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Solvay Union Free School District

We develop confident, continual learners who are caring community members.

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Questions and comments are welcomed by the superintendent's office at (315) 468-1111 or sentinel@solvayschools.org

Budget 2019-20

The 2018-2019 school year has been very busy with many exciting events and improvements. The year began with expanding the SMS parking lot. In late fall, the SMS playground was renovated and a basketball court built. Over winter recess, new bleachers were installed in the SMS large gymnasium. The project continues with the demolition of the bus garage to prepare for the new transportation facility. Many other facets of the project will be happening over the coming months. Visit the district's web site for updates.

Educating students is our first priority. Our district team has designed a budget that continues to offer innovative, quality programming for our students.

At SHS, a new college program – Solvay Success Academy – is now an additional opportunity for our students. Each year, students entering 9th grade are eligible to apply and work towards a two-year college associate degree while in high school. Solvay's program with Onondaga Community College (OCC) called the OCC Advantage Program continues to allow our students the opportunity to obtain a tuition-free associates degree from OCC.

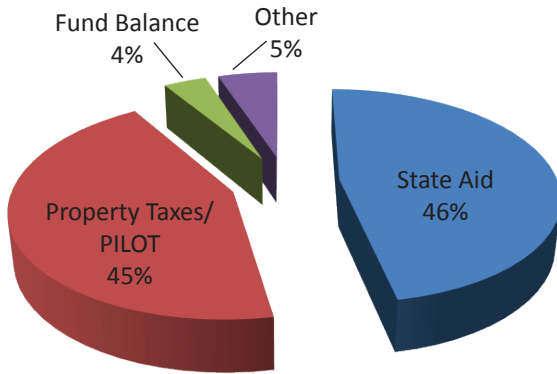
In 2017, Solvay Schools was awarded the 21st Century Community Learning Grant. We have named our program, B.E.S.T. (Building Education Success Together). The program is designed to help students increase academic performance, provide enrichment activities, and support families and their children. Some of the activities include homework help, S.T.E.A.M., recreation activities, art, music, cooking, community service, and field trips. Each building offers programs before and after school. The learning grant runs until 2022.

Thanks to our school community for your continued support of our schools and students. Our Board of Education has adopted a \$34,020,000 budget for 2019-2020, which is an increase of 2.01% over 2018-2019. This budget also includes \$100,000 for a capital improvement to replace ceiling tiles at SES, which will be aided at 84%. The vote also includes two school board seats for three-year terms, with one incumbent and two challengers running at large.

Voter qualifications, absentee ballot information, and the names of the candidates for the school board are on the back cover of this mailer. It is not our intent to provide all the details of the 2019-2020 budget in this document - if you would like more detail, a complete copy of the proposed budget is at each of the school buildings, or feel free to call the Assistant Superintendent for Business at (315) 468-4942. Please visit our site at www.solvayschools.org to learn more about the budget and events taking place throughout our schools. Again, thank you for all you do in support of our kids and community!

REVENUE SOURCES

	2018-19	2019-20
State Aid	\$15,117,660	\$15,645,050
Property Taxes	\$14,957,315	\$15,253,700
Fund Balance	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
Other	\$1,875,025	\$1,721,250
Total	\$33,350,000	\$34,020,000

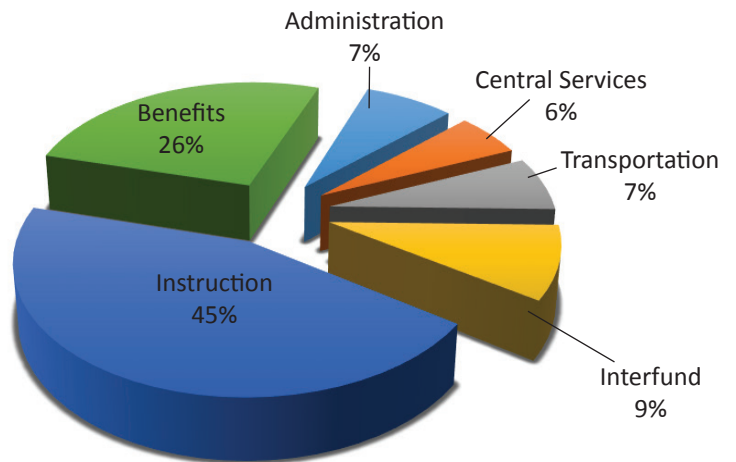


Did you know ...?

