b> |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>\$20,490,462</b> | <b>-</b>      |

## Administrative Component

|                            | Description  | 2019-20 Budget        | 2020-21 Budget        | Change             |
|----------------------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Board of Education         | School board association memberships and conferences, election supplies and services and other board of education related expenses | \$40,750.00           | \$37,500.00           | \$(3,250.00)       |
| Chief School Officer       | Superintendent's and clerical salaries, supplies and contracted service costs  | \$199,909.00          | \$204,341.00          | \$4,432.00         |
| Finance                    | Business office salaries and services, BOCES services  | \$309,250.00          | \$302,562.00          | \$(6,688.00)       |
| Staff                      | Legal costs, personnel office, supplies and services, public information supplies and services                                     | \$99,930.00           | \$121,895.00          | \$21,965.00        |
| Special Items              | Insurance costs, BOCES administrative costs, labor alliance  | \$216,725.00          | \$213,621.00          | \$(3,104.00)       |
| Administration-Instruction | Salaries of principals, director of instructions, special education director and associated clerical salaries and supplies.        | \$533,944.00          | \$575,145.00          | \$41,201.00        |
| Employee Benefits          | Related benefits for administrative employees (FICA, health insurance, retirement costs, workers compensation)                     | \$583,567.00          | \$590,934.00          | \$7,367.00         |
| <b>TOTALS</b>              |  | <b>\$1,984,075.00</b> | <b>\$2,045,998.00</b> | <b>\$61,923.00</b> |

## Program Component

|                                      | Description   | 2019-20 Budget         | 2020-21 Budget         | Change             |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Teaching                             | Teacher salaries, textbooks, supplies, equipment, contracted services (BOCES), support staff costs and substitute costs for general education and special education | \$8,302,340.00         | \$8,350,925.00         | \$48,585.00        |
| Library & Audiovisual                | Library and A-V salaries, library books, supplies and services  | \$95,719.00            | \$97,860.00            | \$2,141.00         |
| Computer Assisted Instruction        | Computer equipment and software, BOCES instructional programs, technology services  | \$759,575.00           | \$635,983.00           | \$(123,592.00)     |
| Guidance                             | Salaries, supplies, and contracted services for the guidance department   | \$127,187.00           | \$130,224.00           | \$3,037.00         |
| Educational Related Support Services | Nurses office, psychologist, speech pathologist salaries, supplies and contractual expenses   | \$347,457.00           | \$312,989.00           | \$(34,468.00)      |
| Co-Curricular Activities             | Salaries, supplies and services to support student clubs and activities   | \$54,600.00            | \$48,700.00            | \$(5,900.00)       |
| Interscholastic Athletics            | Salaries, supplies and services to support girls and boys athletic teams  | \$225,043.00           | \$229,116.00           | \$4,073.00         |
| Transportation                       | Bus driver and support staff salaries, supplies and services for transporting students.   | \$1,010,316.00         | \$1,005,729.00         | \$(4,587.00)       |
| Employee Benefits                    | Related benefits for program employees (FICA, health insurance, retirement costs, workers compensation)   | \$4,251,197.00         | \$4,307,415.00         | \$56,218.00        |
| Interfund Transfers                  |   | \$50,000.00            | \$150,000.00           | \$100,000.00       |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                        |   | <b>\$15,223,434.00</b> | <b>\$15,268,941.00</b> | <b>\$45,507.00</b> |

## Capital Component

|                                 | Description   | 2019-20 Budget         | 2020-21 Budget         | Change              |
|---------------------------------|---|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Operation and Plant Maintenance | Custodial and maintenance salaries and supplies, contract services, plant utilities (heat, electric etc.)         | \$1,046,168.00         | \$1,055,236.00         | \$9,068.00          |
| Buses                           | Cost associated with purchasing buses   | \$-                    | \$-                    | \$-                 |
| Employee Benefits               | Related benefits for capital component employees (FICA, health insurance, retirement costs, workers compensation) | \$294,131.00           | \$293,524.00           | \$(607.00)          |
| Debt Service                    | Costs for short and long term debt of the district  | \$1,763,423.00         | \$1,826,763.00         | \$63,340.00         |
| Other Transfers                 |   | \$-                    | \$-                    | \$-                 |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                   |   | <b>\$3,103,722.00</b>  | <b>\$3,175,523.00</b>  | <b>\$71,801.00</b>  |
| <b>Grand Total</b>              |   | <b>\$20,311,231.00</b> | <b>\$20,490,462.00</b> | <b>\$179,231.00</b> |



## Revenue

|                           | 2019-20 current budget | 2020-21 proposed budget | Percent change | Dollar change    |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Tax Levy                  | \$4,257,293            | \$4,355,877             | 2.32%          | \$98,584         |
| Other Revenue             | \$756,755              | \$627,423               | -17.09%        | \$(129,332)      |
| State aid                 | \$14,797,183           | \$14,914,162            | 0.79%          | \$116,979        |
| Appropriated Reserves     | \$-                    | \$-                     | 0.00%          | \$-              |
| Appropriated fund balance | \$500,000              | \$593,000               | 18.60%         | \$93,000         |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>\$20,311,231</b>    | <b>\$20,490,462</b>     | <b>0.88%</b>   | <b>\$179,231</b> |

## Expenditures

|                            | 2019-20 current budget | 2020-21 proposed budget | Percent change | Dollar change    |
|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Instructional Salaries     | \$4,676,297            | \$4,762,977             | 1.85%          | \$86,680         |
| Non-Instructional Salaries | \$1,814,401            | \$1,926,883             | 6.20%          | \$112,482        |
| Equipment                  | \$197,919              | \$42,750                | -78.40%        | \$(155,169)      |
| Contractual Expenses       | \$1,755,086            | \$1,734,725             | -1.16%         | \$(20,361)       |
| Materials and Supplies     | \$449,710              | \$473,110               | 5.20%          | \$23,400         |
| BOCES                      | \$4,475,500            | \$4,381,381             | -2.10%         | \$(94,119)       |
| Debt Service               | \$1,763,423            | \$1,826,763             | 3.59%          | \$63,340         |
| Benefits                   | \$5,128,895            | \$5,191,873             | 1.23%          | \$62,978         |
| Transfers                  | \$50,000               | \$150,000               | 200.00%        | \$100,000        |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>\$20,311,231</b>    | <b>\$20,490,462</b>     | <b>0.88%</b>   | <b>\$179,231</b> |

## Six-year tax levy review

| Year    | Tax levy    | Increase |
|---------|-------------|----------|
| 2015-16 | \$3,744,285 | 1.54%    |
| 2016-17 | \$3,857,206 | 3.02%    |
| 2017-18 | \$3,939,554 | 2.13%    |
| 2018-19 | \$4,060,911 | 3.08%    |
| 2019-20 | \$4,257,293 | 4.84%    |
| 2020-21 | \$4,355,877 | 2.32%    |

## Capital outlay projects enable district to improve with state aid support

The district continues to strive to ensure safe and sound facilities that enhance learning for our students. By completing yearly capital outlay projects, the district can get capital construction work completed and receive the state aid back on the project the following year. As a reminder, the district receives approximately 93% of the costs via New York State Building Aid. This year, the district plans to install five air conditioning units in the high school (classroom 101, nurses office 115, library storage 203A, network closet 205B and classroom 315.)



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**Important notice: special procedures required due to pandemic**

The school board election and budget vote will be held June 9, 2020, per Exec. Order 202.26. All voting will take place via absentee ballot. An absentee ballot will be mailed to all qualified voters in the Harpursville Central School District. All households in which a resident is registered with the Board of Elections in Broome or Chenango county or who appear on the district's poll registration from the last year will be issued an absentee ballot.

If an individual or household is not sent an absentee ballot, they may request one from the district clerk by email to [tabbyr@hcs.stier.org](mailto:tabbyr@hcs.stier.org) or by calling (607) 693-8112. Such requests must be received by the district clerk at least seven (7) days before the vote set in this notice if the ballot is to be mailed to the absentee voter, or the day before the vote if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the absentee voter. Absentee ballots must be received in the office of the district clerk no later than 5 p.m. on the day of the vote. Military voters who are qualified voters of the school district also may apply to the district clerk for a military ballot, indicating their preference for receiving the application (i.e. by email, fax, or regular mail)

**Budget Hearing - May 28, 2020 at 6 p.m.** via Zoom webinar

Join by URL: [https://E2CCB-GST.zoom.us/j/96705037144?](https://E2CCB-GST.zoom.us/j/96705037144?pwd=NDlaVjRnVEY3NFRiVGFDZTFRC3kvZz09)  
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**Public Hearing**  
**May 28**  
 Virtual Zoom Session  
**Budget Vote/Board Election**  
**June 9 - absentee ballot**

**Voter eligibility**  
**You may vote in a school district election if you:**

- Are a U.S. citizen
- Are at least 18 years of age
- Have been a resident of the school district for 30 days preceding the election