For the second year, Solvay Schools received national distinction for one of the Best Communities for Music Education.

EXPENDITURES

	2018-19	2019-20
Administration	\$2,494,725	\$2,527,656
Central Services	\$1,861,245	\$1,882,004
Transportation	\$2,187,750	\$2,321,455
Debt Service/Interfund	\$3,158,310	\$3,147,469
Instruction	\$14,780,407	\$15,194,443
Benefits	\$8,867,563	\$8,946,974
Total	\$33,350,000	\$34,020,000



Did you know ...?

Solvay High School graduated 93% of its students in 2018 — marking six years of a graduation rate greater than 90%.

THREE PART SUMMARY

	2018-19	%	2019-20	%
Program	\$23,701,160	71%	\$24,356,415	72%
Capital	\$3,547,940	11%	\$3,550,050	10%
Administrative	\$6,100,900	18%	\$6,113,535	18%
Total	\$33,350,000		\$34,020,000	

Administrative Budget Component: Includes expenses for office and administrative costs; salaries and benefits for certified school administrators who spend 50 percent or more of their time performing supervisory duties; data processing; public information; legal fees; property insurance; and school board expenses.

Capital Budget Component: This covers all school bus purchases, debt service on buildings, and leasing costs; tax certiorari and court-ordered costs; and all facility costs, including salaries and benefits of the custodial staff; service contracts, maintenance supplies and equipment; and utilities.

Program Budget Component: This portion includes salaries and benefits of teachers and supervisors who spend the majority of their time teaching; such instructional costs as supplies, equipment and textbooks; co-curricular activities and interscholastic athletics; staff development; and transportation operating costs.

ESTIMATED TAX RATE per \$1,000 of ASSESSED VALUE

Actual tax rates will be based on the final assessment figures provided by towns. The tax rates and increases for next year that are displayed are estimates. These rates do not reflect STAR or other exemptions that may reduce an individuals tax bill.

Town	2018-19		2019-20	
	% of tax base	Actual	Projected	% change
Geddes	96.75%	\$31.37	\$31.99	1.99%
Camillus	3.25%	\$27.17	\$27.71	1.99%

PROPOSITIONS

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED: Resolved: that the Board of Education of the Solvay Union Free School District, Towns of Geddes and Camillus, County of Onondaga, State of New York, be and is hereby authorized to expend during the fiscal year 2019-2020 the sum of thirty four million, twenty thousand dollars (\$34,020,000) as general fund appropriations as set forth in its statement of estimated expenses and to levy the necessary taxes there of.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Vote for any TWO (2):

1. Kristin Sunser-King
2. Darryl Tucker
3. Joseph Barnello

Did you know ...?

High school students entering 9th grade are eligible to apply for acceptance into the Solvay Success Academy to work towards a 2-year college associate degree.



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2019-2020 Proposed School Budget Information Inside

See inside for revenue projections, expenditures and ballot propositions.

Budget Presentation

May 13, 2019

7 p.m.

Solvay Elementary School

Budget Vote and Board Member Election

May 21, 2019

Noon to 9 p.m.

Solvay High School

Candidates for two seats on the Board of Education

1. Kristin Sunser-King
2. Darryl Tucker
3. Joseph Barnello

Voter Qualifications

As stipulated by New York State Law, the following qualifications must be met in order to vote:

1. You must be a citizen of the United States;
2. You must be at least 18 years of age; and
3. You must be a resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to May 21, 2019.

*The 2019-2020 proposed budget is available at any Solvay school building or online at
www.solvayschools.org*